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News



Reflections: "Open Code" Sharing of Knowledge and Innovations

In early August, I traveled to Buenos Aires, Argentina for the annual Congress of Aapresid, a large network committed to sustainable agricultural systems. [The English version of the website](#) explains that Aapresid promotes "the no-tillage system based on ZERO TILLAGE as a basic practice, but which must necessarily be accompanied by other practices to evolve from simplified systems to complex systems, and thus manage to promote

systems that emulate natural ecosystems."

Image: Sharon B. Megdal, Exhibition Hall at the Aapresid Congress.

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Reclamation Releases 24-Month Study on 2026 Reservoir Conditions

The US Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has just published its August 2025 24-Month Study, outlining expected hydrologic conditions and reservoir operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead through water year 2026 (from Oct 1, 2025, through Sep 30, 2026). The study highlights the ongoing effects of historic drought across the Colorado River Basin and underscores the importance of developing stronger, long-term management strategies.

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Former WRRC Colleague Retiring from U of A

Congratulations to Pima County Cooperative Extension Director Claire Zucker on her upcoming retirement from the University of Arizona. While it is hard for us to say farewell to Claire, a longtime friend and collaborator, we wish her all the best in this new chapter, wherever it may lead.

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Two New Scholarships Target Students and Young Farmers, Ranchers

Earlier this summer, the Arizona Hydrological Society (AHS) announced a new Arizona-Mexico Transboundary Scholarship, which is open to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at any Arizona university or college. Another opportunity that may be of interest to some is Family Farm Alliance's recently launched Patrick O'Toole Young Conservationist Scholarship, which provides financial support for young farmers and ranchers who want to attend its annual conference.

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APW Engages Young Minds at Children's Museum Oro Valley

Arizona Project WET Guest Article

Arizona Project WET (APW) was thrilled to be invited by the Children's Museum Oro Valley (CMOV) to join the fun at "Chillin' at the Chul" earlier this month! APW is grateful to CMOV for welcoming us into their space and giving us the opportunity to connect kids with the wonders of Arizona's desert watersheds through hands-on exploration and playful discovery.

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Events



WRRC Water Webinar: The Santa Cruz: A River of Transition and Hope

Featuring Luke Cole, Director, Santa Cruz River Program, Sonoran Institute

Date: September 4, 2025

Time: 12:00 pm Arizona Time

Location: [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)

Upcoming WRRC Events



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[WRRC Water Webinar: An Overview and Update on Arizona's General Stream Adjudications](#)

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WRRC Co-sponsored Event: Brad Udall on Climate Change and the Colorado River; 3:30 pm at ENR2 – Save the Date!

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WRRC Water Webinar: Internet of Water – 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 Water Webinar: Dr. Randy Hanson – Save the Date!

Other Events

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[CATalyst CHAT: Dry Times, Bold Moves – with WRRRC Director Sharon Megdal](#)

Water News

From the WRRRC

- **Aug 24:** [WRRRC Director Megdal Interview Airing at 8:00 am MST on CoolFM 104](#)

From Other Media Sources

- [Local Tucsonan Shares Report on 20 Years of Home Rainwater Harvesting](#)
- [Sonoran Institute: August 2025 Edition of The Sonoran Post](#)
- [CAP: Water District Property Taxes Explained](#)
- [US Water Alliance Webinar Recording: Making Water Visible: Why it Matters and How to Make the Most of Imagine a Day Without Water 2025](#)
- [NRCS Helps Producers Maximize Water Efficiency in Arizona's Arid Environment](#)
- [Recording of California Water Commission August Meeting Featuring SGMA & Groundwater Trading Presentations](#)
- [Reclamation Announces 2026 Operating Conditions for Lake Powell and Lake Mead](#)

Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

- [AHS: Arizona-Mexico Transboundary Scholarship](#)
- [Bureau of Reclamation: Small Storage Program Funding Opportunity](#)
- [Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection: Program Manager](#)
- [Family Farm Alliance: Patrick O'Toole Young Conservationist Scholarship](#)
- [National Weather Service: Hydrologist \(Weather Forecast Office\)](#)
- [SciTech Institute: Development Manager](#)

- [SRP: Resource Planning Analyst 1, 2, Senior](#)

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

Calendar Announcements

- Aug 22: [City of Tucson 5-year Update Floodplain Management Plan Draft Comment Period – Deadline Extended](#)
- 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](#)
- Aug 31: [Friends of the Verde River - River Friendly Living Grant – Proposal Deadline](#)
- Sep 1: [Family Farm Alliance: Patrick O'Toole Young Conservationist Scholarship – Application Deadline](#)
- Sep 1: [2025 South Dakota Student Water Conference: Empowering the Next-Generation Water Workforce – Abstract Deadline](#)
- Sep 1–30: [Santa Cruz River Dragonfly Festival](#)
- Sep 4: [WRRC Water Webinar: The Santa Cruz: A River of Transition and Hope](#)
- Sep 8–10: [17th Biennial Conference of Science & Management on the Colorado Plateau & Southwest Region](#)
- Sep 9: [AHS Tucson Chapter Meeting: Increasing Recharge at the Pinal Valley Recharge Facility](#)
- Sep 14–17: [AWWA 2025 Water Infrastructure Conference](#)
- Sep 16: [WRRC Water Webinar: An Overview and Update on Arizona's General Stream Adjudications](#)
- Sep 17: [AWRA Webinar: Novel Membranes for Brine Concentration via Electrodialysis](#)
- Sep 18: [CATalyst CHAT: Dry Times, Bold Moves – with WRRC Director Sharon Megdal](#)
- Sep 18: [Ag-to-Urban Public Information Meeting](#)
- Sep 19: [Agribusiness & Water Council of Arizona 2025 Annual Meeting & Water Conference: Rolling the Dice: Arizona Water –](#)

Save the Date!

- **Sep 23–24: NGWA Managed Aquifer Recharge Conference: Unleashing Resiliency, Protecting Groundwater Quality**
- **Sep 26: WRRRC Co-sponsored Event: Brad Udall on Climate Change and the Colorado River; 3:30 pm at ENR2 – Save the Date!**

MORE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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