

Kathleen Ferris, Senior Research Fellow, Kyl Center for Water Policy, Phoenix, AZ

Kathy was appointed Executive Director of the Arizona Groundwater Management Study Commission in 1977. Her work with the Commission and Governor Bruce Babbitt culminated in the passage of the pioneering 1980 Arizona Groundwater Management Act. For over four decades, Kathy has championed the need for groundwater management in the desert. She served as Chief Council and later Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources and as Executive Director of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association. In 2015, along with Michael Schiffer, Kathy produced the documentary Groundwater - to enact a law for the common good. She currently is a Senior Research Fellow for the Kyl Center for Water Policy at ASU's Morrison Institute for Public Policy and a member of the Governor's Water Policy Council.

Marvin Glotfelty, RG, Principal Hydrogeologist, Clear Creek Associates, LLC, Scottsdale, AZ

Marvin F. Glotfelty, R.G. is a Principal Hydrogeologist with Clear Creek Associates. He is a Professional Geologist in CA & AZ, and an AZ-Licensed Well Driller with over 40 years of experience, including having worked on about 1,000 water wells in the southwestern United States. He received numerous accolades and honors over the years, including the City of Phoenix Mayor's Environmental Award in 1995, NGWA Distinguished McElhiney Lecturer in 2012, recipient of the Arizona Hydrological Society's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2021, and recipient of NGWA's Ross L. Oliver Award in 2023. Marvin has also authored over 30 publications, including The Art of Water Wells (NGWA Press, 2019) and Glossary of Driller's Terms (NGWA Press, 2004).

Ryan Mitchell, RG, CPG, Chief Hydrologist/Assistant Director, Arizona Dept. of Water Resources, Phoenix, AZ

Mr. Mitchell serves as the Chief Hydrologist and Assistant Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR). He leads the Hydrology Division of ADWR, engages with stakeholders, and contributes to developing effective water management strategies. Ryan is a Registered Geologist (RG) in Arizona and a Certified Professional Geologist (CPG) with the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG). He is adept at interpreting complex geological and hydrological data to provide valuable insights into groundwater availability, identifying potential risks, and optimizing resource allocation.

Justin Clark, Senior Hydrogeologist, Lynker, Phoenix, AZ

Justin Clark is a groundwater hydrogeologist with over 10 years of experience specializing in groundwater modeling, geochemistry, and environmental data analysis. His expertise includes model calibration, sensitivity and uncertainty analyses, and developing tools for processing large environmental datasets. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona and a master's degree from the University of Waterloo, where his research focused on using isotopic analysis to study the attenuation and biodegradation of TCE in fractured rock aquifers. He applies advanced modeling and data analysis techniques to provide actionable insights for groundwater policy and resource management.

Shane DePinto, RG, Senior Water Strategy Analyst, Salt River Project, Phoenix, AZ

Shane DePinto is a Senior Water Strategy Analyst at SRP, where he leverages his expertise as a hydrogeologist to support both power generation and water resource management. Shane holds a B.S. in Geophysics from NAU, an M.S. in Water Resource Management from ASU, and is an Arizona Registered Geologist. At SRP, he currently serves as an advisor and analyst on a variety of issues while actively contributing to future R&D efforts in collaboration with Arizona universities, EPRI, and other partners.

Clint Chandler, Deputy Director, Arizona Dept. of Water Resources, Phoenix, AZ

Clint Chandler is the deputy director for the Arizona Department of Water Resources. Prior to joining ADWR, he was employed by the United States Senate, having served on the respective staffs of Senators Pete Domenici, Jon Kyl and Jeff Flake. He worked on Capitol Hill as a legislative staffer attending to budget and tax matters and has occupied State-based staff roles. Clint also acted as the vice-president of business advocacy and government relations for the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce and was employed as the principal budget analyst for the New Mexico House Republican Caucus. Clint is an honors graduate of the University of New Mexico with a triple major in economics, history, and political science.

Patrick Adams, Senior Advisor for Water Policy, Arizona Governor's Office for Resiliency, Phoenix, AZ

Patrick J. Adams serves as the Senior Advisor for Water Policy to Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs where he supports water policy initiatives across state government including groundwater policy reform, Colorado River management, tribal water settlements, safeguarding water quality, and more. Prior to joining the Governor's Office, Patrick was the Water Policy Advisor to the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA), providing policy expertise on behalf of Arizona's largest municipal water providers. He was responsible for the legislative and water resource policy programs and represented AMWUA across all levels of government. Before joining AMWUA, Patrick was an environmental scientist at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality where he administered and enforced the state's Aquifer Protection Permit Program and Recycled Water regulations. Patrick is a graduate of Utah State University and holds degrees in Environmental Studies and Economics.

Sandy Fabritz, Director of Water Strategy, Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., Phoenix, AZ

Sandy Fabritz has served as the Director of Water Strategy for Freeport-McMoRan for the past nine years. She is responsible for the company's water supplies and water rights, water acquisition, conservation, and water supply sustainability across its portfolio. Sandy is a former Director for the Arizona Department of Water Resources and has been in water management for over 30 years, including work in water regulation and water resources planning for the State of Arizona and Freeport. Sandy works with government agencies and leaders at the local, State and Federal levels on water supply issues, and has led efforts on Drought Management, Tribal Water Settlements, Groundwater Management, and Colorado River issues in the southwest. She is a member of the Colorado Water Congress, the Arizona Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan Advisory Committee, and the Arizona Colorado River Reconsultation Steering Committee, focused on developing strategies to mitigate climate and drought risks to water supplies across that Basin. Sandy earned her BS in Environmental Resources from Arizona State University.

Paul Bergelin, Water Policy Advisor, Arizona Municipal Water Users Assoc., Phoenix, AZ

Paul Bergelin is the water policy advisor for the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA) and an Arizona native. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in history from Arizona State University, where he wrote his master's thesis on transporting groundwater in Arizona. Prior to joining AMWUA, he served for five years in the Arizona House of Representatives as the non-partisan staffer handling water, energy, and natural resources issues.

Asia Philbin, Chief Hydrologist, City of Tucson, AZ

Asia recently was re-employed by the City of Tucson as Chief Hydrologist. For over a decade, Asia worked with the Town of Marana as the Water Resource Coordinator. She dealt with water resources, water and wastewater system assets, and energy management and coordinated the design and construction of a facility to recharge the treated effluent from the wastewater treatment plant. Previously, she worked at

the City of Tucson as a Hydrologist for over 12 years. In addition to her responsibilities, she also helped form a subcommittee focusing on events to connect people in the water industry while raising much-needed funding for projects. Asia has also been active with Water for People, an organization committed to helping people gain access to safe water and adequate sanitation. She earned her BS in Marine Science and Geology from the University of Miami, Coral Gables and attended graduate school at the University of Arizona.

Terri Sue Rossi, Vice-President-Water Resources, Arizona Water Company

Terri Sue has served as the Water Resource Manager for Arizona Water since May 2019. Prior to this employment, she had 35 years of experience working for several other municipal water providers, the Arizona Department of Water Resources, the Central Arizona Project, and the Arizona Water Banking Authority. Terri Sue has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Arizona, and Master of Arts degree from Rutgers University.

Supervisor Travis Lingenfelter, Mohave County, AZ

Travis Lingenfelter has served as Mohave County District 1 Supervisor since 2021. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Northern Arizona University (Flagstaff, AZ) and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Norwich University (Northfield, VT). Over the course of his career, Travis has worked in the private, nonprofit, and public sectors, leading impactful projects in economic development, infrastructure, and workforce development growth. Travis' public service as County Supervisor is dedicated to fiscal responsibility, public safety, supporting small businesses, protecting our natural resources and small-town way of life. He has been an active advocate in Arizona's rural water space since 2017.

Susan Craig, Director, Impact Water - Arizona, Global Institute of Sustainability & Innovation, ASU, Phoenix, AZ

Susan is the Director for [Impact Water - Arizona](#), a core program in [ASU's Arizona Water Innovation Initiative](#), fostering community understanding and engagement in addressing the state's water challenges and solutions. Previously, Susan worked for ASU's Kyl Center for Water Policy at the Morrison Institute for Public Policy, driving projects on water resilience, like the award-winning [Arizona Water Blueprint](#). Having worked for Arizona's three primary state water agencies, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Arizona Department of Water Resources, and Water Infrastructure Finance Authority, she has extensive knowledge of the state's water issues, policies, and players.

Micah Spencer, Owner, Cella Winery, Kingman, AZ

Micah Spencer owns Cella Winery in Kingman, AZ (Mohave County) and is a consultant in the oil and gas industry. He has degrees in Viticulture/Enology, Petroleum Engineering, and Data analytics. Groundwater policy is important to him as he now lives in an active INA.

Ron Doba, Executive Director, Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association, Flagstaff, AZ

Ron is the Executive Director of the Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (NAMWUA) and the Coordinator for the Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council and Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership. He has represented northern Arizona water interests on State water advisory panels since 2006 and is a member of the Governor's Water Policy Council. Ron's Arizona water experience comes from service as a Utilities Director for the City of Flagstaff and in assisting rural northern Arizona counties, local governments, and communities with concerns for sustainable water resource planning with emphasis on rural groundwater use. Ron's accomplishments include advocating for and facilitating the purchase of Red Gap Ranch as a future water source for the City of Flagstaff, and his role in guiding

the development of the Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association biennial forum for water managers and operators training (Water Utility Leadership Forum).

Robert Van Hofwegen, Dairyman/General Manager, Paloma Irrigation District, Buckeye, AZ

Based in Gila Bend, Robert is a District Manager with experience in agriculture, irrigation, and utility management. He serves as the District Manager for Paloma Irrigation and Drainage District (7 years) and Electrical District Number Eight (3 years), and partners in the management of Sunset Farms (22 years) and Westwind Brothers (27 years) transportation company. Robert is known for his experience in budgeting, logistics, software development, and staff supervision. With a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Arizona State University, Robert has effectively managed projects worth millions and secured significant funding for water conservation initiatives. His skills in Node-Red and SCADA programming have enhanced operational efficiency across various districts.

Ethan Orr, Associate Director ANR and Economic Dvlpt., University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Ethan Orr has been an adjunct faculty member at the University of Arizona since 2003. Currently, he is the Associate Director ANR and Economic Development at the University of Arizona. This \$45 million program, funded by the state and administered by University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, works with scores of growers across the state conserve more than 11 billion gallons of water each year and secure Arizona's water future. Previously, he has served in senior leadership positions for both the City of Tucson and the City of South Tucson. He established the Pima County Empowerment Zone, which generated over 500 million in incentives and helped revitalize downtown. He also represented Southern Arizona in the State Legislature.

Sawyer Clark, Asset Manager for Gold Leaf Farming, Elk Grove, CA

Sawyer grew up farming hazelnuts and blueberries before leaving the family farm for college, the Army, and then eventually returning to agriculture. His university studies focused on business and environmental resources with an emphasis on tree crop sustainability. He's been supporting a couple thousand acres of these crops at Gold Leaf Farming since 2019.