

COLORADO RIVER FORUM

November 17-20, 2024 | Phoenix, AZ



Draft Agenda

November 17-19, 2024

The Arizona Grand Resort & Spa

8000 South Arizona Grand E, Phoenix, AZ 85044

Policy Tour November 20, 2024

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

6:00-9:00 pm **Welcome Reception & Dinner**
Location: **Aunt Chiladas, 2019 W Baseline Rd, Tempe, AZ 85283**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

7:15 – 8:00 am **Hosted Breakfast:** Palm 3CD Patio

8:15 am **Welcome and Member Introductions** - Palm 3CD
Assemblymember Howard Watts (NV) & Senator Larry Hicks (WY)
Co-Chairs of the CSG West Colorado River Forum

8:45 am **Current Hydrology in the Colorado Basin and BoR Responses**
Featured Speaker: Shana Tighi, Hydrologist (Team Leader) in the River
Operations Group, Bureau of Reclamation

9:15 am **The Big Picture: Post 2026 Guidelines and EIS Work in Progress**
Featured Speaker: Russ Callejo, Colorado River Post-2026 NEPA
Project Manager, Bureau of Reclamation

10:30 am **Post-2026 Operating Guidelines Proposals: Upper Basin, Lower
Basin, Tribal and Environmental**
Featured Speaker: Anne Castle, Water Policy Group

12:30 pm **Hosted Lunch:** Palm 3CD Patio

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH (CONTINUED)

- 1:30 pm** **Adapting to the Colorado River of the 21st Century: a thirstier atmosphere, low-to-no snow and flow, and compounding extremes**
Alan Rhoades, Lawrence Berkely National Laboratory
- 2:30 pm** **Tribal Water Agreements, Settlements and Decisions**
Bitah Becker, Chief Legal Counsel for the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President
- 3:30 pm** **Water Use Reductions and Conservation**
Central Arizona Project
Southern Nevada Water District
- 5:00 pm** **Adjourn**
- 6:00 pm** **Hosted Dinner: Rustler's Rooste**
8383 S 48th St, Phoenix, AZ 85044

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

- 7:30 am** **Hosted Breakfast:** Palm 3CD Patio
- 8:30 am** **Meeting Called to Order**
Assemblymember Watts, CRF Co-Chair
- 8:45 am** **Water Banking: Framework and Fundamentals**
Dr. Kathryn Sorenson, Kyl Center for Water Policy
University of Arizona
- 9:45 am** **Break**
- 10:00 am** **Water Banking at Work in the West**
- 12:00 pm** **Lunch:** Palm 3CD Patio

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH (CONTINUED)

- 1:15 pm** **Call Back to Order**
- 1:20 pm** **Salt River Project**
- 2:00 pm** **Colorado River Basin Energy Outlook**
- 2:45 pm** **Upper Basin System Conservation Pilot Program - Update**
- 3:15 pm** **Conservation, Fisheries, Wetlands, and Habitats**
- 4:15 pm** **Priorities 2025: Rapid Roundtable on CRF Topics**
Assemblyman Watts, Moderator
- 5:00 pm** **Colorado River Forum Business**
- CSG West Director's Report
 - Announcement: 2025/2026 C0-Chair States
 - Passing of the Gavel
- 5:30 pm** **Adjourn**
- 6:30 pm** **Hosted Dinner: Location TBA**

Wednesday, November 20th

- 8:00 am-4:00p.** **Policy Tour**
- Covered Canals of the Gila River Indian Community
 - Arizona Agriculture
 - Hosted Lunch
 - Arizona Agriculture