



Arizona Legislature Kicks Off on January 13, Environmental Day at the Capitol, and more!



January 4, 2025

Hi all!

The Arizona Legislature will kick off its 2025 session on January 13th. As always, opening day will include a state of the state address from the Governor and legislators being sworn in and introducing their families. This year, we again expect Governor Hobbs to speak about water in her state of the state, especially as the legislature did nothing to address our water issues last session and recently the Arizona Department of Water Resources established the

Willcox Active Management Area to help protect groundwater in the basin. We applaud that action and encourage the Hobbs Administration to use all of its tools to protect our waters.

The 2025 Legislative Session will be a challenge as some of the same people are in the majority leadership positions, including Senate President Warren Petersen and Representative Gail Griffin as chair of the House Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committee. Representative Griffin has done more to harm our Arizona environmental laws than just about anyone and also has been the biggest roadblock to positive action, especially on water.

So far, a few bills have been posted and we have started our bill tracker. You can find it [here](#). Right now, we are still reviewing these bills and some may come off the list. A lot more will be added as more bills are introduced opening week.

On Wednesday, January 8th at 10am, we will be releasing our priorities for the session in the Rose Garden area at the Capitol. Please stop by, and join us if you can.

As noted in our last 2024 message, we are preparing for our annual lobby day, Environmental Day at the Capitol. We hope you will join us. This is an opportunity to meet with your legislators, hear from great speakers, and connect with others who are doing advocacy work both inside and outside the Arizona Legislature. We know there will be some big challenges, but that does not mean we should not continue to advance action on climate and addressing the impacts.

Time to Act! Extreme Heat & Climate Justice
Environmental Day at the Arizona Capitol
February 12th, 2025
Arizona Capitol - Wesley Bolin Plaza
1700 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007
[RSVP and Register Here.](#)

Register now so we know what legislative district you are in and also can plan for food and materials.

Thank you!

[RSVP for Environmental Day](#)

To prepare for Environmental Day, we are hosting some webinars and workshops on climate, water, environmental justice, and more. See below for information on one of them. We hope you can join us!

If you have questions, suggestions, or want to get more involved, contact me at sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org.

All the best,



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Join Us for A Climate of Action -- What's up with Climate in Arizona and What can we do?



Join us for ***A Climate of Action - What's up with Climate in Arizona and What Can we do?*** Learn about what's up with climate change in Arizona, how it is impacting our state, what's being done, and what you can do. This is part of our preparation series for Environmental Day at the Capitol.

Tuesday, January 7th, 2025

6:00 PM

[RSVP for the Zoom link](#)

Register and RSVP Here!



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