



Speaker Bios

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Natalie Mast

Natalie Mast is the Active Management Areas (AMA) Director at the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR). Natalie and her team are responsible for ongoing AMA activities (such as annual reporting, data compilation and analysis, conservation program management, etc.) and are working to establish the necessary structures for the new Douglas AMA, the Hualapai Valley INA, and most recently the Willcox AMA. Natalie has been with ADWR since 2016, previously serving in Statewide Planning, as the Data and Planning Manager for the AMAs, and leading the team that developed, drafted, and adopted the 5th Management Plans.

Sarah Porter

Sarah Porter is Director of the Kyl Center for Water Policy at Arizona State University's Morrison Institute for Public Policy and Professor of Practice in ASU's College of Global Futures. Established in 2014, the Kyl Center promotes research, analysis, collaboration and open dialogue to build consensus in support of sound water stewardship solutions for Arizona and the West, including the Arizona Water Blueprint. Previously, Sarah served as the Arizona State Director of the National Audubon Society. and spent fourteen years as an attorney in private practice, specializing in complex commercial litigation. Sarah serves on Governor Hobbs's Water Policy Council, Phoenix's Environmental Quality and Sustainability Commission and other community boards.

