



Groups release 2025 Environmental Priorities and Arizona Legislature Kicks off Next Week!



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Hi all!

This week, more than 35 organizations, including Sierra Club - Grand Canyon Chapter, Arizona Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders for Equity (AZ AANHPI for Equity), Arizona Youth Climate Coalition, Arizona Interfaith Power and Light (AZIPL), Chispa Arizona, Vote Solar, and other environmental, faith, and Indigenous groups presented the [2025 Environmental Priorities for the Arizona Legislature and Governor](#). The priorities

represent a positive vision on climate and clean energy, water, environmental justice, land protection, and democracy, among other issues, plus include key defensive actions as well.

The groups are asking legislators to hold the line against weakening protections for water, public health, lands, and more, plus to resist measures to make it more difficult for people to vote or vote early. The priorities ask for needed changes to address climate change and extreme heat, environmental justice, and to limit the depletion of precious water resources. We were joined at the news conference by Representative Oscar de los Santos and Senator Priya Sundareshan. You can read the [full news release here](#).

[The 2025 Environmental Priorities for the Arizona Legislature and Governor can be found here](#).

[A livestream of the news conference can be found here](#). Note, it was super windy!

It's time to start registering support or opposition to bills with the Request to Speak system. Note that you do not have to speak if you use the system, you can just sign in with a position on bills. If you have not created an account on the [Request to Speak system](#), I encourage you to do so. If you need it activated, please let us know. We can help you out. Also, Civic Engagement Beyond Voting has a training and can also help you get signed up for this system. [Find more information here](#).

This week, please sign in to Oppose SB1011 and SB1013.

[You can see more bills we are tracking here](#). We are still getting this updated, so have not inserted position or descriptions on most of the bills.

[You can find contact information for all legislators here](#).

Don't forget to sign up for Environmental Day at the Capitol!

**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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Coming up this Week at the Arizona Legislature



Monday, January 13th

**Opening Day of the Legislative Session, Session Convenes at Noon
Governor's State of the State Address at 2:00 PM**

Tuesday, January 14th

Senate Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committee at 2:00 PM in Senate Hearing Room (SHR) 1

[Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting here.](#)

Presentations

- Arizona Golf Industry
 - Rob Collins, Water Committee Chairman, Arizona Alliance for Golf

- Forestry Management and Wildfire Mitigation
 - Wade Ward, Manager, Fire Mitigation, Arizona Public Service
 - Andrew Rable, Manager, Forestry and Special Projects, Arizona Public Service
 - Alec Acuna, Director, Construction Services, Tucson Electric Power
 - Elvy Barton, Senior Manager, Water and Forest Sustainability, Salt River Project

o Nicole Kennan, Forest Program Project Manager, The Nature Conservancy

- Water Infrastructure Finance Authority
 - o Annual Overview of WIFA, Chelsea McGuire, Interim Director, Water Infrastructure Finance Authority

House Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committee at 2:00 PM in House Hearing Room (HHR) 3

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Presentations:

- Overview of the Central Arizona Project
- Overview of the Salt River Project
- Overview of Natural Resource Conservation Districts

House Appropriations Committee at 2:00 PM in HHR1

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Presentation

- Joint Legislative Budget Committee - Budget and Revenue Update

Wednesday, January 15th

Senate Government Committee at 9:00 AM in SHR1

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- [SB1013 municipalities; counties; fee increases; vote](#) (Petersen) requires a two-thirds vote for any city or county to increase fees or taxes. This will tie the hands of local government relative to revenues, just as it has the legislature. **OPPOSE**
- [SB1015 blockchain technology; tax; fee; prohibition](#) (Rogers) prohibits cities and towns from imposing a fee for running a node on block chain technology out of a home. **WATCH**

House Ad Hoc Election Integrity and Florida-Style Voting Systems Committee at 1:00 PM in HHR4

[Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting here.](#)

- Discussion of the filed Florida-Style Elections Measure

Senate Judiciary and Elections Committee at 3:00 PM in SHR2

[Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting here.](#)

- [SB1011 early voting; ballot deadlines; certificates](#) (Petersen: Angius, Bolick, et al.) removes authorization for counties to establish emergency voting centers, changes the deadline for dropping off early ballots to the Friday before the election, requires ID for early voting rather than merely allowing people to drop off their early ballot in the signed envelope as we do now. This will result in longer lines and more confusion and generally makes early voting more difficult. **OPPOSE**

Friday, January 17th

[Water and Climate Change in Arizona](#) -- Noon

Whether you want to prepare for your advocacy at Environmental Day at the Legislature or just want to learn about the subject, join this presentation to discover how climate change is reshaping Arizona's water resources and what it means for our communities, rivers, and future. We will explore the impacts of rising temperatures, prolonged droughts, and shifting precipitation patterns on Arizona's water supply. Perfect for anyone passionate about understanding the challenges facing Arizona's most vital resource water.

12:00 PM

[RSVP for the Zoom link](#)

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Register and RSVP Here!



Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter