



State of the State and Mean Bills are Starting



Governor Hobbs during State of the State address courtesy of Sandy Bahr

January 13, 2023

Hi all!

Well, we made it through week one at the legislature which kicked off on Monday with the State of the State address. Governor Hobbs made water one of the key issues in her speech with commitments to work on groundwater and to establish a new office as outlined in the excerpt from her speech below.

"First, my administration has heard loud and clear that re-establishing the Governor's Energy Office is a priority for communities across the state. In response, we will relaunch this entity as the Governor's Office of Resiliency, which will focus on water,

energy, and land use solutions. This office will help coordinate efforts with the many departments, tribal governments, universities, organizations, and others involved in this effort. Arizona needs partnerships on a local, state, regional, and national level, and I intend to put us in the best position to do so."

You can read the full text of the State of the State [here](#).

See below for what is coming up at the Capitol next week and details on Environmental Day at the Capitol.

If you have not signed up yet for the Request to Speak system to voice your position in support or opposition to bills, we encourage you to do so now as you will need to get the account activated at the Capitol. [Here is a link for signing up](#). To learn more about how to use the Request to Speak System, you can sign up for one of the trainings sponsored by Civic Engagement Beyond Voting. [Here is their sign up link](#).

This week there are no environmental bills for Request to Speak, but there is an opportunity to sign up to support trans kids, oppose a bill to require the attorney general to defend the legislature, and a measure to further criminalize unlawful assembly. **Sign in on Request to Speak to oppose SB1001, SB1021, and SB1040, and HB2059.**

Thank you for your continued interest and actions related to the Arizona Legislature.

For more information, reach out to Sandy Bahr at sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org.

Thank you and I hope to see you at the Capitol or online soon!

All the best,



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Coming Up This Week at the AZ Legislature



Arizona House Floor courtesy of Sandy Bahr

Monday, January 16th

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - In Phoenix, you can celebrate with service by helping remove invasive plants and clean up trash at the Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area. [For details and to sign up, go here.](#)

Tuesday, January 17th

Senate and House Committees on Appropriations at 9:00 AM in House Hearing Room (HHR) 1

- Executive Budget Proposal by Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting

Senate Committee on Transportation and Technology at 10:30 AM in Senate Hearing Room (SHR) 2

- Presentations
 - Projects Funded by Proposition 400 since 2005, John Bullen, Maricopa Association of Governments Transportation Funding Policy Program Manager
 - Trucking 101: Issues and Opportunities, Tony Bradley, Trucking Association

House Committee on Natural Resources, Energy, and Water at 2:00 PM in HHR1

- Presentations:
 - Arizona Power Authority
 - Arizona Public Service
 - Grand Canyon State Electric Cooperative Association
 - Salt River Project
 - Southwest Gas

Wednesday, January 18th

House Committee on the Judiciary at 9:00 AM in HHR4

- [HB2059 riot; unlawful assembly; classification; liability](#) (Diaz: Marshall, Nyguyen, et al.) increases penalties for crimes if they are during a "riot or unlawful assembly." This is

similar to a bill we opposed two years ago. Our concern is that it can be used to target people of color and otherwise peaceful civil disobedience. **OPPOSE**

Senate Committee on Government at 9:30 AM in SHR2

- [SB1011 municipalities; partisan elections](#) (Kavanagh) allows for partisan city elections. Do we really need this? Kavanagh's spouse lost a local election for mayor, so it makes you wonder if he thinks she would have a better chance if everyone knew she was a Republican.
- [SB1021 attorney general; legislature; legal challenges](#) (Kavanagh) requires the Attorney General to defend all the laws passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor that are challenged legally. Hopefully, the Governor will veto the really wacky laws, but in the future, we may not have a governor willing to do that. This is just a bad idea and is targeting the new Attorney General. **OPPOSE**

Senate Committee on Education at 2:00 PM in SHR1

- [SB1001 pronouns; biological sex; school policies](#) (Kavanagh) is another anti-transgender bill, targeting kids. It prohibits teachers from addressing the students with a pronoun other than the one that aligns with their biological sex unless there is parental permission and also says that the school officials don't have to address the students appropriately with their pronouns if they have some kind of religious issue with it. **OPPOSE**
- [SB1040 public schools; restrooms; reasonable accommodations](#) (Kavanagh) is yet another anti-trans bill that requires a separate restroom for trans kids. **OPPOSE**

Thursday, January 19th

Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy, and Water at 9:00 AM in SHR2

- Presentation
 - Overview of CAP - Brenda Burman, General Manager of Central Arizona Project

Senate Natural Resources, Energy, & Water and House Land, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs Joint Committee of Reference at 1:30 PM in HHR1

- Sunset Review of the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission
- Sunset Review of the Arizona State Parks Board

Environmental Day at the Capitol, Briefings, & Training



Join us for **Environmental Day at the Capitol 2023**. You can RSVP and add it to your calendar by using the link below. Environmental Day at the Capitol is our annual lobby day, conducted in collaboration with twenty plus other organizations. We have information tables, speakers, and will be setting up appointments with your legislators. You need not have any experience or be an expert and you will have a team leader to help you with the legislative meetings.

Environmental Day at the Capitol

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM (meetings with legislators, as can be scheduled)

11:30 AM Registration

Noon Program, Tabling, News Conference, and Opportunities for Action

4:00 PM Wrap up

[RSVP here.](#)

- Join us for a Legislative Session Overview focused on Water, Climate, and Democracy on January 18th at 6:30 PM. [RSVP here.](#)
- We will conduct a briefing webinar on Climate and Clean Energy in Arizona on January 23rd at 6:00 PM. [RSVP here.](#)
- We will also conduct a volunteer lobby training on January 26th at 6:30 PM. [RSVP here.](#)
- Join us for Water 101, an introduction to water issues in AZ on January 27th at 6:00 PM. [RSVP here.](#)

On January 31st at 6:00 PM join our program on Environmental Justice. [RSVP here.](#)

Look for additional issues briefings on Democracy and Lands, Habitat, and Wildlife.

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