



**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

(Teleconference Made Available)

County Supervisors Association
1905 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES
March 13, 2015**

Call to Order:	Clint Hickman	9:00 a.m.
Present in Person:	Clint Hickman	Maricopa County
Present Telephonically/Webinar:	Barry Weller	Apache County
	Ann English	Cochise County
	Mandy Metzger	Coconino County
	Tommie Martin	Gila County
	David Gomez	Greenlee County
	D. L. Wilson	La Paz County
	Gary Watson	Mohave County
	Pete Rios	Pinal County
	Tom Thurman	Yavapai County
	Russell McCloud	Yuma County
Absent:	Jim Palmer	Graham County
	Jason Whiting	Navajo County
	Ray Carroll	Pima County
	Manuel Ruiz	Santa Cruz County
Proxy:	Jason Whiting	Navajo County

Others present telephonically: Russ Clark, Lenore Stuart, Matt Rudig, Cheryl Sluyter, Samir Patel

Others present in person: Scott Isham, Rick Bohan, Michelle Hindman, Mark Barnes, Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Todd Madeksza, Kristin Cipolla, Dan Bogert, Yvonne Ortega, Nick Gushue

Approval of the Minutes of the March 6, 2015, Legislative Policy Committee Meeting

Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present. Supervisor Tom Thurman moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2015, Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Russell McCloud seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

State Budget FY15-16

Craig Sullivan reported out on how the state budget unfolded on Friday into late Saturday morning last week. The budget holds impacts to every stakeholder of state government, including the counties, and CSA continues to send update impact sheets as more information unfolds. Some of the major impacts to counties include the 25 percent cost shift of the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (\$12 million impact with flexibility language attached), the 1 percent property tax cap liability shift that immediately impacts Pima and Pinal counties with exposure for other counties in the future, the Department of Revenue cost shift (has flexibility language attached), and a \$1.1 million cost consequence from the presidential preference election cost shift (utilizing AACo's cost estimate). He noted that a trailer bill will be needed to fix the problem in the DOR language related to how the cities' portion is determined, and CSA has submitted language to address the issue of MAG and PAG being included without being a payer. The total impact to counties is \$46 million in the FY2016 budget. Craig noted there are also fund sweeps in the judiciary, which has flexibility language attached to it.

In response to Supervisor Pete Rios, Craig stated that the legislature had empowered an appointed board, the Property Tax Oversight Committee (PTOC), to make decisions on the value of local tax increases and to judge which jurisdictions are causing the aggregate tax rates to exceed the 1 percent cap limit. He noted that attorneys in Pima County are evaluating the issue and CSA has a meeting scheduled with them today.

Legislative Bill Updates

Todd Madeksza reported that the Senate President is looking for a *sine die* adjournment on April 2. The coming week is the last week to hold committee hearings, except for Appropriations. He noted that the following bills are bills CSA has been tracking and that may need time sensitive assistance from counties in the coming weeks.

1. [HB 2131 tax adjudications; attorney fees](#). Todd stated CSA took a position in opposition to this bill. The bill is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Finance Committee next week and the chairman is willing to run an amendment if stakeholders can agree.
2. [HB 2212 licensing; accountability; enforcement; exceeding regulation](#). Todd reported the bill has been delayed and Senator Allen is willing to support an amendment on the inequality between the statutes. Supervisor Pete Rios urged support for CSA staff on this bill and the proposed amendment.
3. [HB 2320 firearms; permit holders; public places](#). Kristin Cipolla reported the bill passed the House yesterday and she thanked those counties who communicated with legislators. The bill has a fiscal note attached. It has been assigned to Senate Public Safety, Military & Technology Committee. CSA will send an action alert to counties to reach out to the committee members.
4. [HB 2438 post-traumatic stress disorders: public safety](#) (Livingston) / [SB 1443 occupational disease; post-traumatic stress disorder](#). Todd reported CSA is monitoring HB 2438 and CSA took a position in opposition to SB 1443. HB 2438 is on an agenda for next week and SB 1443 passed the Senate and has been transmitted to the House.
5. [SB 1071 tax lien deeds; aggregate fees](#). Todd reported AACo opposes this bill. It has a proposed aggregate cap of \$500. Supervisor Mandy Metzger moved to oppose SB 1071 and join AACo in their efforts of opposition. Supervisor Pete Rios seconded the motion and the motion passed with one in opposition.
6. [SB 1298 rules; counties; flood control districts](#). Todd reported CSA testified in opposition to this bill in committee, but it passed committee and is headed to the House floor.

CSA Legislative Agenda

1. [HB 2349 flood control districts; administrative enforcement](#) (*Fann*). Todd reported it should go next to the Senate floor.
2. [HB 2363 county contributions; hospitalization; medical; repeal](#) (*Thorpe*). Todd reported it is awaiting a hearing in the House Appropriations Committee.
3. [HB 2490 sexually violent persons; reimbursement; repeal](#) (*Carter*). Todd reported it is awaiting a hearing in the House Appropriations Committee.
4. [SB 1145 restoration to competency; state costs](#) (*Griffin*). Dan Bogert reported it passed the House Judiciary Committee yesterday and is awaiting the Rules Committee.
5. [SCM 1010 PILT program; SRS; full funding](#) (*Griffin*). Dan reported it passed the House committee, has gone through Rules and is awaiting Committee of the Whole.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Hickman provided a reminder that the next LPC meeting will be held in conjunction with the CSA Board of Directors meeting next Thursday, March 19, at 10:00 a.m., and then on Friday, March 27, at 9:00 a.m.

Other Business

Supervisor D. L. Wilson provided a reminder that La Paz County will be hosting the Small County Caucus at CSA on Wednesday evening next week

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Clint Hickman adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.