

# Renewable Energy Law: Water Issues in Solar Development

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- Water Rights
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## Water Use by Solar Energy

- Solar thermal
  - Cooling
- Photovoltaic
  - Panel washing

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## Water Rights

- Groundwater
  - Generally not regulated
  - Overlying rights vs. appropriative rights
  - Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

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