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WRRC 2025 Annual Conference

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## News



**Chairwoman Amelia Flores**  
Colorado River Indian Tribes



**Chairman Verlon M. Jose**  
Tohono O'odham Nation



**Councilman Rolando Flores**  
Pascua Yaqui Tribe



**Governor Stephen Roe Lewis**  
Gila River Indian Community

## Tribal Leaders Featured at Upcoming WRRC Conference

The WRRC 2025 Annual Conference will feature keynotes from three Tribal leaders: Chairman Verlon M. Jose, Councilman Rolando Flores, and Governor Stephen Roe Lewis. Additionally, Chairwoman Amelia Flores is a Session 2 panelist who will be honored at the end of the Day 1 program, followed by a special dedication at the U of A Women's Plaza of Honor.

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## Reclamation to Provide Colorado River Status Update

Joining a strong lineup of other panels and presentations on Day 2 of the upcoming WRRC 2025 Annual Conference, Alexander Smith, Phoenix Area Office Area Manager for the US Bureau of Reclamation, will introduce two of his colleagues: Post-2026 Program Manager Carly Jerla and Binational Program Manager for the Lower Colorado River Basin Region Amy Witherall, who will jointly report on the Colorado River operations and current developments.

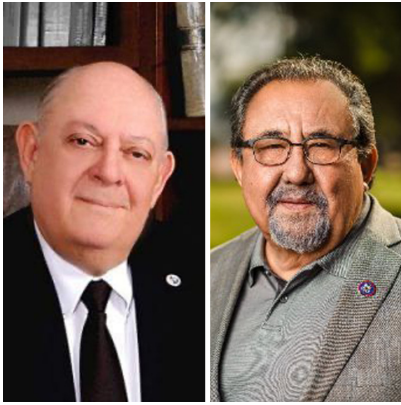
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## Water Sector Collaborations, Knowledge Sharing Sessions Round Out WRRC Conference

On Day 2 of the WRRC 2025 Annual Conference, two afternoon panels will address cross-border collaborations and accessing data and knowledge within the water sector, including presentations focusing on municipal, agricultural, and mining perspectives. **Standard in-person registration is closing soon — Register today!**

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## Dedication Ceremonies for Roberto Salmón and Raúl Grijalva to be Held at WRRRC Conference

On Tuesday, May 20 — Day 1 of the WRRRC 2025 Annual Conference — ceremonies will honor the legacies of two individuals, **Roberto Salmón Castelo** (1953-2025) and **Raúl Grijalva** (1948-2025), who contributed so much to water management along shared borders. Conference attendees can look forward to joining the WRRRC, along with members of the honorees' families, as we honor two men whose careers epitomized the conference theme of sharing water across borders.

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## APW Brings New Water Education Display to WRRRC Conference

Have you got game? Come test your talent and expertise! Conference attendees are invited to stop by the Arizona Project WET "Nature of Groundwater" interactive display at the WRRRC 2025 Annual Conference to try their hand at this new "water hole" game of skill and chance that simulates Arizona's water cycle and the water journey of every precious drop in the watershed.

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# Events



**Standard  
Registration  
Closing  
Today!**



**MAY 20–21**

Student Union  
Memorial Center  
The University  
of Arizona  
Tucson, AZ



[wrrc.arizona.edu/conference](http://wrrc.arizona.edu/conference)

## Upcoming WRRC Events

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WRRC Water Webinar: Sonoran Institute – Save the Date!

## Water News

- [5th Anniversary of the Permanent Forum of Binational Waters – Virtual Celebration Event: The Need for Collaboration; May 29, 2025](#)
- [New Circle of Blue Website & “Designing Water’s Future” Initiative](#)

## Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

### Other Water Jobs/Opportunities

- [Arizona Tri-University Recharge and Water Reliability Project \(ATUR\) Summer 2025 Student Research Assistants \(multiple positions\)](#)

Please visit [WRRC's website](#) for a complete listing of water jobs and opportunities

## Calendar Announcements

- **May 10:** [Citizens Water Advocacy Group \(CWAG\) Presentation: How to Manage Land to Benefit the Local Aquifer; Ricardo Aguirre](#)
- **May 13:** [AHS Tucson Chapter Meeting: AHS Tucson Chapter Meeting: The Santa Cruz River National Wildlife Refuge](#)

- May 14: [AWRA Webinar: High Definition Stream Survey of Hurricane Creek, AL: A Rapid Inventory and Assessment of a Full Watershed to Identify Threats to Water Quality and Prioritize Management Actions](#)
- May 15: [AHS Annual Academic Scholarship – Application Deadline](#)
- May 16: [AHS 2025 Symposium – Abstract Deadline Extended](#)
- May 18–21: [EWRI 2025 World Environmental & Water Resources Congress](#)
- May 20: [ADWR Spring 2025 Drought Interagency Coordinating Group \(ICG\) Meeting](#)
- May 20–21: [WRRC 2025 Annual Conference: Shared Borders, Shared Waters: Working Together in Times of Scarcity](#)
- May 21: [AHS Phoenix Chapter Meeting: A Shared Perspective on the Use of Design Storms Under Uncertainty](#)
- May 21: [USGS National Water Availability Assessment Webinar](#)
- May 23: [NAMWUA 2025 Water Utility Leadership Forum \(WULF\)](#)
- May 29: [5th Anniversary of the Permanent Forum of Binational Waters – Virtual Celebration Event: The Need for Collaboration](#)

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