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September 19th, 2025





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President of Agribusiness
& Water Council of Arizona





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General Manager for Wellton-
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District



Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District

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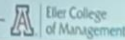
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Tariffs and Arizona's Role in Border Trade

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Superintendent for
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DR. JEFFREY SILVERTOOTH

University of Arizona,
Professor and Extension
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Water & Arizona Agriculture

- Arizona ag water use
- Agricultural production
- Ag exportation
- Food importation

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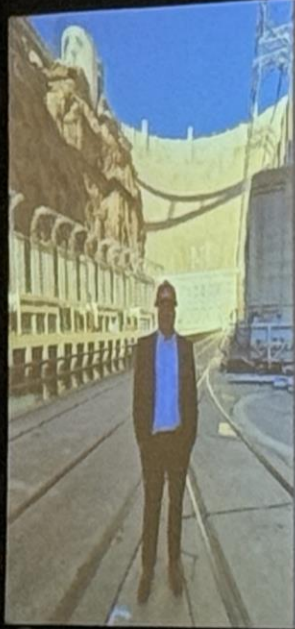




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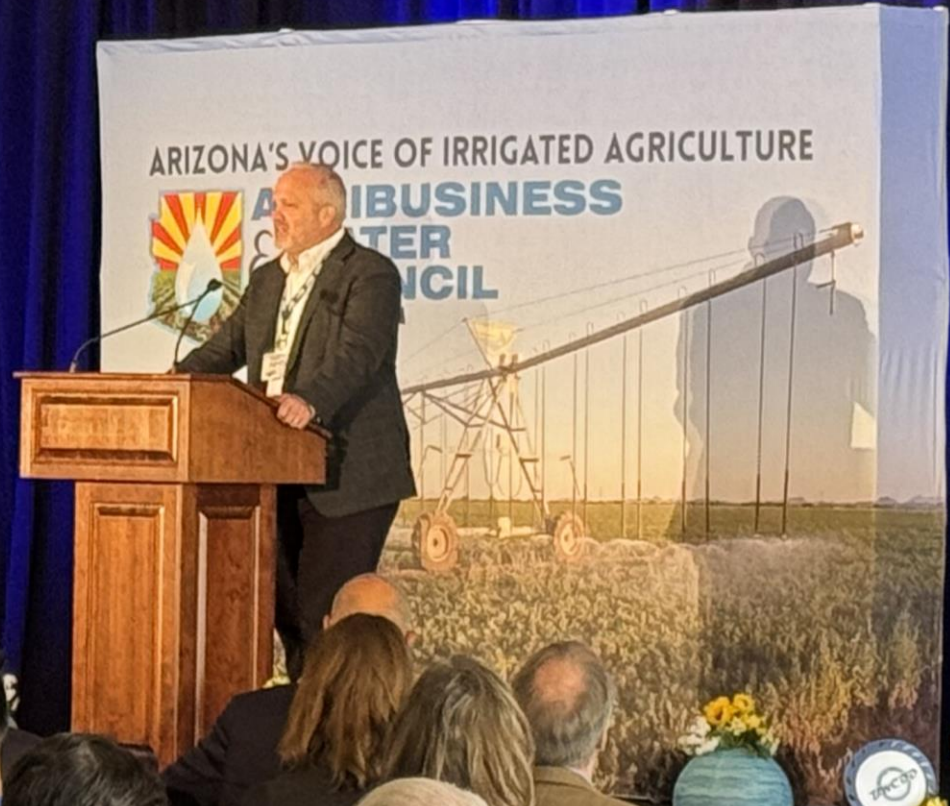
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JEFF JOHNSTON

Lead Economist,
Digital Infrastructure

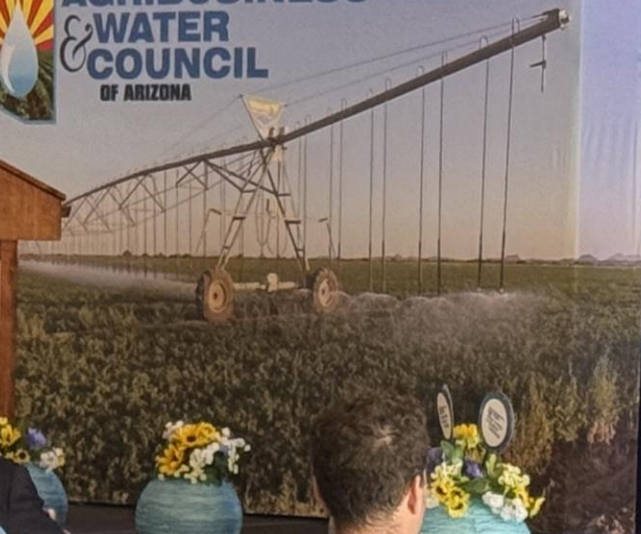




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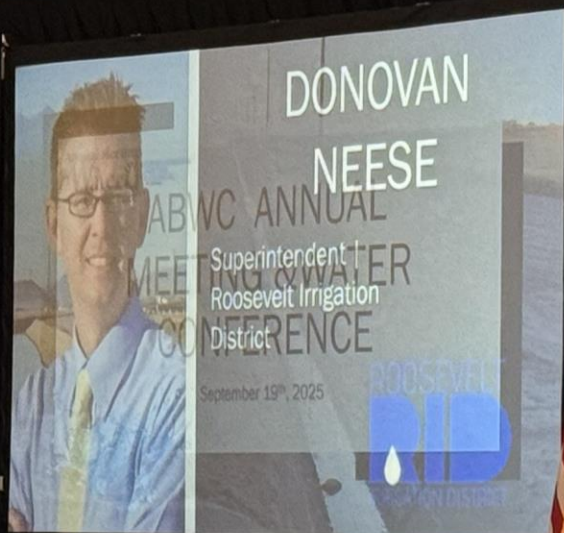




DONOVAN NEESE

Superintendent |
Roosevelt Irrigation
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KRIS RAPER

Vice President |
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Resource Adequacy & Hydro Generation in the Southwest

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Vice President of Strategic Engagement & External Affairs

Electric Reliability
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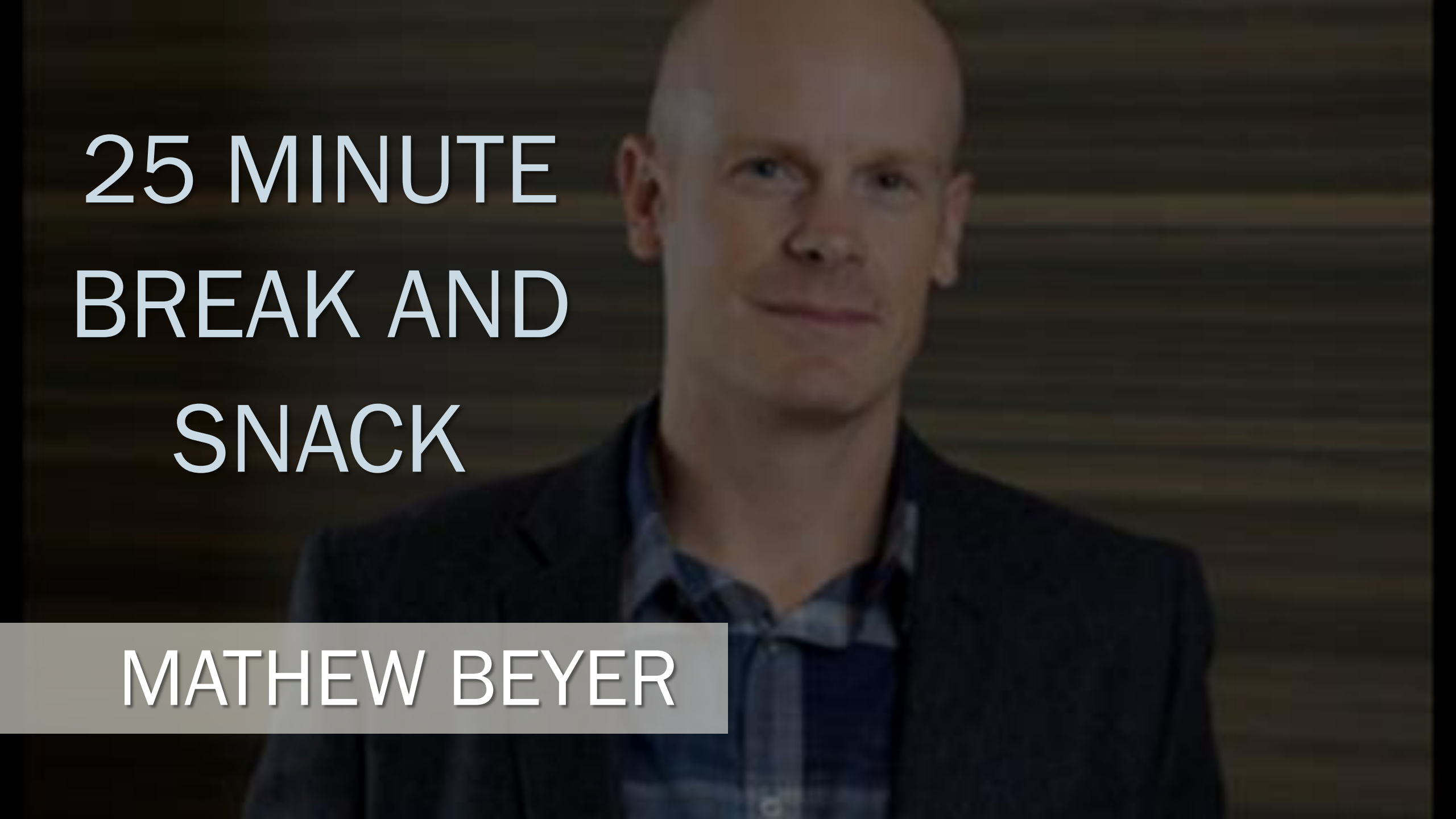
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25 MINUTE BREAK AND SNACK

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AGRIBUSINESS



GLEN VORTHERMS

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BOBBY WUERTZ

Land Advisors Group |
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NOEL CARTER

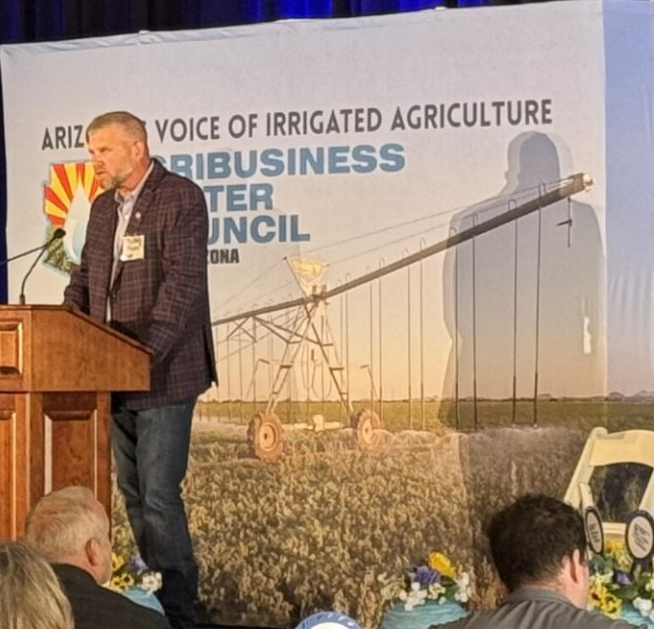
General Manager at Buckeye
Water Conservation &
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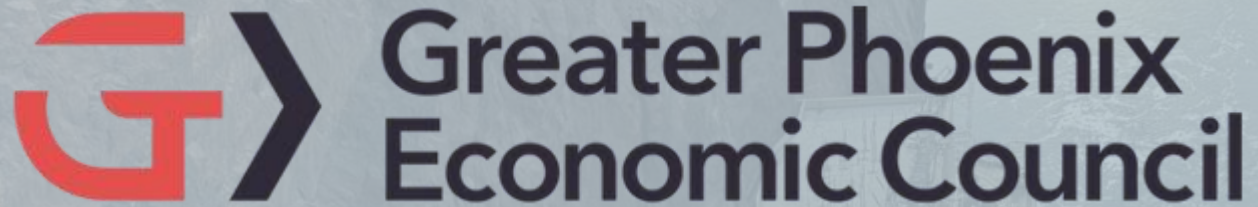
Vice President Relationship
Manager for Farm Credit West
in Tempe, Arizona



FARM CREDIT WEST¹⁸

THOMAS MAYNARD

Greater Phoenix
Economic Council
(GPEC), Interim
CEO



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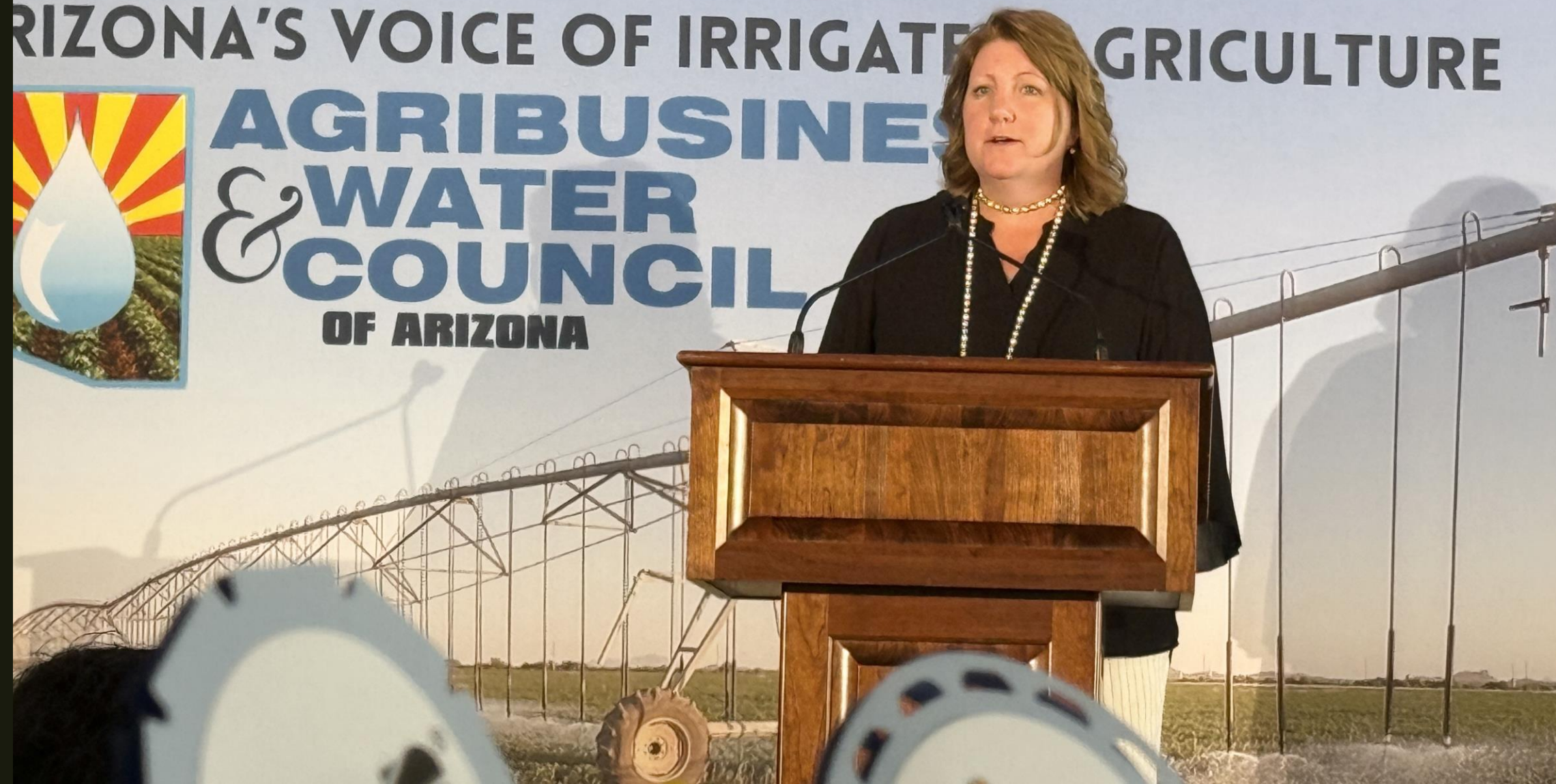


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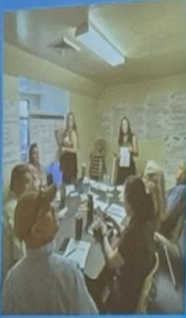
Director of ASU Kyl Center for Water Policy

ASU Kyl Center for Water Policy
at Morrison Institute
Arizona State University



SARAH PORTER

**Locally-driven
Co-Developed Workshops**



- Convene local steering committee & work with Resource Strategy Group
- Workshop Objectives
- Workshop Structure
- Workshop Content
- Workshop Participants

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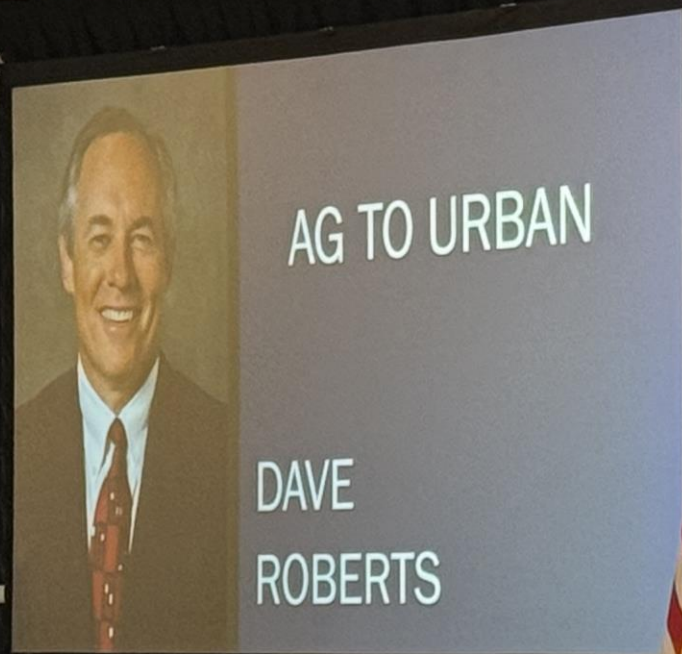
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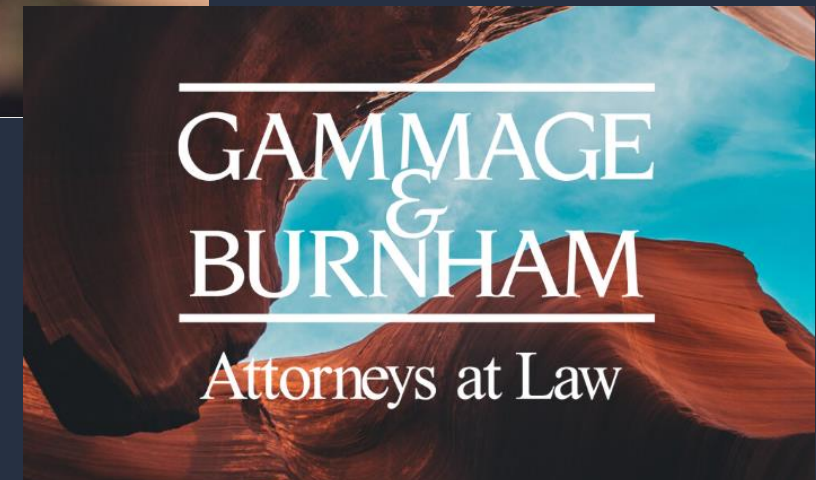
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Water and Natural
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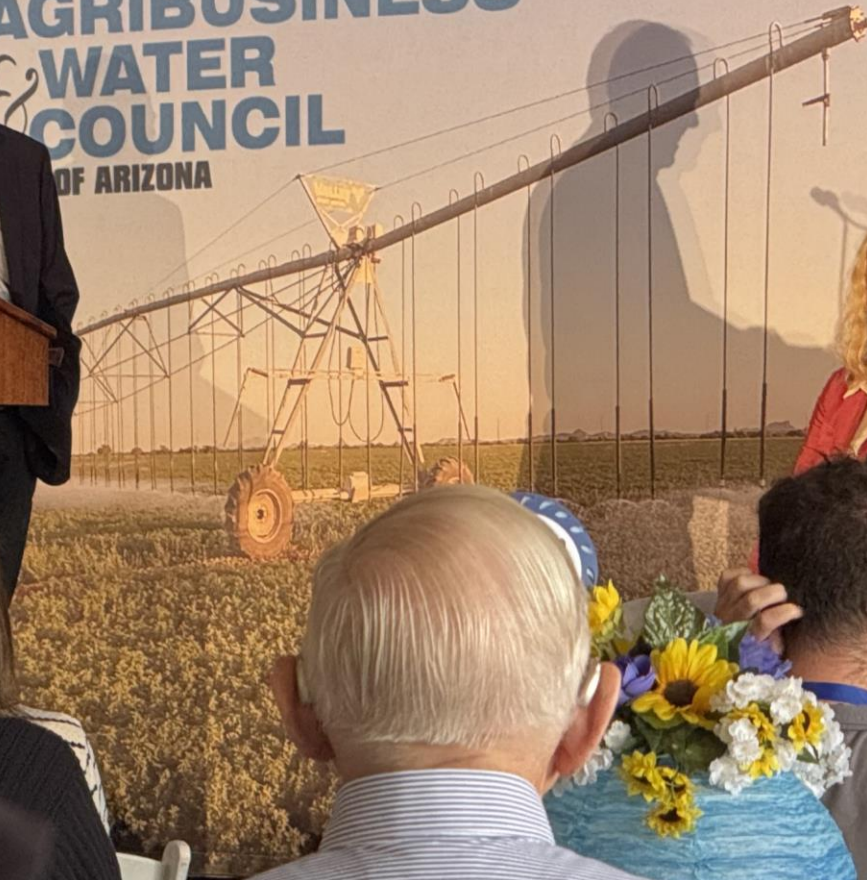
NICK VANDERWEY

Grand View Dairyman





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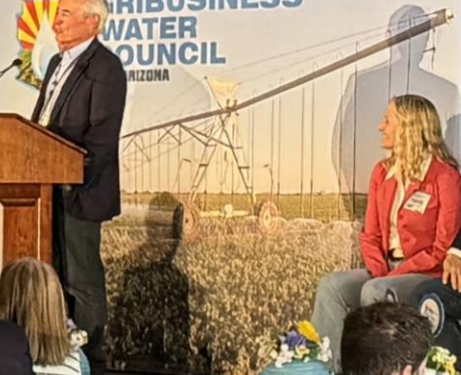


BUCKEYE, AZ



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Wade Noble



Noble Law Office Attorney
and
Legislative & Policy Chairman of the
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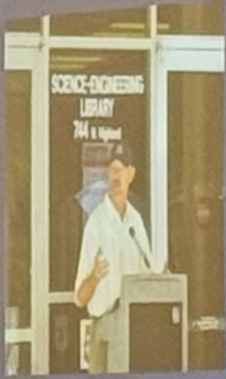




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Silvertooth

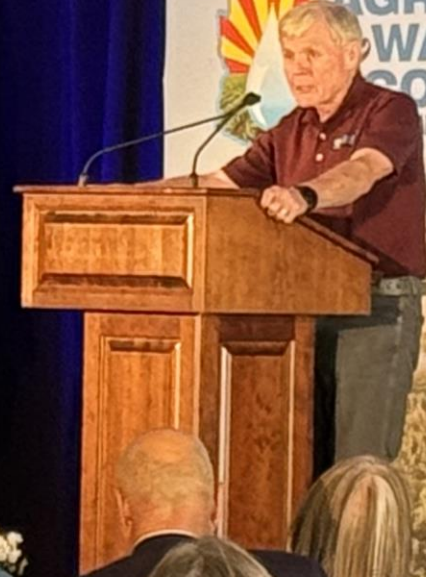
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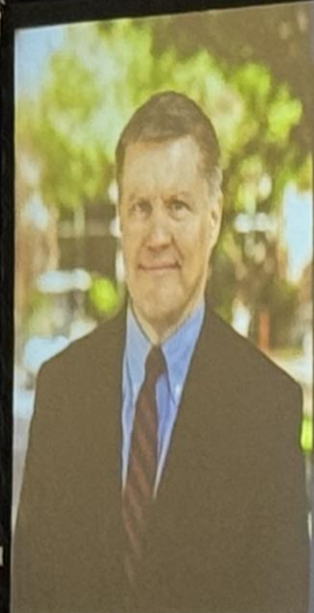
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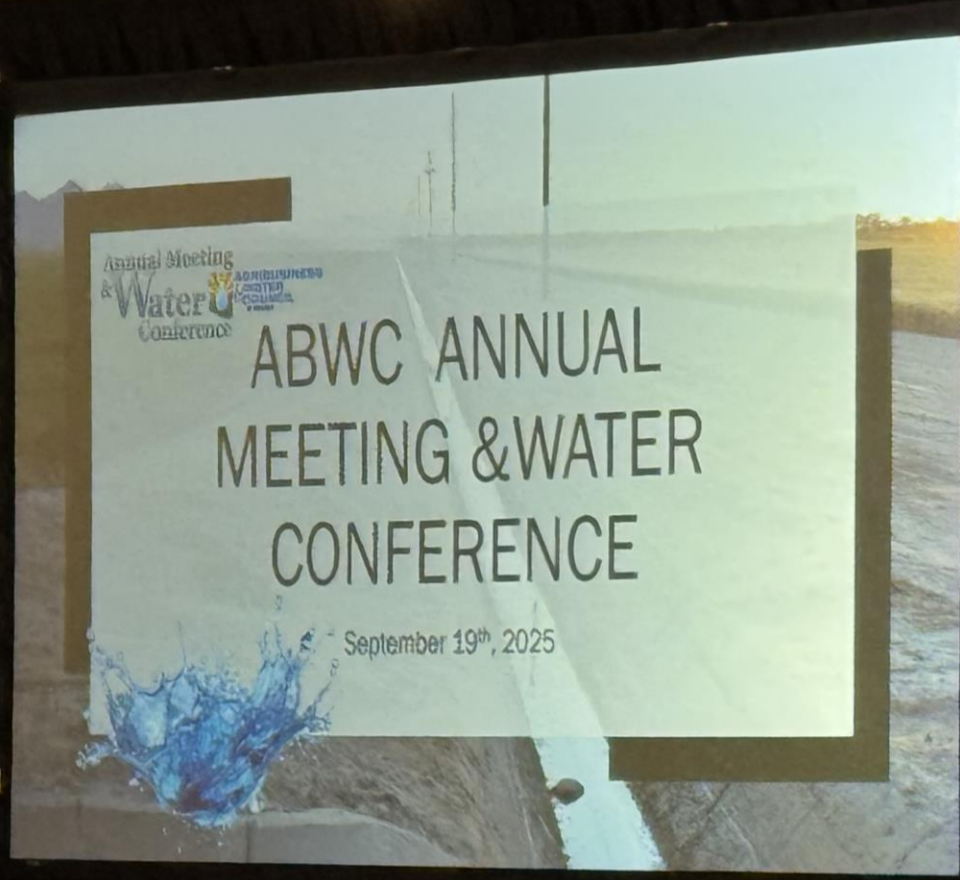


Welcome to the Salt River Project
PERA Training & Conference Center

PATRICK SIGL

Chief Water Executive and
Associate General Manager of
Water Resources



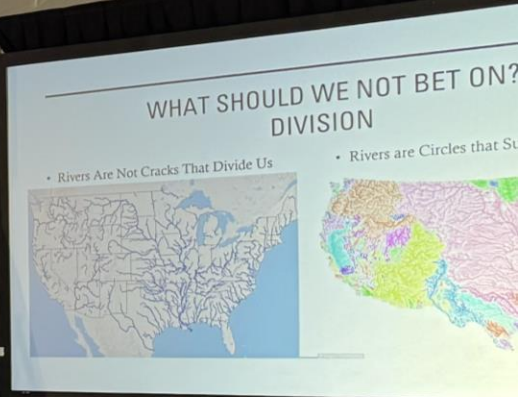




RHETT LARSON



Richard Morrison Professor of
Water Law at ASU's Sandra Day
O'Connor College of Law





CONCLUSION



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AND

General Manager of Yuma County
Water Users' Association



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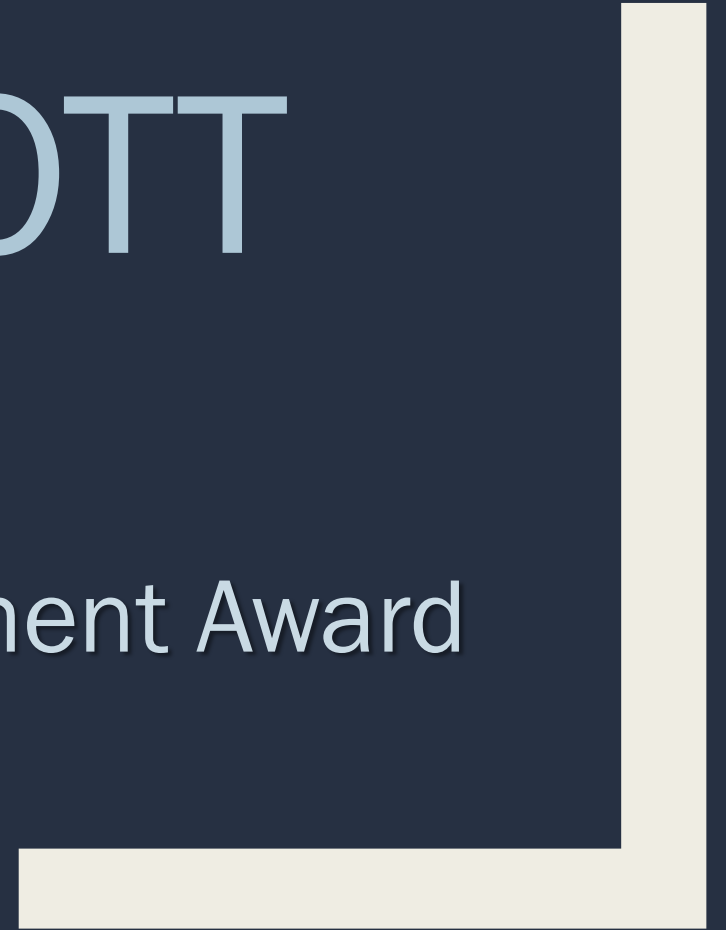
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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

MEGAN SCOTT

Special Achievement Award

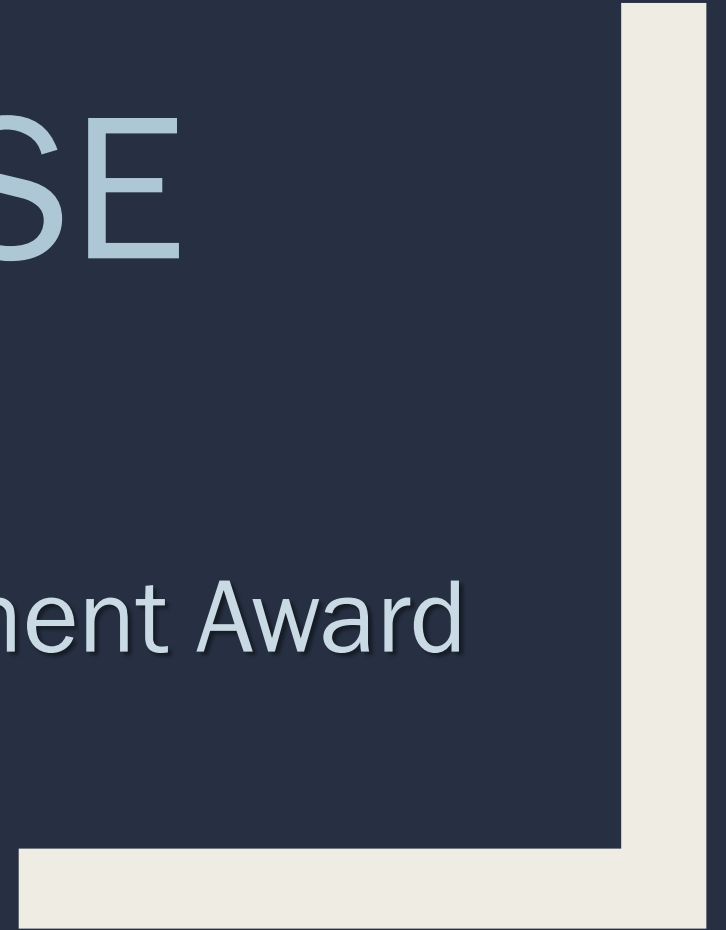




For her outstanding and successful efforts in developing the Agribusiness and Water Council of Arizona's Women in Water initiative, representing, as general counsel, the Colorado River water use of five irrigation districts in the Yuma area, and leadership in other water organizations including the National Water Resources Association (NWRA) and the Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA)

STEFANIE SMALLHOUSE

Special Achievement Award





For her significant contributions to agriculture in Arizona through her service as President of the Arizona Farm Bureau.

SARAH PORTER

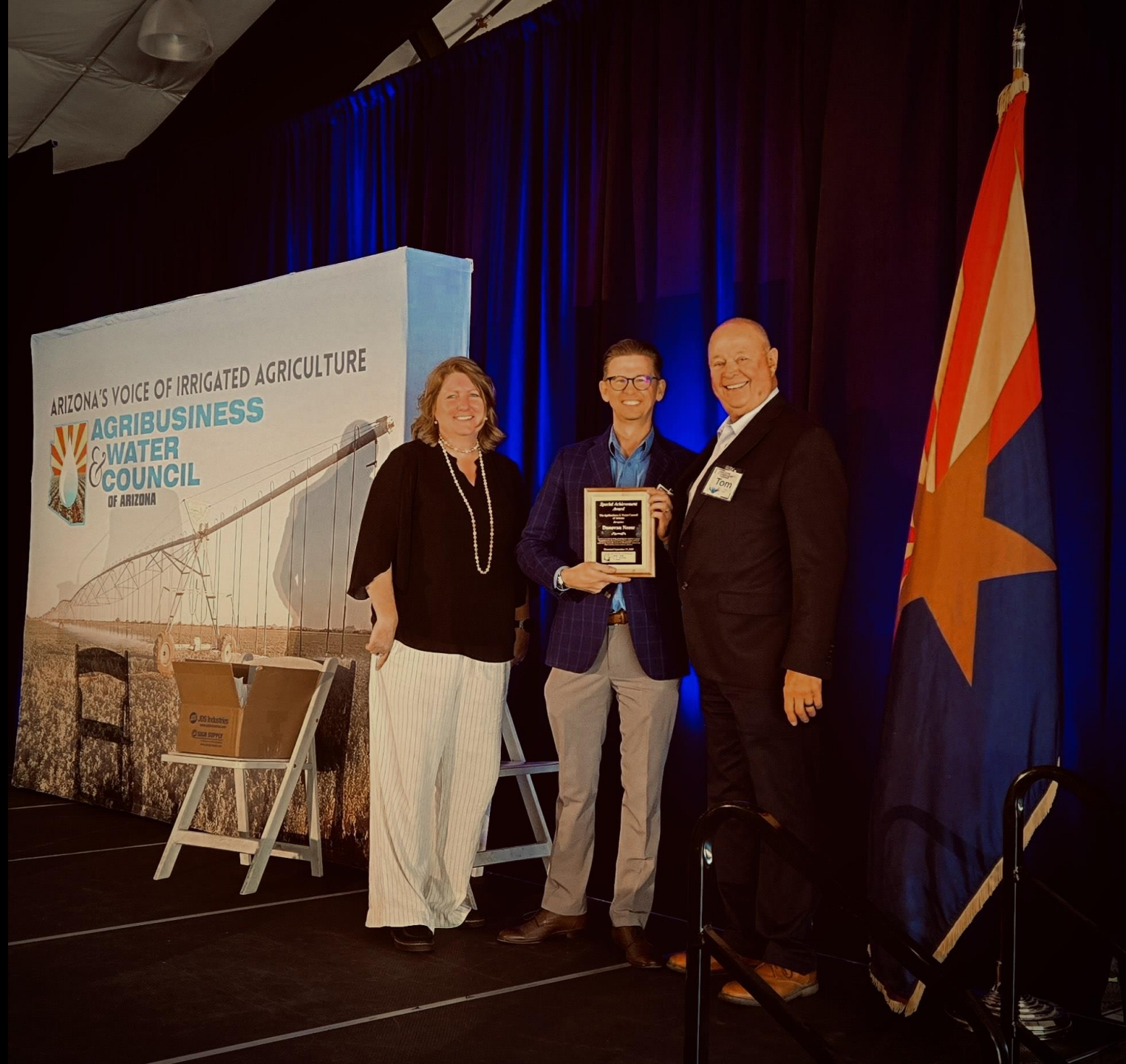
Special Achievement Award



For her extraordinary contributions and commitment to advance water policy in Arizona. Thanks to her leadership, the Arizona Water Blueprint was developed and is utilized by scores of users.

DONOVAN NEESE

Special Achievement Award



For his 25-year service to Arizona agricultural water, including 15 years as Superintendent of the Roosevelt Irrigation District resulting in significant contributions to resolving the issue of converting agriculture water use to urban water use. The Agribusiness and Water Council of Arizona is proud to have had Donovan as Vice-President for the past five years.

GLEN VORTHERMS

Special Achievement Award



For his tireless and hardworking commitment to managing the Maricopa Water District, serving as President of the Irrigation and Electrical Districts Association, Treasurer of the Agribusiness and Water Council of Arizona, and Coordinator of the ABWC Water Management Certificate Program.

DR. RICHARD N. MORRISON ESQ.

Lifetime: Achievement Award

Aviator, Attorney, Academic, Rancher

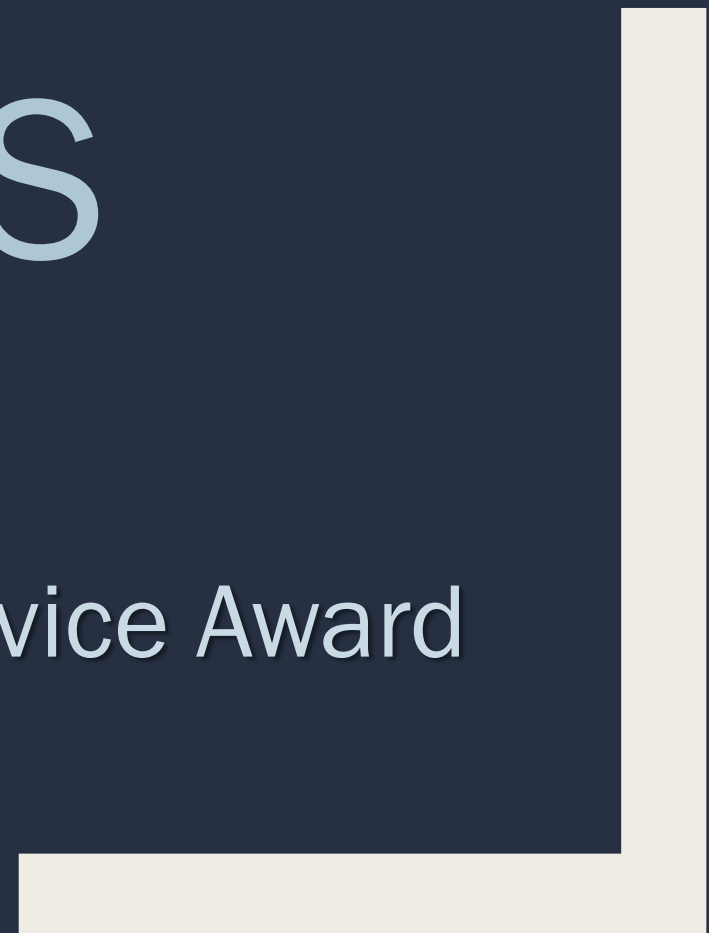
A career dedicated to the legal preservation of Arizona's Water Rights and Resources and a demonstrated desire to share this knowledge with future generations at Arizona's universities.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

TOM DAVIS

Distinguished Service Award

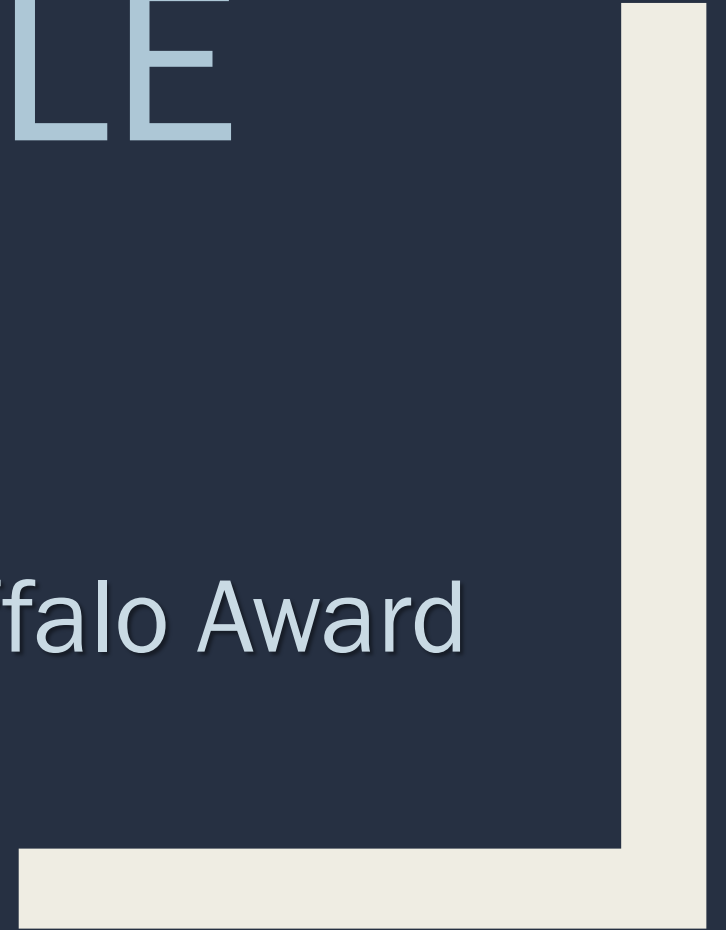


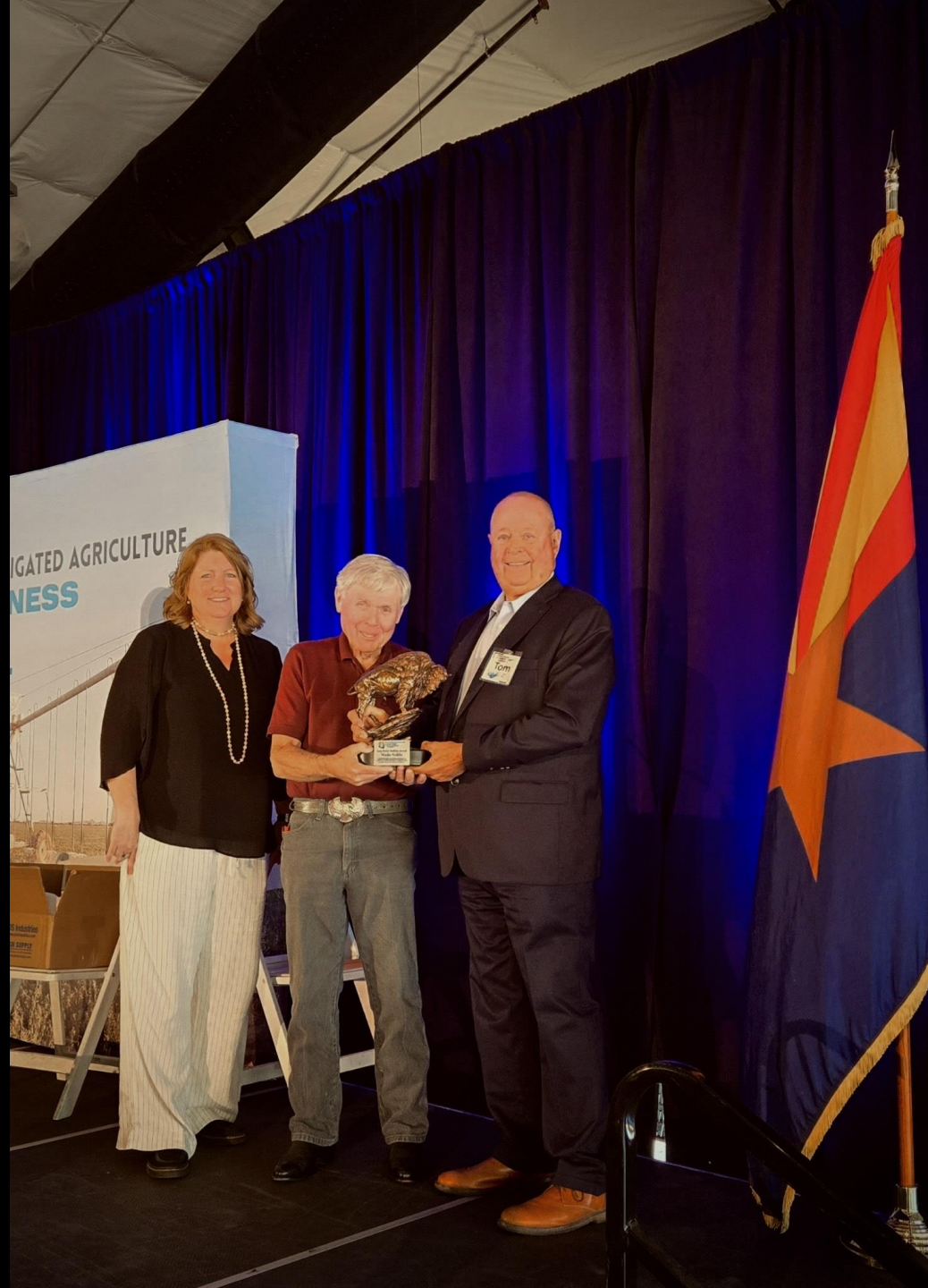


For his dedication and tenacity in resolving water resources and agriculture issues both from his position as Manager of the Yuma County Water User's Association and as President of the Agribusiness & Water Council of Arizona.

WADE NOBLE

Water Buffalo Award





Recognized for his long-standing participation and expertise on all matters affecting the Colorado River and the users of the River. His dedication to resolving water and agricultural issues is unmatched.