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Arizona Loses Two Water Warriors

The Arizona Water Community suffered the loss of two of its staunch water warriors in late 2016. Steve Olson and Rick Lavis dedicated their lives to enhancing water and agricultural sustainability in our state. The WRRRC extends our deep condolences to their family and loved ones.

On December 24, 2016, **Steve Olson** passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer. Steve served as the Senior Water Policy Advisor for the Nature Conservancy, Executive Director of Arizona Municipal Water Users Association, and as a legislative liaison for the Arizona Department of Water Resources. Most recently, he served as the principal consultant for his own lobbying group, Olson Policy Services.

A celebration of Steve's life will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 2017, at the Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix, AZ in the Dorrance Hall & Boppart Courtyard.

Rick Lavis, Executive Vice-President of the Arizona Cotton Growers Association and a member of Governor Ducey's Water Augmentation Council, lost his battle with cancer in late November. Rick worked tirelessly with the National Cotton Council to help craft pro-cotton provisions in federal farm bills. He has been described as someone who thought outside of the box in order to see the bigger

picture.

A memorial service for Rick is scheduled for January 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 6300 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ.

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Spring 2017 Course Offerings

Arizona Water Policy ENVS/ GEOG/HWRS/LAW/PLNN 596B

This 3-unit class will explore Arizona water policy and management through guest lectures, dialogue, and discussion of readings and individual research papers. Real-world policy maker, Professor Sharon B. Megdal, provides the most current look at water policy at the local, state, regional, and international level. The class meets on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the WRRC's Sol Resnick Conference Room, 350 N. Campbell Ave. Limited seats are available.



For more information, contact Professor [Sharon B. Megdal](#).

Adaptation and Resilience in Water Resources Systems GEOG 696O

Climate change, urban growth, energy demand, and global food trade alter water in coupled human-natural systems. This seminar will address adaptation and resilience using material on river basins, aquifers, infrastructure, policy, and institutions from Southwest U.S., transboundary U.S.-Mexico, and international cases. This class meets Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in ENR2 Building, Room S495. Registration is with instructor approval only.

For more information, contact Professor [Christopher Scott](#).

Climate Assessment: Explorations in Decision Support RNR 496G/596G

Whatever your specialty, this course will provide you with strategic, timely, and comprehensive information on climate change impacts within regions and sectors of the U.S., prepare you to engage in environmental problem solving in the context of climate change, and introduce you to key individuals in the climate-related research community. This class meets Thursdays 2:00 p.m. - 4:50 p.m. in ENR2 Building, Room N 350.

For more information, contact Professor [Kathy Jacobs](#).

Happy New Year from the WRRC

Happy New Year! The Water Resources Research Center would like to wish you and yours all the best in 2017.

Please look for our regular Weekly Wave on January 13, 2017



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