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Grand Canyon 100th Anniversary



February 26th was the 100th anniversary of the Grand Canyon. The Grand Canyon was established as a national park on February 26, 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson. During the first year that the Grand Canyon was established as part of the National Park System, approximately 40,000 people visited it. Since then, over 200 million people have visited the Grand Canyon. Governor Ducey states that "The Grand Canyon is more than an Arizona treasure" but that "It's a national treasure that brings visitors from around the world. On the 100th anniversary of the Grand Canyon, we come together to admire this natural wonder and commit to continue preserving its magnificence for generations to come."



The Grand Canyon spans over a million acres within Coconino County and Mohave County. Coconino County Supervisor Art Babbott participated in the [Grand Canyon's Centennial](#) celebration with Arizona Secretary of

State Katie Hobbs, Grand Canyon Conservancy, and the dedicated Park staff. To view the performances from the choirs of Sechrist and Knowles Elementary school, click [here](#).

Each year, over 6.2 million recreational visitors come to see the Grand Canyon. In 2017 those visitors spent more than \$667 million in the communities surrounding the park. Highlighted in Governor Ducey's commendation in honor of the 100th anniversary was that the Grand Canyon has created \$938 million in economic benefits and more than 9,000 jobs for the local communities surrounding the park. Governor Ducey's commendation can be read [here](#).

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Arizona Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association Exhibit



This week, the Arizona Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (AzOWRA) brought their traveling septic system exhibit to the County Supervisors Association. This exhibit is designed to engage children and their parents in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Participants learn about how wastewater is generated, used, and reused. The AzOWRA traveling septic system exhibit shows the public that septic systems are prominently used today, are environmentally friendly, and are cost effective. Septic systems allow individuals the ability to live outside of the city and AzOWRA shows that good careers exist within the industry. To learn more about AzOWRA click [here](#).

AzOWRA will be holding their 2019 Onsite Wastewater Educational Conference and Exhibition on June 13-14, 2019 in Payson, AZ. To learn more click [here](#).

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Affiliate Group ACDEHSA Meets

On Wednesday, the Arizona County Directors of Environmental Health Services Association (ACDEHSA) met to discuss food safety, mobile food, gray water and 2019 goals and objectives. They also met with state agency partners at the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Arizona Department of Environmental Services regarding a variety of functions delegated to counties by the state.

CSA staff gave a legislative update on the 2019 Legislative Session.

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Legislative Session Snapshot

The 54th Legislature, First Regular Session marks its 47th day of the legislative session today. 1289 bills and 96 memorials/resolutions have been introduced this session.

Next week bills that have made it through their house of origin will start to be heard in the opposite chamber and will have until March 29th to be heard.

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

- [Senate deadlines](#)
- [House deadlines](#)

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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 is scheduled to be heard in House Appropriations on March 6th.
 - [HB 2429 appropriations; EORP contributions; counties](#) (Thorpe), passed out of House Government with a vote of 10 ayes and 1 nay and House Appropriations unanimously and is pending rules.
 - [SB 1293 appropriations; EORP contributions; counties](#) (Gowan) passed Senate Thursday with a vote of 28-2 and is pending committee assignment in the House.
- 2) [HB 2143 Water Basin Advisory Councils](#) (Cobb)/S/E [HB 2467 west basin water users; committee](#) (Cobb) A striker was added to on to allow for study committees within the Mohave and La Paz County Water Basins. The bill passed out of Natural Resources, Energy and Water committee with a unanimous vote and is pending rules.
- 3) [HB 2316 junk vehicles; removal; counties](#) (Campbell), held pending committee assignment.
- 4) [HB 2277 indigent defense funds](#) (Biasiucci), passed out of House Judiciary with unanimous support and has been held due to the budget impact.
- 5) [HB 2702 TPT; marketplace facilitators; nexus](#) (Toma), passed out of the Ways and Means Committee with a vote of 8-2 and is pending rules.
- 6) [SB 1084 funeral; last illness; expenses; lien](#) (Borrelli), Passed the Senate with unanimous support and has been sent to the House and is pending committee assignment.

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Next Week: Committee Agendas

Monday

- The [House Education Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 4th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Regulatory Affairs Committee](#) will meet not meet on Monday, March 4th
- The [House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee](#) on Monday, March 4th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Government Committee](#) will not meet on Monday, March 4th
- The [Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 4th, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 1

Tuesday

- The [House Commerce Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 5th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 3
- The [House Elections Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 5th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 5th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 5th, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 109

- The [Senate Education Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 5th, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 1

Wednesday

- The [House Judiciary Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 6th, at 8:30 am in House Hearing Room 4
- The [Senate Health and Human Services Committee](#) will meet not meet
- The [House Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 6th, at 10:00 am in House Hearing Room 3
- The [House Technology Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 6th, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 5
- The [House Ways & Means Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 6th, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 6th, at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [House Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 6th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Federal Relations Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 6th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House State & International Affairs Committee](#) will not meet
- The [House Transportation Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 6th, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Finance Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 6th, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 6th, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 109

Thursday

- The House Health & Human Services Committee meets on Thursdays at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 4
- The House Government Committee meets on Thursdays at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Land & Agriculture Committee](#) will not meet
- The Senate Commerce Committee meets on Thursdays at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The Senate Judiciary Committee meets on Thursdays at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [Senate Water and Agriculture Committee](#) will meet on Thursday, March 7th, at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 3

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NACo Webinar: Rigorous Evidence 101 & Research Clearinghouses

On March 27, NACo will host a webinar along with the Pew Charitable Trusts on Evidence-Based Policymaking. Staff from the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative (Results First) will provide an overview on types of evidence, what constitutes rigorous evidence, and then discuss how to find that evidence by utilizing research clearinghouses. A live demo of the Clearinghouse Database will highlight its key features and tips for finding evidence in the database. The Clearinghouse Database is an online resource comprised of data from nine national clearinghouses on the effectiveness of social policy programs. A county official will also be participating in the webinar, discussing how she has used the Clearinghouse Database to enhance her work as a county official.

The webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27 at 2:00 PM Eastern Time.

To register for the webinar, please click [here](#). To learn more about the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative, please click [here](#).

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