



**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

(Teleconference Made Available)

County Supervisors Association

1905 West Washington

Phoenix, Arizona

MINUTES

February 8, 2019

Call to Order:	Russell McCloud	9:00 a.m.
Present In Person:	Russell McCloud	Yuma County
Present Telephonically:		
	Alton Joe Shepherd	Apache County
	Matt Ryan	Coconino County
	Jim Palmer	Graham County
	Richard Lunt	Greenlee County
	D. L. Wilson	La Paz County
	Jean Bishop	Mohave County
	Jason Whiting	Navajo County
	Pete Rios	Pinal County
	Rudy Molera	Santa Cruz County
Absent:		
	Ann English	Cochise County
	Tommie Martin	Gila County
	Clint Hickman	Maricopa County
	Sharon Bronson	Pima County
	Jack Smith	Yavapai County

Others present telephonically: Duce Minor, Paul David, Lynne Pancrazi, Kay Gale, Ryan Patterson, Dustin Welker, Greg Nelson, Glenn Kephart, Greg Stanley, Jack Fields, Cynthia Gentle, Donna Fagan, Yvonne Ortega, Angelica Terrazas

Others present in person: Eric Peterson, Mark Barnes, Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Robin Hillyard, Vanessa Fielder, Michael Madden, Alexis Pagel

President Russell McCloud welcomed everyone. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was not present.

CSA Legislative Agenda

- 1) CSA Legislative Budget Priorities.
 - a) SB 1140 county contributions; committed youth; repeal. Craig Sullivan reported that the Department of Juvenile Corrections (DJC) bill passed out of the Senate unanimously and has been sent to the House. Senator Leach was a champion on this bill. He thanked everyone for signing in support and suggested thank you notes be sent to Senator Leach thanking him for his leadership on this bill.
 - b) HB 2429 appropriations; EORP contributions; counties. Craig reported the bill passed House Government yesterday 10-1, thanks in large part to the bill sponsor, Representative Thorpe. He thanked the seven supervisors who attended the committee hearing and thanked everyone who signed in support. Craig sent an e-mail this morning listing the legislators to send thank you e-mails to and next actions. The bill had been double assigned and chairwoman Cobb of House Appropriations has scheduled the bill for next Wednesday, February 13, at 2:00 p.m. Craig noted that there is a mirror bill, SB 1293 (approp; EORP contributions; counties) by Senator Gowan, that is scheduled for Senate Appropriations on Tuesday, February 12, at 2:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to sign in support for both bills.

Robin Hillyard reported on CSA's legislative agenda.

- 2) [HB 2143 Water Basin Advisory Councils](#). Robin reported the bill is pending committee assignment.
- 3) [HB 2277 indigent defense funds](#). Robin reported the bill will be heard in House Judiciary next week, with the plan for it to be heard in House Appropriations the following week.
- 4) [HB 2316 junk vehicles; removal; counties](#). Robin reported CSA will be working with majority and minority staff to address concerns in order to get it assigned to committee.
- 5) [SB 1084 funeral; last illness; expenses; lien](#). Robin reported the bill passed the Senate yesterday with unanimous support.
- 6) Rural Transient Lodging Tax.

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum became available. Supervisor Richard Lunt moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2019, Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Jean Bishop seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Bills For Discussion

- 1) Transportation
 - a) [HB 2320 highway safety fee; reduction](#). Vanessa Fielder reported HB 2166 from last year was similar. HB 2320 unanimously passed House Transportation this week. In addition, both appropriations committees heard budget presentations regarding the DPS budget and the highway safety fee was discussed in both committees. Supervisor Richard Lunt moved to oppose HB 2320. Supervisor Matt Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion passed with one in opposition.
 - b) [HB 2549 VLT; alternative fuel classification; repeal](#). Vanessa reported on HB 2549.
 - c) [SB 1203 axle fees; commercial vehicles; repeal](#). Vanessa reported on SB 1203 and noted that Santa Cruz County has asked CSA to take a position of opposition to this bill. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Rudy Molera moved to oppose SB 1203. Supervisor D. L. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
 - d) [SB 1332 alternative fuel vehicles; VLT](#). Vanessa reported this bill would repeal the changes made by HB 2166 from last year.
- 2) Water and Agriculture
 - a) [HB 2095 agricultural property classification; water reduction](#). Vanessa reported on the bill.
 - b) [HB 2449 adequate water supply; county review](#). Michael Madden reported on this bill. He reported that CSA had not taken a position on a similar bill last year. This bill has not yet been assigned to committee. Discussion followed.
 - c) [HB 2520 property tax; fallowed property; classification](#). Vanessa reported this legislation would create a new classification for fallowed land. Discussion occurred. Vanessa stated it has been double assigned to House Ways and Means (chairman Toma) and House Land and Agriculture (chairman Dunn). Supervisor Jean Bishop moved to oppose HB 2520. Supervisor Rios seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3) [HB 2108 real estate signs; cities; counties](#). Robin Hillyard reported the bill was held in committee this week and has been double assigned to House Government and House Regulatory Affairs. There was an identical bill last year, HB 2500, wherein CSA had taken a neutral position with concerns. Supervisor Jim Palmer moved to oppose HB 2108. Supervisor Jean Bishop seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4) [HB 2131 state agencies; citizen portal; access](#). Robin reported the bill passed House Technology this week 5-1. CSA has scheduled a meeting with the bill sponsor, Representative Thorpe, to discuss questions and concerns. Discussion occurred.
- 5) [HB 2148 syringe service programs; authorization](#). Robin reported CSA had supported an identical bill last year, HB 2389. HB 2148 has been double assigned to House Public Safety and House Health and Human Services. Discussion occurred. Supervisor D. L. Wilson will forward to CSA a document he received from his county health director regarding concerns on this bill.
- 6) [HB 2231 nonhealth professions; occupations; regulations](#). Robin reported on this bill. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Pete Rios moved to oppose HB 2231. Supervisor Matt Ryan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 7) [HB 2257 civil liability; gun-free zones](#). Robin reported on this bill. It has not yet been assigned to committee.
- 8) [HB 2275 TPT exemption; crop production tools](#). Vanessa reported on this bill. CSA had reached out to the Arizona Department of Revenue to get information on the fiscal impact.
- 9) [HB 2453 land use plans; contents; aggregates](#). Robin reported on this bill. Supervisor Jean Bishop moved to support HB 2453. Supervisor Jim Palmer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 10) [HB 2486 study committee on county boundaries](#). Robin reported on this bill.
- 11) [HB 2521 carrying of firearms; constables](#). Michael Madden reminded the LPC that this bill wasn't able to be considered at last week's meeting due to its late placement on the agenda. The bill was heard in House Public Safety this week, where CSA registered a neutral position to be able to express concerns. CSA has been working with the Arizona Counties Insurance Pool and counties on this issue. Supervisor Jean Bishop moved to oppose HB 2521. Supervisor Rudy Molera seconded the motion. The motion passed with one vote held.
- 12) [SB 1090 emergency voting procedures; board action](#). Robin reported on this bill. She noted that AACo is working with the bill sponsor on an amendment. Supervisor Pete Rios moved to oppose SB 1090. Supervisor Richard Lunt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 13) [SB 1164 ombudsman-citizens aide; executive session; access](#). Michael reported on this bill. It passed Senate Government 7-0.
- 14) [SB 1165 prohibition; texting while driving](#). Robin reported this bill is fairly in line with the CSA resolution adopted at the end of last year. An amendment is pending for next week's committee. Robin noted the plan is to run an identical bill in the House by Representative Chaves so the two bills will run in tandem. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Matt Ryan moved to support SB 1165. Supervisor Pete Rios seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 15) [SB 1292 misconduct involving weapons; classification](#). Robin reported AACo had received limited feedback of opposition to the bill from a few sheriffs. Supervisor Richard Lunt moved to oppose SB 1292. Supervisor Pete Rios seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Lunt withdrew his motion and Supervisor Rios withdrew his second. President Russell McCloud acknowledged CSA staff will proceed accordingly.
- 16) [SB 1460 TPT; digital goods and services](#). Michael reported that CSA had opposed a similar bill last year. CSA will continue to research the bill to determine the impact.

Other Legislative Issues

In response to Supervisor Matt Ryan's query on the status of flexibility language, Craig Sullivan reported the target is to have it inserted in the budget. He noted that it was in the Joint Legislative Budget Committee's baseline budget, and although it wasn't referenced in the Governor's budget, his office does not have an objection. Discussion followed.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Russell McCloud noted that the next meeting will be held on Friday, February 15, at 9:00 a.m.

Other Business and Adjournment

There being no further business, President Russell McCloud adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.