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## LAKE HAVASU MUSEUM OF HISTORY SELECTED TO HOST THE SMITHSONIAN'S *WATER/WAYS* TRAVELING EXHIBITION

The **Lake Havasu Museum of History/Lake Havasu City Historical Society**, in cooperation with Arizona Humanities and the Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiatives and School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies at Arizona State University, will examine water as an environmental necessity and an important cultural element as it hosts *Water/Ways*, a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street (MoMS) program. *Water/Ways* will be on view **Feb. 8, 2020** through **March 22, 2020**.

Lake Havasu City and the surrounding community has been expressly chosen from a group of competitive applications by Arizona Humanities and ASU to host "Water/Ways" as part of the Museum on Main Street program—a national/state/local partnership to bring exhibitions and programs to rural cultural organizations. The exhibition will tour twelve communities in Arizona from June 2018 through April 2020.

*Water/Ways* explores the endless motion of the water cycle, water's effect on landscape, settlement and migration, and its impact on culture and spirituality. It looks at political and economic efforts to ensure access to water, and explores how human creativity and resourcefulness provide new ways to protect water resources and renew our relationship with the natural environment.

*Water/Ways* is designed for small-town museums, libraries and cultural organizations; the exhibit will serve as a place to convene community conversations about water's impact on American culture. With the support and guidance of staff at Arizona Humanities and scholars at ASU, The Lake Havasu Museum of History will develop exhibits and public programs to facilitate education initiatives to raise people's understanding about water stories within the Lake Havasu City community.

"Water is simply put the reason Lake Havasu City exists," said Becky Maxedon, Executive Director of the Lake Havasu Museum of History. "We want to engage the entire community in conversations about water and local exhibitions and public programs will be planned to compliment the Smithsonian exhibition."



*ater/Ways* is part of the Smithsonian's *Think Water* Initiative to raise awareness of water as a critical resource for life through exhibitions, educational resources and public programs. The public can participate in the conversation on social media at #thinkwater and #waterwaysAZ. *Water/Ways* is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and state humanities councils. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

To learn more about *Water/Ways* at **the** Lake Havasu Museum of History, visit [www.havasumuseum.com](http://www.havasumuseum.com) or contact Becky Maxedon at 928-854-4938. To learn about *Water/Ways* in Arizona, please visit <http://www.azhumanities.org/water-ways/> or call Arizona Humanities at 602-257-0335.