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News



WRRC Welcomes New and Returning Grad Students

The WRRC is pleased to welcome four graduate students for the Fall 2026 semester. Rostam Cole, Lizeth Lopez, and Marjorie Robinson are new to the WRRC. Additionally, our [**2026 Summer Outreach Intern**](#) Caroline James is returning in a new role as a Graduate Research Assistant. She will assist with various research and communications activities, including writing for the *Weekly Wave*.



Nevada Sues Over New Colorado River Plan's 'Devastating' Cuts

Nevada officials filed [a lawsuit](#) on August 24 challenging the federal government's plan to deal with water shortages on the Colorado River. The plan, which was released on July 31 and officially adopted three days prior to the suit, includes heavy mandatory water cuts for the Lower Basin States of Nevada, Arizona, and California. No cuts were imposed on the Upper Basin States of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Wyoming.

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U of A Study Finds Critical Safe Water Access & Affordability Needs in Southern AZ

Water-insecure Southern Arizona residents are well aware of the region's water scarcity and are already taking steps to conserve. What they're asking for, according to a June 2026 report from the U of A's Center for Regional Food Studies, is safe, affordable drinking water and greater transparency about how water is managed.

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Where Are They Now?

Former WRRC Student Now Serving in Ethiopia

Noah Rios, former WRRC Graduate Research Assistant and Peace Corps Coverdell Fellow, is continuing his commitment to public service on the global stage.

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Events



WRRC Water Webinar: Innovations in Sustainable Data Centers in Arid Environments

Featuring David Ebert, Chief AI and Data Science Officer, University of Arizona

Date: September 8, 2026

Time: 12:00–1:15 pm MST/Arizona Time

Location: [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)

Upcoming WRRC/Co-sponsored Events

Oct
27

[WRRC Water Webinar: Tribal Sovereignty in the Colorado River Basin & Beyond](#)

SAVE the DATE

WRRC 2027
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

APRIL
26–27

Other Events

Water News

WRRC Water News

- [WRRC Director Quoted in ABC News Article: Lake Powell, Nation's Second-Largest Reservoir, Hits Record-Low Level](#)
- [WRRC Research Associate Publication: Indus Waters Sharing and Governance: The Jammu and Kashmir Perspective](#)
- [WRRC Research Associate Publication: Water as a Weapon: Water Insecurity and the Politics of Genocide in Rohingya Settlements in Myanmar](#)

Other Water News

- [Call for Abstracts: AZ Water Association's 100th Annual Conference & Exhibition – A Century of Water; Connecting Our Past to Arizona's Future](#)
- [Arizona Can Survive Colorado River Cuts for Now, But Will Need Help \(AZ Republic\)](#)
- [Reclamation Announces Two-Year Operating Plan for Colorado River](#)
- [Tipping Point: A River Reimagined \(PBS News Special\)](#)
- [California Water Projects Could Boost Arizona's Colorado River Supply \(AZ Republic\)](#)
- Call for [Special Sessions](#) and [Award Nominations](#) for 2027 UCOWN/NIWR Annual Conference

Water Jobs & Other Opportunities



WRRC 2026 Photo Contest

**WATER
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Submit your photos today!

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:

- [**ADWR: Deputy Assistant Director \(Colorado River Section\)**](#)
- [**ADWR: Deputy Assistant Director \(Water Planning & Permitting Division\)**](#)
- [**ADWR: Water Resources Manager Senior \(AAWS\)**](#)
- [**ADWR: Water Resources Supervisor \(Colorado River Section\)**](#)
- [**ADWR: Water Resources Manager Senior \(Recharge and Recovery\)**](#)
- [**City of Tucson: Senior Engineering Technician**](#)
- **Texas A&M University: Texas Water Resource Institute** [**Associate Director**](#) or [**Assistant Director**](#)
- [**University of Guam: Water and Environmental Research Institute Associate Director**](#)

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

Calendar Announcements

- Sep 8: [**WRRC Water Webinar: Innovations in Sustainable Data Centers in Arid Environments**](#)
- Sep 9–12: [**Arizona Hydrological Society 37th Annual Symposium**](#)
- Sep 15: [**State of the Verde Watershed Conference 2026: One Watershed, Many Voices: Science, Policy, and People**](#)
- Sep 18: [**2026 Agribusiness Water Council Annual Meeting & Water Conference: Securing Arizona's Future**](#)
- Sep 21: [**AZ Water Association's 100th Annual Conference & Exhibition – A Century of Water: Connecting Our Past to Arizona's Future – Learning Exchange & Workshop Abstract Submission Deadline**](#)
- Sep 23: [**Udall Center Event: The Past, Present, and Future of PFAS in Arizona**](#)
- Sep 28: [**2027 UCOWR/NIWR Annual Water Resources Conference – Special Session Proposal Deadline**](#)

- Sep 28–29: [CLE's 14th Annual Tribal Water Law Conference – Beyond the Settlement Table: Rights in a Post-Cooperation Era](#)

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