

WATER IN THE DESERT 2026

A CONFERENCE ABOUT
Water in the Chihuahuan Desert of West Texas

FEBRUARY 11-13, 2026
SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY
ALPINE, TEXAS

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DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
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Water in the Desert returns to Alpine, February 11-13, 2026! Join the ongoing conversation with landowners, scientists, policy makers and community members as we dive deep into the complex and pressing water issues of our desert region.

As a direct result of the inaugural Water in the Desert conference held in early 2024, a new water research center is being launched at Sul Ross State University. At the February 2026 conference, strategic priorities for science and research will be presented. The center is being established to support local groundwater districts, landowners, counties, cities and communities as we seek science-based solutions for sustainable water together.

- **LEARN** about local aquifer science; what we know about our complex geology and groundwater systems.
- **LISTEN** to influential members of the Texas Legislature as they share insights on water policy and innovation shaping the future of West Texas.
- **ENGAGE** in lively panel discussions including a Texas Rule of Capture conversation with landowners and groundwater conservation districts.
- **EXPERIENCE** the *Wisdom of our Elders* through their stories of land and water in West Texas.
- **EXPLORE** timely issues such as produced water, data centers, drought trends, alternative water sources, stewardship and river health.
- **CONNECT** with landowners, researchers, policymakers, and community members who care deeply about the desert we call home.
- **CELEBRATE** shared progress and partnerships at networking events designed to keep the conversation—and momentum—flowing.

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