

**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION  
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

County Supervisors Association  
1905 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES  
March 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
Tommie Martin	Gila County
Jim Palmer	Graham County
David Gomez	Greenlee County
Gary Watson	Mohave County
Pete Rios	Pinal County
Tom Thurman	Yavapai County
Lenore Stuart	Yuma County

**Absent:** Holly Irwin (La Paz), Steve Chucri (Maricopa), Sharon Bronson (Pima), Manny Ruiz (Santa Cruz)

**Others present telephonically:** John Marcanti, Mike Pastor, Matt Rudig, John Nelson, Ana Wayman-Trujillo,

**Others present in person:** Delwin Wengert, Joanne Keene, Terry Cooper, Kay Gale, Mike Ortega, Robert Pickels, Fritz Behring, James Jayne, Page Gonzales, Rick Bohan, Beth Lewallen, Sabrina Vazquez, Mark Barnes, 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 Barry Weller moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2013, Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor David Tenney seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**State Budget Update**

Craig Sullivan reported that the Governor released a key element of her budget this week as it relates to the healthcare expansion, which is set for an informational hearing next week in Appropriations. Budget discussions between legislative leadership and the Governor's Office have not yet been focused on in earnest. CSA met with the Governor's Office and they believe the length of the legislative session will be based on the legislature's reception to the Governor's healthcare and TPT reform proposals. Next week is the last week to hear bills in the opposite chamber.

**TPT Proposal**

[HB 2657 transaction privilege tax changes](#). Craig reported he met with the Governor's team this week on the TPT reform. The bill is still being held in the House and has not yet been listed in Appropriations. The bill sponsor is trying to get it on Senate Finance for next week via a striker, but CSA has not yet seen the language. The Governor's Office believes there is still a long way to go before resolution. CSA received the Department of Revenue's analysis and has distributed it to county management, which will be discussed at today's meeting with the County Managers Association to identify next steps. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Grand Canyon Institute also released their own analyses.

## **Legislative Bills / Issues for Discussion and Possible Consideration**

### **Regulatory Reform**

1. [HB 2443](#) cities; counties; regulatory review. Todd Madeksza reported the counties are continuing to work with stakeholders to develop a consensus bill.
2. [SB 1463](#) counties; flood control districts; rules. Todd reported that the chair of the House Government Committee has not yet put it on an agenda. CSA continues to monitor.

### **General**

1. [HB 2430](#) tech correction; immunization; informed consent. Mark Barnes reported the bill passed the House and is ready for the Senate and is expected to be in Senate Health next week. Counties have requested an amendment to require an insurance company to pay a county at the in-network rate for immunizations done on children with insurance. Supervisor Pete Rios commented that even though this legislation has not yet passed, it is yielding positive results for Pinal County.
2. [HB 2533](#) local governments; public notices; website. Todd reported it failed in Third Read in the House. The bill sponsor changed his vote in order to be able to make a motion for reconsideration. A strike-everything vehicle for it may appear.
3. [HB 2648](#) police functions; revocation; officer misconduct. Todd reported the bill passed out of the House with an amendment removing the county sheriff and requiring a vote by the board of supervisors to hire a police manager.
4. [SB 1282](#) (NOW: countywide fire districts; study committee). Todd reported that the bill sponsor heard county and other stakeholder concerns and a study committee will be held in the off season.
5. [SB 1321](#) residential energy efficiency; building codes. Todd reported that the Homebuilders Association is looking to put codes for 2015 into statute. The bill is moving; CSA continues to work with stakeholders. Concerns were expressed by counties about the complexity of the code usage, focusing on energy efficiency and not water savings, and an abundance of government oversight.

### **Update of CSA-sponsored Bills**

Todd reviewed the status of CSA's agenda bills.

1. [HB 2124](#) fire districts reorganization elections. The bill was amended in committee and moving to the floor of the Senate.
2. [HB 2138](#) municipalities; rights-of-way; transfer. On Senate Government and Environment Committee agenda for next week.
3. [HB 2175](#) special districts; use fees. Assigned to Senate Government and Environment and Appropriations. Waiting for Senator Griffin to put it on an agenda.
4. [SB 1098](#) medical marijuana; zoning authority. It's in House Rules.
5. [SB 1284](#) county general excise tax rate. The Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee did not believe the votes were present so did not put it on a committee agenda. CSA has been working with Navajo County on the bill.

### **Other Business**

Todd stated that some counties, the risk manager for the insurance pool and ADOT have concerns with [SB 1231](#) public buildings; construction; indemnity. The bill will be put on next week's agenda and has already been circulated to counties.

### **Next Meeting Date and Time**

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

### **Adjournment**

President Stuart thanked CSA for their hard work this session. There being no further business, President Stuart adjourned the meeting at 9:31 a.m.