

Nevada League of Cities & Municipalities

Information Exchange

Member Cities: Boulder City, Caliente, Carlin, Elko, Ely, Fallon, Fernley, Town of Gardnerville, Gardnerville Ranchos, GID, Henderson, Incline Village, GID, Indian Hills, GID, Las Vegas, Lovelock, Mesquite, North Las Vegas, Pahrump, Reno, Sparks, Wells, West Wendover, Yerington



President Jessica Sferrazza

Executive Board of Directors



David Bennett
1st Vice President



Susan Holecheck
2nd Vice President



Gene Brockman
3rd Vice President



Steve Ross
Secretary/Treasurer



Mike Franzioia
Past President

President Sferrazza's Message - Your Involvement is Key to Our Success

Special points of interest:

- Home Rule - ACIR
- AB 97 Committee
- Mayor's Meeting with Governor Gibbons
- Business Portal
- New Corporate Members
- National League of Cities

Thanks to all those who attended our most recent Board Meeting. Our agenda included many important items. We heard reports on the status of Neighborhood Stabilization Plan (NSP) funds and programs from David Morton of the Reno Housing Authority and Steve Harsen of the Las Vegas Neighborhood Services Department. We also had a presentation by Secretary of State Ross Miller regarding the Nevada Business Portal (see story on page 5). At the meeting, we welcomed three new Corporate Members to the League. They are Charles Abbott Associates, Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) and General Electric.

As you may have heard, the League recently arranged for our Mayors to meet with Governor Gibbons (see story on page 4). The effort was well

supported by our Mayors, with 20 in attendance. At the meeting, the Governor committed not to divert local revenues to balance the State budget (a promise he repeated in his State of the State address).

The League is continuing to pursue this agenda by scheduling meetings for our Mayors with the Legislative Leadership of both the Senate and Assembly. We are meeting with Senate Majority Leader Steven Horsford, Assembly Speaker Barbara Buckley and their leadership teams on February 19. We are also meeting with Senate Minority Leader Bill Raggio, Assembly Minority Leader Heidi Gansert and their leadership teams on February 16. Our message to each will be that the State must not attempt to solve their budget problems by diverting already strained local revenue.

With the Special Session of the Legislature now scheduled for February 23, it is vital that we be united in our message. Please communicate with your local legislative delegation and make sure that they understand the struggles that Nevada's cities are facing. It is more critical than ever that we present a united front.

The League will continue to carry our message in Carson City. Our greatest success will come, however, when we are all engaged in this effort.





J. David Fraser
Executive Director
NLC&M

Executive Director's Update

As the State struggles with its budget crisis, and we monitor and participate in their deliberations in order to protect local government budgets; our own members are in extreme and unprecedented fiscal crises. As a League, we are continually striving to make lawmakers aware of the financial difficulties faced by Nevada's cities and the extreme measures being taken in an effort to maintain acceptable service levels in our communities. I am grateful for the efforts being made by many of you to deliver the same message. I believe that

our advocacy efforts are having an impact.

Led by then-Reno Mayor Harry Stewart and then-Las Vegas City Commissioner Arthur Smith, the League was originally organized in 1944 (incorporated in 1959) with the stated intention "to secure harmony of action among cities." Though our Mission Statement has been updated and expanded many times, that element of our mission has never changed. Now more than ever, harmony of action among cities is critical.

As our Mayors met this past week with Governor Gibbons, and prepare to meet with Legislative leaders in the coming weeks, the vision of our early leaders continues. It is essential that we work together now to protect the limited resources of our cities. We at the League will continue to advocate on behalf of our cities and to assist you in your advocacy efforts. In this way, we will remain true to our mission of securing harmony of action among cities.

Home Rule - ACIR

The Advisory Committee for Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR), created by Senate Bill 264 of the 2009 Legislative Session convened its first meeting on January 7, 2010. The meeting was primarily organizational and informational. Washoe County Commissioner David Humke was elected to Chair the group with Debra March of the Henderson City Council elected as Vice-Chair. The group, tasked with making Home Rule recommendations to the Interim

Legislative Committee on Power Delegated to Local Governments, also includes Sparks Mayor Geno Martini, Mesquite Mayor Susan Holecheck, Clark County Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, and Esmeralda County Commissioner Nancy Boland. State representatives serving on the Committee are Department of Taxation Executive Director Dino DiCianno, Department of Transportation Deputy Director Scott Rawlins, and Department of

Health and Human Services Director Mike Willden. The Committee discussed the various aspects of Home Rule including Structural, Functional, Fiscal and Personnel Home Rule. Their discussion also included potential Bill Draft Requests including a BDR that would extend the service of the ACIR and possibly expand the issues the Committee would tackle. The ACIR is scheduled to convene again on March 4.



AB 97 - Transfers of Government Services

The League sponsored AB 97 in the 2009 Legislative Session. The purpose of the Bill, which was signed into law on May 19, 2009, is to establish procedures for transferring governmental functions between and among local governments and state agencies. During the Legislative Session, the bill garnered support

from local governments as well as the Nevada Association of Counties and several departments of Nevada State Government. With the support of those same groups, Executive Director David Fraser has been actively involved in shaping the regulations that will put the provi-

sions of AB 97 into effect. It is anticipated that the Department of Taxation, through its Local Government Finance Committee will adopt the regulations at its March meeting. The latest draft of the regulations can be found on the League's website.

www.nvleague.org



Welcome New Corporate Members

The Board of Director's approved 3 new Corporate Members to join the League. Below are brief company biographies.



CAA delivers unsurpassed customer service. We have the attitude, experience, and training that reflects well on any organization that hires us. No two clients are alike and we customize our services to meet the particular needs of the constituents we serve at any one location. Having had successful involvement with billions of dollars worth of construction projects since 1984, has given us the earned reputation of being the best in the industry.

- Building Safety
- Engineering
- Public Works
- Environmental

Charles Abbott & Associates, Inc.
1210 E. Basin Avenue, Suite 1
Pahrump, NV 89048
(775) 751-3773



GE Energy

About Us

More people around the world turn to us for advanced power systems and around-the-clock energy services than any other company. Since we installed our first stream turbine in 1901, our installed base of steam and heavy-duty gas turbines has grown to over 10,000 units, representing over a million Megawatts (MW) of installed capacity in more than 120 countries. With over 5,500 wind and 3,600 hydro turbines, the installed capacity of renewable energy exceeds 160,000 MW.

The Power of Experience

From assisting with the mining of natural resources to the distribution of energy to the consumer, our experts provide an expanding portfolio of innovative products, services and integrated solutions. Our charter is to provide the technology and the ability for our customers to produce energy more reliably and efficiently, more cost effectively and with greater environmental awareness than



UAMPS was established in 1980 under the Utah Interlocal Cooperation Act, and is a political subdivision of the State of Utah. UAMPS' purposes include the planning, financing, development, acquisition, construction, operation, and maintenance, of various projects for the generation, supply, transmission and management of electric energy for the benefit of its Members.

Since its creation, UAMPS has sought to develop new electric

power supplies for its Members through the construction of, or acquisition of interests in electric generation facilities and through the development of transmission access to power supply markets. Members benefit from a diverse mix of power supply resources that minimizes their reliance on any single source of electric power.

In 2008, UAMPS launched the Smart Energy initiative, a com-

prehensive energy management plan that emphasizes energy conservation and wise energy development.

The Smart Energy Initiatives, a comprehensive energy management plan that emphasizes energy conservation and wise energy development. The Smart Energy Initiative is simply a next step in the "Smart" process UAMPS and its Members have been following for years. Smart

UAMPS
1210 E. Basin Avenue,
Suite 1
Pahrump, NV 89048
(775) 751-3773





February 2, 2010

Nevada governor promises not to take any more local government money

By *SANDRA CHEREB*
Associated Press

State government won't look to cities and counties facing their own financial meltdowns to solve Nevada's imploding budget, Gov. Jim Gibbons told local government leaders Monday.

"Your constituents are my constituents," Gibbons told about three dozen mayors and county officials at a video teleconference from Carson City. "Your challenges may be a little smaller, but they're all the same.

"It's a two-way street," he said in brief opening remarks while reporters were present.

Gibbons received cheers from those in attendance when he said, "We do not intend to do anything to take money from counties and cities in this go-around."

That was welcome news to local elected officials. Since 2008, the state has diverted to its own coffers portions of revenues originally destined for local governments.

Now, the Nevada League of Cities and the Nevada Association of Counties will carry the same message to legislators before the governor calls for a special session on the state budget, said Reno Councilwoman Jessica Sferrazza, Nevada League president.

"We are going to be very vocal about it. The cities and counties are all on the same page," said Sferrazza, who called for the meeting with the governor. "We are hoping the Legislature won't find a way to divert taxes from local government or impose any unfunded mandates. That's the same thing."





Nevada Business Portal

Secretary of State Ross Miller addresses the Board of Director's at the last meeting in Las Vegas and this a brief description of what was discussed. The Nevada Secretary of State (SOS) is orchestrating efforts to enhance the State's business friendly climate by establishing a statewide Nevada Business Portal, which would enable businesses to conduct transactions with state and local governmental agencies. This "one stop shop" and its underlying architecture will streamline business establishment and maintenance processes; reduce complexity, eliminate redundancy, improve accountability and promote greater integration of constituent services.

The concept of the Portal involves core technology services that would allow for users of the Portal to access information and conduct transactions without having

to visit numerous State offices or websites. The Portal would be built based on a service-oriented architecture (SOA). The SOA approach allows for interoperability between different system platforms and programming languages and provides integration and reuse of existing application assets - orchestrated from existing services (i.e. other agency systems and databases) - rather than requiring the entire system to be rebuilt from scratch.

For more information:
www.sos.state.nv.us

Corporate Members

- AT&T**
- Bank of America**
- CenturyLink**
- Charles Abbott Associates, Inc.**
- General Electric**
- Kafoury, Armstrong & Associates**
- Nevada Rural Water Association**
- NV Energy**
- Nevada State Bank**
- NV State Bank - Public Finance**
- Poggemeyer**
- Southwest Gas**
- Swendseid & Stern**
- The Hartford**
- UAMPS**
- Union Pacific Railroad**
- Wells Fargo Bank**
- Wells Fargo Insurance Services**
- Willis Pooling**



BREAKING NEWS - Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood Confirmed as Speaker

Transportation Secretary Raymond H. "Ray" LaHood will speak to city officials at NLC's upcoming Congressional City Conference in Washington , D.C., during a general session on Monday, March 15.

LaHood is expected to offer his insights on efforts to coordinate investments in infrastructure as part of the President's jobs creation agenda reauthorization of the federal surface transportation program, implementation of the cross-agency livability initiative and high speed rail.

The cross-agency livability initiative is a partnership between the Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Environmental Protection Agency focused on creating affordable, sustainable communities. The goal is to help American families gain better access to affordable housing, more transportation options and lower transportation cost.

Check us out on Face Book and become a fan of the Nevada League of Cities & Municipalities

