

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting called to order** by Chair Christy @ 4:58 pm; Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll call** – Chair Christy, Mr. Clavir, Mr. Ward and Mr. Evans are present. Ms. Watson is absent. There is a quorum.

**Agenda approval** – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Evans Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Call to the Public** – None

**Minutes** – Mr. Ward made motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes from May 19th; Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Monthly Bills & Financials** – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the May 2021 Bills and Financials. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### PUBLIC MEETING

- A. **Governor's Budget:** Chief Martin provided an update to the Fire Board in regards to the Governor's FY 2022 Budget. See attached Legislative Reports.
- B. **Public Hearing FY2021-2022 Proposed Budget:** Mr. Ward made motion to open Public Hearing. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. **Close Public Hearing:** Mr. Ward made motion to close Public Hearing. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. **Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Adoption:** Mr. Ward made motion to adopt the Proposed 2021-2022 Budget. Mr. Evans. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. **Securis Workers Comp. Resolution:** Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the Securis Workers Compensation Resolution. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**Chief Martin:** Chief Martin informed the Fire Board that construction is starting this week for the Tribal Duplex in their subdivision. He also let the Board know that Mohave County adopted the International Fire code 2018 which put everyone in line with enforcing the same fire codes. The Type 3 has been assigned to the Telegraph Fire. A virtual inspection was done on our new Ambulance; there were a few minor things that needed to be addressed before it gets shipped. Another inspection will be done when it arrives. MVFD is actively participating in Colorado West Fire which was started by Fireworks. Engine 841 has a broken fan blade and damaged radiator; a replacement fan is on order.

Mr. Ward made motion to adjourn and Mr. Clavir seconded at 5:19 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist.

Subject **AFDA Weekly Legislative & Political Report - 6/14/21**  
From John Flynn  
To AFDA Admin  
Date 2021-06-14 09:07  
Priority Highest



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- Fire Service Bill Tracking Report - June 14, 2021.pdf(~446 KB)
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Today is the 155<sup>th</sup> day of the legislative session. The legislature returns this week in another effort to find the votes necessary to pass the FY22 budget. The Governor is also planning to call a special session of the legislature this week to address funding for wildfire suppression. Legislative work during the special session will be limited to details within the Governor's call, which has not been released as of this morning. The week begins with several Republican legislators continuing to oppose various tax and spending measures in the FY22 budget, even with the latest proposed changes. A major sticking point is the flat tax proposal which negatively impacts state shared revenues for cities and towns. Proposed amendments continue to fall short of a "Hold Harmless" for the cities and towns. The Republicans need all their members in agreement to pass a budget with a narrow 31-29 margin in the House. The Senate majority also needs all their members to support a budget as the Republicans hold a thin 16-14 vote margin. The fire service has a number of appropriation and tax policy matters pending before the legislature in the FY22 budget. Listed below is a summary of where fire service interests stand within the BRBs' as introduced (*items are noted whether included in FY22 budget or not*).

**1. FIRE DISTRICTS – PENDING BUDGET ITEMS** (*appropriations and policy impacting fire districts*)

- Tax Policy: Commercial property tax assessment ratio reduction (18% to 17% over two years) and corresponding tax rate cap adjustment (3.25 to 3.37 to 3.50 over two years) (**INCLUDED in BRBs'**)
- Appropriation: Transwestern pipeline tax settlement reimbursement for impacted fire districts (**INCLUDED in BRBs' – funded at \$17 million**)
- Appropriation: Capitalization funding for the fire district WC risk pool (**NOT INCLUDED in BRBs'**)
- Appropriation: Wildland equipment for Vernon FD and Springerville FD (**NOT INCLUDED in BRBs'**)
- Appropriation: Reimbursement Fund for small agencies EMS response on federal land (**INCLUDED in BRBs' – funded at \$2.5 million – non lapsing**)

**1. MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICES – PENDING BUDGET ITEMS** (*appropriations and policy impacting municipal fire services*)

- Tax Policy: Hold harmless on state shared revenues for cities and towns for income tax reduction (**NOT INCLUDED in BRBs'**)
- Appropriation: \$20 million dollar funding transfer for the municipal risk pool for firefighter cancer claims (**INCLUDED in BRBs'**)
- Appropriation: Transwestern pipeline tax settlement reimbursement for impacted municipalities (**INCLUDED in BRBs' – funded at \$17 million**)

**1. STATEWIDE FIRE SERVICE – PENDING BUDGET ITEMS** (*appropriations with statewide impact*)

- Appropriation: Funding for Dept. Forestry and Fire Management (**INCLUDED in BRBs' – additional \$3.8 million one-time funding to fire suppression fund**)
- Appropriation: Funding for State Fire Marshal's Office (**INCLUDED in BRBs' – adding 4 FTE**)
- Appropriation: State Fire School subsidy (**INCLUDED in BRBs' – additional \$100K in funding**)
- Appropriation: Hazardous Vegetation Removal program (**INCLUDED in BRBs' - \$18 million across various accounts**)
- Appropriation: State Lake Improvement funding and fire / rescue boat grants (**INCLUDED in BRBs' – funded at \$4.0 million – non lapsing**)
- Appropriation: Governor's Highway Safety grant program for rescue equipment (**INCLUDED in BRBs'**)
- Appropriation: Forestry grants for small rural agencies (**INCLUDED in BRBs'**)

Once the legislature returns to work, floor calendars for COW, Third Read and Final Read post daily: [House & Senate Floor Calendars](#). Caucus and floor sessions are currently closed to in-person attendance but can be livestreamed here: [Az Legislative Livestream](#). To date a total of 1,730 bills have been introduced, with 409 of those bills having passed out of both the Senate and House. The Governor has signed 381 bills into law and vetoed 27 bills. The week's Fire Service Bill Tracking Report is attached, which details 61 fire service bills of interest and those bills impacting fire district administration and governance. Primary fire service bills of interest are listed below with the last action and next action noted. NOTE: Legislation enacted into law takes effect 90 days post adjournment sine die unless passed with an emergency clause or specified effective date.

### Fire Service Primary Bills of Interest

Primary fire service bills of interest with action pending / recent action are listed below (complete bill details can be found in the attached bill tracking report).

- H2077he: **STATE LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATIONS** (Sen. Biasucci, LD-5, Lake Havasu) LAST ACTION: 3/17 PASSED Senate Appropriations 9-1. NEXT: budget bill – awaiting BRBs' intro (*H2077 makes changes to SLIF administration and authorizes funding eligibility for search and rescue watercraft*)
- H2381ch: **PSPRS; CORP; LOCAL BOARDS; CONSOLIDATION** (Rep. Blackman, R-6 Snowflake) LAST ACTION: **signed by Governor, chapter #34, Laws 2021** (*H2381 is the PSPRS agency bill amending local board requirements. H2381 is the mirror bill to S1214*)
- ~~H2802i: **AMBULANCE SERVICES; SERVICE AREAS**~~ (Rep. Burges, R-1 Skull Valley) LAST ACTION: 2/15 informational hearing only House Health and Human Services - HELD. NEXT: **DEAD** (*H2802 amends various ambulance service CON requirements specific to the needs of cities, towns, and fire districts*)
- S1120se: **STRIKER – FIRE DISTRICTS; REIMBURSEMENT** (Sen. Gowan, R-14 Sierra Vista) LAST ACTION: 3/16 PASSED House Natural Resources, Energy, and Water 10-0. NEXT: budget bill – awaiting BRBs' intro (*S/E S1120 establishes a reimbursement fund for small agencies EMS response on federal govt. lands*)
- S1298se: **FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING** (Sen. Shope, R-8 Casa Grande) LAST ACTION: **4/16 signed by Governor, Chapter 241, Laws 2021** (*S1298 authorizes fire districts to refinance PSPRS unfunded liabilities. Emergency clause*)
- ~~S1334i: **FIREWORKS; AERIAL DEVICES**~~ (Sen. Gowan, R-14 Sierra Vista) LAST ACTION: 2/10 Senate Commerce – HELD. NEXT: **DEAD** (*S1334 expands consumer fireworks to include consumer "aerial" devices*)
- S1351se: **FIRE DISTRICTS; AMENDMENTS** (Sen. Borrelli, R-5 Lake Havasu) LAST ACTION: **3/26 signed by the Governor, chapter #145, Laws 2021** (*S1351 makes various changes to fire district administrative and governance statutes*)
- S1373se: **HEALTH FACILITIES; DUTY OF CARE** (Sen. Barto, R-15 Phoenix) LAST ACTION: **5/4 signed by Governor, Chapter 314, Laws 2021** (*S1373 requires SNF and care homes to provide pre-arrival CPR and other care*)
- S1442se: **HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL; STATE FORESTER** (Sen. Kerr, R-13 Buckeye) LAST ACTION: **3/9 signed by the Governor, Chapter 44, Laws 2021** (*S1442 is the Governor's Healthy Forest Initiative slated for \$24M appropriation to fund inmate fire crews for HVR. S1442 is the mirror bill to H2440*)
- ~~S1450i: **WORKERS' COMPENSATION; SPECIAL FUND; FIREFIGHTERS**~~ (Sen. Boyer, R-20 Glendale) LAST ACTION: **DEAD**. NOTE: this is now a proposed FY22 budget item (*S1450 creates a special fund to reimburse cities for best practices in firefighter cancer prevention*)
- S1451se: **WORKERS' COMPENSATION; RATES; FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER** (Sen. Boyer, R-20 Glendale) LAST ACTION: **4/14 signed by Governor, Chapter 229, Laws 2021** (*S1451 amends cancer presumption laws for firefighters*)

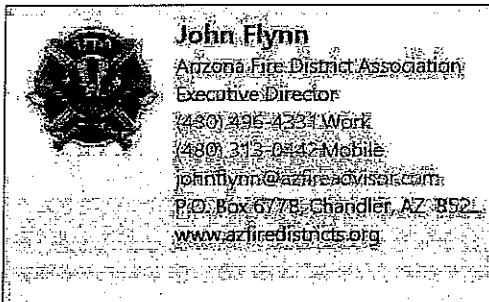
- ~~S1605: WORKERS COMPENSATION; PHYSICIANS; PUBLIC SAFETY~~ (Sen. Gowan, R-14 Sierra Vista) LAST ACTION: 3/2 from Senate Rules OK. NEXT: **DEAD** (S1605 addresses issues with workers comp physician selection and assignment in public safety cases)
- S1659se: **FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET; SUMMARY** (Sen. Leach, R-11 Oro Valley) LAST ACTION: **3/30 signed by the Governor, Chapter 158, Laws 2021** (S1659 is an ATRA sponsored measure to make fire district budget reporting consistent with city and county requirements)

Legislative / Regulatory / Elections / Political Calendar

- **April 24, 2021** – 100<sup>th</sup> Day of Session (by law the session limit, which can be extended by ongoing agreement of House and Senate)

Upcoming at AFDA

- **July 6, 2021** – AFDA Annual Membership & Board Meeting – AFCA-AFDA Leadership Conference, Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.



Subject : **AFDA - Legislative Special Session**

From : John Flynn

To :



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Date : 2021-06-15 18:07

Priority : Highest

Good afternoon AFDA Board Members,

Today the legislature convened a special session on the Governor's request to address the ongoing wildland fire season. Here's a quick summary of the wildfire special session which is anticipated to conclude later this week.

- The special session will run concurrently with the ongoing 55<sup>th</sup> Arizona Legislature – 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Session.
- The Governor and staff met with legislative leadership yesterday afternoon to outline the special session call and details.
- The legislature will consider a financial package in the amount of \$100 million dollars to address fire suppression, recovery, and hazardous vegetation removal (HVR) programs. While the granular details of where the funding will specifically be spent is not provided, I spoke with David Tenney, DFFM Director yesterday and here's a general breakdown:
  - \$75M for fire suppression and recovery (recovery funding is anticipated to pass thru DEMA).
  - A portion of the fire suppression funding will specifically increase the amount used for ASLD (non-federal) fires (currently \$4M set forth annually in state budget).
  - Funding is anticipated to bolster ongoing fire cooperator funding for state fires (Az still has \$20M fire fund to prompt pay local govt. fire cooperators on federal fires).
  - A portion of the fire suppression funding will be allocated to capital resources for DFFM fire suppression operations.
  - The HVR component of the funding is \$24M and is being removed from the FFY22 budget and placed into the special session appropriation.
- H2001 and S1001 are the concurrent wildfire special session appropriation bills introduced today. The bills will be heard tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. in a joint House and Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee meeting in HHR1 (livestream the hearing at : [Az Legislative Livestream](#)).
- H2001 and S1001 are scheduled for Rules Committee hearings on Thursday morning and anticipated for floor debate and votes on Thursday late morning.
- Bill language for H2001 and S1001 has not yet posted. I'll send the links when available. Here's the summary description of the bills: *H2001 / S1001: Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$75 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (ADFFM) for wildfire emergency response, and authorizes the ADFFM to spend the monies for a list of expenses, including fire suppression, mitigation of postfire flooding, emergency liabilities, financial assistance to landowners for fire damage, and reimbursement to a state agency or political subdivision for emergency costs. Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$24.54 million and 122 full-time equivalent positions from the general fund in FY2020-21 to ADFFM for wildfire mitigation.*

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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