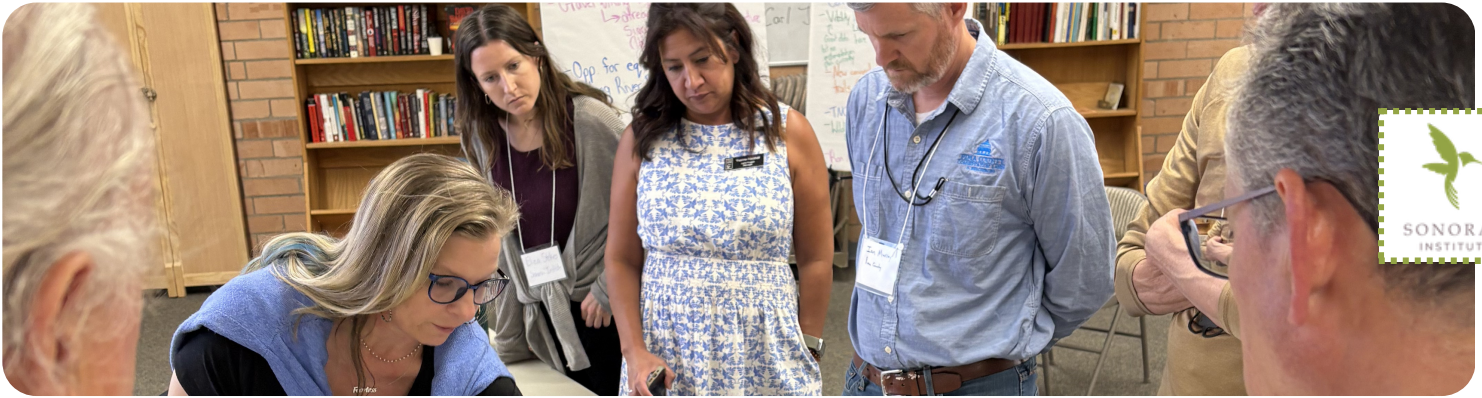




In this edition of the Sonoran Post, we work on education, we plant seeds of hope through education, community building and investing in a resilient tomorrow You can be involved by sharing our work and **donating today!**

INCOMING: SUMMER PRODUCE

In mid-May we welcomed the last group of visitors at Laguna Grande for the last Sábado Familiar before summer. Families birdwatched, hiked and kayaked, leaving happy and eager to return when we reopen in the fall.

Over the past three months, we have been hosting gardening and composting workshops in the Misión del Ángel section for our Mexicali Fluye restoration project. Gardening workshops have been held with Maestro Saúl Elizondo and Aristeo Gutiérrez and community members are about to finish their course and already have produce ready to harvest in the urban garden.



PEER-REVIEWED PUBLISHINGS

We are excited to share that Sonoran Institute staff have published a paper about the Growing Water Smart program and GWS community outcomes in the academic journal *Water!* The article, titled "**Growing Water Smart: Advancing Water Resilience Through Collaborative Integration of Water Resources Management and Land Use Planning**" dives into Growing Water Smart's unique approach to addressing water scarcity by integrating water and land use planning, and shares three case studies of collaborative water resilience that resulted from the program in the San Luis Valley of Colorado, the Verde Watershed in Arizona, and between the sister cities of Douglas, Arizona and Agua Prieta, Sonora along the US-Mexico border. Successes in each of these communities point to the value of the Growing Water Smart program in creating the dedicated time and space for local governments to create action plans for water resilience, which are creating tangible impacts across the Southwestern US and Northern Mexico.

This paper is published in a special issue of *Water*, titled "**Working Across Borders to Address Water Scarcity.**"

EXPANDING RIVER RESEARCH

With support from the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area (SCVNHA), we launched a macroinvertebrate study to inform future *Living River* reports and the September Dragonfly Festival. In partnership with SCVNHA and researchers at the University of Arizona, this study will help assess the ecological condition of the Santa Cruz River and its tributaries in the Nogales Reach.

We completed two WIFA-funded studies for the Nogales reach of the *Santa Cruz River Management Plan* and an accompanying economic study. The studies create a major, once-in-a-generation opportunity to justify and implement restoration opportunities in this reach of the river. Reports will be posted on the Sonoran Institute website once final links are available.



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