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Reflections: Dry Times, Bold Moves – Innovation for Arizona's Water Future

My work, in formal classroom instruction, presentations to audiences of varied backgrounds, and written materials, centers on fostering understanding of water challenges and options for addressing them. As a faculty member and Director of the University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center, I interweave my applied research, education, and engagement/outreach programs and design them to bridge academic and

non-academic communities. I try to write and present materials that are understandable to broad audiences, and convene forums, such as the WRRC's Annual Conference and Water Webinars, that are accessible to all, regardless of background.

Listening to and learning from others often inspire ideas for programs or publications. At the WRRC's [**2025 Annual Conference**](#), *Shared Borders, Shared Waters: Working Together in Times of Scarcity*, there was focus on innovation and investing with impact, sharing good information in inclusive ways, and incentivizing changes that contribute to a more secure water future. These themes were fertile sources of inspiration. Inclined toward alliteration, I started jotting down words that began with the letter "i."

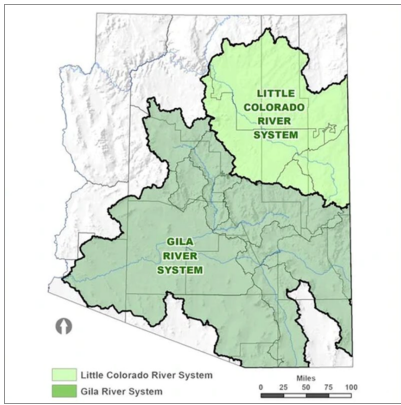
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WRRC Announces 2026 Annual Conference Topic

The working title of the WRRC 2026 Annual Conference is *Commercial & Industrial Water Stewardship: Large Users and Our Water Future*. The conference will be held April 14–15 at the University of Arizona Student Union in Tucson, Arizona, and its program will focus on the challenges and opportunities for water stewardship of large, non-agricultural water users in Arizona's commercial and industrial sectors, such as manufacturing, mining, energy, and technology.

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WRRC Water Webinar Explains Arizona Stream Adjudications

On Tuesday, September 16, 2025, the WRRC hosted a Water Webinar featuring Jennifer Wendel, Assistant Director of the Arizona Adjudications Project within the Natural Resource Use and Management Clinic at the University of Arizona College of Law. Titled “An Overview and Update on Arizona’s General Stream Adjudications,” Wendel’s presentation aimed to help viewers understand a complicated process affecting many Arizonans and provided webinar attendees with a forum for sharing insights on the state’s water rights issues. [Register for this October 6 webinar](#) and stay tuned for details on other upcoming webinars!

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Events



Dancing with Deadpool: The 26-year-long Colorado River Crisis – **WRRC Co-sponsored Event**

Featuring Bradley H. Udall, Senior Water & Climate Research Scientist/Scholar, Colorado Water Center, Colorado State University

Date: September 26, 2025

Time: 3:30 pm Arizona Time

Location: [ENR2 S107](#) and [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)



WRRC Water Webinar: Laying Internet of Water Bricks: The Backend, Frontend and Everything in Between

Featuring Kyle Onda, Director, Internet of Water, Center for Geospatial Solutions, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Date: October 6, 2025

Time: 12:00 pm Arizona Time

Location: [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)



Native Voices in STEM Webinar: Water, Health, and Environmental Justice in Underserved Communities – WRRC Co-sponsored Event

Featuring Joseph Hoover, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Science, University of Arizona

Date: October 8, 2025

Time: 12:00 pm Arizona Time

Location: [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)

Upcoming WRRC Events

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DATE
APRIL 14–15

WRRC 2026
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Commercial & Industrial
Water Stewardship:**
Large Users and Our Water Future

OCT
22

**WRRC Water Webinar: Arizona Water Company:
Sustainable Water Resources Strategy**

NOV
12

**WRRC Water Webinar: 104(b) Grant Program – Student
Research Presentation: Indian Water Settlements in
Arizona: An Analysis of their History and Potential Future
– Save the Date!**

NOV
18

**WRRC Water Webinar: Conjunctive Water Management
for Sustainability**

Co-sponsored and Other Events

NOV
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**Native Voices in STEM Webinar: Engineering Water
Solutions: Membrane Innovation and Community
Partnerships – WRRC Co-Sponsored Event**

DEC
10

**Native Voices in STEM Webinar: Biogeochemical
Pathways, Mining Legacies, and Indigenous
Environmental Restoration – WRRC Co-Sponsored Event**

Water News

- **Meet the Distinguished Recipients of the AWRA 2025 Awards Program**
- **Going, Going, Gone: Landscape Drying Reduces Wetland Function Across the American West (ScienceDirect)**
- **Federal Water Tap: EPA Says It Won't Regulate Four PFAS in Drinking Water (Circle of Blue)**

- [Call for Project Proposals: 2026 Indigenous Youth Fellowship](#)
- [Call for Abstracts: RiversEdge West 2026 Biennial Riparian Restoration Conference](#)
- [President Garimella Highlights U of A's Land-Grant Mission During Yavapai County Visit](#)
- [CAP Announces Student Research Award Winner: Why Does Near-average Snowpack Often Fail to Produce Expected Streamflow Volumes?](#)
- [130+ Strategies for Resilient Rural Water and Sanitation Across the United States \(Water Online\)](#)
- [ADWR Director Pens Opinion on Colorado River Negotiations \(The Denver Post\)](#)
- [EPA Grants Arizona Authority to Oversee Injection Wells Under Safe Drinking Water Act](#)
- [Seed Retreats: Reading & Writing with Water: Finding Form in a Thirsty World – Apply the Code “ARROYO” for a WRRC-Exclusive 15% Discount](#)
- [Colorado River Caucus Resurrected to Protect Water Accessibility for Seven Western States](#)
- [Research Article: Declining Reservoir Elevations Increase Water Temps and Non-Native Fish Passage Facilitating Downstream Invasion](#)

Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

- [Cochise County Cooperative Extension: Community Outreach Professional I \(Water Wise Community Education\)](#)
- [Cultural Survival: Indigenous Youth Fellowship](#)
- [Pathways Program: International Student Researchers](#)
- [Town of Camp Verde: Utilities Director](#)
- [U of A Campus Sustainability Fund Fall 2025 Mini Grants](#)
- [U of A Campus Sustainability Fund Indigenous-Centered Mini Grants](#)
- [University of Nevada, Reno: Assistant Professor, Human-Environment Geography](#)

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

Calendar Announcements

- Sep 19: [IRes' 4th Anniversary Community Gathering](#)
- Sep 19: [Agribusiness & Water Council of Arizona 2025 Annual Meeting & Water Conference: Rolling the Dice: Arizona Water](#)
- Sep 20: [Arroyo Chico Clean Up Hosted by the River Run Network Clean Up](#)
- Sep 20: [River Explorers – A Family Science & Art Workshop](#)
- Sep 20–27: [Guided Dragonfly Festival Tours](#)
- Sep 23: [Verde River Sustaining Flows Council Educational Session: Managing Water for Rural Communities](#)
- Sep 23–24: [NGWA Managed Aquifer Recharge Conference: Unleashing Resiliency, Protecting Groundwater Quality](#)
- Sep 26: [Dancing with Deadpool: The 26-year-long Colorado River Crisis; Brad Udall – WRRRC Co-sponsored Event](#)
- Sep 27: [Annual Verde River Day 2025 Hosted by Friends of the Verde River](#)
- Sep 27: [Dragonfly Day at Mission Garden](#)
- Sep 30: [2026 Indigenous Youth Fellowship – Proposal Deadline](#)
- Sep 30: [Rio Reimagined: The Rio Mixer](#)
- Sep 30: [7th Annual Beavers & Brews: Watershed Management Group Fundraising Event](#)
- Oct 1: [Water Education Foundation Water Summit 2025: Embracing Uncertainty in the West](#)
- Oct 1–3: [36th Annual AHS Symposium](#)
- Oct 2: [Prescott Arizona Water Festival](#)
- Oct 2: [Pathways International Student Research Program – Pre-Application Deadline](#)
- Oct 5: [U of A Campus Sustainability Fund Fall 2025 Mini Grants – Application Deadline](#)
- Oct 6: [WRRRC Water Webinar: Laying Internet of Water Bricks: The Backend, Frontend and Everything in Between](#)
- Oct 7–9: [AWWA WaterSmart Innovations Conference](#)
- Oct 8: [Native Voices in STEM Webinar: Water, Health, and Environmental Justice in Underserved Communities – WRRRC Co-sponsored Event](#)
- Oct 9: [AZ Water Association 2025 Annual Stormwater Workshop](#)

- Oct 10: **RiversEdge West 2026 Biennial Riparian Restoration Conference** – ***Abstract Deadline***

MORE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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