



Just Say No to Coal Ash Pollution!



April 8, 2022

Hi everyone!

This week at the Legislature, things slowed down considerably, at least the public facing activities did. I am quite sure there were all kinds of closed door meetings about budget, water, taxes, and more, but there were limited activities on the floor of the House and Senate. It appears that they are going to start moving a few more bills in the coming week, mostly bad ones.

[HB2411 coal combustion residuals program](#) (Griffin) is one of them. It is on the Third Read Calendar in the Senate for Monday. If it passes, it will be on its way to the Governor, who will most certainly sign it. Please take time to make a call and send an email before Monday. HB2411 authorizes the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to seek assumption of the coal ash program from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Coal ash is toxic and can result in contamination of our waters if not adequately regulated. ADEQ is far too cozy with the utilities for us to feel confident that it would properly enforce this program, plus ADEQ is already failing to protect our water quality.

[Email your Senator here to oppose HB2411!](#)

[HB2101 electric energy; reliability; public policy](#) (Griffin: Abraham, Blackman, et al.) is still alive in the Senate and could come back any time. It repeals provisions in the law that create parameters for retail competition of electricity. HB2101 does nothing to protect consumers as proponents, including the state's three largest utilities, would have you believe. It could

negatively affect community choice aggregation of electricity which allows cities to purchase or generate electricity for their residents, as well as rooftop solar in Salt River Project (SRP) territory. SRP brought this to the legislature without a stakeholder process or thorough review of the impacts of the bill. Help keep up the pressure on senators to vote no. SRP et al. have hired an army of lobbyists to push this bill through.

[You can find senator's phone numbers here.](#)

[HB2055 Harquahala non-expansion area; groundwater transportation](#) (Griffin: Bowers) still awaits Senate Committee of the Whole. This bill allows private water companies such as EPCOR to pump groundwater in the Harquahala Valley and into the active management areas (AMAs) for development. We are very much opposed to this bill as it makes bad water policy worse. Keep the calls coming on this too.

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[HB2181 Now: game and fish; taking wolves](#) (Cook) also awaits Committee of the Whole action in the Senate. It forbids the Arizona Game and Fish Commission from prohibiting any person from killing a wolf that is actively threatening or attacking a person (unnecessary as anyone can kill an animal if they feel threatened), livestock, or other domestic animal. These latter provisions will invite baiting of wolves and send a message that it is okay to kill these highly endangered animals. **Call your senator and ask them to vote no on HB2181!**

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Please take a moment to [celebrate the confirmation of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson](#), the first Black woman nominated and confirmed to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court and an exceptional judge and now justice. This is such good news during these tough times and long overdue.

Thank you for continuing to contact legislators! It makes a difference!

All the best,



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RALLY FOR CLIMATE, CARE, JOBS, AND JUSTICE



**APRIL 23
STATE CAPITOL
3PM-6PM
PHOENIX, AZ**



Join Us for an Earth Day Rally on April 23!

To mark Earth Day this year, Sierra Club is joining a nationwide mobilization to pressure our elected leaders to pass bold climate and clean energy investments in the US Senate. On Saturday, April 23, Arizonans are rallying for Climate, Care, Jobs, Justice here in Phoenix because now is the time to give it everything we've got.

Saturday, April 23, 2022
3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Arizona State Capitol
[1700 W Washington St,](#)
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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