

Candidate Name	Running For	Candidate Website	If elected, what issues will be the main focus of your time as a State Legislator?	The crisis on the Colorado River and drought across the Western United States poses an existential threat to agriculture in Arizona. What will you do as a state legislator to address water scarcity, and how should agricultural users play a role in the future of water management?	Recent economic uncertainty has been especially difficult for farmers and ranchers. What can the state legislature do to alleviate uncertainty in the face of inflation and global market volatility?	One of the biggest accomplishments of the previous session was passing a bipartisan budget. If elected, what will you prioritize in the next budget?
Selina Bliss	LD1 House	SelinaBliss.com	My main focus is on state rights given to us by the 10th Amendment of our Constitution in order for Arizona to operate without interference of the federal government on matters reserved to the state.	Water scarcity needs to be addressed through a variety of long, medium, and short term goals using conservation and augmentation. Agricultural users play a huge role in the decision making process of the legislature as agricultural users are the most affected by the decisions made and the outcomes. When crafting legislation, I strongly believe in involving those who are most affected by the legislation. In this case, agricultural users must be at the table to make sure their voices are heard and their needs are known.	Farmers and ranchers have been especially hard hit by the recent uncertainty in the markets and with inflation. I come from a family of farmers and ranchers and see daily the stressors on this industry. The state legislature needs to be sensitive to the uncertainties of farming and ranching when crafting legislation. Support could be provided by developing and strengthening trade agreements to bring products to market in a more efficient and effective manner. There is much more we can do at the local, state, and federal level to support our farmers and ranchers.	Priorities include a variety of important issues identified by various sources and surveys, including education, healthcare, water infrastructure, border security, and transportation.
Terry Roe	LD12 House	www.terryroeforaz.com	Today my issues include Public Safety, Finance, Elections and Border Security	Arizona must support agriculture, and work with Cities and Towns to improve on an ongoing conservation plan. Bold ideas on water conservation should be considered including negotiation with California for a share of their water allotment in exchange for support of desalination plant(s).	Cities and towns have been required to have a long term (100 year) plan for water. The legislature along with the Governor should work with agriculture to do the same, and then educate the public on the importance of water policy for all of Arizona	Obviously water is essential, but I will make it a priority to support public Safety, border security, and voter integrity. Of course the debate surrounding abortion will continue so I will be supporting plans that help Arizona continue to lead from a position of common sense and strength.
Neal Carter	LD15 House	www.nealcarterarizona.com	adequate infrastructure - transportation, water, etc.	We need new sources of water. Last year's water bill allocating for large-scale projects was a start.	Lower taxes and remove barriers for commerce like burdensome regulations.	Cutting taxes.
Teresa Martinez	LD16 House	https://martinezforarizona.com/	Water and infrastructure	We cannot regulate ourselves out of a drought. We need preserve our AG! AZ has lead in conservation groups water for decades and it's time that that's other basin states take on their responsibility to protect and conserve the river.	The best thing to do is remove unnecessary regulation, fees and taxes that restrict your ability to produce	Water and infrastructure!
Julie Willoughby	LD17 House	www.JulieWilloughby.org	Inflation, Safety, Healthcare, and Security	Agriculture is one of the biggest users of water in our state, they should play a role or have a seat at the table for the discussions on how to preserve and create water measures that will make the state water sustainable for the future.	Reducing taxes and protecting access to supplies and the ability for businesses to continue would be my main focus.	Balancing the budget and making sure we use our resources effectively if my priority.
Brian Radford	LD17 House	radfordforaz.com	Public education funding, voting rights and access to the ballot, water scarcity and climate.	I support a true water plan that provides incentives and or rebates to those who conserve, reclaim, or use more sustainable methods for their water needs. I'd like to see more investments that assist farmers and ranchers to protect their water future and livelihood. From groundwater and surface water management to better understanding existing water rights and need for more water wise solutions, we should all work together to find common solutions to protect and defend our water resources.	We need to ensure that we support farmers and ranchers in any legislation that impacts their livelihoods. This includes securing water availability and infrastructure necessary for agricultural business and ranching.	Public education and a water management plan that provides a secure water supply for all.
Rachel Jones	LD17 House	www.jonesforarizona.com	Water, election integrity, medical freedom, public safety, and education.	I am already meeting with current legislators regarding the many ideas on how to deal with this issue. I am familiarizing myself specifically with WIFA. I love the idea of using nuclear energy to run water desalination plants.	Decreasing tax burdens and unnecessary regulations would be a good place to start.	Funds towards our water crisis, law enforcement/border security, and money back in the pockets of taxpayers to help offset the financial burdens caused by increased inflation and economic hardship.
Justine Wadsack	LD17 Senate	Wadsack4Arizona.com	Education, Medical Freedom, Police Power (Safety), Water	Arizona First: 1.) Protect Farmers/Ranchers Riparian Rights. 2.) Build Desalination Plant(s) to AZ. 3.) Build Nuclear Energy Plants to Power Desalination Plants and Recharge Reservoirs. Stop allowing Foreigners/Saudi's full use of our water to grow alfalfa for their own export. 4.) Moratorium on giving water to neighboring states, as we give more than our fair share of CAP. 5.) We need to revisit the Mexico Treaty that gives them CAP water. While Mexico allows hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants to flood into America, from more than 180 Countries at the border, we should stop the flow of CAP water into Mexico, as it is now needed to accommodate the humans coming into Arizona. If Mexico won't help stop the illegal entry, they need to replace the loss of water resources as a direct result.	Listen. Learn. I want to know what is REALLY happening, not what we hear on the news. Arizona must protect our farmers and ranchers from the global agenda.	Water Preservation, Police Power for Communities/Businesses, Border Security, Children's Safety from SEL/CRT, Fine Tune School Choice, Stop Fentanyl Crisis, Statewide Mental Health Hospitals, Homeless Issues (Illegals Issues), Medical Freedom from Mandates, Stop Fraud/Waste/Abuse in State Funded Agencies (DES/DCS/DDD).
Stan Caine	LD18 Senate	AZ4CAINE.com	Safety, taxes, water, education, and more	We need to first make sure Arizona is not the only state to have to reduce its usage, California and Nevada need to take some reduction in use too.	State legislatures can work with our federal representatives to address the issues on both fronts.	Safety, water, lower taxes, education, and infrastructure.
Sanda Clark	LD19 House	clark4az.com	Protecting our Freedoms, Funding Public Education, Water, Immigration	Agricultural users should be integral participants in addressing equitable usage by all stakeholders. Also addressing the type of crops we grow and the possibility of reconsidering use by foreign owned businesses. Equitable distribution of resources needs to be addressed.	Study what crops are being cultivated, as we are in the desert. Perhaps offer incentives to transition to crops that demand less water than alfalfa or pecans?	I would prioritize protecting local farmers over foreign investment big agra farms that drive the little local farmers that have lived in AZ sometimes for generation out of business. Really putting into practice as policy not just as slogan PUTTING ARIZONA FIRST!

Gail Griffin*	LD19 House	griffinforarizona.com	The economy... fighting inflation... border security... protecting private property and water rights... safe communities and fighting crime	We have to protect the agriculture industry and protect the waters they need. We passed a bill this year that funded \$1.4 billion dollars for water projects. Some of those funds can be used for drip irrigation projects as well as numerous recharge and conservation projects.	We can push back the federal government and their overreach, unnecessary regulations and their intrusion into our businesses and personal lives. I believe in less government, lower taxes, personal responsibility and the free enterprise system.	We must have a balance budget. We need to prioritize water and energy issues. We need to put additional funds in the rainy day fund and keep an eye of the economy and inflation.
Damien Kennedy	LD21 House	www.kennedy4arizonald21.com	Small business assistance, HS Graduate assistance and planning	I look forward to working with WIFA to better manage the water and CR allocation for the whole of Arizona.	The states ability to address inflation is minimal at best, according to my non-legislator knowledge. Dealing with the global market volatility, in my opinion, is incredibly different. I would look at all mitigating factors, once a legislator, to assist in these issues as best I could.	Better resources to classrooms specifically to help schools develop the same type of agricultural program that Rio Rico High School has to teach students Ag business management and FFA principles.
David Livingston	LD22 House	https://davidlivingston.vote	I tend to spend a great deal of time on budget issues. Making sure we meet our obligations, look after our priorities, and keep the budget balanced.	We've taken steps to deal with it and will have to continue working proactively with the groups involved, to ensure that Arizona doesn't end up on the short end of things. We'll have to work with our federal delegation as well. AG is obviously an important part of our state, our state's economy, etc, so please remain vocal and involved.	I wish we could do more, but while we've created a booming STATE economy here in Arizona, especially compared to the states around us, no state is immune to a federal government intent on crashing our national economy. Arizona will come through better than most other states, but inflation is a federal problem and the market volatility is, as you mention, a global problem. Until America and the world starts to govern more like Arizona, we're all at risk.	Education, infrastructure, water, debt repayment, public safety, etc are our responsibilities so they'll be prioritized. I'm a big believer in needs over wants, even if some legislators down there are only focused on wants.
Steve Robinson	LD22 Senate	Robinson4AZ.com	Community safety, quality education and protection of Constitutional rights of individuals and businesses.	I will look into additional water reservoirs under Arizona land for the opportunities available to increase water supply. The agricultural community has been a large part of Arizona's identity for decades and should definitely have a voice at the table for those critical issues that effect their industry.	Reviewing current statutes and regulations that overburden the industry and work to eliminate or reduce those unnecessary to public health and safety. Look to provide state tax breaks and work to create a climate that allows for more agricultural export to neighboring states.	I believe it is important that public safety is a high priority. The increase influx of fentanyl and crime from an unsecured border and the rise in inflation has led to record high crime rates and fentanyl related overdoses. We must ensure that our law enforcement and fire departments have the officers and funding to offset and keep our families and businesses safe.
Stephen Diehl	LD22 Senate	https://www.facebook.com/electdiehlforaz	Ensuring free market solutions to economic problems.	Several factors will need to be addressed. 1.) We (States in the West) are using more water than is available, this effects both growth and tourism to the state of Arizona. 2.) What is profitable for the farmers, and what can actually be produced. Are farmers being overly taxed on energy consumption? 3.) How much will Arizona stand to loose in revenue if sporting events and tourism are hindered by water shortages? 4.) Can we get resupplied with water if global infrastructure continues to stress further? It is essential that hard facts play a role in how future decisions are to be made.	The bottom line is that farmers and governments have always had a contentious relationship. My best bet as a legislator is to represent the hard facts of what farmers and ranchers need to maintain being profitable. I am but one man that cant know everything, I wouldn't listen to anyone that claimed they did. I will need their help in representing them fairly.	Infrastructure.
Jesus A Lugo Jr	LD23 House	https://www.jesuslugojr4arizona.com/	Substance Abuse, water, welfare	Conservation, using technology in agriculture and working with both party to fix the water issues.	Work with both party to minimize inflation.	It's helping people dealing with substance abuse and improving the welfare system.
Mariana Sandoval	LD23 House	www.sandovalforaz.com	Water/Environment, education, infrastructure/economy and healthcare.	We depend on AZ agriculture producers and we must make sure they continue producing the valuable food for the people of Arizona and beyond. We will make sure that water continues to flow. We will need to look for other water resources and/or incentivize municipal conservation. Yes, agriculture users should absolutely play a role in the future of water management. They have always been good stewards of our water and we should continue to allow them to do so.	I look forward to continuing conversations with the farm bureau and farmers to figure out the best ways to help them in these uncertain times.	Water, education, infrastructure and continued efforts to safeguard our water system.
Brian Fernandez	LD23 Senate	https://www.brianfernandez.com/	Agriculture, Water, Infrastructure, Economy and Education	As a State Legislator I was proud to vote for the historic \$1.1 billion water bill this last session. Water is a scares resource in the desert and we must work with all water users to include agricultural water users to find better solutions to our water crisis. Arizona's families and economy are dependent on a thriving agricultural industry, which in turn is dependent on their access to water. Our agricultural industry is aware of this and have already been implementing water preservation methods of their own, from new technologies to smarter crop rotations. As a State Senator I will listen to our agricultural water users to learn how to best conserve our water while maintaining a robust agricultural industry.	There is a lot that the State Legislature can do to help our farmers. For example, the current crisis has highlighted the need for better infrastructure. As State Legislature we can fund infrastructure projects that help ease the logistical tie up we saw recently. We can also invest in new agricultural research to help find better ways to draught proof our crops. We can also provide tax incentives for farmers that allow them to remain competitive in the global market. But the absolutely most important thing we can do as legislators is to listen to our farmers to learn their needs. That's why organizations like the the Farm Bureau are so important, because they bring farmers and legislators together so we can learn about the challenges our agricultural industry is facing.	Water will continue to be a big issue, as will agriculture, infrastructure, housing and education.
Don Kissinger	LD27 House	www.donkissinger.com	Reproductive rights, voting rights, climate and water issues	Agriculture is the largest user of water so will have to play an outside role in dealing with the water crisis. Federal and state government needs to help subsidize more efficient irrigation and a switch from high water use crops to lower water use crops. I would push to have voluntary water management districts in rural areas. Urban areas need to do their share as well. I would support measures to raise the cost of water wasting urban landscaping and water features.	Inflation is currently a global issue that cannot be effectively addressed by individual states. The state legislature can however help to maintain access to global markets for Arizona agricultural products.	Water conservation and supply enhancement projects and school funding.
Anthony Kern	LD27 Senate	votekern.com	Immigration, Inflation, Water	Meet with experts such as farmers, ranchers, and agricultural users and get their input to address water issues. I also am working with a group to discuss what Las Vegas did to minimize water consumption without affecting agriculture or single-family residences.	Government should get out of the way. Government is the main cause of economic uncertainty and should allow free market principles to take hold of our economy. Government must quit printing and spending money and balance the state budget.	I will prioritize reducing government agency spending and put more money into the pockets of all Arizonans.

Beverly Pingerelli	LD28 House	www.BeverlyPingerelli.org	A primary focus given my background is education for K-12 and higher education, but water is a top priority for state and federal government policymakers. During the next legislative session, I plan to be very active and informed with regard to water.	I am concerned about both scarcity and cost of water in Arizona. Arizona agriculture cannot continue to be successful without dealing with our water situation. I am continuing to learn about water and will participate in stakeholder meetings as we work to find solutions and create policy.	As mentioned, I will work with legislators that have good backgrounds in agriculture, and will advocate and reach out to federal representatives to minimize the damage due to inflation and global supply issues.	Border security and water.
Austin Smith	LD29 House	AustinForArizona.com	Tax policy, water and natural resources and election integrity	As a future state lawmaker with a deep background in production agriculture in my district and across the state, I will always be a reliable ally and advocate for the industry. In doing so, I want to make sure that our farms are no longer on the chopping block when it comes to giving up water. In order for our nation to be secure, food security is the top necessity to ensure that. Agriculture users already play the most efficient role in water management - using less water on less land growing more food. That alone is a scientific and innovative achievement for the ages and should be publicly touted in regards to water conservation. I believe at this point we can no longer allow our farmers to continue to give up more while other Basin states continue to give up less. We also need the federal government to also step in and apply political pressure to California who is doing less and less with water conservation while Arizona is doing more. I also believe in State Centric Water Policy. That's why I'll champion state-centric water policy that ensures every rancher, farmer, and citizen of our state gets full and fair access to our most valuable natural resource before we ever even begin a conversation about bailing out the State of California. It would be wise to continue storing more water in Alamo Lake through the Santa Maria River and Bartlett through the Verde River. Total elimination of the salt cedars species will also help conserve water on the Gila River. It's common sense and it will positively serve our \$23.3 billion agriculture industry, allowing them to continue to employ over 160,000 Arizonans and to responsibly expand in the future.	The state plays a unique role in creating and maintaining a business friendly environment, one where big and small farms and ranches can thrive. We've done a good job thus far and should build on it. I believe the state can continue on a good path of low taxes, limited government and low regulations for farms and ranches to thrive in uncertain economic times. In a historic Supreme Court Decision EPA vs West Virginia we may now see more regulations and governance from the federal government be weakened and in turn alleviate pressure on Arizona farm and ranches and giving some authority back over to the states. We should also ensure that companies (foreign or domestic) are paying same market value for water like everyone else.	In the next budget I want to ensure we are spending our money wisely first. As a fiscal conservative I ran on a platform in my district, both rural and suburban, that elimination of the income tax must be a day one priority for the next legislature and governor to alleviate economic hardships on working class Arizona families. We can do so without raising property taxes on any Arizonan with sound fiscal discipline with taxes from other sources of revenue. In the next budget I would like to see additional funding for water infrastructure, reservoir management, increased pay for Department of Agriculture workers, desalination, and energy resources.
Scott Podyyn	LD29 House	podyyn4arizon.com	Water Education Rights and Freedoms	Work with the water commission and CAP to cover the canals and save water water from evaporation. Tap into our brackish aquifers for irrigation. Work on providing tax credits for converting to drip irrigation.	It all starts with the oil industry. We have a hydrocarbon based system. In Arizona we don't have price gouging laws to protect consumers. I understand that many of the fertilizer is oil based. I'm willing to work with anyone to reduce your costs. Provide tax credits for conversion to solar energy to offset your energy costs for storage of crops that require refrigeration and also for the pumps needed for pumping water. Strict enforcement of a water rights owner from drilling deeper and taking someone else's water.	Water conservation tax credits for helping agriculture cover the costs of irrigation improvements reducing carriage water amounts. Education reform.
David Raymer	LD29 Senate	www.davidraymerforLD29.com	Education and Healthcare	I think less water intensive crops should be considered. I would support new water supply projects.	Facilitate fair trading practices both nationally and internationally, and encourage investment in agriculture.	Healthcare, Education and Water Supply
Nancy Barto	LD4 Senate	www.NancyBarto.com	Improving community safety, protecting parental rights and education, government accountability	Agriculture is a key driver in our economy and our country's produce supply. As the recent tier cuts have demonstrated, Arizona needs to step up resolving Arizona's last priority position in the water use priority. We also must protect everyone's voice as financing for new water-generating projects are deliberated through WIFA.	Protect and continue to improve Arizona's low tax and regulatory environment.	We must fund government's fundamental priorities: public safety and education, while ensuring new and ongoing agency spending is accountable to independent oversight.
Jennifer Longdon	LD5 House	jenforaz.com	Abuse and neglect of our elderly and vulnerable neighbors in long term care facilities	I will continue to build on the historic work done in the last session on water management and augmentation.	We must focus on a pragmatic approach to water that accomplishes our primary goal of preserving and protecting our water supply but also ensures our farmers and ranchers have what they need to stay in business. We must also create strong incentive programs, that are created with stakeholder input, for farmers and ranchers to be more efficient and sustainable in their use of water.	education; water management and augmentation

Chris Verrill	LD7 House	https://www.facebook.com/groups/326152	<p>My primary focus is protecting democracy. We need Democrats and Independents and moderate Republicans to put their partisan policy differences aside, come together, and reassure the nation the Arizona understands how elections work. We need to stop Trump. Stop the big lie. And protect democracy.</p> <p>Beyond that, we need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Embrace the strengths of the free market •Balance our budget and pay off our debts •Defend a woman's right to choose •Safeguard social security •Increase funding to public education •Protect the environment against the very real threat of climate change •Water is the biggest issue facing Arizona—especially for agriculture •Reach across the aisle to actually get things done •Ranked choice voting will improve our elections and governance 	<p>Water is an existential threat to Arizona agriculture. And all of Arizona. And beyond. Climate change is drying up the Colorado River and causing water shortages across the globe. In the short run, we need to make sure Arizona is treated fairly and equitably when renegotiating water rights. In the long run, we need to ween ourselves off of fossil fuels and onto renewable energy so we can solve climate change.</p>	<p>I'm just an average guy and I don't have all the answers. But together, we do have the answers. I'd want to hear your proposed solutions to this. I'd want to put Democrats and Republicans and Independents all the same room and find a solution that we can all agree to.</p>	<p>In the budget, public education is my priority. A lot of the fearmongering around our elections is because of inadequate education in the schools. Especially civics education. Democracies only survive with an educated electorate.</p>
Mary Ann Mendoza	LD9 House	https://mendozaforarizona.com	<p>Border Security, Inflation, Education and future water issues</p>	<p>We will need to look at all alternative sources of water for our state. We cannot allow our agricultural users lose the livelihoods they have worked so hard to create. Our state is very important when it comes to crops grown to provide food for our state and nation.</p> <p>I met with Rep Gail Griffin and discussed the water issues with our state. I am very interested in the Recharge and Recovery Program and I know the Ladd ranching family is currently implementing that on their property with great success.</p> <p>I know there are better ways to irrigate without losing so much of the water to evaporation. I am not up to speed on all the issues but I am educating myself so that I can be advocate for future water issues our state faces.</p>	<p>I know American farmers are paying significantly higher prices for their crop seeds, fertilizer, equipment repairs and seasonal labor. Arizona should have been preparing for ways to help farmers and ranchers out.</p> <p>I know that to assist agricultural producers, state agricultural liens and PACA were enacted to help growers get paid. I would need to get more insight on these programs and how to help the agricultural producers get enrolled/access to insure payment for their crops.</p>	<p>Balancing the budget is the biggest and most actionable way Arizona can contribute to stopping rampant inflation. I believe the first step towards fiscal responsibility will be identifying redundant agencies and government spending along with fraud and abuse. It's beyond time to look at our state budget with a laser focus so we can really tackle the underlying, baseline budget costs that contribute to inflation, cost taxpayers and cost economic growth. Looking at the trajectory of our economy, it is important to me and every Arizonan that we have a state budget that is fiscally solvent and works for us in the smartest and most efficient way possible.</p> <p>Looking for ways to spend a surplus instead of preparing for future issues such as water and infrastructure, is reckless and unsupported by the majority of our citizens.</p>

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