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News



Reflections: Planning for the Future

On the Colorado River water front, 2025 did not end on a high note. Reservoir storage was low, snowpack was below average, and the relationship between the Upper Basin and Lower Basin state negotiators was frayed. Discussions and presentations at the December 16–18, 2025 Colorado River Water Users Association's (CRWUA) annual conference suggested the potential to arrive at a negotiated agreement by February 14, 2026, the deadline established after no agreement was reached by the prior November 11, 2025 deadline. But specifics were lacking. Moreover, federal representatives were unwilling to indicate what they would do should the deadlock continue. They stated

that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement would not specify a preferred alternative.

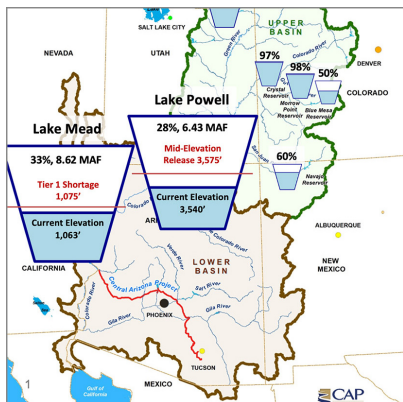
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Tucson Water Celebrates 125 Years with Sparkling Water

In celebration of its 125th anniversary, [Tucson Water](#) has launched a limited-edition sparkling water line designed to communicate the evolution of the City of Tucson's water stewardship in the Sonoran Desert across the past, present, and future.

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CAP Provides Dashboard on Colorado River Conditions

The Central Arizona Project (CAP) has developed a comprehensive Colorado River Conditions Dashboard to help users understand current and future water availability. This interactive tool offers real-time and projected data on reservoir status, water supply, snowfall, and operational shortages for the entire river basin.

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Article Published by WRRC Associate Focuses on Hydrodiplomacy

Those who follow international water topics may be interested in a new publication by Dr. Pintu Kumar Mahla, a U of A Designated Campus Colleague conducting research at the WRRC. His recent paper, published in the e-journal [Janus.net](#), is titled "Hydro-Diplomacy as a Strategic Lever:

Comparative Insights from India and China in Regional Cooperation and Global Water Governance."

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Events

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APRIL 14–15

University of Arizona
Student Union Memorial Center
Tucson, AZ

WRRC 2026
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**WATER FOR TECH,
MINING & ENERGY**
PATHWAYS TO
ARIZONA'S FUTURE



**Running on Empty: Facing Water Scarcity
Across the Southwest – Session 1: The
Future of Water in Southern Arizona –
Issues, Innovation, and Impact**

Featuring WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal

Date: January 13, 2026

Time: 6:00–7:30 pm MST/Arizona Time

Location: Kol Ami Synagogue & Zoom

[More Info](#)



WRRC 22nd Annual Chocolate Fest

Get ready for a mouthwatering celebration, where chocolate lovers unite, and the WRRC announces its 2025 photo contest winners!

Date: February 12, 2026

Time: 4:00–5:00 pm MST/Arizona Time

Location: WRRC/Zoom

[More Info](#)

WRRC Upcoming and Co-sponsored Events

Mar
16

[ENVS Colloquium/Seminar on PFAS Featuring Sharon Udasin \(3:00 MST\) – Save the Date!](#)

Apr
14–15

[WRRC 2026 Annual Conference: Water for Tech, Mining & Energy: Pathways to Arizona's Future – Save the Date!](#)

Water News

- [AG Mayes Announces Precedent-Setting Settlement with Riverview Dairy to Reduce Groundwater Usage, Securing \\$11M for Well Drilling, Water-Hauling and Groundwater Access](#)
- [Abstract Deadline Approaching for 2026 UCOWR/NIWR Annual Conference – University of Arizona Affiliated Presenters Can Register at the Member Rate!](#)
- [Free Access to Journal of the American Water Resources Association \(JAWRA\): Volume 61, Issue 6](#)
- [A Living River Report for the Santa Cruz River – Nogales Wash to Amado](#)
- [Even Average Snowpack Could Spell Trouble for Lake Powell \(KUER\)](#)
- [California Water Leaders Unveil Recommendations to Modernize Water Rights System](#)

Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

- [Bureau of Reclamation: Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects \(Small Storage Program\)](#)
- [Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership: Arizona Field Representative](#)

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

Calendar Announcements

- Jan 10: [Citizens Water Advocacy Group Annual Member Meeting](#)
- Jan 13: [Running on Empty - Facing Water Scarcity Across the Southwest – Session 1: The Future of Water in Southern Arizona – Issues, Innovation, and Impact \(Featuring WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal\)](#)
- Jan 13: [AHS Tucson Chapter Meeting: Navigating the Non-Navigable Gila River, Adventures in Streambed Ownership in Arizona](#)
- Jan 15: [ADEQ Virtual Stakeholder Meeting – Solid Waste Transfer Facility Design & Operation Rulemaking](#)
- Jan 16: [UCOWR/NIWR 2026 Annual Water Resources Conference](#) (U of A Affiliated Presenters Can Register at the Member Rate) – *Abstract Submission Deadline*
- Jan 21: [One Water Webinar – Tapping Potential: Water, Economics, and People](#)
- Jan 25: [U of A Campus Sustainability Fund Annual Grant](#) – *Application Deadline*
- Jan 26: [Water Education Foundation's 2026 Colorado River Water Leaders Program](#) – *Application Deadline*
- Jan 27: [ADEQ Virtual Stakeholder Meeting – Yuma PM10 Draft AgBMP Rule Amendments](#)
- Jan 29: [The Water Below: A Community Dialog](#)
- Jan 31: ["Water" Journal Special Issue: Working Across Borders to Address Water Scarcity](#) – *Submission Deadline*
- Feb 4: [Darcy Lecture Hosted by AHS Phoenix: Groundwater Recharge Regimes Are in Flux \(Steven Loheide\)](#)

- Feb 6: [AWRA 2026 Geospatial Water Technology Conference: Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies – Abstract Submission Deadline](#)
- Feb 10: [Running on Empty - Facing Water Scarcity Across the Southwest – Session 2: Featuring Dr. Michael Crimmins Climate Scientist, University of Arizona](#)
- Feb 12: [WRRRC 22nd Annual Chocolate Fest](#)

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