

# Arizona Fall Water Symposium – Sedona-Verde Valley, AZ



**September 24, 2019**

**9am -12pm**

**Cottonwood Recreation Ctr.  
Conferencing Room  
150 S 6th St  
Cottonwood AZ 86326**

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS~**



**Sarah Porter** is director of the [Kyl Center for Water Policy](#) at Arizona State University's Morrison Institute for Public Policy.

Established in 2014, the Kyl Center promotes research, analysis, collaboration and open dialogue to build consensus in support of sound water stewardship solutions for Arizona and the West. Sarah also serves as deputy director of Future H2O, a President's Office initiative to focus ASU's water expertise on solving real world water challenges, local and global.

Sarah came to the Kyl Center from the National Audubon Society, where she served as the Arizona state director and led Audubon's Western Rivers Project, a multistate initiative to protect and restore important river habitats in the Intermountain West. As deputy director of Audubon Arizona, Sarah was a key team member in the effort to launch the Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center, a nature education center located in a restored riparian habitat in South Phoenix. Before joining the staff of Audubon in 2006, Sarah spent fourteen years as an attorney in private practice, specializing in complex commercial litigation.

Sarah serves on Governor Ducey's Water Augmentation, Innovation and Conservation Council, University of Arizona's Water Resources Research Center's External Advisory Council, the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board (as Chair), Phoenix's Environmental Quality and Sustainability Commission and several other community boards. A native of Phoenix, Sarah received her bachelor's degree with honors from Harvard College and her J.D. from Arizona State University College of Law, where she was a John S. Armstrong Award recipient. She clerked for Hon. William C. Canby, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

### **Key Topics~ (30 minutes)**

- Gila Watershed Adjudication
- Implications for landowners
- Long-term watcher resilience and growth in the region
- Effects on the Sedona-Verde Valley

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**Tom Buschatzke is the Director of the [Arizona Department of Water Resources](#).** He is responsible for management of the State's water supplies, including multiple planning and policy, regulatory and permitting programs dedicated to that mission. Mr. Buschatzke serves as Arizona's principal negotiator on matters relating to the Colorado River. He serves in a similar role for the State in Indian water-rights negotiations. He also is the Chairman of the Arizona Water Banking Authority and Co-Chair of the Governor's Drought Interagency Coordinating Group. Currently, Mr. Buschatzke also chairs Governor Ducey's Water Augmentation Council which is tasked with investigating long-term water augmentation strategies and other opportunities to secure water supplies for Arizona's future. [tbuschatzke@azwater.gov](mailto:tbuschatzke@azwater.gov)

#### **Key topics~ (30 minutes)**

**[It's Not How Fast You Run, It's How You Cross the Finish Line.](#)** The story behind Arizona Department of Water Resources 1980, Groundwater Management Act. What are Arizona laws regarding groundwater and surface water? Arizona water, what we do and how we grow; milestones, departments, **ground water, surface water, adjudication, what is important to know!** ADWR Services to the public; reaching out to educate and help.



**Greg Kornrumpf is the Manager for SRP's Water Rights Department,** a Board member for the Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization, and an Alumni of Arizona Project CENTRL Class XX. He is an ever-present face on the Verde Watershed, engaged in water right issues and sustainable economic development. He received the 2008 Civic Award from the Verde River Citizens Alliance for his service to the public regarding water issues. [Salt River Project.](#)

Greg is an Arizona native and is fortunate to work for a company rich in Arizona history and the Salt River Project. He has spent 33 years in the field of water resources management, with the last 28 at SRP, working to protect the historic water rights, of its shareholders, living in the Phoenix area. "Whisky's for drinking, water's for fightin'" is a common phrase in his career of choice.

His hope that "stewardship" is a concept that Arizona embraces, for the future, so that someday his grandchildren will experience the wonder of a flowing river and the quiet solitude that comes with it.

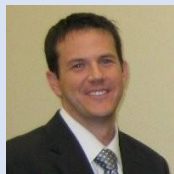
**About SRP~** SRP was established in 1903 to coordinate the management of water supplies for shareholders of the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association.

Initially, SRP's focus was on the operation and management of the [Theodore Roosevelt Dam](#), the cornerstone of SRP's water supply infrastructure and the water delivery system, comprising the network of canals, laterals, and delivery gates in the Salt River Valley.

Over the past 100 years, SRP's expertise has grown into the conjunctive management of the 13,000-square-mile Salt River and Verde River watersheds that produces SRP's surface water supplies; seven dams and reservoirs; more than 270 groundwater wells; three water-banking projects (recharge); and a vast electric generation, transmission, and distribution system to serve a 2,900 square-mile electric area and 400 square-mile water service area in central Arizona.

SRP strives to protect the water rights of its customers, but also to protect the Salt and Verde watersheds in a way that benefits all of those who depend on these rivers. This includes conducting research, working of watershed restoration efforts and working in conjunction with water users and municipalities across the state.

[WatershedConnection.com](#) – a website launched in 2017 to replace WatershedMonitor.com – is an extension of those efforts. In addition to providing real time data about hydrological and meteorological conditions, the website provides information about important efforts to protect and preserve the watersheds in perpetuity for all water users.



**Lucas Shaw** is a **Water Rights Analyst at Salt River Project**. He has been in the Water Rights & Contracts group for seven years. His work at SRP involves working with various stakeholders to research and develop solutions to water rights issues, particularly in the Verde River Watershed. Lucas has led SRP's Water Certainty Initiative, working with Verde Valley surface water users to enter into agreements that recognize historic water uses on private property.

#### **Key Topics~ (30 minutes)**

For more than a century the Salt River Project has delivered water from the Verde River and Salt River to water users and cities in the Salt River Valley. To ensure that the Verde River and its tributaries continue to supply surface water to the Salt River Valley as well as several watershed communities, SRP is involved in many, diverse activities to protect the Verde River and the Verde River Watershed.

#### **Some of these activities include:**

- Verde Valley historic water use agreements with private property owners
- Prescott/Prescott Valley Big-Chino monitoring, modeling, mitigation project
- Gila River Adjudication
- Watershed and forest health initiatives
- Water education, activities and events

#### **15-minute break**



**Jay Tomkus** is an attorney with the firm [Montgomery & Interpreter, PLC](#), practicing in the fields of water law, federal Indian law and public policy. He currently represents two federally recognized Native American Tribes in the Gila River General Stream Adjudication. He also represents the Inter-Tribal Association of Arizona, a consortium of 21 federally recognized Indian tribes in Arizona, on issues of public policy throughout the State of Arizona. Before joining Montgomery & Interpreter, Jay worked as a staff attorney at the Arizona House of Representatives, advising legislators on issues related to water, natural resources, land policy and constitutional law. Jay attended law school at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and earned a B.A. in History from Arizona State University.

#### **Key topics~ (30 Minutes)**

##### **General Stream Adjudications - A Tribal Perspective**

- Federal Reserved Water Rights (Winters Rights)
- Aboriginal Water Rights (Winans Rights)
- State Court Jurisdiction and the McCarran Amendment

##### **Indian Water Rights Settlements**

- What are [Indian Water Rights Settlements](#) and what do they settle?
- Why do tribes and their neighboring communities settle?
- More about the Yavapai-Apache Nation and the Verde Valley.



**Jamee Reddell - Water Rights Specialist/Planning/Public Relations, [SEC, Inc.](#)** Ms. Reddell has

over 18 years combined experience in the planning and natural resources fields. Her planning background began in a municipal community planning setting and allowed her to obtain a large scope of knowledge and understanding in land use and zoning permit application and submittal procedures. This also includes design and plan review, due diligence, general plan familiarity and public relations. Her experience also includes coordination and organization management with city council, planning and zoning commission and the board of adjustments and appeals. In addition, she

has over fifteen years' extensive experience and awareness in water rights issues and procedures. This includes historic water rights research and extensive knowledge on Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) submittal procedures and requirements for well registration filings, statement of claimant filings for Maricopa County Superior Court, surface water claims filings and sever and transfers of surface water filings and claims. She has a broad spectrum of knowledge on the current adjudication status and proceeding's regarding water rights issue within the State of Arizona. As project manager she has established and completed several hundred water rights jobs on both residential and commercial properties within the Verde Valley and surrounding counties. She is also proficient in ArcView GIS software and is familiar in a wide variety of hydrological procedures including well monitoring. She currently sits on the board of directors for Verde Valley Water Users, Inc. as an executive officer. Verde Valley Water Users, Inc. has worked to protect Verde Valley area water rights since 1984. They are the only organization dedicated to protecting well and surface water rights for their membership and individuals within the Verde Valley.

**Key Topics~ (30 Minutes)**

**Verde River Watershed General Stream Adjudication: History, Necessary Filings and Procedures**

- General stream adjudication overview
- General stream adjudication history
- Arizona Department of Water Resources, water rights filings and procedures
- Groundwater permitting division (well use)
- Adjudication division (general stream adjudication documents)
- Surface water division (irrigation and surface water use)
- Establishment of right to surface water
- Evidence used to determine a historic water use

**Q&A 15 minutes**

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