

**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

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County Supervisors Association
1905 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES
March 29, 2013**

Call to Order: Lenore Stuart 9:00 a.m.

Present in Person: Tom Thurman Yavapai County

Present Telephonically:

Mandy Metzger	Coconino County
Tommie Martin	Gila County
Jim Palmer	Graham County
David Gomez	Greenlee County
Gary Watson	Mohave County
Pete Rios	Pinal County
Lenore Stuart	Yuma County

Absent: Barry Weller (Apache), Ann English (Cochise), Holly Irwin (La Paz), Steve Chucric (Maricopa), David Tenney (Navajo), Sharon Bronson (Pima), Manny Ruiz (Santa Cruz)

Others present telephonically: John Marcanti, Mike Pastor, Buster Johnson, Russ Clark, Joanne Keene, Matt Rudig, Terry Cooper, Kay Gale, Laura Magnus, Beth Lewallen, Ana Wayman-Trujillo, Robert Pickels, Jacque Griffin, Heather Murphy, Mark Barnes

Others present in person: Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Todd Madeksza, Kristin Cipolla, Dan Bogert, Yvonne Ortega

State Budget Update

Craig Sullivan reported that the House and Senate leadership have been convening small meetings with caucuses to brief them on where the budget dialogue is. Legislators looked at the JLBC baseline budget and compared it with the Governor's proposal. The big issues in the budget, Medicaid, TPT and others, will drive the timeframe of the budget discussions. CSA will continue to report out.

TPT Proposal

[HB 2657](#) transaction privilege tax changes and [HB 2111](#) S/E transaction privilege tax changes. Mark Barnes reported that the legislation went through Senate Appropriations this week and is now moving as a Senate bill. There is still concern with the fiscal impact to entities. Mark noted that the contracting piece could be pulled out of the bill and handled at a later date, but the Governor continues to push for it. CSA has been meeting with the Governor's Office, Department of Revenue and the County Managers Association (CMA). The CMA is trying to determine what fiscal measures can be put in the legislation to make it palatable to counties, particularly to rural counties.

Legislative Bills / Issues for Discussion and Possible Consideration

Structural Pest Control Commission

1. [SB 1290](#) office of pest management. Todd Madeksza reported that the bill sponsor has asked the Office of Pest Management for a letter to clarify that the Office of Pest Management would not enforce the provisions requiring a political subdivision to utilize a licensed, qualified person to handle duties, whether on public or private land. Todd explained that a veto would be sought should the letter not be issued and urged counties to look for a possible action alert from CSA. Todd explained that the bill was in Final Read in the House so there's not a place to amend it.

Regulatory Reform

1. [HB 2443](#) cities; counties; regulatory review. Awaiting House Final Read.
2. [HB 2463](#) NOW: rules; counties; flood control districts. Todd explained that this is the bill to follow out of these three regulatory reform bills. It is awaiting a hearing in Senate Committee of the

Whole. He suggested counties contact their legislators and Governor's office to express their opinion.

3. [HB 2527](#) NOW: flood control districts; counties; rules. Awaiting Senate Rules; basically dead.
4. [SB 1463](#) counties; flood control districts; rules. Dead in House Government.

Update of CSA-sponsored Bills

Todd reviewed the status of CSA's agenda bills.

1. [HB 2124](#) fire districts reorganization elections. Awaiting hearing in Senate Committee of the Whole.
2. [HB 2138](#) municipalities; rights-of-way; transfer. On Senate Consent Calendar.
3. [HB 2175](#) special districts; use fees. Dead for this session.
4. [SB 1098](#) medical marijuana; zoning authority. Transmitted to the Governor.
5. [SB 1284](#) county general excise tax rate. Held in House Ways and Means Committee; basically dead.

Next Meeting Date and Time

Due to most of the bills having already been processed and waiting on budget negotiations, the LPC discussed suspending LPC meetings until an actionable timeframe, but would continue to issue weekly Friday LPC reports and report out to the County Managers Association and the board. The consensus was to continue with the weekly LPC meetings. The next LPC meeting will be held on Friday, April 5, at 9:00 a.m.

Other Business and Adjournment

President Stuart wished everyone Happy Easter. There being no further business, President Stuart adjourned the meeting at 9:19 a.m.