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## Meet Pinal County's New Manager



On September 1, 2019, the Pinal County Board of Supervisors appointed Mr. Louis Andersen as Pinal County Manager. Andersen has over 30 years of progressive public sector management experience, and received his Bachelor and MBA from City University in Seattle, Washington. He also completed Kennedy's Senior Executive Management Program at Harvard University.

Andersen began his public service career in 1986 upon enlisting in the United States Air Force. In 1993, he began his tenure at the Seattle Housing Authority serving as their Special Services Manager. Beginning in 2003, Mr. Andersen provided direct management support to the Town of Gilbert, Arizona Public Works Department, serving as the Environmental Services Manager.

Andersen accepted the position of Director of the Pinal County Public Works Department in 2013 and provided management and leadership support for the Transportation Infrastructure, Engineering Flood Control, Solid Waste Recycling, Airport and Emergency Management divisions.

Andersen is married to his wife, Brandy, who is employed by the City of Mesa. He has three children, four dogs and one tortoise.

CSA extends a warm welcome and congratulations to Louis!

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## ACDESHA

On Wednesday, the Arizona County Directors of Environmental Health Services Association (ACDEHSA) met with state agency partners at the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and the Arizona Department of Environmental Services regarding a variety of functions delegated to counties by the state.

CSA staff provided an update on the county submitted legislative proposals currently under consideration for the 2020 Legislative Session.

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## Next Week's Legislative Committees

**Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

- [Towing Safety Task Force](#), is scheduled to be heard in House Hearing Room 5 at 10:00 am.
- [House Ad Hoc Committee on Abused and Neglect of Vulnerable Adults](#), is scheduled to be heard in House Hearing Room 1 at 1:30 pm.

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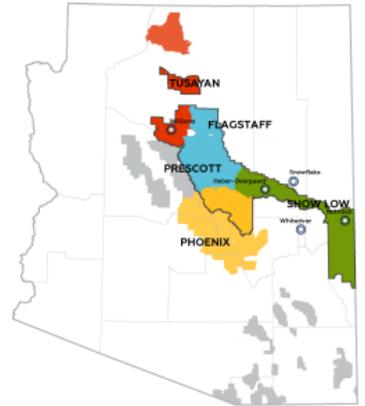
## County Highlight – 4FRI Phase Two

The USDA Forest Service (USDAFS) and partners are working on the Phase Two of the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) Integrated Resource Stewardship Contract (IRSC). The USDAFS issued a request for proposals (RFP) on September 16, 2019, the RFP is seeking proposals focused on innovative approaches to forest restoration activities. The 4FRI initiative covers over 2.4 million acres in the Apache-Sitgreaves, Coconino, Kaibab and Tonto National Forests and the USDAFS is looking to award one or more 20 year contracts to be a part of the long-term mechanical thinning efforts. Proposals are due on December 16, 2019 and awards are expected to be announced in April 2020.

The Eastern Arizona Counties (Apache County, Cochise County, Greenlee County, Gila County, Graham County, and Navajo County) and Coconino County have been working closely with state and federal officials to develop a strong forest product industry, create a healthy forest, and reduce the risk of severe wildfire.

For more information about 4FRI Phase Two IRSC please, click [here](#)

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## JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights

Last Friday, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) staff released their monthly fiscal highlights for the state's August revenues and expenditures. August revenues were just 1.9 percent above August 2018 collections, however JLBC staff noted that the slow growth is primarily due to technical issues with insurance premium taxes and a reduction in fund transfers. The state's two largest revenue sources, sales tax and individual income tax, grew at 7.6 and 6.2 percent, respectively, above August 2018. Overall, total year-to-date General Fund revenues were 3.5 percent above the enacted budget forecast. General Fund expenditures year-to-date are \$3.45 billion, \$143.9 million above the same period in FY 2019.

The state's Budget Stabilization Fund currently has a balance of \$1.02 billion.

The Highway User Revenue Fund's year-to-date collections are \$246.9 million, 2.0 percent above the previous year, but (1.0) percent below JLBC's forecast.

To access the full report please, click [here](#).

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## CSA Presents PSPRS Trustees

On Thursday, the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Board of Trustees (Board) kicked off their annual two-day meeting. The Board heard presentations on and discussed a variety of topics including the system's human resource goals, trust securities class action lawsuits, employee perspectives on the system, and local board consolidation.

CSA's Craig Sullivan participated in an employer panel along with Tom Belshe, from the League of Arizona Cities and Towns and John Flynn from the Arizona Fire District Association. The employer representatives discussed the need for increased access to plan data and high-quality analysis to inform stakeholder conversations and board decisions. The panel thanked the board for their recent efforts to improve communication and transparency and noted that those efforts should be continued and expanded upon. Especially for counties and fire districts, the panel emphasized the restraints that are put on political subdivisions in regards to revenue and expenditure authorities that make it difficult to address the need for increased contributions into the system.

To access the meeting materials please, click [here](#).

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## House Ad Hoc Committee on Earned Release Credits for Prisoners

On Monday, September 23, 2019 the nine-member, House Ad Hoc Committee on Earned Release Credits for Prisoners (Committee) met. The Committee is charged with studying, gathering input and establishing recommendations regarding the earned release credit system for prisoners. The Committee heard public testimony from a variety of stakeholders, including: family members of individuals that are currently incarcerated, organizations that provide training to former inmates, and from individuals who were formally incarcerated.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2019.

To view an archived recording of the meeting please, click [here](#).



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## Joint Legislative Budget Committee



The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) met at the House of Representatives on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> to review various state agency budget projects, including the Arizona State Parks Board (ASPB) Arizona Trail expenditure plan, and the expenditure plan for the Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount.

JLBC approved ASPB's expenditure plan for the Arizona Trail. In the previous legislative session, ASPB was granted \$250,000 for maintenance of the Arizona Trail. In addition to this appropriation, ASPB generated \$225,000 in local and private community funding. The total \$475,000 plan will provide for the employment of 107 youth conservation corps members to provide maintenance for eight projects on the Arizona Trail, covering 7 counties. To see more details of ASPB's Arizona Trail expenditure plan, please click [here](#).

In addition to \$1.3 million approved in June, JLBC considered and approved spending \$1.1 million in the GIITEM subaccount for funding the Border Security and Law Enforcement Grants Program. Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Santa Cruz and Yuma Counties will each receive a grant from the monies remaining in the Subaccount. To see more details of the GIITEM Subaccount expenditure plan, please click [here](#).

JLBC also heard testimony from the Director of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Jami Snyder regarding capitation rate changes and from Interim Director of the Arizona Department of Corrections Joe Profiri regarding correctional officer staffing and prison bed capacities.

To view all meeting material, please click [here](#). To view an archived recording of the meeting, please click [here](#).

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## House Ad Hoc Committee on Groundwater Supply in Pinal County

On Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, the House Ad Hoc Committee on Groundwater Supply in Pinal County (Committee) met to discuss the status of groundwater in Pinal County.

Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) Thomas Buschatzke provided a presentation to the Committee regarding the history of the Assured Water Supply Program, in addition to a run-through of pending applications for development in Pinal County. Director Buschatzke also provided a briefing on ADWR's modeling efforts in Pinal County and the various advancements that have occurred in modeling technology. A modeling report is currently being finalized by ADWR and should be released shortly. ADWR is planning to engage in stakeholder processes and meet with necessary individuals to discuss the findings in the modeling report and to vet options for enabling continued development in the area. ADWR is expected to provide additional information at the next hearing.



The next meeting is scheduled to take place at Casa Grande City Hall on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30.

Members of the Committee include Chairman Representative David Cook, Representatives Noel Campbell, Rosanna Gabaldon, Bret Roberts, Diego Rodriguez, and Gail Griffin, along with Director Buschatzke.

To view an archived recording of the meeting, please click [here](#).

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## Arizona Opioid Use Disorder Review Council

On Thursday, the Arizona Opioid Use Disorder Review Council (Council) held their first meeting. Established by [Laws 2019, Chapter 224](#), the Council is required to review and make recommendations to the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) for the standards set for centers of excellence (COE) that provide medication-assisted treatment (MAT).



Co-Chair's Senator Brophy McGee and Representative Nancy Barto kicked off the meeting with testimony from the AHCCCS regarding the duration and types of MAT available to patients and the length of stay for individuals receiving both inpatient and outpatient treatment services. Committee plans to meet again to continue the discussion on COE standards and outcome measures.

To view an archived recording of the meeting please, click [here](#).

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## NACo Webinar: Stepping Up and Data-Driven Justice

On Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM MST, NACo will be hosting the webinar *"Stepping Up and Data-Driven Justice: Using and Sharing Data Across Health, Human Services and Justice Systems to Improve Responses for People Who Have Mental Illnesses."*



Counties across the country are building collaborative partnerships to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in their jails. Despite the progress that counties have made, they still face challenges with sharing information across multiple systems. Stepping Up and the Data-Driven Justice initiative are co-hosting a two-part webinar series to offer tips on managing data and information sharing for people who frequently utilize multiple systems such as emergency rooms, shelters and jails. Participants in the webinar will hear from subject matter experts and county representatives that have implemented processes to collect, share, integrate and analyze data on people involved in multiple county systems.

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

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