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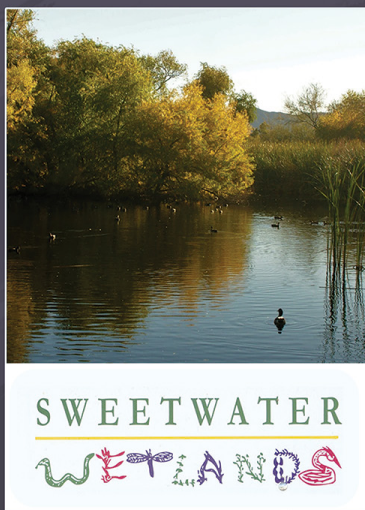
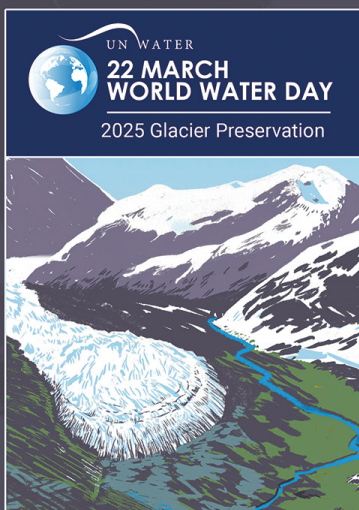
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News



Reflections: On World Water Day 2025 and Local to Global Engagement

March 22 is the annual **World Water Day**. Since 1993, the United Nations has designated this day to bring awareness to different aspects of freshwater availability. This year, the focus is on glacier preservation. The five most recent foci were leveraging water for peace, accelerating change, groundwater, valuing water, and water and climate change. For each World Water Day, a report is issued by the World Water Assessment Programme

(WWAP). This year's report, issued on March 21, 2025, can be found on [WWAP's website](#).

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U of A Ranked #1 for Water Resources on ShanghaiRanking

ShanghaiRanking has published world university rankings by academic subjects since 2009. In their ranking for 2024, the University of Arizona (U of A) was recognized as the top university in the US for Water Resources and placed #4 globally.

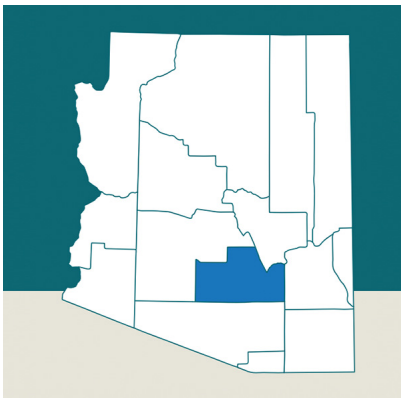
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Family Farm Alliance Leaders, WRRRC Collaborators Recently Honored

Paul Orme, president of Family Farm Alliance (Alliance), and Ronald "Ron" Rayner, former Alliance board member, are receiving recognition for their distinguished work and leadership in Western irrigated agriculture.

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Arizona Water Factsheets ... Did You Know?

Pinal County Relies on Surface Water

Surface water has been the main source of water in Pinal County since the 1990s, when the Central Arizona Project (CAP) canal began delivering Colorado River water to central Arizona.

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Events



WRRC Water Webinar: Prioritizing Transboundary Aquifers in the Arizona-Sonora Region

Featuring Elia Tapia, Professor, Universidad de Sonora

Date: Friday, March 28

Time: 12:00 pm Arizona Time

Location: [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)



WRRC Water Webinar: Advanced Water Purification in Arizona

Featuring the leaders of Arizona's three largest water providers: Troy Hayes (Phoenix), Kevin Rose (Scottsdale), and John Kmiec (Tucson)

Date: Friday, April 11

Time: 12:00 pm Arizona Time

Location: [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)

Upcoming WRRC Events

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[**WRRC Water Webinar: Charting Paths Forward for the High Plains Aquifer in Kansas**](#)

MAY
20-21

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

SEP
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WRRC Water Webinar: Sonoran Institute – Save the Date!

WRRC Co-sponsored Events

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USIBWC Southeast Arizona Citizens Forum

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NVIS Spring 2025 Seminar: ROOT-STEM: Grounding STEM in Place, Culture, and Community – Jason Bruce

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NVIS Spring 2025 Seminar: Look to the Mountain: Indigenous Resiliency, Community Leadership, and Partnership Building – Renee Tsinigine

WRRC 2025 Annual Conference

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MAY 20–21

Student Union Memorial Center
The University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ

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WRRC Water News

- **[U of A News Article: From Glacial Preservation to Local Conservation: U of A Experts Discuss Research Ahead of World Water Day \(Feat. Interview with WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal\)](#)**

Other Water News

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SCHOLARS AWARD

DEADLINE
APRIL 2



- [Call for Abstracts: AWSISA Africa & Global South Water and Sanitation Dialogue: Towards Sustainable Water and Sanitation Services](#)
- [March 2025 Update on Navajo Nation Water Rights in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah](#)
- [Complimentary WRRRC Conference Registrations Available for Cooperative Extension Personnel – Inquire if Interested](#)
- [Santa Cruz River Moves Closer to National Designation with Guidance from U of A Experts](#)
- [Volunteers Needed for March 24 APW Water Scene Investigation – Watershed or Groundwater](#)
- [Some Colorado River States Want a New Federal Review of Water Management Plans](#)

Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

WRRRC Open Positions/Opportunities

- [104\(b\) Small Research Grants – Deadline Extended to March 24!](#)
- [2025 WRRRC Summer Arroyo Paid Internship – Deadline Extended to April 7!](#)
- [Graduate Research Assistant](#)

Other Water Jobs/Opportunities

- [Texas A&M Agrilife Research Assistant Professor, Sustainable Urban Water Management](#)
- [U of A Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center Natural Resource Workforce Development Fellowship](#)

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

Calendar Announcements

- Mar 22: [UN World Water Day: Glacier Preservation](#)
- Mar 22: [Film Screening: Water Connects Us \(Loft Cinema, Tucson\)](#)
- Mar 24: [APW Water Scene Investigation – Watershed or Groundwater](#)
- Mar 24: [Watershed Management Group Open House](#)
- Mar 25: [WMG River Run Network Creek Walk: Sunset Saunter Through Lakes at Castle Rock](#)
- Mar 28: [WRRC Water Webinar: Prioritizing Transboundary Aquifers in the Arizona-Sonora Region](#)
- Mar 28: [2025 U of A ALVSCE Research Showcase – Abstract Deadline for Posters](#)
- Mar 28: [6th Annual Arizona Agribusiness Roundtable](#)
- Mar 31: [ASABE Global Symposium on Sustainable Microirrigation Advances: Drop to Boom – Abstract Deadline](#)
- Apr 2: [Rodney Blaine Lewis Scholarship – Application Deadline](#)
- Apr 3: [Science Talk: Implications of Minutes 323 and 330 and Water Supply from the Colorado River Basin](#)
- Apr 3–4: [CLE Law of the Rio Grande – The State of the Basin: New Opportunities and Challenges](#)

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sustainable relationships with sovereign Native Nations and Indigenous communities through education offerings, partnerships, and community service.