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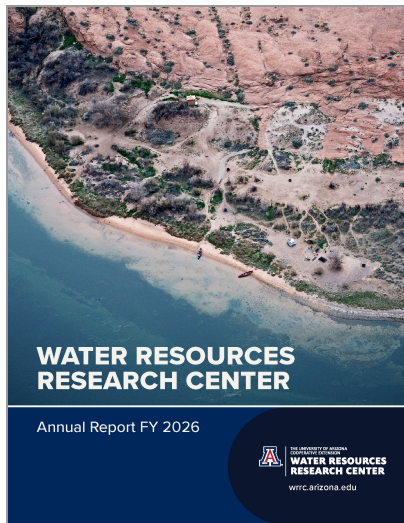
News



U of A Highly Ranked Globally in Water Resources

University ranking organizations place the U of A high on scales of research quality and educational performance. In the 2027 ShanghaiRanking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS), the U of A ranked highly in several academic subjects, including water resources, which ranked #6 among public and US universities and #17 globally.

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WRRC Publishes FY 2026 Annual Report

The WRRC is pleased to announce the publication of its FY 2026 Annual Report. The report highlights how, through applied research, outreach, and engagement, the WRRC continues to contribute to water resource planning, assessment, and capacity building, as well as to expand awareness and understanding of water resource issues. As Arizona and the region face ongoing water challenges, the WRRC serves as a trusted source for reliable information.

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Water is Top-of-Mind for Arizona Voters

Early voting opened on October 7, and **over 160,000** **Arizonans** have already cast their ballots. For many Arizonans, securing the state's water future is a high priority. According to polling from the Center for the Future of Arizona (CFA), a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization, the majority of likely Arizona voters in both parties support dedicating more state funding to water, investing in desalination and wastewater recycling strategies, and strengthening groundwater protections in the state's rural areas.

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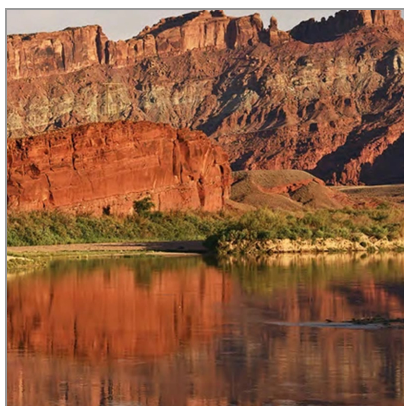


U of A Hydrologist Named AGU Fellow

University of Arizona professor Jennifer McIntosh was named a Union Fellow for her contributions to hydrology by the American Geophysical Union (AGU) late last month. The Union Fellowship is among the AGU's highest honors and is awarded annually to a cohort of exceptional geophysical scholars whose work has had a sustained impact on the field.

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Events



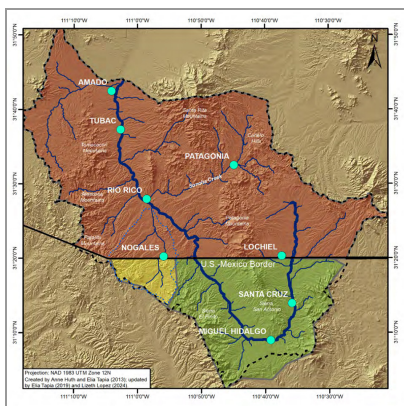
WRRC Water Webinar: Tribal Sovereignty in the Colorado River Basin & Beyond

Date: October 27, 2026

Time: 12:00–1:15 pm MST/Arizona Time

Location: [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)



The Transboundary Santa Cruz Aquifer

Featuring WRRC Director Sharon B Megdal, WRRC Extension Associate Elia M Tapia, and USGS Hydrologist Libby M Wildermuth

Date: October 28, 2026

Time: 6:00–7:30pm MST/Arizona Time

Location: 2150 N Congress Dr., Ste 120, Nogales, AZ

[More Info](#)

Upcoming WRRC/Co-sponsored Events

Nov
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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 – WRRRC Co-sponsored Event

SAVE the DATE

WRRRC 2027
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APRIL
26–27

Water News

WRRRC Water News

- [WRRRC Director Interviewed in Arizona Republic News Story: Arizona Banked Colorado River Water for Years. Now It's Time to Use it.](#)
- [WRRRC Director Interviewed for Article on Colorado River Cuts and Impacts on Pinal \(Casa Grande Dispatch/PinalCentral\)](#)
- [WRRRC Director Recognized by Notable People Project](#)

Other Water News

- [Arizona Farm Bureau Article on Water Augmentation: How Do We Grow the Water Pie?](#)
- [Western Water Publication: Subsidence from Groundwater Overdraft Risks Choking Off a Vital Water Artery for Central and Southern California](#)
- [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](#)

Water Jobs & Other Opportunities



WRRRC Postings:

- **FY 2026 104(g) General Grant:** The WRRRC 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 WRRRC 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 WRRRC website for more information on WRRRC programs and activities.

External Postings:

- **U of A Office of Sustainability: Annual Grants for the 2026–2027 Cycle**
- **U of A: Policy Cats Internship**

Please visit the **WRRRC's website** for a complete listing of water jobs and opportunities.

Calendar Announcements

- Oct 17: **Santa Cruz Watershed Day of Connection**
- 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: [WRRRC 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: [The Transboundary Santa Cruz Aquifer – A Talk Featuring WRRRC Director Sharon Megdal and Extension Associate Elia Tapia \(6–7:30 pm\)](#)
- 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](#)
- Nov 3: [WRRRC Water Webinar: CRIT Personhood for the Colorado River: Will It Make a Difference? – Save the Date!](#)
- Nov 4–6: [Southwest Adaptation Forum 2026](#)
- Nov 5: [Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center Special Guest Lecture by Conservationist and Writer William deBuys](#)
- Nov 9–10: [2026 Soil to Table Summit](#)
- Nov 9–11: [AWRA 2026 Annual Water Resources Conference](#)

MORE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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