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WEEKLY WAVE

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September Talks, U of A Research, Family
Farm Alliance, APW

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News



September Speaking Engagements Engage Diverse Audiences

The month of September is shaping up to be a busy one for WRRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal, who is delivering talks to a wide range of audiences around Arizona. She notes that “There is much interest in water locally, statewide, and nationally, especially about what is going on in the Colorado River Basin.” These talks vary widely in scope, focus, and level of detail, but the participants are all actively seeking to learn more about water.

Image: David Lovitt. WRRRC Director Megdal speaking at Tucson Rotary Club.

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U of A Scientists Tackle Water Challenges

In our state, where every drop of water counts, researchers at the U of A are driving innovation and understanding to secure Arizona's water future. Given substantial uncertainty in Arizona's changing water conditions, U of A researchers are helping communities build more resilience. By combining innovation, collaboration, and long-term vision, scientists—and the funding sources that make their work possible—ensure that the state is better prepared for the water challenges ahead.

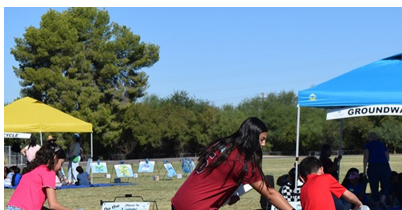
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Incoming Family Farm Alliance Executive Director Advocates Partnerships

As highlighted in last week's *Weekly Wave*, several WRRRC staff members attended the Arizona Association of Women in Water and Agriculture's (AAWWA) Colorado River Update on August 26, 2025. There, we had the privilege of meeting Samantha Barncastle, the incoming Executive Director of Family Farm Alliance, who will be taking the reins as of November 1.

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APW Resumes Water Festivals

Arizona Project WET Guest Article

As the new school year begins, Arizona Project WET



(APW) is preparing for another exciting season of water festivals across the state. Each year, these interactive events bring students together to explore the science of water, discover the importance of conservation, and gain the knowledge to become future water stewards.

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Events



WRRC Water Webinar: An Overview and Update on Arizona's General Stream Adjudications

Featuring Jennifer Wendel, Assistant Director, Arizona Adjudications Project

Date: September 16, 2025

Time: 12:00 pm Arizona Time

Location: [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)

Upcoming WRRC Events

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WRRC 2026
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

APRIL
14–15

SEP
26

[WRRC Co-sponsored Event: Dancing with Deadpool: The 26-year-long Colorado River Crisis – Brad Udall](#)

OCT
6

WRRC Water Webinar: Internet of Water – Save the Date!

OCT
22

WRRC Water Webinar: Arizona Water Company: Sustainable Water Resources Strategy – Save the Date!

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: Dr. Randy Hanson – Save the Date!

Other Events

SEP
18

CATalyst CHAT: Dry Times, Bold Moves – with WRRC Director Sharon Megdal

Water News

From the WRRC

- WRRC Research Associate Published in *The Conversation*: [Monsoon Flooding Has Killed Hundreds in Pakistan – Climate Change is Pushing the Rainy Season from Blessing to Looming Catastrophe](#)

From Other Media Sources

- [Settlement Signed in Texas v. New Mexico Rio Grande Case](#)
- [Notice of Public Comment Period for Arizona Water Protection Fund Fiscal Year 2026 Grant Applications](#)
- [Phoenix Water Services Director Troy Hayes to Retire; Brandy Kelso Appointed as Successor](#)
- [Arizona Institute for Resilience Launches New Master's Program for Aspiring Resilience Professionals](#)
- [CRIT Want to Give Legal Personhood to Colorado River](#)
- [AHS Seeking Symposium Moderators and Student Poster Judge – Email \[info@azhydrosoc.org\]\(mailto:info@azhydrosoc.org\) for more info](#)

Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

- [AHS: Arizona-Mexico Transboundary Scholarship](#)
- [City of Goodyear: Water Conservation Analyst](#)
- [Town of Prescott Valley: Utilities Engineer](#)

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

Calendar Announcements

- Sep 1–30: [Santa Cruz River Dragonfly Festival](#)
- Sep 8–10: [17th Biennial Conference of Science & Management on the Colorado Plateau & Southwest Region](#)
- Sep 9: [AHS Tucson Chapter Meeting: Increasing Recharge at the Pinal Valley Recharge Facility](#)
- Sep 14–17: [AWWA 2025 Water Infrastructure Conference](#)

- Sep 16: [WRRC Water Webinar: An Overview and Update on Arizona's General Stream Adjudications](#)
- Sep 17: [AWRA Webinar: Novel Membranes for Brine Concentration via Electrodialysis](#)
- Sep 17: [AZ Water Association Webinar: Arizona Water Blueprint & Rural Groundwater Resilience Toolkit](#)
- Sep 18: [CATalyst CHAT: Dry Times, Bold Moves – with WRRC Director Sharon Megdal](#)
- Sep 18: [Ag-to-Urban Public Information Meeting](#)
- Sep 19: [Agribusiness & Water Council of Arizona 2025 Annual Meeting & Water Conference: Rolling the Dice: Arizona Water – Save the Date!](#)
- Sep 23–24: [NGWA Managed Aquifer Recharge Conference: Unleashing Resiliency, Protecting Groundwater Quality](#)
- Sep 26: [WRRC Co-sponsored Event: Dancing with Deadpool: The 26-year-long Colorado River Crisis – Brad Udall](#)
- Sep 30: [Rio Reimagined: The Rio Mixer](#)
- Sep 30: [Beavers & Brews: Watershed Management Group Fundraising Event](#)

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