



Dear Maris Water Conference Attendees,

Thank you so much for registering for the Maris Water Conference, April 16-18, 2018, at JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa!

Your focus in Tucson will rightfully be on advancing water technology and security, along with utilizing wastewater.

However, we have amazing opportunities for you to enjoy during your down time.

- **Food:** Tucson was recently designated as our nation's only UNESCO City of Gastronomy. While the designation focuses on Tucson's rich agricultural history, it also recognizes the dozens of outstanding locally owned and operated restaurants, including our "Best 23 Miles of Mexican Food" in the United States. Tucson's food experience is incredible!
- **Outdoor Adventure:** April is the perfect time to enjoy Tucson's countless hiking and cycling trails. Starr Pass Resort, which is adjacent to Saguaro National Park West, offers trails ranging from leisurely desert strolls to challenging trails with substantial elevation. Check with your resort concierge to select a nearby trail that works best for you.
- **Attractions:** Two attractions that are very close to Starr Pass Resort are the world-renowned Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, which is a combination of a zoo and a desert botanical garden, and Old Tucson, where many old Westerns were filmed. Our region also offers Pima Air & Space Museum, BioSphere 2, numerous caves that are waiting to be explored and nearby Mount Lemmon, which has a ski slope near its 9,000-foot peak.
- **Downtown:** Tucson's downtown has transformed the past few years to include a light-rail system, ample restaurants and nightclubs, and an emerging music and entertainment scene.

We at Visit Tucson, the travel marketing agency for Tucson and Southern Arizona, encourage you to "Free Yourself" in our beautiful region. Travelers from across the globe visit Tucson to rejuvenate in a place that looks and feels very different than their daily realities.

We are excited to welcome you to Tucson!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brent DeRaad". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brent DeRaad
President & CEO
Visit Tucson