

# ¡Aguas!

## *Let's Make Every Drop Count*



The Sonoran Institute's 2026 Strategic Plan for flowing rivers, healthy landscapes, and thriving communities.

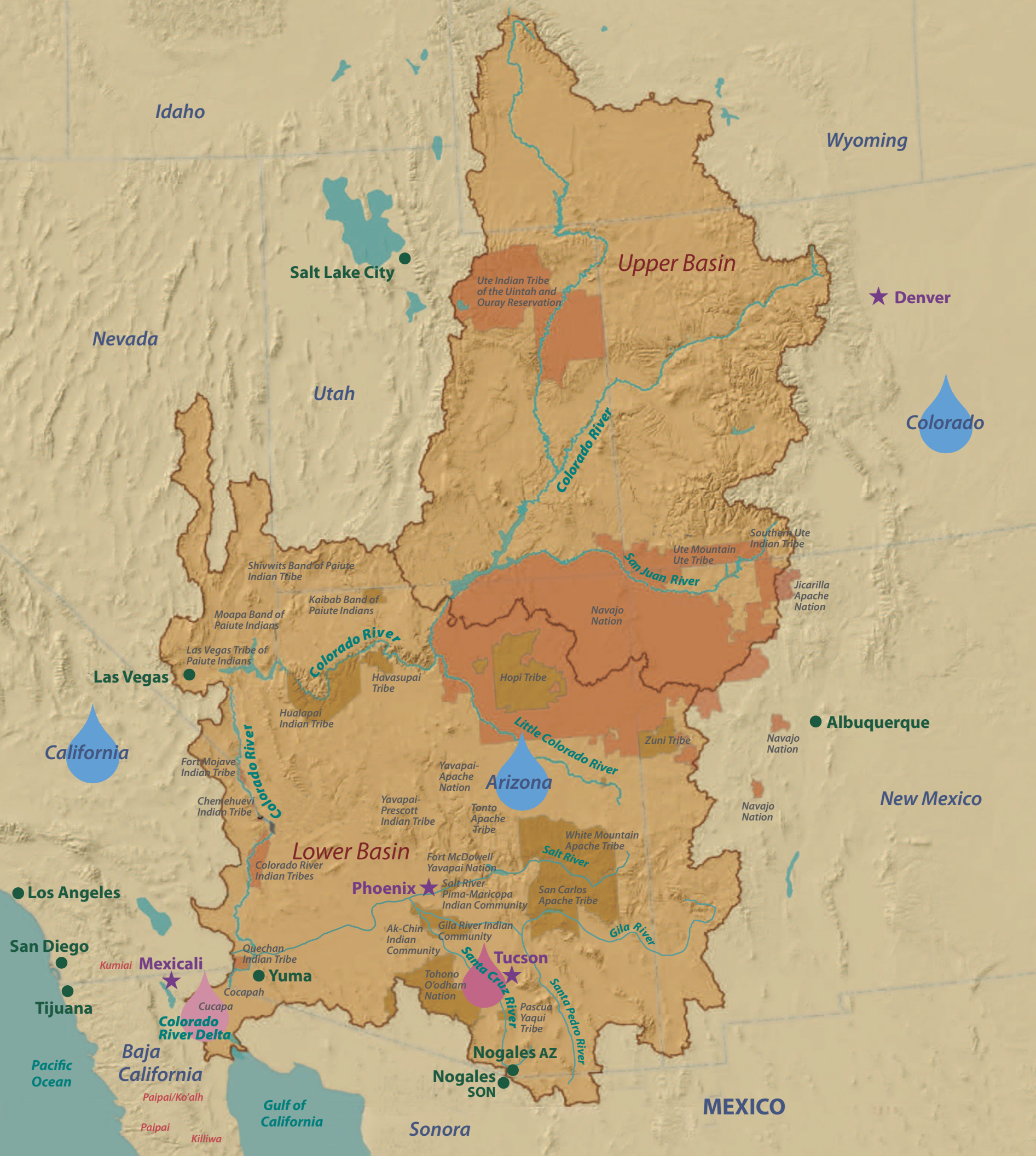
For more than 30 years, Sonoran Institute has been connecting our people and communities with the natural resources that nourish and sustain us.

**Our Unique Approach:**

**Community-based • On-the-Ground Track Record**

**Authentically Inclusive • Smart, Passionate, Dedicated People**





# Sonoran Institute 2026 Strategic Plan

**Growing Water Smart:** The Sonoran Institute's Growing Water Smart Program empowers local government leaders to implement plans and policies that support community and regional water resilience.

**2026 Strategic Plan Outcomes for Resilient Communities:**  
 Enable local governments representing 4.5 million people to reduce water demand and secure good quality water supply in sustainable, environmentally sensitive and equitable ways.

**Santa Cruz River:** From Mexico to Marana, Sonoran Institute's vision is that the Santa Cruz River is a living flowing river and the foundation of community health and prosperity.

**2026 Strategic Plan Outcomes for Innovation:**  
 Reuse water to restore year-round flow to two-thirds of the Santa Cruz River from Nogales, Mexico to Marana, Arizona.

**Colorado Delta:** Sonoran Institute is re-connecting the Colorado River to the sea, renewing community engagement with the river, fully restoring, and permanently protecting its delta.

**2026 Strategic Plan Outcomes to Restore Nature:**  
 Increase the supply of water in the Colorado River Delta to achieve 220-day-per year of connectivity to the sea and restore and protect almost 1,500 acres.

**One Basin Initiative:** The Sonoran Institute facilitates holistic, inclusive, adaptive agreements for the Colorado River Basin to benefit communities and wildlife in Mexico, Tribal Nations, and the United States.

**2026 Strategic Plan Outcomes for One Basin:**  
 Facilitate multinational, basin-state, and intra-state agreements governing the Colorado River to ensure water for tribes, farmers, cities, and the environment.

## Key to map

- ★ Sonoran Institute Offices:  
Denver, Phoenix, Tucson, Mexicali
- 💧 Growing Water Smart
- 🌊 Santa Cruz River
- 🌊 Colorado Delta
- 🏠 One Basin Initiative
- 🏠 Tribal Nations in the United States
- 🏠 Tribal Communities in Mexico



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## About Us

Sonoran Institute inspires a positive future by connecting people and nature today. We are an international environmental organization with operations in the United States and Mexico. We promote collaboration to ensure there is water for flowing rivers, healthy landscapes, and thriving communities throughout the Colorado River Basin. The lack of water is an issue for all of our communities' future—let's act today.

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## Strategic Plan Implementation Costs by Fiscal Year

