



**They're back -- or at least they will be Monday!**

A graphic with a blue and white color scheme. At the top is a red star. Below it, the text "ARIZONA VOTING RIGHTS COALITION" is in red outline. The main title "JUNE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE" is in large, bold, black serif font. Below that, the date and time "TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023 12PM-1PM" are in blue. The location "ARIZONA STATE CAPITOL - HOUSE LAWN 1700 W WASHINGTON ST, PHOENIX, AZ 85007" is also in blue. At the bottom is another red star. There are faint star graphics on the left and right sides of the central text area.

**ARIZONA VOTING RIGHTS COALITION**  
**JUNE LEGISLATIVE**  
**UPDATE**  
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June 9, 2023

Hi all!

After a couple of weeks off, the Arizona Legislature will be back on Monday. So far, we have heard they may have agreement on an affordable housing bill that could advance, but there's still no agreement on the Proposition 400 (Maricopa County transportation sales tax) bill. See more on that below. The rumor is that after addressing a few bills, they may recess again until August 1st. The House may also take some action to sanction Representative Stephanie Stahl-Hamilton for her first amendment protest -- hiding the bibles that were in the member's lounge. It's just ridiculous that they are spending any more time on that.

It also looks like they are going to revive a referendum to require proportionate signatures by legislative district to put a citizen initiative on the ballot. That will make it a lot more difficult and more expensive and would allow one district to block a measure from getting on the ballot. Ask your representative to vote NO on SCR1015 and to oppose efforts to make it more difficult to engage in citizen initiatives. Use the button below to take action.

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Vote NO on SCR1015!

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Maricopa County is the only county in Arizona that needs legislative approval and the governor's signature to call an election for a transportation sales tax. Unfortunately, the legislature has refused to approve a clean version of a bill and instead has been trying to limit the dollars that can go toward transit.

After 500 meetings and feedback from more than 10,000 residents, Mayors and other elected leaders agreed on a plan that includes transit, Tell state leaders: Let voters decide their transportation future.

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Support Public Transit!

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**On Tuesday, please join us at the Arizona State Capitol House Lawn from 12:00 PM -1:00 PM to bring awareness to the voting related bills** that passed and were killed during the 2023 Arizona Legislative session, and to continue to stress the need for inclusive, equitable, and accessible democratic policies and practices!

To review bills we are tracking, [go to this link](#).

**For more information, reach out to Sandy Bahr at [sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org](mailto:sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org).**

Thank you for taking action!

All the best,



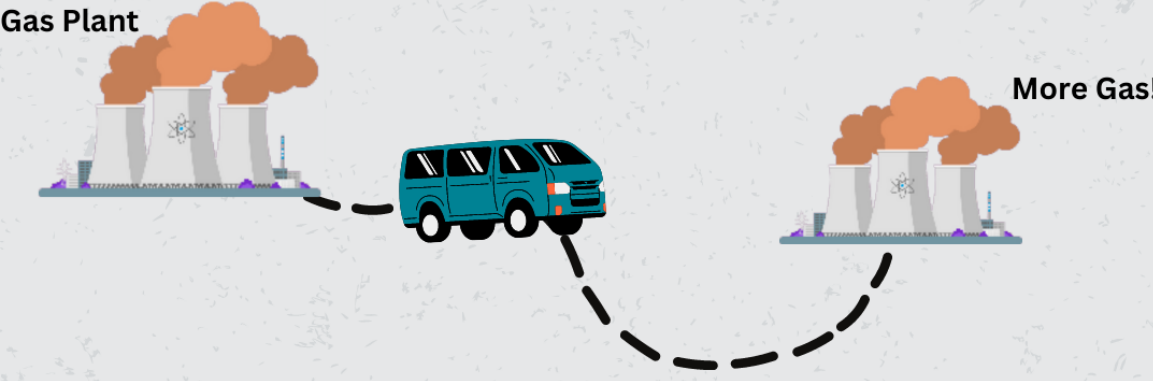
Sandy Bahr  
Chapter Director  
Sierra Club - Grand Canyon Chapter

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**Coming Up Next Week**

Join the

# SRP IS FULL OF GAS TOUR!



**June 17th • 9:30am - 3:30pm**

**An educational tour addressing concerns about air pollution, climate change, and water use, regarding some of Salt River Project's gas plants and proposed gas plant expansions**

### Monday, June 12th

#### House Rules Committee at 11:00 A.M. in HHR4

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

- SB1391 department of environmental quality; counsel (Kerr) has a strike everything amendment on [S/E allocation; water quality fee fund](#) that allocates \$9,060,000 from the State Lottery Fund to the Water Quality Fee Fund. This can help the agency better do its job of protecting Arizona water quality by providing consistent funding. **SUPPORT**
- [SCR1015 initiative; referendum; signatures; legislative districts](#) (Mesnard: Bennett, Kaiser, et al) refers to the ballot a measure that requires a proportionate number of signatures from every legislative district to qualify a measure for the ballot. **OPPOSE**

### Tuesday, June 13th

#### Joint Committee on Capital Review at 9:45 A.M. in HHR1

- AZ Department of Administration and AZ Department of Transportation - Review of Electric Vehicle Charging Station Projects (For Discussion Only).
- AZ Game and Fish Department - Review of FY 2024 Capital Projects.
- AZ State Parks Board
  - Review of Verde River State Park (For Discussion Only).
  - Review of FY 2024 Capital Improvement Projects - State Parks Revenue Fund.
- AZ Department of Transportation - Review of ADOT Capital Projects.

## Voting Rights Coalition News Conference at 12:00 PM at the Arizona Legislature on the House lawn

**Saturday, June 17th**

SRP is Full of Gas Tour - 9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. - Join us to go to four of SRP's gas plants to call attention to the pollution, water use, and climate harm they do. We will gather outside of each and record comments, tell our stories, and share why SRP should invest in clean renewable energy instead of adding more gas. You can meet us at one or join us for the tour of all four. Find the event on [Facebook here](#) or go directly to the [RSVP form](#).

### Help Stop the Dangerous Gas Plant Near You

Come learn more about the Agua Fria Power Plant in Glendale from 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. at Glendale High School. You can [RSVP here](#).

And sign on to support the strongest possible carbon rule for power plants by using the button below.

Take Action to Reduce Carbon Emissions!

**HELP STOP**

**THE DANGEROUS GAS POWER PLANT NEAR YOU!**

**GLENDALE HIGH SCHOOL  
6216 W. GLENDALE AVE.  
GLENDALE, AZ 85301**

**6/17/23  
4 P.M. - 6 P.M.**

**REGISTER NOW**

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FOR THE ORGANIZED CHANGE

**wra** Western Resource Advocates.

