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Monthly Update

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# **WRP Updates**

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## **WRP Tribal Engagement Committee (TEC)**

You are cordially invited to participate in the **WRP TEC**call on **Friday, August 29th.** This call will begin at 10:00 am Pacific. Please click [**here**](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwrpinfo.org%2Frsvp%2F%3FmeetingId%3D89044&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cb7cb40342cf243496a1008ddcedbb7b6%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638894165260326493%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=OLmYlRvb8E720%2Bghitba7BQq1bf4N4SCgdrNnwYD%2Bec%3D&reserved=0)to RSVP. The featured presentations are:

* *Stepping Through Time: An Emerging Paleo Indian Landscape* by Anya Kitterman, Archaeologist/Architectural Historian, Hill AFB
* *Overview of the USGS National Geologic Map Database* by Dr. Dave Soller, Senior Program Scientist, National Geologic Map Database

The **June 25th WRP TEC call** featured presentations on:

* *Update on ITCN 51st Annual Conference* by Clifford Banuelos, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc.
* *FAA Drone Requirements/Regulations and How it Might Impact Tribes by UAS Integration Office* by Thea Dickerman, FAA and Alina George, FAA
* *Update on the 2025 NAFWS SW Region Conference* by Darren Talayumptewa, NAFWS SW Region Director, Member of the Hopi Tribe
* *Update on the 1st CA Native American Tribal GIS Summit 2025* by Donna Miranda-Begay, CEO CA Tribal GIS, Tübatulabals of Kern Valley, Tribal Chairwoman Emeritus, Tübatulabal Cultural Practitioner and Researcher

The meeting recording is available [**here**](https://youtu.be/3-TgibLEwAo)**.**

## **WRP Deep-Dives**

At the 2024 WRP Principals’ Meeting, Principals affirmed continuing the WRP Priority “*Enhancing Resilience to Avoid Cascading Disaster.*” In support of this priority are the following Deep-Dives:

* Water Security/Resilience
* Wildland Fire (response/ prevention)
* Aviation/Airspace Needs

WRP Deep-Teams (comprised of state, federal and tribal entities) regularly meet to receive updates by SMEs and discuss WRP action items. For more details contact [amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org](mailto:amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org)

[**2024 Report: Enhancing Resilience to Avoid Cascading Disaster** (July 2024)](https://wrpinfo.org/media/1971/2024-wrp-report_final.docx) This report includes the outcomes and findings by the three WRP Deep-Dives.

# **Energy**

## **Federal Updates**

* EO: [Ending Market Distorting Subsidies for Unreliable, Foreign‑Controlled Energy Sources](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/07/ending-market-distorting-subsidies-for-unreliable-foreign%E2%80%91controlled-energy-sources/)
  + [Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Ends Market Distorting Subsidies for Unreliable, Foreign-Controlled Energy Sources](https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/07/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-ends-market-distorting-subsidies-for-unreliable-foreign-controlled-energy-sources/)
* [Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Grants Regulatory Relief from Burdensome EPA Restrictions to Promote American Security](https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/07/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-grants-regulatory-relief-from-burdensome-epa-restrictions-to-promote-american-security/)
  + Proclamation: [Regulatory Relief for Certain Stationary Sources to Promote American Iron Ore Processing Security](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/07/regulatory-relief-for-certain-stationary-sources-to-promote-american-iron-ore-processing-security/)
  + Proclamation: [Regulatory Relief for Certain Stationary Sources to Further Promote American Energy](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/07/regulatory-relief-for-certain-stationary-sources-to-further-promote-american-energy/)

### **FERC**

* June 2025 [Highlights](https://www.ferc.gov/news-events/news/june-2025-highlights-ferc-insight-volume-6) | FERC insight | Volume 6
* [FERC Approves Grid Reliability Standards Applicable to Inverter-Based Generators](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/ferc-approves-grid-reliability-standards-applicable-inverter-based-generators)
* [Summaries | July 2025 Commission Meeting | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/summaries-july-2025-commission-meeting)
* Chairman Christie's Letter Re: Review of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Agency Actions
  + [July 14, 2025, through July 25, 2025](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/chairman-christies-letter-re-review-federal-energy-regulatory-commission-agency-10)
  + [June 30, 2025, through July 11, 2025](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/chairman-christies-letter-re-review-federal-energy-regulatory-commission-agency-9)

### **DOE**

* [DOE Releases Report on Evaluating U.S. Grid Reliability and Security](https://www.energy.gov/articles/department-energy-releases-report-evaluating-us-grid-reliability-and-security)
* [DOE’s Resource Adequacy Report analyzes the U.S. power system’s ability to support new load growth by 2030. It provides a forward-looking snapshot of resource adequacy that is tied to electricity supplies, demand, and forecasted generation development, systematically exploring a range of dimensions that can be compared across regions](https://www.energy.gov/topics/reliability)
* [Energy Department Announces Pilot Program to Build Advanced U.S. Nuclear Fuel Lines and End Foreign Dependence](https://www.energy.gov/articles/energy-department-announces-pilot-program-build-advanced-us-nuclear-fuel-lines-and-end)
* [National lab taps Microsoft AI to accelerate nuclear energy permitting](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/policy/energy-and-environment/3472924/national-lab-taps-microsoft-nuclear-ai-accelerate-energy-permitting/?utm_source=Daily%20on%20Energy%20071625_07/16/2025)
* [DOE Announces Site Selection for AI Data Center and Energy Infrastructure Development on Federal Lands](https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-announces-site-selection-ai-data-center-and-energy-infrastructure-development-federal)
* [Energy announces first 4 AI data center sites on federal lands](https://www.nextgov.com/artificial-intelligence/2025/07/energy-announces-first-4-ai-data-center-sites-federal-lands/406977/?oref=ngfcw_ftt_nl)
* [DOE Issues Report Evaluating Impact of Greenhouse Gasses on U.S. Climate, Invites Public Comment](https://www.energy.gov/articles/department-energy-issues-report-evaluating-impact-greenhouse-gasses-us-climate-invites)
* DOE’s Interim Final Rule Re **Revision of National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures** published in the Federal Register available [**here**](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.gov%252Fsites%252Fdefault%252Ffiles%252F2025-06%252F2025-06-30-IFR-1021-205-pre-FR-publication-for-web.pdf%2F1%2F01010197f65c87df-824fd8ee-3a4f-4ba3-b818-8991dd3c9ecc-000000%2F0aXKbmKlfj80gAFPrC0D1Jsw7VQARsoKN3Wt4bItdsk%3D413&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Caee9b6572d03468076f308ddc0129b6d%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638877908382969086%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=b%2B9N0FE5%2FS2HFIcvCzeBxBl2S07Rkt8oWyLCqmX9n7g%3D&reserved=0). DOE’s updated NEPA guidance documents are available [**here**](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.gov%252Fnepa%252Fdoe-nepa-rulemaking-2025%2F1%2F01010197f65c87df-824fd8ee-3a4f-4ba3-b818-8991dd3c9ecc-000000%2FPBlJZIVOo80C2KsCukRNuaDg5piC2NcWf7aZATBNSBA%3D413&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Caee9b6572d03468076f308ddc0129b6d%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638877908382978383%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=0k14J7KG%2FExJaqTgwMThBHIEP34Glp%2Bo4ViHY%2FP6XwE%3D&reserved=0).
* [Energy Technology Innovation Partnership Project: Coastal, Remote, and Island Community Technical Assistance](https://www.nrel.gov/state-local-tribal/etipp-technical-assistance)

**EIA**

* [Resource Advisory: Understanding electricity generation capacity in the United States](https://www.eia.gov/pressroom/releases/press572.php)
* [Total Energy Monthly Data](https://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/)
* [Short-Term Energy Outlook - U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)](https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/steo/?utm_medium=PressOps)
* [Natural Gas Monthly](https://www.eia.gov/naturalgas/monthly/)
* [Monthly Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production](https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/production/)
* [Petroleum Supply Monthly](https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/supply/monthly/)
* [U.S. Movements of Crude Oil by Rail](https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/transportation/)
* [Monthly Energy Review](https://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/)
* [Electric Power Monthly](https://www.eia.gov/electricity/monthly/)
* [Liquids Pipeline Projects](https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/data.php#movements)

### **DOI**

* [SO 3437 - Ending Preferential Treatment for Unreliable, Foreign Controlled Energy Sources in Department Decision-Making](https://www.doi.gov/document-library/secretary-order/so-3437-ending-preferential-treatment-unreliable-foreign)
* [SO 3436 - Unlocking Critical and Strategic Minerals from Mine Waste, Cutting Red Tape, and Restoring American Dominance in Strategic Mineral Production](https://www.doi.gov/document-library/secretary-order/so-3436-unlocking-critical-and-strategic-minerals-mine-waste)
* [Interior Proposes Updates to Commingling Rules to Boost Energy Production and Efficiency](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-proposes-updates-commingling-rules)
* [Interior Ends Preferential Treatment for Unreliable, Subsidy-Dependent Wind and Solar Energy](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-ends-preferential-treatment-unreliable-subsidy-dependent-wind-and-solar)
* [DOI Revises Guidelines to Speed Up Plugging of Orphaned Oil and Gas Wells](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-revises-guidelines-speed-plugging-orphaned-oil-and-gas-wells)
* [DOI Curbs Preferential Treatment for Wind Energy](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/department-interior-curbs-preferential-treatment-wind-energy)
* [DOI Advances Energy Dominance through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-advances-energy-dominance-through-one-big-beautiful-bill-act)
* [Departmental Review Procedures for Decisions, Actions, Consultations, and Other Undertakings Related to Wind and Solar Energy Facilities](https://www.doi.gov/media/document/departmental-review-procedures-decisions-actions-consultations-and-other)
* [New DOI Review May Heighten Scrutiny and Lengthen Permitting Timelines for Some Wind and Solar Projects](https://www.lawofrenewableenergy.com/2025/07/articles/renewable/new-department-of-interior-review-may-heighten-scrutiny-and-lengthen-permitting-timelines-for-some-wind-and-solar-projects/?utm_source=vuture)

### **DOI-BLM**

* [BLM announces September 2025 sale of oil and gas leases in Colorado](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-announces-september-2025-sale-oil-and-gas-leases-colorado)
* [BLM approves Wildcat oil loadout facility expansion](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-approves-wildcat-oil-loadout-facility-expansion)
* [BLM seeks input for December 2025 sale of oil and gas leases in Utah](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-seeks-input-december-2025-sale-oil-and-gas-leases-utah)
* [BLM’s second quarter energy and timber sales bring in nearly $34 million in revenue](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blms-second-quarter-energy-and-timber-sales-bring-nearly-34-million-revenue)
* [BLM proposes first coal exploration project since 2019 as part of broader push for U.S. energy independence](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-proposes-first-coal-exploration-project-2019-part-broader-push-us-energy)
* [BLM announces September 2025 sale of oil and gas leases in Utah](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-announces-september-2025-sale-oil-and-gas-leases-utah)
* [BLM approves Crescent Valley geothermal project](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-approves-crescent-valley-geothermal-project)
* [Interior announces oil and gas lease sale in New Mexico generates over $58 million in revenue](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/department-interior-announces-oil-and-gas-lease-sale-new-mexico-generates-over-58)

## **State Updates**

* CA: Meeting schedule is now available for the [IEPR Commissioner Workshop on Energy Demand Forecast Inputs and Assumptions](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.ca.gov%252Fevent%252Fworkshop%252F2025-08%252Fiepr-commissioner-workshop-energy-demand-forecast-inputs-and-assumptions%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F0101019866f9ed54-94f63a50-18e5-4296-8ce0-42542e3130a6-000000%2FTyADDjEH8rItXHcrzsKz05MDG0bL3PCyZRCLFPrleXA%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cc74d0a136ad34788021a08ddd12f70db%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638896723876330355%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=U77BGC4YQvhyGOyxb21Uik0JeAvvLSCqqpRc25Y%2FJJk%3D&reserved=0).
* CA: [Senate Bill 605 FINAL Consultant Report Wave and Tidal Energy: Sea Space Analysis Prepared for: California Energy Commission](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fefiling.energy.ca.gov%252FGetDocument.aspx%253FDocumentContentId%3D102107%2526tn%3D265171%2526utm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101986139c6c2-7301e074-eee7-4dc2-9290-ca534cdb4577-000000%2F2oBrX3ds2R5OYcW7uIGsqXP5SGoRMsLnaCSG6wb6a3U%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C36748091ee3d4a234e8408ddd055270f%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638895786371192772%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JtevwTAqDF5W2052i7%2FJFzmCR6h%2Bu5PrlBAl1JPMYvQ%3D&reserved=0)
* CA: [IEPR Commissioner Workshop on Firm Zero-Carbon Resources and Hydrogen](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.ca.gov%252Fevent%252Fworkshop%252F2025-07%252Fiepr-commissioner-workshop-firm-zero-carbon-resources-and-hydrogen%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101985c3e1b9f-cff1ab4a-d277-4474-b3af-1fa84045ac37-000000%2FrkAjgFuzJ4nEjeNATyqieXHWyu8w6Xi2Bze1-NZr5Wc%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C38d0e45bded14d2d4fd108ddcfa7ed2b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638895042341025336%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=33yHfyUw0juCD9KHQTCF1saAr6xQEfngjV3QexxM9yc%3D&reserved=0) recording.
* CA: [World’s largest solar project approved in Fresno, California](https://www.fresnobee.com/news/local/article309973295.html)
* CA: [2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report-iepr/2025-integrated-energy-policy-report?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
* CA: [**August 6, 2025 - 9AM-12PM**: CEC will host a remote-access workshop to review data inputs and assumptions for the 2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report (2025 IEPR) energy demand forecast.](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/CNRA/bulletins/3ea2c54)
* CA: **August 11** | [Notice of IEPR Commissioner Workshop on Accelerating Interconnection and Energization](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/CNRA/bulletins/3e92ca1)
* CA: Agenda is now available for the [**August 13, 2025,** Energy Commission Business Meeting](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.ca.gov%252Fevent%252Fmeeting%252F2025-08%252Fenergy-commission-business-meeting%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010198678e3c57-25b44b15-975e-41b4-8c79-02459728bf91-000000%2FjWY48SHlHC4smtPp80YC70G_02UdrIZf8RMufUb4XVw%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cde2d886d15b0408fde1d08ddd1440382%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638896812243979054%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VokxHZBVEk9C3K%2F4V1FfSZuthq3ZXy90oZYeimVd6Os%3D&reserved=0).
* CA: [California’s wind and solar projects face new federal hurdles](https://calmatters.org/environment/2025/07/california-wind-solar-projects-face-new-federal-hurdles/?emci=81157746-6d61-f011-8dc9-6045bdfe8e9c)
* CA: [In historic first, California powered by two-thirds clean energy – becoming largest economy in the world to achieve milestone](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/07/14/in-historic-first-california-powered-by-two-thirds-clean-energy-becoming-largest-economy-in-the-world-to-achieve-milestone/?utm_source=Daily%20on%20Energy%20071425_07/14/2025)
* CO: [EPA Tries to Stop Closure of Colorado Coal Plants After Meeting With Colorado Springs Utilities](https://insideclimatenews.org/news/17072025/epa-tries-to-stop-closure-of-colorado-coal-plants/?utm_source=InsideClimate+News)
* NV: [Vast lithium deposit in central Nevada could shape the future of U.S. energy independence](https://www.kolotv.com/2025/07/10/vast-lithium-deposit-central-nevada-could-shape-future-us-energy-independence/)

## **Tribal Updates**

* [Navajo Transitional Energy Company’s Coal Site Visits – Antelope Mine](https://opvp.navajo-nsn.gov/250717-antelope-mine/)
* [How Native Homes in New Mexico Are Tapping the Sun](https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/22/climate/new-mexico-navajo-power.html)
* [Cameron solar energy and battery storage project passed by RDC](https://www.nhonews.com/news/cameron-solar-energy-and-battery-storage-project-passed-by-rdc/article_f07c52b3-ba66-456b-a1a8-347b77620bcd.html)
* Funding Opportunity: BIA Soliciting Grant Proposals for $8.5 Million in Energy and Mineral Resource Projects. [Applications are due](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.grants.gov%252Fsearch-results-detail%252F359891%2F2%2F01010197f65c87df-824fd8ee-3a4f-4ba3-b818-8991dd3c9ecc-000000%2FeF7zmSHTFglnlMEydqw2avWbzEjNCnvnopx81BzSS2E%3D413&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Caee9b6572d03468076f308ddc0129b6d%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638877908382997405%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BKVFsVnoW%2BtZGKtM7nS7WTd%2B2JkLCJ8%2Fnscf%2BSNakCU%3D&reserved=0) **by August 13.** The Interior Department has identified $8,500,000 for investment. The award ceiling is $2,500,000; the award floor is $10,000; and the projection for awards ranges from 10 to 100.

## **Regional Updates**

* [Electric utilities will invest more than $1.1T by 2030 to meet demand growth: EEI](https://www.utilitydive.com/news/electric-utilities-will-invest-more-than-11t-by-2030-to-meet-demand-growt/753783/)
* [Smaller nuclear reactors spark renewed interest in a once-shunned energy source](https://stateline.org/2025/07/01/smaller-nuclear-reactors-spark-renewed-interest-in-a-once-shunned-energy-source/?emci=2305a518-6d56-f011-8f7c-6045bdfe8e9c)
* [**August 26, 2025**, 2:00 PM ET: Wildlife Movement In and Around Solar Facilities](https://rewi.org/webinars/wildlife-movement-in-and-around-solar-facilities/) Webinar

# **Natural Resources**

## **Federal Updates**

* EO: [Establishing the President's Make America Beautiful Again Commission](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/07/establishing-the-presidents-make-america-beautiful-again-commission/)
  + [Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Establishes Make America Beautiful Again Commission](https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/07/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-establishes-make-america-beautiful-again-commission/)
* EO: [Making America Beautiful Again by Improving Our National Parks](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/07/making-america-beautiful-again-by-improving-our-national-parks/)
  + [Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Makes Our National Parks Great Again](https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/07/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-makes-our-national-parks-great-again/)
* [Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Grants Regulatory Relief from Burdensome EPA Restrictions to Promote American Security](https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/07/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-grants-regulatory-relief-from-burdensome-epa-restrictions-to-promote-american-security/)
* [US, Mexico sign MOU on Tijuana River sewage crisis](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/united-states-and-mexico-reach-agreement-permanently-and-urgently-end-decades-long)

### **EPA**

* [EPA Releases New Online Resources Giving Americans Total Transparency on the Issues of Geoengineering and Contrails](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-releases-new-online-resources-giving-americans-total-transparency-issues)
* [EPA Announces Next Phase of Organizational Improvements to Better Fulfill Statutory Obligations to Deliver Clean Air, Land, and Water to All Americans, Modernize Mission Support](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-next-phase-organizational-improvements-better-fulfill-statutory)
* [$12 Million to Protect Underground Sources of Drinking Water through State and Tribal Programs](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-12-million-protect-underground-sources-drinking-water-through-state-and)
* [EPA to Revise Wastewater Rules](https://ehsleaders.org/2025/07/epa-to-revise-wastewater-rules/)
* [EPA Finalizes Rule to Reduce Wasteful Methane Emissions and Drive Innovation in the Oil and Gas Sector](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-finalizes-rule-reduce-wasteful-methane-emissions-and-drive-innovation-oil-and-gas)
* [Unprecedented Progress to Protect Communities from PFAS Pollution](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-makes-unprecedented-progress-protect-communities-pfas)

### **NOAA**

* The NOAA Weather Program Office (WPO) recently launched REACH - the [Research Explorer for Articles, Code, and Hosted Data](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Furldefense.us%2Fv3%2F__https%3A%2Fpj5u9ghab.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001ZWeiAWnLoRdQczGA4TOUzh_9iELG_306r5yuBcPYjEdTHw2o00elGJMh7_TbwRk_9Aabeeq0e6U3hOO7529tKP1RcbBmDr39zYq96J-JHwzuYHZ4OlJYz7Oz270oKtqD7Thom7j_vQZ0JQqr1GpxhfiuiFPo0b3i%26c%3D3w0cB0lUN255ZaNHxEtLNR60TmBnxhmA0-jPIQ0V4Xr3NZkEVh8wzA%3D%3D%26ch%3DlzxrcdPvRoofsNMskSCtvqT_aku484nBLu0WiwOB1X-iz0zIn3O28Q%3D%3D__%3B!!BClRuOV5cvtbuNI!Cl-fNv80HdQc1GYImq_3VbMr9Hf6RPoynOlQ9TwvMIa4K1q6z1Ob4t2O2dG2Z50SOk2lotAF3dXaXf47huz5S8RteVe00aK9Iw%24&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ca80d06bd695a4874c82c08ddce4fb19d%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638893563878403528%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LGjg%2BbBbv6KGioOCa5gps93tRq9pzo%2BIWjsbstOlu6g%3D&reserved=0) – a new tool to support open science.

### **DOI**

* [National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Regulations](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/07/03/2025-12433/national-environmental-policy-act-implementing-regulations) by the Interior Department [07/03/2025](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/07/03)
* [DOI Launches Effort to Unlock Critical Minerals from Mine Waste](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/department-interior-launches-effort-unlock-critical-minerals-mine-waste)
* Inside Interior: [July 25, 2025](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohznH3GIWyM) | [July 18, 2025](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1T1_eR5dmA) | [July 11, 2025](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60sxLdcufk4) | [July 4, 2025](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AmMQCwJV1a0)
* Funding Opportunity: [National Fish Passage Program Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Restoring River, Floodplain, and Coastal Connectivity and Resiliency FY25 Funds](https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/350554)

### **DOI-Bureau of Reclamation**

* [Reclamation announces Yakima basin July water supply forecast](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/news-release/5198)
* [Releases from Davis Dam temporarily reduced](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/news-release/5200)
* [$200M in water reuse in the Colorado River Basin](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/news-release/5202)
* [Reclamation Releases Lower Santa Cruz River Basin Study Final Report](https://wrrc.arizona.edu/news/reclamation-releases-lower-santa-cruz-river-basin-study-final-report)
* [No NEPA, ESA reviews needed for Southern Calif. water contracts, court rules](https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/eenews/2025/07/23/no-nepa-esa-reviews-needed-for-southern-calif-water-contracts-court-rules-00469658)
* [Reclamation to fund innovative contest to help plug Colorado River leaks](https://www.deseret.com/utah/2025/07/22/colorado-river-crowd-source-funding-contest/)
* [Reclamation Says It’s Time for a New Delta Strategy](https://www.valleyagvoice.com/reclamation-says-its-time-for-a-new-delta-strategy/?mc_cid=04caebfeb9)

### **DOI-NPS**

* EO: [Making America Beautiful Again by Improving Our National Parks](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/07/making-america-beautiful-again-by-improving-our-national-parks/)
  + [Fact Sheet: President Trump Makes Our National Parks Great Again](https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/07/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-makes-our-national-parks-great-again/)
  + [Fact Sheet: President Trump Establishes Make America Beautiful Again Commission](https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/07/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-establishes-make-america-beautiful-again-commission/)

### **DOI-USFWS**

* [Judge orders U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to complete plan to protect red squirrels](https://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2025/07/08/judge-orders-u-s-fish-and-wildlife-service-to-complete-plan-to-protect-red-squirrels/?utm_campaign=az_morning)

### **DOI-USGS**

* [The USGS Water Resources Research Act Program will soon release funding opportunities on Grants.gov for two key programs: the National Competitive Grants Program (104g) and the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Grants Program. These programs support water resources research topics including water supply, treatment technologies, hydrologic events, and aquatic invasive species. Full proposals must be submitted through the New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute (NM WRRI).](https://mailchi.mp/nmsu/fy25-water-resources-research-act-program?e=8ca9586f6e)
* [Assessment of water chemistry of the Coconino aquifer in northeastern Arizona](https://pubs.usgs.gov/publication/sir20255038)

### **USDA**

* [$106M to keep working forests working](https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/news/press-releases/2025/07/31/usda-invests-106m-keep-working-forests-working)

### **USDA-NRCS**

* [NRCS Adopts Categorical Exclusions Under the National Environmental Policy Act](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/our-agency/news/usdas-natural-resources-conservation-service-adopts-categorical-exclusions-under)
* Water & Climate Update: [July 31, 2025](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2025-07/NWCC%20Water%20and%20Climate%20Update%202025-07-31.pdf) | [July 24, 2025](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2025-07/NWCC%20Water%20and%20Climate%20Update%202025-07-24.pdf) | [July 17, 2025](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2025-07/NWCC%20Water%20and%20Climate%20Update%202025-07-17.pdf)

### **USDA-USFS**

* [Reviving sagebrush wetlands: A conservation story](https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/features/reviving-sagebrush-wetlands-conservation-story)
* [NEPA Revisions: Cutting red tape, strengthening stewardship](https://www.fs.usda.gov/inside-fs/leadership/cutting-red-tape-strengthening-stewardship)

## **State Updates**

* Western States Water Newsletter: [July 25, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/News-2671.pdf) | [July 18, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2670.pdf) | [July 11, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2669.pdf) | [July 4, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2668.pdf) | [Special Report #2669](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2669-Special-Report.pdf)

### **Arizona**

* [State of Arizona Approves New Water Supply, First-Ever Groundwater Transportation Order from Harquahala Basin](https://azgovernor.gov/office-arizona-governor/news/2025/07/state-arizona-approves-new-water-supply-first-ever-groundwater)
* AZ: [Arizona’s Draft 2026 Clean Water Act Assessment. The comment period ends **Aug. 22, 2025**.](https://azdeq.gov/public-notice-arizonas-draft-2026-clean-water-act-assessment)
* Draft Rule Language: [Yuma PM-10 SIP Documents](https://azdeq.gov/yuma-pm-10-nonattainment-area). ADEQ is accepting and considering input through Aug. 28, 2025 before publishing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Arizona Administrative Register.
* [Arizona’s Declining Groundwater](https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/154567/arizonas-declining-groundwater)
* [Arizona approves first water transfer to rural areas for new construction](https://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2025/07/21/arizona-approves-water-transfer-to-rural-areas-for-new-construction/?utm_campaign=az_morning)
* [First-ever legal transfer of water from rural Arizona to cities approved for Buckeye, Queen Creek](https://www.kjzz.org/business/2025-07-19/first-ever-legal-transfer-of-water-from-rural-arizona-to-cities-approved-for-buckeye-queen-creek)
* [Groundwater replenishment left hanging by new Arizona law](https://www.watereducation.org/aquafornia-news/groundwater-replenishment-left-hanging-new-arizona-law)

### **California**

* [Farmers in west Fresno County groundwater agency to consider 200% pumping fee hike](https://sjvwater.org/farmers-in-west-fresno-county-groundwater-agency-to-consider-200-pumping-fee-hike/)
* [California’s canals are fighting climate change](https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/southern-california/weather/2025/07/30/in-the-central-valley--a-first-of-its-kind-project-is-proving-that-with-a-little-innovation--water-and-energy-can-work-together-)
* [Governor declares emergency for NorCal counties after severe storm damage](https://krcrtv.com/news/local/governor-newsom-declares-emergency-for-norcal-counties-after-severe-storm-damage)
* [DWR Releases Draft Best Management Practices on Managing Land Subsidence in California](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/CNRA/bulletins/3ead2ac)
* [DWR Advances Groundbreaking Climate-Resilient Flood Mapping Through FEMA Partnership](https://water.ca.gov/News/Blog/2025/Jul-25/DWR-Advances-Groundbreaking-Climate-Resilient-Flood-Mapping-Through-FEMA-Partnership)
* [Letting a Northern California river run free comes at a cost](https://www.sfgate.com/northcoast/article/pge-potter-valley-dam-removal-eel-russian-river-20786860.php)
* [California advances Bay-Delta Plan Update to restore ecosystem health and improve water supply reliability](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/07/24/california-advances-bay-delta-plan-update-to-restore-ecosystem-health-and-improve-water-supply-reliability/)
* [Dam, a Deal! Humboldt Approves Historic Potter Valley Project Pact](https://kymkemp.com/2025/07/24/dam-a-deal-humboldt-approves-historic-potter-valley-project-pact/)
* [Humboldt Supervisors OK Potter Valley Water Diversion Plan, Paving the Way for Eel River Dam Removal](https://lostcoastoutpost.com/2025/jul/22/dam-removal-coming-soon/)
* [Looming threat in California Delta could devastate a summer tradition](https://www.sfgate.com/travel/article/looming-threat-calif-delta-devastate-summer-20771510.php)
* [Sites Reservoir, California's newest lake, could break ground in 2026](https://www.redding.com/story/news/local/2025/07/20/sites-reservoir-californias-newest-lake-could-break-ground-in-2026/85284407007/)
* [Drying up: Sonoma County’s quiet disaster you need to know about](https://www.sonomacountygazette.com/sonoma-county-news/drying-up-sonoma-countys-quiet-disaster-you-need-to-know-about/)
* [California's highest court to hear Kern River case](https://sjvwater.org/californias-highest-court-to-hear-kern-river-case/)
* [Can CA stop the spread of a new invader in its water supplies?](https://calmatters.org/environment/water/2025/07/golden-mussel-california-water-supplies-spread-inspections/?mc_cid=04caebfeb9)
* [PPIC report studies 2023 Central Valley water conditions](https://www.ppic.org/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
* [Disappointing water allocations for California’s Central Valley](https://www.watereducation.org/aquafornia-news/disappointing-water-allocations-californias-central-valley?utm_campaign=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=bundle_and_blast&mc_cid=b5b7afaed5)
* [**November 5 and 6**: Flood-MAR Forum 2025 in Sacramento](https://web.cvent.com/event/b7bcab3e-6c57-492e-b832-45d5fa69bb0f/summary?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

### **Colorado**

* [Bark beetles reduce healthy forests into kindling — but scientists say that’s good news](https://www.courthousenews.com/bark-beetles-reduce-healthy-forests-into-kindling-but-scientists-say-thats-good-news/)
* [Scientists are helping this Colorado national park recover from fire](https://coloradosun.com/2025/07/30/south-rim-fire-black-canyon-of-the-gunnison-national-park-recovery/)
* [Agreement Reached to Preserve Mature Ponderosa Pines in Southwest Colorado](https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/agreement-reached-to-preserve-mature-ponderosa-pines-in-southwest-colorado-2025-07-18/)
* ["World's largest" wildlife overpass under construction on Colorado's Interstate 25](https://www.axios.com/local/denver/2025/07/24/worlds-largest-wildlife-overpass-colorado-interstate-25)
* [Colorado's monsoon season has a slow start on the Western Slope](https://coloradosun.com/2025/07/24/colorado-monsoon-season-drought-western-slope/)
* [Colorado Parks and Wildlife commission won't direct agency to remove controversial wolf pack](https://coloradonewsline.com/briefs/colorado-parks-and-wildlife-controversial-wolf-pack/?emci=3aeba62a-ee5b-f011-8f7c-6045bdfe8e9c)
* [Private lake in Eagle County source of zebra mussels in Colorado River](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Faspenjournalism.org%2Fprivate-lake-in-eagle-county-source-of-zebra-mussels-in-colorado-river%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ce2460db8796f4a20841208ddd11a4a01%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638896633050883892%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jUgVkY0R6%2BMYPDNkv65TMfuMvN29G79zgsHk%2Fj9cf1Y%3D&reserved=0)
* [Colorado finds zebra mussel in Colorado River for second year](https://coloradosun.com/2025/07/03/colorado-parks-and-wildlife-find-zebra-mussel-larva-in-the-colorado-river-for-the-second-year-in-a-row/?mc_cid=c56526418e)
* [Colorado grants hearing over Colorado River water rights deal](https://coloradosun.com/2025/07/02/colorado-water-board-hearing-colorado-river-water-rights-deal/?mc_cid=b5b7afaed5)
* Funding Opportunity: The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB)’s [Water Plan Grant Program](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fcwcb.colorado.gov%252Ffunding%252Fcolorado-water-plan-grants%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01000197a3bd5f99-c034ec65-ac73-4184-97a7-b3bb06bb25c4-000000%2FdZlI5QUA9HA0fLWYtVg6OPURTfPMqaFMqu-CZqEbKdg%3D411&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C153f6a9dba7d4523117e08ddb3699145%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638863988182009083%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nE3nDlLQzOBU0b%2BSNA%2FYJXoYZl5AUGQt%2FHPNj6Rplp4%3D&reserved=0) has $36.77 million in available funding for the upcoming fiscal year. Applications must support one of the five funding categories in the [Colorado Water Plan](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fcwcb.colorado.gov%252Fcolorado-water-plan%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01000197a3bd5f99-c034ec65-ac73-4184-97a7-b3bb06bb25c4-000000%2Filww4Khjgvx64QPg7JKDOAusgwZ-wHmb9aylBz2KcbI%3D411&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C153f6a9dba7d4523117e08ddb3699145%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638863988182028180%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=lBbJDHcLQtmEr%2Bwzys5z9vL73WXJ5ygb8dGL%2FLq7A2Y%3D&reserved=0) and deadlines are **July 1, 2025,** and **December 1, 2025**.

### **Nevada**

* [Southern Nevada data centers used 716 million gallons of water in 2024](https://www.reviewjournal.com/local/local-las-vegas/southern-nevada-data-centers-used-a-ton-of-water-in-2024-heres-how-3397994/)
* [Lake Mead levels could drop below historic lows by mid-2027](https://www.reviewjournal.com/local/local-las-vegas/lake-mead-levels-could-drop-below-historic-lows-by-mid-2027-3397723/?utm_campaign=widget)
* [Pew Commends Nevada Leaders for Forward-Thinking Water and Wildlife Conservation Initiatives](https://www.pew.org/en/about/news-room/press-releases-and-statements/2025/06/13/pew-commends-nevada-leaders-for-forward-thinking-water-and-wildlife-conservation-initiatives?utm_campaign=2025-07-17+SPU)

### **New Mexico**

* **October 14th -15, 2025**: [2025 Water Data Initiative Workshop Event](https://whova.com/web/w14g-bK2-X7W4uczp%40McMQzPtVAOFbTEgl22hz5DoGc%3D/)
* **November 18-19, 2025**: [New Mexico Energy Initiatives 2025 Symposium and Stakeholder Forum](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fv8di6qabb.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001W5u9TPr8J1B0tHHGr8TTMQc_wce17HBbAIqfnBb8t7tHu_sYZm6VKVu0V3xNEYvhYdmRkSrboRfoC6l9v3dBcPEI0XYG2UzAibyrlOTglEgE4WHAu2z1T_20UR9_XTpwN4msyQa6HNzhmoZ3D-U5qW0MsRsXQDttDLon4OuhHTcvf_M5fo2dk6SNryyoEX3qP-jmyK9rAYU5O81BD7UgDQ%3D%3D%26c%3D5uK5jej6xMilBNzz95_v973EtLT8UaQ_szjDvkQDYcPrWlF8pHiXuA%3D%3D%26ch%3DEEUEPXohtcP9j8JfHY8NnwCX8CFyCId37EXfAVH_t51euQ-TuLRgNQ%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C5cef5f6fe2db41f30f9808ddcdf78c7a%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638893185308127202%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xZsTWnZYT86FV1OEHgJHwc4vWVi%2FsIQ0Ybbi8x3vY6c%3D&reserved=0) at NM Tech Socorro, NM. Registration is free.

### **Utah**

* [Utah now the only US state with unwanted drought situation](https://www.watereducation.org/aquafornia-news/utah-now-only-us-state-unwanted-drought-situation)
* [Most of Utah now in severe or moderate drought](https://utahnewsdispatch.com/briefs/drought-in-utah/?mc_cid=c56526418e)
* [Controversial development proposal near Moab spurs lawsuit as plans move ahead](https://www.ksl.com/article/51338415/controversial-development-proposal-near-moab-spurs-lawsuit-as-plans-move-ahead)
* [Lawsuit takes aim at Echo Canyon water rights](https://www.sltrib.com/news/2025/07/01/lawsuit-takes-aim-echo-canyon/?mc_cid=b5b7afaed5)

## **Tribal Updates**

* [Assessment of water chemistry of the Coconino aquifer in northeastern Arizona](https://pubs.usgs.gov/publication/sir20255038)
* [25th Navajo Nation Council votes no confidence in Division of Natural Resources Director](https://www.navajo-nsn.gov/Portals/0/Press%20Releases/2025/July/legislation%200054-25.pdf)
* [Navajo Nation pushes for water rights as Colorado River shrinks](https://utahnewsdispatch.com/2025/07/30/navajo-nation-pushes-for-water-rights-as-colorado-river-shrinks/)
* [Draft CNRA Tribal Stewardship Policy and Toolkit released](https://resources.ca.gov/Initiatives/Tribalaffairs/TribalStewardshipPolicy/Tribal-Stewardship-Strategy-Toolkit?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
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# **Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness and Aviation**

## **Military Readiness**

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* [Colorado is heading into prime time for flash flooding events; North American Monsoon season is underway](https://www.cbsnews.com/colorado/news/north-american-monsoon-colorado-flash-flooding-risk-areas/?mc_cid=5cc3f77965)

### **FEMA**

* FEMA’s [**National Disaster and Emergency Management University (NDEMU)**](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Furldefense.us%252Fv3%252F__https%3A%252Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%252FCL0%252Fhttps%3A*2F*2Ftraining.fema.gov*2F%252F1%252F0101019867036027-fad0ab3d-bc64-4759-8ab1-fb7cf9281c56-000000%252FdokSg2VAG57cSJfQTCswAehP9zoLfWImMcD2uDu2Rmo%3D416__%3BJSUl!!BClRuOV5cvtbuNI!H2lLixKMyKdtrMAD6cof16Dg1HROdu3Cq-K5c7DTf3V2WX7PHbctUxJRQRW6Gf9COkO5didtkj_JyY2hslq7DXaQT0dJaVE%252524%2F1%2F01000198674880af-dcd00c5a-8562-454e-b938-d94d49e89a09-000000%2Fy7nWMURF_rU_O6pBIJswtKUj7lDaIWFs7jpIZiPe36k%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C5fda146adfd5419f1ded08ddd147c62a%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638896828380852618%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=KdBi1%2FERfOl68hjO%2BEdm9%2FbXChirUygR3zRY27FW%2FY4%3D&reserved=0) has resumed in-person training at the National Emergency Training Center. New courses have been added through November 2025, and [seats are now open for select Fiscal Year 2026 courses](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Furldefense.us%252Fv3%252F__https%3A%252Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%252FCL0%252Fhttps%3A*2F*2Ftraining.fema.gov*2Fndemu*2Fmore*2Ftraining-announcements*2Fcontent*2F07.31.2025.aspx%252F1%252F0101019867036027-fad0ab3d-bc64-4759-8ab1-fb7cf9281c56-000000%252F6GKpH_qIdIK5WFOZ2Yom11AWoHyiS5THKCoEUZphBek%3D416__%3BJSUlJSUlJQ!!BClRuOV5cvtbuNI!H2lLixKMyKdtrMAD6cof16Dg1HROdu3Cq-K5c7DTf3V2WX7PHbctUxJRQRW6Gf9COkO5didtkj_JyY2hslq7DXaQConQSIo%252524%2F1%2F01000198674880af-dcd00c5a-8562-454e-b938-d94d49e89a09-000000%2FJEWXYXSykeRBTGWnIsSXjcFyzw8j-M2X8tbSp9_wg2U%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C5fda146adfd5419f1ded08ddd147c62a%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638896828380873904%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=EYhkJHhrl6DMOuR1oPsDAH%2FXqMr6XkN82ZjRrrEIUhc%3D&reserved=0).
* FEMA Bulletins: [July 29, 2025](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/USDHSFEMA-3eb9a3a?wgt_ref=USDHSFEMA_WIDGET_EA) | [July 23, 2025](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/USDHSFEMA-3ea9eaf?wgt_ref=USDHSFEMA_WIDGET_EA) | [July 15, 2025](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/USDHSFEMA-3e98f02?wgt_ref=USDHSFEMA_WIDGET_EA) | [July 8, 2025](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/USDHSFEMA-3e88135?wgt_ref=USDHSFEMA_WIDGET_EA) | [July 1, 2025](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/USDHSFEMA-3e78a90?wgt_ref=USDHSFEMA_WIDGET_EA)
* [WGA submits policy recommendations to Congress for improving the efficacy of FEMA](https://westgov.org/letters/article/wga-submits-policy-recommendations-to-congress-for-improving-the-efficacy-of-fema)
* [FEMA Announces Nearly $1 Billion in Federal Funding to Help States Manage Disaster Preparedness](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USDHSFEMA/2025/08/01/file_attachments/3341572/FEMA%20Advisory%20FEMA%20Announces%20Nearly%20%241%20Billion%20in%20Federal%20Funding%20to%20Help%20States%20Manage%20Disaster%20Preparedness%20%28August%201,%202025%29.pdf)
* [FEMA Announces Billions in Federal Funds to Empower States to Prepare for Disasters](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USDHSFEMA/2025/07/29/file_attachments/3337436/FEMA%20Advisory%20FEMA%20Announces%20Billions%20in%20Federal%20Funds%20to%20Empower%20States%20to%20Prepare%20for%20Disasters%20%28July%2029,%202025%29.pdf). Over the coming weeks, FEMA is making billions of dollars in federal funding available for state, local, tribal, and territorial partners. This includes seven Notices of Funding Opportunity that FEMA published yesterday. These funds help states manage their response to disasters like fires, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, and even terrorist attacks. You can find comprehensive information regarding all grant programs, eligibility criteria, application deadlines, and other essential details online at: [https://grants.gov](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fgrants.gov%2F1%2F01010198578d6527-43e220c4-7b85-4d25-9a0e-fe848639d15f-000000%2FjKQj9t4iomwIXsHhTPXRxz3Q-V1fRuk7nJC-a7g9L34%3D415&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C00271f3768d449af501c08ddced2ae13%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638894126453961049%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cjo10gzOqOF0h3krScT7kw36Y8gAQrfrqh925ho3h50%3D&reserved=0).
* Funding Opportunities:
  + [FEMA Announces Nearly $1 Billion in Federal Funding to Help States Manage Disaster Preparedness](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USDHSFEMA/2025/08/01/file_attachments/3341572/FEMA%20Advisory%20FEMA%20Announces%20Nearly%20%241%20Billion%20in%20Federal%20Funding%20to%20Help%20States%20Manage%20Disaster%20Preparedness%20%28August%201,%202025%29.pdf)
    - FY25 National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Multi-State and National Earthquake Assistance: [DHS-25-MT-082-00-99](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.grants.gov%252Fsearch-results-detail%252F360192%2F1%2F01000198667b6aec-c56e14dd-cf38-47d0-b673-3384399b63c7-000000%2FOCllpvSQHvrHF_ljnSgN0ZXL_-V9A2dLzYlf_gsl7D4%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cda44bd57a19e494b066008ddd119aeaf%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638896630415136203%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=4XDa%2FXmHAZWwRRLVqzTEqjOK2qCOFWnQ%2BrPVa6UuJks%3D&reserved=0). **Due 8/15.**
    - FY25 National Incident Management System (NIMS): [DHS-25-NPD-107-00-99](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.grants.gov%252Fsearch-results-detail%252F360150%2F1%2F01000198667b6aec-c56e14dd-cf38-47d0-b673-3384399b63c7-000000%2FevPmUXl2JsmPTDUEvLpki6ECoD_l_ILLTAwaT9EH_dk%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cda44bd57a19e494b066008ddd119aeaf%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638896630415232560%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Ua9sXFPD9Hnzkbcwj3HwcYrtEL9LlQb09Ba8oaC2drU%3D&reserved=0). Due **08/11.**
    - FY25 Homeland Security National Training Program National Domestic Preparedness Consortium: [DHS-25-NPD-005-00-98](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.grants.gov%252Fsearch-results-detail%252F360156%2F1%2F01000198667b6aec-c56e14dd-cf38-47d0-b673-3384399b63c7-000000%2FyzgILCiVpW5FnjMLyslyS7jdL7v2nf7kW2Hvvqr6hTo%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cda44bd57a19e494b066008ddd119aeaf%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638896630415247561%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=aAzuzc0t1ny4eQWXIvq2gc8GBFiMKSSFsvkMEztl0vU%3D&reserved=0). Due **8/11**
    - FY25 Emergency Management Performance Grant: [DHS-25-GPD-042-01-99](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.grants.gov%252Fsearch-results-detail%252F360151%2F1%2F01000198667b6aec-c56e14dd-cf38-47d0-b673-3384399b63c7-000000%2FSLUNgcub9bBrFbZ1qhBYXIlHUPRmrVzzQfdi4TrWk7s%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cda44bd57a19e494b066008ddd119aeaf%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638896630415259034%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8%2Fc19BY3wOCwctdBtfUJRruyZbN6T3tQa82XNn1UrUU%3D&reserved=0) Due **8//11**.
    - FY25 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP): [DHS-25-GPD-067-00-98](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.grants.gov%252Fsearch-results-detail%252F360158%2F1%2F01000198667b6aec-c56e14dd-cf38-47d0-b673-3384399b63c7-000000%2FxndWwc18U-xqYCzTxxtQ6LmLA9n1aZftdie8_LwME7s%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cda44bd57a19e494b066008ddd119aeaf%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638896630415270455%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=hZY7XD%2FRs5lll8PUsM%2BLahMMhDRvHXvDFG5BtdlDI9U%3D&reserved=0). Due **8/11.**
    - FY25 National Dam Safety Program State Assistance Spring Grant: [DHS-25-MT-041-00-97](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.grants.gov%252Fsearch-results-detail%252F360155%2F1%2F01000198667b6aec-c56e14dd-cf38-47d0-b673-3384399b63c7-000000%2FEsW0NbC10ms3mG71T_8eCi3HqdfwNhMH31vVD7RtoeQ%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cda44bd57a19e494b066008ddd119aeaf%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638896630415282557%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8NwyYMIO%2B3KRinDYcsmzb4VaxXEerniVVSVECYqg5v4%3D&reserved=0). Due **8/11**.
    - FY25 Nonprofit Security Grant Program: [DHS-25-GPD-008-00-99](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.grants.gov%252Fsearch-results-detail%252F360157%2F1%2F01000198667b6aec-c56e14dd-cf38-47d0-b673-3384399b63c7-000000%2FH74WJ2t6eK22HRLFdFwNcTgsMyIjlHwHaZ6jP9uPZXY%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cda44bd57a19e494b066008ddd119aeaf%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638896630415293529%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=C4hxCEWuln3uPGTpobhhkqn6GjxW5fLUS63JxFJLInU%3D&reserved=0). Due **8/11**.
    - FY25 National Urban Search And Rescue Response System Readiness Cooperative Agreement: [DHS-25-DOD-025-00-99](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.grants.gov%252Fsearch-results-detail%252F360153%2F1%2F01000198667b6aec-c56e14dd-cf38-47d0-b673-3384399b63c7-000000%2FirqW-fKbHb02TQjC1v53B5KE9bjl4APpBTNqtSP9X8U%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cda44bd57a19e494b066008ddd119aeaf%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638896630415304439%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=EuhZ6IlVEaJd6siO36GzmuOfNqt1OJCq%2Buu1i%2BmTj5k%3D&reserved=0). Due **8/11**.
    - FY25 National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Individual State Earthquake Assistance: [DHS-25-MT-082-02-99](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.grants.gov%252Fsearch-results-detail%252F360146%2F1%2F01000198667b6aec-c56e14dd-cf38-47d0-b673-3384399b63c7-000000%2FbEd_oQV1Ovjq76tMnqG8yYvNa_zlsXsscyaegl3sanI%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cda44bd57a19e494b066008ddd119aeaf%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638896630415314940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2FFSs7BzCkSq8uJqKXBybpRm%2FBiGyyRa4YKJxCHVbidA%3D&reserved=0). Due **8/11**.
    - FY25 Community Assistance Program - State Support Services Element (CAP-SSSE): [DHS-25-MT-023-01-99](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.grants.gov%252Fsearch-results-detail%252F360145%2F1%2F01000198667b6aec-c56e14dd-cf38-47d0-b673-3384399b63c7-000000%2Fid_9jYkorpx198FsRh9V8RJzGdrdFjYWQC_pVrShNr8%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cda44bd57a19e494b066008ddd119aeaf%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638896630415325895%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=RfHiuRi8EdAIFwCZVXMfY7rB597BXu0ff0LCpkE6jDI%3D&reserved=0). Due **8/11**.
  + [Fiscal Year 2024 Flood Mitigation Assistance Swift Current](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fatlaspolicy.us21.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Db7dd5fec7dd3793c0eced07eb%26id%3D3c3d9942e5%26e%3Dc9b99aaa74&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C6dd6e994262b411c1ca108dd8e59cbe3%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638823238515402264%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=HKfVDnVwNzE1QXh2ovnvEFDJt31JsIv5Jcwpbpx%2BtT0%3D&reserved=0). Due **01/15/2026.**

### **Cyber**

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### **Wildfire**

* [Secretary Rollins Statement on Increased Federal Fire Preparedness Level](https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/news/press-releases/2025/07/14/secretary-rollins-statement-increased-federal-fire-preparedness-level)
* [Bowl Canyon Fire at 10% Containment](https://opvp.navajo-nsn.gov/250728-bowl-canyon-fire/)
* [Wildfire Science & Technology Commons Opens to the Public to Unite and Accelerate Wildfire Solutions](https://today.ucsd.edu/story/wildfire-science-technology-commons-opens-to-the-public-to-unite-and-accelerate-wildfire-solutions?utm_source=Klaviyo&utm_medium=email&_kx=RNFC3xQsqbbiQFEc9SRWOZE-uEDUVXoapvjhQOgrJqjqKJ_gmzt7tIwS9UAQhzP9.XCCtcg)
* [First-ever National Forest biomass risk assessment receives interim approval.](https://www.usendowment.org/first-ever-national-forest-biomass-risk-assessment-receives-interim-approval/)
* USFS: [Scaling up mass timber: Closing gaps, fueling innovation](https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/features/scaling-mass-timber-closing-gaps-fueling-innovation)
* USFS: [Going digital](https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/features/going-digital)

**STATES**

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* AZ: [Grand Canyon Fire Becomes 'Megafire'](https://weather.com/news/news/2025-07-29-grand-canyon-dragon-bravo-fire-latest)
* AZ: [Hobbs visits Washington, D.C., to talk wildfires with Trump administration](https://www.kjzz.org/politics/2025-07-21/hobbs-visits-washington-d-c-to-talk-wildfires-with-trump-administration)
* CA: [Three fires break out in San Diego County, largest near Camp Pendleton](https://timesofsandiego.com/crime/2025/07/31/three-fires-break-san-diego-county-largest-camp-pendleton/)
* CA: [Six months after the LA fires, nation’s fastest residential cleanup nears completion as Governor Newsom signs streamlining executive order, joins local leaders to unveil blueprint for rebuilding](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/07/07/six-months-after-the-la-fires-nations-fastest-residential-cleanup-nears-completion-as-governor-newsom-signs-streamlining-executive-order-joins-local-leaders-to-unveil-blueprint-for-rebuildi/)
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  + With seven Western Governors and five U.S. Cabinet Secretaries in attendance, WGA’s [2025 Annual Meeting](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgmsuxxbab.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001J1yVbzO4Sxzj-2BbzhTdpoSTZ-t_YE1NrOCannULLwJf8MztURHF4aj3oMQI7ecko3Cd7cPIm9Xgsn1D6D9PVvrO4LSjz5_AhChnz462cLZzQCH03bzkvwoqu937wKo-hxBPZBtB1x2HT6BSxa9nGZ_LBHgxuqxzYMOHyjBc7xtbN-XdUXMhst3XzaumOK23ZaNwdVseskU%3D%26c%3D7Zg_9xuktnuWLqfPYYNy8cR7nbfF5eAfn_Gq5kVdOKivhskR9IOq9A%3D%3D%26ch%3DgIGhycpJRv5fhjZGU1W7QfRgJltfQEYX5CnnVjrLhd-hJCv6T3XCLg%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C9f25e1bb96684f69bfc708ddc0a56c84%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638878538920593145%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C40000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TtxL%2Fk0G43RDS%2FFW4ZyuimgzZ21zVEarB4%2FFEUftjTo%3D&reserved=0) in Santa Fe, New Mexico, was one for the books.
  + With that in mind, we’re already looking forward to kicking off Governor Cox's WGA Chair initiative, [Energy Superabundance: Unlocking Prosperity in the West](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgmsuxxbab.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001J1yVbzO4Sxzj-2BbzhTdpoSTZ-t_YE1NrOCannULLwJf8MztURHF4UV0D0jlytOPxNKocL1NNALzY0Xi3ew590jYyj3tFCpdOiiBAVzORXygRjP1KpRfXqDCFCdallHH4Qd6bXnAmE8WwiwyAm4NjEwB-OvfqmNDqIbvuGJRWA4e18zBL6XWguGZfTByY7m7yTZexHH1slIUbCPDKq7x3V8_O2nYp6kXM5YZ_luYUeGQ_lrWWcCv8g%3D%3D%26c%3D7Zg_9xuktnuWLqfPYYNy8cR7nbfF5eAfn_Gq5kVdOKivhskR9IOq9A%3D%3D%26ch%3DgIGhycpJRv5fhjZGU1W7QfRgJltfQEYX5CnnVjrLhd-hJCv6T3XCLg%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C9f25e1bb96684f69bfc708ddc0a56c84%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638878538920604303%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C40000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UPyup%2BkmrBR1Fm9WRmE41gfBP4NT01yNPGA0VFrnyMg%3D&reserved=0), as well as welcoming you all to Scottsdale, Arizona, on **November 20–21** for WGA's [2025 Winter Meeting](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgmsuxxbab.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001J1yVbzO4Sxzj-2BbzhTdpoSTZ-t_YE1NrOCannULLwJf8MztURHF4Z4v7PQsGGmVa-DlyawckDkDPpmWBdY-xP2GTFxE_6_qobEjy1awVSsLKQUheroSEzrXycpbvrSNQOEbZ4YBf0NrbzfbLzkev6-nC10poOv4vI4LY2wwTAndPOMgJR8MALuKC-q14hu0mUKE4G5Okzo%3D%26c%3D7Zg_9xuktnuWLqfPYYNy8cR7nbfF5eAfn_Gq5kVdOKivhskR9IOq9A%3D%3D%26ch%3DgIGhycpJRv5fhjZGU1W7QfRgJltfQEYX5CnnVjrLhd-hJCv6T3XCLg%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C9f25e1bb96684f69bfc708ddc0a56c84%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638878538920615805%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C40000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=y6GoQ%2FFargba2m21dosyoqJD%2FUY6Odu8DnoYFGygagI%3D&reserved=0).

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