



## It was a Slow Week at the Arizona Legislature, but There was Plenty of People Power Action at the ACC



News Conference on the APS Rate Hike

May 22, 2026

Hi Friends!

The Arizona Legislature is still barely doing anything. The Senate took action on a few bills on Monday and then heard some executive nominations. The House is

still out. We hear that Governor Hobbs and legislative leaders may be getting closer on a budget, so perhaps they will come back on June 1st and finish the session. We shall see.

Sierra Club would like to see the state budget include funding for the State Parks Heritage Fund, the Arizona Trail, the Water Quality Fee Fund, and funding for heat relief centers. We also want to keep intact tax incentives for clean energy, especially for residential solar, and to eliminate the tax breaks for data centers. The Senate will be back on Tuesday to address a few bills.

Meanwhile, at the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC), [people rallied and packed the hearing room](#), delivering powerful public comments against the Arizona Public Service (APS) rate hike and causing the time allotted for public comment to go over by more than an hour and a half. Great job to everyone who participated! Couldn't make it? Have no fear. You can still submit written comments and there will be one more oral comment opportunity when the recommended order goes to the ACC. Use the button below to send a written comment to the ACC opposing the APS rate hike and supporting clean energy.

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Oppose the APS Rate Hike!

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Help us keep an eye on some of the remaining harmful bills. They are likely to appear on a calendar when legislators come back. Consider calling, emailing, or writing about them, including a letter to the editor.

[SB1418 corporation commission; small modular reactors](#) (Carroll) 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.

**[Ask your representatives to say no more data centers plus nukes.](#)**

[SCR1001 citizenship; identification; contributions; early voting](#) (Bolick) and [HCR2001 citizenship; identification; contributions; early voting](#) (Kolodin: Chaplik, Heap, et al) refer identical measures to the ballot to limit early voting and require all voters (even those voting mail ballots) to "show valid government-issued proof of identity." These bills would give the legislature the authority to shut down early voting too!

**[Ask your legislators to vote NO on SCR1001/HCR2001!](#)**

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[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.

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

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[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.

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

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[HB2975 state lands; solar score; maps](#) (Heap: Marshall) 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.

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

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[Find our 2026 bill tracker here.](#)

Below is information on Sierra Club and Coffee.

Thank you!

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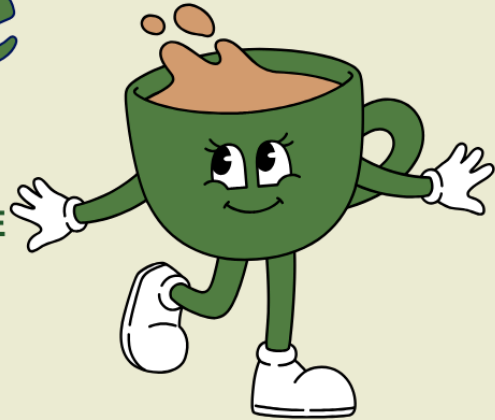
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# Sierra Club & Coffee

JOIN US FOR A COFFEE ON US AND  
CONVERSATION ON LOCAL CLIMATE  
ISSUES, WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON  
AND HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED



THURSDAY, MAY 28TH  
7:30AM-8:30AM



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Join us for Sierra Club and Coffee! This month we will be meeting at Brick Road Coffee in Tempe. We will discuss local climate issues, what Sierra Club is working on, how you can get involved & bring your environmental questions! We look forward to seeing you there.

**May 28th at 7:30 AM**  
**Brick Road Coffee**  
**Tempe**

RSVP so we know how many people to expect.

Coffee RSVP

