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Coconino County & CJCC Announce Partnership with White House Justice Initiative

Today, Coconino County and the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) announced a partnership with the White House to launch the Data-Driven Justice Initiative.

The initiative is led by a bipartisan coalition of 67 city, county and state governments, including Pima County, who have committed to growing integrating data-driven strategies that divert low-level offenders with mental illness out of the criminal justice system as well as change the current method of pre-trial incarceration.

"Along with the success of the County Sheriff's Exodus Program and the efforts of our partner in the City of Flagstaff, this initiative will be important in reducing recidivism in the County and saving taxpayer dollars," stated CJCC County Representative and CSA President, Supervisor Mandy Metzger. "I am proud of the course CJCC and Judge Slayton have already begun as we work to keep our communities safe and healthy."

The CJCC is comprised of 34 Northern Arizona agencies, including county staff, county and city courts, municipalities, public defenders, probation officers, school districts and private organizations. The council pools their resources to address public safety issues across jurisdictions throughout Coconino County.

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ADWR Discusses Northwest Basins Planning Area in Mohave County

On Wednesday evening, the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) held a public meeting to discuss water conditions in the Northwest Basins Planning Area. This meeting is the first of a series of meetings to examine water resource demand and challenges for the area.

During the meeting a presentation addressed groundwater conditions for the area and a preview of existing regulatory tools.



Mohave County requested that ADWR assist with identifying solutions to water concerns in their region. ADWR agreed that this basin should be a priority and is allocating resources that support the stakeholder process.

This is the first meeting, which is part of Governor Ducey's Water Initiative for the State. Through the Planning Area Stakeholder Process, ADWR will work closely with rural areas and local stakeholders to define their water resource challenges and identify strategies that will be successful in assisting with meeting future water demands.

On October 5, 2015, Governor Ducey announced his Water Initiative to help ensure the certainty and vitality of Arizona's water supplies for future generations. In addition to the Planning Area Stakeholder Process, the Governor's Water Initiative involves the creation of the Governor's Water Augmentation Council, which is tasked with investigating long-term water augmentation strategies, additional water conservation opportunities, funding, and infrastructure needs to help secure water supplies for Arizona's future.

For more information regarding the Governor's Water Initiative, please [click here](#)

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PTSD Study Committee Endorses HB 2350

On Tuesday, the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in Public Safety Study Committee met and heard presentations from Josette Sullins, CEO of Go dehp, and Dr. Steve Carson.

Ms. Sullins presented on her dehp Therapeutic program which has shown promise in the management of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and is currently undergoing an evidence-based study in conjunction with Southwest Behavioral Health. Dr. Carson, in his presentation, addressed the differences between Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Post-Traumatic Stress Injury.



The full committee endorsed [HB 2350: traumatic events counseling](#), which was passed and signed into law by the Governor this year. HB 2350 requires the state and political subdivisions, including counties, to establish a program to provide up to 12 visits of counseling treatment for public safety employees who experience a traumatic event. The treatment must be provided by a license psychologist, or a therapist, with training and expertise in treating trauma. Payment for treatment under the act does not create a presumption of compensability for mental illness, injury or condition under the workers' compensation program.

The committee's purpose is to research and report on the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder on state and local law enforcement officers. The committee is set to expire at the end of the year; however, another meeting is tentatively planned for a date to be announced some time in November.

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Legislative Council Meets on Marijuana Ballot Initiative

On Tuesday, Legislative Council met to adopt a ballot analysis of the proposed ballot initiative titled [I-08 Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act](#).

The initiative seeks to do the following:



- (1) Establishes a 15% tax on retail marijuana sales, from which the revenue will be allocated to public health and education;
- (2) Allows adults twenty-one years of age and older to possess and to privately consume and grow limited amounts of marijuana;
- (3) Creates a system in which licensed businesses can produce and sell marijuana;
- (4) Establishes a Department of Marijuana Licenses and Control to regulate the cultivation, manufacturing, testing, transportation, and sale of marijuana; and
- (5) Provides local governments with the authority to regulate and limit marijuana businesses.

The committee adopted the following ballot explanation: [Ballot Explanation I-08: Regulation & Taxation of Marijuana Act.](#)

Members of the committee included both the Speaker of the House, David Gowan and the President of the Senate Andy Biggs, as well as Senators Allen, Bradley, Griffin, Hobbs, Smith and Yarbrough; and Representatives Clark, Mach, and Mesnard.

For more information on the potential fiscal impact of the proposed initiative, please [click here](#).

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JLBC Appropriations Report

Each year, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) staff publishes an Appropriations Report, which includes summary information on the recently enacted state budget and agency-by-agency details. This 608 page book includes a summary section with a brief narrative description of the budgets' contents, along with graphs which provide an overview of spending for the state's major agencies. The book also includes a 10-year comparison between the budgets in FY 2007 and FY 2017.

Please note, for each agency, there is a description of line items and the reasons for changes between the FY 2016 and FY 2017 budgets.

To view the report, please click on the following link: [FY 2017 Appropriations Report.](#)

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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.

The current schedule is as follows:

2016 CSA OUTREACH SCHEDULE <i>To date*</i>		
Date	County	Time
July 12	Cochise County	1:30 p.m.
July 18	Graham & Greenlee Counties	10:30 a.m.
July 20	Santa Cruz County	9:30 a.m.
August 1	Apache County	8:30 a.m.
August 2	Gila County	10:00 a.m.
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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This Week in Arizona History...

On June 28, 2013 the Yarnell Hill Fire, caused by lightning, started near Yarnell, AZ in Yavapai County. Tragically, two days later, on June 30, the fire overran and killed 19 members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots, an elite firefighting team within the Prescott Fire Department.

The Yarnell Hill Fire resulted in the highest wildfire firefighter death toll in the U.S. since 1933 when 29 firefighters were killed in the Griffith Park Fire in Los Angeles, CA.

Today, a memorial, honoring the brave 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots, stands about a mile from where the firefighters died, just north of the Ranch House Restaurant on State Route 89 in Yarnell. Arizona will forever remember and honor the victims of this tragic event.



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Upcoming NACo Webinars

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

[Removing Barriers to Solar Energy: An Overview of the SolSmart Program](#)

July 14 – 2-3:15 PM

As part of the U.S. Department of Energy's SunShot Initiative, this webinar discusses the SolSmart program, application process and benefits of county participation in the program which aims to reduce barriers to solar energy developments. There will be a Q&A session after the presentation.

[SLLC Supreme Court Review for state and Local Government](#)

July 19 – 1-2:15 PM

This webinar discusses state and local impacts of recent Supreme Court decisions. Featured speakers include Erin Murphy from Bancroft, Quin Sorenson from Sidley Austin, and Brent Kendall from the Wall Street Journal.

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