



## WEEKLY WAVE

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## News



### Reflections: Sharing Colorado River Shortages and Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>

Superstition considers **Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>** an unlucky day, a day for inauspicious happenings. Regarding the Colorado River, two concerning developments were announced on Friday, February 13, 2026. State officials from the seven US States sharing the Colorado River issued statements regarding the lack of agreement on a new framework for sharing Colorado River shortages when the current operating framework expires at the end of this year.



## Students Encouraged to Attend WRRC Annual Conference

This year, WRRC staff are working with Tribal and community colleges across Arizona, including Tohono O'odham Community College, Pima Community College, Diné College, and many more, to promote student attendance at the 2026 annual conference on April 14–15. The conference will be an amazing opportunity for students to learn about water and connect with professionals in the field. Discounted conference registration prices are available to students.

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## Research Associate Anna Msigwa Returns to WRRC

This month, the WRRC welcomes back Research Associate Anna Msigwa, who was previously hosted by the WRRC in January–February 2025 through the PEER2PEER fellowship program on a transboundary water security project. Now she rejoins the WRRC to conduct postdoctoral research supported by the Schlumberger Foundation's Faculty for the Future Program.

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## Study Shows Flood Insurance Depends on Data Analysis

A University of Arizona-led research team found that using different flood datasets for insurance decision-making can dramatically change when index-based flood insurance is paid out, how fast it is paid, and how predictable program costs are. These findings show that data choice can shape real world outcomes for

communities that rely on insurance as a financial safety net after disasters.

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## Events



**WRRC 2026** ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**APRIL 14–15**  
University of Arizona  
Student Union  
Tucson, Arizona

**WATER FOR TECH,  
MINING & ENERGY**  
PATHWAYS TO ARIZONA'S FUTURE

**More Info Here!**



wrrc.arizona.edu/conference



### **Overcoming the Stalemate on the Drying Tista River: Transboundary Water-sharing Challenges in South Asia – Udall Center/WRRC Co-sponsored Event**

*Featuring Kausik Ghosh, Assistant Professor,  
Department of Geography, Vidyasagar University  
(India)*

**Date:** February 23, 2026

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

**Location:** U of A Environment & Natural Resources 2  
(ENR2) Room S225 (1064 E. Lowell St., Tucson, AZ  
85719)

[More Info](#)



## **NVIS Spring 2026 Seminar: Partnering with Native American Students and Communities in Science and Training – WRRC Co-sponsored Event**

*Featuring Jani Ingram, Regents' Professor, Northern Arizona University*

**Date:** February 25, 2026

**Time:** 12:00–1:00 pm MST/Arizona Time

**Location:** [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)

### WRRC Upcoming and Co-sponsored Events

Mar  
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[ENVS Colloquium – Poisoning the Well: How Forever Chemicals Contaminated America](#) – WRRC Co-sponsored Event

Mar  
24

[WRRC Water Webinar: Delivering Reliable Water for Arizona Communities – EPCOR's Water Resources Plan](#)

Mar  
25

[NVIS Spring 2026 Seminar: Creating a Mindful Science: Through Indigenous Eyes](#) – WRRC Co-sponsored Event

Apr  
14–15

[WRRC 2026 Annual Conference: Water for Tech, Mining & Energy: Pathways to Arizona's Future](#)

Apr  
29

**NVIS Spring 2026 Seminar Featuring Conservation Scientist Hector Ortiz Cano, Chicago Botanic Garden – WRRC Co-sponsored Event**

### Other Events

Mar  
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[Running on Empty: Facing Water Scarcity Across the Southwest – Session 3: Featuring Chairman Austin Nunez, San Xavier District, Tohono O'odham Nation](#)

# Water News

- [WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal Quoted in Newsweek and AZPM about Colorado River/Lake Powell Water Levels](#)
- [New Paper from WRRC Research Associate on Navigating the Indus Waters Treaty and Peacebuilding](#)
- ["The Future of Water in Southern Arizona" – Recording of OLLI Talk by WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal](#)

## Others News

- [Water Worries Are Top of Mind for Arizonans, Poll Shows \(Axios Phoenix\)](#)
- [AWRA Announces Call for Topical Sessions for AWRA 2026](#)
- [Registration Open for the 6-Week Hybrid Non-Credit Course on Water and Society](#)
- [Register for U of A Earthweek Plenary Conference – Poster Session Abstracts Due March 10!](#)
- [Call for Abstracts – 2026 AHS Symposium; Student Stipends Available](#)
- [Registration Open for CALES Annual Research Showcase; Call for Abstracts, Judges, and Volunteers – Email \[zaidaz@arizona.edu\]\(mailto:zaidaz@arizona.edu\) for more info](#)
- [Curious Conversations Podcast: Landon Marston Talks About Data Centers and Water](#)

# Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

## 2026 WRRC Summer Arroyo Internship

The WRRC is offering a paid summer internship to an enrolled U of A undergraduate or graduate student to contribute to the creation of an issue of *Arroyo*, the annual WRRC publication that focuses on a critical Arizona water issue. This internship provides an opportunity to gain experience researching and writing about water issues. It is made possible by the generosity of Gene Sander and Louise M. Canfield-Sander, with the goal of fostering student research and engagement with water resources. [More Info](#)

## 2026 WRRC Water Outreach Internship

The WRRC is offering a paid summer internship to an enrolled U of A student to assist the Water Resources Research Center (WRRC) in updating information on its resources webpages about and from Arizona's water agencies and associations. This internship will expose the student to key state and regional water agencies, organizations, and associations, and the work will assist the public in understanding their roles and the information they share. It is made possible by the generosity of David Wegner, in support of the WRRC

and its goal of mentoring students interested in careers in water resources.

### [More Info](#)

- [ADWR: Water Resources Specialist 3 \(AMA Section\)](#)
- [Udall Center: Mo's Policy Scholars 15-Week Paid Research Mentorship for U of A Juniors and Seniors](#)
- [University of Maryland: Assistant Professor in Water Resources Engineering](#)

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

## Calendar Announcements

- Feb 23: [Overcoming the Stalemate on the Drying Tista River: Transboundary Water-sharing Challenges in South Asia – Udall Center/WRRC Co-sponsored Event](#)
- Feb 24: [One Water Leadership Webinar: Skills for Navigating Barriers and Driving Progress](#)
- Feb 25: [HAS Weekly Talk by Armin Sorooshian: Reflecting on Two Decades of Flying In and Out of Clouds \(2026 AMS Walter Orr Roberts Lecture\)](#)
- Feb 25: [NVIS Spring 2026 Seminar: Partnering with Native American Students and Communities in Science and Training – WRRC Co-sponsored Event](#)
- Feb 26: [EPA Office of Water Emergency Response and Cybersecurity Webinar: Water and Wastewater Sector Threat Briefing](#)
- Feb 26: [Santa Cruz River Research Days: A Watershed of Protection – Call for Abstracts!](#)
- Feb 28: [INITIATE for PhD: A Global Network for Water Research – Cohort 2026 Application Deadline](#)
- Feb 28: [AW4A 2026 Photo Contest – Submission Deadline](#)
- Mar 3: [Growing Water Smart Peer Network Webinar: Local Policies for Large Water Users](#)
- Mar 3–5: [RiversEdge West 2026 Biennial Riparian Restoration Conference](#)
- Mar 5–6: [Sustainable Water Investment Summit 2026](#)
- Mar 6: [2026 GSA Birdsall-Dreiss Lecture by Michael Sukop: The Enigmatic Biscayne Aquifer: Field, Laboratory, and Computational Approaches \(In-Person Event\)](#)
- Mar 6: [Water Whys Talk with Jessica Sickler -- Slowing Down to See More: Using the Arts to Improve Scientific Data Literacy](#)

**MORE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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