



# California solar panels over canals

Plans call for a total of 8,500 feet (2,591 m) of solar panels to be built over three sections of the Turlock Irrigation District's canals in California's Central Vally, starting this Fall and ...

California is about to launch an experiment to cover aqueducts with solar panels, a plan that if scaled up might save billions of gallons of otherwise evaporated water while powering...

In a 2021 study, we showed that covering all 4,000 miles of California's canals with solar panels would save more than 65 billion gallons of water annually by reducing evaporation. That's enough to irrigate 50,000 acres of farmland or meet the residential water needs of more than 2 million people. ... Solar panels installed over canals ...

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Today, the California Department of Water Resources announced the award of \$20 million in funding for an innovative pilot project to install solar energy generation over water supply canals in California.. This funding, allocated by Governor Newsom and the State Legislature through the 2021-22 state budget, will be used by the Turlock ...

The \$20 million experiment, dubbed Project Nexus, is funded by the state of California and will assess whether solar panel canopies erected over exposed irrigation canal systems can significantly reduce water evaporation while simultaneously generating renewable power.

Covering California's canals in solar panels could save 63 billion gallons of water annually, which is comparable to the amount needed to irrigate 50,000 acres of farmland. ... It tested the thesis that by erecting a modular system of solar shading panels over California's exposed aqueducts, the state can reduce evaporative water loss and ...

Project Nexus is a pilot project that aims to build solar panel canopies over a portion of Turlock Irrigation District's existing canals to operate and research a how water-plus-energy can meet ...

The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority will deploy floating solar arrays on the Delta-Mendota Canal. The University of California-Merced will study the project through a public-private partnership. Researchers will deploy up to three varying floating solar technologies to assess the viability, costs, and benefits of floating solar over ...

Solar panels can shade canals to help prevent water loss through evaporation, and some types of solar panels also work better over canals, because the cooler environment keeps them from overheating. ... For example, every megawatt of solar energy produced by solar canals in California's Central Valley has the potential to replace 15-20 diesel ...

The UC team said California could meet about 15% its electricity demand with solar panels on all 4,000 or so



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miles of canal statewide. That's a quarter of the way to the mandate for 60% ...

Left: A rendering of a project to place solar panels over canals in California's Central Valley. Researchers at University of California at Merced campus studied the potential benefits of the ...

Bales and colleagues at the University of California, Merced and Santa Cruz, published a study showing that, if California topped all 4,000 miles of its canals with solar panels, the state ...

California's efforts got a jump start from a 2021 study published by Bales and his colleagues, who determined that covering the state's canals with solar panels could reduce evaporation by as much...

A study by the University of California, Merced gives a boost to the idea, estimating that 63 billion gallons of water could be saved by covering California's 4,000 miles of canals with solar ...

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The proposal calls for the deployment of solar panels across two stretches of canals in Stanislaus County: about 500 linear feet of arrays over a 110-foot wide waterway in the community of Hickman ...

California's massive network of water canals, which totals about 4,000 miles, could be transformed into a renewable energy resource for the state--but not necessarily through hydropower. Rather, power could come from solar panels installed over the canals. Project Nexus, a pilot program funded by California's state government, was initiated by Solar AquaGrid and ...

The Department of the Interior today announced a \$19 million investment from President Biden's Investing in America agenda to install solar panels over irrigation canals in California, Oregon and Utah, simultaneously ...

Solar canal installations will also protect wildlife, ecosystems and culturally important land. Large-scale solar developments can result in habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation, which can harm threatened species such as the Mojave Desert tortoise.

Federal and state government officials journeyed to the western corner of Merced County on Thursday to announce a new project to place solar panels on the water in the Delta-Mendota Canal. The project is part of a \$19 million investment through President Joe Biden's Inflation Reduction Act announced by the Department of the Interior to install panels over ...

If all 4,000 miles of California's canals were covered with solar panels, that could produce 13 gigawatts of renewable power. A gigawatt is enough to power 750,000 homes, so that would be enough ...



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Installing solar panels over California's 4,000 miles of canals could generate less expensive, renewable energy, save water, fight climate change - and offer a solution for the thirsty ...

At the same time, solar panels across California's exposed canals would provide 13 gigawatts of renewable power annually, about half of the new capacity the state needs to meet its ...

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Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024 Contact: Interior\_Press@ios.doi.gov WASHINGTON -- The Department of the Interior today announced a \$19 million investment from President Biden's Investing in America agenda to install solar ...

Solar panels on California's canals could save water and help fight climate change. ... Nemeth sees solar panels over canals as one option for reaching 75%, and for complying with a state ...

Item 1 of 5 A canal, over which solar panels will be installed this fall as part of Project Nexus, cuts through farmland, in Hickman, California, U.S. August 17, 2022. ... It would also help ...

The California Department of Water Resources is funding the \$20 million pilot program with the intention of learning where solar panels might be viable along the state's 4,000 miles of canals ...

As we explained in a 2021 study, covering these canals with solar panels would reduce evaporation of precious water - one of California's most critical resources - and help meet the state ...

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