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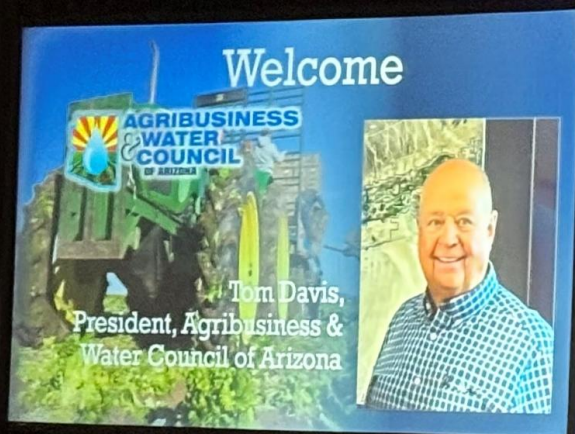
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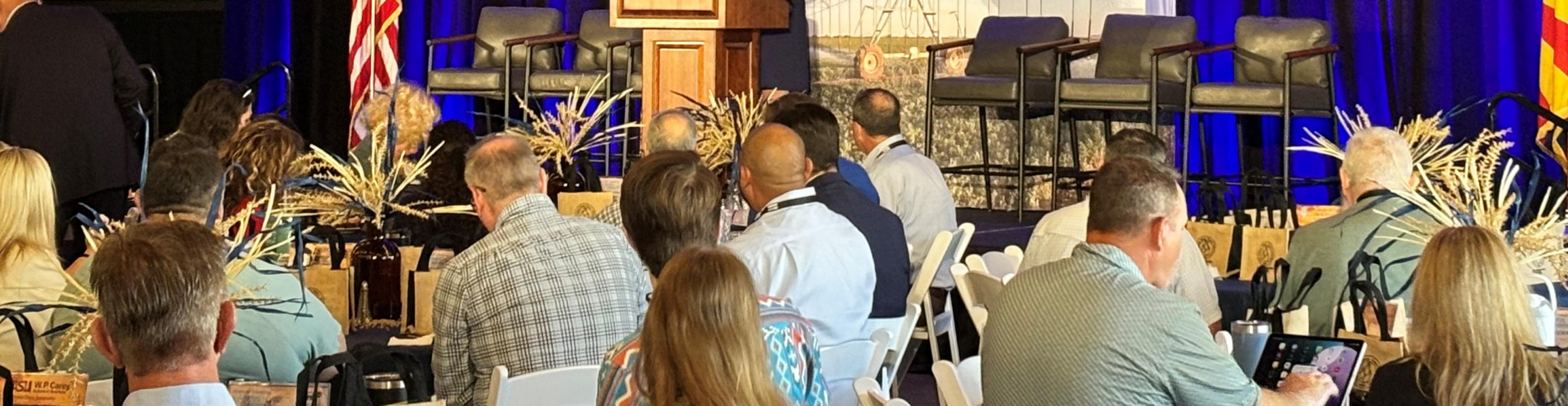
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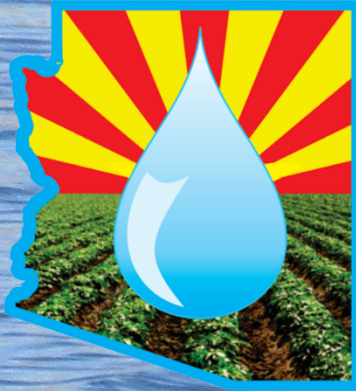




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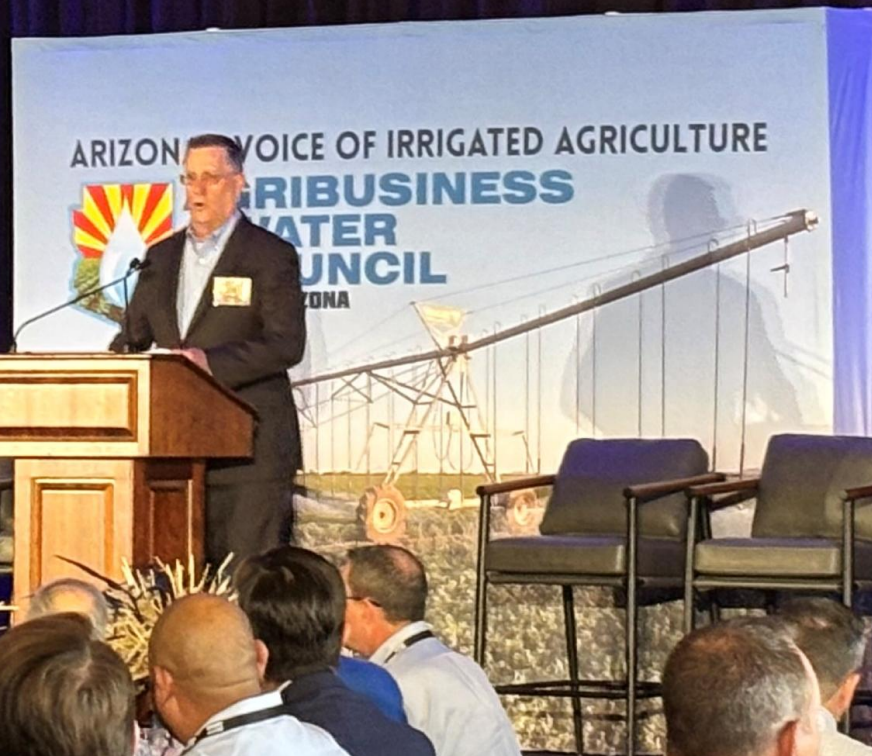
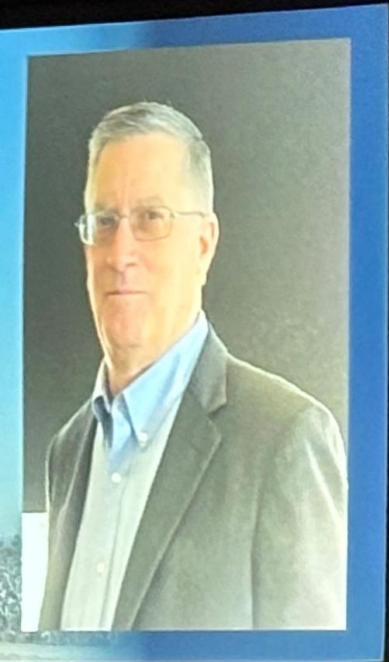
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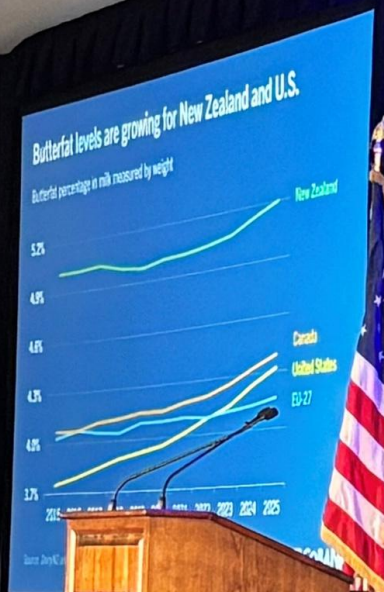
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Lead Dairy Economist
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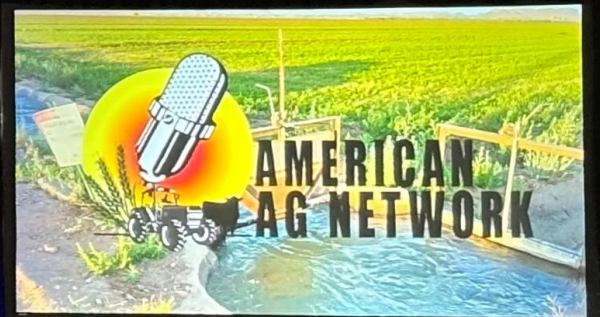
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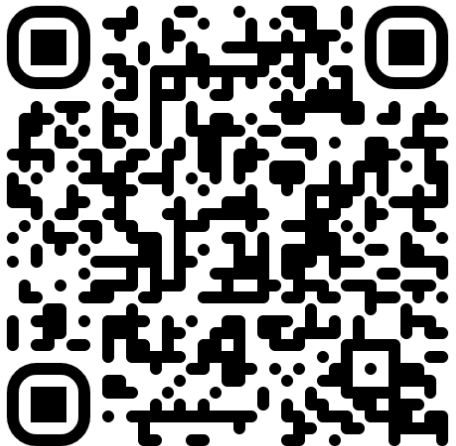
Sandy Fabritz – Freeport – McMoRan

Cynthia Campbell - Arizona State University

Carries Morales - National Bank of Arizona

Dawnie Stewart - Arizona Dairy Company

Emily Hinkle - Arizona State University





EXPERIENCE ARIZONA AGRICULTURE & WATER IN REAL LIFE

MONDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2026:

11:00am LOAD TOUR BUS IN PHOENIX
12:30pm ARIZONA DAIRY COMPANY TOUR

TUESDAY DECEMBER 1, 2026:

7:00am AREA WIDE YUMA AG TOUR
5:30pm WINE, WOMEN, & WATER WELCOME RECEPTION
Pint House Bar & Grill, 265 S Main st, Yuma, Az

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2, 2026:

9:00am-3:00pm AAWWA ANNUAL MEETING
Arizona Western College, 2020 S Ave 8 E, Yuma, AZ
4:00pm RETURN TO PHOENIX ON TOUR BUS

TO REGISTER VISIT: WWW.AGRIBUSINESSARIZONA.ORG
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Designed to support, promote, celebrate and inspire women with careers and interest in water and agriculture through education, networking and fellowship.

Wednesday December 2, 2026
9:00am ~ 3:00pm

Arizona Western College
2020 S Ave 8 E
Yuma, AZ 85365

Registration & Sponsorship Opportunities Now Available!



Wine Women & Water

Enjoy an evening of spirits and networking
with colleagues and new friends!

Tuesday December 1, 2026
5:30pm ~ 8:30pm

Pint House Bar & Grill
265 S Main St, Yuma, AZ

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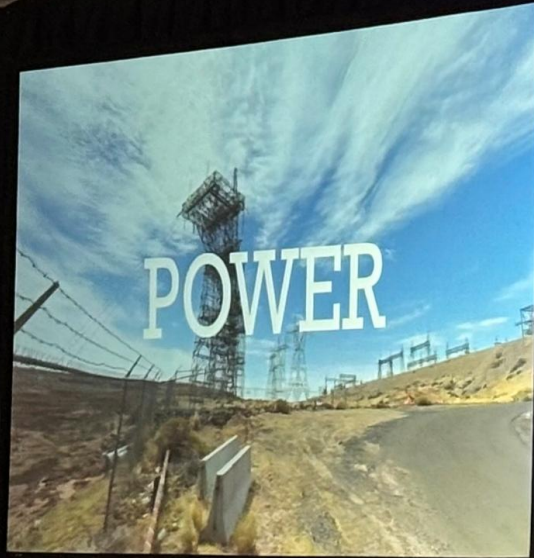
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POWER



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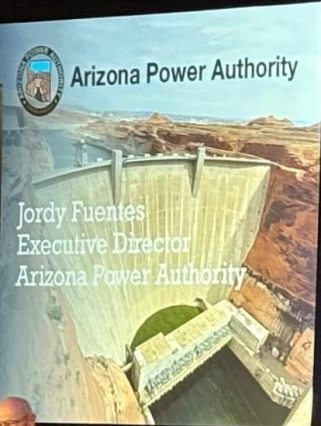
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A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH POWER EXECUTIVES



Brandon Sudduth,
WECC



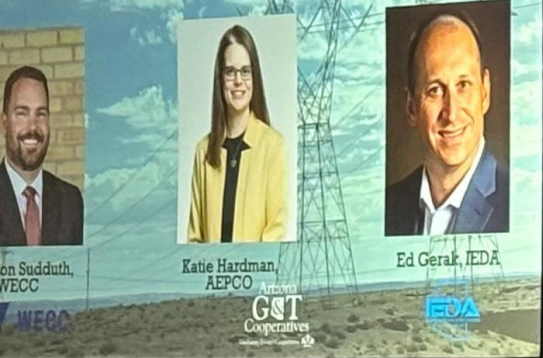
Katie Hardman,
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Ed Gerak, IEDA

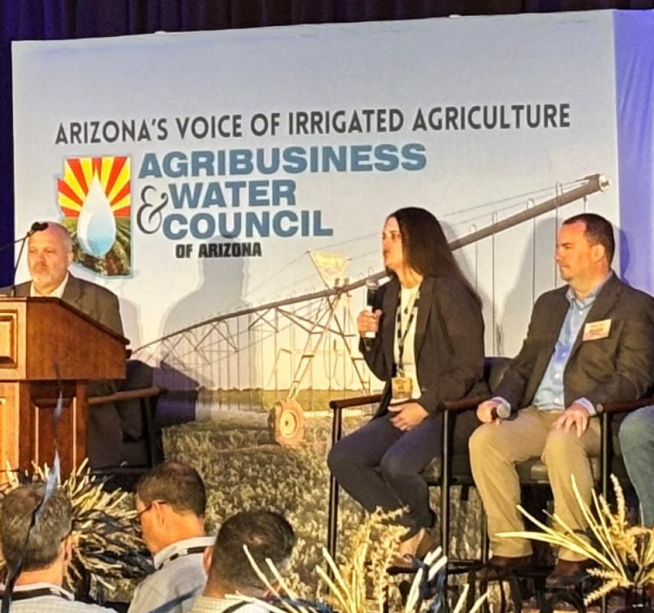


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Panelist portraits and logos displayed on the left screen. From left to right: Jon Sudduth, WECC; Katie Hardman, AEP CO, Arizona GST Cooperatives; and Ed Gerak, IEDA, EVA. The background of the screen shows a power transmission tower.

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Stage backdrop and speakers. The backdrop features the Arizona Agribusiness & Water Council logo and a photograph of an irrigation system. A man is speaking at a wooden podium on the left, while three other people (two men and one woman) are seated on the right. The stage is flanked by the American and Arizona state flags.



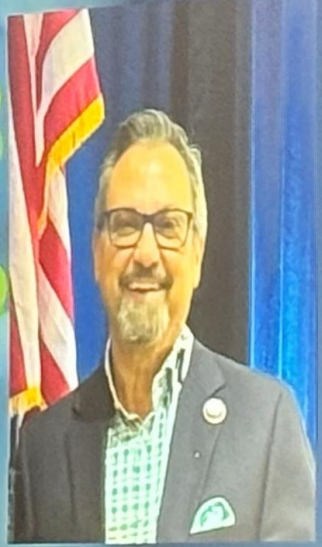
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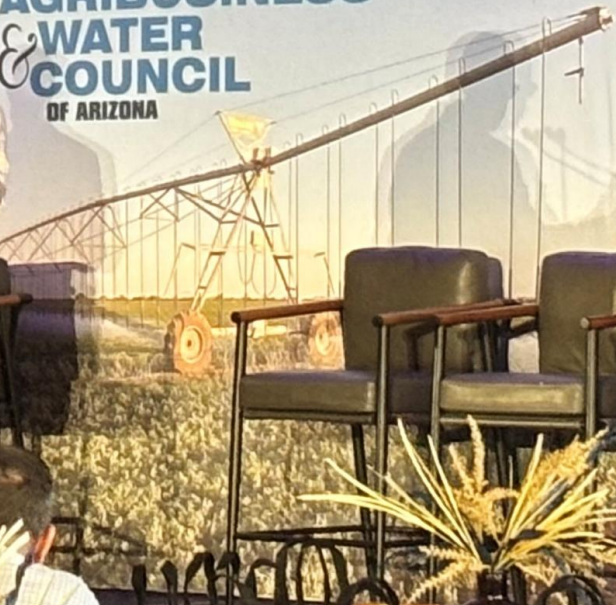
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INDUSTRY

A wide-angle photograph of a large industrial facility, likely a power plant or manufacturing plant. The space is characterized by massive concrete walls and a high ceiling. In the center, a large, blue, cylindrical machine with a complex internal structure is visible. The machine is surrounded by a metal railing. To the right, there are several levels of walkways and platforms with metal railings. An American flag is hanging from the ceiling in the background. The word "INDUSTRY" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

Data Centers



Brian Heithoff
CEO & General Manager,
TRICO Electric Cooperative

About Trico

- Pima, Pinal & Santa Cruz Counties
- 7 Member-elected Directors
- 57,000 meters
- ~300 MW summer peak
- 190 employees | 4,200 miles of line
- Fully regulated by the ACC
- Partial-requirements; own IRP
- ~40% renewable; 50%+ in two years
- Carbon goal: ~50% by 2032
- 12% of residential have solar/storage

Service Areas and Districts

Partial-requirements posture: our wholesale costs are intrinsically time-varying.

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AGRIBUSINESS & WATER COUNCIL OF ARIZONA

A man in a grey blazer stands at a wooden podium on a stage. Behind him is a large blue backdrop with the text 'ARIZONA'S VOICE OF IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE' and 'AGRIBUSINESS & WATER COUNCIL OF ARIZONA'. To the left of the podium is an American flag, and to the right is the Arizona state flag. The stage is decorated with several black chairs and potted plants. In the foreground, the backs of several audience members are visible as they sit at round tables covered with blue cloths. The tables are set with water bottles, glasses, and small brown paper bags with the council's logo.

Q & A





Noel Carter
General Manager,
Buckeye Water Conservation
& Drainage District

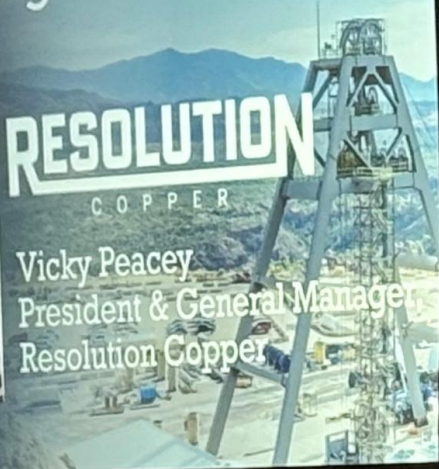


Mining Industry

RESOLUTION

COPPER

Vicky Peacey
President & General Manager
Resolution Copper



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Resolution Copper is developing one of the world's largest untapped copper deposits. Once in operation, the mine could supply up to one-quarter of the nation's copper demand.



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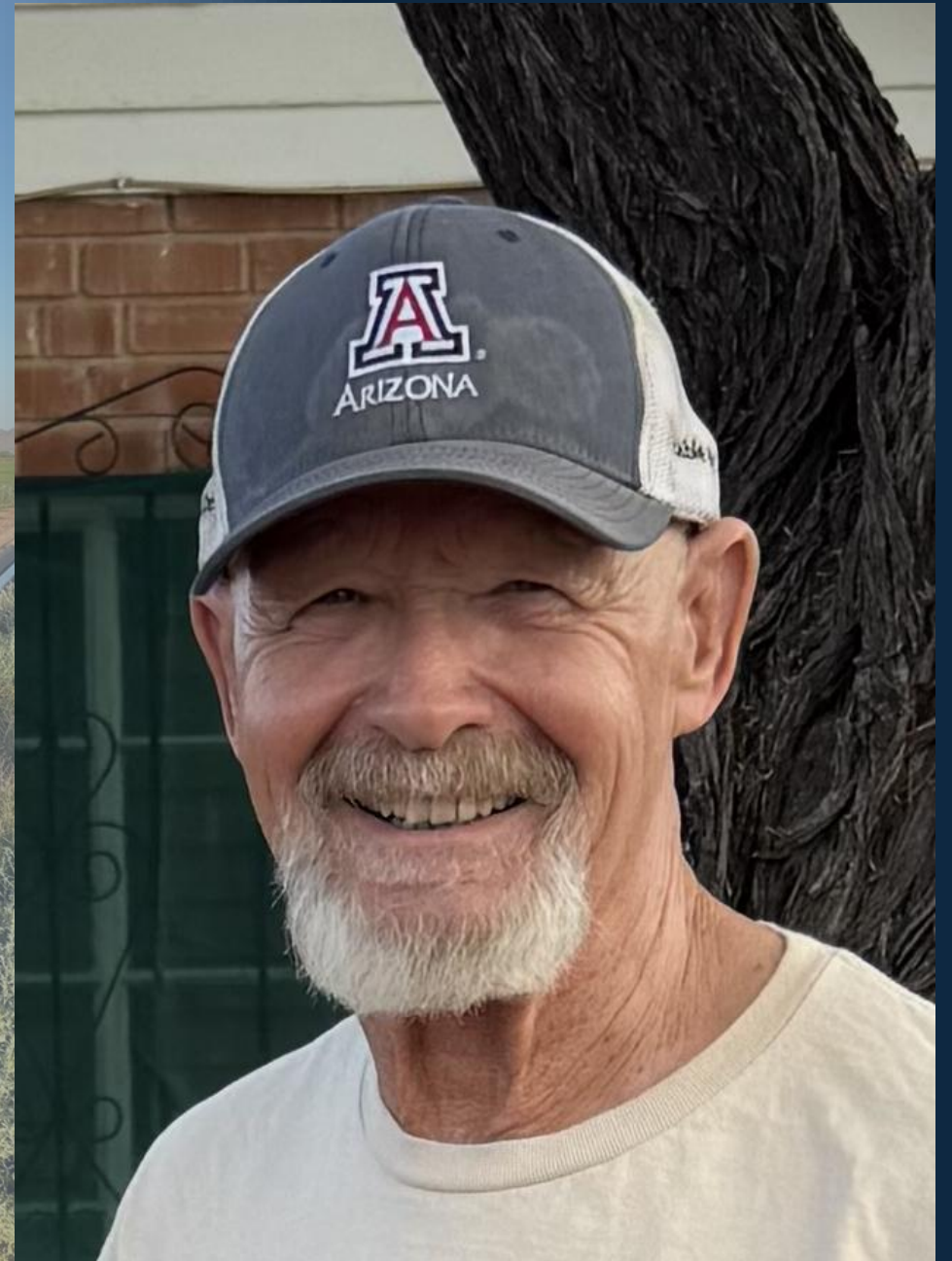


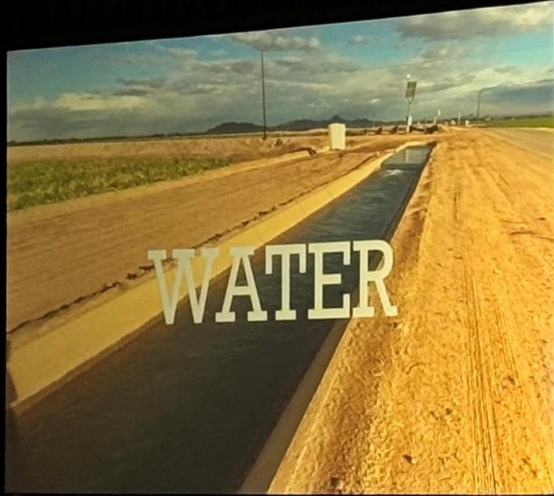
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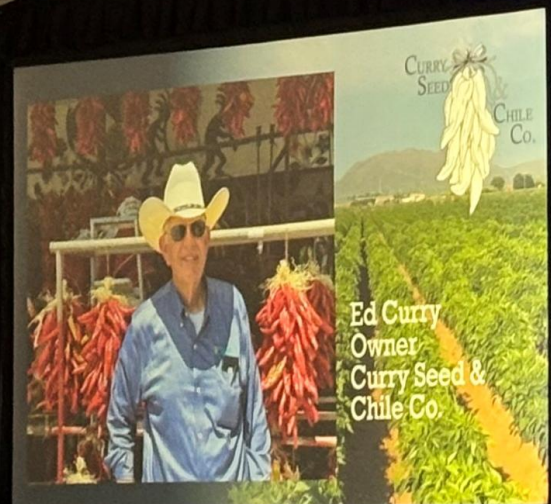




WATER



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Ground Water

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Brenda Burman
General Manager
Central Arizona Project





Colorado River



Clint Chandler
Deputy Director, Arizona
Department of Water Resources



Colorado River Update

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Clint Chandler, Deputy Director
Arizona Department of Water Resources
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Leslie Meyers
Associate General Manager
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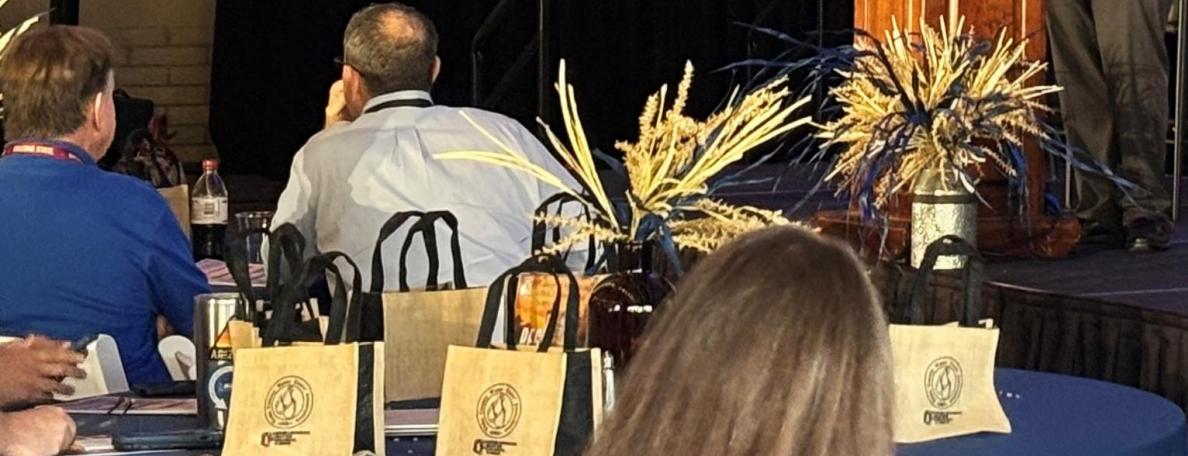
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A large center pivot irrigation system is shown in operation over a vast green agricultural field. The system's long metal arm, supported by a series of towers, extends from the foreground into the distance. Numerous vertical riser pipes are spaced along the arm, each with a wheel at the base. Water is being distributed through these pipes, creating a misty spray that catches the light of the setting sun. The sky is a vibrant orange and yellow, while the field below is a lush green. The foreground shows the large, treaded wheels of the system's support structure on a dirt path.

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LUNCH BREAK



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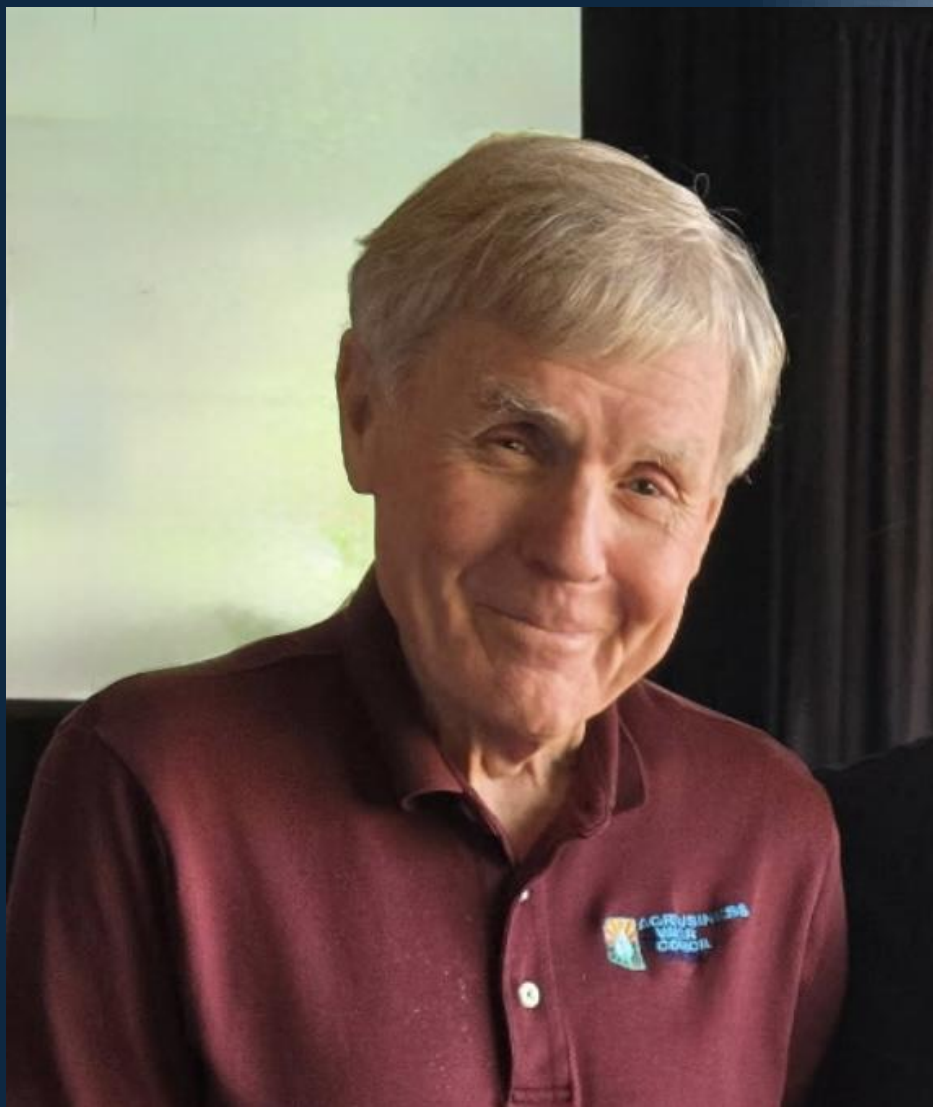
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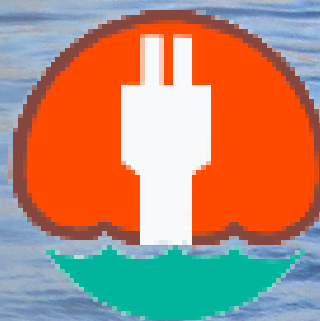


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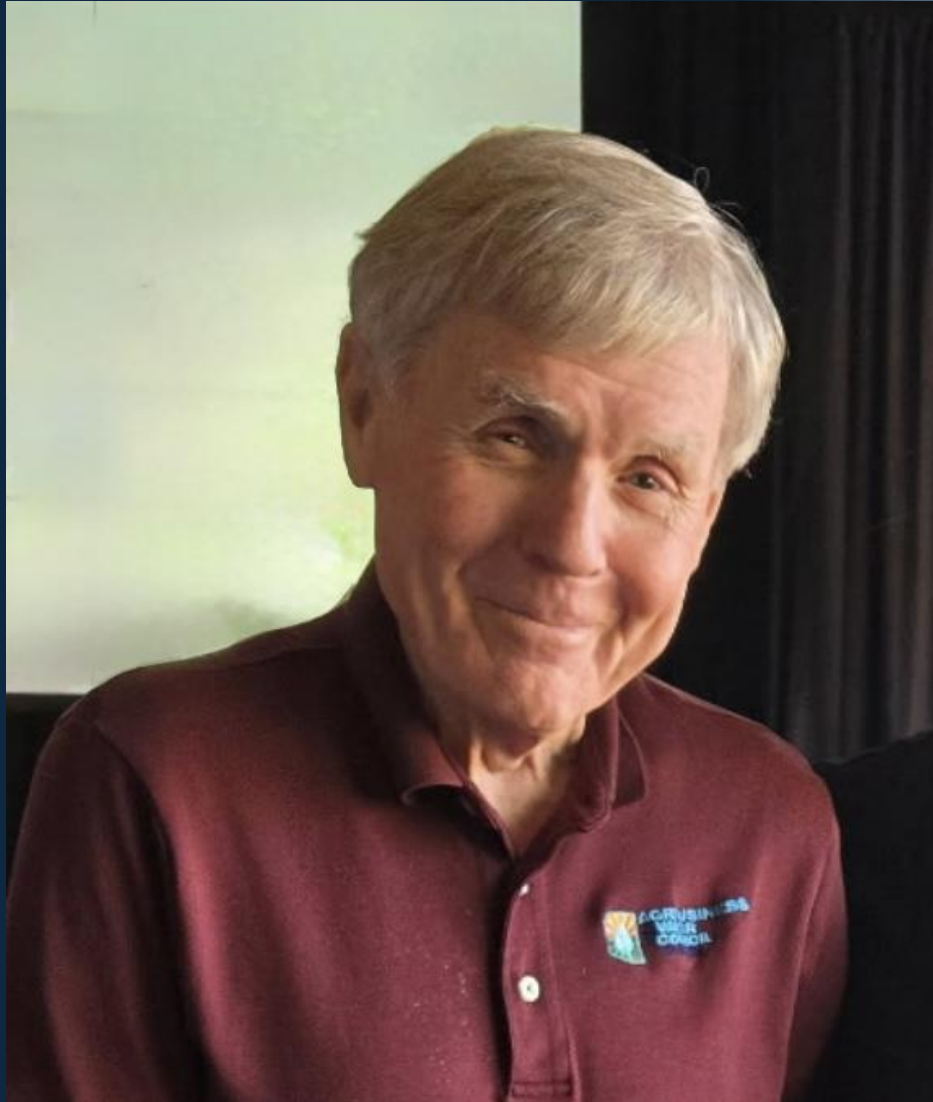


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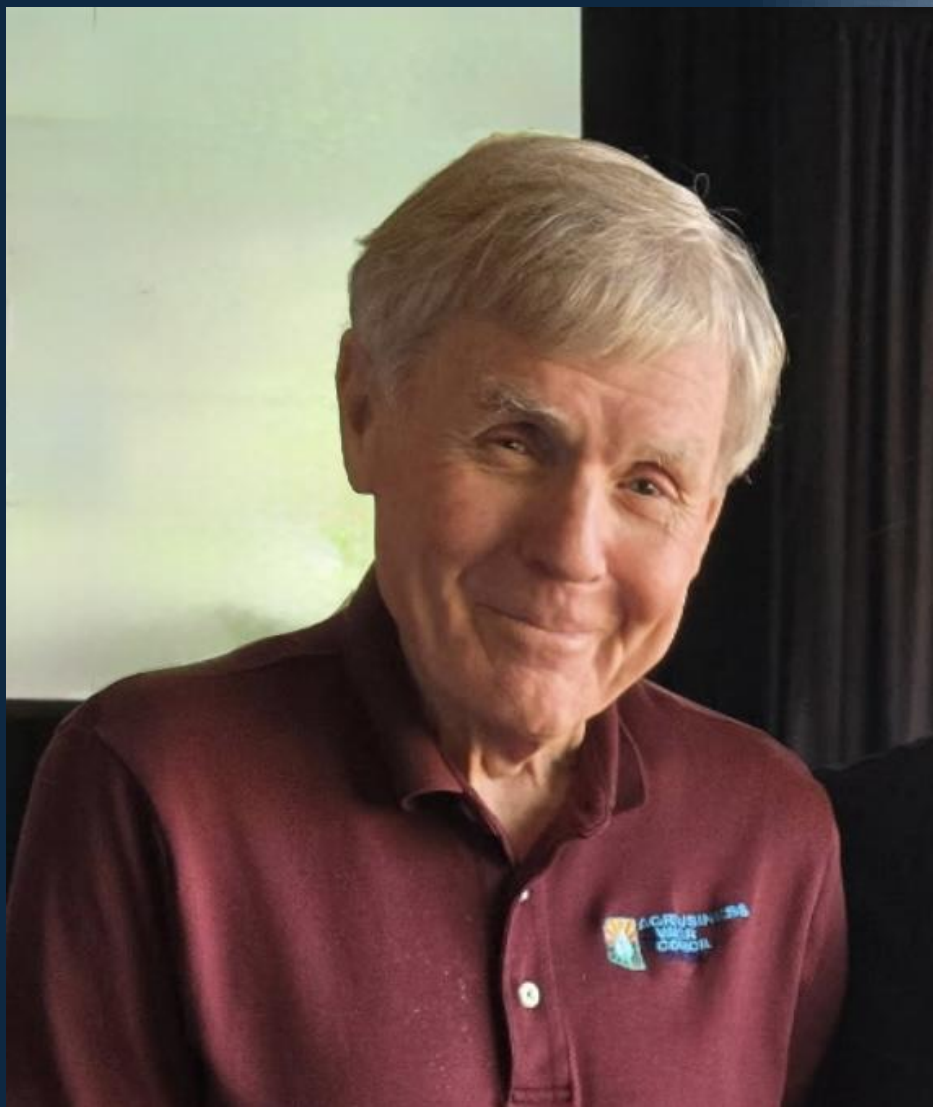
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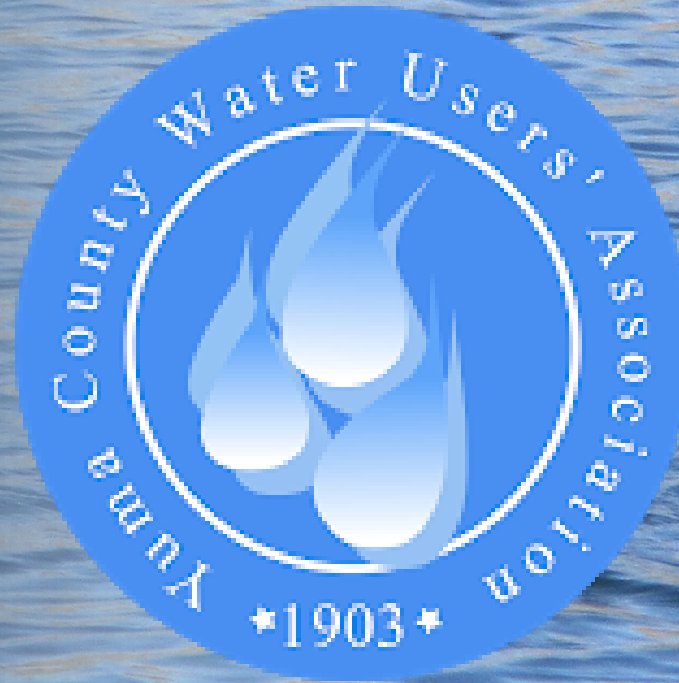
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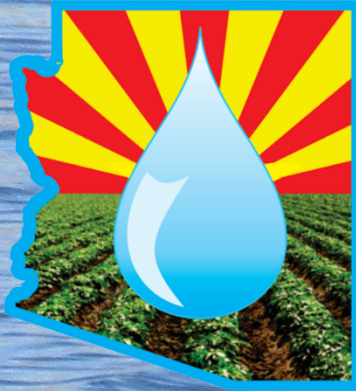
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