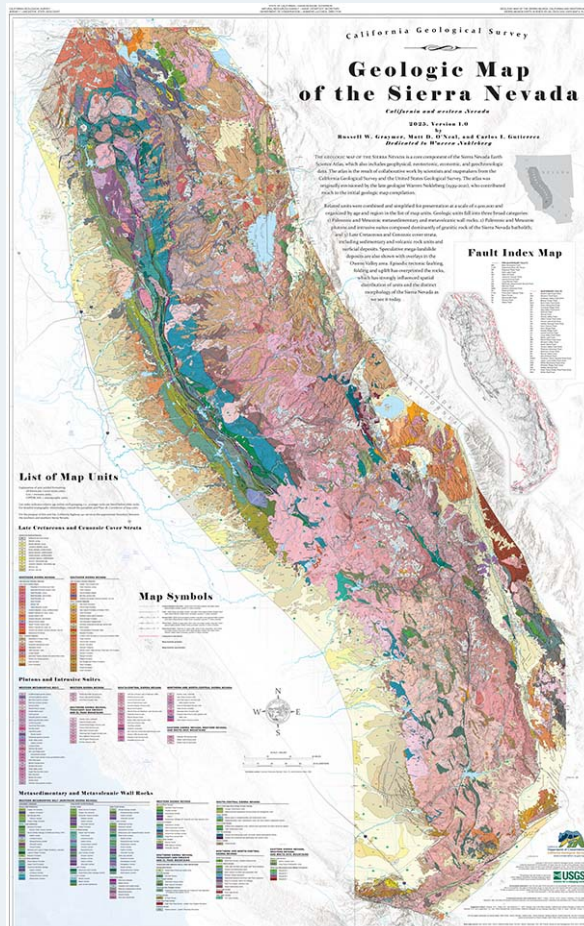




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CONSERVATION CATCH-UP



CGS Releases the Sierra Nevada Atlas

The California Geological Survey just released the Sierra Nevada Earth Science Atlas, the most detailed geologic framework mapping of California's most iconic landscape to date. The complete Atlas is being rolled out in phases, with the initial geologic map available on our website.

[Take a Look](#)

Recap: Celebrating Earth Day with CNRA



Progress Continues with Project Plug

CalGEM's Project Plug work continues! As of April 2026, CalGEM



has sealed 333 orphaned oil wells through the program, totaling 1,235,306 feet underground plugged thus far, with more work already underway. You can learn more about Project Plug on our website, where we have breakdowns of projects across the state.

[Learn More](#)

DOC had a great time celebrating Earth Day last week at the California Natural Resources Agency headquarters! Several DOC divisions joined other state departments, advocates, and nonprofits to share our passion, science, and expertise with the attendees. [Watch the Video](#)



Five Years Later: Visiting McKinney Ranch

In 2021, McKinney Ranch in Madera County received a conservation easement grant through the SALC program. Five years later, see how those funds have helped protect this cattle rangeland and habitats for species ranging from burrowing owls to bald eagles. [Check it out](#)

Conserving Land with the California Rangeland Trust

Conservation and the Strategic Growth Council's SALC grant program recently closed two conservation easements with our partners at the California Rangeland Trust. These new easements for **Dry Creek Ranch** in Merced County and **Ray-Mar Ranch** in Calaveras County help to protect an additional 8,700 acres of rangeland in California.



[Learn More](#)



CalGEM Joins Student Career Fair

In February, staff from CalGEM's Central District participated in a career fair for nearly 700 students at Fletcher Elementary School in Bakersfield. Staff had a great time sharing more about their work, interacting with students, and providing props (and candy)! Learn more about CalGEM careers [here](#).

[Check it Out](#)

DOC Staff Member Receives Administration Award

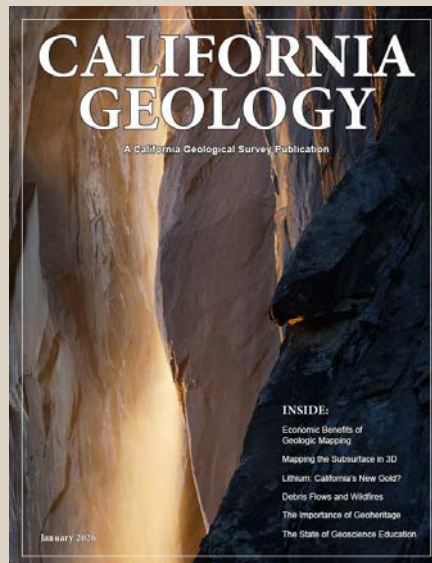


Randella Foster from Conservation's Equal Employment Opportunity Office was recently named as an award honoree for the Sacramento Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration's annual Public Service Awards. Please join us in congratulating Randella on this incredible achievement! [Learn more about the ASPA](#)

Check Out the Newest Issue of California Geology Magazine

The California Geology Magazine is BACK! This annual publication from the California Geological Survey relaunched last year after a hiatus, and the 2026 issue is available online now.

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