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LEGISLATORS BEGIN TO REALIZE THAT THE END IS NEAR

As April passes and May begins, legislators begin prioritizing bills that they will focus on in the final days of session that ends this year on May 18.

This week we expect debate on coal ash that could possibly see the bill make it over the final House debate hurdle and even be affirmed again by the Senate. [SB 917](#) was voted out of the Utilities and Rules committee last week. The House Committee Substitute reflects some of the concerns raised by the opposition.

Last week, MPUA lobbyists and attorneys had calls and meetings with wireless carriers and cable industry lobbyists on the small cell bill ([HB 1991](#)). We continue to negotiate with proponents of the legislation. We initially had over 21 concerns with HB 1991. We are

now down to just five items. Price remains the biggest obstacle. Until agreement can be found on the final open items of negotiation, MPUA will continue to work toward exempting electric poles from the bill. The bill is expected to come up for debate this week.

The Senate approved its version of the \$28 billion state operating budget for the 2019 fiscal year. Negotiators from the Senate and House will now begin hammering out the final versions of the 13 appropriations bills that make up the operating budget. [House Bill 2006](#) now has money in it sought by the North Central Regional Water Commission and Southwest Missouri Municipal Water Utility Commission, and Volkswagen Settlement monies that can be designated for electric vehicle long range charging

stations. The budget bills must win final passage by May 11.

Various other matters are beginning to come up as legislators make the last-minute push to get their ideas across the finish line. Rep. Higdon is pushing for amendments that would limit rates on city water charges outside the city limits. The latest effort is to limit these charges to 150% of rates charged in-town folks. Senator Schatz is also pushing language to prohibit public entity bidding practices from using experience modification factors in awarding public projects.

Remember, May 8 at 10 a.m. is our final legislative committee meeting in JC. All members are welcome at the meeting, and your presence would be advantageous, with a little over a week and a half left at meeting time!

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LINKS

[Find Your Legislator](#)
[House Session Dates](#)
[Senate Session Dates](#)
[MPUA Website](#)

MPUA CALENDAR

[Full Calendar](#)

May 8 | 10 am
MAMU Legislative
Committee Mtg
Gov. Office Bldg 315

June 7 | 8:30 am
MPUA Board Mtg.
Hilton Garden Inn -
Event Center

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK . . .

[Missouri lawmakers working on budget and other bills as May deadlines loom](#) - St. Louis Public Radio
[Show-Me State gets a C-minus in 2018 infrastructure report card](#) - Missouri Times
[Proposed law would carve out exception \(again\) for City Utilities coal ash landfill](#) - Springfield News-Leader
[Municipal league honors Nixa for innovation in solar farm electrical generation initiative](#) - CCHedliner
[Missouri lawmakers: Legislature distracted by Gov. Greitens' legal troubles](#) - Missouri.net

MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

Senator Dave Schatz,

R - District 26

Elected to Senate: 2014

Committees:

Chair - Transportation,
Infrastructure & Public
Safety;

Vice-Chair - Government Reform;
Commerce, Consumer Protection,
Energy, & the Environment; Economic
Development; Gubernatorial
Appointments

Lives in: Sullivan

MPUA Cities: Berger, St. Clair, Sullivan

Tidbit: In addition to his legislative duties, Sen. Schatz is VP of Schatz Underground, Inc., a family-run business.



BILL BYTES: A quick look at bills being tracked by MPUA

[Find the complete bill report online here.](#)

[HB 1991](#)

[Rhoads, Shawn\(R\)](#)

Modifies provisions relating to wireless facilities and related infrastructure

[HB 2216](#)

[Brattin, Rick\(R\)](#)

Prohibits political subdivisions from restricting the rights of certain property owners with regard to water resources.

[HB 2634](#)

[Berry, T.J.\(R\)](#)

Creates the Missouri Wind Energy Task Force.

[SB 592](#)

[Hegeman, Dan\(R\)](#)

Modifies several provisions relating to elections.

[NOTE: Includes sale of utility provisions from HB 1947]

[SB 917](#)

[Crawford, Sandy\(R\)](#)

Modifies provisions relating to coal ash.

TRAINING

June 13 | 9 am
Asset Management
for Small Water
Systems Workshop
Camdenton



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[HB 1991](#)

Modifies provision