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News



WRRC Offering Two Student Summer Internships

The WRRC is now accepting applications for two paid internships for Summer 2026. Both are open to current undergraduate and graduate students who will be enrolled at the U of A in the Fall 2026 semester. Applications for both are due **March 9, 2026**. Any eligible student may apply for either or both internships. Students applying to both internships must submit separate applications for each internship.

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USGS Webinar on National Water Availability Now Available

On January 13, the US Geological Survey (USGS) hosted a webinar demonstrating how to access and use new modeled water data delivered through the National Water Availability Assessment Data Companion (NWDC). The NWDC is a centralized website providing USGS model-derived water availability, supply, and use information that underlies the National Water Availability Assessment Report.

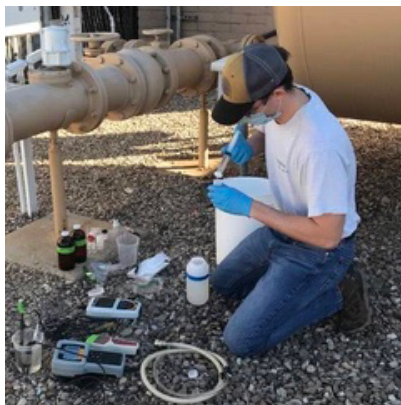
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CAGRDR Announces New Plan of Operations

After receiving approval from the Arizona Department of Water Resources last month, the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRDR) has announced the release of its 2025 Plan of Operations. Developed every 10 years, the plan of operations explains projected needs of CAGRDR members and demonstrates CAGRDR's ability to meet those needs.

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Study Finds Humans, Not Climate, Main Driver of Arizona Groundwater Loss

A recent study led by researchers at the University of Arizona finds that human groundwater pumping has played a larger role than long-term climate variability in depleting groundwater in southern Arizona. Published in *Water Resources Research*, the study reconstructs groundwater levels in the Tucson Basin over approximately the past 20,000 years using chemical and isotopic tracer data from wells.

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Events



APRIL 14–15

**University of Arizona
Student Union**
Tucson, Arizona

More Info Here!



wrrc.arizona.edu/conference



WRRC Water Webinar: Water Infrastructure Security since 9/11 - What's New, and Why?

Featuring Charles R. Stack, Vice-President, NeoChloris Inc.

Date: February 10, 2026

Time: 12:00–1:15 pm MST/Arizona Time

Location: Zoom

[More Info](#)



Running on Empty: Facing Water Scarcity Across the Southwest – Session 2: Arizona's Climate Story: Variability, Change, and What Comes Next

Featuring Michael Crimmins, Climate Scientist, University of Arizona

Date: February 10, 2026

Time: 6:00–7:30 pm MST/Arizona Time

Location: Kol Ami Synagogue & Zoom

[**More Info**](#)



WRRRC 22nd Annual Chocolate Fest

Get ready for a mouthwatering celebration, where chocolate lovers unite, and the WRRRC announces its 2025 photo contest winners!

Date: February 12, 2026

Time: 4:00–5:00 pm MST/Arizona Time

Location: WRRRC/Zoom

[**More Info**](#)

WRRRC Upcoming and Co-sponsored Events

Feb
19

Issues and Opportunities at Bartlett Dam: Exploring Impacts (Featuring Haley Paul, Senior Director for Policy, Audubon Southwest) – WRRRC Co-sponsored Event

Mar
16

ENVS Colloquium/Seminar on PFAS Featuring Sharon Udasin (3:00 MST) – WRRRC Co-sponsored Event

Apr
14–15

WRRRC 2026 Annual Conference: Water for Tech, Mining & Energy: Pathways to Arizona's Future

Other Events

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 WRRRC

- [WRRRC Director Quoted in Newsweek Article on Lake Mead Water Level Forecast](#)

Other News

- [CAP's General Manager Says Arizona Water Cuts Could Be "Devastating" \(ABC15\)](#)
- [Call for Student Papers: Central Arizona Project Award for Water Research](#)

Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

- [Arizona Project WET: Spring 2026 Water Festival Volunteers](#)
- [University of Minnesota Water Resources Center: Onsite Sewage Treatment Program Educator and Researcher](#)
- [WERI at University of Guam: Assistant Professor to Associate Professor \(Waste Management\)](#)
- [WERI at University of Guam: Assistant Professor to Associate Professor \(Geology\)](#)

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

Calendar Announcements

- 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: Water Infrastructure Security since 9/11 - What's New, and Why?; Featuring Charles R. Stack, Vice-President, NeoChloris, Inc.](#)
- Feb 10: [Running on Empty: Facing Water Scarcity Across the Southwest – Session 2: Arizona's Climate Story: Variability, Change, and What Comes Next; Featuring Michael Crimmins, Climate Scientist, University of Arizona](#)
- 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 22nd 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 19: [AZ Water Association – Arizona’s Water Future Workshop](#)
- Feb 26: [Santa Cruz River Research Days: A Watershed of Protection – Call for Abstracts!](#)

MORE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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