

**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

County Supervisors Association
1905 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona

MINUTES

February 15, 2013

Call to Order: Lenore Stuart 9:00 a.m.
Present In Person: David Tenney Navajo County
Present Telephonically:
Barry Weller Apache County
Ann English Cochise County
Mandy Metzger Coconino County
Mike Pastor Gila County
Jim Palmer Graham County
Ron Campbell Greenlee County
Gary Watson Mohave County
Pete Rios Pinal County
Manny Ruiz Santa Cruz
Tom Thurman Yavapai County
Lenore Stuart Yuma County

Absent: Holly Irwin (La Paz), Steve Chucri (Maricopa), Sharon Bronson (Pima)

Proxy: Tommie Martin (Gila), David Gomez (Greenlee)

Others present telephonically: John Marcanti, Joy Brotherton, Buster Johnson, Marlyn Summers, Kay Gale, Manny Gonzales, Laura Magnus

Others present in person: Page Gonzales, Rick Bohan, Beth Lewallen, Mark Barnes, Sabrina Vazquez, Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Todd Madeksza, Kristin Cipolla, Dan Bogert, Yvonne Ortega

Approval of the Minutes

Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present. Supervisor Ann English moved to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2013, Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Manny Ruiz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

State Budget Update

Craig Sullivan stated that the House and Senate members had been meeting in small groups to discuss the revenue parameters of the state budget. Since this week and next week are being dominated by committee hearings (due to next week being the deadline to hear bills in the house of origin), the discussions will continue in a few weeks. House and Senate staff did meet to help craft a plan for members.

Craig noted that the Governor's focus is on educating about her healthcare expansion plan. The legislature is targeting March for budget wrap-up. Craig reiterated the importance of counties communicating with legislators about our issues and to urge them to advocate on those issues.

TPT Proposal

Craig reported that [HB 2657](#) transaction privilege tax changes reflects several recommendations from the Governor's TPT Reform Taskforce. It was introduced this Monday and a hearing is scheduled for next Monday in House Ways and Means committee. Dan Bogert stated that a summary of the bill will be attached to the LPC report to be sent out later today.

He then proceeded to list some of the provisions of the bill. Craig added that CSA has met numerous times with the bill sponsor and the Governor's office. CSA will continue a series of meetings, beginning today with the Governor's Policy Advisor, Michael Hunter addressing the County Managers Association (CMA). CSA will continue to report out to the board, LPC, and CMA.

Legislative Bills / Issues for Discussion and Possible Consideration

Fire Districts

1. [HB 2200](#) county fire department; authorization. Scheduled for a hearing next week.
2. [HB 2572](#) fire districts; financial standards. Scheduled for a hearing next week.
3. [SB 1282](#) countywide fire districts. Scheduled for a hearing next week.
Supervisor Mandy Metzger moved to monitor, HB 2200, HB 2572 and SB 1282. Supervisor Gary Watson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. Supervisor Gary Watson suggested Todd Madeksza speak with John Flynn.

Regulatory Reform

4. [HB 2443](#) cities; counties; regulatory review. Todd stated that a floor amendment will be circulated today. Supervisor Tom Thurman moved to monitor HB 2443. Supervisor David Tenney seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Courts and Criminal Justice

5. [HB 2158](#) court-ordered evaluations. Supervisor Barry Weller moved to monitor HB 2158. Supervisor Tom Thurman seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.
6. [SB 1273](#) alcohol; drug abuse; courts; treatment. Kristin Cipolla noted that the bill passed the Senate this week. Supervisor Barry Weller moved to support SB 1273. Supervisor David Tenney seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.
7. [SB 1413](#) appeals; postconviction relief. Kristin noted the bill passed Senate Judiciary committee this week. Supervisor David Tenney moved to oppose SB 1413. Supervisor Jim Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

General

8. [HB 2338](#) regional water augmentation authorities. Todd explained this is the Speaker's bill and he agreed last Tuesday to hold the bill for a week. It will be heard next week. Supervisor David Tenney moved to monitor HB 2338. Supervisor Mandy Metzger seconded the motion and the motion passed. Todd was given direction by the LPC to sign in committee with a neutral position.
9. [HB 2608](#) EORP; closure; defined contribution. Todd explained that the bill sponsor (Lovas) is the chair of the House Banking committee and CSA has been communicating with him. Representative Lovas has agreed to speak at the CSA board meeting next week. Supervisor Tom Thurman moved to monitor HB 2608. Supervisor Pete Rios seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.
10. [SB 1266](#) illegal dumping; penalties. Kristin noted the bill has been assigned to two committees, Government and Environment, and Public Safety, and is on both committee agendas. Supervisor Mandy Metzger moved to monitor SB 1266. Supervisor Manny Ruiz seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Update of CSA-sponsored Bills

Todd reviewed the status of CSA's agenda bills.

- 1) [HB 2124](#): fire districts reorganization elections. Passed out of the House this week.
- 2) [HB 2138](#): municipalities; rights-of-way; transfer. On the consent calendar.
- 3) [SB 1098](#): medical marijuana; zoning authority. Passed out of the Senate; awaiting a House committee hearing.
- 4) [HB 2175](#): special districts; use fees. Passed unanimously out of committee this week.
- 5) [SB 1284](#): county general excise tax rate. Scheduled for the Finance committee on February 20.

Next Meeting Date and Time

The next LPC meeting will be held in conjunction with the CSA Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, February 21, at 10:00 a.m.; then, Friday, March 1, at 9:00 a.m.

Other Business and Adjournment

There being no further business, President Stuart adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.