

**No Request to Speak this Week,  
Just Requests to Speak Up!**



Senator Priya Sundareshan reading a Lobo Week Proclamation on the Senate Floor

April 3, 2026

Hi Friends!

Now that the Appropriations Committees meetings have been completed this week, we are truly finished with committee hearings until the budget is considered. Yay! It was a bit brutal as there were so many bills and some hostile committees. When legislators come back from a long weekend, they will be focusing on floor action on the bills. While we have seen a lot of harmful

legislation get stalled or stopped, there are still plenty of harmful bills to consider and act on.

One thing that is puzzling, is how enamored some in the Legislature are with small modular nuclear reactors and data centers. While the public demands more accountability for data centers, the Legislature is proposing to provide less and despite the fact that small modular nuclear reactors have a lot of issues and are not ready for prime time, there are at least four bills left in the process to give these reactors a pass when it comes to local control.

[SB1418 corporation commission; small modular reactors](#) (Carroll) is one of those bills. It preempts counties – except Maricopa and Pima – from regulating the location of these small modular nuclear reactors if they are co-located with a large industrial electricity user such as a data center. We have data centers locating here in our communities indiscriminately and using enormous amounts of water and electricity, plus providing very few sustainable jobs. SB1418 also says nuclear power units are not subject to requirements for a certificate of environmental compatibility, if they are being sited where there was another thermal power plant. Take action to demand accountability on small reactors and data centers below.

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Oppose SB1418 on Nuclear and Data Centers

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Still alive and in the mix are bills to harm Mexican gray wolf recovery. Please help us keep up the pressure with these.



[SB1280 Public monies; Mexican wolf; Prohibition](#) (Farnsworth) would prohibit the Arizona Game and Fish Commission from transporting Mexican gray wolf puppies into Arizona and also from spending any money for transporting wolf puppies into the state. This is a direct attack on the current federal efforts to improve the genetic diversity of Mexican gray wolves in the wild, and undermines the science-based administration of the Endangered Species Act.

**[Tell your representatives to vote no on SB1280!](#)**

[HB2787 federal nullification; Mexican wolf; reintroduction](#) (Diaz) prohibits the state from administering, enforcing, or cooperating or spending any money on Mexican gray wolf reintroduction and recovery. This is another short-sighted bill to hinder wolf recovery and would ensure that the state wildlife agency would have little say in the wolf recovery program.

[Ask your senator to vote no on HB2787, as well as two anti-wildlife memorials.](#)

Take Action to Oppose Bad Wildlife Measures!

**Continue taking action against bill to harm rural communities' water!**

[HB2758 McMullen Valley; eligible entities; groundwater](#) (Griffin: Blackman) is among the worst water legislation moving through the process. The bill allows private water companies and a New York hedge fund, Water Asset Management, to engage in the interbasin transfer of groundwater from the McMullen Valley in La Paz County to elsewhere in La Paz County or to an active management area - basically the Phoenix area. HB2758 facilitates creating sacrifice zones for groundwater pumping to the detriment of rural Arizonans in order to feed the growth machine in urban areas and to benefit the

bottom line of this hedge fund. Learn more about the small communities fighting this bill [here](#).

**[Please ask your Senator to Vote NO on HB2758!](#)**

**Use the link below to learn more and take action.**

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Protect Rural Arizona Water!

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### **Help Defeat Anti-Solar Bill!**

[HB2975 state lands](#); [solar score](#); [maps](#) (Heap: Marshall). It prohibits the State Land Department from using solar score maps or other similar types of evaluation of state trust lands for its appropriateness for solar energy generation. This removes transparency and is contrary to the good planning. It is intended to be punitive of solar as it then goes on to require mapping for mining and housing. Why mining and not solar?

[Please ask your senator to vote no on HB2975!](#)

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Speak up for Solar!

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[You can find our 2026 bill tracker here.](#)

Thank you for taking action!

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If you have any questions, reach out to [sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org](mailto:sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org).

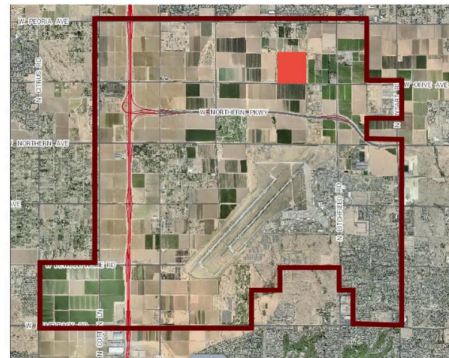
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**Coming Up this Week!**

# Speak Out Against Huge Gas Plant by Glendale!

## Why is this concerning?

This plant would **worsen air pollution** in an area of Maricopa County already struggling with bad air. It's right next to **Glendale, Surprise, and El Mirage**, and near homes that would face increased noise and lighting.



Glendale has deemed this mostly undeveloped area of the city the New Frontier District. *Courtesy Of City Of Glendale*

**Maricopa County will be holding a virtual public hearing on the air permit on April 6th from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.**



**Monday, April 6th**

### **Say No to Dirty Power for Data Centers**

Baccara Power (a subsidiary of [Takanock LLC](#), a developer that specializes in power generation for data centers) is seeking an air quality permit for a proposed new 700 MW methane gas peaking plant with eighteen 39 megawatt (MW) gas turbines. The proposed plant would supply power to co-located data centers at the same site, but would also supply power to the electric grid via an Arizona Public Service (APS) substation.

The proposed power plant would increase air pollution in a part of Maricopa County that already has poor air quality. This proposed plant is in a densely-populated area of Maricopa County, adjacent to the cities of Glendale, Surprise, and El Mirage, plus there are residential neighborhoods less than a half mile from the plant site.

**Maricopa County will be holding a virtual public hearing on the air permit on April 6th from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Sign up to provide a brief comment opposing this air permit [here](#).**

Maricopa County is accepting written comments on the air permit through April 8th at 5:00 PM. Use the button below and add a personal comment or send a comment directly to [AQPermits@Maricopa.Gov](mailto:AQPermits@Maricopa.Gov).

Thank you!

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Oppose Gas Plant Air Permit

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