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Early Bird Conference Registration Ends Soon!

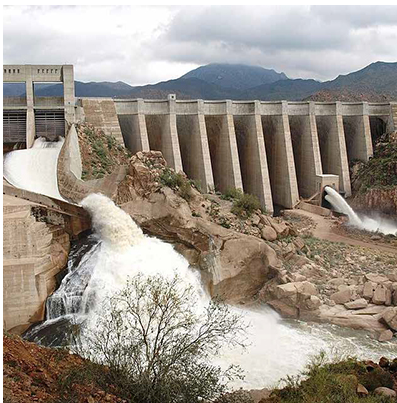
Don't delay — register now for the **WRRRC 2026 Annual Conference**, *Water for Tech, Mining & Energy: Pathways to Arizona's Future*, taking place on April 14–15, 2026, at the University of Arizona Student Union Memorial Center. You can still buy reduced-price tickets at \$180 through Monday, March 2, after which the price increases to \$200.



WRRC 2026 Conference Opens with Future Predictions and Sector Introductions

Day 1 of the WRRC 2026 Annual Conference will open with a forward-looking keynote and a foundational session designed to orient participants to the industries influencing Arizona's economic and water future. Together, these sessions will provide both global context and practical understanding to support the discussions that follow throughout the conference.

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Presentation Explores Impact of Proposed Changes to Bartlett Dam

On February 19, WRRC and the Arizona Institute for Resilience Center for Climate Adaption Science & Solutions co-hosted a presentation by Audubon Southwest Senior Director for Policy Haley Paul, titled "Issues and Opportunities at Bartlett Dam: Exploring Impacts." Paul was joined by Salt River Project (SRP) Senior Engineer Olivia Galvan, who discussed details of the planning process.

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WRRC Welcomes New Graduate Student

The WRRC is pleased to welcome David Moore as a Graduate Research Associate this spring semester! David will assist with the creation of factsheets on Green Stormwater Infrastructure, highlighting the development process of Stone Dip Pocket Park in the Town of Superior.

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Events



Running on Empty: Facing Water Scarcity Across the Southwest – Session 3: Water Issues in Our Community

Featuring Chairman Austin Nunez, San Xavier District, Tohono O'odham Nation

Date: March 10, 2026

Time: 6:00–7:30 pm MST/Arizona Time

Location: Kol Ami Synagogue (225 N Country Club Rd, Tucson, AZ) & [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)



ENVS Spring 2026 Colloquium – Poisoning the Well: How Forever Chemicals Contaminated America – WRRRC Co-sponsored Event

Featuring Sharon Udasin, Environmental Journalist and Author

Date: March 16, 2026

Time: 3:00–4:00 pm MST/Arizona Time

Location: ENR2 Room S225 (1064 E. Lowell Street, Tucson, AZ) & [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)

WRRRC Upcoming and Co-sponsored Events

Mar
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[MDPI World Water Day Webinar 2026: Water for All People – Governance, Security, and Access](#) (9:00 am MST) – WRRRC Co-sponsored Event

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

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

Apr
14–15

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

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

Water News

From the WRRC

- WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal Quoted in [Newsweek](#) and [AZPM](#) about Colorado River/Lake Powell Water Levels

Others News

- [Preparing for Much Less Colorado River Includes Wise Legislation \(AMWUA Blog\)](#)
- [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 for more info

Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

2026 WRRRC Summer Arroyo Internship

The WRRRC 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 WRRRC 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.

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- [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 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](#)
- Mar 7: [El Rio Vivo Art & Music Festival](#)
- Mar 8–14: [National Groundwater Awareness Week](#)
- Mar 10: [Running on Empty: Facing Water Scarcity Across the Southwest – Session 3: Water Issues in Our Community](#)
- Mar 10: [U of A Earthweek Plenary Conference – Abstract Deadline](#)
- Mar 10: [AHS Tucson Chapter Meeting: Arizona Politics and the Colorado Compact](#)

- Mar 12: [AZ Water 2026 PFAS Forum](#)
- Mar 13: [7th Annual 2026 Arizona Agribusiness Roundtable](#)
- Mar 15: [Summer School H2O'Lyon – ZABR, Gravel Bed Rivers: Ecology, Management and Relationships with Society – Application Deadline](#)
- Mar 16: [ENVS Colloquium – Poisoning the Well: How Forever Chemicals Contaminated America – WRRRC Co-sponsored Event](#)
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