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## NACo Steering Committee Appointments Announced

The National Association of Counties (NACo) released their list of steering committee leadership appointments. 12 Arizona County Supervisors were appointed to NACo leadership positions by President Bryan Desloge, Leon County, Florida.

Congratulations to the following Arizona leaders (alphabetical by county):

- Supervisor Tom White (Apache) was appointed as a member to both the Veterans and Military Services Committee and the Rural Action Caucus.
- Supervisor Liz Archuleta (Coconino) was appointed as a Vice-chair of the Programs and Services Standing Committee and as a member of the Resilient Counties Advisory Board.
- Supervisor Matt Ryan (Coconino) was appointed as a member of the Veterans and Military Services Committee.
- Supervisor Mandy Metzger (Coconino) was appointed as a member of both the Rural Action Caucus and the Veterans and Military Services Committee.
- Supervisor Lena Fowler (Coconino) was appointed as a member of the Rural Action Caucus.
- Supervisor Tommie Martin (Gila) was appointed as Chair of the Public Lands Steering Committee and as a member of the Rural Action Caucus.
- Supervisor Steve Gallardo (Maricopa) was appointed as a member of the Large Urban County Caucus.
- Supervisor Buster Johnson (Mohave) was appointed as a Vice-chair of the Information Technology Standing Committee.
- Supervisor Manny Ruiz (Santa Cruz) was appointed as Chair of the Immigration Reform Task Force and as a member of the International Economic Development Task Force.
- Supervisor John Maynard (Santa Cruz) was appointed as a member of the Rural Action Caucus.
- Supervisor Lenore Stuart (Yuma) was appointed Vice-chair of the Immigration Reform Task Force and as a member of the Healthy Counties Initiative Advisory Board.
- Supervisor Russell Clark (Yuma) was appointed as a member of the Rural Action Caucus.

To view the list of all the appointees, please [click here](#).

NACo is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation's 3,069 counties.

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## Finance Directors meet at GFOAz

On Tuesday, the County Finance Officers Organization (CFOO) met at the Government Finance Officers of Arizona (GFOAz) Summer Meeting in



Pima County. Finance directors and staff from across the state gathered to discuss best practices and exchange information. The group, chaired by Bonny Lynn from Coconino County, received a briefing from CSA staff and a session wrap-up report.

The group discussed how to implement the new Fire District Assistance Tax (FDAT) calculations for merged or consolidated fire districts and exchanged ideas on how best to format the new reporting requirement for gas and use fuel tax revenue. The finance directors also discussed Information Technology (IT) audit findings, and how certain budget units are funded.

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## 2016 Election: Early Voting Has Begun

On August 3, early voting began for the 2016 Primary Election, which takes places on August 30.

One U.S. Senate seat and all nine congressional seats are up for grabs, as are the 90 state legislative seats and all 61 county supervisor positions.



Please click on the following links for the candidate lists:

- [Senate & Congressional Races](#)
- [County Supervisor Races](#)
- [State Legislative Races](#)

For more information on the 2016 elections, 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.

This week CSA staff travelled to Apache and Gila Counties.

The remaining schedule is as follows:

2016 CSA OUTREACH SCHEDULE		
Date	County	Time
August 9	Navajo County	9:00 a.m.
August 16	Coconino County	11:30 a.m.
September 19	Maricopa County	10:00 a.m.
<i>*Scheduling additional counties in the coming weeks.</i>		

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## ADWR: Church in Vicksburg in the West Basins Becomes Focal Point in Local Struggles Over Groundwater

Planners from the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) have journeyed three times so far this year to the isolated rural valleys of the "West Basins" planning area -- a region of west-central Arizona that includes tiny communities such as Wenden, Salome, Bouse and Vicksburg, as well as some of the largest dairy and farming operations in Arizona outside of regulated Active Management Areas.

The West Basins region is one of 22 Planning Areas around the state identified in the Arizona Water Initiative, an effort begun by Governor Doug Ducey to gather hard data about local water-related issues.

At each of the West Basins meetings, all held at Centennial Hall in Wenden, residents have talked passionately about their fear that the enormous agricultural operations, all of which use mined groundwater for crops and cattle, may deplete the area's aquifers and dry up municipal wells.

And, to illustrate those concerns, someone at the West Basins meeting invariably will bring up the fate of "the church."

To read the entire article from ADWR, please [click here](#).

Source: [Arizona Department of Water Resources](#)

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## This Week in Arizona History...

On August 1, 1861 Lieutenant Colonel John R. Baylor declared the establishment of an organized Confederate Arizona Territory, during the American Civil War, following a Confederate victory at the Battle of Mesilla.

Baylor named himself military governor of the territory which stretched from west Texas to the southeastern California border, mostly south of the Gila River. The territory was represented and defended by the Confederacy, under the Arizona banner, until the end of the war in 1865.



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## Upcoming NACo Webinar

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a series of upcoming webinars, including:

**[Lifeline: How New Federal Rules Can Help Low-Income Residents Get Connected](#)**

Date: August 11, 2016 Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)

This webinar will discuss the Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) new rules for the Lifeline program, and how the program can assist low-income residents in getting access to broadband internet services at home.

To register for the webinar, please [click here](#).

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