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- [Arizona Water Blueprint](#), a data-rich interactive map of Arizona water resources and policy
- [Arizona Colorado River Visualization Enterprise](#), an interactive data-visualization tool to enable water managers and stakeholders analyze and communicate about Colorado River supply scenarios
- [Arizona General Stream Adjudication Reform](#), an ongoing effort to expedite resolution of the state's two stream adjudications
- [Water for and from Agriculture](#), a USDA funded, multi-site project seeking to understand effective stakeholder engagement for addressing critical issues at the nexus of water and agriculture
- The Colorado River Visualization Enterprise, a data visualization tool enabling stakeholders to understand shortage impacts on Central Arizona water users and communities

Sarah came to the Kyl Center from the National Audubon Society, where she served as the Arizona state director and led Audubon's Western Rivers Project, a multistate initiative to protect and restore important river habitats in the Intermountain West. Before joining Audubon in 2006, Sarah spent fourteen years as an attorney in private practice, specializing in complex commercial litigation.

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