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Jack Sellers Appointed as new Maricopa County District 1 Supervisor



This week the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed Jack Sellers to replace Denny Barney as their District 1 Supervisor. District 1 includes parts of Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Queen Creek, Tempe, and Ahwatukee.

Supervisor Sellers has a long history of public service, including in his current role as the Chair of the State Transportation Board, and his previous service on the Chandler City Council, Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), the Greater Phoenix Economic Council, and the Easy Valley Partnership.

CSA extends our congratulations and welcome to Supervisor Sellers.

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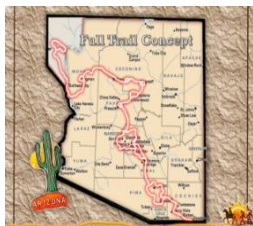
Pat Call Appointed to Sierra Vista's Justice of the Peace

Cochise County Supervisor Pat Call has been appointed to serve as Sierra Vista's Justice of the Peace. Call has served as a Supervisor in Cochise County for the past 18 years. The Justice Precinct 5 vacancy was created when Governor Doug Ducey appointed Justice of the Peace Tim Dickerson to Division IV of the Cochise County Superior Court. Call will serve Dickerson's current term until the end of 2020, and the position will be on the 2020 General Election ballot. We would like to congratulate Judge Call and thank him for his service as a supervisor, and we wish him luck in his new role.



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County Managers Discuss the Sun Corridor & Pension Liability

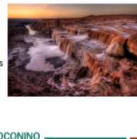


At the County Managers and Administrators meeting, the Director of the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department, R.J. Cardin provided a briefing on the proposed Sun Corridor Trail. The Sun Corridor Trail is a proposed connection of the southwestern United States' most scenic and significant regional trails, running from Las Vegas, Nevada to the southern border of Arizona. The trail would include loops around some of the region's largest economic centers, including Las Vegas, Flagstaff, Phoenix and Tucson, while also bringing potential tourism to the rural areas of the region, showcasing the beauty and diversity of the area's natural resources. In the coming weeks, stakeholders will be identified to participate in a meeting after the CSA Board of Supervisors meeting in March, to discuss the next step in establishing the Sun Corridor Trail.

Coconino County Deputy County Manager Mike Townsend shared some of the financial planning tools used in Coconino County to help provide a more consistent level of service even during a downturn. He noted that "the secret of Financial Planning is not predicting when, but planning for how to deal with the inevitable." Coconino County reevaluated their revenue growth assumptions by evaluating previous recessions to achieve a higher confidence in their long-term and short-term trend assumptions. They have also focused on using one-time capacity to pay down unfunded pension liabilities and long-term infrastructure needs, resulting in long-term net savings.

Outcomes put into place

- Increased pension funded status
- Capital facility funding
- Net Savings \$7 million
- Savings realized for decades
- Securing pension benefits for deputies and officers
- End of 25 years we have BOTH WITHIN EXISTING REVENUE CAPACITY
 - Funded pensions
 - New facilities



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County Managers Budget Briefing

County Managers and Administrators also heard reports from staff regarding the state's ongoing budget discussions as well as updates on key tax policy items. Staff reported on the structural outlook for the state's budget, noting that with the executive recommendations the structural balance diminishes to \$105 million in FY 2021.

Additionally, staff discussed the impact of the Highway Safety Fee (HSF) implemented by Laws 2018, Chapter 265. If the HSF is eliminated, the executive's budget would be structurally unbalanced in FY 2020 and FY 2021.

The staff also discussed how the county budget priorities impacted counties on a per capita basis, noting that the ongoing ADOR and ADJC cost shifts impact counties on a similar magnitude, but that the increase in EORP liability hits the smallest counties the hardest.

Staff also provided an update on some of the key state tax policy items, stating that a new bill addressing tax conformity is moving through the Senate that would offset almost all of the expected increased revenues associated with federal income tax reform. Another major issue discussed was the reappearance of a measure describing the taxability of digital goods and services, which passed out of the Senate Finance Committee this week. Staff noted the tax treatment of digital goods and services could have large impacts on state, county and municipal tax revenues and needs to be closely monitored.

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State Budget: Structural Balance								
	FY2019		FY2020		FY2021		FY2022	
	Exec.	JLBC	Exec.	JLBC	Exec.	JLBC	Exec.	JLBC
Beginning Balance	\$449.6	\$449.6	\$883.0	\$945.0	\$1,130.0	\$150.0	\$1,321.0	\$-
Total Revenues	10,727.2	10,890.0	11,090.9	11,177.6	11,442.8	11,527.4	11,829.9	11,956.7
Total Expenditures	10,293.8	10,394.6	10,843.9	10,784.4	11,251.8	11,438.0	11,455.9	11,736.2
Ending Balance	883.0	945.0	1,130.0	1,338.2	1,321.0	\$-	1,695.0	220.5
Ongoing Revenues	10,727.2	10,789.3	11,090.7	11,175.8	11,439.6	11,527.4	11,823.7	11,956.7
Ongoing Expenditures	10,155.0	10,147.6	10,630.7	10,629.5	11,105.6	11,269.6	11,449.7	11,707.7
Structural Balance	572.2	641.7	460.0	546.3	334.0	257.8	374.0	249.0

State Land Department Presentation



State Land Department Commissioner Lisa Atkins provided an update to Senators during the Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee Meeting regarding The State Land Department's (Department) ongoing projects and commitments. The Department manages the State Land Trust that makes up 13% of the land mass of the state totaling, 9.2 million acres. Their mission is to "responsibly manage the assets of a multi-generational perpetual Trust in alignment with the interests of the beneficiaries and Arizona's future." K-12 public education is their largest beneficiary, with other beneficiaries being State Universities, State Juvenile and Adult Corrections Systems, State Hospitals, the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind, and State Government buildings.

Some of the main achievements discussed in the presentation were increasing staff on the ground to improve working relationships with agriculture and ranches, renovations to the Desert Wells Multi-Use Area, and Improved Trust Land Stewardship. Commissioner Atkins discussed streamlining how the Department does business through the Governor's Arizona Management System (AMS). Commissioner Atkins said that the AMS has allowed for the Information Systems & Resource Analysis Division to fully integrate payments between Salesforce and the Land Department's business system, which has resulted in reduced redundant staff work and also allows customers to go directly online to see the status of their application payments.



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Agribusiness and Water Council of Arizona Presentation



This week in the Senate Water and Agriculture Committee Chris Udall, Executive Director of the Agribusiness and Water Council of Arizona (ABWC) presented on the mission of the ABWC, how they are involved in policy advocacy, and their Water Management Certificate Program. The ABWC was established in 1978 to respond to proposed water legislation and then later to serve as the State affiliate to the National Water Resources Association (NWRA).

The ABWC's mission is "to represent irrigated agriculture and agribusiness by working to promote and protect water resources in the state of Arizona and to actively educate, support, and promote all aspects of water, agriculture, and agribusiness." The ABWC's membership includes growers, ranchers, suppliers of equipment, mining, cities, agricultural processors, individuals from State Universities, attorneys, engineering and consulting firms, financiers, insurance companies, individuals, and electrical and irrigation districts. The ABWC is involved in policy advocacy through lobbying at the State and Federal level on behalf of their membership, involvement with the Arizona-Mexico Commission, cosponsoring the annual "Arizona Agribusiness Roundtable," and through their membership serving on the Advisory Council and Board of the Family Farm Alliance.

The ABWC's Water Management Certificate Program is aimed at training the next generation of water managers and providing professional training to individuals who are or plan to be managers of institutions who have authority or responsibility to develop, store, or deliver water resources. One of the Water Management Certificate Program's graduates is Minority Whip, Senator Lisa Otondo.

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Legislative Session Snapshot

The 54th Legislature, First Regular Session marks its 33rd day of the legislative session today. As of today 1289 bills and 96 memorials/resolutions have been introduced.

Monday February 11th was the last day to introduce bills in the House and the last day to hear bills in their house of origin is coming up on February 22nd.

To view more important dates for the legislative session, please click on the following links:

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CSA Legislative Update

The status of CSA's legislative agenda package is as follows:

- 1) CSA Legislative Budget Priorities
 - [SB 1140 county contributions; committed youth; repeal](#) (*Leach*), Passed the Senate with unanimous support and has been sent to the House.
 - [SB 2429 appropriations; EORP contributions; counties](#) (*Thorpe*), passed out of House Government with a vote of 10 ayes and 1 nay and House Appropriations unanimously.
 - [SB 1293 appropriations; EORP contributions; counties](#) (*Gowan*) passed Senate Appropriations Tuesday with a unanimous support.
- 2) [HB 2143 Water Basin Advisory Councils](#) (*Cobb*), pending committee assignment.
- 3) [HB 2316 junk vehicles; removal; counties](#) (*Campbell*), pending committee assignment.
- 4) [HB 2277 indigent defense funds](#) (*Biasiucci*), passed out of House Judiciary with unanimous support and is scheduled to be heard in Appropriations next Wednesday.
- 5) [SB 1084 funeral; last illness; expenses; lien](#) (*Borrelli*), Passed the Senate with unanimous support and has been sent to the House.

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Next Week: Committee Agendas

- The full schedule for the House and Senate Appropriations Committee budget hearings can be found [here](#).

Monday

- The [Senate Rules Committee](#) will meet on Monday, February 18th, at 1:00 pm in Senate Caucus Room 1
- The [House Education Committee](#) will meet on Monday, February 18th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Regulatory Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Monday, February 18th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 5
- The [House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee](#) on Monday, February 18th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Government Committee](#) will meet on Monday, February 18th, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee](#) will meet on Monday, February 18th, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 1

Tuesday

- The [House Commerce Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, February 19th, at 8:00 am in House Hearing Room 3
- The [House Elections Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, February 19th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, February 19th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, February 19th, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [Senate Education Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, February 19th, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 1

Wednesday

- The [House Judiciary Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, February 20th, at 8:30 am in House Hearing Room 4
- The [Senate Health and Human Services Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, February 20th, at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [House Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, February 20th, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 3
- The [House Technology Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, February 20th, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 5
- The [House Ways & Means Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, February 20th, at 9:00am in House Hearing Room 1

- The [Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, February 20th, at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [House Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, February 20th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Federal Relations Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, February 13th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House State & International Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, February 20th at 2:00pm in House Hearing Room 5
- The [House Transportation Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, February 20th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Finance Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, February 20th, at 2:00pm in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, February 20th, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 109

Thursday

- The House Health & Human Services Committee meets on Thursdays at 14th, at 9:00am am in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House Government Committee](#) will meet on Thursday, February 21st, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Land & Agriculture Committee](#) will meet on Thursday, February 21st, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 3
- The Senate Commerce Committee will meets on Thursdays at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The Senate Judiciary Committee will meet on Thursdays at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [Senate Water and Agriculture Committee](#) will meet on Thursday, February 21st, at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 3

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NACo High Performance Leadership Academy April Open Enrollment

The National Associations of Counties (NACo) in association with the Professional Development Academy created a 12-week mentorship-based leadership program to empower frontline county government professionals. Participants spend 3-5 hours a week engaged in an online, interactive learning platform to engage in live events, video sessions and breakout group discussions.



The curriculum developed by the Professional Development Academy in a partnership with Fortune 1000 executives, public sector leaders, world-renowned academics and thought leaders, including General Colin Powell and Dr. Marshall Goldsmith, it focuses on five essential skills:

- LEAD: Engage teams and stakeholders to foster positive climates and exceed common expectations
- ORGANIZE: Plan, lead and execute organizational change more effectively and consistently
- COLLABORATE: Establish alignment and strong partnerships through building stronger relationships
- COMMUNICATE: Create clarity, confidence and community
- DELIVER: Measure projects and processes to deliver results aligned with county and community priorities

NACo secured a discounted rate of \$1,495 per enrollee for members; additionally NACo will provide a \$1,000 one-time stipend for the first participant in each county to bring the cost down to \$495. The next course will run from April 22, 2019 through July 26, 2019 with subsequent class planned for August of 2019.

To learn more about the program or to sign-up, please click [here](#).

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