



**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION  
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

*(Teleconference Made Available)*

County Supervisors Association  
1905 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES**

**February 13, 2015**

**Call to Order:** Clint Hickman 11:31 a.m.

**Present in Person:**

Barry Weller	Apache County
Mandy Metzger	Coconino County
Tommie Martin	Gila County
Jim Palmer	Graham County
David Gomez	Greenlee County
D. L. Wilson	La Paz County
Clint Hickman	Maricopa County
Jason Whiting	Navajo County
Pete Rios	Pinal County
Manuel Ruiz	Santa Cruz County
Russell McCloud	Yuma County

**Present Telephonically/Webinar:**

Ann English	Cochise County
Gary Watson	Mohave County
Tom Thurman	Yavapai County

**Absent:** Ray Carroll Pima County

**Others present telephonically:** John Marcanti, Joanne Keene, Jacque Griffin, Cheryl Sluyter, Jennifer Wong

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

Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes**

Supervisor Manny Ruiz moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2015, Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Tommie Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Governor's Budget Recommendation Report / JLBC Baseline Budget**

Craig Sullivan reported on the estimated Governor's budget impacts to counties of \$28 million above the already \$30 million of impacts to counties. Craig stated that next week is the last week to hear bills in committee in the house of origin and that the budget will most likely become front and center after that. He stated this is a key time to communicate our position to legislators and CSA would like an active mobilization from counties.

Consideration of Resolution No. 1-15. Craig reported that CSA circulated a draft resolution to be done jointly with the Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) to provide a united front before the legislature and Governor on counties' budget concerns. He noted that timing is critical on this as the legislature moves forward. Supervisor D. L. Wilson requested the second whereas clause from the bottom be worded more strongly. Craig stated that counties were going to be requested to contact their legislators directly next week about the resolution and paint a picture of their county impacts

and the sense of urgency involved. In response to Supervisor Tommie Martin's comment from Senator Sylvia Allen, Craig said he has a meeting scheduled with her next week and will talk with her about her assistance. Supervisor Jim Palmer moved to approve Resolution No. 1-15 with the flexibility to change the wording as needed to strengthen the counties' position. Supervisor D. L. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Transportation Advocacy**

Todd Madeksza reported CSA continues to work with the chair of the Senate Transportation Committee to get on the agenda for next week.

### **Legislative Bills for Discussion**

#### Administrative Procedures

1. [HB 2427 precinct lists; early ballot reports](#). Todd provided information on the bill and stated that AACo has voted to oppose it. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose HB 2427. Supervisor Manny Ruiz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
2. [SB 1298 rules; counties; flood control districts](#). Todd explained he met with the bill sponsor who understands the counties' position, but is not willing to back down from the bill. Supervisor Mandy Metzger moved to oppose SB 1298. Supervisor Gary Watson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
3. [SB 1339 public records; unduly burdensome requests](#). Todd explained the bill and stated that CSA will continue to monitor it with the notation that it would be brought back before the LPC if it moves forward.

#### Tax Policy

4. [HB 2128 leased religious property; class nine](#). Dan Bogert noted this bill was previously brought before the LPC members. After discussion, Supervisor Manny Ruiz moved to oppose HB 2128. Supervisor Pete Rios seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
5. [HB 2253 property tax assessments; one-year cycle](#). Todd noted this is a bill from assessors that AACo is running. CSA will continue to research and monitor.
6. [HB 2366 fire suppression; federal reimbursement](#). Todd provided background on the bill and stated it has been circulated to counties. Discussion ensued.
7. [HB 2538 special districts; truth in taxation](#). Dan explained this is similar to a bill from last year. CSA is working with county managers on it.

#### Courts and Criminal Justice

8. [SB 1315 incompetent and dangerous defendants; treatment](#). Kristin Cipolla explained the bill. It is on a Senate Judiciary Committee agenda next week. This is an issue of concern for the Pima County Attorney's Office. CSA has distributed it to the county managers for feedback. Supervisor Russell McCloud moved to oppose SB 1315 pending an amendment to the bill to shift the cost to the state. Supervisor Mandy Metzger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
9. [SB 1331 electronic data; metadata; prohibited collection](#). Todd provided information on the bill and suggested counties discuss it internally. CSA will continue to monitor it.

#### State Sovereignty

President Clint Hickman noted that counties discussed the following issues at length at the Summit, but the following bills were not brought forward by CSA.

10. [HB 2175 public rights-of-way; claims](#). Todd explained the bill and said it is moving.
11. [HB 2314 arizona wilderness protection](#). Todd indicated the bill sponsor is holding the bill.
12. [HB 2318 transfer of public lands compact](#). Todd explained the bill. CSA is monitoring it.
13. [HB 2321 public lands; conveyance and taxation](#). Todd stated that CSA had convened a working group after the Summit and asked the counties to look at the issue internally. He noted that Yuma County produced an excellent study and that the legislature does refer to that study. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Russell McCloud asked Todd to indicate to the legislature that there are concerns from counties due to the impact of the loss of PILT from this legislation. Supervisor Barry Weller moved to support HB 2658 and its proposed study committee. Craig suggested that bill be brought to the full board for discussion and Supervisor Weller agreed.

14. [HB 2580 county supervisors; jurisdiction; specialized expertise](#). Todd explained the bill. Supervisor Russell McCloud moved to support HB 2580. Supervisor Barry Weller seconded the motion. After further discussion, Supervisor McCloud withdrew his motion and Supervisor Weller withdrew his second with the understanding CSA will bring the issue to the full board.
15. [SB 1330 second amendment violations; prohibited activities](#). Kristin stated the bill passed Senate Federalism, Mandates and Fiscal Responsibility Committee this week and is scheduled for Senate Public Safety, Military and Technology Committee next Wednesday. CSA will bring the issue to the full board.

### **CSA Legislative Agenda**

1. [HB 2349 flood control districts; administrative enforcement](#) (*Fann*). Todd reported the bill is scheduled on a Committee of the Whole calendar for Monday with a proposed amendment from the Arizona Rock Products Association. The amendment language will be circulated to the counties for review.
2. [HB 2363 county contributions; hospitalization; medical; repeal](#) (*Thorpe*). Todd stated the bill is assigned to the House Appropriations Committee, its second assigned committee, but has not yet been put on a calendar. He reported there is a financial impact on this bill and it could become part of the budget discussions.
3. [HB 2490 sexually violent persons; reimbursement; repeal](#) (*Carter*). Todd stated the bill is assigned to the House Appropriations Committee, but has not yet been put on a calendar. He reported there is a financial impact on this bill and it could become part of the budget discussions.
4. [SB 1145 restoration to competency; state costs](#) (*Griffin*). Dan reported it was heard in Senate Appropriations Committee this week. He thanked Carlos Rivera for going to the committee. It is scheduled for the Rules Committee next week. He reported it could become part of the budget discussions.
5. [SCM 1010 PILT program; SRS; full funding](#) (*Griffin*). Dan reported it passed Senate Federalism, Mandates and Fiscal Responsibility Committee with a technical correction last week; it passed Committee of the Whole this week and should be put on a Third Read calendar next.

### **Other Business**

Supervisor Jim Palmer referred to an unintended consequence of last year's legislation on TPT reform and provided an example of how the collection of sales tax has shifted away from the retail level to the wholesale level that doesn't bode well for rural counties because the sales tax doesn't go on the county tax rolls.

In response to Supervisor Russell McCloud's statement that HB 2320 was an unfunded mandate, Craig replied that the bill has already been opposed by CSA but that it sounds like there needs to be mobilization on it with the counties.

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

President Hickman provided a reminder that next week's LPC meeting will be held in conjunction with the CSA Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, February 19, at 10:00 a.m. and then the next LPC meeting will be on Friday, February 27, at 9:00 a.m. He thanked everyone for their attendance and provided a reminder that the meeting with the Governor's policy advisors will be at 1:30 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Clint Hickman adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.