



CELEBRATING BUSINESSES MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Nov. 5, 2025 | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Desert Botanical Garden

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Vanessa Kisicki, Associate General Manager and Chief Customer Executive, SRP

EMCEE

Lin Sue Flood, Director of Engagement, Hospice of the Valley

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Bo Svoma, Principal Climate Scientist/Meteorologist, SRP

LUNCH IS SERVED

AWARDS PROGRAM

EVENT CONCLUDES

HOSTS



VANESSA KISICKI, WELCOME

Associate General Manager and Chief Customer Executive, SRP

Vanessa Kisicki is Associate General Manager of Customer Operations and Chief Customer Executive at Salt River Project. She leads the SRP teams responsible for serving more than 1.1 million power customers through Customer Services, Customer Strategy, Customer Programs and Distribution Grid Services.

Throughout Vanessa's more than 23 years at SRP, she held a variety of engineering and management positions dealing with distribution, telecommunications, grid modernization and information technology segments. Prior to SRP, Vanessa was a consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers focused on improving client operations through process and technology solutions.

Vanessa is a native Phoenician committed to giving back to her community and serves on the Phoenix Symphony's Board of Directors where she chairs the Community Engagement and Education Committee. Vanessa also serves on the Board of Directors for Chicanos Por La Causa, a nonprofit that serves underserved Latino communities across the Southwest. Vanessa earned a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering from Georgia Tech and a Master of Business Administration from Arizona State University.



LIN SUE FLOOD, EMCEE

*Director of Community Engagement,
Hospice of the Valley*

Since 2015, Lin Sue Flood has been director of community engagement for Arizona's leading hospice, overseeing marketing, fund development and volunteer programs for Hospice of the Valley. She is passionate about helping families find comfort, dignity and compassion when they need care for serious illness or dementia. Flood also promotes special community programs like music therapy, community grief support and tributes for military veterans.

Prior to her work with hospice care, she spent 31 years as a newscaster for 12News. Flood graduated cum laude from Willamette University in Oregon and received her master's degree from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University.

She and her husband have seven beautiful children and one very spoiled standard poodle named Kismet, who is a pet therapy dog who loves to visit Hospice of the Valley patients and families.



BO SVOMA, KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Principal Climate Scientist/Meteorologist at SRP

Bohumil (Bo) Svoma is a Principal Climate Scientist/Meteorologist in the Surface Water department at Salt River Project (SRP).

Dr. Svoma has published approximately 35 peer-reviewed research articles in the fields of meteorology, hydrology and climatology. His current research interests are focused on improving the predictability of Arizona

streamflow from hourly, to sub-seasonal, to decadal timescales. Dr. Svoma supports several long-term water supply projects, and his operational duties include watershed monitoring and weather forecasting. Before joining SRP, Dr. Svoma was an Assistant Professor of Atmospheric Science at the University of Missouri from 2013-17. Dr. Svoma received his Ph.D. in Geographical Sciences at Arizona State University in 2011 and BS degrees in Mathematics and Geographical Sciences from Arizona State University in 2007.

THIS YEAR'S WINNERS

ALTA AVONDALE

Alta Avondale are among the latest luxury apartments located in the West Valley. Alta Avondale's wide variety of amenities for residents includes Level 2 charging stations for EVs.



ALTA AVONDALE

CITY OF PHOENIX

Phoenix is the state capital of Arizona and, with over 1.6 million residents, ranks as the fifth-most populous city in the United States. It is recognized as a growing center for technology and high-tech manufacturing, alongside strong sectors in finance, retail, distribution and healthcare. The City of Phoenix, in collaboration with SRP, is actively pursuing a more sustainable future by participating in and undertaking various renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives including lighting, HVAC, Business Demand Response, Solar Choice Select and participate in Sustainable Energy Offering, in the Biomass Power Partnership.



City of Phoenix

CMC STEEL FABRICATORS

CMC Steel Fabricators serves as the backbone for an incredible array of highways, structures and other projects, and serves as an innovative solutions provider helping build a stronger, safer and more sustainable world. CMC utilizes recycled scrap as their raw materials to reduce the need for mining new natural resources. CMC also leverages some of the cleanest and most energy-efficient steelmaking technology available today to help reduce carbon emissions.



FULTON HOMES

Fulton Homes is Arizona's largest family-owned and -operated new home builder, specializing in building ENERGY STAR®-certified homes. Last year, Fulton Homes received the 2024 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year Award for Sustained Excellence from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, marking the 10th year in a row that Fulton Homes has won ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year.

FULTON
HOMES

GLOBAL AMBASSADOR HOTEL

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The Global Ambassador is a luxury hotel wonderfully curated for the jet-setting traveler. Aligning with the hotels’ stunning views of Camelback Mountain, Fox Concepts has recently added to its creation of spaces that spark emotion and foster meaningful connections with the inclusion of lighting, chillers and customized high-performance windows.



GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

Grand Canyon University is a private Christian university located in Phoenix that offers a wide range of on-campus and online programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. GCU has made several updates to their operations that support sustainability including lighting, HVAC and demand response.



LAVEEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Offering a comprehensive education with a focus on health and academic achievement, Laveen Elementary provides ample opportunities for students to build the knowledge, habits and attitudes that support lifelong well-being and success. They inspire children with growth and maturity from the inside out by cultivating awareness, resilience and compassion.



MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Maricopa Community Colleges is the largest single provider of post-secondary education in Arizona. It ignites talent, transforms lives and enriches communities by offering over 165,000 individuals affordable education. Like the students they serve looking to improve oneself, they recently made lighting and EV charger upgrades.



MCCLENDON'S SELECT

As a family-owned and -operated organic farm in Peoria, Arizona, McClendon's Select is committed to sustainable practices. On 25 acres, the farm cultivates over 100 varieties of organic fruits and vegetables, along with dates, honey and bee pollen. Their fresh produce is available at biweekly farmers markets in the Phoenix area and is supplied to award-winning restaurants across Arizona.

In partnership with Salt River Project (SRP), McClendon's Select has embraced clean solar and electrification programs. This initiative reduces the farm's carbon emissions and lowers long-term operating costs by powering its operations, including electric refrigeration units for storing and delivering produce. This allows the business to invest more in its products and family-run operations.



MY GARAGE ARIZONA LLC

My Garage Arizona Collision Center has been serving communities with over 100 years of combined experience in the auto body and collision repair industry, committed to restoring vehicles to their pre-accident condition with precision and integrity while ensuring a seamless and transparent repair experience. My Garage Arizona has made their commitment to sustainability with HVAC tuneups and energy-efficient lighting.



STARBUCKS IN MERCY CENTER

The Starbucks located in Gilbert's new Mercy Center is the largest location of the iconic coffee purveyor in the state of Arizona. This first-of-its-kind Starbucks location features a rooftop solar array supplying 80% to 100% of the store's energy needs. Excess power is fed back onto the grid to support nearby homes.



SUNSHINE ACRES CHILDREN'S HOMES

Sunshine Acres Children's Home, founded in 1954 by Reverend James and Vera Dingman, is known as the "Miracle in the Desert" for providing a loving, Christian home for children. The home operates without government funding for direct child care, relying instead on generous contributions from individuals, businesses, churches and volunteers through donations and fundraising. An SRP HVAC Tune-up program has helped the organization reduce maintenance and energy costs, extending the life of the units and allowing more funds to go directly toward the children's needs.

