

**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION  
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

*(Teleconference Made Available)*

County Supervisors Association  
1905 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES**

**February 14, 2014**

**Call to Order:** Mary Rose Wilcox 9:00 a.m.

**Present in Person:** Mary Rose Wilcox Maricopa County

**Present Telephonically:**

Barry Weller	Apache County
Tommie Martin	Gila County
James Palmer	Graham County
David Gomez	Greenlee County
D. L. Wilson	La Paz County
Gary Watson	Mohave County
Pete Rios	Pinal County
Manny Ruiz	Santa Cruz County
Tom Thurman	Yavapai County
Lenore Stuart	Yuma County

**Absent:** Ann English (Cochise), Mandy Metzger (Coconino), David Tenney (Navajo), Sharon Bronson (Pima)

**Others present telephonically:** Mike Pastor, John Marcanti, Russ Clark, Mike Ortega, Martin Willett, Robert Pickels, James Jayne, Hunter Moore, Joe Pierett, Cheryl Sluyter, Barry Aarons, Laura Tessier

**Others present in person:** Phil Bourdon, Jack Fields, Travis Lingenfelter, Rick Bohan, Mark Barnes, Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Todd Madeksza, Kristin Cipolla, Dan Bogert, Yvonne Ortega

Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox was standing in as chairman since President Palmer was attending telephonically.

Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Supervisor Manny Ruiz moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2014, Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Lenore Stuart seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Governor's Budget Recommendation Report / JLBC Baseline Budget and Transportation Update**

Craig Sullivan reported next week is the last week to hear bills in the house of origin. Conversations continue among legislators on the major budget items. It is anticipated to see a budget resolution by midMarch. CSA is working with AACo on drafting a letter by the Sheriff's Association letter on the counties' budget priorities in order to help get out our message. CSA will continue to coordinate with counties to get the message out. As part of the focus to get the message out on the need to restore HURF, CSA has engaged Representative Fann, the chair of the House Transportation Committee, to provide a transportation report at the CSA Board of Directors meeting next week. Senator Burgess, the Senate Transportation Committee chair, has also been asked to appear. At the request of the Governor's Office, Craig met with the executive director, Jim Augsbury, of the Western Governors Association (WGA) and briefed him on the importance of PILT. The Governor

also briefed Mr. Augsbury on getting the WGA involved in the advocacy on the protection of PILT funding. The WGA did do a letter in support, and the Governor requested they make this a priority. CSA will also reach out to other counties in the western states to have their governors do a similar message. CSA provided information to Governor Brewer as background for her to do a similar letter about the importance of PILT and that should be completed shortly. In addition, Senator Griffin's memorial (SCM 1006), urging Congress to act on PILT, should be expedited, as well.

Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox informed the group that Coconino was not present on today's teleconference because they are conducting new school superintendent interviews.

### **CSA Legislative Agenda**

1. [HB 2149 state parks; SLIF fund distribution](#) (*Borrelli*). Dan Bogert reported the bill passed the House Agriculture & Water committee and is now assigned to the House Appropriations committee.
2. [HB 2218 fire districts reorganization elections](#) (*Fann*). Todd Madeksza reported the bill is expected to be assigned to the House Government committee.
3. [HB 2224 sale of fireworks; counties](#) (*Fann*). Todd reported CSA is in discussions with other stakeholders. It is expected it will be on a committee agenda next week in House Public Safety, Military and Regulatory Affairs.
4. [HB 2240 developmental disabilities; client income; retention](#) (*Brophy-McGee*). Todd reported he expects it to be on a House Reform and Human Services committee agenda next week. It has also been assigned to the House Appropriations committee.
5. [HB 2320 county seals; approval of use](#) (*J. Pierce*) / [SB 1116 county seal; board approval](#) (*McGuire*). Todd reported HB 2320 passed out of House Government committee this week. Senate bill 1116 is scheduled for Senate Government and Environment next week.
6. [HB 2531 court-ordered evaluation services; payment](#) (*Brophy-McGee*). Kristin Cipolla reported it is on the House Health committee agenda next week.
7. [SB 1271 county liens; abatements](#) (*Ward*). Todd reported it was assigned to the Senate Government and Environment committee, but failed to be placed on an agenda. CSA is working with the bill sponsor to identify a viable vehicle.

### **Legislative Bills for Discussion**

#### **Land and Forest Management**

1. [HB 2536 best land management practices; appropriations](#). Dan reported it passed the House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources committee. It has also been assigned to the House Appropriations committee, but has not yet been scheduled for a hearing.
2. [HB 2578 municipalities; counties; wildland-urban interface regulation](#). Dan explained the bill.
3. [SB 1267 natural resource management; state agencies](#). Dan reported it has been assigned to the Senate Natural Resources and Rural Affairs committee, but has not yet been scheduled a hearing.
4. [SB 1268 natural resource protection fund](#). Kristin reported it has been assigned to the Senate Natural Resources and Rural Affairs committee, but has not yet been scheduled.
5. [SB 1292 Arizona resource advisory council](#). Kristin reported it is awaiting a Senate floor vote, after passing through its assigned committee and Rules.
6. [SB 1356 government land purchases; recording notification](#). Kristin reported it is scheduled for Senate Government and Environment committee on Monday at 2:00 p.m. next week. Kristin will research President Palmer's question on whether the bill included rights-of-ways for roads.
7. [SB 1458 conservation land; purpose; ownership](#). Kristin reported it is scheduled for the Senate Natural Resources and Rural Affairs committee next week.

Supervisor Wilcox requested CSA appraise Coconino County of these bills since they were unable to join today.

#### **Planning and Zoning**

8. [HB 2483 firearms; private lands; lawful discharge](#). Todd explained the bill. Supervisor Tom Thurman moved to oppose HB 2483. Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9. [HB 2553 political subdivisions; energy incentives; prohibition](#). Todd explained it has not yet been put on an agenda. CSA will continue to monitor and will send out an action alert should the bill move.
10. [SB 1227 municipalities; counties; energy efficient codes](#). Todd explained the bill. Supervisor Wilcox requested it be brought back next week.

#### **Other**

11. [HB 2046 disaster recovery; businesses; tax; regulation](#). Todd reported it passed its committee, but has not yet been listed on a Rules agenda. The chambers support it. CSA will continue to monitor it.
12. [HB 2379 special districts; secondary levy limits](#). Dan reported the bill was rereferred to the House Ways and Means committee where a strike everything amendment will be offered. CSA will send out a copy of the striker to counties. He noted that the CSA board voted to oppose this bill at last month's meeting. Craig stated that since the bill was scheduled for committee on Monday, he requested comments be sent as soon as possible about the striker amendment that CSA will send out.
13. [HB 2386 special districts; elections; financing; limits](#). Dan noted this bill was not listed on today's LPC agenda and is being reported on for informational purposes only. He stated it is scheduled for House Government on Tuesday. CSA will send out an alert if the strike everything amendment that is expected to be offered is passed. Todd commented that an addendum to the LPC agenda was sent out and requested members be aware of the order of the bills being discussed.
14. [HB 2634 ambulance services; certificates of necessity](#). Todd reported CSA will continue to monitor the bill.
15. [HB 2635 appropriations; law enforcement; county distribution](#). Todd reported on the bill.
16. [HB 2692 DPS; operating expenses; intent](#). Todd reported on the bill.
17. [SB 1200 elderly assistance fund; public outreach](#). Dan reported the bill had been assigned to the Senate Government and Environment committee, but was held. It has also been assigned to the Senate Appropriations committee.
18. [SB 1255 county transportation excise tax](#). Todd reported on the bill.

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

Supervisor Wilcox reported that the next meeting would be held in conjunction with the CSA Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, February 20, at 10:00 a.m. The following LPC meeting will be on Friday, February 28, at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Other Business**

In response to President Palmer's query, Craig reported that the energy tax exemption bill went through the Finance committee on Wednesday. The Governor's Office is aware of CSA's concerns and has authorized a meeting for CSA to meet with the Department of Revenue early next week.

Supervisor Wilcox thanked everyone for their participation.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Supervisor Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.