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Land Commissioner Addresses ARPA Board

State Land Commissioner Maria Baier spoke at last Wednesday's ARPA Board meeting.

Baier spend over ten years working on land and natural resource issues for the Symington and Hull Administrations and was most recently a member of the Phoenix City Council.

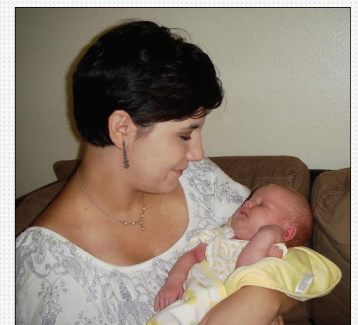
Baier left the Council when she was appointed by Governor Brewer to head the land Department.

Baier pointed out that mineral leases have provided a consistent source of revenue for the Land Department but that the Department still faces the prospect of deep budget cuts.

She praised ARPA Government Relations Director Rusty Bowers one of the bills he sponsored while he was state Senator. Rusty worked to create a classroom fund that ensured that the proceeds of state trust land sales



Crystal Had Her Baby!



Congratulations to Crystal and Benjamin on the birth of their beautiful daughter Rowan Nicole.

**7 Pounds 15 Ounces
20.2 Inches**

**Born
September 5th, 2009**

were set aside to go directly into the classroom. In addition to helping education, the fund ensures that there is a broad constituency to demand that land sales proceeds be maximized.

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ARPA Hosts LEED Webinar

ARPA Concrete Technical & Education Committee Chairman, Manny Mungaray with Salt River Materials Group, set up a LEED webinar with NRMCA on Wednesday, August 26, 2009. The webinar, "Earning LEED 2009® Credits by Utilizing Ready Mixed Concrete", was presented by Doug O'Neill, LEED AP with NRMCA. The program took a detailed look at the important and growing role played by ready mixed concrete in green building design and construction. Engineers who attended this webinar earned one Professional Development Hour upon completion. Special thanks to Manny Mungaray, Robert Barkley and Jeff Hearne for their assistance during the webinar.

Rusty Bowers Plans Congressional Run.



ARPA's very own Rusty Bowers will soon announce that he is running for the District 1 Congressional seat currently held by Ann Kirkpatrick.

Like any race, the most important considerations are the math and the issues. Rusty is strong on both. Let's start with the math. In 2008, Sydney Hay lost to Ann Kirkpatrick by about 45,000 votes. That equates to a 16% loss in the worst year for Republican Congressional candidates since Watergate.

Conventional analysis would say that Rusty starts with Hay's base and then adds the folks who voted for change but have been put off by the Obama/ Reid/Pelosi troika. Then let's speak the unspeakable--all other things being equal, LDS constituents will support LDS candidates. District 1 has a huge LDS population and many of them are Democrats.

That's the conventional wisdom and it's OK as far as it goes, but the real issue will be turnout. Hay received more votes in 2008 (nearly 110,000) than Renzi received in 2006 (under 106,000). Hay's vote total would have prevailed in 2006. She lost because an extra 75,000 people turned out to vote and most of them voted Democratic.

Who were those people?

They're young, idealistic Obama supporters who aren't going to vote in 2010. Those voters aren't coming back to the polls in a non-presidential year and they sure as heck aren't coming back without Obama on the ticket. Forget about the fact that independent voters and moderates of both parties feel like they were sold a bill of goods with Obama's "change" mantra. Forget about the Bailouts, nationalizing the auto and health care industries. Forget about Cap and Trade and the other environmental restrictions that are reminiscent of the restrictions that have already devastated rural Arizona. Forget about the radical environmentalist forest policy—"keep it pristine until it all burns". Forget about the percentage of the electorate who—like Rusty—are 4th or 5th generation LDS Arizonans. Focus on turnout. The extra 75,000 young idealistic voters who showed up to vote for Obama aren't going to be there in 2010. In 2010, CD 1 is a Republican seat.



Of course, we can't ignore the issues completely. There are a few that will be important.

First, let's start with the red Herring. "Golly, Bowers doesn't live in the district." Hmm. No Cigar. Rusty has lived in the same home for decades



district. "Hmmm, No cigar." Rusty has lived in the same home for decades and it has variously been in and out of the district. So in 1992, when he was elected to the Legislature, Karan English was his Congresswoman. They both represented constituents in the District. Following English's defeat after one term, Hayworth became Rusty's Congressman until Rusty's house was redistricted out of the District in 2002. Now his house is in Flake's District.

Rusty was raised in Chino Valley near Prescott and has roots in the District that go back four generations. It would be pretty tough to characterize him as a carpet bagger. He has owned a home near Globe for about eight years and will presumably re-register and declare the Globe home his primary residence.

The point is legally irrelevant because Congressmen don't have to live in the district that they represent. However, a true carpet bagger (like Renzi) has to make a case to the electorate that he should be elected anyway. Rusty won't have that problem.

Then of course, there's the environment. Kirkpatrick will try to portray Rusty as the great dismantler of the protections that generations of environmentalists have been pushing since the days of John Muir. But Rusty isn't so easy to pigeonhole. Check out this Phoenix New Times article from 1997; Bowers was on the cover and a framed issue hangs in his office.



State Senator Russell Bowers is best known for his archconservatism, his assault on environmental regulations and . . . his fine art?

Indeed, the professional sculptor doesn't fit the narrative.

North eastern Arizona would appreciate a referendum on modern environmental policy. Let's talk about Goshawks--hunted in Europe but "endangered" here. Let's talk about families whose grandparents used to work in saw mills, but whose kids work at Starbucks serving

Lattes to the Maricopa County residents who spend weekends at their cabins in the pristine forests that have become their playground.

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