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**WATER RESOURCES  
RESEARCH CENTER**

## WEEKLY WAVE

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## News

# THE "HOW" OF WATER DIPLOMACY

An Introduction to the  
Routledge Handbook of  
Water Diplomacy



Women in Water  
Diplomacy Network



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## Special Water Diplomacy Webinar Attracts Large Audience, Diverse Voices

On December 15, 2025, eight speakers, including both editors and authors of the *Routledge Handbook of Water Diplomacy*, provided a special WRRRC Water Webinar to discuss building relationships, negotiating shared interests, and managing complex water challenges across physical, political, and societal boundaries. Over the course of the 90-minute webinar, each speaker

offered a short presentation, followed by a panel during which they addressed virtual questions from attendees around the world. The webinar was co-convened by the Stockholm International Water Institute; the International Centre for Water Cooperation; the UNU Institute for Water, Environment and Health; and the Women in Water Diplomacy Network.

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## WRRC Thanks Donors and Invites Year-End Donations

The Water Resources Research Center is deeply grateful to those who supported us in 2025. The generosity of donors helps fuel research, support experiential learning opportunities for students, and extend programs that transform communities. As we look ahead to 2026, we hope that you will consider supporting the WRRC to further expand this valuable work.

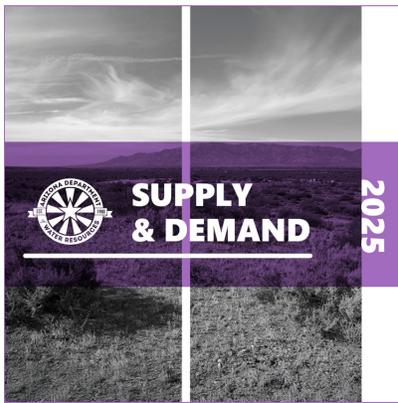
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## Extension Releases New Strategic Positioning Plan

Cooperative Extension (Extension), the community outreach arm for the U of A, recently released a new Strategic Positioning Plan to help guide decision-making and priorities in the coming years. The plan, described on Extension's website as "a forward-looking framework rooted in community insight, research, and decades of trusted partnerships," was developed through a deliberate and inclusive process ...

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## ADWR Releases New Basin Studies & Factsheets

Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) has released 13 new Supply and Demand Reports (SDRs) in their latest installment of an initiative that began in 2023 to develop high-level groundwater "budgets" for 51 Arizona basins. These reports are intended to help support local planning for water augmentation and conservation.

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## ABOR Approves Research Grant for Sustainable Agriculture in AZ

The Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) has approved a \$3 million Regents' Grant to establish the Arizona Hub for Agriculture Innovation—a new statewide effort focused on supporting the future of agriculture in Arizona's arid climate. The initiative unites Arizona's three public universities—Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona—with the Arizona Department of Agriculture to apply research findings aiming to create practical solutions for farmers and producers across the state.

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# Events

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**DATE**

**APRIL 14–15**

University of Arizona  
Student Union Memorial Center  
Tucson, AZ

**WRRRC 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 WRRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal*

**Date:** January 13, 2026

**Time:** 6:00–7:30 pm MST/Arizona Time

**Location:** Kol Ami Synagogue & Zoom

[More Info](#)

## WRRRC Upcoming and Co-sponsored Events

Feb  
12

[WRRRC 22nd Annual Chocolate Fest](#) – *Save the Date!*

Mar  
16

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

Apr  
14–15

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

# Water News

- [Just Released: A Living River Report for the Santa Cruz River – Nogales Wash to Amado](#)
- [Even Average Snowpack Could Spell Trouble for Lake Powell \(KUER\)](#)
- [The Fight Over the Colorado River Has Become a Political Nightmare \(Politico\)](#)
- [California Water Leaders Unveil Recommendations to Modernize Water Rights System](#)
- [New Research Links Health Impacts Related to 'Forever Chemicals' to Billions in Economic Losses \(UA News\)](#)
- [AWRA GWTC Call for Abstracts Now Open!](#)
- [AWRA Announces 2026 Conference Dates, Location](#)
- [Registration Open for A Meeting of Sacred Waters 2026](#)

## Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

### WRRC Seeks Graduate Research Assistant for Spring 2026

The Water Resources Research Center (WRRC) is seeking a Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) for the Spring 2026 semester to support our stakeholder outreach and engagement efforts and assist with research projects. The WRRC acts as a bridging organization between academia and water managers throughout the state, providing stakeholder outreach, facilitation, and research to support communities in their water management efforts. [More Info](#)

### Other Jobs & Opportunities

- [City of Glendale Water Services Dept: Cross Connection Control Specialist](#)

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

## Calendar Announcements

# LAST CHANCE!



WRRC | Photo  
2025 | Contest

*A World  
of Water*

**Contest Ends Tonight at Midnight!**

- Dec 19: [BSMAR 19 Symposium – Building Resiliency with MAR: Convey, Store and Deliver](#) – *Abstract Submission Deadline EXTENDED!*
- Dec 19: [WRRC 2025 Photo Contest: A World of Water](#) – *Submission Deadline*
- Dec 20–27: [River Run Network River Restoration Workshops/Arundo Removal and Clean Ups](#)
- Jan 13, 2026: [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 16, 2026: [UCOWR/NIWR 2026 Annual Water Resources Conference](#) – *Abstract Submission Deadline*
- Jan 25, 2026: [U of A Campus Sustainability Fund Annual Grant](#) – *Application Deadline*
- Jan 26, 2026: [Water Education Foundation's 2026 Colorado River Water Leaders Program](#) – *Application Deadline*
- Jan 31, 2026: ["Water" Journal Special Issue: Working Across Borders to Address Water Scarcity](#) – *Submission Deadline*

MORE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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