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## State Treasurer Kimberly Yee Meets with CSA Board



This week at the CSA Board Meeting Arizona State Treasurer Kimberly Yee provided supervisors with a legislative update and reviewed her main goals for this term. Treasurer Yee discussed Local Government Investment Pools (LGIP); she explained local governments are able to voluntarily deposit money with the Treasurer's Office to invest in LGIP's. The LGIP's are in statute under [Arizona Revised Statute 35-326](#), to learn more about the LGIP, please click [here](#).

Another one of Treasurer Yee's main goals is financial literacy. Financial literacy refers to having "the knowledge, skills and habits to successfully manage your money. Such skills include using a budget or plan for monthly spending; regularly saving some of today's money for tomorrow's needs; managing your use of credit to avoid over-extending yourself; and investing funds to allow your money to grow." Treasurer Yee has made it a priority to ensure that all high school students receive a financial literacy component in their required high school economics course. To learn more about financial literacy and resources, please click [here](#).

Also at the CSA Board Meeting, CSA staff provided a legislative update and discussed CSA financial priorities.

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## Sun Corridor Trail Meeting

Supervisors and professional staff from across the state convened on Thursday at CSA to discuss the ongoing efforts to create the Sun Corridor Trail. Yavapai County Supervisor Tom Thurman chaired the meeting which included presentations from Maricopa County's Parks and Recreation Director R.J. Cardin and Parks and Open Space Planner Lauren Bromley. Supervisor Thurman noted that the creation of a statewide system of trails that connects cities and towns across Arizona has great potential to promote tourism and economic development across the state.

Cardin and Bromley discussed the preliminary plans for existing trails that would be connected to form the Sun Corridor Trail, along with the efforts that have already gone into the planning for the trail system. Cardin noted that this has already been a very collaborative effort, with a lot of interest from local government, the state and communities to create the proposed trail.

Steve Anderson, Pima County's Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Planning Division Manager, described the process that the Arizona Trail Association went through to create Arizona's first statewide trail system, the Arizona Trail. Anderson noted that the main difference between the Arizona Trail and the proposed Sun Corridor Trail is the areas that they go through. The Arizona Trail is tailored towards backcountry hiking whereas the Sun Corridor Trail would go through Arizona's cities and towns to allow hikers to explore the local communities as well as scenic trails.

For more information on the proposed Sun Corridor Trail please, click [here](#).

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## La Paz County Land Conveyance Act

The La Paz County Land Conveyance Act ([H.R. 304](#)) introduced by Congressman Gosar was added to the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act ([S. 47](#)) which was signed into law on March 12<sup>th</sup> by President Trump. The La Paz County Land Conveyance Act allows Secretary of the Interior to allow up to 6,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management land to be purchased by the county. Supervisor D.L. Wilson stated, "Our vision is to attract new industry, especially solar development to this strategic location to diversify our local economy, create quality jobs and increase the tax base so our rural County can adequately meet the growing needs of our citizens." Supervisor Duce Minor said that "the County's top priority in developing this land is to attract economic diversification that has occurred elsewhere in Arizona. This will create higher paying jobs and decrease the unemployment rate for county residents."

S.47 was a bipartisan bill that included more than 100 individual bills focused on programs, projects, management, and conservation of natural resources within federal lands. Some of the other bills related to federal land within Arizona included within the final version of S. 47 were H.R. 274, the Cottonwood Land Exchange Act; H.R. 755, the Black Mountain Range and Bullhead City Land Exchange Act; H.R. 756, the Embry-Riddle Tri-City Land Exchange Completion Act; H.R. 1268, the Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act; Sec. 1102, the Young Land Life Exchange Act; and S. 55 the Udall Park Land Exchange Completion Act.

To read Congressman Gosar's press release about the La Paz County's Land Conveyance Act, please click [here](#).

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## The Central Arizona Project



This week during the House Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee the General Manager of the Central Arizona Project (CAP), along with various CAP Board Members, gave an overview of the CAP and the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGR). The General Manager of the CAP Ted Cooke stated that the CAP is a 336-mile aqueduct from Lake Havasu to Tucson, with 14 pumping plants lifting the water almost 3,000 feet between Lake Havasu and its arrival in Tucson. The CAP delivers more than 500 billion gallons of water annually; serving 3 counties, 5 million people, and 350,000 acres of irrigated agriculture. CAP Board Member Sharon Megdal

representing Pima County stated that the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGR) was created in 1993 by the legislature and is a special function of the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, which manages and operates the CAP.

CAP Board Member Karen Cesare shared that CAP was recently awarded with the North American Maintenance Excellence (NAME) Award. The NAME Award is presented by the Foundation for Industrial Maintenance Excellence to "recognize companies that excel in operational excellence with regard to maintenance and reliability." Less than two dozen organizations have received the NAME Award. To read more about CAP receiving the North American Maintenance Excellence Award, please click [here](#).



To learn more about the Central Arizona Project, please click [here](#). To learn more about the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District, please click [here](#).

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## JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights

On Wednesday, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee staff released their [monthly fiscal highlights](#), outlining the current status of the state's revenues and expenditures. February revenue collections are below the adopted forecast by \$(41.7) million, or (8.9) percent. This follows below forecast collections in December and January, with year to date collections \$(132.4) million below forecast. The poor revenue performance is attributable to individual income tax revenues, which are (4.1) percent below forecast year to date. JLBC staff believes that this may be due to a technical timing issue, as other statewide and national economic indicators continue to be strong.

State general fund expenditures in February were \$626.6 million, which is \$(1.6) million below the prior year. The Budget Stabilization Fund is currently at \$439.4 million.

The Highway User Revenue Fund has collected \$1.0 billion year to date, which is 4.8 percent above the same time period in 2018 and 2.8 percent above forecast.

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## Legislative Session Snapshot

The 54th Legislature, First Regular Session marks its 68<sup>st</sup> day of the legislative session today. There have 1289 bills, 96 memorials/resolutions introduced this session and 7 bills signed.

Next week is the last week for bills that have made it through their house of origin to receive hearings in the opposite chamber with the exception of bills assigned to Appropriations.

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 House Appropriations on March 6<sup>th</sup> with a 10-0 vote. The bill is waiting in Rules as the budget is negotiated
  - [HB 2429 appropriations; EORP contributions; counties](#) (*Thorpe*), failed on 3<sup>rd</sup> Read for political reasons unrelated to the bill on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - [SB 1293 appropriations; EORP contributions; counties](#) (*Gowan*), passed out of the House Government Committee with a vote of 7-1-0-3 and will need to be heard in the House Appropriations Committee.
- 2) [HB 2467 NOW: west basin water users; committee](#) (*Cobb*), passed Senate Water and Agriculture Committee with a vote of 5-0-2.
- 3) [HB 2702 TPT; marketplace facilitators; nexus](#) (*Toma*), pending action by the House Rules Committee, but is not expected to move forward and will need to be part of budget negotiations or part of a comprehensive tax package.
- 4) [SB 1084 funeral; last illness; expenses; lien](#) (*Borrelli*), is scheduled to be heard in House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

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## Next Week: Committee Agendas

### Monday

- The [House Education Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Regulatory Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 5
- The [House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Government Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 1

### Tuesday

- The [House Commerce Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 3
- The [House Elections Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [Senate Education Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 1

### Wednesday

- The [House Judiciary Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 am in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House Technology Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 5
- The [House Ways & Means Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [Senate Health and Human Services Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [House Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in House Hearing Room 3
- The [House Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Federal Relations Committee](#) will not meet

- The [House State & International Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm in House Hearing Room 5
- The [House Transportation Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Finance Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 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](#) will meet on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Land & Agriculture Committee](#) will meet on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 3
- 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 meets on Thursdays at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 3

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