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**WATER RESOURCES  
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## WEEKLY WAVE

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AMA, Water Policy Class, Santa Cruz  
River

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## News



### WRRC Organizes Curry Farms Visit

On October 17, guests from the University of Arizona and across the state visited Curry Seed & Chile Company in Pearce, AZ, for a tour organized by WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal. Curry Farms president and founder Ed Curry is a fourth-generation farmer, has been growing chiles since he was a

child, and developed a lifelong interest in chile genetics. An estimated 80–90% of the chiles grown commercially in the US can be genetically traced back to Curry Farms.

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### **ADWR Proposes Willcox Basin AMA**

On October 23, the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) announced that the Director is proposing formation of an Active Management Area (AMA) within the boundaries of the Willcox groundwater basin in southeastern Arizona. A public hearing on the proposal will be held, beginning at 1:00 pm on Friday, November 22, 2024, at the Willcox Community Center.

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### **Graduate Water Policy Class Registration Opening**

Beginning on November 7, graduate students at the University of Arizona can register for Spring 2025 semester classes. Starting on Friday, January 17, 2025, WRRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal will again be teaching her course, “Water Policy in Arizona and Semi-arid Regions,” weekly from 9:00–11:30 am. Students will learn about water policy using Arizona, the Colorado River Basin, and other semi-arid regions for in-depth case study.

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## Arizona Project WET - Ghost Rivers Haunt Arizona

Arizona's rivers, once vibrant and full of life, have transformed into ghostly reminders of what they once were. The Santa Cruz River in Tucson is a prime example of this haunting change. Flowing freely through the desert for thousands of years, the Santa Cruz River supported lush riparian habitats and diverse wildlife.

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## Water News

- [Research Shows It Could Take Over 40 Years for PFAS to Leave Groundwater](#)
- [New USGS Study on PFAS in Groundwater](#)
- [APW Requests Volunteers for Water Festivals](#)
- [For Growers: U of A Agronomy Team Solicits Survey Responses for Statewide Agronomy Needs Assessment](#)
- [Call for 2025 AHS Symposium Volunteers](#)
- [ADEQ AZ Community Science Alliance Calls for Volunteers](#)

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## Events



## WRRC Water Webinar: Celebrating 60 Years of the WRRC

**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024

**Time:** 12:00–1:15 pm Arizona Time

**Location:** [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)



## Tackling PFAS for a Sustainable Future

**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024

**Time:** 3:00–6:00 pm Arizona Time

**Location:** Health Sciences Innovation Building, Room 306

[More Info](#)

### Upcoming WRRC Events

MAY  
20-21

[WRRC 2025 Annual Conference: Shared Borders, Shared Waters: Working Together in Times of Scarcity](#)

### WRRC Co-sponsored Events

NOV  
06

[Colorado EWRI November Technical Meeting: Advancement of the Flow Duration Curve; 5:30 pm – WRRC Co-sponsored Event](#)

5:30 pm

# WRRC 2025 Annual Conference

**SAVE**  
*the*  
**DATE**

WRRRC 2025 Annual Conference

**May 20–21**

**SHARED BORDERS  
SHARED WATERS**  
Working Together in Times of Scarcity

## Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

### WRRRC Open Positions

- [AmeriCorps Members](#)
- [Graduate Research Assistant](#)

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- [ADWR Hydrogeologist Associate \(Groundwater Modeling - Hydrology Division\)](#)
  - [ADWR Hydrogeologist 3 \(Recharge & Recovery - Water Planning & Permitting Division\)](#)
  - [ADWR Water Resources Manager \(Recharge & Recovery - Water Planning & Permitting Division\)](#)
  - [ADWR Water Policy Analyst - Hydrologist 3 \(Colorado River - Water Planning & Permitting Division\)](#)
  - [Borderlands Restoration Network Restoration Specialist](#)
  - [Borderlands Restoration Network Restoration Technician](#)
  - [Stanford University Sustainability Accelerator Postdoctoral Fellow](#)

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

## Calendar Announcements

- Nov 1: [Journal of Agricultural Water Management Special Issue: Water Scarcity Solutions for Irrigated Agriculture in the Warming Western U.S. – Submission Deadline](#)
- Nov 6: [Colorado EWRI November Technical Meeting: Advancement of the Flow Duration Curve; 5:30 pm](#) – WRRRC Co-sponsored Event
- Nov 9: [Building a Rain Garden with Native Food Plants – Yoemem-Tekia Cultural Center & Watershed Management Group; 9:30 am – 12 pm](#)

- **Nov 9: Talking Water – Lunch and Facilitated Discussion – Yoemem-Tekia Cultural Center & Watershed Management Group; 12:30 – 2:30 pm**
- **Nov 12: WRRRC Water Webinar: Celebrating 60 Years of the WRRRC- 12:00 – 1:15pm**
- **Nov 12: Udall Center PFAS Symposium: Tackling PFAS for a Sustainable Future; 3:00–6:00 pm – WRRRC Co-sponsored Event**

**MORE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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