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**WATER RESOURCES  
RESEARCH CENTER**

## WEEKLY WAVE

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## News



## WRRC Director Joins Panel on Southern Arizona's Global Future

WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal participated as an invited panelist at *The Global Future of Southern Arizona: Partnership, Trade & Growth Luncheon* on August 18, 2026, in Tucson. Hosted by Global Ties Arizona and moderated by Nicole Barraza, Vice President of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, the event explored the partnerships, connections, and resources shaping the region's future.

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## WRRC Webinar Highlights Key Findings from the ATUR Project

On August 13, 2026, the WRRC hosted a Water Webinar, *A Guide to Key Findings of the Arizona Tri-University Recharge and Water Reliability (ATUR) Project Report*, featuring five researchers from the U of A, Arizona State University (ASU), and Northern Arizona University (NAU). Presenters included Neha Gupta, Kathy Jacobs, Caelum Mroczek, Abe Springer, and Tianfang Xu.

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## How the University of Arizona Manages Water on Campus

*Guest article by Kendall Sternberg, University Marketing and Communications*

Most days, the university's water system goes unnoticed. Employees fill water bottles, researchers conduct experiments, buildings stay cool and comfortable, and native plants thrive, all without a second thought. But behind each of those moments is a carefully managed network of wells, reclaimed water, monitoring systems and stormwater infrastructure designed to make every drop count.

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## Water Supply Tops Arizona Voters' Concerns

When the Center for the Future of Arizona (CFA) asked Arizona voters to choose from a broad list of issues the single top issue facing the state, more voters selected long-term water supplies than any other issue on the list. Water supply is a major concern across political affiliations and age groups.

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## Events



### WRRC Water Webinar: Innovations in Sustainable Data Centers in Arid Environments

*Featuring David Ebert, Chief AI and Data Science Officer, University of Arizona*

**Date:** September 8, 2026

**Time:** 12:00–1:15 pm MST/Arizona Time

**Location:** [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)

### Upcoming WRRC/Co-sponsored Events

Oct  
27

[WRRC Water Webinar: Tribal Sovereignty in the Colorado River Basin & Beyond](#)

# SAVE the DATE

WRRC 2027  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

APRIL  
26–27

### Other Events

Sep  
28–29

[CLE's 14th Annual Tribal Water Law Conference – Beyond the Settlement Table: Rights in a Post-Cooperation Era](#)

## Water News

From the WRRC

- [WRRC Director Video: Thoughts about the Colorado River](#)

- [WRRC Director Video: Thoughts about the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Colorado River](#)
- [WRRC Director Calls for 2027 Spring Semester Sabbatical Engagement](#)
- [WRRC Director Co-authored Op-Ed on Colorado River Shortages](#)

## Other Water News

- [Reclamation Announces Two-Year Operating Plan for Colorado River](#)
- [Tipping Point: A River Reimagined \(PBS News Special\)](#)
- [California Water Projects Could Boost Arizona's Colorado River Supply \(AZ Republic\)](#)
- Call for [Special Sessions](#) and [Award Nominations](#) for 2027 UCOWN/NIWR Annual Conference
- [Dwindling Colorado River Creates Water, Power Challenges for the Western US \(The Hill\)](#)
- [Applications Being Accepted for Water Management Certificate Program Cohort XIV](#)

# Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

## WRRC Postings:

The U of A Water Resources Research Center is seeking an [AmeriCorps Member](#) with interest and experience related to water and/or environmental topics to assist with the Center's outreach programs. We are particularly interested in applicants with strong writing skills. Applicants are encouraged to visit the WRRC website for more information on WRRC programs and activities. [More Info](#)

## External Postings:

- [City of Tucson: Lead Hydrologist](#)
- [City of Tucson: Senior Engineering Technician](#)
- [Clemson University: Executive Director of the South Carolina Water Resources Center](#)
- [Sonoran Institute Director – Growing Water Smart](#)
- [USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service: Civil Engineer \(Hydraulics/Hydrologic\)](#)

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

# Calendar Announcements

- Aug 27: [Permanent Forum of Binational Waters Webinar: Tributaries of the Rio Grande and the Colorado River Basins: The Role of Groundwater](#)
- Sep 8: [WRRRC Water Webinar: Innovations in Sustainable Data Centers in Arid Environments](#)
- Sep 9–12: [Arizona Hydrological Society 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium](#)
- Sep 15: [State of the Verde Watershed Conference 2026: One Watershed, Many Voices: Science, Policy, and People](#)
- Sep 18: [2026 Agribusiness Water Council Annual Meeting & Water Conference: Securing Arizona's Future](#)
- Sep 23: [Udall Center Event: The Past, Present, and Future of PFAS in Arizona](#)
- Sep 28: [2027 UCOWR/NIWR Annual Water Resources Conference – Special Session Proposal Deadline](#)
- Sep 28–29: [CLE's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Water Law Conference – Beyond the Settlement Table: Rights in a Post-Cooperation Era](#)

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