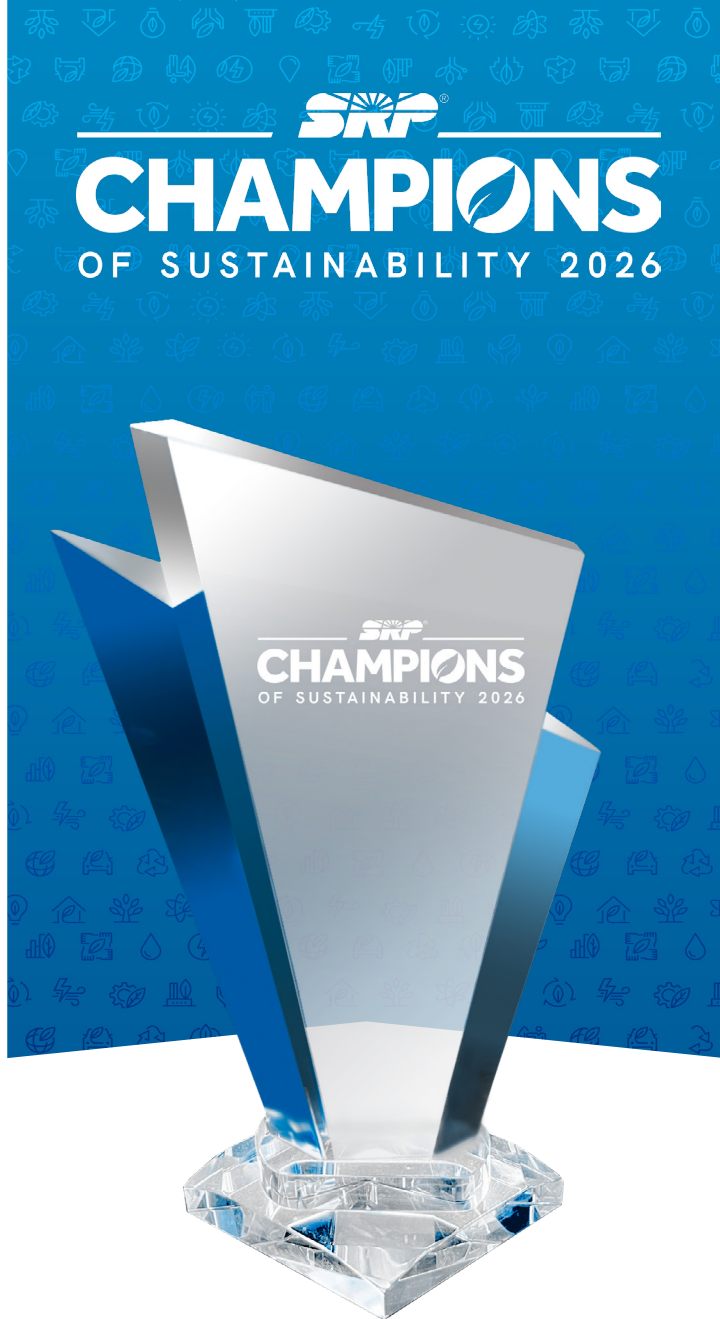




CELEBRATING BUSINESSES MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Oct. 20, 2026 | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts

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*

SRP PANEL DISCUSSION

Stephen Alexander, *Sr. Engineer, Generation Planning, Analysis and Standards*

Collin Friedrich, *Sr. Research Engineer, Innovation and Development*

Leah Harrison, *Sr. Manager, Sustainability Policy and Programs*

LUNCH

AWARDS PROGRAM

EVENT CONCLUDES

SPEAKERS



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.



STEPHEN ALEXANDER, PANELIST

*Senior Engineer, Generation Planning,
Analysis and Standards*

Stephen Alexander is a Senior Renewable Energy Engineer in SRP's Generation Planning, Analysis and Standards Department. An Arizona Forward Emerging Sustainability Leaders graduate and former President of the Tempe Leadership Council, Stephen has spent 11 years helping advance SRP's commitment to reliable and sustainable energy. He finds joy in leading teams in delivering innovative projects that support a sustainable energy future and is passionate about community service, education and collaborations. Through his professional and civic leadership, Stephen is dedicated to developing solutions that benefit both the community and the evolving energy industry.



COLLIN FRIEDRICH, PANELIST

*Senior Research Engineer,
Innovation and Development*

Collin Friedrich is a Senior Research Engineer in Innovation and Development at SRP. Over the past five years, Collin has led and advised three industry-leading solicitations focused on emerging long-duration energy storage technologies. Collin holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Arizona State University.



LEAH HARRISON, PANELIST

*Senior Manager, Sustainability Policy
and Programs*

Leah Harrison is the Senior Manager of Sustainability Policy and Programs at SRP. She has been with SRP for 15 years. Leah earned her bachelor's in History Education from the University of Arizona and a master's degree in Public History with a certificate in Scholarly Publishing from Arizona State University. She spent over a decade in SRP's Research Archives

and Heritage department, analyzing the history of water and power in the Valley and managing a team that oversees SRP's archival and artifact collections, along with the SRP Heritage Center. Leah then shifted her focus from examining the past to planning for the future in leading SRP's Sustainability Policy and Programs team, which manages the reporting and governance around the organization's 18 sustainability goals as well as partnerships with cities, employee programs, climate risk and carbon/greenhouse gas reporting.

2026 WINNERS

CATCHING FADES LLC

At Catching Fades, we believe that a great haircut is more than just a service; it's a way to express your individuality. That's why we take the time to get to know our clients and understand their vision. We are passionate about providing our clients with the highest quality haircuts and grooming services. Our experienced barbers and stylists are dedicated to ensuring that you leave our shop feeling your best.



EL FUEGO LLC DBA STICKY SAGUARO

Sticky Saguaro Cultivation is a family-owned and -operated cannabis cultivation facility in Chandler built on the belief that producing exceptional cannabis means doing things the right way. Quality and environmental responsibility should never be compromised.

Our facility was designed to reduce the energy demands of traditional indoor cultivation without sacrificing quality. By combining Arizona's natural sunlight with high-efficiency LED grow lighting and advanced climate control systems, we built a hybrid greenhouse that gives our plants an ideal growing environment while using significantly less electricity.

Working alongside engineers, contractors and Salt River Project, Sticky Saguaro invested in energy-efficient technologies expected to save more than 1.16 million kilowatt-hours of electricity each year. These improvements reduce greenhouse gas emissions while supporting our commitment to innovation, quality and responsible cultivation.



TEMPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 3

Be curious. Be encouraged. Be boundless. Tempe is a world-class education destination committed to accessible, equitable, high-quality education for all. Every Tempe Elementary K-8 student has access to enriching programs and support services to meet their individual needs and empower them to expand their interests, develop their gifts, and discover their true potential — often at little or no cost to the family. We are celebrating 150 years of academic excellence at more than 20 traditional, gifted and dual-language schools supported by over 330 education professionals with advanced education degrees.



MERITAGE HOMES

Since 1985, we've been building for you at a higher standard. From money-saving energy efficiency to thoughtful design, we believe our homeowners deserve a Life. Built. Better®. That's why we're raising the bar in the homebuilding industry. Discover the Meritage® difference — whole-home benefits from the foundation to the final shingle. We thoughtfully engineer every component of the homes we build. And it makes a difference. Take a closer look at the whole home benefits that set us apart from other builders. Building multi- and single-family communities in 12 states from California to Florida, based here in the Valley.



LG ENERGY SOLUTION ARIZONA INC.

LG Energy Solutions leads the future eco-friendly energy industry by developing distinguished materials and next-generation batteries. As the only chemical-based battery company in the world, we are leading the global lithium-ion battery market based on distinguished materials technology. We have become a global powerhouse in the electric vehicle (EV) and energy storage system (ESS) battery sector. And based on our unparalleled technologies, we are actively developing new products and procuring global battery production capacities to enhance our dominance in the next-generation energy market.



PINTO VALLEY MINING CORP.

Pinto Valley is wholly owned by Capstone Copper, a premier copper producer operating innovatively in the Americas. From exploration to mine development to operations, we are focused on creating growth and generating value for our investors, employees and communities as we meet the surging global copper demand. With a portfolio of long-life operating assets in safe jurisdictions and a pipeline of fully permitted projects, our growing team of 7,900-plus employees and contractors in Canada, Chile, the U.S. and Mexico is well positioned to deliver the clean, ethical copper the world needs as we transition to a net-zero future.



WINCO FOODS LLC

WinCo Foods, Inc., is a privately held supermarket chain based in Boise, Idaho. WinCo is majority employee-owned and has retail stores in Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Washington. It was founded in 1967 as a no-frills warehouse-style store with low prices. As of 2026, WinCo has 145 retail stores and six distribution centers, with over 20,000 employees. As of November 2024, WinCo Foods was No. 53 in Forbes.com's list of the largest privately owned companies in the United States.



RADIA AVONDALE STATION

The next big thing is here, and it's your new home. Radia Avondale Station is a resort-style community in Avondale packed with high-end perks and features. Our one-, two- and three-bedroom Craftsman apartments feature a chef-worthy kitchen finished with stainless-steel appliances and quartz countertops. You'll also have access to a host of extras, like the epic sky lounge boasting panoramic views of the Sonoran landscape. You'll never have to go far to get where you need to go — sometimes what you're looking for is just beyond your front door. Make use of the on-site fitness center and pickleball court or take your workout outdoors and run with your pup at Friendship Park. Endless food, shopping and fun abound in your small slice of suburban paradise. Plus, residents enjoy free access to our EV charging stations, making it easier to charge for free while at home.



WALMART INC.

Since Sam Walton opened the first Walmart, we have opened thousands of stores across the U.S. and internationally. Around the world, customers want the same things: value, a broad assortment of quality items and services, a convenient and enjoyable shopping experience, and to do business with a company they trust. We are on a mission to meet our customers and members wherever they are, with the things they want, where and how they want them. And although the way we deliver these experiences is changing, and changing fast, our promise to deliver a great, consistent, delightful customer and associate experience is constant.



CRESCENT CROWN DISTRIBUTING LLC

Crescent Crown sells and delivers more than 40 million cases annually throughout its distribution territories in Arizona and Louisiana. Crescent Crown Distributing is one of the largest distributors in the United States.

From the largest international beer brands to the smallest local brews, every case of beer in our inventory is regularly checked and rotated to make sure customers receive the best and freshest products available. Every bottle is maintained appropriately to beat the desert heat in our temperature-controlled warehouses and trucks. Each product is handled with care from pickup to delivery to ensure retailers receive undamaged cases and kegs.

Crescent Crown also maintains a state-of-the-art graphics department, which allows us to produce over 8,000 custom signs and banners each month to help retailers enhance the sale of products in their stores and restaurants. From our warehouse to your customer's hand, we are dedicated to delivering the highest-quality service and products.



CITY OF AVONDALE

In 2026, the City of Avondale celebrates 80 years. It is a big moment for a community that has grown from a small settlement into a city of more than 100,000 residents. Today, Avondale is known for its energy, diversity and strong sense of community, and the future continues to look bright.

Avondale is one of the fastest-growing communities in the region. New neighborhoods, businesses and amenities are expanding every year. At the same time, the city continues to honor its past by preserving Old Town and supporting local, independent businesses.



CHILD CRISIS ARIZONA

For nearly five decades, Child Crisis Arizona has supported vulnerable children, youth and families in our community, offering help during crises and working to strengthen families and prevent future challenges.

Our mission is to provide a safe environment for children and youth, free from abuse and neglect, by fostering strong, successful families through prevention, intervention and education programs focused on creating safe kids and strong families.



GULFSTREAM PRODUCT SUPPORT CORP.

Gulfstream was born from an original idea: to develop the world's first aircraft designed for business travel. The first flight of the Gulfstream I™ in 1958 marked the start of the business aviation era. In the decades since, we have forged a legacy of safety, technical expertise, performance and comfort defined by the exceptional aircraft we build.

Gulfstream is a business jet manufacturer and a visionary leader for the aviation industry. We design, build and service next-generation aircraft that accelerate the pace of global commerce. Gulfstream jets save valuable time, strengthen connections around the world and enable specialized missions for scientific research and humanitarian purposes.

Powered by investment from our parent company, General Dynamics, we are charting a bold path for the future as we innovate new aircraft technologies, support our customers, and lead the way toward more sustainable flight.

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