



## WEEKLY WAVE

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## News



## Reflections: About World Water Day 2026

The first of my **Reflections essays**, dated March 22, 2019, commemorated World Water Day. Since then, I have acknowledged World Water Day, for which UN Water designates a different theme annually, through a *Reflections* essay and/or program participation. The theme of World Water Day 2026 is Water and Gender, with the tagline "Where water flows, equality grows." Also associated with World Water Day is the release of the annual World Water Assessment Report by UNESCO's World Water Assessment Programme. This year's report is titled *Water for All People: Equal Rights*

and Opportunities. With World Water Day, March 22, 2026, falling on a Sunday, related activities are spanning several days.

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## Conference Standard Registration Rates Extended Through April 3

The deadline to register for the WRRC 2026 conference at the standard registration rate has been extended! Interested readers can register for the **[WRRC 2026 Annual Conference](#)**, *Water for Tech, Mining & Energy: Pathways to Arizona's Future*, taking place on April 14–15, 2026, with the standard ticket rate of \$200 now through Friday, April 3.

Thereafter, attendees can still register for the late rate of \$225. Discounted, pre-paid parking is available until Monday, March 30.

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## WRRC Webinar Celebrates World Water Day

March 22 is designated by UN Water as annual World Water Day, with the 2026 theme being "Water and Gender." World Water Day is coupled each year with the release of the World Water Development Report, this year titled *Water for all people: Equal rights and opportunities*. To explore these important themes, MDPI Water and the WRRC collaborated to deliver the March 23, 2026, webinar, "Water for All People – Governance, Security, and Access."

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## Conference to Close with Tribal Perspectives and Key Takeaways

At the conclusion of the WRRC 2026 annual conference, two presentations will offer important perspectives on the current and future challenges and opportunities of industrial water use. A Tribal keynote and a conference wrap-up will help conference participants reflect on the broader implications of the discussions and carry key insights forward. Register now to hear these presentations and more at the WRRC 2026 annual conference on April 14–15.

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## Article Addresses Current Colorado River Negotiations

In a recent article published in academic news outlet *The Conversation*, WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal and co-author Colorado Water Center Director Karen Schlatter address the complex issues surrounding ongoing Colorado River negotiations.

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# Upcoming Events



## WRRC Water Webinar: Regional Water Supply Planning Update by City of Flagstaff

- *Erin Young, Water Resources Section Director, City of Flagstaff*
- *Lee Williams, Water Services Director, City of Flagstaff*
- *Kevin Black, Consultant to City of Flagstaff, MBARK Consulting LLC*

**Date:** April 22, 2026

**Time:** 12:00–1:15 pm MST/Arizona Time

Location: [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)



## NVIS Spring 2026 Seminar: Building Bridges Between Plant Cultural Knowledge and Conservation Science – WRRRC Co-sponsored Event

*Featuring Hector Ortiz Cano, Conservation Scientist, Chicago Botanic Garden*

**Date:** April 29, 2026

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

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

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A banner for the WRRC 2026 Annual Conference. The top left section is dark blue with the text "WRRC 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE" in white. Below this is a graphic of three water droplets: the first is blue with a circuit board icon, the second is brown with a mountain range icon, and the third is yellow with a power plug icon. Below the droplets, the text reads "WATER FOR TECH, MINING &amp; ENERGY" in bold black letters, followed by "PATHWAYS TO ARIZONA'S FUTURE" in blue. The right side of the banner has a light brown background with the text "APRIL 14–15" in large bold letters, followed by "University of Arizona Student Union" and "Tucson, Arizona" in smaller text. Below this is a blue section with the text "More Info Here!" and a circular QR code. At the bottom of the QR code section is the URL "wrrc.arizona.edu/conference".

## Water News

From the WRRC

- [\*\*"Why Colorado River Negotiations Stalled, and How They Could Resume With the Possibility of Agreement,"\*\*](#) by K. Schlatter and S.B. Megdal, published by *The Conversation* (March 20, 2026)
- WRRC Director Megdal Interviewed on The Press Room: [\*\*"What Could Be the Consequences for Arizona's Water Supply After Colorado River Negotiations Failed?"\*\*](#) (Aired by Arizona Public Media March 20, 2026)
- [\*\*"Tribal Water Rights Settlement Acts in Arizona and Their Impacts on Water Security,"\*\*](#) by A. Menjivar, S.B. Megdal, and H. Whiteman Runs Him, published in *Water* 18(6), 741, Special issue on Working Across Borders to Address Water Scarcity (March 2026)

- [WRRC Director Interviewed on Morning Wave in Busan About "The Global Challenge Behind World Water Day"](#)
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## Other News

- [As Early Season Heat Wipes Out Sierra Snowpack, Can a New Approach Help California Catch More Runoff? \(Western Water\)](#)
- [CAP 2025 Annual Water Quality Report Now Available](#)
- [Call for Applications: WaterReuse Arizona 2026 Scholarships](#)
- [Haury Program Awards \\$230,000 in Gap Funding for U of A Indigenous Environmental Resilience Research](#)
- [Gov Hobbs Makes Pitch for Arizona's Share of Colorado River Water \(AZ Daily Star\)](#)
- [UNESCO Releases UN World Water Development Report 2026 – Water for All People: Equal Rights and Opportunities](#)
- [UA Haury Program to Honor Navajo Nation Dept of Water Resources Library Preservation Project Team at 2026 Haury Indigenous Leadership Awards Celebration](#)

## Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

- [Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center: Natural Resource Workforce Development Fellowship](#)
- [Sulphur Springs Water Alliance: Facilitator for Cooperative Watershed Management Planning \(RFP\)](#)

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

## Calendar Announcements

- Mar 30: [Udall Center: Mo's Policy Scholars 15-Week Paid Research Mentorship for U of A Juniors and Seniors – Application Deadline Extended!](#)
- Mar 31: [Open House: Prescott Valley Conservation Plans](#)
- Mar 31–Apr 2: [BSMAR 19 Symposium – Building Resiliency with MAR: Convey, Store and Deliver – Save the Date!](#)
- Apr 1: [HAS Weekly Talk by Grover Swartzlander: Preparing for Future Whole Earth Sunshades \(Earth Cup L1 Project\)](#)

- **Apr 2: Sahuarita Town Hall: About Water Presentation**
- **Apr 3: Water Whys Talk with U of A Assistant Professors Sandra Bae and Takanori Fujiwara -- Communicating Complex Data through 3D Representation: Examples of Planetarium Visualizations and Data Physicalizations**
- **Apr 3: David R. Maidment Award for Exemplary Contributions to Water Resources Data and Information Systems — *Nomination Deadline***
- **Apr 7: Beavers on the Verde: Lunch & Learn Webinar**
- **Apr 8: 2026 Haury Indigenous Leadership Awards Celebration**
- **Apr 10: ADEQ Virtual Public Hearing on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the Upper Verde River Outstanding Arizona Water Nomination**
- **Apr 10: AWRA 2026 Annual Water Resources Conference – *Topical Session Deadline***
- **Apr 10: Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center: Natural Resource Workforce Development Fellowship – *Application Deadline***
- **Apr 11: Arizona Water Awareness Month Festival**
- **Apr 11: Rio Reimagined Salt River Earth Day Clean-Up**
- **Apr 11: Diving into Prescott's Healthy Lakes Program**
- **Apr 14–15: WRRRC 2026 Annual Conference: Water for Tech, Mining & Energy: Pathways to Arizona's Future**

MORE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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