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Coconino County Supervisor Lena Fowler Wins EDDE Award

This month Coconino County Supervisor Lena Fowler was named the winner of an Arizona Association for Economic Development (AAED) Economic Development Distinguished by Excellence (EDDE) Award. She was recognized as the organization's Economic Developer of the Year, Tribal Community.

Supervisor Fowler is currently serving her third term as the Coconino County Supervisor for District 5, which covers much of the northern part of the county.

The EDDE Awards honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the advancement of the organization and also to the economic growth within the state of Arizona. Recipients are selected from a pool of nominations made by members of AAED.

Joyce Grossman, AAED's Executive Director, said Fowler was honored for her profound impact on policies and initiatives that benefit the economic development of the diverse communities of northern Arizona.

The recent achievements of Fowler and her team include a plan to bring broadband to the region and securing a number of significant grants, including a \$300,000 POWER grant from the Federal Economic Development Administration to be used to help the county train workers.

CSA extends our congratulations to Supervisor Fowler for this well-deserved award.

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Pinal County Economic Developers Receive EDDE Award



Three Pinal County economic developers and organizations have been named winners of an Arizona Association for Economic Development (AAED) Economic Development Distinguished by Excellence (EDDE) Award.

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Richard Wilkie, Economic Development Director for the City of Casa Grande, was recognized as Economic Developer of the Year, Medium Community.

Joel Millman, Program Manager for Pinal County, was honored as Workforce Practitioner of the Year.

Pinal County was named Medium Organization of the Year.

Wilkie and his team have been responsible for a number of significant accomplishments in Casa Grande, including the attraction of Lucid Motors Project – a \$1 billion, 2,200 employee project encompassing 1.8 million square-feet of office space on 500 acres.

Pinal County was cited for its broad support of AAED's education, advocacy and collaboration efforts. Those include the participation, hosting and sponsorship of workshops, meetings and presentations through the Pinal Partnership, Pinal Alliance, Pinal County and the AAED Workforce Development Symposium and Committee.

The county also takes an active role in promoting and publicly supporting many local and statewide economic development initiatives and policies.

CSA extends our congratulations.

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CMA Welcomes New State Auditor General Lindsey Perry

Lindsey Perry was officially appointed as the Auditor General on May 3, 2018. She visited with the county managers this week to discuss her vision for the Auditor General's office and the importance of a productive collaboration between her office and the counties.



Perry is a certified public accountant and prior to her appointment she was the Director of the Division of Financial Special Investigations for the Arizona Office of the Auditor General (OAG). An Arizona native, Perry said she started working for the OAG once she graduated from the University of Arizona and looks forward to continuing the good working relationship the OAG has with counties.

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2018 Session: A few bills left to sign...

Late last Wednesday night and early Thursday morning, both the Senate and the House passed out a \$10.4 billion dollar budget package, which was promptly signed by the Governor and then the legislature ended the session *sine die* on Friday, May 4.

Of the 1,206 bills introduced this year, the legislature passed 369 bills and Governor Ducey has signed 285 of them (so far) and vetoed 16. A total of 68 bills remain on the Governor's desk and he has until next Wednesday to sign or veto the remaining legislation.

CSA is working on a legislative summary of all county related bills that will be available within the coming weeks. At next week's CSA Board of Directors Meeting, CSA Staff will be presenting a session wrap up.

For the Joint Legislative Budget Committee outline of the entire state budget, please [click here](#).

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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.

Our outreach kicks off next week in Coconino County, followed by La Paz and Yuma counties during the week of May 21st. 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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State & Counties Continue to Combat Wildfires

Several counties have issued fire restrictions and the National Weather Service has issued red flag warnings throughout Arizona due to the combination of strong winds, low humidity and warm temperatures that contribute to extreme fire behavior. There are two wildfires burning in Arizona, which include:

- Tinder Fire, Coconino County – The Tinder Fire, started northeast of the Blue Ridge Reservoir and the wildfire has consumed an estimated 16,309 acres and is currently 79 percent contained. The cause is expected to be an abandoned illegal campfire burning timber, grass and understory; some residents in the Blue Ridge area have been evacuated.
- 89E Fire, Yavapai County – Fire crews responded to a brush fire burning off of the 89A just south of Chino Valley and is currently being stoked by strong winds in the area and is currently estimated to be about 500 acres. Fire personnel have been deployed and SR89 is restricted between mile markers 320-323.



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

[Arizona Interagency Wildfire Prevention](#)

[Arizona State Forestry Division](#)

[Federal: Active Fire Maps](#)

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NACo Webinar: Stepping Up - Reducing Number of People with Mental Illnesses Booked into Jails

On June 7, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., EST, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled [Stepping Up Four Key Measures: Reducing the Number of People with Mental Illnesses Booked into Jails](#).

The Stepping Up framework encourages counties to focus their efforts on impacting one or more of “Four Key Measures” for people with mental illnesses: jail bookings, jail length of stay, connections to treatment and recidivism. The next series of Stepping Up webinars will focus on providing counties with the tools they need to collect accurate data on each of these measures and use this data to inform policy and practice decisions to impact them. Join Stepping Up for the first webinar in the Four Key Measures series, which will provide an overview of each of the measures, describe strategies for reducing the number of people with mental illnesses who are booked into jails and outline key data points to collect and analyze to track this measure of success. For information and to register for the webinar, please [click here](#).



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New Videos, Webpage Illustrate CORP Changes

The Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) of Arizona has released two of three videos designed to help teach the pending reforms to the corrections and detention community, including all of the human resources, payroll and management employees who help provide these vital services. The [first video](#) covers the basics of the upcoming changes, while the [second video](#) dives deeply into the details of the 401(a) Defined Contribution plan for Tier 3 corrections/detention officers.

Additionally, a new [PSPRS webpage](#) dedicated to the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP) is now live, and it offers a [how-to-guide](#) for employers, a [matrix](#) that summarizes the benefits among each employee tier and a benefits [brochure](#) for prospective Tier 3 probation and surveillance officers of the AOC.

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