

# Decision Center for a Desert City (DCDC) Water/Climate Briefing

Wednesday, September 7, 2005  
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Arizona State University, Decision Center for a Desert City  
Brickyard Orchid House, 21 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 126-B, Tempe

## Colorado River Law: Key Points of Tension William H. Swan, Attorney and Consultant

More than 25 million people in seven western states, two Mexican states and 32 American Indian tribal communities depend on water from the Colorado River, which flows 1,700 miles from Wyoming's melting glaciers and Colorado's snow run-off, then falls 14,000 feet before reaching the Gulf of California. Along the river's path are 20 hydroelectric plants, 10 major dams, 80 diversion channels, six national parks and numerous recreation areas.

With so many demands on the river come disagreements among those who rely on the river for livelihood. Bill Swan will discuss the key points of contention pertaining to Colorado River law in his presentation on Wednesday, September 7, 2005.

Swan is a 1972 graduate of Arizona State University (B.S. Economics) and received his law degree in 1975 from California Western School of Law in San Diego. He is a member of the California bar. A former attorney and field solicitor with the Department of the Interior, and now an attorney in private practice, Swan has become very familiar with the law of the Colorado River and the unique issues encountered in the three lower division states of Arizona, Nevada and California, and in the Republic of Mexico.

Author of numerous articles and a frequent presenter of lectures on Colorado River law, Swan today focuses much of his professional practice on matters related to implementing the California Water Use Plan and compliance with state and federal environmental laws.

Lunch will be provided. **Please RSVP at your earliest convenience** to [Michelle.Schwartz@asu.edu](mailto:Michelle.Schwartz@asu.edu) or 480-965-3367. Parking is available in the City garage, accessible via 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> streets. DCDC will validate for up to two hours.