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Tom Borer Appointed as New Cochise County District 1 Supervisor



This week the Cochise County Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed Tom Borer to replace Pat Call as District 1 Supervisor, after Call's appointment as the Sierra Vista Justice of the Peace. Supervisor Borer's appointment was effective March 4th, and he will remain in the post until the 2020 General Election.

Supervisor Borer has a history of involvement in public service and served as the civilian Deputy Garrison Commander from 2008 until retirement in 2015. Borer also served as a member of the Cochise County Planning & Zoning Commission and the Cochise County Sheriff's Assist Team.

CSA extends our congratulations to Supervisor Borer. Welcome aboard!

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NACo Legislative Conference



This week, CSA President and Yuma County Supervisor, Russell McCloud, and AACo President and Yuma County Recorder, Robin Stallworth-Poquette, led a delegation of Arizona county officials to participate in the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference and to interact with federal officials regarding issues critical to Arizona counties.



During the trip, Arizona county officials met with Senator Kyrsten Sinema and Senator Martha McSally as well as members of the Arizona delegation in the United States House of Representatives to discuss federal policies impacting county constituent services. Topics included broadband deployment, public lands, criminal justice and public safety, transportation infrastructure, veterans support and elections security.



The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo serves the nation's 3,069 counties.

For more information on the conference events, please [click here](#).

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Chairman Gates Participates on 5G Technology Panel at NACo Legislative Conference

This week at the NACo Conference, Chairman Gates participated on a panel discussing "Smarter Counties: Bridging the Digital Divide." Gates spoke about Arizona's preparation for 5G technology, the benefits of 5G technology, and its role in economic development. Gates explained that autonomous vehicles, smart homes, improved air quality, and access to internet are all areas that will benefit from 5G.

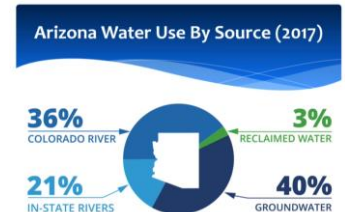


To view NACo's toolkit on 5G, please click [here](#). To read an article written about the panel discussion, please click [here](#).

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Arizona Department of Water Resources Presentation

The Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) Director Thomas Buschatzke presented to the House Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee. Director Buschatzke provided an update on the Drought Contingency Plan, background data related to water use in Arizona, and described the Governor's new Water Augmentation, Innovation & Conservation Council. He also discussed active management area plans.



Director Buschatzke noted that ADWR's mission is to be "the steward of Arizona's water future and ensure a long-term, reliable water supply to support the continued economic prosperity of the State." Some of ADWR's critical functions are Colorado River management, statewide regional planning, dam safety, flood mitigation, hydrology and technical assistance to the General Stream Adjudication.

To watch the full committee meeting, please click [here](#). To learn more about the Arizona Department of Water Resources, please click [here](#).

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Legislative Session Snapshot

The 54th Legislature, First Regular Session marks its 54th day of the legislative session today. 1289 bills and 96 memorials/resolutions have been introduced this session.

Bills that have made it through their house of origin have begun to receive hearings in the opposite chamber and have until March 29th to be heard.

To view more important dates for the legislative session, please click on the following links:

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CSA Legislative Update

The status of CSA's legislative agenda package is as follows:

- 1) CSA Legislative Budget Priorities
 - [SB 1140 county contributions; committed youth; repeal](#) (*Leach*), passed House Appropriations on March 6th with a 10-0 vote.
 - [HB 2429 appropriations; EORP contributions; counties](#) (*Thorpe*), passed out of House rules with a vote of 7-0 on March 6th and cleared both caucuses on March 7th.
 - [SB 1293 appropriations; EORP contributions; counties](#) (*Gowan*), pending committee assignment in the House.
- 2) [HB 2467 NOW: west basin water users; committee](#) (*Cobb*), cleared COW with an amendment that added the State Land Commissioner as a nonvoting member of both the Mohave County and La Paz County West Basin Water Users Study Committees.
- 3) [HB 2316 junk vehicles; removal; counties](#) (*Campbell*), held pending committee assignment.
- 4) [HB 2277 indigent defense funds](#) (*Biasiucci*), did not receive a hearing in House Appropriations, leaving the discussion to ultimately be had as part of the budget negotiations.
- 5) [HB 2702 TPT; marketplace facilitators; nexus](#) (*Toma*), pending a hearing in the House Rules Committee.
- 6) [SB 1084 funeral; last illness; expenses; lien](#) (*Borrelli*), assigned to the House Judiciary Committee

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Next Week: Committee Agendas

Monday

- The [House Education Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 11th, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Regulatory Affairs Committee](#) has been cancelled
- The [House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 11th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Government Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 11th, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 11th, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 1

Tuesday

- The [House Commerce Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 12th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 3
- The [House Elections Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 12th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 12th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 12th, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [Senate Education Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 12th, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 1

Wednesday

- The [House Judiciary Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 13th, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House Technology Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 13th, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 5
- The [House Ways & Means Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 13th, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Health and Human Services Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 13th, at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 13th, at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [House Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 13th, at 10:00 am in House Hearing Room 3
- The [House Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 13th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Federal Relations Committee](#) will not meet
- The [House State & International Affairs Committee](#) will not meet
- The [House Transportation Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 13th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Finance Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 13th, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 13th, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 109

Thursday

- The House Health & Human Services Committee meets on Thursdays at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House Government Committee](#) will meet on Thursday, March 14th, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Land & Agriculture Committee](#) will meet on Thursday, March 14th, at 9:00 A.M. in House Hearing Room 3
- The Senate Commerce Committee meets on Thursdays at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The Senate Judiciary Committee meets on Thursdays at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The Senate Water and Agriculture Committee meets on Thursdays at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 3

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American Broadband Initiative Webinar

On March 20, BroadbandUSA will be hosting a webinar to learn more about the American Broadband Initiative and Milestones Report, "The Administration's Strategy for Promoting Broadband Connectivity." The American Broadband Initiative and Milestones Report explains the Administration's strategy to expand broadband connectivity across the county. During the webinar, NTIA along with officials from other key agencies, will provide an overview of the Initiative's goals.

The webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20 at 2:00 PM Eastern Time.

To register for the webinar, please click [here](#). To read the American Broadband Initiative Milestones Report, please click [here](#).

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