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Happy Memorial Day from CSA!

To those who courageously gave their lives, and to those that fight bravely today, we thank you for your service to our country!

On behalf of all the staff at CSA, have a great Memorial Day weekend and be safe!

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Gila County Supervisor Martin Elected as 2018 WIR President

Supervisor Tommie Martin was elected by her peers as the 2018 President of the Western Interstate Region (WIR).

After being sworn in on Friday, May 25, 2018 she stated that, "It is an honor to be elected WIR President and I personally have big shoes to fill. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and working with western county officials to



protect the

interests of our communities before the U.S Congress and to deliver results for our constituents."

WIR is an affiliate of the National Association of Counties (NACo) focused on Western issues within NACo. Some of WIR's areas of focus are gaining support for continuing the federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes and Secure Rural Schools programs.

Congratulations Supervisor Martin on this well-deserved accomplishment!

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2018 NACo WIR Conference

Twelve county supervisors from Arizona, including CSA Immediate Past President, Western Interstate Region (WIR) Representative, and newly elected WIR President, Supervisor Tommie Cline Martin, and CSA's Representative to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Board of Directors, Supervisor Manny Ruiz, joined hundreds of county leaders from across the western United States this week for the 2018 NACo WIR Conference in Blaine County/Sun Valley, Idaho. This annual event convenes state, federal, and local leaders to discuss policy issues confronting the 15 western states.



During the conference, county leaders discussed converting local assets into economic engines; planning and preparing for social and environmental resiliency, sustainability and post-disaster recovery; rural county efforts in healthcare delivery; putting drones to work for public safety; and working with the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service to address forest management on public lands. Additionally, the final sessions of the conference explored the timely issues of rural poverty and the opioid epidemic.

For more information on the WIR conference, please [click here](#).

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Apache County Begins Work on Military Veterans Support Program

Apache County Supervisor Doyel Shamley gathered dozens of community stakeholders to meet with representatives of America's Warrior Partnership, a national veteran-serving nonprofit, late last week. The meeting marked the first step of the local government's two-year initiative to build a service program that will support the 23,000 military veterans who live in the county.



America's Warrior Partnership President and CEO Jim Lorraine presented an overview of the organization's signature Community Integration service model to the assembled group of Apache County business owners, tribal leaders, school and government leaders, and veteran-serving organizations. The program works to help communities empower veterans and emphasizes collaboration between existing veteran-serving organizations within the community to provide them with the resources, partnerships and tools they need to proactively identify and engage local veterans. To complement the Community Integration program, America's Warrior Partnership also provides communities with WarriorServe, a technology platform that enables more efficient and accurate information reporting and sharing between organizations that serve veterans.

To learn more about America's Warrior Partnership, the Community Integration program and WarriorServe, please visit www.AmericasWarriorPartnership.org.

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JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights

Monthly Fiscal Highlights for April 2018 were published this week by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) with monthly state General Fund revenues of \$1.19 billion, the second highest April monthly amount ever recorded behind only April 2007. The total represents an increase of 16.2 percent over prior year, or \$166.0 million. The growth was attributed to strong sales and individual income tax collections as well as the timing of insurance premium tax collections which were more than three times the projected value. Actual revenues were up \$32.7 million for the month over forecast, or 2.7 percent. Year-to-date (YTD) state General Fund totals are now \$608.0 million, or 7.7 percent, over this time last year and \$293.0 million, or 3.6 percent, over forecast.

Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) collections were \$132.8 million, a 3.4 percent increase compared to April 2017 and 3.5 percent YTD over 2017. However, this fell \$(1.6) million short of YTD forecast, or (0.1) percent.

April General Fund spending totaled \$657.5 million and is now \$8.49 billion YTD. This represents a \$249.9 million YTD increase compared with 2017.

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CSA on the Road



Each year, after the legislative session ends, CSA staff travels the state to meet with county supervisors and professional staff.

Our outreach continues on June 5 in Apache County, followed by Navajo County on June 12. Over the course of the summer, we will visit each of the 15 counties to brief them on the recent legislative session and our work going into 2019.

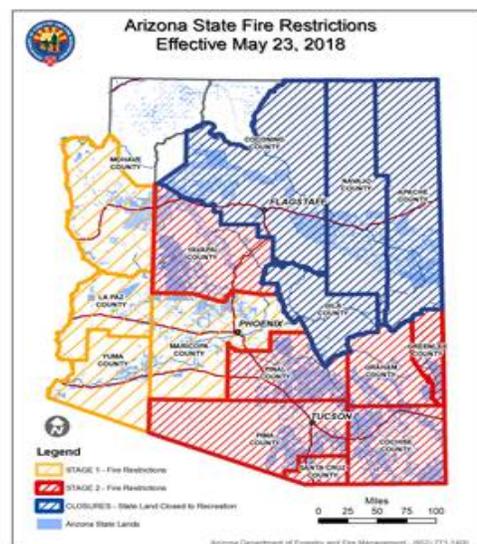
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State & Counties Continue to Combat Wildfires

The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management issued additional closures on state-owned and managed lands effective Wednesday, May 23, 2018 into Coconino County and Gila County. These changes are in addition to the Stage III or full closure on all state-owned land in Apache County and Navajo County that became effective on May 18, 2018. All other counties are under either Stage I or State II conditions.

The National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) reminds individuals that it is illegal to interfere with firefighting efforts per the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, 43 CFR 9212.1(f) and flying unauthorized drones near a fire creates significant risks to the firefighters, public safety and can bring air wildfire fighting operations to a halt. For more information about the impact of unauthorized drones on wildfires, please see the NIFC's [website](#).

There are no reported active fires in Arizona a number of fires including the Pinery Fire located approximately 29 miles southeast of Willcox, Arizona are showing 100 percent contained.



For up to date information on wildfires, please click on the following links:
[Arizona Interagency Wildfire Prevention](#)
[Arizona State Forestry Division](#)
[Arizona State Parks Fire Restrictions and Information](#)
[InciWeb – Interagency All-Risk Incident Information Management System](#)
[Federal: Active Fire Maps](#)

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NACo Webinar: Stepping Up - Reducing Number of People with Mental Illnesses Booked into Jails

On June 7, 2018 , from 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., EST, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled [Stepping Up Four Key Measures: Reducing the Number of People with Mental Illnesses Booked into Jails](#).

The Stepping Up framework encourages counties to focus their efforts on impacting one or more of “Four Key Measures” for people with mental illnesses: 1) jail bookings; 2) jail length of stay; 3) connections to treatment; and 4) recidivism. The next series of Stepping Up webinars will focus on providing counties with the tools they need to collect accurate data on each of these measures and use this data to inform policy and practice decisions to impact them. Join Stepping Up for the first webinar in the Four Key Measures series, which will provide an overview of each of the measures, describe strategies for reducing the number of people with mental illnesses who are booked into jails and outline key data points to collect and analyze to track this measure of success. For information and to register for the webinar, please [click here](#).



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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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