



**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION  
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

*(Teleconference Made Available)*

County Supervisors Association  
1905 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES  
May 17, 2019**

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

**Others present telephonically:** Phil Bourdon, Paul Melcher, Eric Petersen, Todd Madeksza, Yvonne Ortega

**Others present in person:** Mark Barnes, Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Robin Hillyard, Vanessa Fielder, Michael Madden, Brandon Nee

CSA Second Vice-president Jack Smith welcomed everyone. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Supervisor Ann English moved to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2019, Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Jean Bishop seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**CSA Legislative Agenda**

- 1) CSA Legislative Budget Priorities.
  - a) [SB 1140 county contributions: committed youth; repeal.](#)
  - b) [SB 1293 approp; EORP contributions; counties.](#)

Craig Sullivan reported that the Governor's Office, House, and Senate have been working diligently on negotiations, having worked into the evening on Wednesday night, and then on Thursday. He said that because very little information has been released from those meetings, including to rank and file members, there is concern about how the 15-county

priorities are being treated in the negotiations. CSA has diligently been meeting with legislative members about the county priorities, specifically about the ADJC fee elimination for all 15 counties and the establishment of the rural county EORP hold harmless policy. He urged supervisors to join in the push for the county priorities in the final budget, *i.e.*, elimination for all 15 counties of the ADJC fee and the creation of the rural county EORP relief in SB 1293. He noted indications are budget bills will be introduced early next week with adjournment sought for the end of the week. CSA will send out an action alert following the LPC meeting. He thanked those who have helped throughout the legislative process and encouraged everyone to continue the mobilization efforts. Discussion occurred.

- 2) Taxation of Online Remote Purchases/Digital Goods. Craig mentioned that a bill was initially introduced at the legislature, but didn't move through the process. However, the dialogue continued and Mark Barnes has been negotiating for counties throughout the process. Craig noted that a bill will be introduced next week by Representative Toma to address main street fairness. Craig stated CSA will continue to make sure county budget asks aren't compromised with legislators by the perception of additional revenue counties may receive from this taxation. He added that CSA plans to sign on to a coalition letter as part of all of the partners' efforts, because it will be good for the county financial picture. Discussion occurred.
- 3) NOW: HB 2467 committee; west basin water users. Robin Hillyard reported the bill passed the Senate yesterday 22-4-4 and has been transferred to the Governor. CSA has reached out to the Governor's Office urging his signature.

### **Other Legislative Issues**

None.

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

CSA Second Vice-president Jack Smith stated the next meeting will be held in conjunction with the CSA Board of Directors meeting next Thursday, May 23, at 10:00 a.m.

### **Other Business and Adjournment**

CSA Second Vice-president Jack Smith thanked everyone for their participation. There being no further business, CSA Second Vice-president Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.