



## Watch Out! Next Week the Arizona Legislature is Back



Arizona House Floor photo by Sandy Bahr

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Hi Friends!

It was a déjà vu week at the Legislature with the Senate working just one day. The House was still gone and took no actions. Meanwhile, behind the scenes, the

Governor and legislative leaders negotiated on the budget. We hear that we may see something on the budget next week. Big issues include the tax conformity from last year's Big Ugly Bill that will blow a massive hole in our state budget where we already saw a huge hit from vouchers and the flat tax, eliminating the tax breaks for data centers, and keeping intact renewable energy incentives. We would like to see some funding for the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund, heat relief centers, and the Water Quality Fee Fund, as well.

On Monday, the House will be considering several harmful bills, including on data centers and light rail, so please reach out to legislators and tell them to vote NO! See details below.

If you're looking for a way to get out and beat the heat, consider joining us for the next two Saturdays. See the details below and after the bills.

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Join us at the Salt River! Let's enjoy the morning with a nature walk along the river. We'll be learning about local species, the importance of the river and the lands surrounding it while picking up trash and birding along the way.

Sunday, June 7th at 8am

Food, drinks, parking passes and other supplies will be provided. Please bring sun protection, closed toed shoes and a water bottle.

Let us know if you're joining us: <https://bit.ly/SaltRiverJune7>.

### Take Action!

[SB1418 corporation commission; small modular reactors](#) (Carroll) is on a floor calendar for Monday, which means they could vote on it very soon. SB1418 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.](#)**

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**[SB1332 Now: light rail expansion; feasibility review](#)** (Kavanagh) is also on a floor calendar for Monday. SB1332 requires a biased study of light rail and attempts to pit it against other forms of transportation. Requiring an analysis that compares light rail and autonomous or semiautonomous vehicles is an apples to oranges comparison and provides no real beneficial information or benefits to our communities. Light rail is not in competition with other forms of transportation but rather augments them and is especially important to coordinate with buses, plus it is a key component of our transit system in the Phoenix area.

**[Tell Representatives to Oppose SB1332!](#)**

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**[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 an event tomorrow.

Thank you!

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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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# Join Madre Tierra y Mi Madre Event Tomorrow!



# Madre Tierra y Mi Madre

## Celebrating Mothers, Supporting Child Care, and Protecting Our Planet

**LET'S CELEBRATE THE LOVE OF MOMS AND CARE FOR OUR PLANET!**

Enjoy a family-friendly event full of joy, learning, and fun for all ages. Connect with helpful resources to support your family, join community activities, and create special memories together as we celebrate moms and our Mother Earth.

**DON'T MISS IT!**

**May 30  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM MST  
3102 W Madison St,  
Phoenix, AZ 85009**

RSVP: [bit.ly/azmadretierra](https://bit.ly/azmadretierra)



Join Poder Latinx, Sierra Club, and other organizations at Celebrating Mothers, Supporting Childcare, and Protecting Our Planet. This event will include food, music, activities for children, and more. Come for a portion or all of the morning.

**Saturday, May 30th at 9:00 AM  
3102 W Madison St  
Phoenix, AZ 85009**

RSVP so we know how many people to expect.

RSVP Here



# Madre Tierra y Mi Madre

## Celebrando a las madres, promoviendo el cuidado infantil y cuidando nuestro planeta

**¡CELEBREMOS EL AMOR DE MAMÁ Y EL CUIDADO DE NUESTRO PLANETA!**

Disfruta de un evento familiar lleno de alegría, información y diversión para todas las edades. Conéctate con recursos útiles para apoyar a tu familia, participa en actividades comunitarias y comparte momentos especiales mientras celebramos a mamá y nuestra Madre Tierra.

**¡NO TE LO PIERDAS!**

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