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News



WRRC 2027 Annual Conference to Highlight Water Conservation and Innovation

The WRRC 2027 Annual Conference is in development, with a working title of Water Conservation and Innovation for a Resilient Arizona. Mark your calendars — the event will be held April 26–27 at the University of Arizona Student Union in Tucson, Arizona. The program will explore conservation in the face of Colorado River shortages and

declining groundwater levels. We will highlight innovative case studies, policies, planning processes, demand management, technological approaches, and other strategies across all sectors for adapting to Arizona's evolving water realities. In addition to in-person attendance, a non-interactive free Zoom livestream will be available.

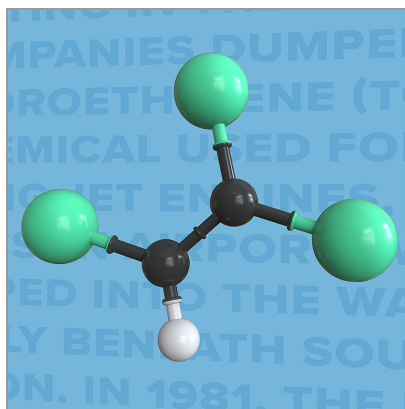
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U of A Recognized for Sustainability

The University of Arizona is among only 14 institutions to receive the Carnegie Elective Classification for Sustainability in 2026, the inaugural year of the sustainability classification.

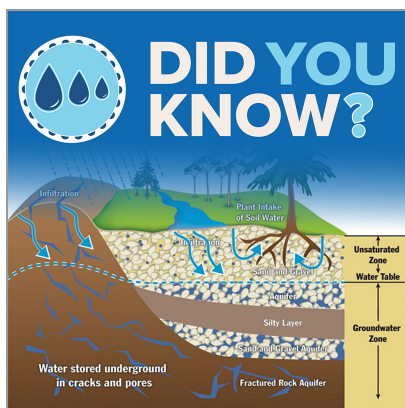
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U of A Study Finds Lasting Psychological Impacts from Environmental Contamination

A **study** by researchers at Skidmore College and the University of Arizona, published in August 2026 in the *Journal of Health Psychology*, revealed long-lasting mental health harms from chronic environmental contamination across generations in affected communities and impacts on their collective identity.

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Arizona Water Conservation Factsheets ... Did You Know?

Groundwater Conservation Can Protect Arizona's Riparian Resources

In the Southwest, famous for its dry climate, riparian areas—ecosystems supported by rivers and streams—occupy only a small fraction of the landscape but

serve as lifelines, supporting most of the region's biodiversity.

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Events



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

Featuring Amy Juan, San Xavier Co-Op Farm

Date: October 14, 2026

Time: 12:00–1:00 pm MST/Arizona Time

Location: [Zoom](#) and [ENR2 N595](#)

[More Info](#)



WRRRC Special Event: Free Screening of The River Documentary, followed by Filmmaker Q&A

Date: October 14, 2026

Time: 6:30 pm Arizona Time

Location: Screen 1 at the Loft Cinema, Tucson, AZ

[More Info](#)



WRRRC Water Webinar: Tribal Sovereignty in the Colorado River Basin & Beyond

Date: October 27, 2026

Time: 12:00–1:15 pm MST/Arizona Time

Location: [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)

Upcoming WRRRC/Co-sponsored Events

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WRRC Water Webinar: CRIT Personhood for the Colorado River: Will It Make a Difference? – Save the Date!

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

Water News

WRRC Water News

- [WRRC Director Recognized by Notable People Project](#)
- [WRRC Research Associate Publishes New Article: Water as a Political Weapon: Populism and The Indus Waters Treaty](#)

Other Water News

- [Drying Colorado River Seen as Risky Bet for Mexico Water Swap \(Bloomberg Law\)](#)
- [Sign Up for New Hybrid Water Course at Coconino Community College, Open to All!](#)
- [Colorado River Framework Faces Gap Between Law and Water Supply \(Legis1\)](#)
- [Call for Input: Maricopa Association of Governments \(MAG\) Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study](#)
- [WaterReuse Association Launches First-Of-Its-Kind Water Reuse Regulatory Guide](#)
- [New Arizona Voters' Agenda Finds Strong Support for Long-Term Action on Water and Related Issues](#)



WRRC is Team H2O ...Are you?

Oct. 15



Water Jobs & Other Opportunities



WRRC 2026 Photo Contest

**WATER
IN FOCUS**

Submit your photos today!

WRRC Postings:

- **FY 2026 104(g) General Grant:** The WRRC is now accepting proposals for this year's federal WRRRA 104(g) General grant. The US Geological Survey (USGS) Water Resources Research Act Program released the FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the 104(g) General on September 30, 2026. The NOFO is now posted on Grants.gov. The deadline for submitting proposals through the WRRC is Tuesday, October 27, 5pm MST.
- **AmeriCorps Member:** 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.

External Postings:

- **U of A: Policy Cats Internship**
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Calendar Announcements

- Oct 11: [Udall Center DESERT-PFAS Student Grand Challenge – Application Deadline](#)
- Oct 12: [SRP Water 101](#)
- Oct 13: [AHS Tucson Chapter Meeting: Art and Data for Action: Transforming Complex Data Into Engaging Solutions For Critical Climate Issues](#)
- 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 14: [ASU Flow 2026](#)
- Oct 14: [WRRC Special Event: Free Screening of The River, followed by Q&A, at The Loft Cinema in Tucson \(6:30 pm\)](#)
- Oct 15: [Imagine a Day Without Water](#)
- Oct 21: [AZ Water Association's 100th Annual Conference & Exhibition – A Century of Water: Connecting Our Past to Arizona's Future – Technical Session Abstract Submission Deadline](#)
- Oct 23: [ABWC 35th Annual Tommy Caywood Memorial H2Oopen Golf Tournament](#)
- Oct 23: [2027 UCOWR/NIWR Annual Water Resources Conference – Award Nomination Deadline](#)
- Oct 27: [WRRC Water Webinar: Tribal Sovereignty in the Colorado River Basin & Beyond](#)
- Oct 27: [CAP University: Deeper Dive on the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District](#)
- Oct 28–30: [Arizona Floodplain Management Association Fall 2026 Conference – Save the Date!](#)
- Oct 28–30: [Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference](#)
- Oct 29: [Water Education Foundation's 42nd Annual Water Summit](#)

MORE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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