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## Governor Ducey Lights Arizona Capitol Purple to Support Domestic Violence Awareness Month

On Monday, Governor Doug Ducey lit the Arizona State Capitol dome purple to mark the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Governor Ducey shared, "As Governor of Arizona, I have no greater responsibility than keeping our state and its citizens safe. Domestic violence, in all of its forms, stands in direct opposition to our priority of protecting Arizona families and communities. As Arizonans, we all have a responsibility to know the signs, to help the victimized and vulnerable and speak out against this abuse whenever we can."



For more information on Domestic Violence Awareness Month, please [click here](#).

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## Supervisor Archuleta Represents Arizona at NACo/WIR Fall Meeting



Coconino County Supervisor Liz Archuleta represented Arizona at the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Western Interstate Region (WIR) Board of Directors meeting this week in Jackson County, Oregon.

Each October, the WIR Board of Directors convenes to review the business matters of the WIR coalition. To this end, Board members reviewed WIR accomplishments over the past year and engaged in a work session regarding WIR's by-laws, revenue structure and expenditure plan.

Members of the Board also discussed strategies to elevate the influence of western states in NACo, generally, and specifically, to tap the state associations, like CSA, to assess each state's engagement in NACo and to identify strategies to make sure that western states are well represented and influential on NACo steering committees. The group also discussed the evolving national political scene to assess where western states need to be spending their energy on issues of local importance and to begin preparing for engaging the federal transition of leadership.

As part of the work session, WIR President Doug Breidenthal (Jackson County, Oregon) asked each state to present a topic of local importance. The objective was to facilitate cross-state communication and to identify a list of potential items for NACo and WIR to address in the future. During this segment, Supervisor Archuleta led a discussion regarding Coconino County's participation in a criminal justice initiative to identify strategies for better results at lower cost. She shared that they have obtained unprecedented access to criminal history data for every offender arrested within the county and have used it to develop innovative analytic tools to learn what stops offenders from reoffending. From the discussion it was clear that states throughout the west are struggling with the high costs of criminal justice and there was substantial interest in sharing information on the topic going forward.

WIR is dedicated to the promotion of Western interests within NACo. These interests include public land issues (use and conservation), community stability and economic development, and the promotion of the traditional Western way of life. Appointed by the CSA Board of Directors, Supervisors Tommie Cline Martin and Liz Archuleta represent Arizona on the WIR Board. Please do not hesitate to contact them if you wish to learn more about WIR.

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## **ADWR Discusses West Basins Planning Area in La Paz County**

On Wednesday evening, the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) held a public meeting in Wenden (La Paz County) to discuss water conditions in the West Basins Planning Area. This meeting is part of an ongoing series of meetings to examine water resource demands and challenges for the area.

During the meeting, ADWR presented municipal and industrial water demand data and projections. Additionally, the agency held small group meetings to discuss various management options and hear from local residents. La Paz County Supervisors Holly Irwin and King Clapperton were in attendance along with State Representative Sonny Borrelli.



This meeting is part of Governor Ducey's Water Initiative for the State. Through the Planning Area Stakeholder Process, ADWR is working closely with rural areas and local stakeholders to define their water resource challenges and to identify strategies that will be successful in assisting with meeting future water demands.

On October 5, 2015, Governor Ducey announced his Water Initiative to help ensure the certainty and vitality of Arizona's water supplies for future generations. In addition to the Planning Area Stakeholder Process, the Governor's Water Initiative involves the creation of the Governor's Water Augmentation Council, which is tasked with investigating long-term water augmentation strategies, additional water conservation opportunities, funding, and infrastructure needs to help secure water supplies for Arizona's future.

For more information regarding the Governor's Water Initiative, please [click here](#)

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## **Senator Lesko Convenes Meeting to Discuss CORP Reform**

Stakeholders gathered this week at the Arizona State Senate for the first meeting to discuss reforming the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP). CORP is the retirement system established in 1986 for corrections officers, county and municipal detention officers, probation officers, dispatchers, and community corrections officers.

An overview of the CORP system was given, which included demographic information from 2015 showing that CORP is comprised of 27 employers and has a total membership of 20,912 employees. This membership can be broken down into an active membership of 14,184, a vested inactive membership of 2,318, and a retiree membership of 4,410. The plan is currently funded at 59.2%.

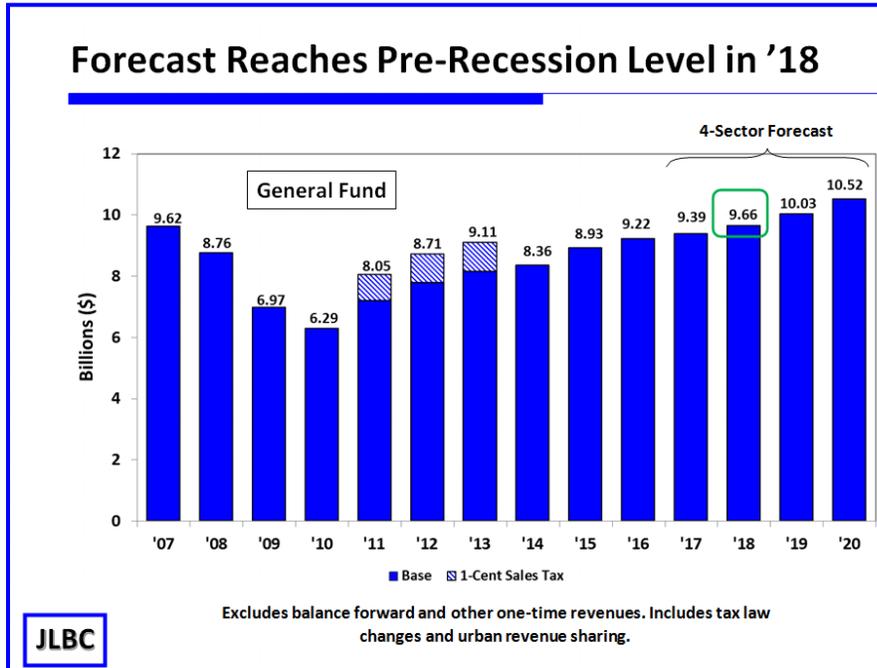
This meeting was convened by Senator Debbie Lesko, who spearheaded similar efforts last year to reform the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System which was approved by Arizona voters in a special election last May through [Proposition 124](#).

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## 10 Long Years

The state revenue experts meet this week at the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) to discuss the economy and the state revenue forecast for the coming state budget year. The good news is that finally the 2018 forecast exceeds the actual revenue the state collected the year prior to the great recession. Obviously, the bad news is that it has taken a full 10 years to grow revenue back to the 2007 prerecession level. Although our economist friends tell us we are currently in an economic expansion, it doesn't feel like it.



Uncertainties related to future interest rate policy, economic policy and who will head up this nation are impacting the economy and economic growth. At the state level our main sources of revenue are projected to grow at only 3 percent or 4 percent. Sales tax revenue, for example, is projected to grow by only 4 percent next year, the slowest growth rate since 2011.

Combining this revenue forecast for 2018 and future years, with the state's projected spending of these revenues, gives one a picture of a state with a revenue structure barely able to fund the statutorily required functions of state government, let alone any new gubernatorial or legislative priorities.

To read the committee's full briefing materials, please [click here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

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## This Week in Arizona History...

On October 2, 1877 former U.S. Senator Carl T. Hayden was born in Hayden's Ferry, Arizona Territory (Tempe, AZ).

Senator Hayden was the first U.S. Senator to serve seven terms. He first served as Arizona's first representative to the U.S. House, before entering the Senate in 1927.

Known as the "Silent Senator", he rarely spoke on the Senate floor; however, he would often wield his influence in the Senate cloakroom. He was well respected among his peers and regarded as an expert in legislation dealing with public lands, mining, and other projects affecting the western United States.



Senator Hayden is most known for his work shepherding the Central Arizona Project (CAP), through Congress. CAP is a 336 mile diversion canal which brings water from the Colorado River from the Bill Williams Wildlife Refuge, south portion of Lake Havasu, near Parker, into central and southern Arizona. CAP is the largest and most expensive aqueduct system ever constructed in the U.S.

President John F. Kennedy said of Senator Hayden, "Every federal program which has contributed to the development of the West irrigation, power, and reclamation bears his mark, and the great federal highway program which binds this country, together, which permits this State to be competitive east and west, north and south, this in large measure is his creation."

Senator Hayden served in the Senate until January 1969 where he was succeeded by Barry Goldwater. He served in Congress for 56 years and 319 days (currently third longest serving member in Congress). He passed away on January 25, 1972 in Mesa.

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## Upcoming NACo Webinar

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled **State and Local Legal Center (SLLC) Supreme Court Preview** on October 13, 2016 from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (EST).

The webinar will address the cases the Supreme Court has already agreed to decide during its 2016-2017 term that are of interest to state and local government. Guests will include [Misha Tseytlin](#), the Wisconsin Solicitor General, who will argue a takings case this term; [Deepak Gupta](#), [Gupta Wessler](#), who will write an amicus brief for the State and Local Legal Center in a fair housing case; and [Amy Howe](#), a reporter from [SCOTUSblog](#), in a discussion of the most interesting and important cases for state and local government granted so far.

To register for the webinar, please [click here](#).

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