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CSA's PURPOSE

The CSA is a non-partisan forum for Arizona's 61 county supervisors to address important issues facing local constituents, providing a mechanism to share information and to advance a proactive state and federal policy agenda.

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CORE GOALS

- Protect and enhance county authorities and resources in order to promote efficient, responsive constituent services.
- Develop and disseminate information to assist state and local decision-making.

CORE CAPABILITIES

CSA capabilities leveraged by:

- County Supervisors
- County Managers
- Legislative Affairs Staff
- Technical Experts
- Affiliate Organizations
- Contract Lobbyists

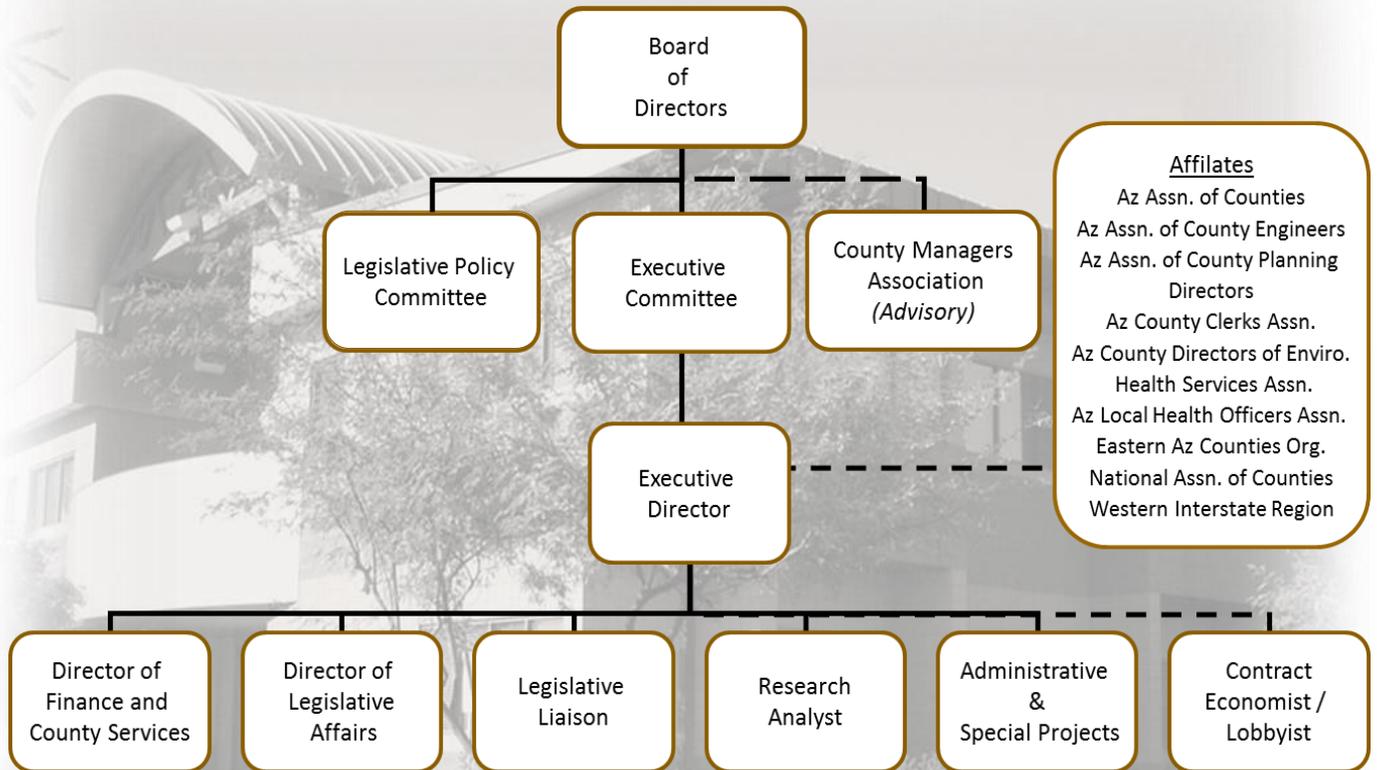


STRATEGIES

- Advance a proactive policy agenda
- Leverage statewide county supervisor lobbying force
- Develop legislative champions statewide
- Support membership via outreach and specialized support
- Identify, prioritize and develop information products to assist state and local decision-making
- Retain and develop a talented, knowledgeable workforce
- Maintain a fiscally efficient, service-oriented organization



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Select Outcomes, Information Products and Support Services

Advocacy and Policy Development

State Advocacy and Policy Development

- 2013 Ninth Annual Legislative Policy Summit, Hosted by Gila County
- 18 proposals analyzed for consideration
- Secured restoration of \$10 million in county HURF relief
- Secured continuation of \$550,000/rural county line item appropriations
- Reauthorized resource “flexibility” language for county expenditures
- Coordinated “Transportation Crisis” awareness campaign, mobilized county officials, and educated lawmakers and constituents about lack of road funding:
 - Crafted letters, resolutions, collateral pieces, legislative contact cards
 - County presentations before transportation committees and joint minority caucus meeting
- Four of eight CSA initiatives approved by lawmakers
- Defeated or favorably amended legislation problematic for county operations, including proposals that:
 - Micromanage/constrain county rule making processes
 - Arbitrarily restrict local control over secondary property tax districts, county levies and expenditures
 - Confused statutory “de-annexation” process between municipalities and counties.
 - Increased county costs associated with dangerous and incompetent individuals remanded to ASH
 - Established excessive penalties for delayed compliance with auditing requirements
 - Increased county costs regarding indigent wards; residency of guardianship
 - Impacted county ability to maintain infrastructure
 - Diminished county dog licensing authority
 - Exposed public employees to substantial civil action
 - Preempted local control over firearms policy (vetoed)
- Facilitated/prepared content for CSA leadership meetings with the Governor, and Senate and House Majority Leadership
- Regularly communicated with Governor’s Office policy staff
- Briefed House/Senate Majority/Minority Leadership and staff
- Regularly briefed members of the legislature
- Hosted “County 101” briefing for legislative research staff
- Provided staff support for supervisors participating in AACO LPC
- AZ Supreme Court’s Commission on Technology, Member

- Represented county interests in legislative workgroups and stakeholder processes on the following topics:
 - Impacts of HURF diversions and transportation funding options
 - Retirement system (PSPRS/CORP/EORP/ASRS)
 - Office of Pest Management oversight
 - County comprehensive plans and forest management
 - Animal licensing and vaccination
 - County financial auditing requirements and practices
 - Fireworks amendment process
 - Countywide Fire Districts Study Committee
 - Ambulatory Services and Medical Transportation Interim Study Group
 - Deferred prosecution best practices
 - Medicaid Implementation
 - AZ Criminal Justice Commission
 - Digital Arizona Council

Federal Advocacy and Policy Development

- Lobbied AZ Congressional delegation regarding:
 - Support of the Four Forest Restoration Initiative
 - Continuation of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)
 - Reauthorization of Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act
 - Authorization of Surface Transportation Program
 - Support for Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act (HR596)
 - Southwest Arizona Land Exchange (Resolution Mine)
- Conducted Congressional staff briefing on the history of PILT and SRS
- Coordinated emergency PILT meeting of county officials with Sen. McCain (Jan. 21)
- Coordinated 15 county mobilization urging support of PILT reauthorization
- Signed on to Constituent Letter to Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Federal Forest Management
- Provided policy briefings to board on LWCF, SCAAP, and the proposed rule change to waters of the U.S.
- Drafted and disseminated 2014 CSA Federal Priorities
- Conducted county federal issues survey
- U.S. Senators and Supervisors Breakfast, Co-sponsor
- U.S. Representatives and Supervisors Breakfast, Co-sponsor
- SCM1006: urging Congress; PILT program; funding
- Resolution 1-14: Urging funding for Payment In-lieu of Taxes
- Resolution 2-14: Regarding Willow Beach Fish Hatchery



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Research and Information Products

- 2014 Legislative Session Preview
- Overview of the State Budget Situation
- Transportation Policy Briefing
 - Analysis of HURF funding model
 - Review of transportation funding options
 - County specific analysis and anecdotes
- County Priorities: 2014 Legislative Session
- 2014 Legislative Summary
- 2014 Session in Review: Briefing to the Board of Directors
- Analyses of FY15 state budget proposals
- County Budget Impacts Survey
- FY15 County Revenue/Expenditure Report
- "County Primary and Secondary Property Tax Compilation"
- Property Tax Analysis: A Review of Property Tax Related Legislation
- Analysis of TPT exemption on electricity/gas for manufacturing; impacts on county finances
- Analysis of Arizona Lottery revenues and distribution
- PILT/SRS briefing book
- TPT/Excise Tax Revenue Quarterly Reports
- HURF distribution flow diagram
- TPT revenue sharing flow diagram
- VLT revenue sharing flow diagram
- Federal prisoner revenue in counties survey
- County Fund Balance Education handout
- Distributed Legislative Action Alerts and Updates
- CSA Brochure: "What We Do and Why it Matters"
- "County Government 101" presentation
- CSA Board of Directors Membership Poster
- CSA Board of Directors Contact Sheet
- Legislative Session Progress Report & Tracking
- Legislative Contact Sheet

NACo Engagement

- Facilitated/supported member participation in NACo
- Advocated appointment of 26 members to NACo
- Nominated Supervisor Anthony Smith (Pinal) for NACo County Leadership Institute
- Supported members with NACo credentials process
- Supported members with participation in NACo Steering Committees
- Arizona Caucus Reception, Co-sponsor
- Western Interstate Region, *Ex Officio*

Informing County Leaders

- CSA hosted over 100 county meetings to support its membership
- Prepared content/briefing materials for the following:
 - 9 Board of Directors meetings
 - 11 County Managers' Association meetings
 - 11 LPC meetings
- Guest presentations included:
 - Governor Janice K. Brewer
 - Senate President Andy Biggs
 - Speaker of the House Andy Tobin
 - Rep. Karen Fann, House Transportation Committee Chair
 - Sen. Judy Burgess, Senate Transportation Committee Chair
 - John Arnold, Director, OSPB
 - John Halikowski, Director, ADOT
 - Brian Tobin, Chairman, PSPRS
 - Lt. Tom Boelts, Yavapai County Sheriff's Office
 - Keith Watkins, Sr. VP, AZ Commerce Authority
 - Michael Hunter, Director of Policy, AZ Governor's Office
- Provided legislative briefings to the following:
 - AZ County Planners Association
 - ACIP Public Practice Legal Seminar
 - AZ City/County Management Association
 - AZ Association of County Engineers
 - AZ County Dir. of Environmental Health Services Assn.
 - AZ Civil Deputy Attorneys Association
 - Gila Valley Leadership

Media, Communication and Outreach

- Provided counties with letters, resolutions, and press releases regarding:
 - County legislative priorities 2014
 - Urging lawmakers to restore HURF and identify options to increase HURF revenues
 - Urging federal action to fund PILT
- Coordinated media availability at CSA board meetings and briefed reporters on CSA issues, helping to generate media coverage
- Issued 17 press releases
- *CSA Legislative Update*, weekly e-newsletter
- Weekly LPC Reports, distributed to full membership
- Regular Action Alerts and Session Updates (as needed)
- Web platform: www.countysupervisors.org
- Established sponsorship partnerships with 13 businesses
- Hosted 2014 Legislators and Supervisors Reception
- Co-Hosted "Coordination and Cooperative Agency Training" for counties and local government
- Facilitated Governor's "County Government Month" Proclamation