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News

CATalyst CHAT



WRRC Director Highlights Innovation for Arizona Water

On Thursday, September 18, 2025, the University of Arizona Scottsdale Center hosted WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal for a CATalyst CHAT, titled *“Dry Times, Bold Moves: Innovation for Arizona’s Water Future.”* Drawing on

decades of leadership in water policy, Megdal shared insights on Arizona's groundwater and Colorado River water supplies and discussed the "wicked water problems" facing Arizona, as well as the innovation and collaboration necessary for addressing these complex issues.

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ABWC 2025 Conference Highlights Data Centers, Water, and Policy

WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal and Associate Director Jamie McEvoy attended the 2025 Agribusiness and Water Council (ABWC) Conference last Friday, September 19. Attendees heard compelling insights into the intersection of water, agriculture, economics, energy, and policy shaping Arizona's future.

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WRRC Students to Continue Working this Fall Semester

Last week, WRRC staff and Designated Campus Colleagues (DCCs) gathered to welcome current WRRC students to the Fall 2025 semester and to catch up on what everyone has been working on. Thank you for all you do, students— keep up the good work!

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WRRC Encourages Participation in Imagine a Day Without Water

Consider what life would look like without water, even for one day. The Value of Water Campaign challenges ALL to participate in the annual *Imagine a Day Without Water* awareness event, which will take place this year on October 16, 2025. The WRRC would like to encourage interested groups and individuals to begin preparing now for the event by taking advantage of the many resources provided by the campaign.

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Events

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APRIL 14-15

WRRC 2026
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Commercial & Industrial
Water Stewardship:**

Large Users and Our Water Future



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

OCT
22

[WRRC Water Webinar: Arizona Water Company: Sustainable Water Resources Strategy](#)

NOV
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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
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[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
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[Native Voices in STEM Webinar: Biogeochemical Pathways, Mining Legacies, and Indigenous Environmental Restoration – WRRC Co-Sponsored Event](#)

Water News

- [Riverine Heat Waves on the Rise, Outpacing Air Heat Waves \(PNAS\)](#)
- [A Living River Report for the Santa Cruz River - Downtown Tucson to Marana, 2025](#)
- [ADEQ Proposed Rulemaking Stakeholder Meetings: Yuma PM₁₀ Draft Construction and Agriculture Rules](#)
- [ADEQ Proposed Rulemaking Kick-Off Meeting: Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Impacting Rivers, Streams, and Lakes](#)
- [Report About Colorado River Basin Storage, Need for Immediate Action \(LA Times\)](#)
- [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 \(Circle of Blue\)](#)

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](#)

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

Calendar Announcements



- Sep 26: [Dancing with Deadpool: The 26-year-long Colorado River Crisis; Brad Udall](#) – *WRRC 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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