

2019-05-14 LAC Report

Notebook: 2019 Reports & Updates

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Legislative Affairs Coalition Update

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Durango City Council Update

- Councilor Kim Baxter is pushing the city council to establish job descriptions and performance evaluations for City Manager, City Attorney, and Municipal Judge.
- Baxter requested contracts, job descriptions and performance evaluation on April 17 and was surprised to learn none existed.
- Baxter called it “inexcusable” and urges the Council to handle it immediately.

Durango Sales & Use Tax Update

- See the monthly sales tax snapshot here:
<http://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/13720/March-2019-Sales-Tax-Snapshot-Report?bidId=>
- The Sales & Use Tax history report is here:
<http://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/13706/Sales-Tax-History-Report?bidId=>

Homelessness Update

- La Plata County has hired a consultant, the Athena Group, to craft a strategic plan for handling local homelessness.
- The kickoff meeting was mid April and initial interviews are underway.
- The county will be receiving bi weekly updates from from Athena Group and a final report is expected in November.
- A local faith-based initiative is also in the works.

La Plata County Water Code Updates

- The LPC Attorney’s office lead a discussion about updates to the Water Code (82-186) May 14 at 1:30 pm at the County Administration Building.
- The purpose of the updates to the Code are:
 - a. reorganize §82-186 to provide a more logical progression through the code section;
 - b. define previously undefined terms;
 - c. resolve existing ambiguities in requirements; and
 - d. implement the recommendations of the Water Advisory Commission (WAC) and Water Policy Priorities adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 2017 (adopted water priorities).

La Plata County District Plans Update

- [Vallecito](#) kicks off the District Plan process on May 29th, from 6-8 pm at the Vallecito Community Events Center located at 17252 CR 501.
- District Plans for [Southeast](#), [Bayfield](#), [Animas Valley](#), [Ft. Lewis Mesa](#), and [Florida Mesa](#) are currently underway.
- District Plans are on the Planning Commission agenda the first Thursday of the month. The meeting is held at 6 pm at the County Administration Building. Visit the [District Plan Update webpage](#) for an overview of the update process.

Bayfield Broadband Study Update

- The Town of Bayfield is looking to get high-speed, high quality broadband service and is asking the community to provide input.
- Bayfield has two online surveys — one concerning residential services and one about business services
 - Residential Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Bayfield-Residential2>
 - Business Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Bayfield-Business2>
- The results of the survey and more about the project will be discussed at a public meeting on June 4, 4-6pm at the Bayfield Town Hall.

Southern Ute Update

- The Southern Ute Indian Tribe announced on May 6 the selection of the new Operating Director of Energy for the Southern Ute Growth Fund, Mr. John Stafford.

- Stafford will supervise ventures related to energy resource exploration and development, gas gathering, processing, petroleum refining and transportation, and alternative energy.
- Prior to joining the Southern Ute Growth Fund, Stafford was the President of Laris Oil & Gas, LLC, a private oil and gas exploration company which he founded in 2002.

Ignacio Opportunity

- The Town of Ignacio is seeking qualifications from interested firms or individuals who can provide contract Building Inspection and Code Enforcement services. For more information go to: <https://www.colorado.gov/ignacio>

Volunteer Applicants Wanted

- La Plata County seeks volunteers to serve on the Board of Adjustment. For more information and to apply, visit <http://co.laplata.co.us/cms/one.aspx?pageId=1633876>.
- Ignacio seeks volunteers to serve on the Board of Adjustment. An application is here: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/ignacio/atom/71981>

Durango Subdivisions Approved

- On April 22, Durango Planning Commission approved a Planned Development conceptual Plan for development by Mountain Trace Timber Trails (250 Metz Lane and 1711 Florida Road.. The properties consist of a total of 47 residential dwelling units to be configured as a mixture of multi-family townhome units, single family residential units, and duplex units.
- On April 22, Durango Planning Commission approved the East Village (CR 238) Preliminary Plan. Tracy Reynolds, the applicant, plans to build 10 patio homes.

Meetings attended April 9 - May 14

4/9 - 10 am BOCC Meeting	4/23 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session
4/9 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session	4/24 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
4/10 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	4/25 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission
4/11 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission	4/30 - 10 am BOCC Meeting CANCELLED
4/16 - 10 am BOCC Meeting CANCELLED	4/30 - 4 pm City/County Work Session
4/16 - 1:30 pm BOCC Special Meeting	5/1 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
4/16 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting	5/2 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission
	5/7 - 10 am BOCC Meeting CANCELLED

4/17 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	5/7 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting
4/18 - 6 pm Joint Planning Commission CANCELLED	5/8 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
4/22 - 6 pm Durango Planning Commission	5/9 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission
4/23 - 10 am BOCC Meeting	5/14 - 9 am LAC meeting
4/23 - 2 pm BOCC Work Session	