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CSA Welcomes New Gila County Manager James Menlove

The County Supervisors Association would like to congratulate and welcome James Menlove who has recently accepted the position of Gila County Manager.

Prior to his new post as county manager, Mr. Menlove served as Gila County's finance director, where in less than a year he guided Gila County in making significant progress on pending audits. Under his direction, the department has greatly streamlined the annual budget process, and he has taken an active role in economic development, such as serving on the City of Globe Mayor's Marketing Task Force and advocating for an asset inventory to help attract new businesses to the county.



Before moving to Gila County, Mr. Menlove had over 12 years of experience as finance director in neighboring Navajo County, and has earned a variety of accolades which include receiving the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award seven consecutive years, he was honored with the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for five consecutive years, he served two terms as president of the Government Finance Officers Association of Arizona, and also has valuable experience working on the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Reform Task Force.

You can read the full press release [here](#).

Please join us in welcoming him!

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County Managers Meet in Prescott

Yavapai County administrator Phil Bourdon hosted the County Managers Association meeting this week in Prescott. The group met to discuss a variety of issues, including the upcoming census, county financial situations across the state, and an update on state retirement systems. The managers also discussed major priorities for the upcoming legislative session.

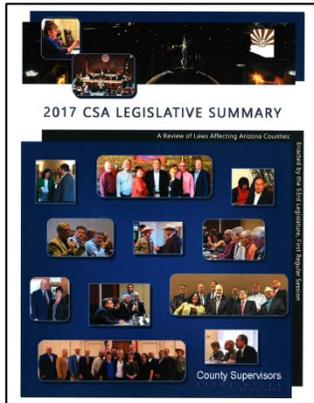
Additionally, Mr. Hunter Moore, Governor Ducey's Natural Resource Policy Advisor presented on the Governor's Water Initiative. Mr. Moore shared that Governor Ducey will be convening leaders for important discussions about the future of Arizona water policy. He also noted that the Governor is committed to protecting Arizona's water supply and ensuring sustainable water resources for future generations.

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CSA Legislative Summary Now Available

Our [2017 CSA Legislative Summary](#) 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*.

While a limited number of hardcopies may be available once they are produced, in an effort to save resources, the summary is available online by [clicking here](#) or on the image below.



Please notice that the final chaptered version of each bill is linked, so that you may review the legislative history of the proposal. The document is indexed in the back for easier reference.

The effective date for most new laws is, August 9, 2017, which is 90 days after adjournment sine die. However, some bills contain alternate effective dates and those are noted in the bill summary.

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CSA on the Road



This week, Executive Director, Craig Sullivan, began his yearly pilgrimage 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.



Graham County

The first stop in Graham County, which was established in 1881 from Apache and Pima Counties. Joseph Knight Rogers, who was an early settler and a member of the territorial legislature, introduced the bill to the legislature that created the new county. Safford, the county seat, was named for Anson Pacely Killen Safford, an early Territorial Governor. The county was named after Mount Graham, the highest peak in the area at 10,516 feet above sea level. The mountain was named for Lt. Colonel James Duncan Graham who was part of Gen. Kearneys team of topographical engineers.

Greenlee County

Greenlee County was the second stop of our outreach. Though the town of Clifton is the largest city in the county, and is the county government seat, the town of Morenci is probably the most well-known in the area. The old Morenci and Metcalf mining town sites were located on the eastern border of Arizona from 1870 - 1984. Morenci was known as "Joy Camp", (named after Captain Miles Joy). In 1882, "Joy Camp" was renamed "Morenci" by William Church, head of the Detroit Copper Company. Metcalf was named after Robert and James Metcalf, two pioneer copper miners. Through 1932 all mining was underground. Open pit mining began



in 1937. The town was completely gone by 1983. New Morenci is now located where Plantsite was situated. Both old Morenci and Metcalf are now completely engulfed by the open pit. Today, Morenci is the largest copper mine in the United States.

Our outreach continues on June 19, in La Paz and Yuma counties. 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: [USA Cities Online](#); [Arizona Memory Project](#)

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Website Updates: New Budget Documents

We want to announce that we have updated a number of links on our CSA website, specifically some in the [Research & Publications>Budget & Taxes](#) section.

The following documents are now available online for the FY 2017 Legislative Session/ FY 2018 Budget Year:

- FY 2018 Impact Spreadsheet
- FY 2018 JLBC Baseline vs. Executive Budget
- 2018 County Flexibility Language
- FY 2018 County Revenue & Expenditure Report
- County Finance Officer Guide
- Aggregate State Impact Sheets for all 15 Counties

Note that all the recently updated links have a **NEW!** marker next to them.

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