

CSA Weekly Update

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CMA Meeting



Today, the County Managers and Administrators Association (CMA) held their monthly meeting. County managers presented on data collection of law enforcement body camera and court funding issues.

In addition, CMA heard presentations from CSA staff on data collection and analysis, emerging legislative issues and various stakeholder processes updates. Discussions addressed concerns with state pension systems, including the Elected Officials Retirement Plan (EORP) and the Public Safety Personnel

Retirement System (PSPRS), both of which are facing financial problems.

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Joint Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee Meets on Juvenile Justice

On Tuesday, the <u>Joint Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee on Statewide Juvenile Justice</u> (Committee) met for the first time. County representatives on the Committee include Richard Bohan of Maricopa County, Jimmy Jayne of Coconino County, and Craig Sullivan of CSA.

During the meeting the members heard presentations on:

- Historical and Current Status of Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections
- Role of the Juvenile Justice Commission (Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family)



Legislators appointed to the Committee include, House Majority Leader John Allen, and Representatives Heather Carter and Tony Navarrete, as well as Senators Karen Fann, Nancy Barto, and Lupe Contreras. The remaining members include Commissioner Lisa Atkins of the Arizona State Land Department, Jerry Landau of the Arizona Supreme Court, Director Jeff Hood of the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections, Director Charles Ryan of the Arizona Department of Corrections, and community members Ann O'Brien and Julie Read.

The purpose of the Committee is to study and review juvenile justice in Arizona, including looking at the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADJC) secure care facility located at Adobe Mountain in Maricopa County. Additionally, the Committee is tasked with exploring the state's needs and options to rehabilitate the youths in custody, discussing trends and future projections to better understand the future needs of the state and counties. The Committee will also look at the relationship between the State of Arizona and counties in regards to juvenile corrections and ADJC funding.

The next meeting will take place within the coming weeks.

JLBC Projects State Cash Shortfall

The Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting was held on Thursday this week for an update on revenue forecasts for the budget. The FAC, usually convenes three times each fiscal year, and is made up of private and public sector economists who present their views on the state of the United States and Arizona economies over the next few years. The FAC also serves as one of the inputs to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee's (JLBC) 4 sector consensus budget forecast.

On Thursday, JLBC presented their October 2017 Revenue and Budget Update. JLBC is projecting Baseline cash shortfalls in FY 2018 of (\$24M) and FY 2019 of (\$80M). JLBC's analysis suggests that if there is a slight uptick in growth the FY 2018 shortfalls could be eliminated however they are pessimistic about any potential growth being enough to generate substantial discretionary initiatives in the FY 2019 budget. The scored shortfall in FY 2019 removed \$90M in onetime spending items from FY 2018 including the cost sharing offset to counties for Juvenile Corrections and the share of lottery revenue to Pinal, Yavapai and Mohave.

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Coconino County Putting the "Soup" in Supervisor

Coconino County has launched a new feature on their County Facebook page, "Soup with a Supervisor." The series kicks off with the Coconino County Board of Supervisors Chairperson, Supervisor Liz Archuleta, discussing issues facing her constituents while enjoying some soup at a local restaurant!



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EPA to Hold WOTUS Hearings

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of the Army will hold ten teleconferences to hear from stakeholders regarding recommendations to revise the definition of "Waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act (CWA).

The teleconferences will run throughout the fall on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

To learn more about the hearing schedule, including how to sign up for the teleconferences, please click here.

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