**WESTERN REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP**

Monthly Update

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****WRP sends out monthly updates on agency efforts relevant to the WRP Mission. This includes publicly available information from WRP Partners and agency news releases, etc. to assist in creating greater awareness of current WRP Partner actions. If you have any updates you would like to share, please email that information to amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org.

# **WRP Updates**

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

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You are cordially invited to participate in the **WRP TEC**call on **Friday, April 25th.** 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%3D86928&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C4d457860b30148583d0e08dd70959a60%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638790510016233621%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=qMQsrA0K6%2BvGNamKwUYkY4E86UvBASN%2FOqJh%2BdQ7Byc%3D&reserved=0) to RSVP. The featured presentations are:

* USGS National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP) by Kate Ritzel, Physical Scientist, USGS, National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program
* CISA Programs and Technical Services for Sovereign Tribes by Jessica Falvey, Program Manager

## **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

## **WRP 2024 Report**

[**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**

* [President Trump is Unleashing American Energy](https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/2025/03/president-trump-is-unleashing-american-energy/)
* [Reclamation transfers ownership of Strawberry Valley Project Power Transmission System](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/news-release/5119)

### **EPA**

* [EPA Will Revise Wastewater Regulations for Oil and Gas Extraction to Help Unleash American Energy (ELGs: Oil and Gas)](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-will-revise-wastewater-regulations-oil-and-gas-extraction-help-unleash-american)

### **FERC**

* Chairman Christie's Letter Re: Review of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Agency Actions
	+ [March 10, 2025, through March 21, 2025](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/chairman-christies-letter-re-review-federal-energy-regulatory-commission-agency-1)
	+ [February 25, 2025, through March 7, 2025](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/chairman-christies-letter-re-review-federal-energy-regulatory-commission-agency-0)
* [Summaries | March 2025 Commission Meeting](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/summaries-march-2025-commission-meeting)
* [Podcast | CERAWeek: FERC Chairman Lays Out Demand Challenge Facing US Grids](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/podcast-ceraweek-ferc-chairman-lays-out-demand-challenge-facing-us-grids)
* [FERC State of the Markets Report for 2024 Released](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fferc.gov%2Fnews-events%2Fnews%2FSMR-2024&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C6381f66561ea43f3343708dd6e411bf8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638787948121706214%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nTNoEUh%2FerV0iUvwosBi11cT%2BMZ%2FH5MFDv%2B0NyxBu%2B8%3D&reserved=0) | [Presentation](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ferc.gov%2Fmedia%2Fpresentation-state-markets-2024&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C6381f66561ea43f3343708dd6e411bf8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638787948121730754%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=m5g%2FN2RpN%2FxkXTOzfBgc%2FFvkwxdxbAC60lvoTPlT9fY%3D&reserved=0) | [Report](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ferc.gov%2Fmedia%2Fstate-market-report-2024&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C6381f66561ea43f3343708dd6e411bf8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638787948121743838%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=T%2BsQf%2BAtLnM3t4lOox9x5R%2ByPy%2BVvVjQEl0EKOkucjc%3D&reserved=0)
* [March 2025 Highlights | FERC insight | Volume 3](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/march-2025-highlights-ferc-insight-volume-3)

### **DOE**

* [Secretary Wright Acts to Remove Red Tape, Accelerate Mission Execution at America’s National Weapons and Science Labs](https://www.energy.gov/articles/secretary-wright-acts-remove-red-tape-accelerate-mission-execution-americas-national)
* Funding Opportunity: **April 23, 2025** | [$900 Million Available to Unlock Commercial Deployment of American-Made Small Modular Reactors](https://www.energy.gov/ne/articles/900-million-available-unlock-commercial-deployment-american-made-small-modular-reactors?utm_campaign=Newsletter)

**EIA**

* [EIA Independent Statistics and Analysis](https://www.eia.gov/pressroom/releases/press566.php)
* [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**

* [DOI Secretary Applauds Congressional Action to Enhance Offshore Energy Development](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/department-interior-secretary-applauds-congressional-action-enhance-offshore-energy)
* [DOI Drives Unprecedented Offshore Energy Growth Under President Trump](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/department-interior-drives-unprecedented-offshore-energy-growth-under-president-trump)
* [DOI SO 3417 - Addressing the National Energy Emergency](https://www.doi.gov/document-library/secretary-order/so-3417-addressing-national-energy-emergency)

### **DOI -BLM**

* [BLM approves Newcastle Geothermal Development project in Utah](https://www.blm.gov/announcement/blm-approves-newcastle-geothermal-development-project-utah)
* [BLM approves Nevada North Lithium Exploration Project](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-approves-nevada-north-lithium-exploration-project)
* [BLM approves continued mining at Ruby Hill Mine](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-approves-continued-mining-ruby-hill-mine)
* [Interior’s first oil and gas lease sales of 2025 bring in over $39 million](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/interiors-first-oil-and-gas-lease-sales-2025-bring-over-39-million)
* [BLM approves Sapphire gen-tie transmission line and facilities](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-approves-sapphire-gen-tie-transmission-line-and-facilities)
	+ [BLM Approves Sapphire Gen-Tie Line](https://www.facebook.com/blmcalifornia/posts/pfbid0BVVyzB3UutYLgdmLnZXvUXU42sBuU9J3R6o1ztcmRAQbK9GhHNua3XrACDPPHbRSl?rdid=vkZHOiiCrAWZExsX). [NEEPA Register Project Information](https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2030262/510)

## **State Updates**

* AZ: [Could small nuclear be the future of energy in Apache County?](https://www.wmicentral.com/news/could-small-nuclear-be-the-future-of-energy-in-apache-county/article_d71dac78-3718-47bc-a2e3-a53928ca5efa.html)
* CA: [**April 10, 2025** Energy Commission Business Meeting agenda](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.ca.gov%252Fevent%252Fmeeting%252F2025-04%252Fenergy-commission-business-meeting%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010195df061d8f-8964cf76-a168-4d96-bebf-d8ef1fdc7d55-000000%2FA7PXECRK1sGP6EQAWxRHCGmI15jgPm5KSOtVEfxVtaI%3D398&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cd9b7301d4b8246e5f02808dd6e4fb1f5%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638788010753557374%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=x2VoLPINA1u0xgbTZ4WIFI4MOMKqgavJQSEubQOZmm0%3D&reserved=0)
* CA: [Notice of April 2nd Staff Workshop and Request for Comment on the Draft Consultant Report on Sea Space Analysis for Wave and Tidal Energy](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/CNRA/bulletins/3d82147)
* CA: 2025 Workshop Schedule is now available for [2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.ca.gov%252Fdata-reports%252Freports%252Fintegrated-energy-policy-report-iepr%252F2025-integrated-energy-policy-report%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010195963042b6-46088c0f-bc35-4ae3-a5c6-0a2d968a0fda-000000%2Flvi75Y9JZcKS9XOP6qeA0vsem9y6Bu9xp21U0rnO0Co%3D396&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cfd2df083fde9445da2c408dd63414758%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638775854217691596%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=M9FQqscD5AntuiOmQ%2BwAr%2BhVg6mXkjDs87X20iKKQ84%3D&reserved=0).

CO: [Colorado will recognize nuclear power as a ‘clean’ energy source after governor signs bill](https://www.vaildaily.com/news/colorado-will-recognize-nuclear-power-as-a-clean-energy-source-after-governor-signs-bill/)

* CO: [Colorado Ranks 7th in the Nation for Energy Efficiency](https://www.colorado.gov/governor/news/colorado-ranks-7th-nation-energy-efficiency)
* UT: ['Major step forward': Utah company granted commercial energy storage approval](https://www.ksl.com/article/51282001/major-step-forward-utah-company-granted-commercial-energy-storage-approval)
* UT: Utah Takes Steps to [Diversify Its Energy Mix](https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/fact-sheets/2025/03/utah-takes-steps-to-diversify-its-energy-mix?utm_campaign=2025-04-03+SPU&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Pew&subscriberkey=00QU000000X50ILMAZ)

## **Tribal Updates**

* [$4M goes to Hopi Tribe to advance energy and water independence](https://www.nhonews.com/news/4m-goes-to-hopi-tribe-to-advance-energy-and-water-independence/article_50ec2f96-0448-11f0-9dcb-4b06ec0eee1f.html)
* Funding Opportunity: Federally recognized Tribes are eligible to receive a new type of technical assistance from the Office of Indian Energy. In partnership with the U.S. Department of Commerce, Commercial Law Development Program, the Office of Indian Energy provides technical assistance to enhance the legal environment for energy sector commerce. [Request Technical Assistance](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.gov%252Findianenergy%252Frequest-technical-assistance%2F1%2F010101958c96e708-c9efacdd-9b84-4441-b91d-772dbef0290b-000000%2FNAx3BUqgDVcky3EcQQuUMM08q04DZ2wA8V7Am8Zk-_c%3D396&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cc7266c1e3d5340d16b4008dd62f45ccf%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638775523876031804%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=P28XM9vM2FGDJbt9aRuqx%2BewSFWKs06L2aylCdZ8DWs%3D&reserved=0) page.

## **Regional Updates**

* [Advancing the U.S. Electricity System - New Forum to Explore Challenges and Solutions](https://www.nationalacademies.org/news/2025/03/advancing-the-u-s-electricity-system-new-forum-to-explore-challenges-and-solutions?utm_source=NASEM+News+and+Publications)
* **July 24, 2025**, 2:00 PM ET: [A Race to the Finish - Discussing the Intersections Between Desert Tortoises & Solar Development](https://rewi.org/webinars/intersections-between-desert-tortoises-solar-development/) Webinar
* [**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**

* The Sentinel Landscapes Partnership is pleased to announce that the 2026 Sentinel Landscape Designation Cycle is now accepting expressions of interest. All parties interested in being considered for designation must submit a completed expression of interest to FCC@sentinellandscapes.org by **11:59 PM in your local time zone on April 9, 2025**. In Summer of 2025, the Sentinel Landscapes Federal Coordinating Committee (FCC) will notify applicants whether they have been invited to submit a full proposal. Selected applicants will then have at least 60 business days to submit their full proposals. The FCC anticipates announcing designations in February 2026.
* [90 FR 10610 - Removal of National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Regulations - Content Details - 2025-03014](https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/FR-2025-02-25/2025-03014) [PDF](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-02-25%2Fpdf%2F2025-03014.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C882cdf65a857420df3f808dd5e95bd61%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638770719431473933%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ZuSGyrl4HGa2GDJ8tcbJgEswhFkOiQQXIsptXoDWhvk%3D&reserved=0)  [TEXT](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-02-25%2Fhtml%2F2025-03014.htm&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C882cdf65a857420df3f808dd5e95bd61%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638770719431485854%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9j0PJEECFo1yTCTXBPHWRTy3B4UXAScdTc%2Fl1%2BD9J10%3D&reserved=0)  [DETAILS](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fapp%2Fdetails%2FFR-2025-02-25%2F2025-03014&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C882cdf65a857420df3f808dd5e95bd61%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638770719431497305%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=iTPt7N7UMmf%2B89xsFqIZ4XncOHDFEJlxysik7DJr2FM%3D&reserved=0)

### **EPA**

* [Administrator Zeldin Announces EPA Will Revise Waters of the United States Rule](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-zeldin-announces-epa-will-revise-waters-united-states-rule)
* [Administrator Zeldin Begins Restructuring Regional Haze Program](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-zeldin-begins-restructuring-regional-haze-program)
* [EPA Launches Biggest Deregulatory Action in U.S. History](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-launches-biggest-deregulatory-action-us-history)

### **DOI-BLM**

* [Las Vegas public land sale nets more than $16.5 million for state projects](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/las-vegas-public-land-sale-nets-more-165-million-state-projects)
* [90 FR 10939 - Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Silver Peak Lithium Mine Amendment to Plan of Operations Project, Esmeralda County, Nevada - Content Details - 2025-03299](https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/FR-2025-02-28/2025-03299) [**PDF**](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-02-28%2Fpdf%2F2025-03299.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C882cdf65a857420df3f808dd5e95bd61%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638770719431419800%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2Fcc7hilCMdtKjPcsJQu%2BB4vMPBB205q%2BVPV%2FqSHJLDo%3D&reserved=0)[**TEXT**](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-02-28%2Fhtml%2F2025-03299.htm&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C882cdf65a857420df3f808dd5e95bd61%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638770719431432943%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VAlU472JO29U7dyeTCusBGMy9e7c%2BbvKfu41AXUkCvI%3D&reserved=0)[**DETAILS**](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fapp%2Fdetails%2FFR-2025-02-28%2F2025-03299&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C882cdf65a857420df3f808dd5e95bd61%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638770719431446192%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=b0D8S4gmY9E0LWKvUYD79CtEoGhT3BULms5u0FFF3jc%3D&reserved=0)

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

* [Reclamation Further Increases Central Valley Project Water Supply Allocations for 2025 Water Year](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/news-release/5126)
* [Reclamation Plans Earlier Spring Refill at Truckee Area Reservoirs for Improved Water Operations](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/news-release/5120)
* Funding Opportunities:
	+ **April 7**: WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects Application Deadline Extended. The United States Department of the Interior has extended the deadline for [this program](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.grants.gov%252Fsearch-results-detail%252F350116%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01000193e165c599-c97a2fd1-44ca-4307-8a46-f81cfe00a73f-000000%2FdLJACw6joxpMnyt7dCpcsZr_m9K2lxLy4EnA705RRwY%3D384&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C3c8e144ae91c4b18e72908dd214b63d3%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638703329872052150%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TCgBG4QqYG3WkE4ujZdfUrT%2FbiOt9N1mdjqyl7fCbCk%3D&reserved=0), which supports large-scale water recycling projects in the Western United States.
	+ **April 15**: [WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoratio](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usbr.gov%2Fwatersmart%2Faquatic%2Findex.html&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C17420d148d89444e88c208dd29b1b1d8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638712565349870546%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dmgcmUpacKHvO%2FMgAefDGIPPhzDHuMhSxUIoEbXOOGQ%3D&reserved=0)[n Projects](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usbr.gov%2Fwatersmart%2Faquatic%2Findex.html&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C17420d148d89444e88c208dd29b1b1d8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638712565349886642%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=g0UM94kVjFr25HWMzQnyrSFHedB4PcyapzzEaunkYs4%3D&reserved=0)[Grant Program](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usbr.gov%2Fwatersmart%2Faquatic%2Findex.html&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C17420d148d89444e88c208dd29b1b1d8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638712565349914180%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Vi1PxeCbzULfPe2HhFhm8onUhKpzwt7Zls2s9M%2B0lOA%3D&reserved=0). Apply [here](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.grants.gov%2Fsearch-results-detail%2F357615&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C17420d148d89444e88c208dd29b1b1d8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638712565349927356%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=WHNnPycrWVE%2BP47Nql4%2F9CodDw4DQB%2Bp8iMLwc1cG3o%3D&reserved=0)

### **DOI-USFWS**

* [Open for Public Comment: Draft Environmental Assessment of Aquatic Invasive Plants at Stone Lakes NWR](https://www.fws.gov/story/2025-03/open-public-comment-draft-environmental-assessment-aquatic-invasive-plants-stone)
* [USFWS Reopens Comment Period for Proposal to List Suckley’s Cuckoo Bumble Bee as Endangered](https://www.fws.gov/press-release/2025-03/us-fish-and-wildlife-service-reopens-comment-period-proposal-list-suckleys)
* [USFWS Reopens Comment Period on the Proposal to List the Bleached Sandhill Skipper; Virtual public hearing scheduled for **April 16**](https://www.fws.gov/press-release/2025-03/us-fish-and-wildlife-service-reopens-comment-period-proposal-list-bleached)
* [USFWS seeks public comment on draft Compatibility Determination for Cooperative Farming Program on Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge](https://www.fws.gov/press-release/2025-03/us-fish-and-wildlife-service-seeks-public-comment-draft-compatibility)
* [USFWS Seeks More Feedback on Butterfly Proposal](https://aashtojournal.transportation.org/usfws-seeks-more-feedback-on-butterfly-proposal/)

### **DOI-USGS**

* [USGS Projects World Production Capacity For 7 Critical Minerals and Helium from 2025 to 2029](https://www.usgs.gov/news/national-news-release/usgs-projects-world-production-capacity-7-critical-minerals-and-helium)
* USGS making waves with Water Data for the Nation. More information, including a public webinar, is available on the [USGS website](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwaterdata.usgs.gov%252Fblog%252Fnwisweb-decommission-campaign1%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010195669cc5f0-ff995337-43d9-4d24-9b21-04df7cfe5c38-000000%2FBKklG4Z5l3rUzMsAogkh0rUv89Plni8-juV4RTpyP0o%3D395&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C0fc685f718fb446d5e7308dd5c1e3acb%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638768007103907305%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=RseF5U%2F3I4xp2LHpNwW4M9QIfgWuJsSSd4DKT8qV2mQ%3D&reserved=0).

### **USDA**

* [$280 Million Grant Agreement to Support Rio Grande Valley Agricultural Producers Amid Severe Water Shortages](https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/news/press-releases/2025/03/19/usda-announces-280-million-grant-agreement-support-rio-grande-valley-agricultural-producers-amid)

## **State Updates**

* [Some Colorado River states want a new federal review of water management plans](https://www.kunm.org/local-news/2025-03-14/some-colorado-river-states-want-a-new-federal-review)
* Western States Water Newsletters: [March 28, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2654.pdf) | [March 21, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2653.pdf) | [March 14, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2652.pdf) | [March 7, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2651.pdf)

### **Arizona**

* [Advanced Water Purification Approved in Arizona, Paving the Way for Sustainable Drinking Water Supply](https://www.azdeq.gov/pr/awp_approved). [More information.](https://azdeq.gov/awp-rulemaking)
* [Redhawk Copper Creek plan seeks to drill in Lower San Pedro Watershed](https://www.azcentral.com/picture-gallery/news/local/arizona-environment/2025/03/24/copper-creek-project-san-pedro-valley-az/82553908007/)

### **California**

* [March Delivers](https://water.ca.gov/News/News-Releases/2025/Mar-25/March-Delivers-Snowpack-Near-Average-As-California-Approaches-End-of-Wet-Season?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery): Statewide Snowpack Near Average as California Approaches End of Wet Season
* [New Report Shows Implementation of Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations at Lake Oroville and New Bullards Bar Can Increase Region’s Resilience to Floods](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/CNRA/bulletins/3d69af0)
* [California launches satellite project to detect and reduce dangerous methane leaks](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/03/21/as-u-s-epa-rolls-back-protections-california-launches-satellite-project-to-detect-and-reduce-dangerous-methane-leaks/?utm_source=Daily%20on%20Energy%20032125_03/21/2025)
* [State Water Project Increases Planned Water Deliveries Following Recent Storms](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/CNRA/bulletins/3d41b41)
* [**March 5** Lunch-MAR webinar recording now available](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wuSx-v29Pgg)
* [**April 2** 12:30-MAR webinar to focus on expanding FIRO](https://csus.zoom.us/j/83904333987?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery#success)
* **April 10:** [WEF Annual Water 101 Workshop will be held in Sacramento.](https://www.watereducation.org/foundation-event/water-101-workshop-basics-beyond-1)
* **April 17**: The [Water Education Foundation](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.watereducation.org%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F0101019542c7bc33-a3422471-2ace-46b9-9a51-df8c59327469-000000%2FDKFJQvQyvXLQxuWhCJ2D-shSO-A01nkB5s-tZa43yW0%3D394&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C5b33bec71ecb49a3c73b08dd56783077%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638761796396689980%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LeJTt5Sg2etrxadtUcZJ4ceks6i8Xmc7wzNRTTpe8jE%3D&reserved=0) will offer its annual workshop at the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento.
* **May 12–14**: 31st Annual [California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fcwemf.org%252Fwp%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F0101019542c7bc33-a3422471-2ace-46b9-9a51-df8c59327469-000000%2F50IkjsPeziVdzaR0OjpEHOV53KEpd63bkxT8JjNfD4A%3D394&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C5b33bec71ecb49a3c73b08dd56783077%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638761796396608528%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=s7Ew0zODJGCVpKDzJNTwwd1B6EDdxRorrGGR3qBGl9M%3D&reserved=0) (CWEMF) Meeting in Folsom, CA

### **Colorado**

* [Colorado will Require Oil and Gas Companies to Increase Water Recycling for Fracking](https://insideclimatenews.org/news/13032025/colorado-oil-fracking-water-recycling/?utm_campaign=Newsletter)

### **New Mexico**

* [Strategic Water Supply passes Senate, heads to Governor’s desk](https://www.governor.state.nm.us/2025/03/22/strategic-water-supply-passes-senate-heads-to-governors-desk/)
* The Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) has developed [application programming interfaces (APIs)](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fv8di6qabb.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001GChsrpaB2rRPQm11eRJ4CWwMRtDohoBlR9OqMia2Dpi-xujywO-Cp46JvBg2Eaux4_ZrEVe1H-VytvclzFgONH3X2GxNdrLmfMLBvW2AuuyshVjrdyV5qw9yhlkl8lYFqADvf8rVbzzABlIJDzZrFd7d6yon8JSq%26c%3D-ElmCSNhx0IecIJ4aNyM_4nkM6O5bDFEI82Fp_Uqpgb53glkhPc8ng%3D%3D%26ch%3DYkQjKqXRLMYyDenC4w8wsMgzywOWdKYsTmIqnamd5OTIVDh0VsJ3AA%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ce709475e732d4e1c1f2608dd6af3e775%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638784317983293701%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=yTOzatXTTuZfjjWD5OU3PW2mnoXQ6fRHSBarO7yj9RA%3D&reserved=0) to serve their water data.
* The [New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fv8di6qabb.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001GChsrpaB2rRPQm11eRJ4CWwMRtDohoBlR9OqMia2Dpi-xujywO-Cp_76Pw0TVjmFUoSMjqncA87LOw15h3vEFhcQTOQZM883t-TfpurCtGj_XMRTNg54HmtfApwEeuAf7vzzuFFqwd_osVXpo0mg1BTqdjmH9NwB%26c%3D-ElmCSNhx0IecIJ4aNyM_4nkM6O5bDFEI82Fp_Uqpgb53glkhPc8ng%3D%3D%26ch%3DYkQjKqXRLMYyDenC4w8wsMgzywOWdKYsTmIqnamd5OTIVDh0VsJ3AA%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ce709475e732d4e1c1f2608dd6af3e775%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638784317983578297%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UR2YplMVD2h45Sj3ExknLjA4P2cpr5%2BmNzyd6NB9sOg%3D&reserved=0) has drafted rules and guidelines for the New Mexico Water Security Planning Act. The [Discussion Draft](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fv8di6qabb.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001GChsrpaB2rRPQm11eRJ4CWwMRtDohoBlR9OqMia2Dpi-xujywO-Cp-owXRawBQ1f1Yo8SGK-QjdUtP-PuV1bBcEICjh9wY_QpUjeczbtar9x2EkvmALf_2PNWIXmGOD17NEHxQjRcAXSt86L9gTHw453uoUWQNa0BaiMRebDd15hODQOk6L6Ww%3D%3D%26c%3D-ElmCSNhx0IecIJ4aNyM_4nkM6O5bDFEI82Fp_Uqpgb53glkhPc8ng%3D%3D%26ch%3DYkQjKqXRLMYyDenC4w8wsMgzywOWdKYsTmIqnamd5OTIVDh0VsJ3AA%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ce709475e732d4e1c1f2608dd6af3e775%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638784317983591959%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VQsLc%2FwmO16P6m32sR4LLje7JPuKp3R7D7O%2FPsKdpTo%3D&reserved=0) of the Rules and Guidelines proposes the framework for regional water planning, including governance structures, public welfare considerations, and new regional water planning boundaries. Submit new or additional comments on the Discussion Draft Rule via [online survey](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fv8di6qabb.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001GChsrpaB2rRPQm11eRJ4CWwMRtDohoBlR9OqMia2Dpi-xujywO-Cp_76Pw0TVjmFT3nWv3aFDV9d2kyFVwXWUbZO4hQlEXPJIYbzBDcyWSo4wjS7ANewGVzCgtdNKd5UIaa57l9gbbxQxeAu5tEm4b8S7KJwxi0H2zxO8qo0MmWCsWiiseJq9jhAP847Qzwd4OUcuwR1QTHjy6zbs8cvtzI8PaoSv8YH%26c%3D-ElmCSNhx0IecIJ4aNyM_4nkM6O5bDFEI82Fp_Uqpgb53glkhPc8ng%3D%3D%26ch%3DYkQjKqXRLMYyDenC4w8wsMgzywOWdKYsTmIqnamd5OTIVDh0VsJ3AA%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ce709475e732d4e1c1f2608dd6af3e775%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638784317983604681%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UO7d6F1iGSFjGQFY2WkLsyuj3KHRFdP1GXkvEhB%2FbZI%3D&reserved=0) any time before the **April 30th** deadline.
* **October 14-15, 2025**: [2025 Water Data Workshop](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/pzfu7sh/lp/487d1f32-0527-4ca9-be6b-ee3a1c6c925f?source_id=406060b1-4edd-4581-a16b-eb554e70c284), Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel

### **UTAH**

* [Utahraptor State Park nears grand opening as final details take shape](https://www.sltrib.com/news/2025/03/09/utahraptor-state-park-nears-grand/?utm_source=Iterable)

## **Tribal Updates**

* [State honors Tribal sovereignty with new cultural burning law](https://resources.ca.gov/Initiatives/Tribalaffairs/TribalStewardshipStrategy/Tribal-Stewardship-Strategy-Toolkit/Cultural-Burn-Agreements-under-Senate-Bill-310-Dodd-2024?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

## **Regional Updates**

* [The Western Landowners Alliance releases ‘Building Trust: A guide for agencies working with producers to reduce wildlife conflicts,’ a publication that synthesizes recommendations to help agencies and other groups to center trust and conflict resolution when working with producers for effective resource management.](https://westernlandowners.org/publication/building-trust/)
* [Scientists develop giant robot with 3D lasers to tackle growing crisis:](https://www.thecooldown.com/green-tech/largest-ai-agricultural-robot-phenotyping/)
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* Funding Opportunity: [2025 Catalyst Fund RFP is now available, with proposals due by](https://landscapeconservation.org/catalyst-fund/) **[May 16](https://landscapeconservation.org/catalyst-fund/)**

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	+ [Water Resources Research Act Program](https://water.usgs.gov/wrri/index.php)
	+ [104(b) Small Research Grants](https://wrrc.arizona.edu/opportunities/wrrc-grants-internships/104b-small-research-grants)
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# **Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness and Aviation**

## **Military Readiness**

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# **GIS**

* [New AASHTO Census Data Set for Transportation Planning](https://aashtojournal.transportation.org/aashto-unveils-new-census-data-set-for-transportation/)
* The DWR Land Use Program released final Water Year 2022 statewide land use data to the public in three alternative formats (Map Service, Shapefile, and Geodatabase) from the [CNRA Open Data Portal](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fdata.cnra.ca.gov%252Fdataset%252Fstatewide-crop-mapping%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101958b0dd75a-75772f67-3f79-432c-8ef3-9e8c597db29b-000000%2F_ST0QC9dbOMyILLy0gnlti9SpAhjtaopy3J5cQZ6yQU%3D396&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C9345015038854e9d743708dd618241be%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638773934283133690%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=sDG14zRbY6l%2Fn%2BxX4pHpPP4N2Ju9u6CvRbj%2B9PwB%2F0U%3D&reserved=0) (viewing and downloading), DWR Production Atlas (downloading), [DWR Land Use Viewer](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fgis.water.ca.gov%252Fapp%252FCADWRLandUseViewer%252F%253Fpage%3Dhome%2526utm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101958b0dd75a-75772f67-3f79-432c-8ef3-9e8c597db29b-000000%2FE6axvRq0e72qqeT7W1Km3RsPh0wg6uNuET5TiAVWdeE%3D396&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C9345015038854e9d743708dd618241be%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638773934283145300%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ooFGOF1DRxOSBhESyYKtLaIcL23l96VGk%2FgPsPC2FYA%3D&reserved=0), and the [DWR Land Use Gallery](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fstorymaps.arcgis.com%252Fcollections%252Fdd14ceff7d754e85ab9c7ec84fb8790a%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101958b0dd75a-75772f67-3f79-432c-8ef3-9e8c597db29b-000000%2FC--R6aErEBq13hFCaW78CiicB_2Qgv580h0kOu-wFc4%3D396&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C9345015038854e9d743708dd618241be%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638773934283157028%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=41RJNDKAt8F1cyfEuhmRIpbXEf95sfWalsF%2Fk0u5jAA%3D&reserved=0).
* [Groundwater Accounting Platform](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fgroundwateraccounting.org%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101958b0dd75a-75772f67-3f79-432c-8ef3-9e8c597db29b-000000%2FZpFD9yu-8XouaiAS9l5BlNjcino1T1zS79Whdhtvvoc%3D396&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C9345015038854e9d743708dd618241be%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638773934283218965%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=1fzQYKnjMOFbz93KlqFvtSm1HNjDL7ZvmjF1iZCDQE8%3D&reserved=0) released its source code in a new public repository, named the [Qanat Project](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fgithub.com%252Fesassoc%252Fqanat-community%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101958b0dd75a-75772f67-3f79-432c-8ef3-9e8c597db29b-000000%2FlnJwyYd8IgBgvVQa39qrDxOAmuVjaPiWORuHtMzSE8c%3D396&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C9345015038854e9d743708dd618241be%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638773934283231131%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VGL%2B91lkx9ORUvf%2FzesZzz2JGm9%2FHSkxpV9yskpNAQ0%3D&reserved=0), on [GitHub](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fdigital.gov%252Fresources%252Fan-introduction-github%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2523%3A~%3Atext%3DGitHub%252520is%252520a%252520web%25252Dbased%2Cand%252520edit%252520their%252520site%252520content.%2F1%2F010101958b0dd75a-75772f67-3f79-432c-8ef3-9e8c597db29b-000000%2FMUlKPNeiqw06bOE2O0clbcnr_SvTOYRwKCxiBZPd1dY%3D396&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C9345015038854e9d743708dd618241be%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638773934283243835%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=96L3bTPR1UsaQAVyTOqLmW7%2FhcQhiXqx%2FeODmwuLxJA%3D&reserved=0). The Platform also integrates with the open-source [Groundwater Evaluation Toolbox](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fgithub.com%252Fsitkatech%252FGETEngine%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101958b0dd75a-75772f67-3f79-432c-8ef3-9e8c597db29b-000000%2FPXqq_8NMfgeBs50LFc4PLOp9kw2u4w9CHKSyjsE_FhQ%3D396&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C9345015038854e9d743708dd618241be%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638773934283256557%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gfpVpq8Ik4H3jAyanfIvs%2B1J5c2w5ybl0regjEHxI7w%3D&reserved=0) to provide scenario planning and forecasting modules.
* **April 8,** 2 - 4 pm ET: Western States Caucus from the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) third annual community roundtable discussion. [Register here](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.gle%2FioXob7s94v4kXzb29&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C891ae0bf60184fb6a40008dd538065a3%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638758533118749908%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2FFT9mXfTcYEzGn6xAvslEW7%2FmnaSDFfR5fGkew81Zf4%3D&reserved=0). [Learn more](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnsgic.org%2Finitiatives%2Fwestern-states-caucus%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C891ae0bf60184fb6a40008dd538065a3%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638758533118777590%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=4X6vUZAJPnVqMY0iwyyamY4X6ld4JzncdwickP%2F1wRA%3D&reserved=0).

# **Miscellaneous**

**FEDERAL**

* EO: [Immediate Measures to Increase American Mineral Production](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/03/immediate-measures-to-increase-american-mineral-production/)
	+ [Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Takes Immediate Action to Increase American Mineral Production](https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/03/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-takes-immediate-action-to-increase-american-mineral-production/)
* [Remarks by President Trump in Joint Address to Congress](https://www.whitehouse.gov/remarks/2025/03/remarks-by-president-trump-in-joint-address-to-congress/)
* [Trump Plans Push for More Shipbuilding](https://defensecommunities.org/2025/03/trump-plans-push-for-more-shipbuilding/)
* [GSA Identifies Hundreds of Potential Federal Building Closures](https://defensecommunities.org/2025/03/gsa-identifies-hundreds-of-potential-federal-building-closures/)
* DOI:
	+ [DOI offers buyouts, early outs to staff as it looks to build housing on federal lands](https://www.govexec.com/pay-benefits/2025/03/interior-department-offers-buyouts-early-outs-staff-it-looks-build-housing-federal-lands/403823/?oref=govexec_news_alert_nl)
	+ [Federal Land Can Be Home Sweet Home](https://www.wsj.com/opinion/federal-land-can-be-home-sweet-home-joint-task-force-hud-interior-department-housing-affordability-3a281d36?st=RsNh1w)
	+ This Week at the Interior: [March 28, 2025 |](https://www.doi.gov/video/week-interior-march-28-2025) [March 21, 2025](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H1YlhFh70aE) | [March 14, 2025](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8imi67sL-Y) | [March 7, 2025](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5coNV447aU)
* NOAA: [NOAA’s Critical Contributions to US National Security - The Council on Strategic Risks](https://councilonstrategicrisks.org/2025/03/05/noaas-critical-contributions-to-us-national-security/?oref=d_brief_nl)
* EPA:
	+ [Administrator Zeldin Takes Action to Prioritize Cooperative Federalism, Improve Air Quality Faster](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-zeldin-takes-action-prioritize-cooperative-federalism-improve-air)
	+ [EPA Administrator Zeldin Addresses Environmental Council of States’ 2025 Spring Meeting, Highlights Commitment to Cooperative Federalism](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-zeldin-addresses-environmental-council-states-2025-spring-meeting)
	+ [Josh F.W. Cook appointed as EPA Pacific Southwest Regional Administrator](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/josh-fw-cook-appointed-epa-pacific-southwest-regional-administrator)
	+ [EPA Launches Biggest Deregulatory Action in U.S. History](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-launches-biggest-deregulatory-action-us-history)
* CBP:
	+ [CBP Releases February 2025 Monthly Update](https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-releases-february-2025-monthly-update)
	+ [CBP awards first border wall contract of President Trump’s second term](https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-awards-first-border-wall-contract-president-trumps-second-term)
* USDA:
	+ [Secretary Brooke Rollins Takes Bold Action in First 30 Days at USDA](https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/news/press-releases/2025/03/13/secretary-brooke-rollins-takes-bold-action-first-30-days-usda)
	+ [USDA Announces New FPAC Leadership to Better Serve Farmers and Ranchers](https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/news/press-releases/2025/03/21/usda-announces-new-fpac-leadership-better-serve-farmers-and-ranchers)
	+ [Direct Economic Assistance to Agricultural Producers](https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/news/press-releases/2025/03/18/usda-expediting-10-billion-direct-economic-assistance-agricultural-producers)

**TRIBAL**

* [Navajo, Ute tribal members raise concerns about uranium ore shipments](https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona/2025/03/28/navajo-ute-tribal-members-concerned-about-uranium-transport/82688766007/)

**STATES**

* [State Chief Resilience Officers: Establishment, Authority & Governance Report](https://www.georgetownclimate.org/files/report/STATE_CHIEF_RESILIENCE_OFFICERS_GCC_FINAL_REPORT.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
* AZ: [Governor Katie Hobbs Announces Departure of Major General Kerry Muehlenbeck, Adjutant General of Arizona and Director of Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs](https://azgovernor.gov/office-arizona-governor/news/2025/03/governor-katie-hobbs-announces-departure-major-general-kerry)
* CO:[Office of Sustainability Releases Statewide Sustainability Strategic Plan for State Government](https://www.colorado.gov/governor/news/colorado-office-sustainability-releases-statewide-sustainability-strategic-plan-state)
* NM: [New Mexico Legislature passes $1.2B in local infrastructure, construction spending](https://sourcenm.com/2025/03/20/new-mexico-legislature-passes-1-2b-in-local-infrastructure-construction-spending/?emci=3c37b843-4706-f011-90cd-0022482a9fb7)

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

* [California now has more EV chargers than gas pumps](https://www.foxla.com/news/california-ev-chargers-gas-pumps)
* [Public comment begins for Tentative Five-Year AZ Construction Program](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/AZDOT/bulletins/3d54c9f). *ADOT’s proposed 2026-2030 focus: upgrading pavement, improving major corridors*
* Funding Opportunity: U.S. DOT’s Build America Bureau recently released a [Notice of Funding Opportunity](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Furldefense.us%252Fv3%252F__https%3A%252Fmy9aiodab.cc.rs6.net%252Ftn.jsp%253Ff%3D001WqMRIsMoUY3mgS_wuKEIuQNEwM_oiejjVKnLS2IpVsVmV6LWiBHQwncztnOYQasQ2Hf48VZo07YXK2SWnRCzUNBPDK_SqFzJGEcAjIoceYF9ntD15Q8DtYptnFwVt94LN1Q5gG_q67UfnsxVtwX9K7YgkeVSSVU-o3wlZUkgbsk9i5cqLBvpY57C9pukLl0W%2526c%3Do2sfIxUrqKK6pUSLCen2ZZlOJbjhpZJbUF4tyd7J9hY6IN9vjHF04g%3D%3D%2526ch%3DZRA1GUWz3DJPJwwy-tWOD-TfJxJTfpItI1PJBjteioyb9ehtdPUJ_Q%3D%3D__%3B!!BClRuOV5cvtbuNI!BrSWmIMlbleK0pyrj7XbS-FcjnQmkAk3SnXqGfP7Z35kkIi9Z3Hk5_DdeoExWthRoiXXckhcOSa9T59ZO2qv6RWwKoc%252524%2F1%2F01000194cd1dfc2a-93beb4b7-d83e-488c-8a44-57e9d4876165-000000%2F_VgOMEvZNVOs4hJEBIq63H7R-9LV4gMaxwUGZHTRwZM%3D390&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ce535a4ad0c1045c65be108dd448364cc%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638742053337480023%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=g2LV75%2BN%2FmiqlxbDjjX4sSwWmaAPA7rSqfV4wwnTrBw%3D&reserved=0) for the Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program, created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The NOFO offers $27 million in technical assistance grants to rural and tribal communities for the planning and design phase development of transportation projects. There is no local funding match required to participate in this program. The Bureau designated up to $10 million for Tribal applicants. [Applications](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Furldefense.us%252Fv3%252F__https%3A%252Fmy9aiodab.cc.rs6.net%252Ftn.jsp%253Ff%3D001WqMRIsMoUY3mgS_wuKEIuQNEwM_oiejjVKnLS2IpVsVmV6LWiBHQwncztnOYQasQaoiVtIb3uItqYJi2JkzlTiuXMfC_pFUr7f-msVtxMCMTrTQsj9miwtwJZ-PFoa9bHJZCfT3lsf5VOfOB5AVXW0bp51xkDdUbgn_SUNJjTt9SG7q9pE8JftyLw8atWSx7p-2L_lAd3nh81a_ueANDPKUGh1tvttJrDR4hX2nVQ7lDuRqoUPdRsN4T5c20PEbMBn5R8MVUJc_fkGBnbF9jHTKspGk443Aawg9k_weFdIU%3D%2526c%3Do2sfIxUrqKK6pUSLCen2ZZlOJbjhpZJbUF4tyd7J9hY6IN9vjHF04g%3D%3D%2526ch%3DZRA1GUWz3DJPJwwy-tWOD-TfJxJTfpItI1PJBjteioyb9ehtdPUJ_Q%3D%3D__%3B!!BClRuOV5cvtbuNI!BrSWmIMlbleK0pyrj7XbS-FcjnQmkAk3SnXqGfP7Z35kkIi9Z3Hk5_DdeoExWthRoiXXckhcOSa9T59ZO2qvVoTkV0c%252524%2F1%2F01000194cd1dfc2a-93beb4b7-d83e-488c-8a44-57e9d4876165-000000%2FaR1gCh2SFEp3u9eQfHNlrdRTIKovJcASryi2ooDeI7w%3D390&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ce535a4ad0c1045c65be108dd448364cc%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638742053337506994%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=j0WUmrzBfWErD5iUnBZVKH1NewftqlMXi9jgp%2F67MdA%3D&reserved=0)due by **April 17**.