

# Water/Climate Briefing Annual Keynote Event

## A Conversation about Solutions for Water Sustainability in the Colorado River Basin



### Panelists:

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**Thursday**  
**March 3, 2016**  
**12:00 - 1:30 p.m.**

### EVENT LOCATION

Fulton Center 6th Floor Boardroom  
300 E. University Dr.  
Tempe, AZ 85281

### Fulton Center Map:

<https://goo.gl/maps/atGC822zzeT2>

### Future Innovative and Collaborative Solutions

The Colorado River and its tributaries provide a range of ecosystem services, contributing to municipal water supplies for nearly 40 million people in seven western states, irrigating millions of acres of farmland, generating thousands of megawatts of electrical capacity for the region, and providing critical habitat for threatened and endangered species.

While the region has thus far avoided an official declaration of water shortage on the Colorado River, significant challenges remain. Together, the states of the Colorado River Basin are developing strategies to address issues including drought, groundwater management, climate variability, and infrastructure needs. So the question remains: can an over-allocated Colorado River Basin achieve water sustainability?

Policy leaders from Arizona and Colorado will discuss this question as they explore existing and possible future innovative and collaborative solutions to water sustainability that will ensure continued social, economic, and environmental vitality for the West.

Join the conversation!

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