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Tucson Turmoil Tosses Trasoff



Tucson City Council candidate Steve Kozachik visited Southern ARPA last month to inform us about his candidacy. He had a rough race; incumbent Democrat Nina Trasoff had all the

advantages of currently being in office—not to mention the residual name recognition that comes from years of being on TV. Kozachik pointed out that if he won, he would be the first Republican challenger to defeat an incumbent Democrat for the City Council since 1977.

Well, that time clock needs to be reset. Steve Kozachick defeated Nina Trasoff by over 1,500 votes in Tuesday's election. In fact, Trasoff's seatmate Democratic incumbent Karin Uhlich only managed to retain her office by fewer than 200 votes.

ARPA members have complained for years about Tucson's dysfunctional government structure. It looks like the voters have finally had enough as well. Congratulations Steve Kozachik. We look forward to working with you.

Meetings/Events

ARPA Board of Directors Meeting:

The next ARPA Board of Director's meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18th at 8:30am. Jim Kenna, State Director for the Bureau of Land Management, will be attending.

Truck Driver of the Quarter

The ARPA Truck Driver of the Quarter Award acknowledges the significant contribution of truck drivers to the growth and success of individual companies and the rock products industry. 4th Quarter submittals are due December 30th, 2009 by the close of business (4pm). *The program guidelines, including the entry form, is in the attached file.*

Southern ARPA Holiday Luncheon

Mark your calendars for the Annual Southern ARPA Holiday Luncheon on December 9th, 2009.

ARPA Supports State Trust Land Reform

ARPA has participated in efforts to develop a Trust Land reform House Concurrent Resolution and subsequently a ballot proposition to improve the management and planning of Arizona's Trust Land. The ultimate goal is to provide sufficient agency accountability and the effort is intended to both maximize revenues to the trust for its beneficiaries and ensure the highest and best use of state lands.

Member News

ARPA Member Awarded for Safety

Gila River Sand and Gravel has won the Sentinel of Safety award and the Rock Mountain District Safe Mine Achievement Award. This award is for best record for all sand and gravel operations in 9 states. To celebrate this outstanding achievement, Gila River Sand and Gravel's Maricopa Plant is having a cook out on Wednesday, November 25th. Congratulations!

ARPA Prepares for the 2010 Election Year

ARPA recognizes the importance of the upcoming 2010 election year and in preparation has established a new committee, the PAC Fundraising Committee. The Committee met on Thursday, November 12th to discuss opportunities to raise funds for the 2010 legislative session. The committee is now in the planning process for fundraising activities that will provide networking, meet and greets with legislators, and family activities for ARPA Members. We will be scheduling and sending out information about these events throughout the next 5 months. Our first activity will be held during the ARPA Holiday Steak Fry. We hope you will stop by after you enjoy a fabulous steak for your chance to win a great prize!

Mineral Identification and Management Guide Webinar

On Tuesday, November 17th at 1:30pm (EDT) there will be a webinar to review NSSGA's *Mineral Identification and Management Guide* as well as how to implement it. If you have not already signed up for this FREE webinar, please go to the below listed NSSGA website to register. In order to effectively implement this Guide on an industry-wide scale, NSSGA is looking for your participation.

website: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/826812355>

City of Phoenix Provide Test Results for new Chip Seal Program

Mark Glock from the City of Phoenix will be presenting the test results from the recent test sections of FAST, which is their new chip seal program, as well as providing an update on upcoming Street Transportation projects. The meeting will be held at the AGC office on Tuesday, November 17th, 2009 at 7:00am. AGC is located at 1825 West Adams Street, Phoenix, 85007. Please send your RSVP to Amanda McGennis at amcgennis@AZAGC.ORG to attend this informative meeting.

Transportation Extension Via CR Expected As Oberstar, Senators Oppose EPW Proposal

Despite the best efforts of the Senate Environment Committee's top Republican, several GOP senators Oct. 28 continued to object to a six-month extension of highway and transit law, increasing the odds for shorter-term stopgap that is included in a government funding bill. Even if Senator James Inhofe (R-Okla.) is successful in convincing his fellow Republicans to drop their objections to the measure, another roadblock lies in the House, where the architect of a \$500 billion, six-year policy rewrite stands firm in his opposition to the Senate's proposal. Current highway and transit policy and funding levels (were) set to expire Oct. 31 after lawmakers extended them another month in late September. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman James Oberstar (D-Minn.), the architect of a \$500 billion, six year funding increase and policy rewrite, has been rallying for swift passage of his bill. But in the face of Senate reluctance to tackle the issue, he eventually acquiesced and signed off on an extension through Dec. 31, which the House approved in late September. On the other side of the Capitol, Senate lawmakers have only recently backed down from their insistence on a White House request to put off debate on the reauthorization until March 2011. But the senate's new push to pass a six-month extension running through the end of April 2010 has run into some Republican opposition and a government funding stopgap that expires Dec. 18 will include a transportation extension through that same timeframe. *(For more transportation information visit the National Stone Sand and Gravel Association's website: www.nssga.org)*

ARPA Appreciates the Arizona Chamber's Support of Rock Products Industry

In recent meetings with the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry, ARPA requested to be included in the focus of the Chamber's Natural Resource Committee's legislative agenda. Part of that agenda now states, "Continue to Develop Natural Resources Industries: Support policies that further the development of natural resources industries, including mining, oil and gas, agriculture, ranching, timber, and biomass energy, so they can continue to provide job opportunities throughout the state while promoting good stewardship of the land." ARPA is grateful to have this representation and for the opportunity to work with the Chamber toward worthwhile pursuits.

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Every American will need 1.55 million lbs. of Sand and Gravel in their lifetime.