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SANTA CRUZ RIVER CLEANUP

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SONORAN INSTITUTE JOINS COLORADO GOVERNOR'S URBAN LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION TASK FORCE

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RESTORING THE COLORADO RIVER DELTA WITH A DIVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM - DAUGHTERS FOR EARTH GRANT

This grant-funded project is being led by Sonoran Institute's Associate Director of the Delta Program, Edith Santiago, who has 22 years of experience restoring wetlands. This women-led restoration team comprises of a diverse team of biologists, ecologists, hydrologists, community planners, environmental educators, and economists. Over 50% of women hold these positions.

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ONE BASIN: SONORAN INSTITUTE PROVIDES PERSPECTIVE ON CITIES AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Check out a new blog article written by Sonoran Institute's Senior Advisor, John Shepherd on "Growing Water Smart Ready to Meet Basin". [CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)

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A MESSAGE FROM CEO, MIKE ZELLNER



The Sonoran Institute has been convening people to support the Colorado River and its communities for more than 30 years. In recent months, our work has taken on a greater urgency as more and more communities need to move with speed to address environmental challenges.

In Colorado, Governor Jared Polis announced the launch of the Urban Landscape Water Conservation Task Force, with the participation of the Sonoran Institute's Growing Water Smart Director, Waverly Klaw! The Task Force will work to identify practical ways to advance outdoor water conservation through state policy and local initiatives, to meet the pressing challenges of urban water conservation in Colorado. In addition, the Sonoran Institute will host communities for our Growing Water Smart workshops in Phoenix (March 6-8, 2023), Estes Park Colorado (May 8-10, 2023), and San Bernadino Valley California (June 14-16, 2023).

In Arizona, the Sonoran Institute's Santa Cruz River team led a trash pickup that brought out more than 100 people and collected more than 7,000 pounds of trash! The event set the stage for our upcoming Santa Cruz River Research Days on April 20 and 21, 2023, and will be offered in both English and Spanish, online and in-person. "Raise All Voices in Conservation" is this year's theme and will headline speakers such as Navajo Water Project Executive Director, Emma Robbins and Tucson Council Member, Lane Santa Cruz.

In the Delta, our diverse environmental team is reaching out to the local community to celebrate the restoration of the Colorado River Delta and its connection to the sea. Our "Family Saturdays" at the 700-acre Laguna Grande conservation area have connected nearly 26,000 people with the river.

Across the Colorado River Basin, the Sonoran Institute is raising its voice to offer solutions and support to city and state initiatives for achieving sustainable outcomes. In working together with the many actors, Sonoran Institute will inspire a better tomorrow--today. Join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAR 6-8 Growing Water Smart Workshop in Phoenix
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- MAR 12 Tucson Portrait Stories First Live Art Festival
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- APR 4 Arizona Gives Day - Give today
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- APR 20-21 SANTA CRUZ RIVER RESEARCH DAYS

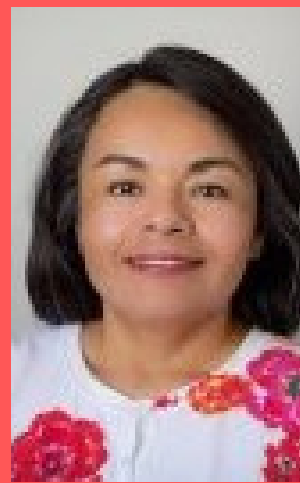
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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

We said farewell to former board and advisory council member Henri Bisson at his celebration of life. As Board Chair Richard Schaefer pointed out, "Truly amazing how much you learn about the amazing achievements of someone that you thought you knew." Henri had an incredible list of accomplishments and talents such as being a "French chef" on a submarine in Asia Pacific.



SONORAN INSTITUTE LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHT

This month, Edith Santiago resumes to the Colorado River Delta Program as the Associate Director. We thank her for her hard work and leadership to maintain the Delta Program. Also, for bringing everyone together and for supporting the entire team as Interim Director. Now she can dedicate her full attention to managing two of the largest projects we have in the organization: Las Arenitas and Mexicali Fluye.



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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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