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ACMA Conference; Coconino's Mike Townsend Elected President

This week CSA attended the Arizona City/County Management Association (ACMA) Winter Conference.

Facilitated discussions during the conference covered a variety of issues including managing a multigenerational workforce and revenue challenges facing counties.

Deputy Coconino County Manager, Mike Townsend, was appointed as the new President of ACMA this week. We extend our congratulations and best wishes.

Today, CSA Executive Director Craig Sullivan participated in a panel with Ken Strobeck, Executive Director of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, to provide an update for ACMA members on legislative issues, including an overview of the 2017 legislative session, and current challenges and opportunities facing local government in Arizona.

The Arizona City/County Management Association was established in 1954.

It is a non-profit, professional organization dedicated to increasing the knowledge and ability of city, town, and county managers, as well as other local government administrators and to strengthen the quality of local government in the State of Arizona through professional management, education, training, and the mutual exchange of information.

For more information on the Arizona City/County Management Association, please [click here](#).

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Arizona Legislature Nearing Key Deadlines

Today marks the 26th day of the 53rd Legislative Session. As of today, 931 bills and 85 memorials/resolutions have been introduced. Customarily, around 1,200 pieces of legislation are introduced each session prior to the bill introduction deadline.

This past Monday was the deadline for senators to introduce new bills for consideration. House members have until next Friday, February 10, to introduce new legislative proposals.

As we approach the deadline for bills to be heard in their chamber of origin, committee agendas are packed as members push to have their bills heard on time. This is causing lengthy committee hearings with some lasting several hours.

The last day for bills to be considered in their chamber of origin is February 17 and the last day for committee hearings to hear bills from the opposite chamber is March 24.

As always, our staff will continue to analyze and monitor each bill as it moves through the process and we will determine if it has an impact on our counties.

For more information on legislative deadlines, please [click here](#).

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CSA Legislative Update

CSA's legislative agenda continues to move forward. Please see below for a list of our bills:

- 1) [HB 2065 waste tire disposal: continuation](#) (Coleman), **passed the House 59-0**.
- 2) [HB 2230 intergovernmental public transportation authority: taxation](#) (Shooter), **passed House Transportation & Infrastructure, 8-0-0**; also referred to House Ways & Means.
- 3) [HB 2258 county contributions: hospitalization: medical: repeal](#) (Thorpe), **will be heard on Wednesday February 8, in House Appropriations at 2:00 p.m., in House Hearing Room 1**; also referred to House Health.
- 4) [HB 2332 property tax valuation appeals](#) (Campbell), referred to House Ways & Means.
- 5) [HCR 2011 motor vehicle fuel taxes](#) (Campbell), **will be heard on Wednesday February 8, in House Transportation & Infrastructure at 2:00 p.m., in House Hearing Room 3**; also referred to House Ways & Means.

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NACo Welcomes 2017 Newly Elected County Officials

In an address from the National Association of Counties (NACo) President, the Honorable Bryan Desloge welcomed all newly elected county government officials, and shared with them the numerous ways in which NACo membership can help empower county leaders to become more effective and be better equipped to serve their county.



At the national level, NACo adeptly represents the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes, and boroughs within the intergovernmental system, and offers many important resources such as [County News](#) which connects officials to other counties across the nation.

NACo also maintains easily accessible online tools such as their "one-stop shop" grants clearinghouse providing access to hundreds of federal grant opportunities for counties, as well as their award-winning [County Explorer](#) which is an interactive online tool which gives county officials access to extensive county-specific data.

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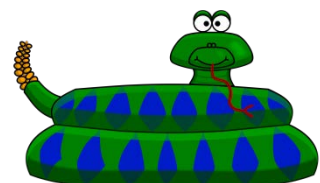
There are numerous benefits for NACo members including opportunities to directly participate in the federal policy process, and the chance to become involved in any of NACo's 10 policy steering committees, both of which help to facilitate the elevation of county voices in Washington, D.C. NACo can also assist counties and residents in saving money through programs like the [U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchasing Alliance](#), [Nationwide Deferred Compensation](#), and [Live Healthy U.S. Counties](#).

Concluding his remarks, Mr. Desloge shared, "I encourage you to leverage your NACo membership to benefit your communities and residents. I also hope you'll join us for [NACo's Legislative Conference](#) in Washington, D.C. from February 25 – March 1, 2017. Together, we can build stronger counties and a stronger America."

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Move over Punxsutawney Phil, it's Agua Fria Freddie

February 2 is the day many affectionately refer to as *Groundhog Day*, when cold and winter weary revelers await the appearance of Punxsutawney Phil to tell them whether or not winter will be sticking around for another six weeks. Though the beloved woodchuck draws crowds akin to rock stars in the Keystone State of Pennsylvania, for many of us here in Arizona, his predictive message doesn't quite pack the same punch.



But did you know that Arizona lays claim to its very own prognosticator, Agua Fria Freddie? Although Freddie, a shadow-seeking rattlesnake, is not as well-known as his furry friend Phil, he holds a place in the hearts of many Arizonans. Legend has it that if Freddie sees his shadow as he slips out of his shelter on February 2, winter is over in Arizona. If the slithering serpent casts no shadow at all, then it's six more weeks of winter for us. Though it is

almost impossible to get down low enough to determine if the venomous visionary actually saw his shadow, Freddie is said to be able to predict the coming of spring with more than 98% accuracy.

Unfortunately for those in the chillier states, Punxsutawney Phil glimpsed his shadow as he scuttled out of his stump, thus foretelling six more weeks of cold, wintry weather. For us here in Arizona, where most of the state is anticipating weather in the 70's and 80's for at least the next few weeks, I think it's fair to say we'll stick with Freddie's forecast.

Sources: [Punxsutawney Phil Predicts 6 More Weeks of Winter, AZ Family 02.02.2017](#) and [Aqua Fria Freddie Facebook Page](#)

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Next Week: Committee Agendas

- The [House Banking and Insurance Committee](#) will meet on Monday, February 6, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 5.
- The [House Education Committee](#) will meet on Monday, February 6, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1.
- The [House Military, Veterans, & Regulatory Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Monday February 6, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- The [Senate Commerce & Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Monday, February 6, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.
- The [Senate Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committee](#) will meet on Monday, February 6, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.
- The [House Appropriations Health and Welfare Subcommittee](#) will meet on Tuesday, February 7, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 5.
- The [House Commerce Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, February 7, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1.
- The [House Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, February 7, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- The [House Federalism, Property Rights, & Public Policy Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, February 7, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 4.
- The [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, February 7, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.
- The [Senate Transportation & Technology Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, February 7, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.

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