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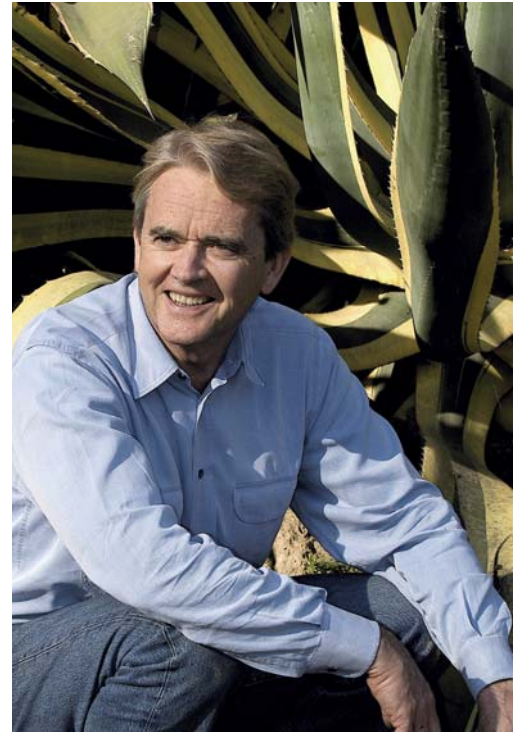
The Honorable William K. Reilly "The Water Age"

The magazine *The Economist* has written of the end of the oil age. Its successor they have not named, but evidence is increasing that the world is entering the water age.

Restoration of fresh waters in America is stalled. Dead zones characterize the Gulf of Mexico and the Chesapeake Bay. Nearly half of rivers and streams fail to support their prescribed uses. Soils in the West are predicted to lose a third of their moisture as the climate warms. Water prospects in the developing world are still more worrisome. Urbanization and industrialization will require vastly more water, even as supplies are already stressed. Groundwater tables are dropping in vast areas of China and India and other countries. Contaminated water and insufficient water are associated with more illness and premature death, and account for more patients in hospital beds, than all other scourges combined.

Rare is the country that has coherent policies to manage its water. Most developing countries leave overstuffed and inefficient bureaucracies to manage undercapitalized and underpriced provision of water. Developed and developing countries alike subsidize inefficient use.

Is there a better way?



Thursday, April 5 – 7:30 pm
Kane Hall 210

*The lecture is free and open to members of the university community.
A reception will be held immediately after the lecture with refreshments and music.*

William K. Reilly is a Senior Advisor to TPG, an international investment partnership, and he was a Founding Partner of Aqua International Partners, a private equity fund dedicated to investing in companies engaged in water and renewable energy. Mr. Reilly served as the first Payne Visiting Professor at Stanford University (1993-1994), Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1989-1993), president of the World Wildlife Fund (1985-1989), president of The Conservation Foundation (1973-1989), and director of the Rockefeller Task Force on Land Use and Urban Growth from (1972-1973). He was head of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Earth Summit at Rio in 1992.

Mr. Reilly is Chairman Emeritus of the Board of the World Wildlife Fund, Co-Chair of the National Commission on Energy Policy, Chair of the Advisory Board for the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions at Duke University, Chair of the San Francisco Mayor's Clean Tech Advisory Council and a Director of the Packard Foundation, the American Academy in Rome and the National Geographic Society. He also serves on the Board of Directors of DuPont, ConocoPhillips and Royal Caribbean International. He holds a B.A. degree from Yale, J.D. from Harvard and M.S. in Urban Planning from Columbia University.
