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News



Reflections: On Planning for the December 2026 UN Water Conference and the Women in Water Diplomacy Network

The December 2026 United Nations Water Conference, which will be held in the United Arab Emirates, was the focus of meetings at UN Headquarters in New York on July 9 and 10, 2025. In advance of the official meetings, the **Women in Water Diplomacy Network** delegation convened a meeting to discuss partnerships and its plans for the 2026 UN Water Conference.

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Save the Date for WRRC's 2026 Conference!

Mark your calendars — the WRRRC 2026 Annual Conference will be held **April 14–15, 2026**. We are also tentatively planning to offer a pre-conference workshop, which may be held on the afternoon of Monday, April 13.

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Submissions Now Open for WRRC 2025 Photo Contest

The WRRRC Annual Photo Contest is back! This is your chance to capture from your lens *A World of Water*, which is the 2025 contest theme.

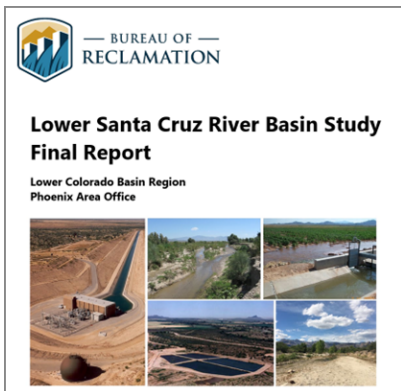
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WRRC Student Earns PhD in American Indian Studies

The WRRRC congratulates former WRRC Graduate Research Associate Aminta Menjivar Maldonado, who completed her Doctor of Philosophy in American Indian Studies from the U of A in May 2025.

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Reclamation Releases Lower Santa Cruz River Basin Study Final Report

The final report for the Lower Santa Cruz River (LSCR) Basin Study is now available from the US Bureau of Reclamation. This long-awaited report offers critical insights into regional water sustainability in the face of municipal growth, insufficient infrastructure for transporting renewable water, and extended drought.

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Events



Arizona Water Law 33rd Annual SuperConference: At the Precipice-Colorado River Negotiations and Western Water Supplies

Date: August 7–8, 2025

Location: [Caesars Republic Scottsdale Hotel](#)

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Upcoming Events

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[WRRC Water Webinar: The Santa Cruz: A River of Transition and Hope](#)

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WRRC Water Webinar: Jennifer Wendel, Attorney, Arizona Adjudications Project, University of Arizona – Save the Date!

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WRRC Water Webinar: Arizona Water Company: Sustainable Water Resources Strategy – Save the Date!

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[WRRC 2026 Annual Conference – Save the Date!](#)

Water News

From the WRRC

- [WRRC Research Associate Contributes to The Conversation: China's Insertion into India-Pakistan Waters Dispute Adds a Further Ripple in South Asia](#)

From Other Media Sources

- [No Two Years Alike – Work Group “Fingerprints” the Colorado River’s Changing Hydrology](#)
- [AMWUA: Advanced Water Purification is a Logical and Necessary Step Forward](#)
- [ADEQ Invites Comments on Draft 2026 Clean Water Act Assessment](#)
- [AZ Central: The Colorado River Used to be Predictable As a Water Supply. What Happens When It's Not?](#)
- [Arizona Daily Star: Arizona OKs Water Transfer to Allow Growth in Far Phoenix Suburbs](#)
- [Ag to Urban: An Arizona Water News Podcast Interview with ADWR’s A2U Specialist, Ben Bryce](#)
- [Newsweek: Lake Mead Faces Worrying Water Levels for 2026, 2027](#)
- [Newsweek: Lake Powell Warning Over Water Levels Issued for 2026](#)
- [ADEQ Announces \\$1 Million in Recycling Grant Funding](#)
- [Earth.com: Why the Southwest Megadrought Is Here to Stay](#)
- [Arizona Daily Star: Big Push in Tucson to Make Tucson Pool Ownership Plunge](#)
- [Global Water Resources Acquires Seven Water Systems from Tucson Water](#)

Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

- [ADWR: Active Management Area Directors \(AMAs Section; 2 Positions\)](#)
- [AHS: Arizona-Mexico Transboundary Scholarship](#)
- [AZ Water Company: Senior Water Resources Analyst](#)
- [Audubon Southwest Arizona Water Policy Fellow](#)
- [AWRA: Chief Executive Officer](#)
- [City of Mesa: Environmental Programs Supervisor](#)
- [CSU: Colorado Water Center Associate Director](#)
- [Idaho WRRI: Research Scientist II Hydrogeology](#)
- [Idaho WRRI: Research Scientist II Water Quality](#)
- [Idaho WRRI: Research Scientist I Big Data](#)

- [Yavapai County: Flood Control District Engineer – Flood Control \(Prescott\)](#)

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

Calendar Announcements

- Jul 25: [AWRA 2025 Call for Abstracts – Submission Deadline](#)
- July 30: [AGU Fall Meeting 2025 Session on Water and Society – Abstract Submission Deadline](#)
- Jul 31: [River Otter Ecology Project Webinar: Discover the Wild World of River Otters!](#)
- Aug 5: [AHS Tucson Chapter 2nd Annual Basin Bash](#)
- Aug 6–8: [Alliance for Water Efficiency 3rd Annual Water Efficiency & Conservation Symposium](#)
- Aug 7–8: [CLE International's Arizona Water Law 33rd Annual SuperConference: At the Precipice–Colorado River Negotiations & Western Water Supplies](#)
- Aug 9: [Science-Based Groundwater Presentation: Groundwater, Growth & The Verde River](#)
- Aug 16: [Natural History Institute Presents Protecting the Upper Verde River: A Community Dialogue](#)
- Aug 20: [AWRA Webinar: Alaska in Transition: Our Changing Climate and Why it Matters](#)
- Aug 25: [AAWWA Wine, Women, & Water Welcome Event](#)
- Aug 26: [AAWWA Colorado River Update](#)
- Aug 27: [Maricopa Agricultural Workshop: Weather Stations and Other Tools for Optimized Irrigation and Crop Management](#)
- Aug 29: [AHS Arizona-Mexico Transboundary Scholarship – Application Deadline](#)
- Sep 4: [WRRC Water Webinar: The Santa Cruz: A River of Transition and Hope](#)

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