



CALIFORNIA
AMERICAN WATER

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Earth's water goes around and around. We call this the "water cycle." The water cycle moves water from the Earth to the air and back to the Earth again.

PRECIPITATION: When water falls from the sky as rain, snow or sleet onto the Earth.

SURFACE RUNOFF: The flow of water—from rain, snowmelt or other sources—over land.

INFILTRATION: When the water sinks into the soil and finds its way to aquifers underground.

SURFACE WATER: A body of water on the surface of the earth, such as a river, lake or stream.

EVAPORATION: When the water turns into a gas.

CONDENSATION: When the water vapor condenses and forms precipitation.

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THE WATER CYCLE

