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## News

### WRRC 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



## WATER FOR TECH, MINING & ENERGY

PATHWAYS TO ARIZONA'S FUTURE

### Early Bird Registration Opens for WRRC 2026 Conference!

Registration for the WRRC 2026 annual conference opens today! This year's conference, Water for Tech, Mining & Energy: Pathways to Arizona's Future, will be held April 14–15 at the U of A Student Union Memorial Center in Tucson, Arizona. The

program will explore the challenges and opportunities for water stewardship among Arizona's key non-agricultural water use sectors, including mining, energy, and technology. Sessions will highlight innovative strategies, best practices, regulatory frameworks, municipal–industrial partnerships, and environmental considerations shaping Arizona's water future.

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### **WRRC Welcomes Two New Grad Students**

The WRRC is pleased to welcome two new Graduate Research Assistants, Lynn Carroll and Caleb Dusek. Lynn will be working on Water RAPIDS projects, including our upcoming WIFA conservation factsheet series. Caleb will help with communications and outreach for the WRRC Annual Conference and other WRRC programs, as well as providing assistance on various research projects.

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### **WRRC Students Continue Ongoing Work this Spring**

Our wonderful students have returned to work at the WRRC for the Spring 2026 semester, several of whom will be giving brief talks about their projects at our upcoming Chocolate Fest on February 12. Please join us to learn more about the cool work they've been doing!

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## Extension Personnel Offered Free WRRC Conference Registrations

The WRRC is pleased to announce that, thanks to a generous sponsorship from Cooperative Extension, a limited number of complimentary conference registrations will be available for Extension employees and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

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## Events



### OLLI Talks: What Do I Need to Know About Water, and Why? – Free Online Lecture Featuring WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal

**Date:** January 26, 2026

**Time:** 1:00–2:30 pm MST/Arizona Time

**Location:** [OLLI-UA Online](#)

[More Info](#)



### WRRC 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

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WRRC Upcoming and Co-sponsored Events

- Feb  
10 WRRC Water Webinar Featuring Charles R. Stack, Vice-President, CTO, NeoChloris, Inc. – *Save the Date!*
- Feb  
19 Issues and Opportunities at Bartlett Dam: Exploring Impacts (Featuring Haley Paul, Senior Director for Policy, Audubon Southwest) – *WRRC Co-sponsored Event*
- Mar  
16 ENVS Colloquium/Seminar on PFAS Featuring Sharon Udasin (3:00 MST) – *WRRC Co-sponsored Event*
- Apr  
14–15 WRRC 2026 Annual Conference: Water for Tech, Mining & Energy: Pathways to Arizona's Future

### Other Events

- Feb  
10 Running on Empty: Facing Water Scarcity Across the Southwest – Session 2: Featuring Michael Crimmins, Climate Scientist, University of AZ
- Mar  
10 Running on Empty: Facing Water Scarcity Across the Southwest – Session 3: Featuring Chairman Austin Nunez, San Xavier District, Tohono O'odham Nation

# Water News

## From the WRRC

- [WRRC Director Quoted in Newsweek Article on Lake Mead Water Level Forecast](#)
- [Recording Posted \(Passcode Hh!jJ&&0\) for Running on Empty: Facing Water Scarcity Across the Southwest – Session 1: The Future of Water in Southern Arizona – Issues, Innovation, and Impact \(Featuring WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal\)](#)

## Other News

- [Call for Student Papers: Central Arizona Project Award for Water Research](#)
- [New Podcast – Arizona's Climate Change Adaptation Playbook: Heat, Water, Wildfire \(America Adapts\)](#)
- [2026 AHS Symposium Call for Volunteers: Email \[info@azhydrosoc.org\]\(mailto:info@azhydrosoc.org\) for more info!](#)

# Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

- [Arizona Project WET: Spring 2026 Water Festival Volunteers](#)

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

# Calendar Announcements

- Jan 25: [U of A Campus Sustainability Fund Annual Grant – Application Deadline](#)
- Jan 26: [OLLI Talks: What Do I Need to Know About Water, and Why? – Free Online Lecture Featuring WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal](#)
- Jan 26: [Water Education Foundation's 2026 Colorado River Water Leaders Program – Application Deadline](#)
- Jan 28: [Darcy Lecture feat. Steven Loheide \(in person\)](#)
- Jan 29: [The Water Below: A Community Dialogue](#)
- Jan 30: ["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 5: [ADEQ Virtual Stakeholder Meeting – Yuma PM10 Draft AgBMP Rule Amendments](#)
- Feb 6: [AWRA 2026 Geospatial Water Technology Conference: Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies – Abstract Submission Deadline](#)
- Feb 10: WRRC Water Webinar Featuring Charles R. Stack, Vice-President, CTO, NeoChloris, Inc. – *Save the Date!*
- Feb 10: [Running on Empty: Facing Water Scarcity Across the Southwest – Session 2: Featuring Michael Crimmins, Climate Scientist, University of AZ](#)
- Feb 10: [Public Hearing and Arizona Water Protection Fund Grant Application Guidelines Request for Comments](#)
- Feb 10: [AHS Tucson Chapter Meeting: Continuous Monitoring of an Earth Fissure in Chino, California—A Management Tool](#)
- Feb 11: [The Cyborg Watershed of the American West: A Jones Studio Grand Challenges Lecture feat. Lauren Bon](#)
- Feb 12: [WRRC 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chocolate Fest](#)
- Feb 15: [Native Voices in Film Screening: The Return of Navajo Boy, an Official Selection of Sundance Film Festival and PBS](#)
- Feb 16: [AAWWA Wine, Women & Water Welcome Reception](#)
- Feb 17–18: [AAWWA Annual Meeting + Yuma Tour: Experience Arizona Agriculture & Water in Real Life](#)
- Feb 19: [Women Advancing River Research Webinar – “Troubled waters: Hidden challenges for water quality”](#)
- Feb 19: [Issues and Opportunities at Bartlett Dam: Exploring Impacts \(Featuring Haley Paul, Senior Director for Policy, Audubon Southwest\) – WRRC Co-sponsored Event](#)
- Feb 26: [Santa Cruz River Research Days: A Watershed of Protection – Call for Abstracts!](#)

MORE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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