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News

INNOVATIONS IN SUSTAINABLE DATA CENTERS IN ARID ENVIRONMENTS

WRRRC Webinar Explores Tech Innovation and Data Center Sustainability

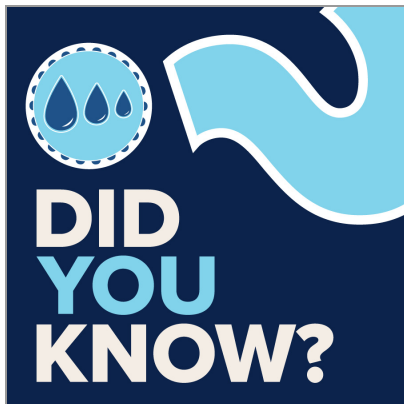
The data center debate has taken off in recent years as demand for AI increases and communities grapple with the facilities' environmental consequences and high energy needs. According to David Ebert, U of A's Chief AI and Data Science Officer, data centers are here to stay, but their design isn't set in stone; ongoing technological innovation could make data centers more energy efficient, allowing them to conserve water.



U of A Unveils New Campus Building Signs Featuring CRIT Languages

The U of A honored the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) on September 4 with the unveiling of four new monument signs featuring the four languages represented by CRIT: Chemehuevi, Navajo, Hopi, and Mohave. CRIT Chairwoman Amelia Flores joined members of the Tribal Council and university leaders for the celebration. WRRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal attended the Forbes Building ceremony and introduced Chairwoman Flores. Remarks were also given by George Smith, dean of the College of Agriculture, Life, and Environmental Sciences.

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Arizona Water Conservation Factsheets ... Did You Know?

For small community water systems (SCWS), voluntary water conservation programs are critical to regional groundwater sustainability.

Arizona has been in a drought since the 1990s. Today, increasing temperatures, a growing population, and declining groundwater levels exacerbate the scarcity of our state's water resources.

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WRRC Holds Welcome Event for New & Returning Students

On Tuesday, September 8, the WRRC held a small meet-and-greet event to welcome our new and returning students. The gathering also included faculty, staff, and Designated Campus Colleagues. We shared light refreshments and took the opportunity to get to know each other. Thanks to everyone who attended for helping us kick off a new semester!

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Events



Native Voices in STEM Fall 2026 Webinar: Food Sovereignty & Personal Transformation – WRRC Co-sponsored Event

Featuring Eric Shin, Executive Director, Nalwoodi Denzhone Community

Date: September 16, 2026

Time: 12:00–1:00 pm MST/Arizona Time

Location: [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)



Native Voices in STEM Fall 2026: Kaij T-so:son (Emerging Seed): The Stewardship of O'odham Food, Land and Water – WRRC Co-sponsored Event

Featuring Amy Juan, Administration Manager, San Xavier Co-Op Farm

Date: October 14, 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](#)

Nov
18

[Native Voices in STEM Fall 2026: Cultivating Community & Land Restoration Using Traditional Foods – WRRC Co-sponsored Event](#)

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

WRRC Water News

- [WRRC Research Associated Article in Frontiers in Water: Applying Maslow's Hierarchy to the Sociology of Water: A Study of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in the Indian Context](#)
- [UA News Q&A with WRRC Director Megdal: Water Wisdom Following the New Colorado River Framework](#)
- [The Morning Voice Radio Show: WRRC Director Megdal Interviewed about Colorado River Plan](#)

Other Water News

- [Mexico to Share Colorado River Cuts \(Arizona Republic\)](#)
- [US Water Alliance Releases New Communications Toolkit to Help Utility and Community Leaders Explain the Value and Cost of Water Services](#)
- [Colorado River Cuts Won't Be as Big as They Seem — Here's Why \(Arizona Daily Star\)](#)
- [Lead a Sustainability Project – Apply for \\$500–\\$50,000 in Funding!](#)

- [SW US Mine Rush Collides with Water Limits \(The Northern Miner\)](#)

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:

- [EPA Innovative Water Infrastructure Workforce Development Grant](#)
- [Lincoln Institute of Land Policy: Director, Water Policy](#)

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

Calendar Announcements

- Sep 15: [State of the Verde Watershed Conference 2026: One Watershed, Many Voices: Science, Policy, and People](#)
- Sep 16: [Native Voices in Stem Fall 2026 Seminar: Featuring Eric Shin, Executive Director, Nalwoodi Denzhone Community – WRRC Co-sponsored Event](#)
- Sep 17: [Flood-MAR Network Workshop: A New Era of California Water Planning](#)
- 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 23: [Arizona Irrigation Association Event: Water Utility Conservation Programs – In Person at Maricopa County Cooperative Extension Office](#)
- 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](#)
- Oct 4: [U of A Campus Sustainability Fund 2026–2027 Mini Grants and Indigenous Mini Grants – Application Deadline](#)
- Oct 8: [AZ Water Association 2026 Stormwater Workshop](#)
- Oct 14: [Native Voices in STEM Fall 2026: Kaij T-so:son \(Emerging Seed\): The Stewardship of O'odham Food, Land and Water – WRRC Co-sponsored Event](#)
- Oct 15: [Imagine a Day Without Water](#)

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