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AMBASSADOR SALAZAR'S VISIT GOT THE ATTENTION OF BOTH FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS AND THE MEDIA

US Ambassador to Mexico Ken Salazar visited the Colorado River Delta on Feb. 3 and the Baja California state government committed to support the designation of state-level protected area status for the Colorado River Delta conservation areas of the Sonoran Institute and Raise the River.

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COLORADO LAUNCHES COLORADO WATER PLAN

Colorado Governor Jared Polis launched the Colorado Water Plan to spur statewide water development and conservation. The plan highlights the Sonoran Institute's partnership with the Colorado Water Conservation Board as our Growing Water Smart Director- Waverly Klaw explains in the Water Plan launch video. [CLICK HERE TO WATCH VIDEO](#)

SANTA CRUZ RIVER RESEARCH DAYS 2023 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS IS OPEN

The Sonoran Institute's annual, bilingual Research Days event will feature presentations on environmental and cultural research, monitoring, restoration, and conservation efforts along the Santa Cruz River; particularly those that relate to this year's theme of Raising All Voices In Conservation.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 25 Santa Cruz River Cleanup & Fundraiser #NotInMyRiver

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MAR 3 Hummingbird Circle Event
Tucson. Contact Development
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MAR 6-8 Growing Water Smart
Workshop in Phoenix

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A MESSAGE FROM CEO MIKE ZELLNER

Since the beginning of time, the Colorado River has worked hard to benefit people and nature. As it now faces the worst crisis in history, we have to work for the Colorado River.

From his native Alamosa in the San Luis Valley in Colorado to the capitals of the United States and Mexico, US Ambassador to Mexico Ken Salazar is one of the people who has worked hardest and longest for the Colorado River.

On Feb. 3, Ambassador Salazar continued his work with a visit to the Colorado River Delta and the Baja California government committed to the creation of a state park for a restoration area that is part of a binational project of many organizations to restore the Colorado River Delta.

As proud as I am of the great work of my Sonoran Institute colleagues in the Delta, we recognize and celebrate that the success here is the product of collaboration. Communities, farmers, indigenous people, academics, members of the military, and municipal, state, and federal authorities in Mexico and the United States all are contributing to the conservation effort.

Here we are not planting divisions, we are planting collaboration, we are planting hope for future generations.

We hope that the Colorado River Delta success will inspire all to work for the Colorado River, in particular, and the environment in general.

In Loving Memory of Henri Bisson

The Sonoran Institute expresses its deepest sympathies to the family of Henri Bisson, former Sonoran Institute Board Chair, Chief Operating Officer and Advisory Council Member, age 75, of Tucson, Arizona who passed away on Monday, January 16, 2023. Henri's passion was "to make things happen" and he did so throughout his life.

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SONORAN INSTITUTE LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHT

This month, our Growing Water Smart program director Waverly Klaw will be presenting at an Urban Land Institute launch of the Water Wise Development Coalition. ULI, in partnership with the Alliance for Water Efficiency, the Sonoran Institute, and the WaterNow Alliance, is convening land use and real estate professionals with policymakers and decision-makers. This coalition is supported by the Colorado Water Conservation Board.



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Sonoran Institute inspires a positive future by connecting people and nature today. We are an international conservation organization with operations in the United States and Mexico. We promote collaboration to ensure there is water for flowing rivers, healthy landscapes, and thriving communities throughout the Colorado River Basin. The lack of water is an issue for all of our communities' future. Without water there is no life.

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