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## WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH CENTER



# 2021 Highlights

**886** PARTNERS/COLLABORATORS engaged on diverse projects and programs

**6,754** RECIPIENTS of the annual *Arroyo* publication via email (488 printed copies mailed)

**3,073** SUBSCRIBERS to the Weekly Wave e-News Digest

**783** ATTENDEES at the 2021 Annual Conference

**412** STAKEHOLDERS engaged in rural water issues through Water RAPIDS

**58** PRESENTATIONS by WRRRC personnel to diverse audiences

**18** PUBLICATIONS by WRRRC personnel

**131** SUBMISSIONS to the annual WRRRC photo contest

### GREATER DEPTH, BROADER PERSPECTIVE FOR A CLEAR WATER FUTURE

We tackle key water policy and management issues, empower informed decision-making, and enrich understanding through engagement, education, and applied research.

Photo: James Bowman - Whitewater Draw, AZ (cropped) **WRRRC Photo Contest**

## CONNECTING TO THE PUBLIC

As water and drought dominated many conversations in Arizona and throughout the West in 2021, the WRRRC continued to serve as a trusted source for reliable information. The WRRRC received many requests for comments from both national and international media outlets covering the historic Tier 1 Shortage Declaration on the Colorado River, its impacts on the region, and drought conditions more broadly. Through research, outreach, and engagement, the WRRRC has continued to contribute to water resource planning, assessment, and capacity building, as well as to expand water awareness and understanding of water resource issues.

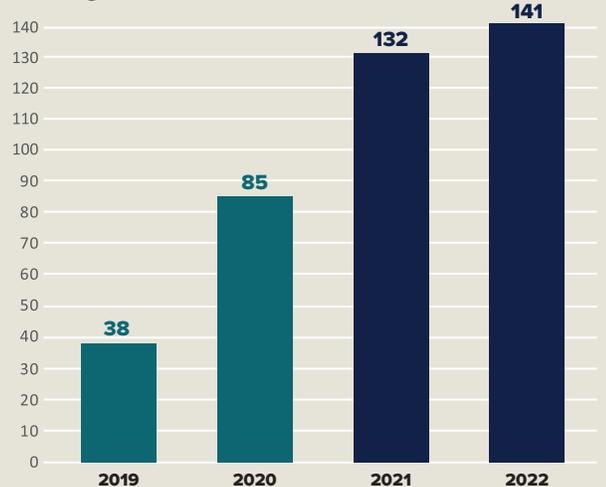
### Annual Conference

The 2021 Annual Conference, *Tribal Water Resilience in a Changing Environment*, was held virtually from August 30 to September 1. The conference program consisted almost entirely of Indigenous voices, including Tribal leaders, emerging water professionals, advocates, and the bearers of traditional knowledge.

### Brown Bag Seminar Series

The WRRRC's Brown Bag Seminar Series attracted diverse audiences in growing numbers to presentations on a wide range of water topics.

### Average Seminar Attendance



## ANNUAL REPORT

More information and metrics can be found [here](#).

## REFLECTIONS



WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal published nine *Reflections* essays in the Weekly/Summer Wave.

[wrrc.arizona.edu/reflections](http://wrrc.arizona.edu/reflections)

## RESOURCES

### Online

#### WRRC Website

The WRRC website highlights programs, activities, news, and events. Seminars and annual conference presentations are posted for easy access, along with publications and online resources. [wrrc.arizona.edu](http://wrrc.arizona.edu)

- WRRC Conference
- Water RAPIDS
- Groundwater Governance and Management
- Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Program
- TAAP Español
- Middle East Water
- Publications

#### Arizona Project WET

Arizona Project WET (APW) develops water stewardship and STEM literacy through teacher professional development, direct student outreach, and community engagement. [arizonawet.arizona.edu](http://arizonawet.arizona.edu)

#### Desert Water Harvesting Initiative

The DWHI website enhances communication within the water harvesting community and provides access to expertise and resources, including the Water Harvesting Assessment Toolbox. [wrrc.arizona.edu/DWHI](http://wrrc.arizona.edu/DWHI)



#### Arizona Water Factsheets

The WRRC has developed a series of four-page factsheets containing concise county level water information. The factsheet for Maricopa County is complete, and Pima, Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Mohave, and Pinal Counties are in development.

[wrrc.arizona.edu/arizona-water-factsheets](http://wrrc.arizona.edu/arizona-water-factsheets)



#### 2021 Arroyo

The 2021 *Arroyo* — “Arizona Groundwater Management: Past, Present, and Future” — covers the history of the 1980 Groundwater Management Act as well as subsequent legislation that created today’s regulatory and management structure for addressing groundwater management issues and crafting solutions.

[wrrc.arizona.edu/arroyo-2021](http://wrrc.arizona.edu/arroyo-2021)

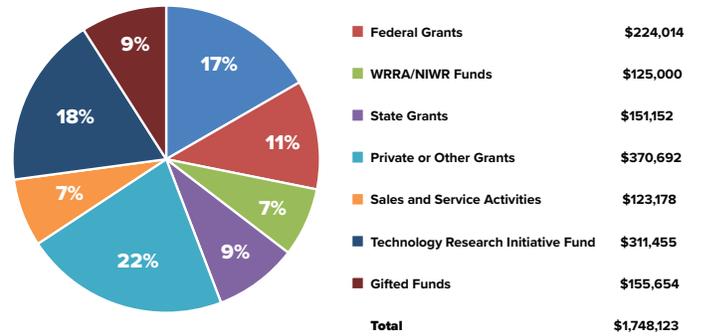
## Member of the National Institutes for Water Resources

The WRRC is Arizona’s federally authorized Water Resources Research Institute (WRRRI), and as such, is one of 54 members of the National Institutes for Water Resources.

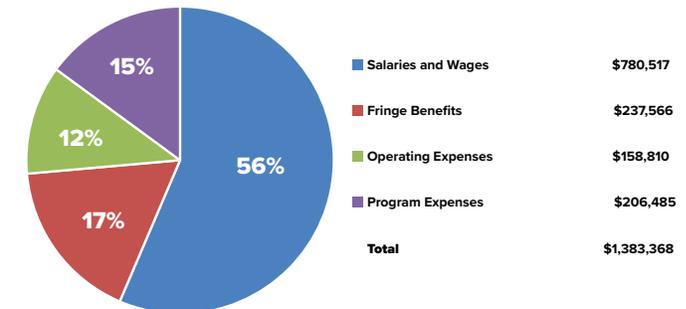


## 2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### Operating Support & Revenue



### Operating & Program Expenses



## KEEP UP WITH WATER NEWS AND EVENTS

Subscribe to the *Weekly Wave* – the e-News Digest that offers the latest water news, notice of upcoming events, and announcements from the WRRC and others. Subscribers receive the *Arroyo* – the annual publication that each year examines a topic of importance to Arizona. Recent *Arroyos* discussed “Community-based Solutions to Local Water Challenges in Arizona” and “Arizona Groundwater Management: Past, Present and Future.”

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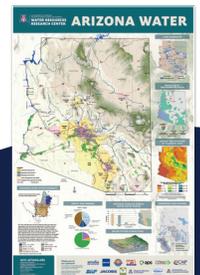


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