



MEMORANDUM

TO: IEDA Board
RE: Water Committee Report
DATE: September 4th, 2025

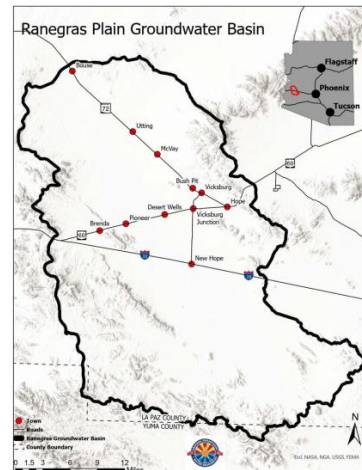
Great Scott

With the confirmation of Dr. Andrea Travnicek, Scott Cameron will take over as acting head of the Bureau of Reclamation, shifting titles at the Interior Department while he maintains his role as the Trump administration’s lead official in negotiations over the future of the Colorado River. He previously served as acting assistant Interior secretary for water and science.

Fondomonte AMA

Given the political posturing against Fondomonte, it surprises me that it took this long to try to make groundwater pumping in this area illegal.

ADWR will hold an informal public meeting to present information and accept comments and questions on whether to initiate procedures to designate the Ranegras Plain Groundwater Basin as a subsequent Active Management Area. This meeting will take place on October 15, 2025.



New WOTUS Rule

The Trump administration will soon propose a new Clean Water Act rule that could eliminate federal protections for many wetlands across the U.S., according to an internal EPA presentation.

Under the proposed rule, the federal government would regulate wetlands only if they meet a two-part test: They would need to contain surface water throughout the “wet season,” and they would need to be abutting and touching a river, stream or other water body that also flows throughout the wet season, the presentation said.

Fewer wetlands permits would be required under the new language, according to a slide from the presentation, which was confirmed by two EPA staffers who were briefed on the rule.