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NACo 2019 Annual Conference



Last week, twenty-four Arizona supervisors participated in the National Associations of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference in Clark County, Nevada. Arizona delegates spent much of the conference working to develop policy positions regarding issues affecting counties, including: public lands management, affordable housing, healthcare, criminal justice, disaster management, and the 2020 Census. CSA will distribute a full list of NACo's adopted policy positions as soon as they become available.

During the conference the 2019-2020 NACo Officers were appointed, including: NACo President, Douglas County, Nebraska Supervisor Mary Ann Borgeson; First Vice President, Boone County, Kentucky Judge Gary Moore; Second Vice President, DeKalb County, Georgia Commissioner Larry Johnson; and Immediate Past President, San Diego County, California Supervisor Greg Cox.

In addition, the [NACo 2019-2020 Presidential Appointment](#) of the standing committee leadership and steering committee positions were determined, including Arizona supervisors who were appointed as follows (*alphabetical by county*):

- Coconino County Supervisor Liz Archuleta: President of Women of NACo, At-Large NACo Board of Directors Member and the Vice-chair of the Public Lands Steering Committee.
- Coconino County Supervisor Lena Fowler: Vice-chair of the Rural Action Caucus.
- Mohave County Supervisor Buster Johnson: Vice-chair of the Information Technology Standing Committee.
- Santa Cruz County Supervisor Manuel Ruiz: Vice-chair of the Immigration Task Force.

The National Association of County Administrators (NACA) elected officers to serve a 2-year term, from July 2019-July 2022. Coconino County Manager James Jayne was elected to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer.

NACo is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation's 3,069 counties. For more information, please [click here](#).

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Yavapai County Appoints New Supervisor Mary Mallory



Monday the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to appoint new Supervisor Mary Mallory to represent District 5. She was appointed to replace former Yavapai County Supervisor Jack Smith, who recently resigned to serve as the Arizona State Director of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Supervisor Mallory was elected to the Prescott Valley Town Council in 2011 and has served on the Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization board since 2012, the Vice-Chair of the Northern Arizona Consumers Advancing Recovery Empowerment (NAZCARE) Board, and Chair of the Peer Advisory Board of NAZCARE. Supervisor Mallory is a licensed realtor and a member of the Prescott Area Association of Realtors and National Association of Realtors.

CSA extends our congratulations and welcomes Supervisor Mallory.

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ACMA Conference



This week CSA attended the Arizona City/County Management Association (ACMA) Summer Conference.

Facilitated discussions during the conference covered a variety of issues, including: broadband, infrastructure, using data to identify and improve issues, preparation for an economic downturn, and paying off unfunded pension liabilities.

Today, CSA Executive Director Craig Sullivan participated in a panel with Ken Strobeck, Executive Director of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns to provide an update for ACMA members on legislative issues, including an overview of the 2019 legislative session, fiscal relief for local government, and the impact of unexpected events at the legislature this year.

The Arizona City/County Management Association was established in 1954. It is a non-profit, professional organization dedicated to increasing the knowledge and ability of city, town and county managers, as well as other local government administrators. The organization also aims to strengthen the quality of local government in the state of Arizona through professional management, education, training and the mutual exchange of information.

For more information on the Arizona City/County Management Association, please [click here](#).

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Law Enforcement Summit

The 39th Annual Arizona Law Enforcement Summit (Summit) convened this week in Coconino County. The Summit brings together multiple commissions, councils and associations connected to criminal justice and law enforcement in Arizona. The event provides an opportunity to convene committee meetings, share information across multiple jurisdictions, and provide training to participants.

To learn more about the Summit please, click [here](#).

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New PSPRS Actuary Briefs County and CSA Staff

Last Tuesday, the new actuarial firm for the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS), Foster & Foster, gave a briefing to county and CSA staff on the recommendations they have provided to PSPRS Board of Trustees. The actuary discussed possible adjustments to the actuarial assumptions that are used to determine employer contributions rates. These included how fast payroll is expected to grow, the plan's anticipated investment returns and the structure used to pay down debt. The PSPRS Board annually adopts these and other assumptions for their actuaries to use in determining the amount necessary to properly fund each of the three retirement systems they oversee.

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JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights and FY 2019 Summary

On Friday, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) staff released their July 2019 Monthly Fiscal Highlights which cover revenues and expenditures from June 2019 and the preliminary figures for all of FY 2019. June collections continued the strong gains seen in May, with Individual Income Tax (IIT) up 10.2 percent year-over-year and total revenue up 11.5 percent above June 2018.

In total, General Fund collections were \$11.23 billion which JLBC staff noted is the highest ever recorded in Arizona. This level was 11.2 percent above FY 2018 and \$256 million above the forecast adopted in the FY 2020 budget. This will leave the state with an estimated FY 2019 ending balance of \$1.01 billion. The table on the right shows the changes from FY 2018 in the state's major revenue categories.

Revenue Streams	Total Collections <i>in millions</i>	% Change from FY 2018
Sales and Use Tax	\$5,096.7	6.5%
Individual Income Tax	\$5,008.0	10.2%
Corporate Income Tax	\$514.3	37.9%
Insurance Premium Tax	\$549.8	7.9%

**Before Urban Revenue Sharing*

FY 2019 General Fund expenditures totaled \$10.68 billion, roughly \$13 million above the enacted budget.

Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) revenues were \$1.52 billion in FY 2019, 4.4 percent above FY 2018 and 2.0% above the JLBC Baseline Forecast.

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Wildfire Update

Stage 1 fire restrictions remain in effect in portions of nine Arizona counties. Stage 1 includes the following restrictions and prohibitions:

- Fires, campfires, charcoal, coal, or wood stoves, other than in a developed campsite or picnic area;
- Smoking, except in specified locations;
- Fireworks or another incendiary devices; and
- Welding or operating acetylene or other torch devices with an open flame.

County leaders have deployed resources to protect public safety in communities threatened by wildfires. There are currently five wildfires burning in Arizona, which include:

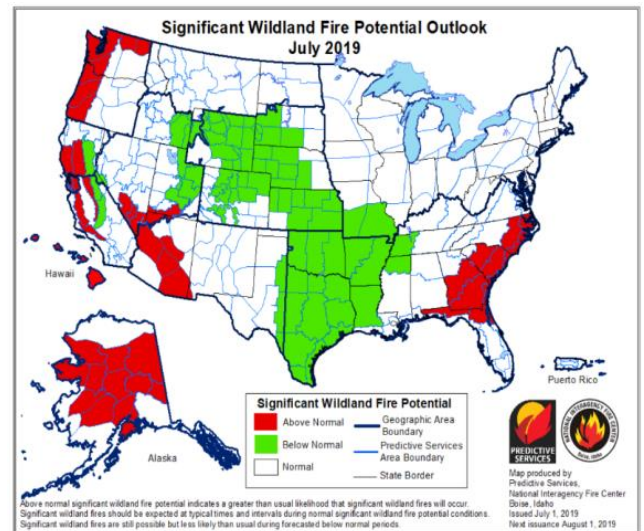
- Castle Fire – a lightning caused fire is burning about 11 miles south of Jacob Lake in the Kaibab National Forest.
- Cellar Fire – is burning 16 miles south of Prescott in the Prescott National Forest, the lightning caused fire has burnt 7,293 and is zero percent contained. Residents in Pine Flat area were evacuated Thursday afternoon and other communities in the area have been asked to prepare for an evacuation. A shelter has been set up at the Prescott High School.
- Duke Fire – has burned 780 acres east of Happy Jack, the lightning caused fire will be allowed to burn helping to restore the areas grasslands and ponderosa pine forest.
- Hart Fire – is being used to remove excess forest fuels for the restoration of the area southwest of the C.C. Cragin Reservoir Dam. The lightning caused fire has been burning since July 12, 2019 and has consumed 500 acres.
- Newman Fire – the lightning caused fire near Upper Lake Mary is being allowed to burn fuel within the Flagstaff Ranger District. The fire poses no danger to any structures or to residents and firefighters are working to establish control lines for scheduled burnout operations. The fire has burned a total of 4,994 acres since starting on July 11, 2019.
- Woodbury Fire – grew to 123,875 acres, but is now 100% contained.

For up to date information on wildfires, please click on the following links:

- [Arizona Interagency Wildfire Prevention](#)
- [Arizona State Forestry Division](#)
- [Arizona State Parks Fire Restrictions and Information](#)
- [InciWeb – Interagency All-Risk Incident Information Management System](#)
- [Federal: Active Fire Maps](#)
- [Fire Restrictions](#)
- [National Weather Service](#)

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CSA on the Road



CSA enjoyed traveling to Apache, Cochise, Santa Cruz and Pima counties over the last few weeks to meet with county supervisors and professional staff. Over the course of the summer, staff is looking forward to visiting with all 15 counties.

In the next two weeks, staff will travel to Navajo, Greenlee, Graham and Gila counties:

- Navajo County: July 23rd
- Greenlee County: August 5th
- Graham County: August 5th
- Gila County: August 6th

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