

SPEAKER INFORMATION

Date: Wednesday, November 7, 2018
Event: Advocacy/Government Affairs Topics – Panel Discussion
Time: 10:50 am – 12:00 pm

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Jim Buster has extensive contacts in the environmental, government and business communities. He has served as a city councilman, mayor, county supervisor and state senator. As a state senator he chaired the Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment committee. In that capacity he dealt with water and environmental legislation. Mr. Buster sponsored and successfully navigated several major pieces of natural resource/water legislation through the process including Arizona's groundbreaking Water Bank legislation.

After Mr. Buster left the legislature he served as the director of legislative affairs for the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality for almost 14 years.

Currently, Mr. Buster manages Southwest Resource Strategies. In this capacity he represents organizations and businesses of an environmental nature. During his time as a city councilman, Mr. Buster served as the vice-chair of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association. He currently serves as the president of the Arizona State Parks Foundation and chairs the policy committee for the Arizona Green Chamber of Commerce.