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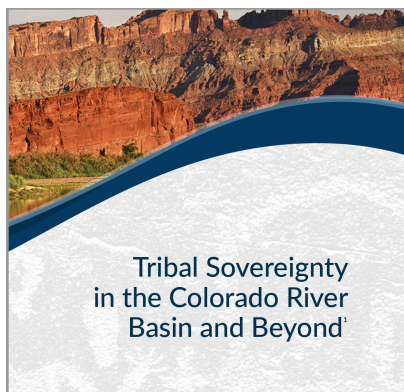
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Kohinoor Kar, David Quanrud,
Bert Bell, Wendy Islas. WRRC 2025
Photo Contest Winners.



Grab Your Cameras for WRRC's 2026 Photo Contest!

The WRRC Annual Photo Contest is back! This year's theme is *Water in Focus*. Use your artistic and technical abilities to express how water transforms our world and how people transform water. From ANY LOCATION, we invite you to show us how water connects to people, nature, the built environment, and agriculture.

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WTI Releases Policy Brief on Tribal Sovereignty

The Water & Tribes Initiative (WTI) recently published a new policy brief, titled *Tribal Sovereignty in the Colorado River Basin and Beyond*. It begins by placing Tribal sovereignty in historical context, noting that “Native peoples have existed within self-governing political communities in North America for a very long time—millennia before Europeans arrived on the continent.”

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Colorado River Negotiations Discussed at WRRC Co-sponsored Webinar

On Thursday, July 16, a Growing Water Smart Peer Network Webinar featured a discussion of “Colorado River Negotiations.” Hosted by the Sonoran Institute and the Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy, the webinar was co-sponsored by the WRRC and the Colorado Water Center at Colorado State University. WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal and Karen Schlatter, Director of the Colorado Water Center at Colorado State University, provided presentations followed by a question-and-answer session with attendees.

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Tucson Receives AWS Designation from ADWR

This month, the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) approved Tucson Water's assured water supply (AWS) designation for the next ten years, determining that Tucson residents would have at least 166,000 acre-feet of water annually for the next century.

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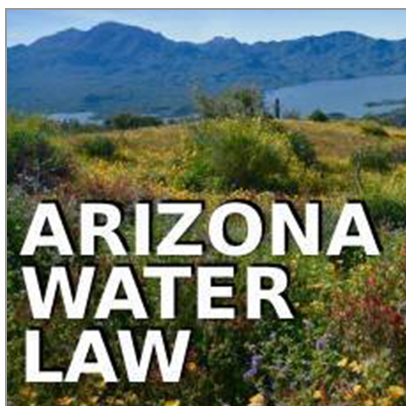
WRRC Water Webinar: A Guide to Key Findings of the Arizona Tri-University Recharge and Water Reliability (ATUR) Project Report

Date: August 13, 2026

Time: 12:00–1:15 pm MST/Arizona Time

Location: [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)



CLE's 34th Annual SuperConference – Arizona Water Law: A Watershed Moment

Date: August 13–14, 2026

Location: [Caesar's Republic Scottsdale](#)

[More Info](#)

Upcoming WRRC and Co-Sponsored Events

Oct
27

[WRRC Water Webinar: Tribal Sovereignty in the Colorado River Basin & Beyond](#) – *Save the Date!*

SAVE the DATE

WRRC 2027
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

APRIL
26–27

Other Events

Sep
28–29

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

Water News

From the WRRC

- [U of A News Article on WRRC's Arizona Water Conservation Factsheets](#)

Other Water News'

- [Historically Low Water Level in Two Crucial US Reservoirs Threatens Water and Power for Millions \(CNN\)](#)
- Call for Abstracts for Two 2026 AGU Annual Meeting Sessions: [H148: Water and Society: Innovations in Transboundary Water Resources Management](#) and [H077: Heavily Stressed Aquifers Under Agricultural, Human, and Energy Demands: Processes, Impacts, and Sustainability Pathways](#)
- [USGS National Water Availability Assessment Data Companion Now Features Interactive Map](#)
- [Maps Show States at Risk as US Monsoon Arrives \(Newsweek\)](#)
- [Arizona Tri-University Recharge and Water Reliability Project Report](#)

Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

WRRC Postings:

The U of A Water Resources Research Center is seeking an [AmeriCorps Member](#) with interest and experience related to water and/or environmental topics to assist with the Center's outreach programs. We are particularly

interested in applicants with strong writing skills. Applicants are encouraged to visit the WRRRC website for more information on WRRRC programs and activities.

External Postings:

- [Arizona Water Company: Water Conservation Specialist](#)
- [Arizona Water Company: Water Resources Analyst](#)
- [City of Peoria: Water Conservation Specialist](#)
- [Ft Lewis College: Director — Four Corners Water Center \(Deadline Extended\)](#)
- [New Mexico Office of the State Engineer: Hydrographic Survey Supervisor](#)
- [Pima County: Wastewater Maintenance Supervisor](#)
- [University of Minnesota Water Resources Center: Education and Outreach Manager](#)
- [Water Education Foundation: News & Publications Director](#)

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

Calendar Announcements

- Aug 8: [CWAG Program: Multidecade Drought, Climate Change, and Arizona's Water Resources](#)
- Aug 11: [Arizona Town Hall: Cross-Border Connecting: Ensuring Our Water Future](#)
- Aug 12: [Groundwater Resources Association of California GRACast: Lessons Learned Over 25 Years of Subsidence Management](#)
- Aug 13: [WRRRC Water Webinar: Arizona Tri-University Recharge and Water Reliability Project \(ATUR\) – Save the Date!](#)
- Aug 13–14: [CLE's 34th Annual SuperConference – Arizona Water Law: A Watershed Moment](#)

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