

VIDEOS and WEB PRESENTATIONS on WATER IN ARIZONA

“Sustaining Healthy Groundwater Levels is Critical to Habitat, Birds, and People.”

This webinar from the Arizona Audubon introduces the policies and issues surrounding groundwater pumping in Arizona. It provides an excellent introduction to how water is (and is not) managed in Arizona. From 2020. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8u0Xtz3x3YE>

This three-part series on groundwater in rural Arizona, also from the Southwest Audubon Society from Fall, 2021, does a good job of covering the issues, as well as some potential solutions that are being employed in other western states

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ntzlce_exil

“Groundwater in Rural Arizona” Part 1

Groundwater’s importance to local communities

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hzzMIW8kDqI>

“Groundwater in Rural Arizona” Part 2

Where did the water go? Impacts of groundwater use

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22F0cAYDzk8>

“Groundwater in Rural Arizona” Part 3

Tools for managing groundwater; examples from around the West

The Arizona Water Blueprint is a comprehensive, dynamic resource covering all elements of water in Arizona. Developed by the Kyl Center for Water Policy at Arizona State University, you can get to the Blueprint by going to <https://morrisoninstitute.asu.edu/content/kyl-center-water-policy>. For an introduction to the tools the Blueprint provides, watch the short video on this entry page. This fascinating site provides a variety of interactive tools for examining water issues across the state. Clicking on the Arizona Water Blueprint title takes you to four different information hubs where you can find excellent resources on water issues, interactive maps, and data presentations.

In Spring, 2021, the Tucson LWV Environmental Impacts committee produced a voter education program called “What’s our Water Future?” Our three speakers were Kathy Jacobs, Andrew Greenhill and Kirsten Engel. All of these folks are potential candidates for speakers to our group, depending on the topics we want to pursue. You can view the program here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZ6F8IYmC0c>

“Groundwater: To enact a law for the common good”, a documentary by Kathleen Ferris and Michael Schiffer, is a fascinating account of how the 1980 GWMA came to be. It is also an interesting cautionary tale about what will lie ahead if and when Arizona DOES finally get serious about dealing with water realistically and objectively. It’s just 26 minutes long, and is a really nice historical grounding for the water problems we are facing. It is available on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNJbqCE9sXU>

This short documentary addresses rural groundwater overdraught in Cochise County:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ZwBSjBgMXg>

Draining Arizona: Mining for water in the desert leaves residents' wells dry

NBC news 15 minute piece on Cochise County and Riverview Dairy

Water Solutions for a Warmer World – webinar series of six programs from Arizona Institutes for Resilience (WRRRC and CCASS)

<https://environment.arizona.edu/water-series-2021>

These are panel discussions, so they vary in their information content, but they cover important ideas about water in Arizona.

The **Water Resources Research Council** at the U of A has a weekly brownbag luncheon seminar, and you can access videos of past presentations for the last several years at

<https://wrrc.arizona.edu/brown-bag-seminars>