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## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, FEB. 1, 2019  
7:30 AM - 2 PM

BLACK CANYON CONFERENCE CENTER  
9440 N 25TH AVE, PHOENIX, AZ 85021

## AGENDA

### 7:30 - 8:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

### 8:00 - 8:25 am Welcome

Sharon B. Megdal, Director, Water Resources Research Center, UA

Kimberly Ogden, Interim Vice President for Research, UA

Jeffrey C. Silvertooth, Associate Dean; Director for Cooperative Extension & Economic Development; Associate Director for the Arizona Experiment Station, UA

### 8:25 - 9:25 am Framing the Conversation

**Moderator:**  
Claire Zucker,  
Associate Director,  
Water Resources  
Research Center, UA

**Water Tour of Arizona**  
Gerry Walker, Deputy Assistant Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources

**Water Laws and Regulations in Arizona**  
Rita Maguire, Attorney, Maguire, Pearce, and Storey

**Tribal Perspectives on Water**  
Maria Dadgar, Executive Director, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona

### 9:25 - 9:55 am Keynote

Leslie Meyers, Phoenix Area Manager, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

### 9:55 - 10:10 am Break

### 10:10 - 10:55 am Community Panel I

**Moderator:**  
Mark Apel, Area  
Agent, Cochise  
County Cooperative  
Extension, UA

**Cochise County: The Cochise Conservation and Recharge Network**  
Sara Ransom, Deputy County Attorney, Cochise County

**Cochise County: Agriculture and Water Resource Implications**  
Rod Keeling, President, Arizona Wine Growers Association; Owner, Keeling Schaefer Vineyards

**Gila River Indian Community: Innovative Solutions to Manage Multiple Water Resources**  
David DeJong, Director, Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project, Gila River Indian Community

**Pinal County: Collaborating Over the Long-term**  
David Snider, Chairman, Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority; Former Supervisor, District 3, Pinal County

**Upper Gila Watershed and Cobre Valley: Community Planning and Oral History**  
Ashley Hullinger, Research Analyst, Water Resources Research Center, UA

## 11:00 - 11:55 am Community Panel II

**Moderator:**  
Representative Tim  
Dunn, District 13

**Yuma County: Water Uses, Security, and Conservation**  
Tom Davis, Manager, Yuma County Water Users Association

**Mohave County: Surface and Groundwater Issues and Solutions**  
Mark Clark, Council Member, Bullhead City; Member, Mohave County Water Authority

**Colorado River Indian Tribes: Managing Decreed Colorado River Water Rights**  
Margaret J. Vick, Special Counsel for Water Resources, Colorado River Indian Tribes

**Yavapai County: A Market-based Approach to Agricultural Water Conservation**  
Chip Norton, President and Co-Director, Sinagua Malt

**City of Flagstaff: Water Conservation Approaches**  
Brad Hill, Water Services Director, City of Flagstaff

**Town of Payson: Water Supply and Long-term Planning**  
Buzz Walker, Cragin Project Manager, Town of Payson

## 12:00 - 1:15 pm

### Lunch

**Moderator:** Holly  
Richter, Arizona  
Water Projects  
Director, The Nature  
Conservancy

12:30 -12:40 pm: Program Begins

12:40 -1:15 pm: Community Solutions - Moderated Lightning Talks

## 1:15 - 1:55 pm

### Arizona Legislators Panel

**Moderator:** Sharon B.  
Megdal

**House Speaker Russell (Rusty) Bowers**, District 25

**Representative Rosanna Gabaldón**, District 2

**Representative Gail Griffin**, District 14

**Senator Sine Kerr**, District 13

**Senate Minority Whip Lisa Otondo**, District 4

## 1:55 - 2:00 pm

### Closing Comments

Sharon B. Megdal