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CSA at the Table: Major Policy Workgroups Underway

CSA staff is ensuring county interests are at the table for a series of major policy and agency stakeholder discussions.

Critically, we are participating in the regular work sessions associated with the Governor's water policy stakeholder group, diving into the complex issues associated with groundwater and Colorado River management policies. Just as importantly, we are engaged in the several ad hoc and study committees formed by the legislature, paying close attention to the legislative workgroups looking at pension debt, taxation of digital goods, and policies around treatment of dangerous, incompetent individuals.

We are also meeting regularly with agencies that are particularly relevant to county government; for example, most recently we have been sharing the county perspective on policy and potential process improvements with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) and the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). Our team also participated in the series of task force meetings convened by Chief Justice Bales to evaluate juvenile detention center regionalization. This week, we submitted comments to the task force's draft report as the group winds down its summer work plan.

Given the fact that state policy often impacts local county operations, CSA will continue to invest our energy and resources in making sure the county voice is heard at these or any emerging policy discussions.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or comments about county involvement in these important stakeholder groups.

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General Effective Date for 2017 Bills this Week

Earlier this week, August 9, marked the general effective date for most new laws, because it has been 90 days since the legislature adjourned sine die.

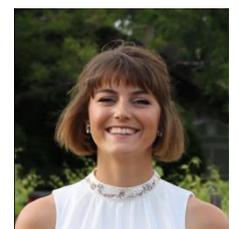
During the legislative session, 1,079 bills were introduced and of that, 355 bills were sent to the governor, of which he signed 344 and vetoed 11. We compiled our [2017 CSA Legislative Summary](#), which is a compendium of all county-related bills enacted into law. This publication contains brief summaries, arranged by subject, of new laws impacting county government that were enacted during the First Regular Session of Arizona's 53rd Legislature. Please note some bills do contain alternate effective dates and those are noted in the bill summary.

The summary is available online by [clicking here](#) or on the image.

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CSA Welcomes Fall Intern

CSA is pleased to welcome the newest member of our team, Vanessa Shaw, as our fall intern. Vanessa is from northern California and moved to Arizona in 2010 to attend Arizona State University.



Vanessa comes to CSA with a variety of previous work experiences which includes teaching high school government and economics in Gilbert, working with Teach for America's Phoenix training institute and most recently, conducting research for Arizona State University's Center for Urban Innovation.

Vanessa earned her bachelor's degree in Secondary Education with an emphasis on Political Science from the Arizona State University. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in Public Policy with a focus on Policy Informatics.

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CSA on the Road



This week, Executive Director, Craig Sullivan, continued his outreach to the various counties across the state to brief county supervisors, administrators, and staff on the recently adjourned legislative session and CSA's efforts throughout the year in support of the counties. As CSA visits each of the counties, we will be taking a little time to feature each county and share some interesting local information.

Mohave County, a River Runs Through It

Located in Arizona's northwest, Mohave County's diverse geography makes it one of the most unique in the state. While some might associate a northern location with only cold, wintry weather, because the county is divided in half by the Grand Canyon the weather varies widely. The diverse geography leads to hot summers along the Colorado River, and cold winters near the northern border, providing a perfect example of Arizona's unique climate.



The Colorado River also serves as the Nevada-Arizona-California border and communities along the river comprise over half of the county's population.

Roughly 40 miles east of Bullhead City, at the base of the Cerbat and Hualapai Mountains, sits Kingman, the county seat. Situated near basaltic hills, Kingman, named after surveyor Lewis Kingman, was founded as a railroad town in 1882 due to its proximity to Needles, California, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. Today, more than 28,000 people calling Kingman home.

Gila County, a Bear of a Dam



Named after the 26th President of the United States, the Theodore Roosevelt Dam sits at the confluence of the Salt River and Tonto Creek in Gila County. Approved under the 1902 Reclamation Act, at the time of completion, it was the largest masonry dam in the world.

Construction of the Roosevelt Dam began in 1903, with the primary purposes of providing water storage for the Salt River Project and to generate a moderate amount of hydroelectric power. The building of the dam also created the largest lake located entirely in Arizona, Theodore Roosevelt Lake.

In 1989, an expansion project of the dam led to concrete resurfacing and raising the height to the 357 feet it is today. Additionally, the Roosevelt Lake Bridge was constructed, and is currently the longest two-lane, single-span, steel-arch bridge

in North America.

Our outreach continues on August 16, in Yavapai County. 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 2018.

Sources: [Mohave County](#); [Gila County](#)

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NACo Releases Summer Advocacy Toolkit

The National Association of Counties (NACo) recently released the [2017 Summer Advocacy Toolkit](#) which provides information to counties on various federal issues. The toolkit includes background information and policy briefs on several topics including: Water of the United States (WOTUS) regulations, reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program, and infrastructure funding.

To download the toolkit, please [click here](#).

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