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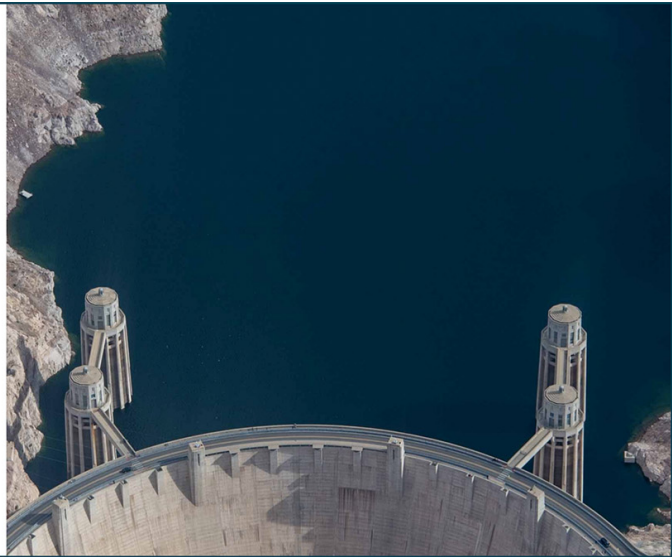


News



— BUREAU OF —
RECLAMATION

**Final Environmental
Impact Statement**



Reclamation Releases Colorado River FEIS

On July 31, 2026, the US Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) released the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Post-2026 Operational Guidelines and Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead. The FEIS describes the proposed new guidelines and coordinated management strategies that will take effect when the current agreements expire at the end of 2026.

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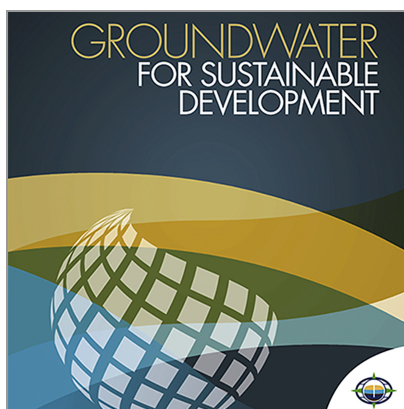
WRRC Director Calls for 2027 Spring Semester Sabbatical Engagement

A message from Sharon B. Megdal, Director, University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center

I am pleased to announce my sabbatical plans for the **Spring 2027 semester (January – May 2027)**.

Through invited lectures, I aim to achieve the goals of my sabbatical, which are (1) to share information and perspectives regarding water policy and management from my applied research, teaching, and Extension experiences and (2) to learn from my visits and interactions. I hope to deliver lectures in Arizona, elsewhere in the US, and internationally.

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Study on Water Banking and Groundwater Security Published

A new research article, published in the August 2026 issue of *Groundwater for Sustainable Development*, highlights the role water banking can play in strengthening groundwater supplies during drought and under a changing climate.

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Events



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

Sep
8

[WRRC Water Webinar on Data Centers and Water Use;
Featuring David Ebert, Chief AI and Data Science Officer,
University of Arizona](#) – *Save the Date!*

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

WEEKLY WAVE



THE WEEKLY WAVE WILL BE BACK ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 21!

From the WRRC

- [WRRC Director Video: Thoughts about the Colorado River](#)
- [WRRC Director Video: Thoughts about the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Colorado River](#)
- [WRRC Director Calls for 2027 Spring Semester Sabbatical Engagement](#)
- [WRRC Director Co-authored Op-Ed on Colorado River Shortages](#)
- [U of A News Article on WRRC's Arizona Water Conservation Factsheets](#)

Other Water News

- [Dwindling Colorado River Creates Water, Power Challenges for the Western US \(The Hill\)](#)
- [Applications Being Accepted for Water Management Certificate Program Cohort XIV](#)
- 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](#)

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 WRRC website for more information on WRRC programs and activities. [More Info](#)

External Postings:

- [City of Tucson: Lead Hydrologist](#)
- [Clemson University: Executive Director of the South Carolina Water Resources Center](#)
- [Pima County: Wastewater Maintenance Supervisor](#)
- [Sonoran Institute Director – Growing Water Smart](#)
- [University of Wisconsin Aquatic Sciences Center: Associate Director for Outreach and Engagement](#)
- [USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service: Civil Engineer \(Hydraulics/Hydrologic\)](#)

Please visit the [WRRC'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: [WRRC 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](#)
- Sep 8: [WRRC Water Webinar on Data Centers and Water Use; Featuring David Ebert, Chief AI and Data Science Officer, University of Arizona – Save the Date!](#)
- Sep 9–11: [Arizona Hydrological Society 37th Annual Symposium](#)
- Sep 15: [State of the Verde Watershed Conference 2026: One Watershed, Many Voices: Science, Policy, and People](#)

MORE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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