

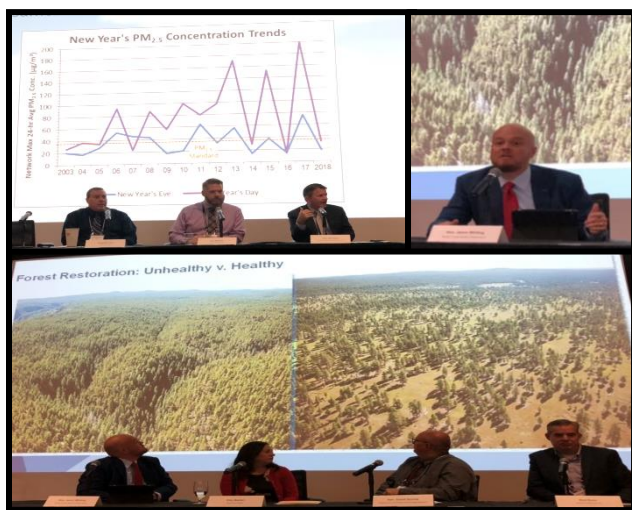
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Supervisors Share Perspective at Business Environmental Summit



Maricopa County Supervisor Bill Gates and Navajo County Supervisor Jason Whiting participated in panel discussions at the Environmental Sustainability Summit held recently in Coconino County. The annual event hosted by the Arizona Manufacturers Council focuses on forging a partnership between industry and government entities regarding environmental regulatory policies.

During a session entitled, *Arizona's Biggest Environmental challenge: the Air Apparent*, Supervisor Gates presented some of the critical work being done in Maricopa County to promote air quality in the region and to comply with federal air quality mandates. He was joined by representatives of the mining, manufacturing and power industries to discuss emerging issues in the regulatory framework. Mr. Gates stressed the importance of the on-going need for the public and private sectors to maintain a focused, meaningful collaboration to promote clean air and a healthy economy.

Later in the conference, Supervisor Whiting shared his perspective on the importance of state, federal and private partners investing in healthy forest strategies. Representatives from the Salt River Project

and State Forester David Tenney joined the conversation to share their expertise. Each panelist made a compelling case that forest maintenance protects water supplies, promotes economic development, and helps mitigate some of the risk of catastrophic wildfire. That last point was particularly meaningful as the meeting was held while Coconino County's team was dealing with the nearby Museum Fire.

To view the Arizona Manufacturers Council's air quality report, please click [here](#).

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Affiliate Groups Meet: ACDEHSA & AACPD

ACDEHSA

Last Wednesday, the Arizona County Directors of Environmental Health Services Association (ACDEHSA) met to discuss a variety of issues. They received a presentation from Dionne Crawford of McDonald's Corporation regarding their commitment to food safety, continuous process improvements, and the importance of keeping up with federal food code. Ms. Crawford also discussed digital food safety and McDonald's Corporation's plan to use electronic logs instead of the standard paper log. This innovation will allow the company to monitor, track and evaluate food safety performance at the individual store and company level.

AACPD

On Monday, the Arizona Association of County Planning Directors (AACPD) met in Coconino County to discuss a variety of topics, including county hemp and medical marijuana ordinances, group homes and processes for addressing long term camping on unimproved land. CSA staff also provided a recap on the 2019 Legislative Session.

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Wildfire Update



The Museum Fire in Coconino County is now 91% contained and not expected to grow. However, the scar from the almost 2,000 acre fire has increased chance for flooding. The Coconino County Flood Control District has implemented flood mitigation measures and coordinating sandbagging events. For more information on the museum fire flood area please, click [here](#).

County leaders work hard to ensure the proper resources are deployed to protect public safety in communities threatened by wildfires in Arizona. There are currently six wildfires burning in Arizona, including:

- Bagnol Fire – burning just southwest of Show Low, the lightning-caused fire has burned almost 2,000 acres since being discovered July 26, 2019.
- Castle Fire – a lightning-caused fire is burning about 11 miles south of Jacob Lake in the Kaibab National Forest. The fire covers over 10,000 acres and is currently only 2% contained.
- Duke Fire – has burned 780 acres east of Happy Jack, the lightning-caused fire will be allowed to burn helping to restore the areas grasslands and ponderosa pine forest.
- Hart Fire – is being used to remove excess forest fuels for the restoration of the area southwest of the C.C. Cragin Reservoir Dam. The lightning-caused fire has been burning since July 12, 2019 and has consumed 4,500 acres.
- Newman Fire – the lightning-caused fire near Upper Lake Mary is being allowed to burn fuel within the Flagstaff Ranger District. The fire poses no danger to any structures or to residents and firefighters are working to establish control lines for scheduled burnout operations. The fire has burned approximately 5,000 acres since starting on July 11, 2019 and is currently 70% contained.

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](#)
- [Fire Restrictions](#)
- [National Weather Service](#)

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NCSL Legislative Summit Live Streaming Sessions

State Legislators and legislative staff will make their way to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) annual Legislative Summit next week in Nashville, Tennessee. The NCSL Legislative Summit brings in legislators, legislative staff, and state and local government agencies from across the country to discuss topical issues facing the states. Several sessions will be streamed live on NCSL's Facebook page, including:

- *A Proactive Approach to School Safety*
- *Navigating Criminal Justice Reform*
- *Redistricting Basics*
- *Supreme Court Roundup*
- *Moving Forward With Autonomous Vehicles*

For a full schedule of the livestreamed sessions, please click [here](#). To access the livestreams, please visit NCSL's Facebook page [here](#). For more information on the NCSL 2019 Legislative Summit, please click [here](#).

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CSA on the Road



CSA enjoyed traveling to Apache, Cochise, Santa Cruz, Pima and Navajo counties over the last few weeks to meet with county supervisors and professional staff. Over the course of the summer, staff is looking forward to visiting with all 15 counties.

In the next week, staff will travel to Greenlee, Graham and Gila counties:

- Greenlee County: August 5th
- Graham County: August 5th
- Gila County: August 6th
- Yavapai County: September 18th
- Maricopa County: October 7th

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Preventing Mosquitoes

County Environmental Services Departments work hard to monitor and identify problem-breeding areas for mosquitoes to protect residents and animals from mosquito-borne diseases. According to a [paper](#) by the University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Cooperative Extension, there are over 40 species of mosquitoes in Arizona that can be separated into two main types, stagnant water and flood water mosquitoes. Stagnant water mosquitoes (culex tarsalis and culex quinquefasciatus) find prime breeding grounds in abandoned pools, stagnant ponds, and even empty flowerpots. These mosquitos present a higher risk for transmission of some diseases such as West Nile Virus because they feed on mammals, including infected birds and transmit the viruses between hosts.

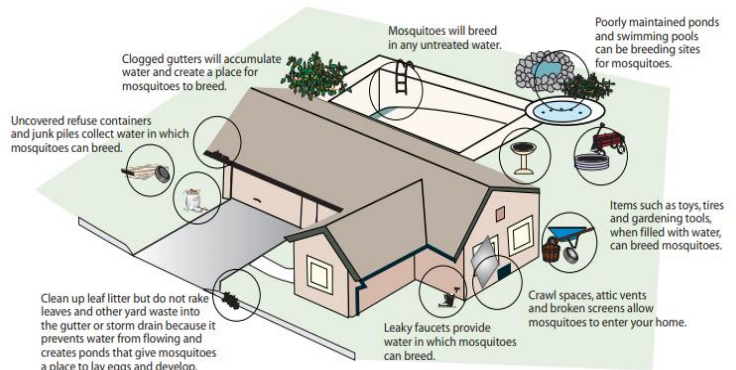
Monsoon rains bring an increased potential for mosquito breeding in everyday outdoor items that fill with rain. To prevent mosquitoes from breeding, start by removing access to common breeding areas such as: standing water outdoors for more than four days, clogged drainage ditches, leaky outdoor pipes and faucets, outdoor toys, and buckets. For a backyard checklist please, click [here](#) or [here](#).

Additional Resources:

- Avoid Mosquitoes! Avoid the West Nile Virus Comic Book please, click [here](#).
- Stop Growing Mosquitoes in your Yard pamphlet please, click [here](#).
- West Nile Virus Question and Answers please, click [here](#).
- Arizona Department of Health Services please, click [here](#).

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How many breeding sites can you find?



For general information on West Nile virus call the State Public Health Hotline at: 602-364-4500 - Metro Phoenix • 800-314-9243 - Statewide • Website: www.hs.state.az.us
Arizona Department of Health Services, 1740 West Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007

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