

COLORADO RIVER FORUM

November 17-20, 2024 | Phoenix, AZ



Draft Agenda

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The Arizona Grand Resort & Spa

8000 South Arizona Grand E, Phoenix, AZ 85044

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
- 3:15 pm** **Yavapai-Apache Water Rights Settlement Agreement**
Tanya Lewis, Chairwoman
Yavapai-Apache Nation
- 4:15 pm** **Water Use and Conservation in Lower Basin**
Central Arizona Project
Southern Nevada Water Authority
- 5:00 pm** **Adjourn**
- 6:00 pm** **Hosted Dinner: Lobby Grill**
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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**

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH (CONTINUED)

- 10:00 am** **Central Arizona Project**
Brenda Burman, General Manager
- 11:00 am** **Salt River Project**
Lesley Meyer
- 12:00 pm** **Lunch:** Palm 3CD Patio
- 1:15 pm** **Call Back to Order**
- 1:20 pm** **Colorado River Basin Energy Outlook**
Sam Johnston, Policy Director
Interwest Energy Alliance
TBD, Salt River Project
TBD, Bonneville
- 2:00 pm** **Conservation, Fisheries, Wetlands, and Habitats**
Alexander Funk, Director of Water Resources and Senior Counsel
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Program
- 2:45 pm** **Irrigated Agriculture and Water Conveyance in the Lower Basin**

Wade Noble, Wellton Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District
- 3:45 pm** **Sneak Peek: Policy Tour**
Ethan Orr
Stephanie
- 4:30 pm** **Priorities 2025: Rapid Roundtable on CRF Topics**
Assemblyman Watts, Moderator

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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: Rustler's Rooste
8383 S 48th St, Phoenix, AZ 85044

Wednesday, November 20th

8:00 am-4:00p.

Policy Tour

- Covered Canals of the Gila River Indian Community
- Arizona Agriculture
- Hosted Lunch
- Arizona Agriculture