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CSA Elects: Supervisor Ruiz for NACo Leadership; Supervisors Martin & Archuleta for WIR Leadership

Yesterday, the CSA Board of Directors elected three supervisors to represent CSA in policy discussions at the regional and national level. Santa Cruz County Supervisor Manny Ruiz was re-elected to serve another two-year term as CSA's representative on the National Association of Counties (NACo) Board of Directors, Gila County Supervisor Tommie Cline Martin was re-elected to serve as Arizona's voting representative on the Western Interstate Region (WIR) Board of Directors and Coconino County Supervisor Liz Archuleta was re-elected as Arizona's non-voting, alternate representative on the WIR Board of Directors.



Supervisor Ruiz accepted the position stating, "I am honored to continue to represent our state in the NACo process. I greatly value my colleagues' confidence in my abilities to represent our organization at the national level."

Supervisor Martin thanked the CSA Board for their support, stating, "I greatly value their confidence in my ability to serve our state on important natural resources issues. These issues are important to all counties, both rural and urban."

Supervisor Archuleta expressed gratitude, stating, "I look forward to continuing my work with elected officials from across the west in this role on the WIR Board. WIR ensures that the needs of western counties are heard at the national level."

The NACo Board of Directors is responsible for supervising and managing NACo and promoting the mission of the organization. Members are appointed by each state and NACo affiliates.

WIR is a coalition of county officials from 15 western states. It works to promote western interests within the National Association of Counties, including public land issues, community stability and economic development.

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New Arizona State Treasurer Appointed

This week, Governor Doug Ducey announced the appointment of Eileen Klein, outgoing President of the Arizona Board of Regents, as Arizona's new State Treasurer.

Treasurer Klein brings experience in both the private and public sector to this new role, including a background managing the state's budget as a former Director of the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting, Chief of Staff to former Governor Jan Brewer, and as the President of Arizona's University system.



"I am honored to appoint Eileen Klein as our new state Treasurer," said Governor Ducey. "As someone who served as state Treasurer, I understand the importance and complexities of this role. I can say with certainty, Eileen is the most qualified person in the state of Arizona for this job. With both private and public sector experience, Eileen has been a critical leader in shaping and building our state's economy for years. She has both the knowledge and leadership experience to ensure Arizona's portfolio is responsibly managed, and I look forward to working with her in this new and important role."

"I want to thank Governor Ducey for the privilege and opportunity to continue my public service to the state of Arizona," Klein said. "Arizona's economy is strong and getting stronger. One of the most important roles of government is to responsibly manage the taxpayers' dollars they have entrusted to us, and I take that responsibility very seriously."

As Regents' President, Klein oversaw the \$5.1 billion Arizona public university enterprise – with 179,000 students at Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona. She managed the Enterprise Executive Committee, comprised of the university presidents, which is responsible for the 2025 goals outlined in the Board's strategic plan to increase student success and enhance Arizona's economy and competitiveness through greater levels of educational attainment, research and commercialization.

Treasurer Klein is a graduate of Florida State University and holds a Master of Public Administration from Arizona State University.

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ISM Raceway President Addresses CSA Board



On Thursday, the President of ISM Raceway (formerly Phoenix International Raceway) Bryan Sperber told the CSA Board of Directors about the renovation of their racing facility in the Phoenix west valley. The new track will feature state-of-the-art entertainment and display systems, and will be home to a host of restaurants, bars and fan experiences. As a part of the grand opening in November, the ISM Raceway team has asked that each of Arizona's counties contribute an artifact to a time capsule that will be buried as a part of the opening festivities. Additionally, ISM is teaming up with county attorneys to create public service announcements about safe driving practices that will feature celebrity NASCAR drivers.

To learn more about ISM Raceway please, click [here](#).

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University of Arizona's Natural Resources Users Law & Policy Center Presents to Supervisors

Ethan Orr and Co-Director George Ruyle of the University of Arizona's Natural Resources Users Law and Policy Center (NRULPC) presented to the CSA Board of Directors on Thursday regarding the Center's efforts to bridge the gap between practitioners and legal professionals in the natural resources space. The Center is a collaboration between the University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the College of Law. Established in 2016, the Center works towards addressing the needs of ranchers, farmers, miners and other natural resource users on law and policy topics.



Apache County Supervisor Doyel Shamley welcomed Dr. Ruyle and Orr to the CSA Board of Directors meeting yesterday. He works closely with them, serving on the NRULPC Advisory Board and Steering Committee, which works to identify projects for the center to study and address.

Next week on April 24, 2018, the NRULPC will host a webinar entitled *Waters of the United States – Evolution of a Quagmire and the Supreme Court*. You can register for the webinar by [clicking here](#).

To learn more about NRULPC's work please [click here](#).

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Legislative Session Snapshot: Budget Discussions Intensify

The 53rd Legislature, Second Regular Session marks its 103rd day of the legislative session today.

A total of 1,166 bills and 120 memorials/resolutions have been introduced, of that 284 bills have passed, 257 have been signed into law and five have been vetoed.



With the the 100 day mark in the rearview mirror, additional pressure was placed on the state budget negotiations. Legislative leadership is seeking to close out the legislative session quickly, but two major issues related to the budget continue to dominate the attention of law-makers.

First, yesterday, the Senate held a hearing in the Commerce and Public Safety Committee on Governor Ducey's school safety plan, [SB 1519 protective orders: schools: appropriations](#) (*Smith*), which includes a \$16 million portion of the Governor's most recent budget proposal. Second, the Governor released a plan to increase teacher pay by 20 percent over the next three years. Legislative leaders are now evaluating that plan and discussing it with members of both the House and Senate. It is unclear how much time it will take for this process to play out, though there is a sense of urgency to wrap up a budget and close out the session fairly soon.

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CSA Legislative Agenda

The status of CSA's legislative agenda package is as follows:

- 1) [HB 2190 county improvement districts: repayment agreements](#) (*Mitchell*) - Passed the House 57-0. Passed Senate 29-0, and signed into law, **Chapter 80**.
- 2) [HB 2274 county contributions: hospitalization: medical: repeal](#) (*Thorpe*) –Passed the House 58-0, transmitted to the Senate. Referred to Senate Health & Human Services and Appropriations.
- 3) [HB 2413 public road maintenance: primitive designation](#) (*Cook*) - Passed the House 58-0, passed the Senate 29-1 and signed into law, **Chapter 16**.
- 4) [HB 2415 juvenile dependency proceedings fund](#) (*Cobb*) –Passed the House 51-7, transmitted to the Senate. Passed the Senate Judiciary Committee 7-0, passed Senate Appropriations, awaiting Rules.
- 5) [HB 2439 county contributions: committee youth: repeal](#) (*Thorpe*) –Passed the House 55-3, transmitted to the Senate. Passed the Senate Judiciary Committee 6-0-1, passed Senate Appropriations, awaiting Rules.
- 6) [SB 1038 state land payments: payment method](#) (*Griffin*)-Passed the Senate 30-0, passed the House 57-1-2 and was signed into law, **Chapter 18**.
- 7) [SB 1113 zoning violations: notice: service](#) (*Fann*)-Passed the Senate 23-5, passed the House 51-8, passed Senate Final Read 22-6, **Chapter 213**.

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Office of Economic Opportunity Report Shows Mixed Employment Growth & Stable Unemployment Figures

The Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity released their March employment report which found overall, Arizona nonfarm employment grew by 2.5 percent from March 2017. The sectors that experienced the highest number of new jobs were education and health services, trade, transportation and utilities, as well as construction. The table on the left breaks down the change in the number of jobs from last March by county.

Statewide unemployment figures stayed consistent from the February report, with state's seasonally adjusted unemployment remaining at 4.9 percent.

To view the full employment report please, click [here](#).

For more information regarding jobs and employment in Arizona's counties please, click [here](#) to access the CSA encyclopedia.

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County	Year-Over-Year Change
Apache	-1.62%
Cochise	-2.92%
Coconino	1.66%
Gila	2.21%
Graham	1.96%
Greenlee	3.93%
La Paz	2.80%
Maricopa	3.20%
Mohave	2.02%
Navajo	2.28%
Pima	0.89%
Pinal	1.49%
Santa Cruz	-1.13%
Yavapai	3.33%
Yuma	-0.53%
State	2.50%

New Videos, Webpage Illustrate CORP Changes

The Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) of Arizona has released two of three videos designed to help teach the pending reforms to the corrections and detention community, including all of the human resources, payroll and management employees who help provide these vital services. The [first video](#) covers the basics of the upcoming changes, while the [second video](#) dives deeply into the details of the 401(a) Defined Contribution plan for Tier 3 corrections/detention officers.

Additionally, a new [PSPRS webpage](#) dedicated to the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP) is now live, and it offers a [how-to-guide](#) for employers, a [matrix](#) that summarizes the benefits among each employee tier and a benefits [brochure](#) for prospective Tier 3 probation and surveillance officers of the AOC.

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