Arizona Runs on Water – Scarcity, Challenges, and Community-based Solutions

Arizona runs on water! A safe, secure, and reliable water supply is vital to our economy, well-being, and way of life. So, how will Arizona communities ensure that they have sufficient water to meet their needs, now and in the future? This is the critical question to be addressed at the University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center 2019 Annual Conference, Arizona Runs on Water: Scarcity, Challenges, and Community-based Solutions. This one-day event features presentations and panel discussions on how communities across Arizona are addressing their water challenges. The program aims to engage everyone with an interest in how Arizona meets its water needs. Join us for informative presentations, lively conversations, and networking on Friday, February 1st, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Black Canyon Conference Center in Phoenix, Arizona. The agenda can be found here.

The WRRC 2019 Conference is designed to yield answers to some constructive questions. What are common obstacles faced by communities or across water sectors? What can we learn from each other about the conditions for success? How do we build on past accomplishments to create durable progress? What changes in state laws and governing policies could be helpful?

The first panel will set the stage with a water tour of Arizona, an overview of water laws and regulations, and a presentation of Tribal perspectives on water. Community Panels will include presenters from Cochise, Graham, Yuma, Mohave, and Yavapai counties, as well as the Gila River Indian Community, the Colorado River Indian Tribes, the Town of Payson, and the City of Flagstaff. One highlight will be an Arizona Legislators Panel that will include participation by Senators Gail Griffin and Lisa Otondo, and Representatives Rosanna Gabaldón and House Speaker Russell (Rusty) Bowers. “Lightning talks” presented during the luncheon program will expand the range of issues and areas heard from.

The WRRC is inviting you to take part in the information sharing. If you have an example of a place-based water challenge/solution, complete the online form here. You may have the opportunity to present a 3-minute lightning talk at the conference.

Registration at a reduced early bird rate is only available until December 21, 2018. Online registration is open through January 25th, 2019. On-site registration will be available for a $10 additional charge.

For additional information about the conference, please contact Claire Zucker, Associate Director, UA Water Resources Research Center at clzucker@email.arizona.edu, or (520) 621-5725.

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