

### **2022 Unemployment Update**

- La Plata County - January 4.0%, February 4.1%, March 3.5%
- San Juan County - January 2.9%, February 2.7%, March 2.6%
- Montezuma County - January 4.7%, February 5.0%, March 4.3%
- Archuleta County - January 3.9%, February 4.2%, March 3.5%

### **LPC Sales Tax Update**

- Sales tax collections for January show a decrease of \$423,800 or -25.83% in comparison to the same period in 2021. No year to date analysis is present as only a single month's data is available.

### **Durango-La Plata County Airport Update**

- Frontier Airlines will restore nonstop service between Durango and Las Vegas' Harry Reid International Airport starting June 9, 2022.
- Face masks are now optional for passengers and employees.
- DRO will be rehabilitating Runway 3/21 in September 2022. A full runway closure is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 7 – Friday, Sept. 16, 2022.

### **Downtown Durango Update**

- The city of Durango is hosting a community open house Thursday, May 19, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Fort Lewis College Center for Innovation, 835 Main Ave. Suite 225. The public will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft conceptual streetscape design for Downtown Main Avenue both at the meeting and online from May 2 - 22.
- More information is available here: <https://durangogov.org/downtownmain>

### **Affordable Housing Update**

- The La Plata County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved a resolution that establishes the "Investment in Affordable Housing Revolving Loan Fund".
- The fund will provide loans and grants to eligible projects and entities that require assistance with affordable housing projects.
- The fund starts with \$1.7 million in ARPA funds and the first recipient to make use of the fund is Elevation Community Land Trust, the purchaser of the Westside Mobile Home Park.

### **Homeless Camp Update**

- The LPC BOCC agreed to purchase 4 parcels of land for the purpose of creating a managed homeless camp.
- The land is located on US Highway 160 near the Dog Park, has 2 existing buildings and 2 mobile homes on it, and is priced at \$1.7 million.
- The closing is expected to take place between July 15 and November 1 this year, contingent upon the City of Durango approving a land use application.
- La Plata County is currently in the process of due diligence.
- At a joint meeting with the City of Durango Thursday, the Board of County Commissioners asked for three things:
  - issuance of an emergency ordinance authorizing the use of the land as a managed camp
  - expedited planning review
  - continued use of joint sales tax for the establishment, operation and maintenance of the camp
- No decisions were made, but staff was directed to move forward with drafting an emergency ordinance. The discussion will continue at the next joint meeting, which will be in 3 months if a special meeting is not scheduled sooner.

## LPEA Update

- Wholesale power supply cooperative Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association on April 28 filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) a settlement agreement with numerous parties, including Tri-State utility members LPEA, Poudre Valley Rural Electric Association (PVREA) and San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) on partial requirements memberships.
- With FERC approval, Tri-State's utility members can utilize the flexible option to self-supply up to 50% of their load requirements, in addition to members' current 5% self-supply and community solar options.
- More information at <https://lpea.coop/power-supply/tri-state-settlement-reached-flexible-power-supply-options>

## Election Information (Primary Election 6/28/22)

### LPC Assessor

- Carrie Woodson (D) incumbent - uncontested

### LPC Clerk & Recorder

- Tiffany Lee (I) incumbent - uncontested

### LPC Coroner

- Jan Smith (R) incumbent - uncontested

### LPC Sheriff

- Sean Smith (D) incumbent - uncontested

### LPC Surveyor

- Steven McCormack (I) incumbent - uncontested

### LPC Treasurer Candidates

- Allison Aichele, (D) incumbent - contributions \$0, expenditures \$0
- Erin Hutchins, (I) - contributions \$1230, expenditures \$100 <https://www.facebook.com/Erin2022Treasurer>

### LPC Commissioner, District 1

- Clyde Church, (D) incumbent - contributions \$0, expenditures \$0
- Brad Blake, (R) - contributions \$2500, expenditures \$3690 <https://electbradblake.com/>
- Jack Turner (I) - contributions \$2063, expenditures \$515 <https://electjackturner.com/>

### 3rd Congressional House District

- Lauren Boebert, (R) incumbent - contributions \$4,420,266.21, expenditures \$2,587,437.99
- Don Coram (R) - contributions \$89,419.00, expenditures \$34,167.81
- Kerry Donovan (D) - contributions \$1,956,362.97, expenditures \$1,552,531.85
- Kristin Skrowronski (I) - contributions \$5K, expenditures \$4.6K
- Adam Frisch (D) - contributions \$1,745,761.24, expenditures \$78,950.68
- Sol Sandoval (D) - contributions \$800,555.93, expenditures \$707,142.91
- Scott Yates (D) - contributions \$83,912.21, expenditures \$20,232.53
- Alex Walker (D) - contributions \$129,089.55, expenditures \$60,361.62
- Donald Valdez (D) - contributions \$330,889.65, expenditures \$319,662.12
- Colin Wilhelm (D) - contributions \$308,233.10, expenditures \$275,892.91
- Deborah Burnett (D) - contributions \$235,017.07, expenditures \$221,959.64
- Colin Buerger (D) - contributions \$86,190.95, expenditures \$86,190.95
- Gregg Harrison Smith (D) - contributions \$61,203.99, expenditures \$61,203.99
- Kelli Rhodes (D) - contributions \$13,671.27, expenditures \$13,179.49

### US Senate Colorado

- Michael Bennet (D) incumbent - contributions \$11,162,092.65, expenditures \$6,726,722.62
- Eli Bremer (R) - contributions \$529,877.54, expenditures \$380,095.79
- Gino Campana (R) - contributions \$1,083,560.34, expenditures \$458,095.79
- Deborah Flora (R) - contributions \$395,863.38, expenditures \$186,716.16
- Ron Hanks (R) - contributions \$57,492.98, expenditures \$41,327.99

- Juli Henry (R) - contributions \$0, expenditures \$0
- Joe O’Dea (R) - contributions \$1,451,498.08, expenditures \$842,359.76
- Peter Yu (R) - contributions \$213,755.00, expenditures \$67,028.26
- Karen Breslin (D) - contributions \$0, expenditures \$0
- Gregory Moore (R) - contributions \$14,599.78, expenditures \$8,857.14

## Colorado Legislative Session (Ends May 11)

### Legislation - Housing

- **HB 1242** - Concerning the regulation of structures that are manufactured at a location that is not at the site where the structure is occupied. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1242> (**CAR Supports**) Senate Second Reading Special Order - Passed - No Amendments.
- **HB 1282** - Concerning the creation of the innovative housing incentive program. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1282> (**CAR Supports**) Signed by the Speaker of the House.
- **HB 1304** - Concerning state grants for investments in affordable housing at the local level, and, in connection therewith, creating the local investments in transformational affordable housing grant program and the infrastructure and strong communities grant program to invest in infill infrastructure projects that support affordable housing. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1304> (**CAR Supports**) Senate Third Reading Passed - No Amendments.
- **SB 160** - Concerning programs to preserve mobile home communities, and, in connection therewith, establishing a revolving loan and grant program to assist mobile home owners seeking to purchase their communities. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb22-160> (**CAR Supports**) House Third Reading Passed - No Amendments.
- **HB 1287** - Concerning protections for mobile home park residents. <https://legiscan.com/CO/bill/HB1287/2022> (**CAR Opposes**) Senate Third Reading Passed with Amendments - Floor
- **HB 1051** - Concerning modification of the Colorado affordable housing tax credit, and, in connection therewith, extending the time during which the credit may be claimed and increasing the yearly amount of credits that can be allocated. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1051> (**CAR supports**) Senate Second Reading Special Order - Passed - No Amendments.
- **HB 1006** - Concerning the property tax exemption for property used as an integral part of a child care center. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1006> (**CAR supports**) (**CO Chamber Supports**) Senate Second Reading Special Order - Passed with Amendments - Committee

### Legislation - Wildfire Mitigation

- **SB 7** - Concerning outreach to the public relating to wildfire risk mitigation practices. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb22-007> (**CAR Supports**) House Second Reading Special Order - Passed with Amendments - Committee
- **HB 1007** - Concerning wildfire mitigation assistance for landowners. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1007> House Finance Committee. (**CAR Supports**) Senate Third Reading Passed - No Amendments

### Legislation - Energy/Environment

- **HB 1362** - Concerning the reduction of building greenhouse gas emissions, and, in connection therewith, requiring the Colorado energy office to identify for adoption three model codes, requiring local governments and certain state agencies to adopt and enforce codes that are consistent with two of the model codes, encouraging local governments and certain state agencies to adopt and enforce codes that are consistent with the third model code, creating the building electrification for public buildings grant program, creating the high-efficiency electric heating and appliances grant program, and establishing the clean air building investments fund. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1362> (**CAR Opposes**) Senate Second Reading Special Order - Passed with Amendments - Committee, Floor
- **HB 1026** - Concerning the replacement of the income tax deduction for amounts spent by an employer to provide alternative transportation options to employees with an income tax credit for amounts spent by an employer for that purpose. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1026> (**CO Chamber supports**) To Senate Finance Committee

- **HB 1345** - Concerning measures to increase protections from perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1345> (**CO Chamber Opposes**) Senate Second Reading Special Order - Passed with Amendments - Committee

**Legislation - Healthcare**

- **HB 1199** - Concerning visitation requirements for health-care facilities. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1199> (**CO Chamber Opposes**) House Committee on Health & Insurance Postpone Indefinitely.
- **SB 40** - Concerning actuarial reviews of proposed legislation that may impose a new health benefit mandate on health benefit plans. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb22-040> (**CO Chamber Supports**) House Committee on Health & Insurance Refer Unamended to Appropriations

**Legislation - Other**

- **SB 206** - Concerning resources for disaster preparedness and recovery, and, in connection therewith, creating the disaster resilience rebuilding program, the sustainable rebuilding program, and the office of climate preparedness. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb22-206> (**CAR Opposes**) House Appropriations Committee.

**Meetings attended April 12 - May 10**

4/12 - 10 am BOCC meeting	4/26 - 8:30 am N Main BID meeting
4/12 - 6:30 pm Bayfield Planning Commission	4/26 - 10 am BOCC Meeting
4/12 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	4/27 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
4/14 - 12 pm BID Board of Directors	4/28 - 2 pm Joint Durango Council/BOCC Meeting
4/14 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission	4/28 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission
4/19 - 10 am BOCC meeting	5/3 - 10 am BOCC meeting
4/19 - 2:15 pm Durango Study Session	5/3 - 2:15 pm Durango Council Study Session
4/19 - 5:30 pm Durango City Council	5/3 - 5:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting
4/25 - 10 am BOCC Meeting	5/4 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
4/25 - 5 pm Durango Planning Commission	