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Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Tasked with Appointing House Vacancy

With a new vacancy in the House of Representatives this week, after resignation by Representative David Stringer, the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors is tasked with appointing a new Representative to fill the vacancy. The Precinct Committeemen of Yavapai County will meet this Sunday to recommend three names for consideration by the Board of Supervisors to fill the empty seat in LD 1. The Board of Supervisors is expected to hold a special hearing next Wednesday morning to select the new Representative, to be sworn in immediately upon appointment. With Stringer's resignation, the House is left with only 30 Republicans, one short of the number needed to pass legislation out of the chamber.

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National County Government Month: April 2019

Each year, National County Government Month (NCGM) is held in April as a celebration of county government. This year's NCGM theme of "Connecting the Unconnected" is the National Association of Counties (NACo) 2018-2019 President Greg Cox's initiative. This initiative is focused on ways that county governments are connecting their residents and building healthy, safe, and vibrant communities. To read more about NACo President Greg Cox's initiative of "Connecting the Unconnected," please click [here](#). The goal of County Government Month is providing county officials an opportunity to increase public awareness on essential county services and programs in addition to the roles that county officials play in the community. It also provides an opportunity to show your residents why [Counties Matter](#).

Here are some ideas to get the word out about County Government Month:

- Establish a National County Government Month planning committee
- Decide how extensive your activities will be
- Issue a Proclamation
- Prepare and distribute county fact sheets on key county departments
- Contact the media after deciding what events or activities will be held
- Participate in Recognition Day for National Service on April 2, 2019
- Schedule a meeting with your Congressional representative(s)

Governor Ducey issued a proclamation honoring County Government Month, which can be found [here](#). For more information on National County Government Month and resources that can be used to get the word out, please click [here](#).

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Affiliate Group ACDEHSA Meets

On Wednesday, the Arizona County Directors of Environmental Health Services Association (ACDEHSA) met with state agency partners at the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and the Arizona Department of Environmental Services regarding a variety of functions delegated to counties by the state. They also discussed updates on ADHS rule making and collaborating with Arizona Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association on common goals.

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

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NTIA Webinar on the American Broadband Initiative

On March 20, BroadbandUSA held a webinar on the American Broadband Initiative: The Administration's Strategy for Promoting Broadband Connectivity." This webinar provided an overview of the initiatives from the White House and key agencies. Participants included individuals from the White House Office of Science and Technology (OSTP), the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), and the General Services Administration (GSA). The American Broadband Initiative is a multi-agency effort that is focused on "removing barriers to broadband deployment and making it easier for broadband providers to build out networks across the country."



During the presentation Doug Kinkoph, an Associate Administrator for NTIA with the Department of Commerce, said that BroadbandUSA is targeted at serving communities, industries, and nonprofits. Mr. Kinkoph stated that NTIA's commitments are:

- Creating a One-Stop site for the latest federal information on broadband funding and permitting
- Piloting a Broadband Mapping Tool to Better Target Funding
- Improving Coordination Between Federal and State Programs
- Supporting Streamlining the Federal Permitting Work Stream

To view BroadbandUSA's PowerPoint presentation, please click [here](#). To view the BroadbandUSA website, please click [here](#).

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Legislative Session Snapshot

The 54th Legislature, First Regular Session marks its 75th day of the legislative session today. There have been 1289 bills, 96 memorials/resolutions introduced this session and 35 bills signed.

This week was 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. There are 11 strike-everything bills (strikers) that will be heard in Appropriations next week. Based on the striker notices that have posted, the majority of the strikers will be bills that stalled in committee or rules earlier in session. Generally, next week we would see increased activity on the floor in preparation for budget discussions, but with the resignation of Representative Stringer the House has indicated they will hold floor action until his replacement is appointed.

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*), is waiting in Rules as the budget is negotiated.
 - [HB 2429 appropriations; EORP contributions; counties](#) (*Thorpe*), failed on 3rd Read for political reasons unrelated to the bill on Tuesday, March 19th.
 - [SB 1293 appropriations; EORP contributions; counties](#) (*Gowan*), will be heard in the House Appropriations Committee on Wednesday, April 3rd.
- 2) [HB 2467 NOW: committees; west basin water users](#) (*Cobb*), is pending 3rd Read in the Senate.
- 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*), passed House Judiciary on March 27th with a 10-0 vote. The bill is now waiting for a hearing in House Rules.

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Next Week: Committee Agendas

The House and Senate Appropriations Committees will be the only committees holding regular meetings. Other committees may hold special meetings for Executive Nominations and Presentations.

- The [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, April 2nd, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [House Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, April 3rd, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 1

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NACo Webinar: How to Access Federal Funding for Pay for Success and Social Impact

NACo and the Urban Institute will hold a webinar focused on “How to Access Federal Funding for Pay for Success and Social Impact.” This webinar will provide individuals an overview of pay for success and the role of counties in planning and implementing these projects. Additionally, the Urban Institute will provide information on the notice of funding availability released on February 22, 2019 and the [Social Impact Partnerships to Pay for Results Act \(SIPPRA\)](#). For more information about the Urban Institute, please click [here](#).

The webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd at 2:00 pm Eastern Time. To register for this webinar, please click [here](#).

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NACo Webinar: Meeting the Needs of Individuals with Substance Use Disorders

NACo will hold part two of a three part webinar series on Substance Abuse Interventions for Justice-Involved Individuals on “Strategies for Jails.” This part of the webinar series will focus on strategies that counties can use in order to effectively treat individuals who have substance use disorders while they are in jail. Some of the topics that will be discussed are “substance abuse screenings, medicated—assisted treatment (MAT), and population review teams.”

This webinar is scheduled for Thursday, April 18 at 2:00 pm Eastern Time. To register for the webinar, please click [here](#). To view part three of this webinar series on “Strategies for Reentry from Jail,” please click [here](#).

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