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Apache County Appoints New Supervisor Travis Simshauser



Earlier this month, the Apache County Board of Supervisors voted to appoint new Supervisor Travis Simshauser to represent District 3. He was appointed to replace former Apache County Supervisor Doyel Shamley, who recently resigned to run for the Arizona State Legislature.

Supervisor Simshauser previously served as a commander with the Apache County Sheriff's Office and most recently was the Manager of District 3. District 3 in Apache County serves the communities of Alpine, Concho, Eagar, Greer, McNary, Nutrioso, St. Johns, Sanders, Springerville and Vernon. District 3 also includes the Navajo Nation communities of Lupton, Nahata Dziil, Oak Springs and St. Michaels.

CSA extends our congratulations and welcomes Supervisor Simshauser.

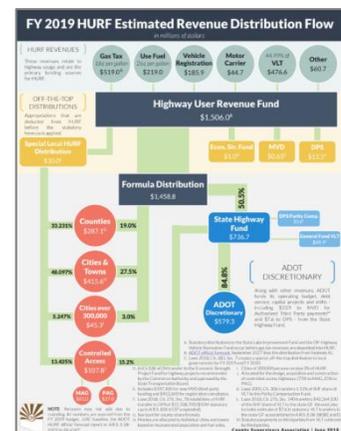
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Updated Estimated FY 2019 HURF Distribution

During the 2018 legislative budget process, the state legislature enacted a new vehicle registration fee aimed at finding a funding source for the Department of Public Safety (DPS) outside of the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF). CSA staff has updated the HURF estimated distribution chart for FY 2019 and it is now available on CSA's website. Also included in the document is an outline of how the county portion of HURF is distributed across counties.

The basic HURF distribution in effect today was established in 1996 in an attempt to simplify how highway revenues were distributed across stakeholders. Additionally, those changes also modified how the county share was distributed by adding in an additional factor – unincorporated population – to the formula. This change was made to try to shift more transportation dollars to counties that had a larger proportion of the state's unincorporated population. In those areas fewer revenues were being put into the transportation system as compared to areas with higher rates of incorporation.



To access the updated FY 2019 HURF Estimated Revenue Distribution Flow please, click [here](#).

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An Election Season Update



The 2018 Primary Election will take place on August 28. With just 67 days remaining until the primary election, candidates have faced challenges to their candidacies (please [click here](#) for an updated list) and a number of cases are working through the courts. This week alone several candidates have withdrawn their candidacy for various reasons. Please see below for the most updated version of the primary and general election charts that reflect these changes:

- [Federal, State & Legislative Candidates](#)

Please note, arguments for or against proposed ballot measures for the 2018 General Election may be submitted through the [Secretary of State Ballot Measure Argument Submission Portal](#). Ballot measure arguments must be submitted by 11:59 P.M. (MST) on July 11, 2018. In addition, the ballot measure petitions must be filed with the Secretary of State's Office by 5:00 p.m. (MST) on July 5, 2018.

- [Proposed Ballot Initiatives](#)

We will send out a final version of the election charts prior to the August 28 primary election. Please remember, voters may cast early ballots starting on August 1. The final day to register to vote in the primary election is July 30.

For more information on the 2018 elections, please visit the [Secretary of State's](#) website.

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CSA on the Road



Each year, after the legislative session ends, CSA staff travels the state to meet with county supervisors and professional staff.

Last week CSA traveled to Navajo County. This week CSA traveled to Mohave County and Yavapai County. Next week CSA staff will be briefing the Board of Gila 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 2019.

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JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) produced their Monthly Fiscal Highlights for May 2018 with General Fund revenues of \$812.9 million, an increase of 12.1 percent over May 2017 figures. JLBC attributed most of this difference to Individual Income Tax collections, which were \$58.9 million (20.3 percent) above monthly forecast. The belief is that higher than expected payment activity was coupled with fewer refunds this year. Year-to-date (YTD) General Fund revenue is \$327.6 million above budget forecast, a 3.8 percent surplus.

Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) collections of \$118.1 million in May are 2.0 percent higher than May 2017 and \$0.7 million above monthly forecast. YTD collections are up 2.7 percent over last year.

May General Fund spending totaled \$651.4 million with YTD spending of \$9.2 billion. This represents an \$8.1 million increase from May 2017 and a \$276.0 million YTD increase from fiscal year 2017. Most of the additional YTD spending comes from increases in K-12 education: \$121.6 million increase at the Department of Education and an \$88.4 million increase for the School Facilities Board.

The State's Budget Stabilization Fund (or Rainy Day Fund) has a current balance of \$457.1 million and the State operating fund balance (General Fund and other dedicated funds) is \$2.3 billion.

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Combating Arizona Wildfires

All counties in Arizona currently have fire restrictions in place and one prescribed fire is currently burning. With the 4th of July fast approaching please remember that fireworks can cause wildfires. Fireworks caused the Knoll Fire in Payson, Arizona on national forest land a few months ago, burning 60 acres.



The [Arizona Interagency Wildfire Prevention Department](#) lists some reminders regarding fireworks including:

1. Use of fireworks, explosives and exploding targets are prohibited on public lands in Arizona;
2. Fireworks can spark a wildfire if vegetation is dry;
3. Use only fireworks that meet state standards;
4. Use fireworks in a clear area with at least a 10' radius cleared of flammable material;
5. Have a fire extinguisher or water on hand before lighting fireworks;
6. Check local newspapers for hosted firework displays; and
7. Follow your local firework regulations.

For up to date information on wildfires, please click on the following links:

[Arizona Interagency Wildfire Prevention](#)
[Arizona State Forestry Division](#)
[Arizona State Parks Fire Restrictions and Information](#)
[InciWeb – Interagency All-Risk Incident Information Management System](#)
[Federal: Active Fire Maps](#)
[Southwest Coordination Center](#)

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NACo Webinar: SLLC Supreme Court Review

On July 24, 2018 , from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., EST, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled [SLLC Supreme Court Review](#).

Between the internet sales tax case, partisan gerrymandering, the union dues case, the travel ban, and a number of First Amendment cases, this Supreme Court term will have implications for states and local governments for decades to come. Eric Citron, Goldstein & Russell, who briefed the internet sales tax case, Shay Dvoretzky, who argued a First Amendment retaliatory arrest case, and Lydia Wheeler, a legal and regulatory affairs reporter for The Hill, will participate in a discussion of some of the most important cases of the term for states and local governments.

For information and to register for the webinar, please [click here](#).

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