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Deployment of what doesn't exist yet

"To accelerate the deployment of innovative water and energy saving technologies and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the California Energy Commission, jointly with the Department of Water Resources, and the State Water Resources Control Board, will implement a Water Energy Technology (WET) program to provide funding for innovative technologies that meet the following criteria:

Display significant water savings, energy savings, and greenhouse gas emission reductions.

Demonstrate actual operation beyond the research and development stage.

Document readiness for rapid, large-scale deployment (but not yet widely deployed) in California."

Exclusively talking about deployment while deliberately excluding R&D shows that this WET program is just another example of welfare for the incompetent incumbents in the water sector. They have nothing new, and they are not spending on R&D, as DOI found in the Roadmap. They crush the emergence of new technology by 50% cost share requirements and R&D-discouraging policy pronouncements like this one.