



Phew! What a week and crossover week

UN Sustainable Development Goals

- Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
- Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
- Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
- Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries
- Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts*
- Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
- Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
- Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
- Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

UN Sustainable Development Goals .

February 16, 2024

Hi all!

This week was challenging as the Arizona Legislature advanced an incredible list of truly awful legislation, targeting diversity, equity, and inclusion; promoting anti-Asian American measures; targeting immigrants; objecting to sustainability in all forms; undermining clean energy; sending messages to repeal a national monument and the law that allows them -- the Antiquities Act; and advancing bills to weaken our water laws.

On Thursday, the House Government Committee passed [HB2788 United Nations](#);

[sustainable development; prohibition](#) (Jones: Biasiucci, Bliss, et al.) prohibiting Arizona or any of its political subdivisions from adopting the sustainable development agenda of the United Nations, listed above, which means they are objecting to support for ending poverty, support for achieving food security, ensuring healthy lives, achieving gender equality, and protecting the planet and our ability to live on it by objecting to action on climate change and promoting water sustainability. They also advanced SB1195, SCR1015, and HCR2040 to prohibit spending dollars on climate, reducing traffic, and a lot more. SCR1015 and HCR2040 would go to the ballot. And legislators advanced measures that promote anti-Asian American discrimination in SB1004.

Three exceptions to this bad policy blitz, include the following bills that passed in committee:

- [SCR1038 Arizona state parks heritage fund](#) (Kerr: Shope, Carbone, et al) refers to the ballot a measure to fund the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund from the state lottery for \$10 million per year. This basically is reinstating the original funding for this program.
- [SB1346 appropriation; schools; trees](#) (Epstein: Alston, Bravo, et al.) appropriates \$400,000 to the Arizona Department of Education for trees to distribute to public schools.
- [HB2367 solid waste; fees; rules](#) (Griffin) authorizes the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to establish various solid waste fees via rulemaking. The current fees in statute are far too low and don't properly fund the programs.

Next week is crossover week at the Legislature. That means they will be voting on a lot of bills on the floor in order to move them over to the other house. Most committees are not meeting with the exception of Appropriations and Rules.

If you have not created an account on the [Request to Speak system](#), I encourage you to do so. If you need it activated, please let us know. We can help you out. Also, Civic Engagement Beyond Voting has a training and can also help you get signed up for this system. [Find more information here.](#)

This week, please sign in to support SCR1038.

You can see more bills we are tracking [here](#).

You can find contact information for all legislators [here](#).



Grand Canyon National Park and the Colorado River photo by Jim Dublinski

Please take action to protect public lands!

The Arizona Legislature is again launching an attack on public lands and waters via a series of bills and memorials (messages to Congress and the President) asking that no more lands or waters be protected and that current protections be rescinded, and seeking to require legislative permission to protect any additional federal public land.

[Please send a message to your Arizona Representatives asking them to vote NO on all of these bills!](#)

For more information on these and other bills, reach out to Sandy Bahr at sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org.

Many thanks for using your voice to oppose and support the bills!

All the best,

Sandy Bahr
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Coming Up This Week at the AZ Legislature



Historic Capitol courtesy of Sandy Bahr

Monday, February 19th

House Appropriations Committee at 1:30 PM in HHR1

[Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting here.](#)

- [HB2024 lottery; on-farm irrigation efficiency fund](#) (Griffin) appropriates xx from the state lottery for this water efficiency program for agriculture. It is better than most of Griffin's bills and it sounds like the program may do some good to reduce water use in agriculture.

Tuesday, February 20th

Senate Appropriations Committee at 2:00 PM in SHR109

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- [SCR1038 Arizona state parks heritage fund](#) (Kerr: Shope, Carbone, et al) refers to the ballot a measure to fund the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund from the state lottery for \$10 million per year. This basically is reinstating the original funding for this program. **SUPPORT**

Wednesday, February 21st--Thursday, February 22nd

Senate and House Floor action.



Saguaro National Park courtesy of the National Park Service

