

# Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Report for  
KAWC-FM, KAWP-FM & KOFA-AM  
April 1- June 30, 2023  
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## Section I. Issues.

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. Border Security:** The federal decision to end the Title 42 COVID policy has resulted in a significant change in border traffic, impacting many of the communities we serve.
- B. Education:** Issues relating to education at all levels in our community.
- C. Military:** The impact of changes at the two military bases in our coverage area is having on the local community.
- D. Government Spending:** The budget process for every level of government is impacting communities.
- E. Water:** The impact of the ongoing drought on the Colorado River is impacting communities we serve.

## Section II. Responsive Programs

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is set out below.

### A. Border Security:

Apr 28, 2023 Arizona Edition: "Safest City" ponders future without Title 42 or a Space Port  
A recent report ranks San Luis the safest city in Arizona. San Luis Mayor Nieves Riedel gives a candid assessment of life in the border town, its future, and whether she thinks it might include a neighboring space port. Also featured is interim San Luis Police Chief Miguel Alvarez. 25 minutes.

May 10, 2023 Arizona Edition: Yuma Mayor on End of Title 42, Concerns for Border Communities.  
Yuma Mayor Doug Nicholls says migrant traffic is already increasing ahead of the midnight end of Title 42 protocols on the U.S.-Mexico border. 8:24

June 7, 2023 Presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. talks border, food safety in Yuma. Son of the late former Sen. Robert Kennedy and nephew of the late former President John F. Kennedy is challenging President Biden but during visit to southwestern Arizona, he met with mostly Republicans. 1:40

June 28, 2023 Hobbs, Kelly visit for groundbreaking of San Luis port modernization and expansion.  
1:15

## **B. Education:**

Apr 19, 2023 Arizona Edition: An Inside Look at the New Children's Museum of Yuma County. Executive Director, Melissa Rushin Irr gives Arizona Edition a preview of the new Children's Museum of Yuma County. 18:05

May 3, 2023 Arizona Edition: Horne on his third term as school's chief. Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Horne, speaks with Chris McDaniel about his priorities for Arizona Schools and working with a Democratic Governor. 13:52

May 7, 2023 Arizona Edition: SETI Scientist ponders space and community college students. The SETI Institute's search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence began in 1984. So far, they haven't found anything, or anyone. Could a community college student make the next big space discovery? 20:33

May 17, 2023 Arizona Edition: Yuma native a national leader in new physician training. Dr. Kristina Diaz is chief academic officer and program director of the Yuma Regional Medical Center Family and Community Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Diaz is also President of the Arizona Academy of Family Physicians and the National Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors. 14:41

May 24, 2023 Arizona Edition: NAU President on being Arizona's "access college" (and Bill Gates). Northern Arizona University President José Luis Cruz Rivera on viewing the college as a start-up and getting the attention of Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates. 24:45

May 26, 2023 Arizona Edition: Enrollment up, programs expand and new construction at AWC. Dr. Daniel Corr says enrollment is up at Arizona Western College, along with some new buildings. The AWC president talks about initiatives to boost the local workforce, an influx of funds from the Arizona legislature, and helping students succeed from high school to workforce. 23 minutes

**Public Service Announcements:** Broadcast 75 times during the period January 1 – March 31 at various times of day; Duration :20 minute each. Public service announcements promoting activities at schools across our listening area.

## **C. Military Issues:**

Jun 14, 2023 Arizona Edition: VA Secretary McDonough tours Yuma VA Clinic. Denis Richard McDonough, Secretary of the United States Department of Veteran's Affairs, talks about his tour of Yuma's VA clinic, a hiring push, and an expansion of benefits under the PACT Act. 17:19

June 20, 2023 Marine Corps group assists Cocopah project with erosion control  
Members of the Marine Wing Support Squadron 371, also known as the Sandsharks, used a method known as riprap to add a permanent layer of rocks to stabilize against erosion along the Colorado River in Yuma County.1:04

June 30, 2023 Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Yuma Proving Ground hold change of command ceremonies. 1:15

## D. Government Spending

May 14, 2023 Arizona Gov. Hobbs finally signs budget. Hobbs angered Democrats for what they say is giving in to Republicans. 1:00

May 18, 2023 Yuma, La Paz communities see minimal population growth, according to Census. San Luis only community in Yuma or La Paz counties to see a decrease in residents. 1:10

May 22, 2023 **Arizona Edition: Private investment behind AZ clean energy projects tops \$7B.** Micaela Preskill is with Environmental Entrepreneurs, or E2, a nonpartisan business organization focused on clean energy jobs and investment. E2 has been monitoring private investment across the country since passage of the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act. 15:28

May 31, 2023 Arizona Edition: Affordable (and available) housing an ongoing issue in Yuma. Julie Engel is President/CEO of the Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation. Engel talks about why affordable housing options are key to the region's economic future. 13:50

June 3, 2023 Arizona Gov. Hobbs in Somerton announces \$25 million+ in border security fund grants. Border communities in Yuma County will receive several million dollars in state funding for the enhancement of post Title-42 border security. 1:38

June 29, 2023 Arizona shipping containers once used to build wall including near Yuma are for sale 1:20

## E. Water

May 22, 2023 At Lake Powell, record low water levels reveal an 'amazing silver lining'. If you want to see the Colorado River change in real time, head to Lake Powell. 4:26

May 23, 2023 What will Colorado River deal mean for Yuma and Imperial counties? KAWC spoke to water experts in Yuma and Imperial County, Calif. about deal for Arizona, California and Nevada to cut back 3 million acre-feet of water use through 2026. 1:15

June 11, 2023 Ahead of new Colorado River talks, governments and tribes weigh in on the future. Hot on the heels of a short-term agreement to cut back on Colorado River water use, states are looking ahead to talks about more permanent cuts. 1:20

June 28, 2023 Months of wet weather erase drought across the Southwest. The U.S. Drought monitor defines the Southwest as Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, California and Nevada. 1:20