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News



Get Ready for the Monsoon: Events and Activities for Weather Enthusiasts

Each summer, people across the Southwest watch the sky for signs of the annual monsoon. These storms provide Arizona and New Mexico with more than half of their yearly rainfall, bringing much-needed moisture, dramatic lightning displays, and a welcome break from extreme heat. For weather enthusiasts, photographers, scientists, and curious community members alike, local events and activities offer opportunities to celebrate, learn about, and engage with others over the Southwest monsoon.

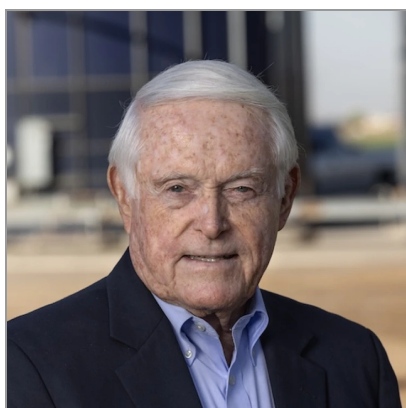
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WRRC Welcomes New Summer Interns

The WRRC is pleased to introduce two new students who have recently joined our team — Carolaine James, who is our Water Outreach Summer Intern, and Lauren Yeager, who joins us as the *Arroyo* Summer Intern and will assist in the development of our 2027 *Arroyo* publication.

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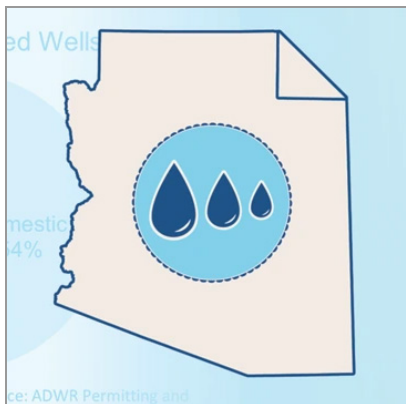


Ronald Rayner Receives Honorary Doctorate at U of A Commencement

At the University of Arizona's Spring 2026 commencement ceremony, F. Ronald "Ron" Rayner, a long-time friend of the WRRC and pillar of Arizona's agricultural community, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science from the College of Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences (CALES).

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Events



WRRC Water Webinar: Arizona Water Conservation Factsheets – A Project Funded by WIFA

Date: June 30, 2026

Time: 12:00–1:15 pm MST/Arizona Time

Location: [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)

Upcoming WRRRC and Co-Sponsored Events

Jul
16

[Growing Water Smart Peer Network Webinar: Colorado River Negotiations; Featuring WRRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal and Karen Schlatter, Director of the Colorado Water Center](#) – *WRRRC Co-Sponsored Event*

Aug
13

[WRRRC Water Webinar: Arizona Tri-University Recharge and Water Reliability Project \(ATUR\)](#) – *Save the Date!*

Other Events

Aug
13–14

[CLE's 34th Annual SuperConference – Arizona Water Law: A Watershed Moment](#)

Sep
28–29

[CLE's 14th Annual Tribal Water Law Conference – Beyond the Settlement Table: Rights in a Post-Cooperation Era](#)

Water News

- [Colorado River States Inch Closer to Court Battle as Water Experts Testify in DC \(KJZZ\)](#)
- [Southwest Water Leaders Sign MOU to Explore Framework for Interstate Exchanges \(AZ Water News\)](#)
- [US Supreme Court Settles Long-Running Water Dispute Over Dwindling Rio Grande \(AP News\)](#)
- [ADEQ Expands Arizona's Fish Consumption Advisory Program to Include PFOS](#)
- [USGS National Water Availability Assessment Data Companion](#)
- [New Indigenous Water Podcast: Listening to the Ripples](#)
- [New Report Released by U of A Cooperative Extension: Tribal Agriculture in Arizona: An Economic Contribution Analysis](#)
- [Value of Water Campaign Calls for Cross-Sector Partnerships, Sustained Infrastructure Investment Following Infrastructure Week 2026 \(Water Online\)](#)

Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

- [Audubon Southwest: Arizona Water Policy Fellow](#)

- [Arizona Water Protection Fund Accepting Applications for Fiscal Year 2027 Grant Cycle](#)
- [City of Glendale Water Services Department: Water Resources Analyst](#)
- [City of Surprise: Water Conservation Specialist](#)
- [Fort Lewis College: Director – Four Corners Water Center](#)
- [Kentucky Water Research Institute: Kentucky River Basin Coordinator](#)
- [OpenET: Project & Operations Coordinator](#)
- [USDA NRCS AZ Watersheds: Civil Engineer \(Hydraulics/Hydrologic\)](#)

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

Calendar Announcements

- June 16: [Intermountain West Drought Update and Outlook Webinar](#)
- Jun 22–25: [A Meeting of Sacred Waters 2026: Remembering the Past into the Present](#)
- Jun 25: [ADEQ Advanced Water Purification \(AWP\) Implementation Update Rulemaking](#)
- Jun 27: [Monsoon Con 2026](#)
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