

AGENDA  
 IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT  
 WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS  
 COMMITTEE MEETING  
 MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022

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CALL TO ORDER 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE Committee Chair: John Withers \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member: Karen McLaughlin \_\_\_\_\_

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Cook _____	Paul Weghorst _____
Wendy Chambers _____	Cheryl Clary _____
Fiona Sanchez _____	Jim Colston _____
Christine Compton _____	Kellie Welch _____
Mark Tettermer _____	Amy McNulty _____
Jo Ann Corey _____	John Fabris _____
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PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

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**ALL VOTES SHALL BE TAKEN BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.**

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## REMOTE MEETING DETERMINATION

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1. AB 361 FINDING FOR A REMOTE MEETING

Recommendation: That the Committee find that it is holding the meeting pursuant to Government Code Section 54954(e)(1)(A) during the proclaimed COVID-19 state of emergency and that state and/or local officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing.

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## COMMUNICATIONS

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2. Notes: Weghorst
3. Public Comments
4. Determine the need to discuss and/or take action on item(s) introduced that came to the attention of the District subsequent to the agenda being posted.
5. Determine which items may be approved without discussion.

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## INFORMATION

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6. “WE’LL HELP YOU THROUGH THIS” : PLANNING FOR THE END OF THE MORATORIUM – COMPTON / COOK

Recommendation: Receive and file.

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## ACTION

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7. 2022 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE – COMPTON / COOK

Recommendation: That the Board adopt an “oppose/oppose unless amended” position on AB 1434 (Friedman).

8. SAN JOAQUIN MARSH SIGN CONCEPTS –DENHAAN / FABRIS / COMPTON

Recommendation: That the Committee provide input on the design concepts presented for the San Joaquin Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary signs.

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**ACTION - Continued**

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9. IRWD POLICY POSITION PAPER ON REGIONAL WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE ACTIONS – SANCHEZ / WEGHORST

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the IRWD Regional Water Shortage Response Actions Policy Position Paper, as revised, based on input from the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee.

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

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10. Directors' Comments

11. Adjourn

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Availability of agenda materials: Agenda exhibits and other writings that are disclosable public records distributed to all or a majority of the members of the above-named Committee in connection with a matter subject to discussion or consideration at an open meeting of the Committee are available for public inspection in the District's office, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, California ("District Office"). If such writings are distributed to members of the Committee less than 72 hours prior to the meeting, they will be available from the District Secretary of the District Office at the same time as they are distributed to Committee Members, except that if such writings are distributed one hour prior to, or during, the meeting, they will be available electronically via the Webex meeting noted. Upon request, the District will provide for written agenda materials in appropriate alternative formats, and reasonable disability-related modification or accommodation to enable individuals with disabilities to participate in and provide comments at public meetings. Please submit a request, including your name, phone number and/or email address, and a description of the modification, accommodation, or alternative format requested at least two days before the meeting. Requests should be emailed to comments@irwd.com. Requests made by mail must be received at least two days before the meeting. Requests will be granted whenever possible and resolved in favor of accessibility.

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January 17, 2022  
Prepared and  
submitted by: C. Compton  
Approved by: Paul A. Cook *P.A.C.*

WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

2022 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the 2021-2022 legislative session, regulatory issues, and IRWD priorities. As legislation and regulations develop, staff will provide updates and recommendations to the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee and the Board, as appropriate.

Staff recommends the Board consider the following actions/positions:

- *AB 1434 (Friedman) — Indoor Water Use: “OPPOSE/OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED.”*

BACKGROUND:

The 2021-2022 State Legislature reconvened on January 3, 2022, for the second year of the two-year session. As with the second year of any session, pending legislative business remaining from 2020 will be taken up quickly in order to meet legislative deadlines. The bills remaining at the close of the 2021 legislative year will need to meet the January 14 policy committee deadline if they are still in their house of origin. Other upcoming legislative deadlines of note are:

- January 21: Last day for any committee to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in 2021;
- January 31: Last day for bills introduced in 2021 to be passed out of their house of origin; and
- February 18: Last day for bills to be introduced.

A copy of the 2022 Legislative Matrix is provided as Exhibit “A”.

2022 Legislative Changes:

*New State Assembly Committee Chairs Appointed:*

On January 3, the day the Legislature reconvened for the 2022 legislative session, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood) announced changes to the membership of several committees, including his appointment of new Chairs. These committee changes were precipitated by the resignation of Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez (D-San Diego), which was effective on January 5.

The Speaker appointed Assemblymember Chris Holden (D-Pasadena) to replace Assemblymember Gonzalez as Chair of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. In turn, the Speaker appointed Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia (D-Coachella) to replace

Assemblymember Holden as Chair of the Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee and appointed Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) to replace Assemblymember Garcia as Chair of the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee.

Assemblymember Garcia had served as Chair of the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee since December 2016. Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan was first elected to the Assembly in 2018 and had not previously sat on the Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee.

Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan is an attorney and environmental advocate, and as an attorney, specialized in corporate compliance with environmental laws and regulations. When the announcement was made, the new Chair of the Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee thanked the Speaker in a tweet for her appointment and stated that she takes her role as Chair “incredibly seriously as California faces crippling drought and water shortages for both consumers and agriculture.”

*Redistricting: New Congressional and State Legislative District Boundaries:*

As required by a statewide ballot proposition that California voters approved in 2008, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) redrew the boundaries of California’s congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization Districts using 2020 updated census information published by the federal government. The CRC certified final district maps and delivered them to the Secretary of State (SOS) on December 27, 2021.

For the congressional and state districts that cover portions of Orange County, there are substantial differences between the district lines that the CRC drew after the 2010 census data and the recently certified district lines.

With the new maps there are six State Senate districts that each cover a portion of Orange County, whereas five districts cover a portion of Orange County with the old maps. There are substantial differences between the new Senate districts and the old Senate districts in both north Orange County and in south Orange County. Three of the six new Senate districts (SD-34, SD-36, and SD-37) are predominantly within Orange County, and three districts mostly cover areas outside of Orange County.

Most of IRWD’s service area is within the new 37<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which envelops portions of four former Senate districts. The Newport Coast portion of IRWD’s service area is in the new 36<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which stretches from Cerritos in Los Angeles County south along the coast to San Clemente.

With the new maps, nine members of the State Assembly will represent portions of Orange County, whereas seven members represent portions of Orange County under the old maps. The new Assembly districts that cover north and central Orange County are predominantly within Orange County, while new Assembly districts that cover south Orange County substantially extend outside of Orange County. Most of IRWD’s service area is within the new 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District. The remainder of IRWD’s service area is distributed between three Assembly districts.

The new maps will shrink Orange County's congressional delegation from seven members to six members, as the district that covers Long Beach will extend north from the Los Angeles County line, whereas the former 47<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, represented by Congressman Alan Lowenthal (D-Long Beach), stretched south from Long Beach into Orange County. Most of IRWD's service area is within the new 47<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, which extends south from Seal Beach along the coast through Laguna Beach and inland through Irvine. The remainder of IRWD's service area is within the new 40<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, which extends south from Chino Hills in Los Angeles County down around Irvine through Tustin and through inland south Orange County into Aliso Viejo and Coto De Caza. Maps of the congressional, State Senate and State Assembly districts covering Orange County are provided as Exhibit "B".

#### State Budget Update:

##### *Governor's 2022-23 State Budget Proposal:*

Governor Newsom unveiled his 2022-23 state budget proposal on January 10, 2022. For Fiscal Year 2022-23, the Governor's Budget proposes \$213.1 billion in total General Fund expenditures, projects \$197.3 billion in total General Fund revenues, and proposes to transfer \$1.6 billion from the General Fund to the Budget Stabilization Account/Rainy Day Fund, bringing the Rainy Day Fund total to \$20.9 billion. Another \$900 million is proposed for the Safety Net Reserve. The Governor's Budget also assumes a projected \$45.7 billion surplus. It proposes to spend the surplus on \$20.6 billion in General Fund for discretionary purposes, \$16.1 billion in additional Proposition 98 for K-14 education, and \$9 billion in reserve deposits and supplemental pension payments.

Of specific interest to IRWD, the Governor's Budget proposes funding to address the impacts of climate change, which includes funding for fighting wildfires and responding to the drought. The amounts allocated for responding to the drought are above the \$5.2 billion, three-year allocation included in last's year budget for water and drought response. Specifically, the Governor's Budget proposes \$750 million in one-time General Fund spending for drought resilience and response. The \$750 million includes: \$180 million for water conservation programs, \$145 million for urban and small community drought relief, \$75 million for fish and wildlife protection, \$40 million for multi-benefit land repurposing, \$30 million for groundwater recharge, \$20 million for on-farm water conservation, \$10 million for technical assistance and drought relief for small farmers and \$250 million as a drought contingency.

#### 2021 State Legislative Update:

##### *Assembly Housing Working Group Tour Report:*

In 2021, the California Assembly Housing Working Group was established to examine issues related to housing production. Between September and November 2021, this working group hosted eight regional meetings and site visits around California to examine barriers and explore responses to housing production and affordability issues in the state, with the intent of informing policy ideas that could be pursued in 2022. In total, 28 members of the Legislature participated

in these regional meetings. Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva (D-Fullerton) hosted a tour for the working group in Orange County in October.

As a result of the working group tour, a report titled “*A Summary of Stakeholder Viewpoints and Potential Policies to Address Barriers to Building More Homes in California*” was prepared for the working group and published in December. This report presents ideas that arose in the working group’s regional meetings to inform future housing legislation and is expressly intended to be a starting point for further discussions and collaboration between policymakers and stakeholders. A copy of the report is provided as Exhibit “C”.

The report does briefly discuss development costs, including fees placed on new housing developments. Development cost is one of fourteen housing-related issues areas that are addressed in the report. Staff will discuss with the committee the District’s continued engagement in conversations relating to legislative proposals that may come from this report and that may impact connection fees and expectations for such conversations in 2022.

#### 2021 State Legislative Update on Other Bills of Interest to IRWD:

##### *AB 1434 (Friedman, D-Glendale) – Indoor Water Use:*

The “Making Conservation a California Way of Life” legislation, which is currently in the process of being implemented, requires each urban water supplier to calculate and meet an urban water use object. The urban water use object is calculated largely by using an indoor water use efficiency standard, outdoor water use efficiency standard, and water loss standard. Originally, AB 1434 proposes to change the indoor standard to 48 gallons per capita daily (gpcd) until 2025, to 44 gpcd between 2025 and 2030, and to 40 gpcd in 2030. The bill was amended on January 6, 2022, to reflect the residential indoor standards recommended by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). The bill now proposes to change the indoor standard to 47 gallons per capita daily (gpcd) between 2025 and 2030, and to 42 gpcd in 2030.

On January 13, Assemblymember Friedman announced that she is not moving AB 1434 forward this year. Instead, she plans to introduce a new bill with the same proposal to revise the indoor water use standard to match DWR’s recommendations. IRWD currently has an “oppose” position on AB 1434. Staff recommends the Board adopt an “oppose/oppose unless amended” position on the bill even though the bill is not moving forward this year. Such a position would allow the District to partner with statewide associations, which have adopted “oppose unless amended” positions on AB 1434, to develop amendments to the proposal which will be reintroduced in a new bill and to communicate the District’s positions on the proposal regardless of the bill number.

##### *Other 2022 Legislative Updates:*

Staff will also provide an update to the Committee on developments related to the following:

- Proposals related to ornamental turf, and
- Other legislation matters of interest to the District.



2022 State and Regional Regulatory Update:

*State Water Board Adopted Drought Conservation Emergency Regulations:*

In his October 19, 2021, proclamation of a drought state of emergency, Governor Newsom encouraged the State Water Resources Control Board to prohibit, by emergency regulation, wasteful water practices. On January 4, the State Board adopted the recommended emergency regulations that prohibit unreasonable uses of water and promote water conservation.

Pursuant to the Drought Conservation Emergency Regulations, the following are currently prohibited in California:

- Applying potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes more than incidental runoff onto adjacent areas or structures;
- Using a hose to wash a motor vehicle unless fitted with a shut-off nozzle;
- Using potable water for washing sidewalks, driveways, buildings, structures, patios, parking lots, or other hard surfaces;
- Using potable water for street cleaning or construction purposes;
- Using potable water for decorative fountains, lakes, or ponds, unless recirculated or to replace evaporative losses;
- Applying water to irrigate turf and ornamental landscapes during and 48 hours after measurable rainfall; and
- Using potable water for irrigation of turf on public street medians or publicly owned or maintained landscaped areas between the street and sidewalk.

The District submitted a comment letter on December 22, 2021, in support of these emergency regulations and the temporary statewide mandatory water waste prohibitions. Staff will discuss with the Committee these emergency regulations and the District's continuing advocacy relating to drought response.

Other 2022 Regulation Updates:

The following is a list of some of the State regulations and agency reports staff is monitoring, tracking, or planning to engage in over the next three to 12 months. As the next drafts of the regulations or reports are released for public review and comment, staff will engage, as appropriate. Staff will also provide an oral update to the Committee on any new developments related to these regulations. The pending regulations, administrative actions and reports actively being tracked include the:

- Executive and Regulatory Actions on COVID-19;
- Executive and Regulatory Actions related to the drought;
- California Air Resources Board (CARB) [AB 32 Climate Change Scoping Plan Update](#);

- CARB’s [Proposed Advanced Clean Regulation](#);
- CARB In-use Off-road Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulation Amendments;
- California Fish and Wildlife California Endanger Species Act Petition for the Steelhead;
- California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) [30 x 30 California Implementation](#);
- CNRA’s [2021 State Adaptation Strategy Update](#);
- CNRA’s [Water Resilience Portfolio Implementation](#);
- DWR’s 2023 California Water Plan Update, as outlined in DWR’s [2023 Update announcement](#);
- DWR’s [Groundwater Management Principles and Strategies to Monitor, Analyze and Minimize Impacts to Drinking Water Wells](#);
- DWR and the State Board’s implementation of the “[Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life](#)” legislation;
  - DWR and the State Board’s Indoor Water Use Study and Indoor Water Use Standard Recommendations;
  - DWR’s Outdoor Standard Recommendations;
  - DWR’s Work Group on Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) performance measures; and
  - State Board’s [Water Loss Performance Standards Regulations](#);
- State Board’s development of a “[Cross Connection Policy Handbook](#)”;
- State Board’s Direct Potable Reuse Regulations;
- State Board’s drought monitoring and emergency actions;
- State Board’s actions on lead service lines;
- State Board’s [Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience \(SAFER\) Drinking Water Program](#).

Staff will also provide the Committee with an update on other regulatory matters of interest to the District.

2022 Federal Legislative Update:

IRWD’s federal advocacy efforts in 2021 continue to largely focus on seeking federal funding for the Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project and advocating for an increased funding authorization for the federal Water Storage Program. Staff will update the Committee on these efforts and the ongoing efforts related to positioning the Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project for federal funding, and other federal proposals of interest to the District.

2022 Federal Regulatory Update:

*Federal Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) and Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan:*

During the Trump Administration, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) developed a revised Federal Lead and Copper Rule (LCRR). When the Biden Administration took over, the EPA delayed the effective date of the LCRR until December 16, 2021, to review the LCRR in accordance with directives issued by President Biden in January 2021. Having completed their review, the LCRR went into effect on December 16, 2021.

According to the EPA, the LCRR took effect in order to facilitate lead service line inventories that the EPA deems necessary for achieving the objective of removing 100 percent of lead service lines. The EPA intends to issue guidance to assist with the implementation of this rule and announced that it will develop a new proposed rule, which it is calling the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI), that would aim to replace “all lead service lines as quickly as is feasible.” In addition to replacing all lead service lines, the LCRI will focus on compliance tap sampling, action and trigger levels, and prioritizing historically underserved communities. EPA anticipates that the LCRI will be finalized prior to October 16, 2024, which is the initial compliance date in the LCRR.

Staff will discuss anticipated next steps and IRWD’s engagement on the LCRI and other federal efforts to remove lead service lines and address lead in drinking water.

*Proposed Rule Published Defining “Waters of the United States”:*

On December 7, 2021, the EPA and the Department of the Army published a new proposed rule defining the “Waters of the United States” (WOTUS). The proposed rule would return to WOTUS definition to a definition similar to the pre-2015 definition which had been the definition since 1986. The proposed rule incorporates the “significant nexus” test and a “relatively permanent standard” presented in both the plurality opinion and a concurring opinion in *Rapanos v. United States* decision. As with past proposed WOTUS definitions, the District will be submitting a comment letter by the February 7, 2022, deadline that encourages the agencies to ensure that the WOTUS definition will not hinder the District’s recycled water and natural treatment system (NTS) operations.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

THE BOARD ADOPT AN “OPPOSE/OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED” POSITION ON AB 1434 (FRIEDMAN).

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit “A” – IRWD Legislative Matrix

Exhibit “B” – Adopted 2021 Congressional, State Senate and State Assembly Maps

Exhibit “C” – Copy of “*A Summary of Stakeholder Viewpoints and Potential Policies to Address Barriers to Building More Homes in California*”

**EXHIBIT “A”**  
**IRWD 2022 LEGISLATIVE MATRIX**  
**Updated 01/11/2022**

<b>Bill No. Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>IRWD Position</b>	<b>Summary/Effects</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b><u>AB 1</u></b> Garcia (D)	Hazardous Waste		Creates the Board of Environmental Safety in the California Environmental Protection Agency. Provides requirements for the membership of the board and requires the board to conduct no less than 6 public meetings per year. Provides for the duties of the board, which would include, among others, reviewing specified policies, processes, and programs within the hazardous waste control laws.	06/09/2021 - To SENATE Committees on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and JUDICIARY.
<b><u>AB 2</u></b> Fong (R)	Regulations: Legislative Review: Regulatory Reform		Requires the Office of Administrative Law to submit to each house of the Legislature for review a copy of each major regulation that it submits to the Secretary of State. Requires each state agency to review that agency's regulations, identify any regulations that are duplicative, overlapping, inconsistent, or out of date, to revise those identified regulations, and report to the Legislature and Governor.	05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Joint Rule 62(a) suspended.;05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>AB 11</u></b> Ward (D)	Climate Change: Regional Climate Change Authorities		Requires the Strategic Growth Council to establish regional climate change authorities to coordinate climate adaptation and mitigation activities in their regions and coordinate with other regional climate adaptation authorities, state agencies, and other relevant stakeholders. Authorizes the regional climate change authorities to engage in certain activities to address climate change. Requires the regional climate change authorities to annually submit to the council a report on their activities.	01/21/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES with author's amendments.;01/21/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b><u>AB 15</u></b> Chiu (D)	COVID-19 Relief: Tenancy Stabilization Act of 2021		Extends the definition of "COVID-19 rental debt" as unpaid rent or any other unpaid financial obligation of a tenant that came due between March 1, 2020, and December 31, 2021. Extends the repeal date of the	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

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			COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020 to January 1, 2026. Prohibits a landlord from taking certain actions with respect to a tenant's COVID-19 rental debt, including, among others, charging or attempting to collect late fees, or withholding a service or amenity.	
<b><u>AB 16</u></b> Chiu (D)	Tenancies: Tenant, Small Landlord, and Housing Act		Establishes the Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Program. Authorizes the Director of Housing and Community Development to direct an existing office or program within the Department of Housing and Community Development to implement the program. Establishes in the State Treasury the COVID-19 Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Fund, and, upon appropriation, distributes all moneys in the fund to carry out the purposes of the program.	01/12/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT with author's amendments.;01/12/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
<b><u>AB 25</u></b> Kiley (R)	Worker Classification: Employees and Contractors		Generally repeals provisions relating to the "ABC" test to determine if workers are employees or independent contractors. The bill would instead require the determination of whether a person is an employee or an independent contractor to be based on the specific multifactor test set forth in the Borello decision, including whether the person to whom service is rendered has the right to control the manner and means of accomplishing the result desired.	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
<b><u>AB 29</u></b> Cooper (D)	State Bodies: Meetings		Requires that the notice of a meeting of a state body include all writings or materials provided for the noticed meeting to a member of the state body by the staff of a state agency, board, or commission, or another member of the state body that are in connection with a matter subject of discussion or consideration at the meeting.	05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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<b><u>AB 49</u></b> Petrie-Norris (D)	California Debt Limit Allocation Committee		Abolishes the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee and transfer its powers, duties, and functions to the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee.	04/28/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on ACCOUNTABILITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW: Not heard.
<b><u>AB 50</u></b> Boerner Horvath (D)	Climate Adaptation Center and Regional Support Network		Establishes the Climate Adaptation Center and Regional Support Network in the Ocean Protection Council to provide local governments facing sea level rise challenges with information and scientific expertise necessary to proceed with sea level rise mitigation.	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b><u>AB 51</u></b> Quirk (D)	Regional Climate Adaptation Planning Groups		Requires the Strategic Growth Council, by July 1, 2022, to establish guidelines for the formation of regional climate adaptation planning groups. Requires the council, by July 1, 2023, and in consultation with certain state entities, to develop criteria for the development of regional climate adaptation plans.	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b><u>AB 52</u></b> Frazier (D)	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006		Requires the State Air Resources Board, in each scoping plan update prepared by the state board after January 1, 2022, to include, consistent with the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, recommendations for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions of emissions of greenhouse gases and black carbon from wildfires. Expresses the intent of the Legislature to appropriate an amount from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for wildfire mitigation and prevention.	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b><u>AB 55</u></b> Boerner Horvath (D)	Employment: Telecommuting		Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation to ensure certain rights and benefits for telecommuting employees.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.

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<b><u>AB 59</u></b> Gabriel (D)	Mitigation Fee Act: Fees: Notice and Timeliness	OPPOSE	Relates to the Mitigation Fee Act. Increases, for fees and service charges and for fees for specified public facilities, the time for mailing the notice of the time and place of the meeting to at least 45 days before the meeting. Requires the local agency to make that information available to the public at least 30 days before the meeting.	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
<b><u>AB 64</u></b> Quirk (D)	Electricity: Long-term Backup Electricity Supply		Requires the PUC, Energy Commission, and state board, in consultation with all balancing authorities, to additionally develop a strategy, by a specified date, that achieves (1) a target of 5 gigawatthours of operational long-term backup electricity, as specified, by a specified date, and (2) a target of at least an additional 5 gigawatthours of operational long-term backup electricity in each subsequent year through 2045.	03/23/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY with author's amendments.;03/23/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
<b><u>AB 67</u></b> Petrie-Norris (D)	Sea Level Rise: Working Group: Economic Analysis		Requires a state agency to take into account the current and future impacts of sea level rise based on projections provided by the Ocean Protection Council when planning, designing, building, operating, maintaining, and investing in infrastructure located in the coastal zone or otherwise vulnerable to flooding from sea level rise or storm surges, or when otherwise approving the allocation of state funds for those purposes.	05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>AB 69</u></b> Kiley (R)	State of Emergency: Termination After 60 Days		Requires a state of emergency to terminate 60 days after the Governor's proclamation of the state of emergency unless the Legislature extends it by a concurrent resolution. Prohibits a concurrent resolution from extending a state of emergency by more than 60 days.	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.



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<b>AB 84</b> Budget Cmt	Rehiring and Retention: Displaced Workers		Appropriates specified amount and make available through June 30, 2025, from the Labor and Workforce Development Fund to the Labor Commissioner for staffing resources to implement and enforce the provisions related to the rehiring and retention of workers displaced due to the Coronavirus pandemic.	05/18/2021 - Re-referred to SENATE Committee on BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW.
<b>AB 93</b> Garcia E (D)	Pandemic Response Practices		Makes findings and declarations relating to California's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill would, during a state of emergency or health emergency in response to a viral pandemic or any other health crisis, as specified, require the Medical and Health Coordination Center within the department to include federally qualified health centers in the organizational response structure established by OES.	01/11/2022 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 95</b> Low (D)	Employees: Bereavement Leave		Enacts the Bereavement Leave Act of 2021. Requires an employer with 25 or more employees to grant a request made by any employee to take up to 10 business days of unpaid bereavement leave upon the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, or domestic partner, in accordance with certain procedures, and subject to certain exclusions. Requires an employer with fewer than 25 employees to grant up to 3 business days of leave.	05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
<b>AB 96</b> O'Donnell (D)	Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Technology		Extends the requirement that 20% of funding be made available to support early commercial deployment of existing zero- and near-zero-emission heavy-duty truck technology until December 31, 2026. The bill would further require at least 20% of that funding support early commercial deployment of existing near-zero-emission heavy-duty truck technology.	04/08/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Coauthors revised.

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<b><u>AB 108</u></b> Cunningham (R)	Governor's Emergency Orders and Regulations: Approval		Permits an order or regulation, or an amendment or rescission thereof, issued pursuant to specified California Emergency Services Act (CESA) provisions 60 or more days after the proclamation, to take effect only if approved by a concurrent resolution of the Legislature.	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
<b><u>AB 111</u></b> Boerner Horvath (D)	Transportation: Zero-emission Vehicles		Requires the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with certain state entities, to implement a Safe and Clean Truck Infrastructure Program to support the construction and operation of zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicle parking and electric vehicle charging and hydrogen refueling infrastructure on public and private properties, and to encourage the use of zero-emission vehicles. Establishes the Clean Freight Corridor Efficiency Assessment.	01/03/2022 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION with author's amendments.;01/03/2022 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.
<b><u>AB 119</u></b> Salas (D)	County Assessors: Direct Levies		Requires the county auditor, or other county officer designated by the county, to make publicly available on their internet website information about direct levies as defined, including the range of combined direct levies assessed on real property. Requires a website posting that identifies contact information for each direct levy assessed within their jurisdiction, to also include the range of fees assessed on individual parcels of real property subject to the special district's assessment.	01/26/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT with author's amendments.;01/26/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b><u>AB 125</u></b> Rivas R (D)	Equitable Economic Recovery, Healthy Food Access		Enacts the Equitable Economic Recovery, Healthy Food Access, Climate Resilient Farms, and Worker Protection Bond Act. Authorizes the issuance of bonds to finance programs related to agricultural lands, food and fiber infrastructure, climate resilience, agricultural professionals, including farmers, ranchers, and farmworkers, workforce development and training, air	04/15/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on AGRICULTURE: Do pass to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

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			quality, tribes, disadvantaged communities, nutrition, food aid, meat processing facilities, fishing facilities, and fairgrounds.	
<b><u>AB 152</u></b> Budget Cmt	Elections		Authorizes a county that has previously conducted an all-mailed ballot election to conduct an all-mailed ballot election. Requires counties to conduct a voter education and outreach campaign.	08/16/2021 - Re-referred to SENATE Committee on BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW.
<b><u>AB 155</u></b> Budget Cmt	Public Resources Trailer Bill		Changes the name of the Healthy Stores Refrigeration Grant Program to the Healthy Refrigeration Grant Program. Expands the definition of qualified entity to include a tribal government or tribal organization under certain circumstances and would revise the criteria required for a city, county, tribal government, tribal organization, or nonprofit entity to qualify to apply for a grant.	01/06/2022 - In SENATE. From Inactive File. To second reading.;01/06/2022 - Re-referred to SENATE Committee on BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW.
<b><u>AB 170</u></b> Ting (D)	Budget Act of 2021		Amends the Budget Act of 2021 by amending, adding, and repealing items of appropriation and making other changes.	01/06/2022 - In SENATE. From Inactive File. To second reading.;01/06/2022 - Re-referred to SENATE Committee on BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW.
<b><u>AB 221</u></b> Santiago (D)	Emergency Food Assistance		Requires the department, in consultation with a workgroup, to author a report to provide recommendations and solutions for a permanent food assistance program for low-income California residents experiencing food insecurity, to complete that report by a specified date and to submit a copy of that report to the Legislature.	08/26/2021 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>AB 230</u></b> Voepel (R)	Employment: Flexible Work Schedules		Enacts the Workplace Flexibility Act of 2021. Permits an individual nonexempt employee to request an employee-selected flexible work schedule providing for	01/28/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.

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			workdays up to a certain number of hours per day within a 40-hour workweek, and would allow an employer to implement this schedule without the obligation to pay overtime compensation for those additional hours in a workday, except as specified.	
<b><u>AB 244</u></b> Rubio (D)	Affordable Housing Cost Study: Housing Plan Addendum		Requires the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the California Housing Finance Agency, and the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee to conduct an affordable housing cost study that measures the factors that influence the cost of building affordable housing, breaks down total development costs for affordable housing, and enables the state to maximize resources allocated for affordable housing.	01/28/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
<b><u>AB 252</u></b> Rivas R (D)	Multibenefit Land Repurposing Incentive Program		Establish the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program, for purposes of assisting groundwater sustainability agencies in critically overdrafted basins achieve their groundwater sustainability goal by providing grants to public and private entities for projects and programs that reduce groundwater use by converting irrigated agricultural land to new uses that both reduce groundwater demand or use and provide some other measurable benefits to the environment or broader community.	09/07/2021 - In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
<b><u>AB 255</u></b> Muratsuchi (D)	COVID-19 Emergency Small Business Eviction Relief Act		Requires a landlord, who receives a statement by a commercial tenant supported by documentary evidence that the commercial tenant has experienced a decrease in average monthly gross revenue attributable to the Coronavirus pandemic, to conduct a good faith negotiation to form a plan to allow the commercial	06/03/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Reconsideration granted.;06/03/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.

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			tenant a reasonable opportunity to repay Coronavirus lease debt while minimizing the hardship to the landlord.	
<b><u>AB 267</u></b> Valladares (R)	California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption		Extends the exemption from CEQA prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the requirement on the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to report to the relevant policy committees of the Legislature to specified date.	06/02/2021 - From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER with author's amendments.;06/02/2021 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
<b><u>AB 284</u></b> Rivas R (D)	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Climate Goal		Requires the state board, as part of the next scoping plan update, in collaboration with the Natural Resources Agency and other relevant state agencies and departments and no later than a specified date, to identify a 2045 climate goal, with interim milestones, for the state's natural and working lands, as defined, and to integrate into the scoping plan update recommendations developed by the Natural Resources Agency and the Department of Food and Agriculture.	09/02/2021 - In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
<b><u>AB 297</u></b> Gallagher (R)	Fire Prevention		Appropriates certain amounts to the Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention and the California Conservation Corps, respectively, for fire prevention activities. Exempts from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) projects or activities related to forest health and fuel reduction that involve thinning overgrown brushes or trees 10 inches or less in diameter by mechanical thinning, pile burning, prescribed fire, and grazing.	04/21/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES with author's amendments.;04/21/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

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<b><u>AB 318</u></b> Levine (D)	Hazardous Waste: Exclusion: Cannabis Waste		Requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control, in consultation with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery and the Department of Food and Agriculture, to provide guidance to certified unified program agencies on how to characterize cannabis waste, as defined, under the hazardous waste control laws and regulations.	06/03/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
<b><u>AB 327</u></b> Kiley (R)	COVID-19 Vaccination: Prohibits Required Disclosure		Prohibits state agencies, local governments, and any other state governmental authority from adopting or enforcing any order, ordinance, policy, regulation, rule, or similar measure that requires an individual to provide, as a condition of receiving any service or entering any place, documentation regarding the individual's vaccination status for any COVID-19 vaccine administered under an emergency use authorization.	04/15/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Suspend Assembly Rule 96.;04/15/2021 - Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committees on HEALTH and PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.
<b><u>AB 343</u></b> Fong (R)	California Public Records Act Ombudsperson		Establishes, within the California State Auditor's Office, the California Public Records Act Ombudsperson. Requires the California State Auditor to appoint the Ombudsperson subject to certain requirements. Requires the Ombudsperson to receive and investigate requests for review, determine whether the denials of original requests complied with the California Public Records Act, and issue written opinions of its determination.	06/09/2021 - To SENATE Committees on JUDICIARY and GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
<b><u>AB 346</u></b> Seyarto (R)	Privacy: Breach		Relates to the Information Practices Act which requires an agency, which includes a local agency, that owns or licenses computerized data that includes personal information to disclose expeditiously and without unreasonable delay a breach in the security of the data to a resident of California whose unencrypted personal information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person. Makes this	04/08/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION: Not Heard.

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			requirement applicable if the information is accessed by an unauthorized person.	
<b><u>AB 350</u></b> Villapudua (D)	Cannella Environmental Farming Act of 1995		Requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to establish and administer a 3-year grant program to fund technical assistance to support landowners located in a critically overdrafted basin, as defined, in reaching water use reduction goals established pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Authorizes the department to use specified guidelines to administer this program.	09/02/2021 - In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
<b><u>AB 355</u></b> Cooper (D)	Demand-Side Energy Management Programs		Requires the Public Utilities Commission to monitor the incentive program to ensure that savings generated by the program are equitable and ethical.	03/18/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.;03/18/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY with author's amendments.;03/18/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
<b><u>AB 363</u></b> Medina (D)	Carl Moyer Air Quality Standards Attainment Program		Requires the state board to establish or update grant criteria and guidelines for covered vehicle and infrastructure projects as soon as practicable, but not later than July 1, 2017. The state board's program guidelines describe the minimum criteria and requirements for on-road heavy-duty vehicles and the types of projects that can be incentivized to provide surplus emissions reductions from on-road heavy-duty vehicles through contracts or through the On-Road Heavy-Duty Voucher Incentive Program (VIP).	07/13/2021 - In SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION: Not heard.
<b><u>AB 373</u></b> Seyarto (R)	State Emergency Plan: Update		Requires the California Office of Emergency Services to update the State Emergency Plan every three years.	03/03/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on EMERGENCY

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				MANAGEMENT with author's amendments.;03/03/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
<b><u>AB 377</u></b> Rivas R (D)	Water Quality: Impaired Waters	OPPOSE	Requires the state board and regional boards to prioritize enforcement of all water quality standard violations that are causing or contributing to an exceedance of a water quality standard in a surface water of the state.	05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Joint Rule 62(a) suspended.;05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
<b><u>AB 380</u></b> Seyarto (R)	Forestry: Priority Fuel Reduction Projects		Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, before December 31, 2022, and before December 31 of each year thereafter, to identify priority fuel reduction projects. Exempts the identified priority fuel reduction projects from certain legal requirements in a similar manner as provided in the proclamation of a state of emergency issued by the Governor on March 22, 2019.	02/12/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b><u>AB 386</u></b> Cooper (D)	Public Employees Retirement: Investments: Confidential		Exempts from disclosure under the California Public Records Act specified records regarding an internally managed private loan made directly by the Public Employees' Retirement Fund. Provides that these records would include quarterly and annual financial statements of the borrower or its constituent owners, unless the information has already been publicly released by the keeper of the information. Prescribes specified exceptions to this exemption from disclosure.	07/13/2021 - In SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Failed passage.;07/13/2021 - In SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Reconsideration granted.
<b><u>AB 404</u></b> Salas (D)	Workers' Compensation: Medical-Legal Expenses		Relates to Workers compensation. Requires that the medical-legal fee schedule be reviewed, and updated if necessary, to increase the conversion factor by the percentage increase in the most recent federal Medicare Economic Index.	08/26/2021 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.



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<b><u>AB 426</u></b> Bauer-Kahan (D)	Toxic Air Contaminants		Authorizes air pollution control districts and air quality management districts to adopt and implement regulations to require data regarding air pollution within the district's jurisdiction from indirect and areawide sources of air pollution, including mobile sources drawn by those sources, to enable the calculation of health risks from toxic air contaminants. Authorizes the districts to adopt and implement regulations to accomplish these objectives in carrying out their responsibilities.	03/17/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES with author's amendments.;03/17/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b><u>AB 427</u></b> Bauer-Kahan (D)	Electricity: Resource Adequacy Requirements		Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish a capacity valuation methodology for customer-sited energy storage resources and customer-sited hybrid resources, as defined, in consultation with the ISO and the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission for the 2023 resource adequacy year.	05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>AB 436</u></b> Fong (R)	Wages: Records: Inspection and Copying		Relates to existing law which gives every current and former employee the right to inspect and receive a copy of the personnel records that the employer maintains relating to the employee's performance. Requires, if an employee or their representative requests to inspect or copy records relating to the itemized statement and also requests to inspect or receive a copy of personnel records, that the deadline to comply with both requests be governed by the response deadline provisions.	02/12/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
<b><u>AB 460</u></b> Mayes (R)	Fire Protection: Residential Fire Sprinklers	WATCH	Prohibits water-related fees imposed on the owner of residential property from being affected by the installation of a residential fire sprinkler system on that residential property, including those residential fire sprinkler systems mandated by a local jurisdiction or a fire protection district.	03/25/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.;03/25/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT with author's amendments.;03/25/2021 - In

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				ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b><u>AB 513</u></b> Bigelow (R)	Employment: Telecommuting Employees		Authorizes an employee working from home or a remote location not at the physical location of the employer to receive legally required notices and postings electronically and sign or acknowledge certain documents electronically.	03/17/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT with author's amendments.;03/17/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
<b><u>AB 517</u></b> Dahle M (R)	California State Safe Harbor Agreement Program Act		Relates to existing law which requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to provide notice to the landowner at least 7 days before accessing the land or water for purposes of the California State Safe Harbor Agreement Program Act. Increases the notice period to the landowner to at least 7 business days.	04/08/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b><u>AB 522</u></b> Fong (R)	Forest Fire Prevention Exemption		Extends the operation of the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption indefinitely. Deletes the requirement that the tree harvesting area not exceed 300 acres and the requirement that temporary road construction or reconstruction be limited to no more than 2 miles of road per ownership in a planning watershed per any 5-year period.	01/10/2022 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass as amended to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b><u>AB 530</u></b> Fong (R)	Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004		Requires the aggrieved employee to inform the employer which specific violations of the Labor Code are being brought under each subdivision of the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act and to inform the employer if statutory right to cure provisions apply.	02/18/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT and JUDICIARY.
<b><u>AB 554</u></b> Mathis (R)	Department of Fish and Wildlife		Establishes in the Department of Fish and Wildlife the Office of the Ombudsperson, administered through the ombudsperson, requires the Fish and Game Commission	05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			to appoint the Ombudsperson and would require the Office to operate independently of department staff and to report to the president of the commission, requires the office to undertake specified duties under the supervision of the president of the commission.	
<b><u>AB 564</u></b> Gonzalez (D)	Biodiversity Protection and Restoration Act		Establishes the Biodiversity Protection and Restoration Act and provides that it is the policy of the state that all state agencies, boards, and commissions shall utilize their authorities in furtherance of the biodiversity conservation purposes and goals of certain executive orders.	04/13/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on ACCOUNTABILITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW: Not heard.
<b><u>AB 566</u></b> Nguyen J (R)	Property Taxation: Revenue Allocations		Makes a nonsubstantive change to the requirement that the county auditor, in each fiscal year, allocate property tax revenues to local jurisdictions in accordance with specified formulas and procedures, and generally requires that each jurisdiction be allocated an amount equal to the total of the amount of revenue allocated to that jurisdiction in the prior fiscal year, subject to certain modifications.	02/11/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 588</u></b> Garcia E (D)	Safe Drinking Water Act: Compliance		Requires the state board to identify actions necessary to assist specified water systems to achieve compliance within any compliance period established. Requires the state board to identify a compliance period or periods, when it adopts a primary drinking water standard, of not less than 30 days and not more than 3 years, and to consider specified criteria when identifying the compliance period.	03/30/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS with author's amendments.;03/30/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.
<b><u>AB 620</u></b> Mullin (D)	Unified Online Environmental Permit Application		Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation creating a unified online environmental permit application and process for state	02/12/2021 - INTRODUCED.

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			agencies that simplify the submittal and tracking of environmental permits for permit applicants and state agencies, and supports interagency coordination.	
<b><u>AB 622</u></b> Friedman (D)	Washing Machines: Microfiber Filtration		Requires, on or before January 1, 2024, that all washing machines sold as new in California contain a microfiber filtration system with a mesh size of 100 microns or smaller.	04/07/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS: Not heard.
<b><u>AB 648</u></b> Fong (R)	CalRecycle Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Forest		Continuously appropriates, beginning in the 2021-22 fiscal year and ending in the 2028-29 fiscal year, \$200,000,000 of the annual proceeds from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for healthy forest and fire prevention programs and projects that improve forest health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions caused by uncontrolled wildfires, and prescribed fire and other fuel reduction projects through proven forestry practices.	02/25/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b><u>AB 649</u></b> Bennett (D)	Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery		Establishes the Office of Environmental Justice and Tribal Relations within the department. Prescribes the duties of the office, including, among others, ensuring that the department's programs effectively address the needs of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, California Native American tribes, and farmworkers.	01/10/2022 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b><u>AB 678</u></b> Grayson (D)	Housing Development Projects: Fees And Exactions Cap		Prohibits a city or county from imposing a specified fee or exaction if the total dollar amount of the fees and exactions that a city or county would impose on a proposed housing development is greater than 12% of the city's or county's median home price unless approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Authorizes a city or county to seek	03/25/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.;03/25/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT with author's

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			approval from the department to impose a fee or an exaction that would result in the total dollar amount of fees and exactions.	amendments.;03/25/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b><u>AB 688</u></b> Nazarian (D)	Property Tax: Reassessment		Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing property tax law which authorizes a county board of supervisors to adopt ordinances that allow assessees whose property was damaged or destroyed to apply for a reassessment of that property if certain conditions are met.	02/16/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 693</u></b> Chau (D)	Proposition 65: Enforcement		Requires, for all settlements generated by alleging a violation of or threatening to allege a violation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, the plaintiff or person acting in the public interest to submit those settlements to the court, and would additionally require the court, in order to approve the settlement, to find that neither the plaintiff nor the attorney representing the plaintiff has received any compensation from the alleged violator.	03/18/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS and JUDICIARY.;03/18/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS with author's amendments.;03/18/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.
<b><u>AB 703</u></b> Rubio (D)	Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences		Removes the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act particular to teleconferencing and allows for teleconferencing subject to existing provisions regarding the posting of notice of an agenda and the ability of the public to observe the meeting and provide public comment.	04/29/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT with author's amendments.;04/29/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b><u>AB 732</u></b> Quirk (D)	Hazardous Waste: Transportation: Registration		Provides that the Department of Toxic Substances Control generally regulates the management and handling of hazardous waste and hazardous materials. Prohibits a person from carrying on or engaging in the transportation of hazardous waste unless the person	01/11/2022 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS: Do pass. To Consent Calendar.

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			holds a valid registration issued by the department, and also prohibits a person from transferring custody of hazardous waste to a transporter who does not hold a valid registration issued by the department.	
<b><u>AB 736</u></b> Mathis (R)	Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: Internet		Relates to the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law, which requires the State Water Resources Control Board, at least once every 2 years, to post information on its internet website and send a link of the internet website to the Legislature regarding implementation of the law and expenditures from the fund. Requires the board to post that information and send that link at least annually instead of at least once every 2 years.	04/07/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS: Not heard.
<b><u>AB 747</u></b> Mathis (R)	Water treatment Facility		Appropriates \$20,000,000 from the General Fund to the State Water Resources Control Board for the purpose of improving water treatment. Requires the board to grant a specified amount to a specified joint powers authority for a water treatment facility to be operated by the joint powers authority.	04/07/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS: Not heard.
<b><u>AB 753</u></b> Grayson (D)	Barry Keene Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Trust Fund		Authorizes eligible owners and operators of underground storage tanks containing petroleum to file claims with the state board for reimbursement from the fund of corrective action costs, as provided, incurred to address releases of petroleum from these tanks.	08/26/2021 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>AB 754</u></b> Mathis (R)	Sustainable Groundwater Management		Authorizes the Department of Water Resources to extend the deadline for a high- or medium-priority basin not subject to critical conditions of overdraft to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated plans upon request of a local agency or	07/12/2021 - In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Failed passage.;07/12/2021 - In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Reconsideration granted.

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			groundwater sustainability agency in the basin for an extension of a specified period of time.	
<b><u>AB 757</u></b> Davies (R)	Private Employment: COVID-19: Positive Test		Authorizes a private employer to request prescribed documentation of a positive Coronavirus test or diagnosis if an employee reports that the employee has been diagnosed or tested positive for Coronavirus and is unable to work and the employer determines that an employee may be subject to a 14-day exclusion from the workplace as required under certain law or regulations.	02/25/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
<b><u>AB 772</u></b> Ramos (D)	Workers' Compensation: Medical Treatment		Clarifies that an employer is not limited in its ability to insure against an act of domestic terrorism or to provide benefits in excess of those required by existing law following an act of terrorism. Clarifies that when an employer approves a request for medical treatment from a treatment provider, without modification, the employer has completed utilization review under the law.	03/25/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on INSURANCE.;03/25/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on INSURANCE with author's amendments.;03/25/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on INSURANCE.
<b><u>AB 800</u></b> Gabriel (D)	Safety Elements: Fire Hazard Severity Zones		Requires the director to also identify areas of the state as moderate and high fire hazard severity zones.	03/18/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES and LOCAL GOVERNMENT.;03/18/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES with author's amendments.;03/18/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b><u>AB 802</u></b> Bloom (D)	Microfiber Pollution		Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to identify the best available control technology for filtering microfibers from an industrial, institutional, or commercial laundry facility on or before an unspecified	04/07/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS: Not heard.

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			date, and requires the state board to consult with owners and operators of laundry facilities on the types of filtration systems currently in use and with universities, scientific organizations, and experts on plastic pollution in identifying the best available control technology.	
<b><u>AB 805</u></b> Maienschein (D)	Personal Protective Equipment: Distribution Reports		Requires, during a health-related state of emergency in California proclaimed by the President of the United States or by the Governor, the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator to report specified information relating to the distribution of personal protective equipment to the Office of Emergency Services on a weekly basis. Requires, at all other times, the MHOAC to report that information on a monthly basis.	05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
<b><u>AB 814</u></b> Levine (D)	Personal Information: Contact Tracing		Authorizes a state or local health department to disclose, to the University of California or a nonprofit education institution conducting scientific research, data collected, received, or prepared for purposes of contact tracing only if certain requirements are met, including that the request for information is approved by the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects for the California Health and Human Services Agency or an institutional review board.	08/26/2021 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>AB 854</u></b> Lee (D)	Residential Real Property: Withdrawal Of Accommodations		Prohibits an owner of accommodations from filing a notice with a public entity of an intent to withdraw accommodations or prosecuting an action to recover possession of accommodations, or threatening to do so, if not all the owners of the accommodations have been owners of record for a specified amount of time, or with respect to property that the owner acquired within a specified amount of time after providing notice of an	03/18/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and JUDICIARY.;03/18/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT with author's amendments.;03/18/2021 - In



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			intent to withdraw accommodations at a different property.	ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
<b><u>AB 867</u></b> Kiley (R)	Family Care Leave: Child Deceased in Childbirth		Expands eligibility for benefits under the paid family leave program by expanding bonding leave relating to a child's birth to include leave for a parent who was pregnant with a child, if the child dies unexpectedly during childbirth at 37 weeks or more of pregnancy.	02/25/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on INSURANCE.
<b><u>AB 870</u></b> Santiago (D)	Hazardous Materials: Liens		Requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control, upon a determination of the scope of a necessary response or corrective action, to provide to the responsible parties an estimate of the costs to complete the response or corrective action. Establishes that the estimated costs constitute a claim and a lien upon the real property owned by a responsible party that is subject to, or affected by, the response or corrective action.	01/06/2022 - In ASSEMBLY. Assembly Rule 56 suspended.
<b><u>AB 878</u></b> Dahle M (R)	Wildlife Resources: Natural Community Conservation Plan		Relates to Wildlife resources, natural community conservation plans and public review and comment. Expands the time for public review and comment on a proposed planning agreement from 21 calendar days to 21 business days.	04/08/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b><u>AB 885</u></b> Quirk (D)	Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: Teleconferencing		Requires a state body that elects to conduct a meeting or proceeding by teleconference to make the portion that is required to be open to the public both audibly and visually observable. Requires a state body that elects to conduct a meeting or proceeding by teleconference to post an agenda at the designated primary physical meeting location in the notice of the meeting where	03/24/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION with author's amendments.;03/24/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.

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			members of the public may physically attend the meeting and participate.	
<b><u>AB 893</u></b> Davies (R)	Emergency Regulations: Department of Public Health		Requires the Division of Occupational Safety and Health or the State Department of Public Health, within 14 calendar days of the release of a federal recommendation that conflicts with an emergency regulation related to Coronavirus 2019 issued by the division or the department, to review the conflicting emergency regulation and make a determination to either amend the regulation or submit a report to the Legislature on the decision not to amend the regulation, as specified.	02/25/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on ACCOUNTABILITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.
<b><u>AB 897</u></b> Mullin (D)	Office of Planning and Research: Regional Climate		Authorizes eligible entities, as defined, to establish and participate in a regional climate network, as defined. Requires the office, through the program, to encourage the inclusion of eligible entities with land use planning and hazard mitigation planning authority into regional climate networks. Authorizes a regional climate network to engage in activities to address climate change, as specified.	08/26/2021 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>AB 906</u></b> Carrillo (D)	Zero-Emission Trucks: Tax and Fee Exemptions		Exempts from sales and use taxes, on and after January 1, 2022, the gross receipts from the sale in this state of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, fuel for the operation of a zero-emission medium- or heavy-duty truck that is the subject of a lease entered into after July 1, 2022, with specified characteristics.	02/25/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on REVENUE AND TAXATION and TRANSPORTATION.
<b><u>AB 908</u></b> Frazier (D)	Natural Resources Agency: Statewide Natural Resources		Requires the Natural Resources Agency, to the extent a specified appropriation is made, to prepare a comprehensive, statewide inventory of the natural resources of the state and establish treatment measures necessary to protect those resources, and to post its	02/25/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

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			initial inventory on its internet website on or before January 1, 2023, with annual updates on or before January 1 of each year thereafter.	
<b><u>AB 909</u></b> Frazier (D)	Wildfire Risk Assessment Map		Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, in consultation with the California Fire Science Consortium and the Department of Insurance to develop a fire risk assessment map for the state that quantifies the risks of wildfire for a parcel of land for a time span of 50 years. Requires the department to annually update the wildfire risk assessment map.	02/25/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b><u>AB 919</u></b> Grayson (D)	Construction Defects: Actions: Statute of Limitations		Shortens the timeframe in which specified actions against a nonprofit housing corporation, as defined, may be brought for underlying construction projects using a certified skilled and trained workforce.	04/13/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY with author's amendments.;04/13/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.
<b><u>AB 926</u></b> Mathis (R)	Fire Prevention: Local Assistance Grant Program		Expands the definition of fire prevention activities to include the removal of hazardous dead trees, creation of fuel breaks and community defensible spaces, and creation of ingress and egress corridors. Requires the department to prioritize projects that have a completed, or nearly completed, environmental review document, as provided. Authorizes the department to consider and evaluate the wildfire risk within the proposed project area.	05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Joint Rule 62(a) suspended.;05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>AB 943</u></b> Garcia E (D)	Competitive Grant Programs: Funding Objectives		Requires state agencies administering competitive grant programs that allocate moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to give specified communities preferential points during grant application scoring for programs intended to improve air quality, to include a specified application timeline, and to allow applicants	01/10/2022 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass as amended to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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			from the Counties of Imperial and San Diego to include daytime population numbers in grant applications.	
<b><u>AB 953</u></b> Kiley (R)	Environmental Quality: Department of Fish and Wildlife		Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to separately track and account for all revenues collected under the above filing fee provision and all costs incurred in its role as a responsible agency or trustee agency under the California Environmental Quality Act.	04/12/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Suspend Assembly Rule 96.;04/12/2021 - Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
<b><u>AB 956</u></b> Flora (R)	Wildfire Mitigation Plans: Fire Retardants		Expressly authorizes a wildfire mitigation plan to include the use of fire-retardant chemicals approved by the State Fire Marshal on a planned basis for wildfire mitigation and risk management.	03/04/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
<b><u>AB 968</u></b> Frazier (D)	Wildfire Resilience: Community Certification		Requires the Natural Resources Agency to research, and provide a report to the Legislature with recommendations for, ways in which a community that undertakes science-supported wildfire resilience actions can be recognized with a peer-reviewed, community-level certification in order to acknowledge and motivate wildfire resilience activity, as provided.	03/18/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.;03/18/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES with author's amendments.;03/18/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b><u>AB 969</u></b> Frazier (D)	Natural Resources Agency: Wildfire Technology Support:		Requires the Natural Resources Agency to provide a basic level of technological support to community organizations for wildfire risk reduction and resiliency, including technology for data, geospatial mapping, and data management, as well as software and limited technical support, and requires the Natural Resources Agency to structure this wildfire technology support in the same way that technology support is provided for similar services for wildfire-program building, outreach, and planning.	03/18/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.;03/18/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES with author's amendments.;03/18/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

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<b><u>AB 972</u></b> Berman (D)	Elections: Deceptive Audio or Visual Media		Extends the repeal date of provisions relative to deceptive audio or visual media use in elections through a specified date.	03/04/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.
<b><u>AB 975</u></b> Rivas (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974		Relates to the Political Reform Act of 1974. Allows a gift of admission to an invitation-only event to be returned, reimbursed, or donated within 30 days of the calendar quarter in which it was received, and would make other changes prescribing conditions for the donation, return, or reimbursement.	06/01/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
<b><u>AB 976</u></b> Rivas (D)	Resilient Economies and Community Health Pilot Program		Establishes the Resilient Economies and Community Health Pilot Program, which would be administered by the council from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2026, as a grant pilot program for eligible community-based organizations to provide a comprehensive suite of coordinated incentives and services to disadvantaged communities at the resident household level to provide economic savings, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution, and improve resiliency to the impacts of climate control.	05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>AB 979</u></b> Frazier (D)	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Projects: Sea Level Rise		Requires any individual or entity that undertakes a project, as defined, within the Delta to complete a report analyzing the impact of sea level rise on the project.	05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Joint Rule 62(a) suspended.;05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>AB 981</u></b> Frazier (D)	Forestry: California Fire Safe Council		Establishes the California Fire Safe Council in the Natural Resources Agency consisting of 11 members. Requires the council to identify programs administered by public agencies to address and minimize the risks of wildfire and to coordinate the implementation of those programs, to identify public and private programs that may be leveraged to facilitate structure-hardening and	05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Joint Rule 62(a) suspended.;05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			community resilience to minimize the impacts of wildfire to habitable structures.	
<b><u>AB 987</u></b> Low (D)	Public Utilities: Civil Penalties		Requires the Commission to require any penalty imposed on a public utility, person, or corporation for a violation of the act, or for a violation of any order, decision, decree, rule, direction, demand, or requirement of the commission, to be paid no later than 2 years from the date the penalty was imposed, as provided.	03/25/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.;03/25/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY with author's amendments.;03/25/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
<b><u>AB 995</u></b> Gonzalez (D)	Paid Sick Days: Accrual and Use		Modifies the employers alternate sick leave accrual method to require that an employee have no less than 40 hours of accrued sick leave or paid time off by the 200th calendar day of employment or each calendar year, or in each 12-month period.	06/03/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
<b><u>AB 1001</u></b> Garcia (D)	Mitigation Measures for Air and Water Quality Impacts		Requires certain measures to mitigate the adverse effects of a project on air or water quality of a disadvantaged community, to mitigate those effects directly in the affected community. Requires all public agencies, in implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, to act consistently with the principles of environmental justice, as provided, by ensuring the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures, incomes, and national origins.	01/10/2022 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b><u>AB 1005</u></b> Muratsuchi (D)	Scientific Review Panel on Toxic Air Contaminants		Relates to existing law that creates and establishes a 9-member Scientific Review Panel on Toxic Air Contaminants to advise the State Air Resources Board and the Department of Pesticide Regulation in their evaluation of the health effects toxicity of toxic air contaminants and pesticides and prescribes the manner	02/18/2021 - INTRODUCED.

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			in which the members shall be appointed. Makes nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.	
<b><u>AB 1013</u></b> Lackey (R)	State Mandates: Claims		Relates to State mandates of a new program or higher level of service on any local government, including school districts. Requires the state to provide a subvention of funds to reimburse the local government, unless an exception applies. Provides that statutory provisions that establish procedures for making that reimbursement include a requirement that no claim shall be made or paid unless it exceeds \$1,000. Changes the minimum claim amount to \$900.	03/04/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b><u>AB 1017</u></b> Quirk-Silva (D)	Public Restrooms: Right to Restrooms Act of 2021		Requires each local government, as defined, to complete an inventory of public restrooms owned and maintained by the local government, either directly or by contract, that are available to the general population in its jurisdiction. Requires each local government to make its inventory available to agencies and service providers that work directly with homeless populations within the local government' s jurisdiction and, with certain exceptions, to make the inventory available on its internet website.	08/26/2021 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>AB 1027</u></b> Seyarto (R)	Solid and Organic Waste		Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to provide relief from those solid waste recycling, composting, and source reduction requirements and organic waste recycling requirements, for no more than one year, to cities and municipalities struggling due to the impacts of COVID-19.	02/18/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 1028</u></b> Seyarto (R)	Telework Flexibility Act		Concerns the Telework Flexibility Act. Authorizes any nonexempt employee working from home who is not under the physical control of the employer to choose	03/04/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT and JUDICIARY.

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			when to take any meal or rest period during the workday, if the employer has not already scheduled a meal or rest period within the requirements of the law. Requires an employer to notify the employee of this right one time, when the employee begins working from home.	
<b><u>AB 1030</u></b> Chen (R)	Professional Land Surveyors' Act and Engineers Act		Relates to the Professional Land Surveyors' Act and Professional Engineers Act. Includes within the practices that subject a person to those acts, with regard to the practice of identifying the location, alignment, or elevation for any of the fixed works embraced within the practice of civil engineering, laying out the reference points or lines through the use of mathematical or physical measurements. Expands the practice of land surveying and civil engineering, as specified.	03/04/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS.
<b><u>AB 1037</u></b> Grayson (D)	Infrastructure Construction: Digital Construction		Requires the Department of General Services to develop guidance, policies, and procedures for the integration and development of digital construction technologies for use on a civil infrastructure project, as defined, that is developed by specified state entities and has a state project cost of greater than a specified amount.	08/23/2021 - In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
<b><u>AB 1041</u></b> Wicks (D)	Leave Issues		Expands the population that an employee can take leave to care for to include a designated person. Defines "designated person" to mean a person identified by the employee at the time the employee requests family care and medical leave. Authorizes an employer to limit designation of a person, as prescribed.	09/09/2021 - In SENATE. To Inactive File.
<b><u>AB 1086</u></b> Aguiar-Curry (D)	Organic Waste: Implementation Strategy		Requests that the State Council on Science and Technology, in consultation with its academic and research partners and specified state agencies undertake	08/26/2021 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.



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			and, within specified months of entering into a contract, complete a report that provides an implementation strategy to achieve the state's organic waste, and related climate change and air quality, mandates, goals, and targets. Requires the council to provide the report to the relevant state agencies after peer review.	
<b><u>AB 1092</u></b> Mayes (R)	Public Employees' Retirement: Health Benefits		Precludes a person who has retired under PERS and who obtains work with a subsequent employer from receiving any health benefits offered under PEMHCA if the person's subsequent employer offers health care coverage that provides reasonably comparable benefits. Prohibits, among other things, employees, annuitants, and family members who become eligible to enroll on or after a specified date in Part A and Part B of Medicare from being enrolled in a basic health benefit plan.	04/26/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT With author's amendments.;04/26/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.
<b><u>AB 1099</u></b> Rivas R (D)	Environmental Equity: Bond and Fund Expenditures		Requires the administration of proceeds from the sales of bonds issued under a bond act that is enacted by the Legislature and is approved by the voters on or after a specified date, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law and that addresses environmental issues, and the administration of certain funds established on or after a specified date, that provide financial assistance to eligible entities to incorporate certain principles of environmental equity.	03/25/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.;03/25/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES with author's amendments.;03/25/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b><u>AB 1110</u></b> Rivas R (D)	Zero-Emission Vehicles; Clean Vehicles Ombudsperson		Establishes the Clean Vehicles Ombudsperson, to be appointed by and report directly to the Director of GO-Biz, and would require the ombudsperson to consult with appropriate entities in identifying available programs and incentives offered by the state that can help to reduce costs and increase participation in a statewide contract or leveraged procurement agreement,	09/09/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.

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			as described below. Requires the ombudsperson to convene 2 or more workshops of an advisory committee to aid ombudsperson.	
<b><u>AB 1119</u></b> Wicks (D)	Employment Discrimination		Relates to the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), which protects the right to seek, obtain, and hold employment without discrimination because of prescribed characteristics. Expands the protected characteristics to include family responsibilities, defined to mean the obligations of an employee to provide direct and ongoing care for a minor child or a care recipient. Defines additional terms for this purpose.	05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
<b><u>AB 1122</u></b> Garcia (D)	Employment Discrimination		Provides that, under Fair Employment and Housing Act, it is not a violation of the rights of any individual who is not chosen for an employer to hire or promote a member of a protected group, if the employer determines that the individual hired or promoted is qualified for the job and the individual hired or promoted is a member of a protected group that is underrepresented in the type of job in question in the relevant general workforce.	03/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT and JUDICIARY.;03/11/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT with author's amendments.;03/11/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
<b><u>AB 1141</u></b> Frazier (D)	Wildfires: Wildland Urban Interface Fire Research		Requires the Natural Resources Agency to develop and fund, upon an appropriation by the Legislature, a Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Research Center that addresses the wildland-urban interface fire problem and the need for wildfire prevention, detection, and mitigation planning, building, and response, and related economic, insurance, and modeling practices in the state.	03/18/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.;03/18/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES with author's amendments.;03/18/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

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<b><u>AB 1142</u></b> Frazier (D)	Fire Prevention: Detection and Response		Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to develop and implement a program to predict and respond to wildfire ignition events and to provide for the sharing of information regarding wildfire events and coordination of activities among local, state, and federal agencies in response to wildfires.	03/04/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b><u>AB 1161</u></b> Garcia E (D)	Electricity: Eligible Renewable Energy: State Agencies		Enacts the Clean Economy and Clean Jobs Stimulus Act of 2021 and would require the Department of Water Resources to procure newly developed eligible renewable energy resources or zero-carbon resources, and energy storage associated with those resources, in an amount that satisfies 100 percent electricity procured to serve all state agencies by specified date.	04/13/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY with author's amendments.;04/13/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
<b><u>AB 1164</u></b> Flora (R)	Dams and Reservoirs: Exclusions		Specifies that the exclusion from being considered a dam for a barrier that is not across a stream channel, watercourse, or natural drainage area and that has the principal purpose of impounding water for agricultural use applies only to a barrier owned or operated by a private entity. Provides that the structure is no greater than 20 feet in height, as measured from the lowest adjacent native ground elevation to the maximum achievable water surface impounded by the structure.	06/03/2021 - To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
<b><u>AB 1175</u></b> Aguiar-Curry (D)	Division Of Occupational Safety and Health: Inspections		Revises advance warning provisions to prohibit any representative of the Division Of Occupational Safety and Health from giving advance notice of an inspection or investigation to an employer or other person unless authorized under OSHA. Authorizes the chief or their authorized representatives to permit advance notice of an inspection or investigation when advance notice is necessary to ensure availability of essential personnel or	03/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.;03/11/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT with author's amendments.;03/11/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.

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			access to the site, equipment, or process, as prescribed by the director.	
<b><u>AB 1179</u></b> Carrillo (D)	Employer Provided Benefit: Backup Childcare		Requires an employer to provide an employee who works in California for the same employer for 30 or more days within a year from the commencement of employment, with up to 60 hours of paid backup childcare benefits, to be accrued and used as provided. Defines backup childcare as childcare provided by a qualified backup childcare provider to the employee's child when the employee's regular childcare provider cannot be utilized.	05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
<b><u>AB 1188</u></b> Wicks (D)	State Rental Assistance Program: Data		Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to retain data from designated sources, including data on the state rental assistance program, information submitted by eligible grantees that received the federal funding, and data on rental registries operated by local governments, as specified.	05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>AB 1195</u></b> Garcia (D)	Drinking Water		Prohibits a public water system from transferring or abandoning a water right held by the public water system except upon approval of the state board.	06/17/2021 - In SENATE. Rescinds referral to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES due to limitations concerning COVID-19 virus.
<b><u>AB 1205</u></b> Frazier (D)	State Air Resources Board: Elections		Requires a certain composition of the Air Resources Board.	03/18/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.;03/18/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES with author's amendments.;03/18/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

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<b><u>AB 1218</u></b> McCarty (D)	Motor Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards		Declares that, to help achieve the state's climate and air quality goals and mandates, it is the goal of the state that 100% of new passenger and light-duty trucks sales are zero-emission vehicles by 2035. Requires, on and after January 1, 2023, total passenger vehicles and light-duty trucks sold by a manufacturer in the state in a calendar year to meet specified greenhouse gas emissions standards pursuant to a tiered plan.	01/06/2022 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS with author's amendments.;01/06/2022 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b><u>AB 1232</u></b> McCarty (D)	Construction Documents		Relates to existing law that requires a contract for construction to contain specified information regarding the names, addresses, and places of business of various parties to the contract. Makes a nonsubstantive change to this provision.	01/11/2022 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b><u>AB 1239</u></b> Ting (D)	Electricity: Demand Response Resources and Programs		Requires the PUC, by a specified date, to open an investigation into the root causes of demand response market failures and why demand response has not reached its potential and make recommendations for policy changes aimed at ensuring those market failures are not repeated. Requires that the investigation include public participation and be concluded by September 30, 2022.	03/29/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY with author's amendments.;03/29/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
<b><u>AB 1255</u></b> Bloom (D)	Fire Risk Reduction Guidance: Local Assistance Grants		Requires the Natural Resources Agency to develop a guidance document that describes goals, approaches, opportunities, and best practices in each region of the state for ecologically appropriate, habitat-specific fire risk reduction.	06/02/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
<b><u>AB 1256</u></b> Quirk (D)	Employment Discrimination: Cannabis Screening Test		Prohibits an employer from discriminating against a person in hiring, termination, or any term or condition of employment because a drug screening test has found the person to have nonpsychoactive cannabis metabolites in	04/12/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT with author's amendments.;04/12/2021 - In

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			their urine, hair, or bodily fluids. Exempts from its provisions an employer that is required to conduct testing for tetrahydrocannabinol by federal law or regulations, or that would lose a monetary or licensing-related benefit for failing to conduct testing for tetrahydrocannabinol.	ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
<b><u>AB 1271</u></b> Ting (D)	Surplus Land	WATCH	Adds to the definition of "exempt surplus land" a former military base or other planned residential or mixed-use development of certain parcels of a certain size, that are subject to a written plan, where at least one of the owners is a local agency and meets other specified criteria. Provides that these provisions do not preclude a local agency that purchases surplus land from a disposing agency from reconveying the surplus land to a developer for development of low and moderate income housing.	04/19/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
<b><u>AB 1295</u></b> Muratsuchi (D)	Residential Development Agreements: Fire Risk Areas		Prohibits the legislative body of a city or county from entering into a residential development agreement for property located in a very high fire risk area. Defines very high fire risk area for these purposes to mean a very high fire hazard severity zone designated by a local agency or a fire hazard severity zone classified by the director.	03/04/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and HOUSING and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
<b><u>AB 1296</u></b> Kamlager (D)	South Coast Air Quality Management District		Increases the number of members of the South Coast Air Quality Management District board to 15 members by adding 2 environmental justice appointees, one appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and one appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.	03/04/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b><u>AB 1313</u></b> Bigelow (R)	COVID-19: Immunity from Civil Liability		Exempts a business from liability for an injury or illness to a person due to coronavirus based on a claim that the	03/04/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY.

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			person contracted coronavirus while at that business, or due to the actions of that business, if the business has substantially complied with all applicable state and local health laws, regulations, and protocols.	
<b><u>AB 1325</u></b> Burke (D)	Clean Community Microgrid Incentive Program		Requires the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to develop and implement a Clean Community Microgrid Incentive Program by 2022 to fund community microgrids that support the critical needs of vulnerable communities that utilize distributed energy resources for the generation of electricity. Establishes the budget for the program in an unspecified amount to be dispersed in successive phases to local public agencies for community microgrid development.	03/04/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
<b><u>AB 1332</u></b> Flora (R)	Local Government Ordinances		Relates to existing law that authorizes any local agency to enact any ordinance that adopts a code by reference if the referenced code is specified in the title of the ordinance. Makes nonsubstantive changes in the provision which prohibits the adoption by reference of any penalty clauses that may appear in any code that is adopted by reference.	02/19/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 1354</u></b> Grayson (D)	Public Employees' Retirement		Makes nonsubstantive changes to provisions prohibiting a retired person from being employed by a public employer in the same public retirement system from which the retiree receives pension benefits without reinstatement from retirement into that system, subject to certain exceptions.	02/19/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 1376</u></b> Gray (D)	Water Quality: State Certification		Requires the State Water Resources Control board to make a water quality certification available on its website for a public comment and review period.	04/07/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS: Not heard.

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<b><u>AB 1384</u></b> Gabriel (D)	Resiliency Through Adaptation, Economic Vitality		Requires the agency to also coordinate with the Office of Planning and Research and identify, among other things, vulnerabilities to climate change for vulnerable communities, an operational definition of "climate resilience" for each sector and for vulnerable communities, special protections of vulnerable communities and industries that are disproportionately impacted by climate change, opportunities to improve policy and budget coordination across jurisdictions, and timetables and specific metrics.	09/10/2021 - In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
<b><u>AB 1395</u></b> Muratsuchi (D)	The State Climate Crisis Act		Declares the policy of the state both to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible, but no later than a specified year, and achieve and maintain net negative greenhouse gas emissions thereafter, and to ensure that by a specified year, statewide anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to at least 90% below the 1990 levels.	09/10/2021 - In SENATE. Read third time. Failed to pass SENATE.;09/10/2021 - In SENATE. Motion to reconsider.;09/10/2021 - In SENATE. Reconsideration granted.;09/10/2021 - In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
<b><u>AB 1399</u></b> Flora (R)	Diversion or Use of Water: Penalties		Makes nonsubstantive changes to provisions that state that the diversion or use of water other than as authorized by specified provisions of law is a trespass, subject to specified civil liability.	02/19/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 1400</u></b> Kalra (D)	Guaranteed Health Care for All		Creates the Guaranteed Health Care for All Program, or CalCare, to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state. Provides that CalCare cover a wide range of medical benefits and other services and would incorporate the health care benefits and standards of other existing federal and state provisions. Creates the CalCare Board to govern CalCare, made up of 9 voting members.	01/06/2022 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH.



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<b><u>AB 1411</u></b> Cunningham (R)	Agriculture: Greenhouse Gas Mitigation: Healthy Soils		Makes a nonsubstantive change to the Cannella Environmental Farming Act of 1995, which requires the Department of Food and Agriculture, in consultation with the Scientific Advisory Panel on Environmental Farming, to establish and oversee a Healthy Soils Program to seek to optimize climate benefits while supporting the economic viability of California agriculture by providing incentives to farmers whose management practices contribute to healthy soils.	02/19/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 1431</u></b> Frazier (D)	Forestry: Forest Carbon and Resilience Goals		Establishes state goals for fuels treatment, vegetation management, and wildfire risk reduction, including, but not limited to, increasing vegetation management on nonfederal lands and urging the federal government to increase vegetation management on federal lands, as provided, and increasing the pace and scale of home hardening efforts to harden at least 100,000 existing homes per year by 2025.	08/26/2021 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>AB 1434</u></b> Friedman (D)	Urban Water Use Objectives: Indoor Residential	OPPOSE	Establishes, beginning January 1, 2023, until January 1, 2025, the standard for indoor residential water use as 48 gallons per capita daily. Establishes, beginning January 1, 2025, the standard as 44 gallons per capita daily and, beginning January 1, 2030, 40 gallons per capita daily. Eliminates the requirement that the Department of Water Resources conduct necessary studies and investigations and recommend to the Legislature a standard for indoor residential water use.	01/06/2022 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS with author's amendments.;01/06/2022 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b><u>AB 1442</u></b> Ting (D)	Accessory Dwelling Units		Makes nonsubstantive change to existing law which provides for the creation by local ordinance, or by ministerial approval if a local agency has not adopted an ordinance, of accessory dwelling units to allow single-	02/19/2021 - INTRODUCED.

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			family or multifamily dwelling residential use in accordance with specified standards and conditions.	
<b><u>AB 1453</u></b> Muratsuchi (D)	Environmental Justice: Just Transition Commission		Establishes the Just Transition Advisory Commission, consisting of specified members, in the Labor and Workforce Development Agency and would require the commission, through a public process, to develop and adopt, on or before January 1, 2024, the Just Transition Plan that contains recommendations to transition the state's economy to a climate-resilient and low-carbon economy.	05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>AB 1458</u></b> Frazier (D)	Fish and Wildlife Protection and Conservation		Exempts from the prohibition against lake and streambed alterations vegetation management or fuels treatment projects undertaken, carried out, or approved by a state or local governmental agency necessary to prevent or mitigate the threat or intensity of a wildfire.	04/26/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Not heard.
<b><u>AB 1490</u></b> Chau (D)	California Privacy Rights Act of 2020: Agency		Requires appointments to the board which governs the California Privacy Protection Agency to be made from among Californians with expertise in the areas of privacy, technology, and consumer rights.	06/01/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
<b><u>AB 1493</u></b> Rubio (D)	Tenancy: Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault		Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law which prohibits a landlord from terminating or failing to renew a tenancy based upon an act against a tenant or a member of a tenant's household that constitute domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, or elder or dependent adult abuse, if certain standards are met.	02/19/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 1500</u></b> Garcia E (D)	Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention	SUPPORT IF AMENDED	Enacts the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of	05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Joint Rule 62(a) suspended.;05/20/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on

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			2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs.	APPROPRIATIONS: Do pass to Committee on RULES.
<b><u>AB 1519</u></b> Gallagher (R)	Forestry: Fuels Transportation Program: Biomass Energy		Requires the Natural Resources Agency to develop and implement a fuels transportation program that provides competitive grants or other financial incentives for projects in eligible communities to offset the costs of transporting fuels to a biomass energy facility.	01/10/2022 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Failed passage.
<b><u>AB 1523</u></b> Gallagher (R)	Greenhouse Gases		Revises the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 by designating the State Air Resources Board with the responsibility of regulating vehicular sources of emissions of greenhouse gases and each district with the responsibility of regulating all sources, other than vehicular sources, of emissions of greenhouse gases within its jurisdiction.	03/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b><u>AB 1528</u></b> Santiago (D)	Wages: Final Payments		Makes nonsubstantive changes to these provisions related to regulation of the terms and conditions of employment and, specifically, the payment of wages.	02/19/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 1567</u></b> Emergency Management Cmt	Emergency Services: Catastrophic Plans: Recovery		Requires the Office of Emergency Services and the governing bodies of political subdivisions, in developing recovery frameworks, to incorporate lessons learned from recent major disasters, including the coronavirus pandemic. Requires the frameworks to be consistent with guidance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and to address, at a minimum, specified recovery support functions, including economic	05/20/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			recovery, health and social services, and infrastructure systems.	
<b><u>AB 1604</u></b> Holden (D)	The Upward Mobility Act of 2022: Boards and Commissions		Requires that, on or after January 1, 2023, all state boards and commissions consisting of one or more volunteer members have at least one board member or commissioner from an underrepresented community. Defines the term board member or commissioner from an underrepresented community as an individual who self-identifies as Black, African American, Hispanic, Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, Native Hawaiian, or Alaska Native, or as defined.	01/04/2022 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 1610</u></b> Lackey (R)	State Mandates: Claims		Provides that no claim for reimbursement by a local government or school district for a state-mandated cost shall be made or paid unless it exceeds \$800.	01/05/2022 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 1616</u></b> Petrie-Norris (D)	Public Contracts		Relates to existing law which generally regulates the formation and awarding, among other things, of a contract by a public entity and makes a nonsubstantive change to the definition of the term public entity.	01/06/2022 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>ACA 1</u></b> Aguiar-Curry (D)	Local Government Financing: Affordable Housing		Creates an additional exception to the 1% ad valorem tax rate limit on real property that would authorize a city, county, or special district to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing, if the proposition proposing the tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city or county, and the proposition includes accountability requirements.	04/22/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and APPROPRIATIONS.

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<b>SB 12</b> McGuire (D)	Local Government Planning and Zoning: Wildfires		Requires the safety element, upon the next revision of the housing element or the hazard mitigation plan, on or after a certain date, whichever occurs first, to be reviewed and updated as necessary to include a comprehensive retrofit strategy to reduce the risk of property loss and damage during wildfires, and would require the planning agency to submit the adopted strategy to the Office of Planning and Research for inclusion into the clearinghouse for climate adaptation.	07/12/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Failed passage.;07/12/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Reconsideration granted.
<b>SB 36</b> Skinner (D)	Energy Efficiency		Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law which authorizes the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to prescribe, by regulation, energy efficiency standards, including appliance efficiency standards.	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
<b>SB 37</b> Cortese (D)	Contaminated Site Cleanup and Safety Act		Repeals the requirement for the State Department of Health Care Services to compile a list of all public drinking water wells. Provides that a project located on a site that is included on any list compiled by the state agencies specified above and posted on the California Environmental Protection Agency' s internet website is exempted from CEQA if the project meets specified conditions.	09/08/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
<b>SB 45</b> Portantino (D)	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water Bond Act	SUPPORT IF AMENDED	Enacts the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in a specified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.	01/10/2022 - From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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<b><u>SB 46</u></b> Stern (D)	American Rescue Plan Act Funds		Requires, to the extent authorized by federal law, a state agency that receives and disburses American Rescue Plan funds or other federal recovery funds to consider projects' potential impact on specified goals, including, among other things, restoring frontline communities and rapidly accelerating achievement of environmental justice and climate goals, including, but not limited to, climate, environmental, and biodiversity protection and stimulating growth.	03/18/2021 - Re-referred to SENATE Committees on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION and LABOR, PUB. EMPLOY. & RETIREMENT and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.;03/18/2021 - In SENATE. Rescinds referral to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY due to limitations concerning COVID-19 virus.
<b><u>SB 55</u></b> Stern (D)	Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone: Development	WATCH	Prohibits the creation or approval of a new development, as defined, in a very high fire hazard severity zone or a state responsibility area unless there is substantial evidence that the local agency has adopted a comprehensive, necessary, and appropriate wildfire prevention and community hardening strategy to mitigate significant risks of loss, injury, or death, as specified.	04/15/2021 - In SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE: Heard, remains in Committee.
<b><u>SB 67</u></b> Becker (D)	Clean Energy: 24/7 Clean Energy Standard Program		Establishes a goal that a certain percentage of electrical load be supplied by eligible clean energy resources. Establishes the California 24/7 Clean Energy Standard Program to require that a certain percentage of retail load be supplied by eligible clean energy resources. Requires the Energy Commission to establish compliance periods that meet certain criteria. Requires establishment of clean energy procurement requirements.	04/26/2021 - In SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS: Not heard.
<b><u>SB 72</u></b> Rubio (D)	Property Insurance: Wildfire Risk		Requires the Insurance Commissioner to transmit to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency a report that makes geographic recommendations for vegetation management projects based on the commissioner's analysis of specified information, including nonrenewal	08/26/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			data on policies of residential property insurance, and to post that report on the Department of Insurance's internet website.	
<b><u>SB 77</u></b> Nielsen (R)	Elections: Ballots		Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to provisions of existing law providing that, on election day, a voter who does not vote the ballot the voter has received shall, before leaving the polling place, return it to the precinct board member having charge of the ballots, who shall immediately cancel it.	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
<b><u>SB 99</u></b> Dodd (D)	Community Energy Resilience Act of 2021		Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to develop and implement a grant program for local governments to develop community energy resilience plans and expedite permit review of distributed energy resources by local governments.	08/26/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>SB 209</u></b> Dahle (R)	State of Emergency: Termination After 45 Days:		Requires a state of emergency to terminate 45 days after the Governor's proclamation of the state of emergency unless the Legislature extends it by a concurrent resolution.	03/04/2021 - From SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION with author's amendments.;03/04/2021 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
<b><u>SB 222</u></b> Dodd (D)	Water Rate Assistance Program	WATCH	Establishes the Water Rate Assistance Fund in the State Treasury to help provide water affordability assistance, for both drinking water and wastewater services, to low-income ratepayers and ratepayers experiencing economic hardship in State. Makes moneys in the fund available upon appropriation by the Legislature to the department to provide direct water bill assistance, water bill credits, and water crisis assistance, and would	09/03/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.

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			require 80% of total funds to be directly applied to customer assistance.	
<b><u>SB 223</u></b> Dodd (D)	Discontinuation of Residential Water Service	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED	Revises the conditions under which urban and community water systems and very small community water systems are prohibited from discontinuing residential service for nonpayment. Prohibits these systems from discontinuing residential service for nonpayment during a state or local emergency.	05/20/2021 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>SB 230</u></b> Portantino (D)	State Water Resources Control Board: Constituents		Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to establish, maintain, and direct, a dedicated program called the Constituents of Emerging Concern in Drinking Water Program for 5 years to assess the state of information and recommend areas for further study on, among other things, the occurrence of Constituents of Emerging Concern in drinking water sources and treated drinking water.	01/03/2022 - From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS with author's amendments.;01/03/2022 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b><u>SB 282</u></b> Dahle (R)	State Water Resources Control Board		Makes a nonsubstantive change in provisions establishing the State Water Resources Control Board.	02/22/2021 - In SENATE. Article IV. Section 8(a) of the Constitution dispensed with.;02/22/2021 - In SENATE. Joint Rule 55 suspended.
<b><u>SB 286</u></b> Min (D)	Elections: Orange County Department of Education		Requires an election for an office within the Orange County Department of Education that is determined by the plurality of the votes cast for that office, with no possibility of a runoff, and is consolidated with a statewide election to be consolidated with the statewide general election in November.	01/03/2022 - From SENATE Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS with author's amendments.;01/03/2022 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.;01/03/2022 - Withdrawn from SENATE Committee



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				on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.;01/03/2022 - Re-referred to SENATE Committee on RULES.;01/03/2022 - Re-referred to SENATE Committees on EDUCATION and ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.
<b>SB 295</b> Dahle (R)	District Elections		Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to provisions of existing law concerning the Uniform District Election Law and terms of elected members.	02/22/2021 - In SENATE. Article IV. Section 8(a) of the Constitution dispensed with.;02/22/2021 - In SENATE. Joint Rule 55 suspended.
<b>SB 305</b> Jones (R)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Electronic Filing		Imposes the online and electronic filing system with respect to specified committees, slate mailer organizations, lobbyists, and other persons. Eliminates the requirement that individual lobbyists, lobbying firms, lobbying coalitions, and lobbyist employers, as defined, file their registration statements, any amendments, or notices of termination, in physical form with the Secretary of State.	05/20/2021 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>SB 312</b> Nielsen (R)	Renewables Portfolio Standard Program		States that it is the policy of the state and the intent of the Legislature to promote biomass facilities and biomass funding.	03/18/2021 - Re-referred to SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS.
<b>SB 318</b> Melendez (R)	Land Use: Development Fee or Charge: Auditor Standards		Requires that under the Mitigation Fee Act, an independent auditor be a certified public accountant, or a firm of certified public accountants, concerning an audit to determine whether a fee or charge is reasonable.	02/22/2021 - In SENATE. Article IV. Section 8(a) of the Constitution dispensed with.;02/22/2021 - In SENATE. Joint Rule 55 suspended.;02/22/2021 - To SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.

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<b>SB 335</b> Cortese (D)	Workers' Compensation: Liability		Reduces the time periods after the date the claim form is filed with an employer in which the injury is presumed compensable and the presumption is rebuttable only by evidence discovered subsequent to the time period for certain injuries or illnesses, including hernia, heart trouble, pneumonia, or tuberculosis, among others, sustained in the course of employment of a specified member of law enforcement or a specified first responder.	07/13/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on INSURANCE: Failed passage.
<b>SB 342</b> Gonzalez (D)	South Coast Air Quality Management District		Adds members to the South Coast Air Quality Management District board, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly. Requires the additional members to reside in and work directly with communities in the South Coast Air Basin that are disproportionately burdened by and vulnerable to high levels of pollution and issues of environmental justice. Authorizes the district board to create a Labor Advisory Panel to provide feedback.	06/03/2021 - In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
<b>SB 345</b> Becker (D)	Energy Programs and Projects: Nonenergy Benefits		Requires the commission to begin the process, by a specified date, to establish common definitions of nonenergy benefits and attempt to determine consistent values and methodologies for use in assigning priority access to authorized funds by distributed energy resource programs. Requires the commission to prioritize the use of authorized funding to support distributed energy resource programs and projects that provide the greatest nonenergy benefits, particularly for disadvantaged communities.	05/20/2021 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>SB 351</b> Caballero (D)	Water Innovation Act of 2021		Enacts the Water Innovation Act of 2021. Creates the Office of Water Innovation at the California Water Commission for the furtherance of new technologies and	05/20/2021 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			other innovative approaches in the water sector. Requires the office to take specified measures to advance innovation in the water sector.	
<b><u>SB 396</u></b> Dahle (R)	Electrical Transmission or Distribution Line: Clearance		Revises and recast those provisions related to electrical lines and abatement activities for a person who owns, controls, operates, or maintains an electrical transmission or distribution line, specifying that abatement activities covered by this law include felling, cutting, or trimming trees. Requires all these line clearance and tree pruning and abatement activities to comply with the commission's vegetation management rules, if applicable.	01/11/2022 - In ASSEMBLY. From Inactive File. To third reading.
<b><u>SB 410</u></b> Leyva (D)	Department of Industrial Relations		Exempts any occupational safety and health standard and order from the standardized regulatory impact analysis requirement. Requires an economic impact assessment to be prepared for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any occupational safety and health standard and order, including for any such standard and order that is a major regulation proposed after a specified date.	09/08/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
<b><u>SB 412</u></b> Ochoa Bogh (R)	Environmental Quality Act: Emergency Definition		Expands the definition of emergency provided in the Environmental Quality Act to include a project jointly identified by a state or local agency and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection or the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, with notice to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, as mitigating a high threat to life and safety by preventing, minimizing, or mitigating damage to life, health, property, natural resources, or essential public services, resulting from a catastrophic fire.	04/26/2021 - In SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Not heard.

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<b>SB 426</b> Rubio (D)	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems		Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to establish financial capability assessment guidelines for municipal separate storm sewer system permittees that are adequate and consistent when considering the costs to local jurisdictions. Requires the state board and the regional boards to continue using available regulatory tools and other approaches to foster collaboration with permittees to implement permit requirements in light of the costs of implementation.	06/01/2021 - In SENATE. From Special Consent Calendar. To Inactive File.
<b>SB 448</b> Melendez (R)	Emergency Services Act: Emergency Powers: Limitation		Enacts the Emergency Power Limitation Act. Requires an emergency order, as defined, to be narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety purpose and limited in duration, applicability, and scope. Authorizes any person to bring an action to invalidate or enjoin enforcement of an emergency order that is allegedly unlawful.	02/25/2021 - To SENATE Committees on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION and JUDICIARY.
<b>SB 449</b> Stern (D)	Climate-Related Financial Risk		Requires a bank, corporation, credit union, finance lender, insurer, investment advisor, real estate investment trust, and mortgage lender, as those terms are defined, to, before January 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, prepare a climate-related financial risk report, as defined, and to submit to the department, and make available to the public on its own internet website, a copy of that report.	05/20/2021 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
<b>SB 457</b> Portantino (D)	Public Employee Retirement Systems: Investments		Requires the boards of administration of the Public Employees Retirement System and the State Teachers Retirement System to provide employers that are school districts and cities that participate in the systems an option to elect an investment portfolio that does not contain investment vehicles that are issued or owned by the government of the Republic of Turkey.	05/28/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.

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<b><u>SB 459</u></b> Allen (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Lobbying		Requires lobbyists, lobbying firms, and lobbyist employers to include information in the periodic reports that identifies each bill or administrative action subject to lobbying activity, and the respective position advocated for, during that period. Requires additional specified disclosures for lobbying activity during a specified period before the Legislature is scheduled to adjourn in a calendar year.	07/06/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b><u>SB 463</u></b> Dahle (R)	Water: Landowner Right To Modify, Repair, Or Replace		Authorizes a landowner to, where a conduit is constructed across or buried beneath the lands of landowners, and the conduit is not under the control or management of any public agency or authority, modify, repair, or replace, as defined, the conduit on or beneath their land if the modification, repair, or replacement is made in a manner that does not impede the flow of the water to any other property receiving a benefit of the conduit or, otherwise injure any person using or interested in the conduit.	01/10/2022 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE with author's amendments.;01/10/2022 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
<b><u>SB 471</u></b> Hueso (D)	The Racial and Economic Equity Grant Program		Creates the Racial and Economic Equity Grant Program, administered by GO-Biz, for the purpose of providing grants to address disproportionate impacts borne from the COVID-19 pandemic, as defined, and the lack of critical physical and social infrastructure, resulting from chronic underinvestment, in key segments of the economy of this state.	04/21/2021 - From SENATE Committee on BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT with author's amendments.;04/21/2021 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
<b><u>SB 505</u></b> Hertzberg (D)	Wages: Withholdings: Written Authorization		Requires a public employer, absent fraud, misrepresentation, or theft, to make a good faith effort to consult with an employee to obtain a written authorization to resolve a monetary obligation before	06/17/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Suspend Assembly Rule 96.;06/17/2021 - Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on RULES.

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			utilizing third-party collection services or commencing a civil action. Requires the written authorization to include a mutual agreement between the public employer and employee and, to the extent possible, would prohibit that written authorization from placing an undue financial burden upon the employee.	
<b><u>SB 506</u></b> Jones (R)	California Environmental Quality Act: Greenhouse Gas		Prohibits the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection from requiring applicants for a grant or other funds made available to the department from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to consider the greenhouse gas emissions impacts of vegetation management projects pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a condition of applying for or receiving a grant or other funds from moneys made available to the department from the fund.	02/25/2021 - To SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
<b><u>SB 520</u></b> Wilk (R)	Water Resources: Permit to Appropriate: Applications		Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, if the board has not rendered a final determination on an application for a permit to appropriate water within 30 years from the date the application was filed, to issue a new notice and provide an opportunity for protests before rendering a final determination, with specified exceptions.	06/17/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Not heard.
<b><u>SB 526</u></b> Min (D)	Community Water Systems: Lead User Service Lines		Requires community water system to remove or replace the full lead user service line, if the community water system disturbs, removes, or replaces a portion thereof. Applies specified enforcement provisions to a violation of the requirements of the bill, thereby creating a state-mandated local program by expanding the scope of crimes under the California Safe Drinking Water Act.	02/25/2021 - To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

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<b><u>SB 527</u></b> Melendez (R)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: High-Speed Rail		Eliminates the continuous appropriation of 25% of the annual proceeds of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the High-Speed Rail Authority on a specified date. Transfers 25% of the annual proceeds of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the Salton Sea Restoration Fund.	02/25/2021 - To SENATE Committees on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and TRANSPORTATION and NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
<b><u>SB 542</u></b> Limon (D)	Vehicle License Fees for Zero-emission Vehicles: Sales		Provides an exemption from certain taxes with respect to the sale in this state of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, a qualified motor vehicle. Defines qualified motor vehicle as a specified zero-emission truck. Provides that this exemption does not apply to specified state sales and use taxes from which the proceeds are deposited into the Local Revenue Fund, the Local Revenue Fund 2011, or the Local Public Safety Fund.	01/10/2022 - In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.
<b><u>SB 551</u></b> Stern (D)	California Zero-Emission Vehicle Authority		Establishes the California Zero-Emission Vehicle Authority within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. Requires the authority to coordinate activities among state agencies to advance zero-emission vehicle infrastructure deployment, including charging stations and hydrogen refueling stations, as well as ensure related equity, workforce development, economic development, and other needs are addressed, as specified.	08/26/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>SB 559</u></b> Hurtado (D)	Water Conveyance Restoration Fund		Establishes the Water Conveyance Restoration Fund in the State Treasury to be administered by the Department of Water Resources in consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Fish and Wildlife.	09/08/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.

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<b><u>SB 582</u></b> Stern (D)	Climate Emergency Mitigation, Safe Restoration		Requires the Air Resources Board to ensure that statewide greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to at least a certain percentage and up to a certain percentage below the 1990 level by a specified year. Adopts a state policy to lead a global effort to restore oceanic and atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gas emissions to preindustrial levels as soon as possible, and to restore community health and reverse the impacts from the damage and injustice climate change is causing.	06/03/2021 - In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
<b><u>SB 592</u></b> Dahle (R)	Catastrophic Wildfires		Requires the Director of Fish and Wildlife to establish a working group, composed of the director or the director's representative, the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection or their representative, and a county government representative from each county impacted by any catastrophic wildfire being studied by the workgroup.	05/20/2021 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>SB 600</u></b> Borgeas (R)	Administrative Procedure Act		Makes a nonsubstantive change to provisions relative to the Administrative Procedure Act.	03/03/2021 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
<b><u>SB 618</u></b> Borgeas (R)	Fire prevention Activities: Local Assistance Grant		Makes nonsubstantive changes to the definition of fire prevention activities.	03/03/2021 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
<b><u>SB 649</u></b> Cortese (D)	Local Governments: Affordable Housing: Local Tenant		Establishes a state policy supporting local tenant preferences for lower income households, as defined, that are subject to displacement risk, and, further, permits local governments and developers in receipt of local or state funds, federal or state tax credits, or an allocation of tax-exempt private activity bonds designated for affordable rental housing to restrict occupancy by creating a local housing preference for lower income households subject to displacement risk.	06/17/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Suspend Assembly Rule 96.;06/17/2021 - Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on RULES.



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<b><u>SB 656</u></b> Eggman (D)	Stockton-East Water District: Water Rates		Defines groundwater assessment for purposes of the Water Conservation District Law of 1931 establishing the Stockton-East Water District to mean groundwater assessment or charge. Specifies the rates the district was authorized to impose in the 2020 calendar year under existing law, and would prohibit the rates for stream-delivered water and for domestic and agricultural groundwater assessments or charges for the 2022 calendar year and thereafter from exceeding the 2020 rates.	01/10/2022 - In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.
<b><u>SB 669</u></b> Borgeas (R)	California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program		Makes a nonsubstantive revision to a definition applicable to existing law, wherein the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations, while local publicly owned electric utilities are under the direction of their governing boards.	03/03/2021 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
<b><u>SB 674</u></b> Durazo (D)	Public Contracts: Workforce Development		Requires the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to create 2 programs. Relates to State Jobs Plan Program and the United States Jobs Plan Program. Requires the programs to meet specified objectives, including supporting the creation and retention of quality, nontemporary full-time jobs, as specified, and the hiring of displaced workers and individuals facing barriers to employment. Requires all compliance reporting to be accessible to the public through the web-based portal.	09/09/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
<b><u>SB 676</u></b> Bates (R)	Forcible Entry, Forcible Detainer, or Unlawful Detainer		Relates to an action for forcible entry, forcible detainer, or unlawful detainer. Authorizes a defendant to file a motion to strike on or before the day fixed for the defendants appearance. Authorizes a party to file a	04/06/2021 - In SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Not heard.

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			motion for summary adjudication in the same manner as a motion for summary judgment.	
<b>SB 683</b> Ochoa Bogh (R)	Water Quality: Regional Storm Sewer System Permits		Requires, to the extent permitted by federal law, a regional board that issues a municipal separate storm sewer system permit pursuant to the NPDES permit program to a region rather than to an individual discharger to include specified elements in the permit and to meet and collaborate with the permittees before or during the permit writing process.	04/26/2021 - In SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Not heard.
<b>SB 695</b> Ochoa Bogh (R)	Mitigation Fee Act: Housing Developments		Prohibits a local agency from imposing a housing impact requirement adopted by the local agency on a housing development project unless specified requirements are satisfied by the local agency. prohibit a housing impact requirement from exceeding the amount necessary to maintain the existing level of service identified in a nexus study for the type of capital facility for which the housing impact requirement is imposed.	03/18/2021 - Re-referred to SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.
<b>SB 696</b> Allen (D)	Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts		Authorizes a district to also finance units in a mixed-income housing development that are allocated to the jurisdictions in the district pursuant to regional housing needs allocations determined in accordance with housing element laws. Authorizes the authority to acquire the real property and any interest in the property by eminent domain, so long as the activities that would produce the benefit are defined as a public use for eminent domain purposes.	09/09/2021 - In SENATE. Senate Rules suspended.;09/09/2021 - From SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE with author's amendments.;09/09/2021 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.
<b>SB 698</b> Grove (R)	Water Rights		Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law that declares the right to water is limited to that water that is reasonably required for the beneficial use to be served, and does not extend to the waste or unreasonable use,	03/03/2021 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.

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			unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion of water.	
<b><u>SB 719</u></b> Min (D)	Exempt Surplus Land: Eligible Military Base Land		Deems certain land comprising of the Tustin Marine Corps Air Station to be exempt surplus land if specified requirements are met. Requires at least a certain percent of the residential units that are permitted after a certain date to be restricted to persons and families of low or moderate income, and at least a certain percent of those units to be restricted to lower income households. Requires a local agency that disposes of exempt surplus land under these provisions to comply with certain requirements.	06/10/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
<b><u>SB 733</u></b> Hueso (D)	Energy Storage: Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Facilities		Requires the chair of the Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to appear annually before the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature to report on activities of the commission, as specified.	06/21/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Suspend Assembly Rule 96.;06/21/2021 - Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on RULES.
<b><u>SB 746</u></b> Skinner (D)	Consumer Privacy Act of 2018: Personal Information		Grants a consumer the right to request that a business disclose to the consumer whether or not the business uses personal information collected about the consumer for a political purpose. Requires a business that collects and uses such information to disclose specified information upon receipt of a request from the consumer. Requires a business with gross revenue exceeding a certain amount that does not engage in such activities to submit a certain statement to the State Privacy Protection Agency.	01/04/2022 - In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.
<b><u>SB 747</u></b> Hurtado (D)	COVID-19 Relief: Tenancy		Addresses certain issues related to the impact of the Coronavirus 2019 pandemic on landlords and tenants, including by providing public funds to cover monetary	01/03/2022 - From SENATE Committee on RULES with author's amendments.;01/03/2022 - In

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			judgments against tenants in small claims court who do not qualify for the State Rental Assistance Program, revisiting the self-certification process created by the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act, and providing assistance to landlords who have tenants who have not paid the rent and who do not qualify for emergency rental assistance dollars.	SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.;01/03/2022 - Re-referred to SENATE Committees on HOUSING and JUDICIARY.
<b><u>SB 751</u></b> Gonzalez (D)	Environmental Justice		States the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to promote environmental justice by ensuring that disadvantaged communities, often low-income communities of color, do not continue to be overburdened with unfair shares of pollution.	03/03/2021 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
<b><u>SB 752</u></b> Allen (D)	Elections: Disclosure of Contributors		Requires an initiative, referendum, or recall petition to instruct voters to sign the petition only after viewing certain disclosures regarding the top contributors to the initiative, referendum, or recall, as specified. Revises the minimum contribution thresholds above which a contributor to a committee may be considered a top contributor, and requires identification of top campaign committee contributors in certain political advertisements without regard to any minimum contribution threshold.	08/26/2021 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b><u>SB 794</u></b> Glazer (D)	Elections: Secretary of State		Requires the Secretary of State to summon the candidates subject to the tie vote to the Secretary of States office.	06/17/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Suspend Assembly Rule 96.;06/17/2021 - Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on RULES.
<b><u>SB 832</u></b> Dodd (D)	Water Rights: Measurement of Diversion		Clarifies existing law that a person diverting 10 acre feet or more of water per year under a registration is subject to water diversion measurement, recording, and reporting requirements. Authorizes the state board to modify water diversion measurement requirements if the	01/03/2022 - INTRODUCED.

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			board finds that, among other things, the beneficial use of the water right is for irrigation, the water right is for direct diversion only and the runoff and tailwater from the application of the diverted water returns, as specified.	
<b><u>SB 833</u></b> Dodd (D)	Community Energy Resilience Act of 2022		Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to develop and implement a grant program for local governments to develop community energy resilience plans and expedite permit review of distributed energy resources by local governments. Requires the plans to be consistent with the city, county, or city and county general plan and other local government planning documents.	01/04/2022 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SCA 1</u></b> Hertzberg (D)	Elections: Referenda		Requires that the ballot for a referendum measure provide that a Yes vote is in favor of the referendum and rejects the statute or part of the statute subject to the referendum, and a No vote is against the referendum and approves the statute or part of the statute subject to the referendum, thus requiring a majority vote in favor of the referendum to reject the statute or part of the statute subject to the referendum.	09/01/2021 - In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
<b><u>SCR 5</u></b> Melendez (R)	State of emergency: COVID-19: Termination		Declares that the state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor on a specified date, is at an end, thereby terminating the emergency powers granted to the Governor as a result of that proclamation.	02/10/2021 - Re-referred to SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
<b><u>HR 535</u></b> Garamendi (D)	Coronavirus Relief Fund Special Districts		Amends the Social Security Act, includes special districts in the coronavirus relief fund, directs the Secretary to include special districts as an eligible issuer under the Municipal Liquidity Facility.	01/28/2021 - INTRODUCED.;01/28/2021 - To HOUSE Committee on OVERSIGHT AND REFORM.;01/28/2021 - To

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				HOUSE Committee on FINANCIAL SERVICES.
<b><u>HR 616</u></b> Tlaib (D)	Water Shutoffs Prohibition		Prohibits water shutoffs during the Coronavirus disease 2019 emergency period, provides drinking and waste water assistance to households.	01/28/2021 - INTRODUCED.;01/28/2021 - To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.;01/28/2021 - To HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION AND LABOR.
<b><u>HR 737</u></b> Valadao (R)	California Operational Flexibility and Drought Relief		Extends the authorities under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act of 2016 providing operational flexibility, drought relief, and other benefits to the State of California.	02/02/2021 - INTRODUCED.;02/02/2021 - To HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b><u>HR 1015</u></b> Napolitano (D)	Water Recycling and Reuse Project Grants	SUPPORT	Establishes a grant program for the funding of water recycling and reuse projects.	02/11/2021 - INTRODUCED.;02/11/2021 - To HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b><u>HR 1352</u></b> Lawrence (D)	Trust Fund for Water and Sewer Infrastructure		Establishes a trust fund to provide for adequate funding for water and sewer infrastructure.	04/05/2021 - In HOUSE Committee on AGRICULTURE: Referred to Subcommittee on CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY.
<b><u>HR 1848</u></b> Pallone (D)	National Infrastructure		Rebuilds and modernizes the Nation's infrastructure to expand access to broadband and Next Generation 9-1-1, rehabilitate drinking water infrastructure, modernize the electric grid and energy supply infrastructure, redevelop brownfields, strengthen health care infrastructure, create jobs, and protect public health and the environment.	03/11/2021 - To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.;03/11/2021 - To HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.;03/11/2021 - To HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.;03/11/2021 - To HOUSE Committee on SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY.;03/11/2021 - To HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION AND LABOR.;03/11/2021 - To

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<b><u>HR 1915</u></b> DeFazio (D)	Federal Water Pollution Control Act		Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize certain water pollution control programs.	06/22/2021 - From HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Reported as amended.;06/22/2021 - In HOUSE. Placed on HOUSE Union Calendar.
<b><u>HR 2238</u></b> Lowenthal A (D)	Single Use Plastic Production Reduction		Amends the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the production and use of certain single-use plastic products and packaging, to improve the responsibility of producers in the design, collection, reuse, recycling, and disposal of their consumer products and packaging, to prevent pollution from consumer products and packaging from entering into animal and human food chains and waterways.	03/29/2021 - In HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE: Referred to Subcommittee on WATER RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT.
<b><u>HR 2467</u></b> Dingell D (D)	Hazardous Substances		Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980.	07/22/2021 - In SENATE. Read second time.;07/22/2021 - To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.
<b><u>HR 2468</u></b> Garamendi (D)	Federal Infrastructure Aid Program Materials		Ensures that certain materials used in carrying out federal infrastructure aid programs are made in the United States.	06/07/2021 - In HOUSE Committee on AGRICULTURE: Referred to Subcommittee on COMMODITY EXCHANGES, ENERGY, AND CREDIT.
<b><u>HR 3291</u></b> Tonko (D)	Water System Assistance		Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide assistance for states, territories, areas affected by natural disasters, and water systems and schools affected by	06/29/2021 - From HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE: Reported as

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			PFAS or lead, and to require the Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate national primary drinking water regulations for PFAS, microcystin toxin, and 1,4-dioxane.	amended.;06/29/2021 - In HOUSE. Placed on HOUSE Union Calendar.
<b><u>HR 3292</u></b> Dingell D (D)	Residential Emergency Relief Program		Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out a residential emergency relief program to provide payment assistance for households to retain water service.	05/18/2021 - INTRODUCED.;05/18/2021 - To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.;05/19/2021 - In HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE: Referred to Subcommittee on ENVIRONMENT.
<b><u>HR 3293</u></b> Blunt Rochester (D)	Drinking Water and Wastewater Service Assistance		Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish programs to assist low-income households in maintaining access to drinking water and wastewater services.	06/29/2021 - From HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE: Reported as amended.
<b><u>HR 3404</u></b> Huffman (D)	Drought Preparedness	SEEK AMENDMENTS;SUPPORT IF AMENDED	Provides drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability to the nation.	05/20/2021 - INTRODUCED.;05/21/2021 - In HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE: Referred to Subcommittee on ENVIRONMENT.;05/21/2021 - In HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE: Referred to Subcommittee on WATER RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT.
<b><u>HR 3622</u></b> Pappas (D)	Water Quality Criteria		Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to develop effluent limitations guidelines and standards and water quality criteria for PFAS under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act,	06/01/2021 - In HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE: Referred to Subcommittee on WATER



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			provides Federal grants to publicly owned treatment works to implement such guidelines and standards.	RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT.
<b><u>HR 4099</u></b> Napolitano (D)	Water Recycling and Reuse Projects		Directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish a grant program to provide grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities for large-scale water recycling and reuse projects.	06/29/2021 - Subcommittee on WATER, POWER AND OCEANS hearings held.
<b><u>HR 4602</u></b> Lowenthal A (D)	Do Not Flush Labeling		Directs the Federal Trade Commission to issue regulations requiring certain products to have "Do Not Flush" labeling.	07/21/2021 - INTRODUCED.;07/21/2021 - To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.;07/22/2021 - In HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE: Referred to Subcommittee on DIGITAL COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.
<b><u>S 91</u></b> Sinema (D)	Coronavirus Relief Fund Special Districts		Amends the Social Security Act, includes special districts in the Coronavirus relief fund, directs the Secretary to include special districts as an eligible issuer under the Municipal Liquidity Facility.	01/28/2021 - INTRODUCED.;01/28/2021 - In SENATE. Read second time.;01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on FINANCE.
<b><u>S 914</u></b> Duckworth (D)	Safe Drinking Water Act		Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize programs under those Acts.	04/29/2021 - In SENATE. Amendment SA 1471 proposed by Senator Rubio to Amendment SA 1460.;04/29/2021 - In SENATE. Amendment SA 1461 proposed by Senator Shaheen to Amendment SA 1460.;04/29/2021 - In SENATE. Amendment SA 1469 proposed by Senator Kennedy to Amendment SA 1460.;04/29/2021 - In SENATE. Amendment SA 1472 proposed by Senator Lee to Amendment SA

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<b>S 1907</b> Gillibrand (D)	Water Quality Criteria		Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to develop effluent limitations guidelines and standards and water quality criteria for PFAS under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, to provide Federal grants to publicly owned treatment works to implement such guidelines and standards.	05/27/2021 - INTRODUCED.;05/27/2021 - In SENATE. Read second time.;05/27/2021 - To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.
<b>S 2454</b> Padilla (D)	Alternative Water Source Projects		Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the pilot program for alternative water source projects.	07/22/2021 - In SENATE. Read second time.;07/22/2021 - To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.

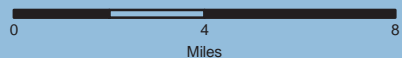
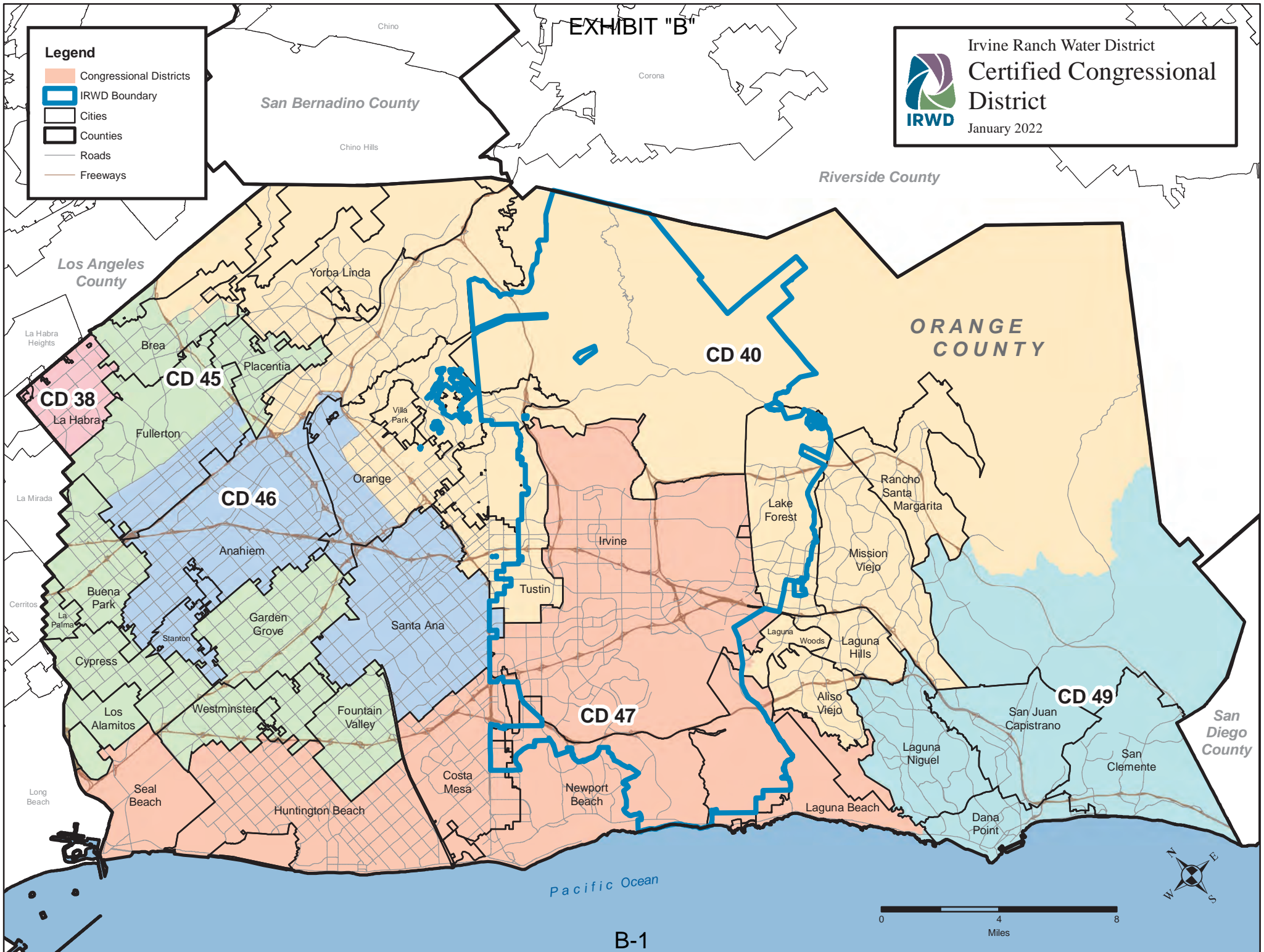
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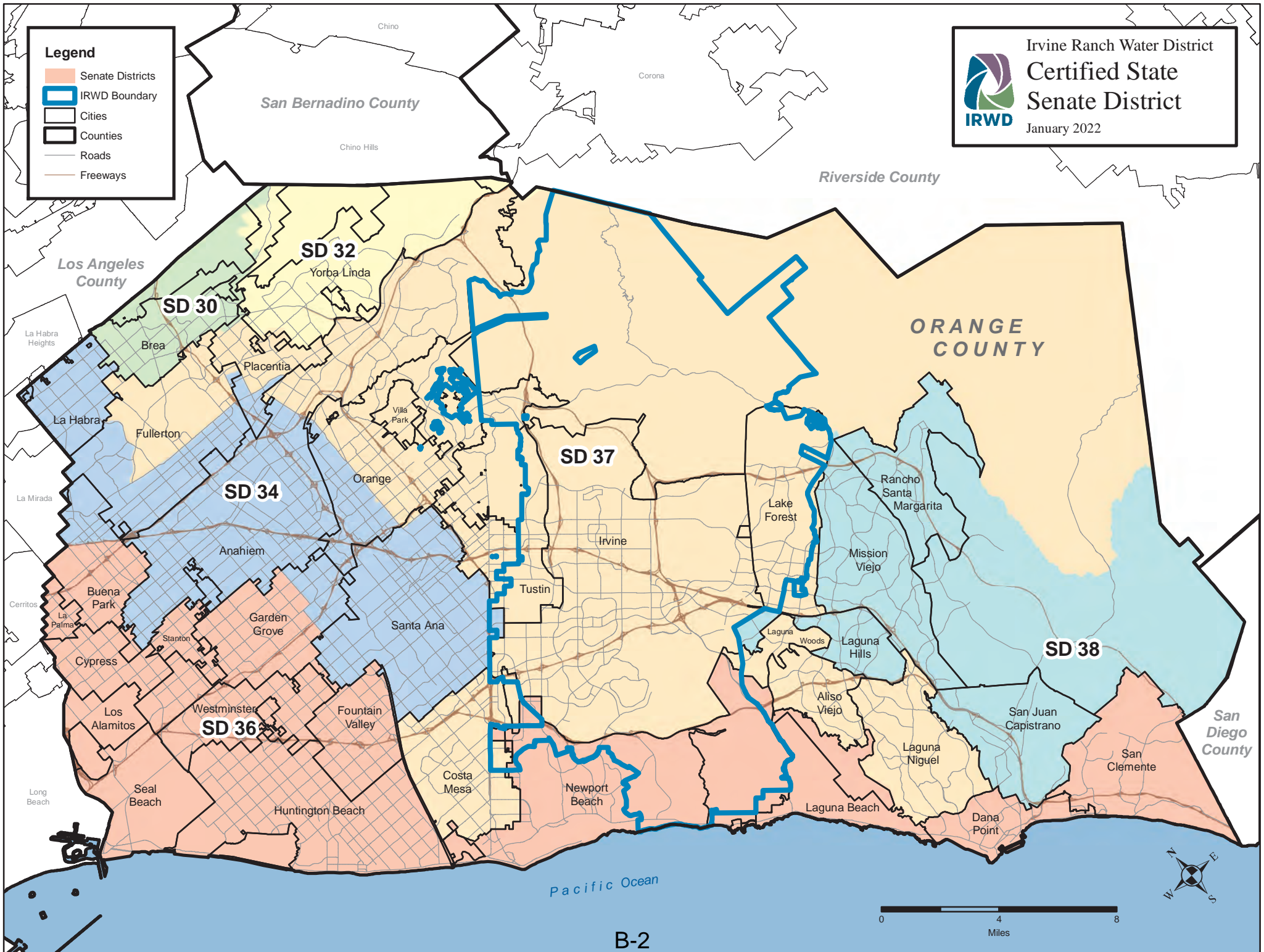
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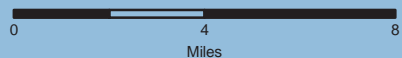
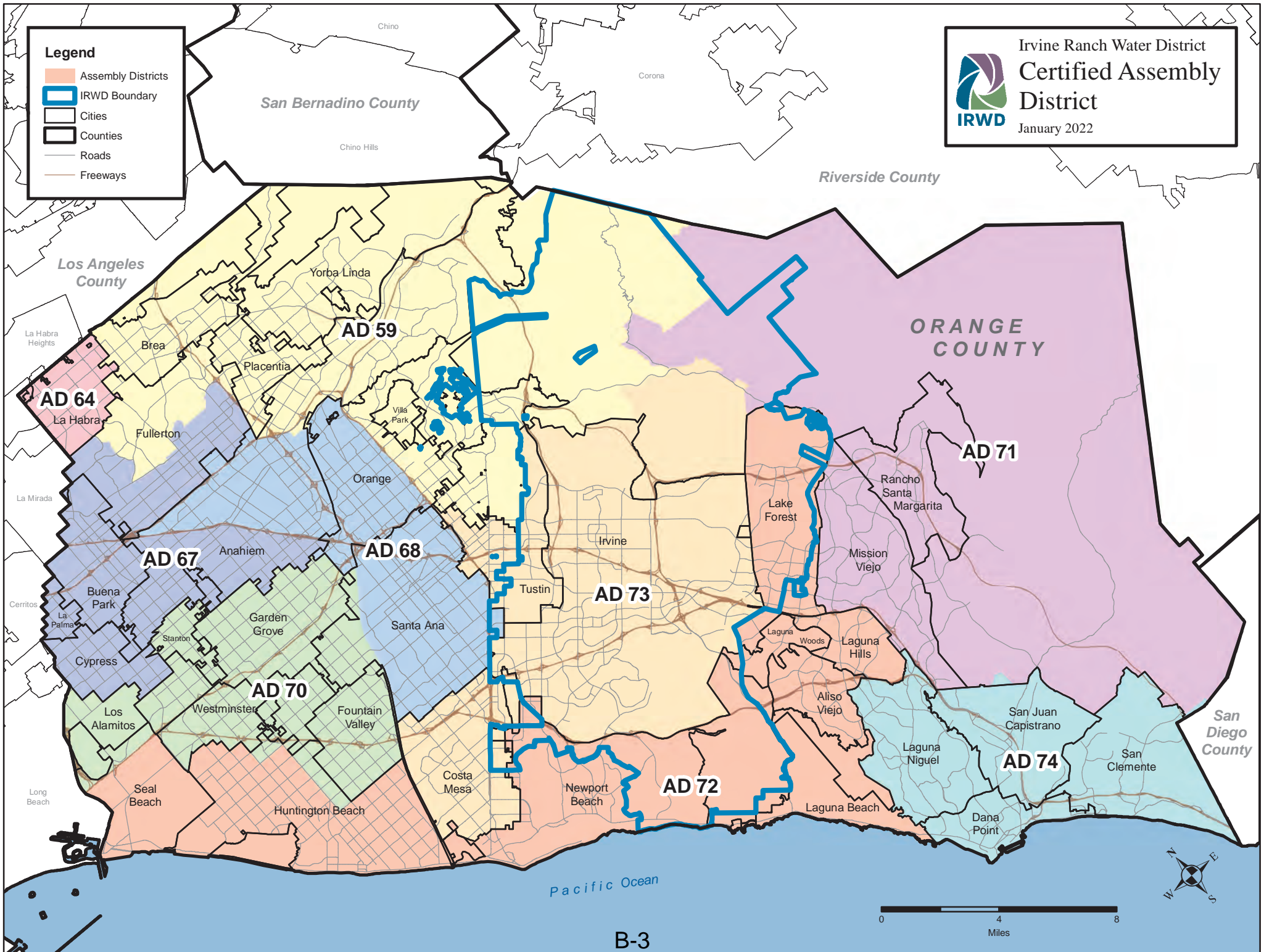
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# A Summary of Stakeholder Viewpoints and Potential Policies to Address Barriers to Building More Homes in California

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# Abbreviations

<b>ADU</b>	Accessory Dwelling Unit
<b>CEQA</b>	California Environmental Quality Act
<b>NOAH</b>	Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing
<b>SB</b>	Senate Bill
<b>VMT</b>	Vehicle Miles Traveled



## Introduction

The California Assembly Housing Working Group was established to broadly examine issues related to housing production. In September 2021, the Assembly Housing Working Group announced a statewide series of regional roundtables. The ‘Housing Tour’ sought to examine barriers and explore solutions to California’s housing production and affordability crisis. After listening to stakeholders knowledgeable in housing development, tenant protections, and homeownership, the Housing Working Group is uniquely positioned to formulate new, innovative solutions to California’s housing crisis.

The Working Group held discussions in the Bay Area, Central Coast, Central Valley, Los Angeles Area, Inland Empire, Orange County, San Diego, and Butte County with local experts, policymakers, and a wide variety of housing stakeholders to inform policy ideas that the Working Group may want to pursue in 2022. Across all the sites, twenty-eight Assembly Members attended. Those members are: Arambula, Bauer-Kahan, Bloom, Boerner Horvath, Bonta, Bryan, Cervantes, Chiu, Dahle, Friedman, Gabriel, Gallagher, Grayson, Lackey, Levine, Maienschein, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Reyes, L. Rivas, R. Rivas, Rodriguez, Santiago, Ting, Ward, and Wicks.

The Housing Working Group is uniquely positioned to formulate new, innovative solutions to California’s housing and affordability crisis.

Drawing on the expertise of the participating stakeholders, the current report provides a strategic guide to addressing the housing crisis. The policy ideas outlined in this document are proposed by stakeholders and are focused on a goal of increasing overall housing supply and long-term affordability of rental and for-sale properties. This report is not intended to replace coalition building or additional stakeholder input. Ultimately, any legislative package will be a combination of member-initiated and sponsor-driven legislation. As such, this report should be viewed as a starting point for further discussion and collaboration between these groups. This report should be used as informational material that policymakers and stakeholders can use to facilitate discussions, and to develop future legislation to address the housing crisis.

# Method

From September 27 through November 16, 2021, ten Assembly Members held regional meetings and site visits to better understand the challenges and potential solutions to address California’s housing crisis. The members had extensive experience with different substantive housing issues and well-developed relationships with existing and potential sponsors of policy. Members organized tours in their respective districts to gain perspective about the challenges and successes that are similar and unique to each region.\* Ideas that emerged from the housing tour have been summarized and explained in this report to provide information for future housing legislation. Table 1 provides a list of the housing tour locations.

Before the meeting, each Assembly Member developed an agenda that included a panel with key stakeholders, a roundtable discussion, and a site visit designed to facilitate later discussion, as described below.

In each region, general areas of importance for housing were discussed. Several questions guided these meetings:

- What are the greatest barriers to building the right mix of housing?
- What solutions are proposed to address the barriers?
- How might the State Legislature assist to reduce barriers and facilitate the production of housing in a sustainable and equitable manner?

This report was developed to document findings from the meetings and organize ideas into the general thematic areas of greatest need as identified during each regional meeting. The goal was to develop a summary with policy ideas to provide guidance to the Housing Working Group. Policy ideas are not limited to barriers to, and facilitators of, producing housing. The stakeholders identified ideas that fall into the following general categories:

- **Supply:** Having the right mix of housing for everyone
- **Subsidy:** Ensuring everyone can afford housing
- **Protections:** Having safeguards to ensure housing remains affordable, safe and stable

\* It is important to note that the attendees of these sessions are a sample of housing related stakeholders. As such, the ideas and proposals may have looked different had the mix of stakeholders or cities been different.

**TABLE 1**  
Summary of Tour Location and Host Member(s) by Date

DATE	TOUR LOCATION	ASSEMBLY MEMBER(S)
September 27, 2021	Bay Area	Grayson and Wicks
October 4 & 5, 2021	Central Coast	R. Rivas
October 7, 2021	Central Valley	Arambula
October 11, 2021	Los Angeles	Friedman
October 12, 2021	Inland Empire	Reyes and Cervantes
October 13, 2021	Orange County	Quirk-Silva
October 14, 2021	San Diego	Ward
November 16, 2021	Butte County	Gallagher



# Current Context of The Housing Crisis

A theme shared across the sites was that policies should have a people-centric perspective. As such, this report divides California's current housing crisis into three critical populations:

- People who are rent-burdened or living in overcrowded units.
- People who are younger, middle-class, or working-class individuals who struggle to afford rental or for-sale units.
- People experiencing homelessness.

Lack of housing supply is a primary reason for the current California housing crisis. The stakeholders emphasized that the cost of rental property is too high leading to rent burden, overcrowding, and homelessness, and limited opportunities for homeownership for middle-class adults and racial minorities. The California Department of Housing and Community Development also notes that not enough housing is being built and lack of supply and rising costs are compounding, which is growing inequality and limiting advancement opportunities for younger Californians.

## Middle-class adults and racial minorities have limited opportunities for homeownership.

For legislators and other decisionmakers to enact policies that have the potential of reducing homelessness, rent burden, and overcrowding, or the potential of promoting homeownership, stakeholders emphasized several competing factors that must be agreed upon regarding whom to prioritize (at least a majority must agree to pass legislation). Stakeholders emphasized the following difficult trade-offs.

### To what extent will policies prioritize:

- Future residents or current residents?
- Tenants or landlords?
- Development on undeveloped land or infill development?
- "Missing middle" (working-class) residents or other residents such as seniors, veterans, or low-income individuals?

### Additionally, legislation will need to consider:

- Whether to adopt a racial equity lens to ensure policies are creating equitable and just opportunities.
- The role of mandates and incentives.
- Terms and conditions of employment for all trades and craft workers regardless of affiliation.
- Residential wages and benefits.
- The fiscalization of land use and how to provide benefits from residential property of equal or greater value as commercial property to local government.

### Stakeholders throughout the state seemed to agree on several key issues:

- Housing should be affordable.
- Construction workers should be appropriately compensated.
- Policies should not limit residential mobility.
- Policies should not displace vulnerable residents.
- Homeownership has been a main method of wealth accumulation.
- Black and Latino homeownership rates are lower than White homeownership rates.

# Homelessness Crisis

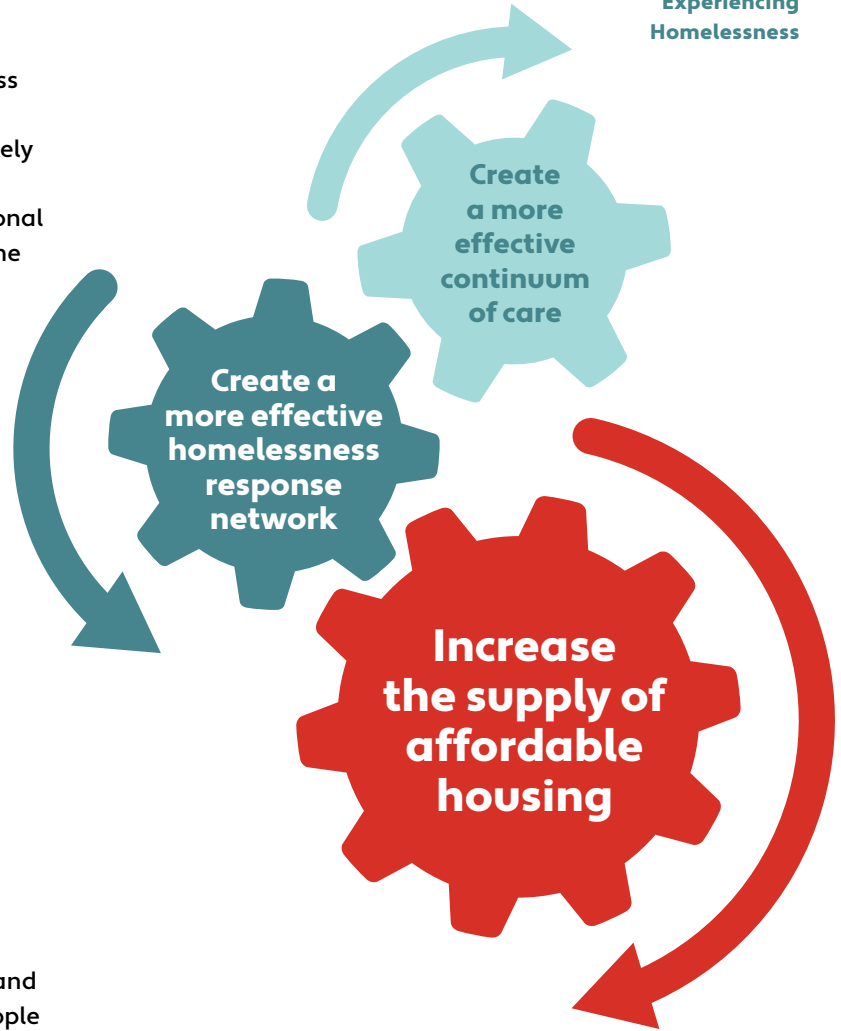
**FIGURE 1**  
Strategies for Supporting People Experiencing Homelessness

The concern and care for people experiencing homelessness was a general theme at each of the sites. Stakeholders acknowledged that the shortage of affordable housing likely contributed to the homelessness crisis. Yet, addressing the homelessness crisis will require more than building additional housing. Stakeholders note that investments in building the appropriate type of housing for people, and developing and delivering the needed services to people, will be needed. Figure 1 provides an overview of stakeholders' description of an action plan to support people experiencing homelessness. Additionally, stakeholders emphasized that state and local stakeholders will need to set clear, measurable, and achievable goals, and will need to align future policies and programs with racial equity priorities.

Stakeholders also described a variety of housing types to aid in the transition to independent living, including:

- Emergency shelters: a first housing option with a wide range of services.
- Transitional housing: temporary housing with wrap-around services.
- Permanent supportive housing: housing with voluntary and flexible services.

Each tour stop emphasized a need for better programming and more housing to support the vulnerable population of people experiencing homelessness. Table 2 provides a description of the support housing type and site-specific information for each site.



**TABLE 2**  
Summary of Tour Location, Type of Housing, and Site Specific Information

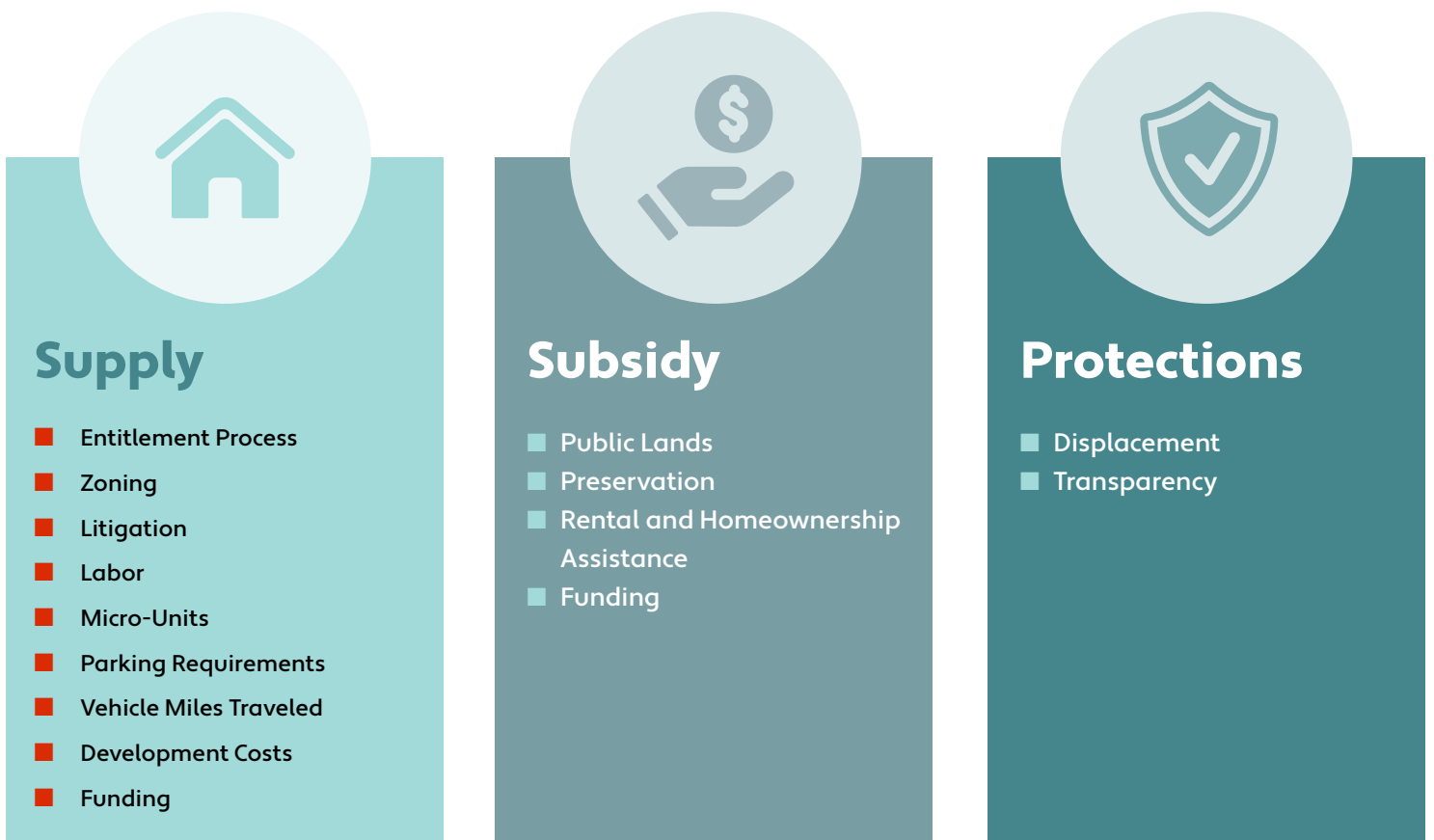
TOUR LOCATION	TYPE OF HOUSING	SITE SPECIFIC INFORMATION
Bay Area	Transitional	Housing Consortium of the East Bay, Oakland
Central Coast	Permanent Supportive	Crossings on Monterey, Morgan Hill
Central Valley	Emergency	Poverello House, Fresno
	Transitional	Valley Inn at Parkway Drive, Fresno
Los Angeles	Permanent Supportive	PATH Metro Villas, Los Angeles
Inland Empire	Transitional	Phoenix Swaure & Pacific Village, San Bernadino
Orange County	Emergency	Illumination Foundation Navigation Center, Fullerton & Be Well Orange County, Orange
	Permanent Supportive	Buena Esperanza
San Diego	Affordable	The Nook East Village, San Diego
Butte County	Emergency and Transitional	Jesus Center, Chico



# Housing Policy Summary

The housing policy overview was developed from comments made by panelists, participants, legislators, and material provided on the housing tour. This overview is general and, in some places, vague because it is based on stakeholder comments that were not well described. It is intended to be a high-level plan, capturing the major policy proposals from a variety of engaged stakeholders. The intent is that these ideas lead to a specific plan for achieving a positive impact on housing production and affordability. Figure 2 shows the key policy areas for further investigation.

**FIGURE 2**  
Housing Policy Ideas



# 1 Entitlement Process

Most of the housing production in California has been approved through discretionary review, not ministerial review. Notably, a single project might need to obtain Design Review approval from the Director of the Planning Department, a rezoning approval from the City Council, and a Certificate of Compatibility from the Historic Resources Commission.<sup>1</sup> When developments are providing affordable housing, paying prevailing wages, and consistent with a city's objective zoning standards, the ministerial review mechanisms would increase certainty of receiving approval and ultimately reduce cost. Stakeholders proposed that jurisdictions could also reduce discretionary control over smaller projects to decrease risk, costs and time, and to increase housing supply, while maintaining discretionary review over large projects.

Additionally, stakeholders suggested reviewing base zoning requirements (for example, height, density, setbacks and other design elements) and incentivizing cities to minimize the use of discretionary review in order to provide more certainty to developers with projects that are consistent with the goal of producing more housing and complying with the law.

At each roundtable the need for more “by-right housing” was emphasized. By-right development qualifies for streamlining and ministerial review, and does not require a public hearing.<sup>2</sup> California Senate Bill (SB) 35 (Wiener, 2017) effectively streamlined housing construction in California counties and cities that fail to build enough housing to meet state-mandated housing construction requirements.<sup>3,4</sup> Expanding by-right streamlining to projects that meet local zoning laws, building codes, and environmental standards, regardless of the city's ability to meet or exceed the state-mandated housing construction requirements, could speed up decisions on the acceptability of the project, leading to more housing production at a lower cost, than the status quo.

## PROPOSAL 1

*Review and reform the entitlement process to expedite review and permitting for housing developments that provide affordable housing, pay prevailing wage, and meet local zoning laws, building codes, and environmental standards to balance long-term housing needs with environmental impacts and enforcement of local zoning laws.*

# 2 Zoning

Across the state there were a variety of zoning topics that were mentioned, including converting commercial zoning to mixed-use zoning, prioritizing upzoning in transit-rich and high opportunity areas, and changing the zoning for larger areas at one time.

## 2a. Mixed-use zoning

The purpose of mixed-use zoning is to allow a mix of commercial and residential uses in what is currently zoned as commercial areas. Mixed-use land allows developers to explore projects in all neighborhoods to increase housing production and potentially support climate change goals by creating affordable, accessible communities.

### PROPOSAL 2a

*Convert commercial zoning to mixed-use zoning statewide, and create a ministerial statewide approval mechanism to give developers a baseline level of certainty.<sup>5</sup>*

## 2b. Zoning capacity in transit-rich areas and high opportunity areas

To produce the supply of new housing that experts said California needs to address the housing crisis, measures must be taken to increase housing production, particularly in transit-rich areas and high opportunity zones.

### PROPOSAL 2b

*Upzone and create ministerial statewide approval for affordable rental and for-sale multi-family housing near transit-rich areas and high opportunity areas.*

## 2c. Rezoning large areas

Rezoning large areas for higher density may rapidly increase the supply of housing. In 2021, SB 9 (Atkins) changed the zoning laws for 1-unit single-family areas to allow 2-unit single-family zoning, however, SB 9 does not require new homes to be built. Reforming and expanding SB 9 could increase the supply of homes and dismantle historic injustices that arose out of single-family zoning, housing covenants, and redlining practices. While not every area of a city should be zoned for skyrises, increasing density limits would likely help to create more affordable housing without disrupting the neighborhood's character dramatically.

Although upzoning may increase the land value, it is important that overall housing affordability is assessed by calculating land value divided by the unit capacity, not the cost of the land itself.

*A city model:* In 2019, Seattle passed Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) legislation to upzone 27 neighborhoods.<sup>6,7</sup>

#### **PROPOSAL 2c**

*Accelerate the production of housing by incentivizing cities to upzone larger areas of the city for affordable higher density housing. Where appropriate, provide density bonuses and prohibit density limits, while maintaining restrictions on building size standards per parcel (i.e., setback limits, regional maximum height requirements, and maximum floor area ratios).*

### **3** Litigation

Lawsuits and the threat of lawsuits have emerged as a serious barrier to rapidly building the housing needed to end the housing crisis. Stakeholders across the state emphasized repeatedly that the original intent of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review was positive and ensured that environmental impacts from projects were considered and mitigated, where needed and feasible. However, several stakeholders agreed that CEQA lawsuits and threats of litigation are used as a strategy to bring about costly and unnecessary concessions from developers or used to delay or stop projects entirely. Better balancing of environmental protections with the need to build more housing is crucial to ensuring the state's environmental statutes are not weaponized to block critically needed housing in California. The following proposals emerged as possible reforms to reduce the potential for abuse.

#### **PROPOSAL 3a**

*Limit the time allowed for claims to be brought against projects.*

#### **PROPOSAL 3b**

*Create an injunction bond requirement that covers any damages that the defendant can receive if the injunction is not upheld by the courts.<sup>8</sup>*

#### **PROPOSAL 3c**

*Review the relative costs and benefits of building codes and environmental regulations to determine whether they are necessary, equitable, and aligned with the need for more housing.*

### **4** Labor

Across the state, labor is perceived to be a barrier to building housing at a faster rate. Stakeholders that included local officials, affordable and market-rate developers, and advocates expressed that there was an insufficient number of local hires to support the construction of more homes. Additionally, stakeholders stated that while labor rates should support a living wage, there is a need for residential rates rather than the uniform rate that nearly all trades and craft workers are paid currently. To facilitate more efficient building of homes and address barriers, these proposals could be implemented.<sup>9</sup>

#### **PROPOSAL 4a**

*Assess whether there are enough construction workers needed to build the necessary housing in each region.*

#### **PROPOSAL 4b**

*Increase investment in training programs to anticipate the future construction labor force needs.*

#### **PROPOSAL 4c**

*Reform and consistently enforce regional residential labor rates.*

#### **PROPOSAL 4d**

*Ensure that all construction workers have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to build safe and high-quality homes.*

### **5** Micro-Units and Other Alternatives to Accessory Dwelling Units

In 2021, although the building of single-family homes remains possible, SB 9 changed the zoning of single-family parcels to allow for building duplexed on a ministerial basis if the project satisfies the requirements. While accessory dwelling units (ADUs) have added to the supply of housing, adding another dwelling unit voluntarily, however, is unlikely to increase the volume of for-sale property at a high enough rate to match demand and end the housing crisis. Building smaller for-sale single-family homes and condos, and micro-unit rental apartments may increase housing production to greater levels than ADUs placed on single-family parcels alone. Producing micro-units can increase supply and be a desirable, affordable housing option in the future.





#### PROPOSAL 5

*Permit the development of micro-units for rent and for sale, where appropriate, if the units comply with building safety requirements, such as the use of fire-resistant materials, electrical safety, and structural integrity across the state.*

## 6 Parking Minimums

Less parking can lower the cost of transportation and housing by creating more space allowed for homes within a given parcel or building area. There are multiple benefits that may arise from lowering the parking requirement. One outcome may be that decreased parking requirements compel residents to use low-carbon modes of transportation, such as public transit, biking, and walking, while at the same time lowering the cost of development, thus increasing the production of affordable housing. Another outcome could be reducing barriers of developing micro-units. Since many cities' municipal code require that apartments have at least one space for every unit, reduced parking minimums allows affordable and market-rate developers to build more homes, which would lead to greater supply and lower costs for the renter or homebuyer.

#### PROPOSAL 6

*Review statewide zoning to reduce or eliminate parking minimums, with few exceptions for safety, such as fire risk and narrow streets.*

## 7 Vehicle Miles Traveled

California SB 743 (Steinberg, 2013) redefined how to measure transportation impacts on the environment. Instead of measuring traffic congestion, the amount of driving, as measured by “vehicle miles traveled (VMT),” was established for assessing transportation impacts on the environment for projects subject to CEQA review, and reducing the amount of driving is the way in which these impacts are reduced or “mitigated.”

The intent of VMT is to shift from measuring traffic congestion to using a metric focused on how many miles people drive in order to help California meet climate commitments. However, some opponents stress that VMT impact assessment fails to account for the transition to fully electric vehicles, telecommuting, and telehealth, which have greater promise to reduce greenhouse emissions and help California meet climate goals. Additionally, new developments, not redevelopment, and rural areas state that they are unfairly overburdened by VMT requirements. Further, new mixed-use properties are being developed. Overall, opponents say that VMT regulation is making housing unaffordable and does not sufficiently promote low-carbon modes of transportation, particularly for those with lower incomes and for people of color.<sup>10</sup>

#### PROPOSAL 7

*Prohibit the use of VMT except in transit-rich areas in order to decrease the costs of producing housing, where appropriate. Revise the criteria for measuring transportation impacts to measuring greenhouse gas emissions comprehensively.*

## 8 Development Costs

There are several factors that contribute to the cost of developing housing properties, including land acquisition and mitigation costs, labor costs, material costs, lending costs, impact fees, and developer's overhead and profit. There are, however, areas that stakeholders highlighted that could be reformed in order to reduce costs and delays.

### 8a. Infrastructure

Developers mentioned the cost of replacing, expanding, or building new infrastructure was not typically an expense eligible for state subsidy, which means that projects needed multiple sources of funding that increased costs due to adding more requirements. To mitigate these costs, the state could provide additional funding for affordable housing projects, when appropriate.

#### PROPOSAL 8a

*Create additional funding sources to fill the gap in need for infrastructure for affordable housing.*

### 8b. Impact Fees

Impact fees are designed to help cities offset costs of the increased demand on services. The assessment of impact fees on new development increases costs to those who live in new homes as compared to older homes. To ensure that the fees are appropriate, a review could be conducted.

#### PROPOSAL 8b

*Review impact fees to determine whether they are necessary, equitable, and aligned with building affordable housing.*

### 8c. Land

Although land is expensive, developers highlighted that land acquired for affordable housing sites typically needs additional preparation before building can begin, such as clearing and grading. Public lands may be able to be acquired inexpensively to reduce costs.

#### PROPOSAL 8c

*Provide affordable housing developers the first opportunity to acquire land, especially if it is public land.*



## 9 Public Lands

California Assembly Bill 1255 (R. Rivas, 2019) requires cities and counties to inventory and report surplus and excess local public lands to the state. On January 15, 2019, Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-06-19<sup>11</sup> that ordered the California Department of General Services (DGS) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to identify and prioritize excess state-owned property and aggressively pursue sustainable, innovative, cost-effective housing projects. Future projects on public land can lead to lower upfront costs and more affordable housing units. State and local government should take a long-term financial perspective on whether to rent or lease land.<sup>12</sup>

#### PROPOSAL 9

*Lease, rather than sell, public land to address the housing crisis.*

## 10 Redevelopment and Renter Displacement

Several participants voiced concerns that rapid growth and gentrification could lead to displacement of the most vulnerable residents. Measured and thoughtful redevelopment is essential to prevent displacement or other harms.

#### PROPOSAL 10

*Prioritize policies that provide housing affordability and stability to the most disadvantaged community members, those who are most at risk for being displaced.*

## 11 Funding and Subsidies

Affordable housing developers noted that the rent low- and moderate-income households can afford to pay often does not fully cover the costs of owning and managing a rental property. This gap between the funding needed to develop and operate a property and the revenue available is called the affordable housing funding gap.<sup>13</sup> To fill the gap, developers usually need help in the form of a subsidy. The subsidy most often comes from local, state, or the federal government. The subsidy can be used to help cover construction costs, rents, or operating costs. For-sale home developers and homeowners have similar challenges related to needing subsidies. Here are multiple solutions to address the affordability gap in the near term.

### PROPOSAL 11a

*Make funding for the creation of affordable housing a permanent allocation in the state budget.*

### PROPOSAL 11b

*Increase funding for affordable housing.*

### PROPOSAL 11c

*Provide funding for infrastructure and operating costs for affordable housing.*

### PROPOSAL 11d

*Fund low- and zero-interest loans for affordable housing developers.*

### PROPOSAL 11e

*Increase direct rental assistance.*

### PROPOSAL 11f

*Increase homeownership assistance, specifically down payment assistance.*

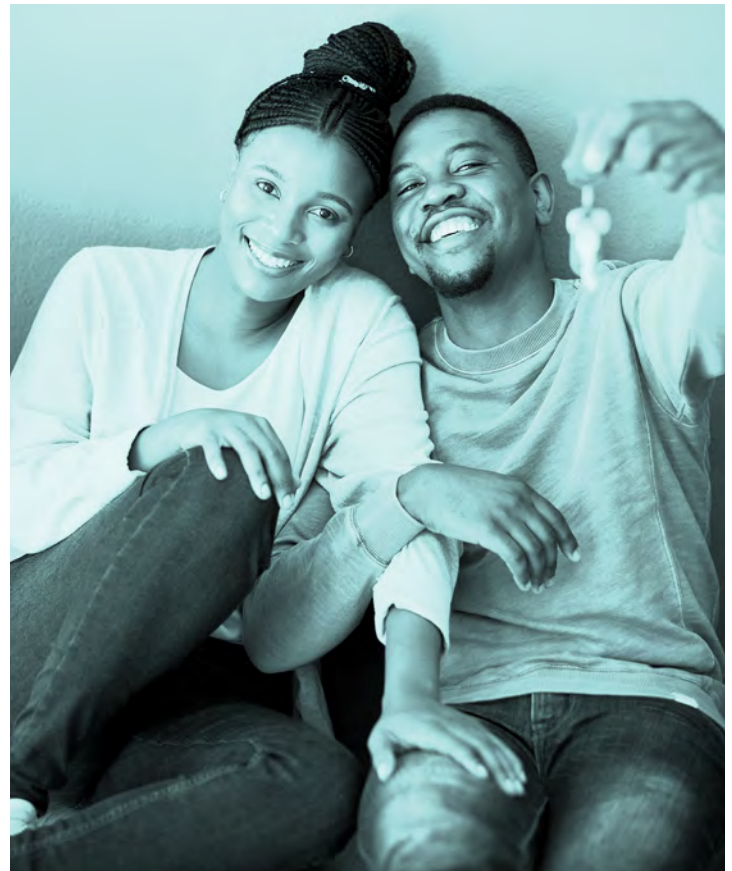
## 12 Homeownership

Achieving long-term affordability is particularly challenging in areas that have low housing supply and strong job growth like many cities across California. Even in areas that have not experienced recent job growth, average median incomes have not kept pace with increased housing costs. In order to address long-term affordability several solutions have been proposed, including increasing housing supply, providing more public housing, providing housing subsidies, and creating more certainty of future housing costs through deed restrictions and resale formulas.

*A city model:* Boulder, Colorado, uses an approach to ensure long-term housing affordability and reasonable wealth accumulation. The program ties the resale price of affordable units to an annual appreciation factor.<sup>14,15</sup> It is important to note that a program must be designed appropriately to avoid non-price competition effects.

### PROPOSAL 12

*Ensure policies that promote long-term affordability of home sales are equitable. Programs should balance modest wealth accumulation for those who originally purchased affordable homes and more certainty of affordable prices of homes for future low-income Californians.*



## 13 Current Housing Stock

### 13a. Flipping Houses

House “flipping” is when a buyer purchases a property, makes repairs or remodels, then sells the property, typically after a short amount of time and for a significant profit. House flipping doesn’t increase the number of housing units. In California, where supply of housing is low almost everywhere, promoting redevelopment to higher density housing is more beneficial to increasing supply compared to remodeling single-family homes.

#### PROPOSAL 13a

*On parcels where increased density is possible, disincentivize house flipping. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways, such as by establishing a tax or requiring a residency requirement.*

### 13b. Vacant or underutilized properties

In California, largely because Proposition 13 has kept property taxes low, there is potential that properties remain vacant or underutilized. To incentivize the sale or redevelopment of vacant or underutilized properties, the cost of holding land should be proportional with actual property values. Vacancy taxes are typically trying to prompt owners to develop vacant land or to sell or rent unoccupied units, while also serving as an additional source of revenue for the local jurisdiction. Limiting vacancy and underutilization is especially important in areas where redevelopment to higher density housing is possible.

#### PROPOSAL 13b

*Where increasing the number of housing units is possible or the assembly of multiple single-family parcels for rezoning is possible, disincentivize vacant or underutilized properties.<sup>16</sup>*

### 13c. Naturally occurring affordable housing

Naturally occurring affordable housing (NOAH) refers to aging residential homes that can be renovated and upgraded to increase the supply of affordable housing through a process that is quicker and cheaper than constructing new housing. Typically, nonprofit organizations acquire NOAH properties and keep rents at a specific percentage of the area median income (AMI), which in turn contributes to the stock of housing that is more affordable. Additionally, these rental properties maintain low rents without federal subsidy. Preserving NOAH can play an important role in ending the housing crisis.<sup>17</sup>

#### PROPOSAL 13c

*Create a state fund or tax credit to support eligible nonprofits that preserve NOAH units.*

## 14 Measurement and Transparency

To assist policymakers in determining the effectiveness of new policies, measuring inputs, activities, outputs, outcomes, and impact are essential. A logic model is a graphical representation of the program which in this case is the creation of affordable housing at all income levels. The logic model incorporates the resources (inputs), actions taken (activities), and deliverables, such as housing units produced across affordability levels or housing secure individuals (outputs). The outputs start to bring about change (outcomes) and ideally this will contribute to the positive impact of ending the housing crisis in California.

#### FIGURE 3

##### Logic Model



Thus, measuring inputs, activities, outputs, and outcomes is an essential component to help decisionmakers identify areas of programs that need improvement and determine whether the program is achieving its goals. The following proposals begin to collect that essential information.

### 14a. Rental unit registry

A rental registry would require registering rental units. Landlords would receive benefits from being registered by being provided timely notification of landlord rights, changes in tenant laws, and local market information. The registry would help individuals better understand the rental market, including unit composition, vacancy rate, turnover and rental pricing.

### PROPOSAL 14a

Create an annual registration of rental units to include:

- Rental unit address & unit number.
- Rental unit year built.
- Number of bedrooms of each rental unit.
- Move-in date for each rental unit (Month & Year).
- Number of tenants (Adult & Children).
- Current monthly rent amount for each rental unit.
- The effective date of last rent increase for each rental unit (Month & Year).
- Utility services (Gas and/or Electric) provided by the landlord for each rental unit.
- Parking included in current monthly rent amount for each rental unit, if applicable.

### 14b. Public lands registry

A barrier to building new affordable homes is acquiring affordable land suitable for housing. Since the state and cities are already required to list surplus land, it would be beneficial to developers searching for land to purchase or lease to combine that information.

### PROPOSAL 14b

Combine the state and local registries of available public land for easier access by developers.

### 14c. Impact fees registry

Impact fees could significantly affect the affordability of a project. To increase accountability and oversight over these fees, it is necessary to have a description of each fee and the intent for its use. An inventory of impact fees can begin to help determine whether each is necessary, equitable, and aligned with building affordable housing.

### PROPOSAL 14c

Create a statewide registry of the impact fees assessed on new development.

### 14d. Credentialed construction workers registry

As described previously, a centralized registry of credentialed workers will ensure developers are hiring workers who are knowledgeable and capable of delivering the optimal quality and safety standards.

### PROPOSAL 14d

Create a statewide registry of credentialed workers in the trades and crafts to ensure the highest quality workforce. The registry can also help inform investment needs to ensure there is a sufficient construction labor force in the future.



# Conclusion and Summary of Proposal Ideas

Based on the collective experience of a subset of local experts, policymakers, and housing stakeholders, this report has outlined stakeholder perspectives and potential opportunities to inform future housing policies. Legislators can use this document to help determine how to further develop a package of legislation to address the housing crisis. The list of policy areas and proposals is quite broad, spanning from the entitlement process, litigation, land use, and funding. Ending the housing crisis will be a multi-year process and engagement from new and existing

stakeholders is critical. Policy changes can make meaningful improvements in reducing the housing shortage that currently exists across all regions of California.

Table 3 summarizes the policy ideas and specific legislative proposals. This report does not attempt to prioritize policy ideas or determine whether the idea is reasonable or feasible, as perspectives may vary and resource levels may wax and wane, even over the relatively short period of 3 to 5 years into the future.

**TABLE 3**  
Summary of Policy Areas and Proposals

POLICY AREA	PROPOSAL
Entitlement Process	<b>Proposal 1:</b> Review and reform the entitlement process to expedite review and permitting for housing developments that provide affordable housing, pay prevailing wage, and meet local zoning laws, building codes, and environmental standards to balance long-term housing needs with environmental impacts and enforcement of local zoning laws.
	<b>Proposal 2a:</b> Convert commercial zoning to mixed-use zoning statewide, and create a ministerial statewide approval mechanism to give developers a baseline level of certainty.
Zoning	<b>Proposal 2b:</b> Upzone and create ministerial statewide approval for affordable rental and for-sale multi-family housing near transit-rich areas and high opportunity areas.
	<b>Proposal 2c:</b> Accelerate the production of housing by incentivizing cities to upzone larger areas of the city for affordable higher density housing. Where appropriate, provide density bonuses and prohibit density limits, while maintaining restrictions on building size standards per parcel (i.e., setback limits, regional maximum height requirements, and maximum floor area ratios).
Litigation	<b>Proposal 3a:</b> Limit the time allowed for claims to be brought against projects.
	<b>Proposal 3b:</b> Create an injunction bond requirement that covers any damages that the defendant can receive if the injunction is not upheld by the courts.
	<b>Proposal 3c:</b> Review the relative costs and benefits of building codes and environmental regulations to determine whether they are necessary, equitable, and aligned with the need for more housing.
Labor	<b>Proposal 4a:</b> Assess whether there are enough construction workers needed to build the necessary housing in each region.
	<b>Proposal 4b:</b> Increase investment in training programs to anticipate the future construction labor force needs.
	<b>Proposal 4c:</b> Reform and consistently enforce regional residential labor rates.
Micro-Units	<b>Proposal 4d:</b> Ensure that all construction workers have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to build safe and high-quality homes.
	<b>Proposal 5:</b> Permit the development of micro-units for rent and for sale, where appropriate, if the units comply with building safety requirements, such as the use of fire-resistant materials, electrical safety, and structural integrity across the state.

**TABLE 3** (continued)

Summary of Policy Areas and Proposals

POLICY AREA	PROPOSAL
Parking Minimums	<b>Proposal 6:</b> Review statewide zoning to reduce or eliminate parking minimums, with few exceptions for safety, such as fire risk and narrow streets.
Vehicle Miles Traveled	<b>Proposal 7:</b> Prohibit the use of VMT except in transit-rich areas in order to decrease the costs of producing housing, where appropriate. Revise the criteria for measuring transportation impacts to measuring greenhouse gas emissions comprehensively.
Development Costs	<b>Proposal 8a.</b> Infrastructure: Create additional funding sources to fill the gap in need for infrastructure for affordable housing.
	<b>Proposal 8b.</b> Impact Fees: Review impact fees to determine whether they are necessary, equitable, and aligned with building affordable housing.
	<b>Proposal 8c.</b> Land: Provide affordable housing developers the first opportunity to acquire land, especially if it is public land.
Public Lands	<b>Proposal 9:</b> Lease, rather than sell, public land to address the housing crisis.
Redevelopment and Renter Displacement	<b>Proposal 10:</b> Prioritize policies that provide housing affordability and stability to the most disadvantaged community members, those who are most at risk for being displaced.
Funding and Subsidies	<b>Proposal 11a:</b> Make funding for the creation of affordable housing a permanent allocation in the state budget.
	<b>Proposal 11b:</b> Increase funding for affordable housing.
	<b>Proposal 11c:</b> Provide funding for infrastructure and operating costs for affordable housing.
	<b>Proposal 11d:</b> Fund low- and zero-interest loans for affordable housing developers.
	<b>Proposal 11e:</b> Increase direct rental assistance.
	<b>Proposal 11f:</b> Increase homeownership assistance, specifically down payment assistance.
Homeownership	<b>Proposal 12:</b> Ensure policies that promote long-term affordability of home sales are equitable. Programs should balance modest wealth accumulation for those who originally purchased affordable homes and more certainty of affordable prices of homes for future low-income Californians.
Current Housing Stock	<b>Proposal 13a:</b> Flipping Houses: On parcels where increased density is possible, disincentivize house flipping. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways, such as by establishing a tax or requiring a residency requirement.
	<b>Proposal 13b:</b> Vacant or underutilized: Where increasing the number of housing units is possible or the assembly of multiple single-family parcels for rezoning is possible, disincentivize vacant or underutilized properties.
	<b>Proposal 13c:</b> NOAH: Create a state fund or tax credit to support eligible nonprofits that preserve NOAH units.
	<b>Proposal 14a:</b> Rental Registry: Create an annual registration of rental units.
	<b>Proposal 14b:</b> Public Lands Registry: Combine the state and local registries of available public land for easier access by developers.
Measurement and Transparency	<b>Proposal 14c:</b> Impact Fees Registry: Create a statewide registry of the impact fees assessed on new development.
	<b>Proposal 14d:</b> Labor Registry: Create a statewide registry of credentialed workers in the trades and crafts to ensure the highest quality workforce. The registry can also help inform investment needs to ensure there is a sufficient construction labor force in the future.



## **Future Direction: World-Building through Collaboration, Storytelling & Visualization**

Revisiting this report or repeating this exercise with different initial themes and in different regions may be useful to consider in the future. Additionally, gathering interested and impacted stakeholders to complete an inclusive, world-building exercise may be helpful to bringing about long-lasting change. This section describes an approach called “world-building” that brings together stakeholders to develop transformational ideas.



## Background of Subject Matter Experts and Collaborators

Select subject matter experts that vary in multiple dimensions, including background in housing (i.e., state and local policymakers, developers, construction workers, realtors, landlords, renters, homeowners, urban planners, and researchers), generation, gender, and race. Selecting diverse teams may spark innovation and creativity, which is essential for this approach to succeed.

## Implementation of World-Building: Storytelling

Divide the session into two parts: story generation and solution generation. Divide experts into smaller groups. Support the groups by including a visual notetaker who can represent ideas developed in real time which will aid in discussion.

The first part—**story generation**—establishes a structure that (hopefully) will guide the conversations. Specifically, tell the participants that they were expected to create a



short story, specific to housing, which contained elements of disaster, surprise, and chaos. Since the goal is to highlight specific opportunities to create affordable housing and develop affordable cities, ask each domain team to create extraordinary catastrophic stories based on an amalgamation of imagined and real-life experiences. In general, allow these discussions to flow naturally without a mandated sequence or structure. After initial story generation, the teams should recite their anecdotes to the entire group. This “imagined world” approach provides a mechanism to release participants from simply retelling



a real-life event and cultivates group unity to believe that these events were possible, yet improbable (German & Barrett, 2005). Also, imagining anecdotes about dramatic events (i.e., events that are unlikely to happen tomorrow), without the constraints of real life, is a simple way to get participants in the frame of mind to be creative and not think incrementally.

The second part of the session—**solution generation**—asks the experts to imagine a future state that could have helped resolve the catastrophic event. This open process again releases participants from thinking about current policies and incremental solutions and start thinking disruptively; by disruptive thinking, we are referring to thinking that challenges conventional thought processes and eventually leads to bold initiatives. Assume that if participants are asked about the future without first asking for story generation, experts will imagine a future that looks a lot like today. Instead, this approach is designed to pull participants out of the present and free them from concern about present-day constraints as to be truly creative and original. Asking operational questions about imagined stories after fostering an innovative space allows efficient probing of housing policies that are appreciatively different from the status quo in supporting housing affordability and sustainability.

## Implementation of World-Building: Visualization

To visually document the narratives that emerge from each group and their solutions, use an innovative approach—World-Building Through Storytelling, Visualization, and Collaboration—in which an artist draws characters and objects and jots down phrases as the groups recite their stories. The intent of incorporating these visual notes is to: (1) keep the large group engaged for a multi-hour work session; (2) improve processing and synthesis by being able to refer to the most important points from each team’s story; and (3) obtain visuals that could support and illustrate the findings.

The goal by the end of the session is that each story will uniquely give a fuller picture of the housing crisis and provide solutions that could be used for a comprehensive strategy.

## Appendix A. East Bay

Hosted by Grayson & Wicks  
September 27, 2021

### Emphasis:

- Production to increase supply to improve affordability
- Need for 'missing-middle' housing, not luxury
- All stakeholders are needed to engage to pass transformative legislation and address misinformation
- Need for new building techniques, such as modular housing
- Micro-units should be seriously considered

### Why is it so expensive?

- Permitting delays, including from discretionary review and CEQA litigation
- Labor costs
- Land costs
- Infrastructure costs
- Impact fees
- Material costs

### Homelessness Crisis

- Acquire inexpensive state land to build on
- Need for services & facilities, such as showers

### Members in attendance:

- Arambula, Bloom, Bauer-Kahan, Chiu, Friedman, Grayson, Levine, Quirk-Silva, R. Rivas, Ting, and Wicks

### Panelists:

- Local Government: Libby Schaaf, Mayor, City of Oakland
- Development: Carolyn Bookhart, Director of Housing Development at Resources for Community Development
- Labor: Bill Whitney, CEO, Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council
- Equity: Gloria Bruce, Executive Director, East Bay Housing Organizations
- Business: Matt Regan, Senior Vice President of Public Policy, Bay Area Council

**TABLE 4****Bay Area Discussion Summary**

<b>POLICY IDEA</b>	<b>SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDER IDEAS</b>
<b>Entitlement Process</b>	Need for streamlining and reform
<b>Zoning</b>	Mixed-use zoning needed; consider increasing density, particularly in opportunity zones
<b>Litigation</b>	Return to the original intent of CEQA (not to delay or stop projects); limit the time allowed for claims to be brought against projects; create a bond requirement to compensate developer costs if court approves project
<b>Labor</b>	Availability and compensation issues noted; need for residential prevailing wage
<b>Micro-Units</b>	Need for smaller homes like Tiny Homes; need for small apartment units
<b>Parking Minimums</b>	Need for parking requirement reductions in transit-rich areas
<b>Vehicle Miles Traveled</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Development Costs</b>	Infrastructure costs; impact fees; wildfire evacuation and mitigation cost
<b>Public Lands</b>	Need for land for temporary shelters and subsidized housing
<b>Redevelopment and Renter Displacement</b>	Need a racial equity framework; prioritize redevelopment without displacement
<b>Funding and Subsidies</b>	Permanent & on-going funding needed (i.e., tax credits, bonds, state allocations); funding needed for infrastructure and operating costs; need for deed restricted homes, need for Universal Housing Choice Vouchers
<b>Homeownership</b>	Down payment assistance needed; Missing Middle-Class/Workforce housing needed; homeownership provides economic mobility
<b>Current Housing Stock</b>	Limit short-term rentals and house flipping
<b>Measurement and Transparency</b>	Measure project timeline to understand areas for improvement

## ■ Appendix B. Central Coast

Hosted by R. Rivas  
October 4-5, 2021

### Emphasis:

- Current reality: There is overcrowding with multiple families living in one unit
- Need for “basic needs” housing and workforce housing, not luxury
- Housing stability and affordability provides economic mobility for owners
- Urban areas may be impacted by violence in many areas that are overcrowded and rent burdened
- Need for the creation of a long-term, comprehensive plan

### Why is it so expensive?

- Permitting delays, including from discretionary review and CEQA litigation
- Labor costs
- Land costs
- Infrastructure costs
- Requirement to have housing for labor
- Holding costs increase with delays
- Construction costs increase with delays
- Bonds run out
- Requirements from multiple applications create barrier to accessing funding
- Not enough local workforce to build the necessary number of units
- Impact fees
- Permit fees for worker housing

### Homelessness Crisis

- Create statewide registry of individuals in temporary, transitional, congregate, permanent supportive housing

### Members in attendance:

- Bonta, Friedman, Grayson, Levine, Reyes, R. Rivas, Ward, and Wicks

### Panelists:

- Monterey Bay Economic Partnership, Alisal Family Resource Center, Eden Housing, MidPen Housing
- Community Association of Big Sur, Big Sur Chamber of Commerce, Big Sur Land Use Advisory Committee, Parks Department, Building Trades, Post Ranch Inn
- Housekeys, City of Morgan Hill Housing Director Rebecca Garcia, Destination Home
- Roderick Williams, CEO

**TABLE 5**

## Central Coast Discussion Summary

POLICY IDEA	SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDER IDEAS
<b>Entitlement Process</b>	Need for streamlining and reform; multijurisdictional process can cause delays
<b>Zoning</b>	Mixed-use zoning needed; prioritize increasing density and infill development; protect or include requirements for open spaces, wetlands; fiscalization of land use causes challenges; rezone citywide; consider inclusionary housing policies
<b>Litigation</b>	Return to the original intent of CEQA (not to delay or stop projects); limit the time allowed for claims to be brought against projects; put environmental considerations on par with housing needs; consider a bond requirement to compensate developer costs if court approves project
<b>Labor</b>	Availability and compensation issues noted
<b>Micro-Units</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Parking Minimums</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Vehicle Miles Traveled</b>	Congestion concerns noted
<b>Development Costs</b>	Infrastructure costs; impact fees; land is limited and expensive
<b>Public Lands</b>	Need for inexpensive land; desire to lease or purchase state land
<b>Redevelopment and Renter Displacement</b>	Prioritize redevelopment in transit-rich areas and blighted areas, protect current residents
<b>Funding and Subsidies</b>	Permanent & on-going funding needed (i.e., tax credits, bonds, state allocations); layering funding increases costs; funding needed for infrastructure and operating costs; deed restricted homes needed; Universal Housing Choice Vouchers needed; wildfire insurance subsidies needed; need to reform California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTCAC) to include a better definition of 'rural area' or 'small city'
<b>Homeownership</b>	Down payment assistance needed; wealth accumulation opportunity; consider deed restrictions and duration of deed restriction for-rent and for-sale properties; allow future owners to contribute with sweat equity rather than cash
<b>Current Housing Stock</b>	Limit short-term rentals
<b>Measurement and Transparency</b>	Create a registry of projects with timeline for oversight and accountability purposes, include assessment of affordability (number of units); aggregate available public land; calculate overcrowding
<b>Other</b>	Lower threshold for passing initiatives for local areas to raise money for housing

## Appendix C. Central Valley

Hosted by Arambula  
October 7, 2021

### Emphasis:

- Need to confront concentrated poverty with a mixed-income building strategy, a deliberate strategy of mixing housing units at a variety of income levels, including market-rate
- Racial Equity Planning/Equity Planning for Social Justice
- Efforts to eliminate redlining and not create new areas of inequality

### Why is it so expensive?

- Permitting delays, including from discretionary review and CEQA litigation
- Labor costs
- Land costs
- Infrastructure costs
- Construction costs
- Not enough local workforce to build the necessary number of units
- Impact fees

### Homelessness Crisis

- Continuum of care housing needed (i.e., emergency shelter, triage, transition, affordable housing, owner occupied)
- Need for services, facilities

### Members in attendance:

- Arambula, Bonta, Grayson, R. Rivas, and Wicks

### Panelists:

- City of Fresno: H. Spees, Director, Housing and Homeless Services & Miguel Arias, Fresno City Council District 3
- Faith in the Valley: Alexandra Alvarado & Ambar Crowell
- Self-Help Enterprises: Tom Collishaw, CEO
- Fresno Housing Authority: Michael Duarte & Tyrone Roderick Williams, CEO

**TABLE 6**

## Central Valley Discussion Summary

POLICY IDEA	SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDER IDEAS
<b>Entitlement Process</b>	Need for streamlining and reform; expand and reform by-right housing ordinance multijurisdictional process can cause delays
<b>Zoning</b>	Mixed-use zoning needed; consider increasing density, particularly in opportunity; fiscalization of land use causes challenges; disincentivize vacancy and underutilization; rezone citywide; need to develop infill overlay; need to develop inclusionary housing zoning requirement
<b>Litigation</b>	Return to the original intent of CEQA (not to delay or stop projects); put environmental considerations on par with housing need; housing is a public health concern; consider bond requirements; exempt motels from inspection
<b>Labor</b>	Availability and compensation issues noted; need for residential prevailing wage
<b>Micro-Units</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Parking Minimums</b>	Reduce parking minimums
<b>Vehicle Miles Traveled</b>	VMT challenges in rural areas
<b>Development Costs</b>	Infrastructure costs; impact fees; land is limited and expensive; need for surplus land to be acquired inexpensively; approval needed for cross laminated lumber to replace steel; layering funding increases costs
<b>Public Lands</b>	Needed for inexpensive land, desire to lease or purchase state land
<b>Redevelopment and Renter Displacement</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Funding and Subsidies</b>	Permanent & on-going funding needed (i.e., tax credits, bonds, state allocations); funding need for infrastructure and operating costs; gap financing needed, particularly in opportunity zones; low-interest loans for affordable housing developers needed; deed restricted homes needed; Universal Housing Choice Vouchers needed; bridge funding needed in disaster zones; need a special category for "small communities" to compete for funds in same size category or a better definition of 'rural area' or 'small city'
<b>Homeownership</b>	Down payment assistance needed; deed restrictions needed; need to promote condo conversions from apartments to increase homeownership supply
<b>Current Housing Stock</b>	Limit short-term rentals; consider Land Trust to increase homeownership opportunities as condos; preserve "naturally occurring affordable housing" (NOAH); disincentivize flipping homes
<b>Measurement and Transparency</b>	Create registry of reasons why evicted, why became homeless to help with racial equity consideration
<b>Other</b>	Need for technical support staff to assist with regulatory requirements

## Appendix D. Los Angeles

Hosted by Friedman  
October 11, 2021

### Emphasis:

- Current reality: There is overcrowding with multiple families living in one unit
- Need for income-restricted development, not luxury
- Prioritization of infill development
- Traffic congestion and long commutes are problems, so there is a need for transit-oriented development
- Need for mixed-use development, especially on city-owned land
- Health is correlated with housing (poor health is correlated with housing distress)

### Why is it so expensive?

- Permitting delays, including from discretionary review and CEQA litigation
- Labor costs
- Land costs
- Infrastructure costs
- Requirement to have housing for labor
- Impact fees
- Construction defect litigation

### Homelessness Crisis

- Need data about inputs, outputs and outcomes
- Create statewide registry of individuals in temporary, transitional, congregate, permanent supportive housing
- Need for Safe sleeping areas
- Continue Project RoomKey

### Members in attendance:

- Bloom, Bryan, Friedman, Gabriel, Grayson, Lackey, Levine, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, Quirk-Silva, Reyes, L. Rivas, R. Rivas, Santiago, Ward, and Wicks

### Panelists:

- Jenna Hornstock, Deputy Director for Land Use Planning, Southern California Association of Governments
- Joy Forbes, NBC Universal, VP of Global Real Estate
- Councilmember Nithya Raman, City of Los Angeles
- Chris Hannan, Executive Secretary, Los Angeles /Orange Counties Building & Construction Trades Council AFL-CIO
- Charles E. Loveman, Jr., Executive Director, Heritage Housing Partners
- Philip Lanzafame, Director of Community Development at City of Glendale, CA



**TABLE 7**

## Los Angeles Discussion Summary

POLICY IDEA	SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDER IDEAS
<b>Entitlement Process</b>	Need for streamling and reform; expand and reform by-right housing ordinance
<b>Zoning</b>	Mixed-use zoning needed; prioritize increasing density and infill development, particularly in transit-rich areas; fiscalization of land use causes challenges, Prop 13 issues noted; disincentivize vacancy and underutilization; need to develop infill overlay; need to consider inclusionary housing zoning; need to upzone larger areas
<b>Litigation</b>	Return to the original intent of CEQA (not to delay or stop projects); reform housing defect laws
<b>Labor</b>	Availability and compensation issues noted
<b>Micro-Units</b>	ADUs and Cottage Housing Program needed
<b>Parking Minimums</b>	Need for parking requirement reductions in transit-rich areas
<b>Vehicle Miles Traveled</b>	VMT issues noted, including it's in tension with the future of electrification, telecommuting, and telehealth
<b>Development Costs</b>	Infrastructure costs; impact fees; land is limited and expensive; need to assembly parcels for development, layering funding increases costs
<b>Public Lands</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Redevelopment and Renter Displacement</b>	Prioritize infill housing projects without displacement, particularly in transit-rich areas
<b>Funding and Subsidies</b>	Permanent & on-going funding needed (i.e., tax credits, bonds, state allocations); funding need for infrastructure and operating costs; gap financing needed, particularly in opportunity zones; low-interest loans for affordable housing developers needed; need to lower threshold for initiatives for local areas to raise money for housing; deed restricted homes needed
<b>Homeownership</b>	Consider deed restrictions and duration of deed restriction for-rent and for-sale properties, may be a need to extend deed restrictions that are expiring; homeownership provides economic mobility; Investigate G.I. Bill and the increase of homeownership as a potential model; there are high income earners, but limited supply prevents them from becoming homeowners
<b>Current Housing Stock</b>	Preserve "naturally occurring affordable housing" (NOAH); limit short-term rentals and house flipping
<b>Measurement and Transparency</b>	Calculate the number of houses available from rezoning
<b>Other</b>	Nothing noted

## Appendix E. Inland Empire

Hosted by Reyes and Cervantes  
October 12, 2021

### Emphasis:

- Need to confront concentrated poverty with a mixed-income building strategy, a deliberate strategy of mixing housing units at a variety of income levels, including market-rate
- Racial Equity Planning/Equity Planning for Social Justice
- Efforts to eliminate redlining and not create new areas of inequality

### Why is it so expensive?

- Permitting delays, including discretionary review and CEQA litigation and construction defect litigation
- Labor costs
- Land costs
- Infrastructure costs
- Requirement to have housing for labor
- Impact fees

### Homelessness Crisis

- Continue Project RoomKey and Project HomeKey
- Need data about inputs, outputs and outcomes
- Need wraparound services

### Members in attendance:

- San Bernardino: Bonta, Cervantes, Friedman, Grayson, Lackey, Levine, Reyes, R. Rivas, Rodriguez, Ward, and Wicks

### Panelists:

- Maria Razo, Executive Director, Housing Authority of San Bernardino County
- Lorraine Kindred, Vice President of Public Affairs, National CORE
- Kim Carter, Founder, Time for Change Foundation
- David Kersh, Executive Director, Carpenters/Contractors Cooperation Committee
- Tim Johnson, Chief Operating Officer, Quality Management Group/LaBarge Industries
- Michael Walsh, Deputy Director, Riverside County Affordable Housing and Community Services
- Michelle Davis, Housing Authority Manager, City of Riverside
- Karen Roper, Manager of Homeless Solutions, City of Corona; Vice Chair, Riverside County Continuum of Care
- Gabriel Maldonado, Executive Director and CEO of TruEvolution
- Daniel O'Farrell, Chief Executive Office of the Parkview Legacy Foundation; Steering Committee Member of the Inland SoCal Housing Collective

**TABLE 8**

## Inland Empire Discussion Summary

POLICY IDEA	SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDER IDEAS
<b>Entitlement Process</b>	Need for streamlining and reform; expand and reform by-right housing ordinance; multijurisdictional process and timeline are challenging, including tribal commission
<b>Zoning</b>	Mixed-use zoning needed; prioritize density and infill development; need to consider inclusionary housing zoning
<b>Litigation</b>	Return to the original intent of CEQA (not to delay or stop projects); reform housing defect laws
<b>Labor</b>	Availability and compensation issues noted; need residential prevailing wage
<b>Micro-Units</b>	Need for smaller homes and small apartment units
<b>Parking Minimums</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Vehicle Miles Traveled</b>	VMT issues noted
<b>Development Costs</b>	Infrastructure costs; impact fees; need for innovative build alternatives like modular housing, although concern about complying with timelines; need for alternative building materials that reduce costs while maintaining safety standards; layering funding increases costs
<b>Public Lands</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Redevelopment and Renter Displacement</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Funding and Subsidies</b>	Permanent & on-going funding needed (i.e., tax credits, bonds, state allocations), funding need for infrastructure and operating costs; gap financing needed, particularly in opportunity zones
<b>Homeownership</b>	Consider Land Trust to increase homeownership opportunities, such as condos; there are high income earners, but limited supply prevents them from becoming homeowners
<b>Current Housing Stock</b>	Preserve “naturally occurring affordable housing” (NOAH)
<b>Measurement and Transparency</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Other</b>	Try not to layer federal funding into projects to retain the ability to rent to anyone regardless of immigration status

# Appendix F. Orange County

Hosted by Quirk-Silva  
October 13, 2021

## Emphasis:

- Current reality: There is unmet need at all income levels
- Need for sustainable growth
- Need for more housing and programs for people experiencing homelessness

## Why is it so expensive?

- Permitting delays, including from discretionary review and CEQA litigation
- Labor costs
- Land costs – land is rarely flat, square sites – sites may need to be “cleaned up”
- Infrastructure costs
- Construction costs
- Underwriting costs
- Developer fees
- Layered funding sources increase requirements
- Services to everyone in the community increase costs

## Homelessness Crisis

- Continuum of care housing needed (i.e., emergency shelter, triage, transition, affordable housing, owner occupied)
- Need for services, facilities
- Need data about inputs, outputs and outcomes
- Need wraparound services
- Mental health facilities need to be part of the solution
- Need to consider on-going costs of operations, possibly use service fee for healthcare costs

## Members in attendance:

- Bloom, Bonta, Grayson, Levine, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, R. Rivas, Ward, and Wicks

## Panelists:

- Cesar Covarrubias, Kennedy Commission:
- Laura Archuleta, Jamboree Housing:
- Ernesto Medrano, Building & Construction Trades Council
- Frank Martinez, Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing
- Adam Wood, Building Industry Association of Southern California, Orange County
- Aaron France, City Manager, City of Buena Park
- Rich Gomez, Business Partner, Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters, Local 714
- Orange County Business Council

**TABLE 9**

## Orange County Discussion Summary

POLICY IDEA	SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDER IDEAS
<b>Entitlement Process</b>	Need for streamlining and reform
<b>Zoning</b>	Mixed-use zoning needed; fiscalization of land use causes challenges; need to consider negative aspects of inclusionary housing zoning
<b>Litigation</b>	Return to the original intent of CEQA (not to delay or stop projects)
<b>Labor</b>	Availability and compensation issues noted, need residential prevailing wage
<b>Micro-Units</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Parking Minimums</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Vehicle Miles Traveled</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Development Costs</b>	Infrastructure costs; impact fees; need for innovative build alternatives like modular housing, although concern about complying with timelines; need for alternative building materials that reduce costs while maintaining safety standards
<b>Public Lands</b>	Need inexpensive public land for lease or for sale
<b>Redevelopment and Renter Displacement</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Funding and Subsidies</b>	Permanent & on-going funding needed (i.e., tax credits, bonds, state allocations); funding need for infrastructure and operating costs; gap financing needed; low-interest loans for affordable housing developers needed
<b>Homeownership</b>	Missing Middle-Class/Workforce housing needed; down payment assistance needed; acknowledgement that homeownership is major source of wealth building, which is a challenge to long-term affordability
<b>Current Housing Stock</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Measurement and Transparency</b>	Create a registry of projects with timeline for oversight and accountability purposes, including assessment of affordability (number of units); create a registry of state land available; need data about inputs, outputs and outcomes about people experiencing homelessness, renters and homeowners
<b>Other</b>	Nothing noted

## Appendix G. San Diego

Hosted by Ward  
October 14, 2021

### Emphasis:

- Current reality: There is unmet need at all income levels
- Rental property is too high leading to rent burden, overcrowding, and homelessness
- Need to reform single-family zoning
- Need to allow housing as-of-right (“by-right”)
- Need to lock in regulations at the time of application submission
- Need for tenant protections
- Need for additional transparency on housing and homelessness budget
- Need for downtown community development
- Need for community space
- Ordinance on inclusionary housing has been helpful

### Why is it so expensive?

- Permitting delays, including from discretionary review and CEQA litigation
- Labor costs
- Land costs
- Infrastructure costs
- Bonds run out
- Requirements from multiple applications create barrier to accessing funding

### Homelessness Crisis

- Continuum of care (emergency shelter, triage, transition, affordable housing, owner occupied)
- Project Homekey was helpful to expedite approvals and allowed for needed money and flexibility
- Need data about inputs, outputs and outcomes
- Housing First Action Plan–Housing Project Types
  - Permanent supportive housing, rapid housing, transitional housing, interim housing, temporary housing, supportive housing, workforce housing

### Members in attendance:

- Boerner Horvath, Bonta, Grayson, Maienschein, R. Rivas, Quirk-Silva, and Ward

### Panelists:

- Rick Gentry, President & CEO San Diego Housing Commission
- Alan Gin, Associate Professor of Economics. University of San Diego
- Michael Hansen, Planning Director, City of San Diego Planning Department
- Emily Jacobs, Executive Vice President of Real Estate, San Diego Housing Commission
- Carol Kim, Political Director, San Diego County Building & Construction Trades Council
- Colin Miller, Vice President of Multifamily Housing Finance, San Diego Housing Commission
- Colin Parent, Councilmember/ Executive Director and General Counsel, City of La Mesa / Circulate San Diego
- Raynard Abalos, Deputy Director of Development Services, City of San Diego

**TABLE 10**

## San Diego Discussion Summary

POLICY IDEA	SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDER IDEAS
<b>Entitlement Process</b>	Need for streamlining and reform; expand and reform by-right housing ordinance; multijurisdictional process and timeline are challenging
<b>Zoning</b>	Mixed-use zoning needed; prioritize density and infill development; upzone larger areas
<b>Litigation</b>	Return to the original intent of CEQA (not to delay or stop projects); limit the time allowed for claims to be brought against projects, reform housing defect laws
<b>Labor</b>	Availability and compensation issues noted
<b>Micro-Units</b>	ADUs and Cottage Housing Program needed
<b>Parking Minimums</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Vehicle Miles Traveled</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Development Costs</b>	Infrastructure costs; impact fees; land is limited and expensive; changing building codes every 3 year increases housing costs; layering funding increases costs
<b>Public Lands</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Redevelopment and Renter Displacement</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Funding and Subsidies</b>	Permanent & on-going funding needed (i.e., tax credits, bonds, state allocations); funding need for infrastructure and operating costs; gap financing needed; need to reform California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTCAC), need to lower threshold for local areas to raise money for affordable housing; need to permit the recycling of bonds to help with financing
<b>Homeownership</b>	Consider deed restrictions and duration of deed restriction for-rent and for-sale properties; may be a need to extend deed restrictions that are expiring; homeownership provides economic mobility; there are high income earners, but limited supply prevents them from becoming homeowners; homeownership assistance needed
<b>Current Housing Stock</b>	Preserve “naturally occurring affordable housing” (NOAH); limit short-term rentals and house flipping
<b>Measurement and Transparency</b>	Create a registry of projects with timeline for oversight and accountability, including assessment of affordability (number of units); create a registry of state land available; statewide registry of information on best practices from all jurisdictions
<b>Other</b>	Need for technical support staff to assist with regulatory requirements, allow nonprofit investors first right of refusal to buy land

## Hosted by Gallagher November 16, 2021

### Emphasis:

- Affordable housing in the context of disaster recovery
- Wildfires have had devastating effects; substantial impact
- Community impacts on mental health and loss of community are significant
- Need for more market-rate and subsidized housing
- Protect middle-class workers who have been displaced by disaster, use an equity framework
- Wages are not keeping up with rising housing prices
- Unprecedented local support for affordable housing has eliminated opposition and lawsuits

### Why is it so expensive?

- Permitting delays, including discretionary review and CEQA litigation
- Labor costs
- Land costs
- Infrastructure costs
- Construction costs increase with delays
- Requirements from multiple applications create barrier to accessing funding
- Not enough local workforce to build the necessary number of units
- Impact fees
- Operational costs for community services on-going, and developers need to account for them upfront rather than from future rental increases
- Cost of insurance can be prohibitive to new construction
- Hard costs (~70%)
  - Land, street improvements, material costs, labor costs
- Soft costs (~30%)
  - Architects/engineers, attorneys, consultants, warranties, financing/holding fees, school fees, city/county permit fees, inspections, development impact fees, property tax, marketing, model cost, overhead, sales commission, title costs, mitigation fees, class action lawsuits, project supervision, profit

### Members in attendance:

- Bonta, Dahle, Gallagher, Grayson, and Levine

### Panelists:

- Kate Leyden, Chico Builders Association
- Katy Thoma, Chico Chamber of Commerce
- Seana O' Shaughnessy, Chico Housing Improvement Program CHIP (non-profit affordable housing)
- Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center (emergency/transitional housing)
- Scott Birkey, Attorney, Land Use/CEQA
- Chris Giampaoli, Epick Homes, market-rate developer
- State Building and Construction Trade Council of California

### Homelessness Crisis

- Need for low barrier shelters and services with 24-hour programming that address root cause of homelessness
- Need for emergency housing
- Housing first programs may create a barrier to addressing root cause for entering into homelessness
- Public funding is only available if housing conforms to housing first criteria
- State and federal funding doesn't allow for mandatory wraparound service participation
- Need to improve and clarify Appendix O, which is the building code that covers various types of emergency shelters, which must be used and can only be used under the terms of a Shelter Crisis Declaration to not sunset with the ending of the Declaration



**TABLE 11**

**Butte County Discussion Summary**

POLICY IDEA	SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDER IDEAS
<b>Entitlement Process</b>	Need for streamlining and reform; expand and reform by-right housing ordinance; multijurisdictional process and timeline are challenging
<b>Zoning</b>	Mixed-use zoning needed; consider citywide zoning plans; community plans
<b>Litigation</b>	Return to the original intent of CEQA (not to delay or stop projects); limit the time allowed for claims to be brought against projects; ensure affordable housing considerations are on par with environmental considerations; create a bond requirement to compensate developer costs if court approves project
<b>Labor</b>	Availability and compensation issues noted; need residential prevailing wage
<b>Micro-Units</b>	Need for smaller homes and small apartment units
<b>Parking Minimums</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Vehicle Miles Traveled</b>	VMT issues for rural area noted
<b>Development Costs</b>	Infrastructure costs; impact fees; need for alternative building materials that reduce costs while maintaining safety standards; layering funding increases costs
<b>Public Lands</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Redevelopment and Renter Displacement</b>	Replacement housing development needed, particularly for wildfire areas
<b>Funding and Subsidies</b>	Permanent & on-going funding needed (i.e., tax credits, bonds, state allocations); funding need for infrastructure and operating costs; gap financing needed, particularly in opportunity zones
<b>Homeownership</b>	Down payment assistance needed; consider role for future owners to contribute with sweat equity rather than cash; home prices are rising more quickly than salary increases
<b>Current Housing Stock</b>	Nothing noted
<b>Measurement and Transparency</b>	Review urban bias in funding calculations and category definitions
<b>Other</b>	Opportunity maps are well intentioned, but need reform for smaller cities AB 5 changed truckers to employees – need to allow truckers to be independent contractors again

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## About This Report

This report summarizes information gathered from a series of meetings held in September, October and November across the state of California. Barriers to housing production or affordability were identified and briefly described. Subsequently, solutions were described that attempt to create new or modify current policies to increase the supply of housing and increase affordability of rentals and for-sale homes. The report was completed in November 2021 and underwent review before public release.

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## WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

### SAN JOAQUIN MARSH SIGN CONCEPTS

#### SUMMARY:

Staff has been working to design new signage to replace the worn and inconsistent signs at the San Joaquin Marsh. Working with a design consultant, staff has developed design concepts that can be used to create signs that will blend with the look of the Marsh, better engage and capture visitors' attention, and educate visitors about the Marsh's various functions. The signs will also clarify IRWD's role as owner, operator, and protector of the Marsh and its inhabitants, and inspire visitors to support the Marsh's mission by following its rules. At the Committee meeting, staff will present an overview of the design concepts for the Committee's review and input.

#### BACKGROUND:

IRWD's San Joaquin Marsh consists of more than 300 acres of coastal freshwater wetlands, which provide habitat for hundreds of species of animals, including 330 documented bird species. With 12 miles of walking trails, the Marsh has become one of Southern California's most notable nature preserves. It is also a working water quality treatment facility that cleans low flow urban runoff from the San Diego Creek before the water flows to the environmentally sensitive Upper Newport Bay and then to the Pacific Ocean. The San Joaquin Marsh Campus illustrates well IRWD's dedication to environmental stewardship, lifelong water education, and our community.

As part of IRWD's commitment to preserve local history, the District also relocated and restored original homes and structures from the old Irvine Ranch and placed them at the San Joaquin Marsh. These buildings are now used for educational and community meeting room purposes.

#### Marsh Signage Assessment:

An evaluation of the Marsh's existing signage and how the public utilizes the San Joaquin Marsh revealed that:

- Many visitors are not aware that IRWD owns, operates, and protects this community resource;
- Many visitors do not understand the water quality function of the Marsh;
- Some visitors are not aware of (or simply disregard) important Marsh rules prohibiting walking dogs, riding bicycles, littering, fishing, releasing animals, and other violations that endanger water quality and the well-being of the Marsh ecosystem;
- The history and community function of the Campus buildings – such as the Duck Club, Marsh House, and Audubon House – are not explained to the public; and

- The existing signage has proliferated while aging over the years, creating an appearance of a cluttered, run-down, and unwelcoming facility atypical of IRWD.

By simply updating the signage at the Marsh, many of these challenges can be overcome.

#### Marsh Signage Design Process:

Staff collaborated with design consultant Suple Advertising & Design to create concepts for the signage at the San Joaquin Marsh Campus. At the beginning of the design creation process, the following objectives for the signs were established. The Marsh signage should:

- Welcome guests to a special place;
- Clearly connect the Marsh to IRWD to build equity in the IRWD brand and loyalty with customers;
- Explain the Marsh rules in a positive way that makes the reasons clear, so visitors will want to do the right thing by complying;
- Quickly explain the Marsh's function in an engaging way; and
- Be durable, timeless, and consistent with the rustic nature of the Marsh and its Campus.

The proposed signs were designed with a typography, tone, and style to match educational displays that will subsequently be installed inside the Marsh House and other Campus buildings.

The recommended design concept consists of rusted-steel signs featuring silhouette cutouts of animals that frequent the Marsh, such as the mallard duck, the great blue heron, and the western fence lizard. IRWD's logo will also be prominent on the signs.

Staff will present to the Committee the designs for the first set of major signs:

- A monument sign to identify the San Joaquin Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary on Riparian View near Campus Drive;
- A welcome sign for the entrance to the Marsh property;
- Two parking lot signs explaining the function of the Marsh and its rules; and
- Building identifiers for the Marsh House, the Duck Club, and the Audubon House, with text to explain each building's history and current use.

A draft of the PowerPoint presentation is provided as Exhibit "A".

#### Next Steps:

After the Committee's review and input, staff will contract with a sign maker to produce the first round of signs. Those installations are anticipated to be completed in the second quarter of 2022. Provided as Exhibit "B" are maps of the sign locations.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Funding for San Joaquin Marsh signs, like funding for IRWD's other activities at the San Joaquin Marsh, will be funded from over-allocation funding.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee provide input on the design concepts presented for San Joaquin Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary signs.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – PowerPoint Presentation

Exhibit "B" – List of Signs and Locations

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# SAN JOAQUIN MARSH SIGN CONCEPTS

WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

JANUARY 17, 2022

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## **AGENDA**

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- Marsh overview
- Challenges to overcome
- Sign design process
- A look at the designs
- Next steps
- Your comments and questions



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## ***SAN JOAQUIN MARSH OVERVIEW***

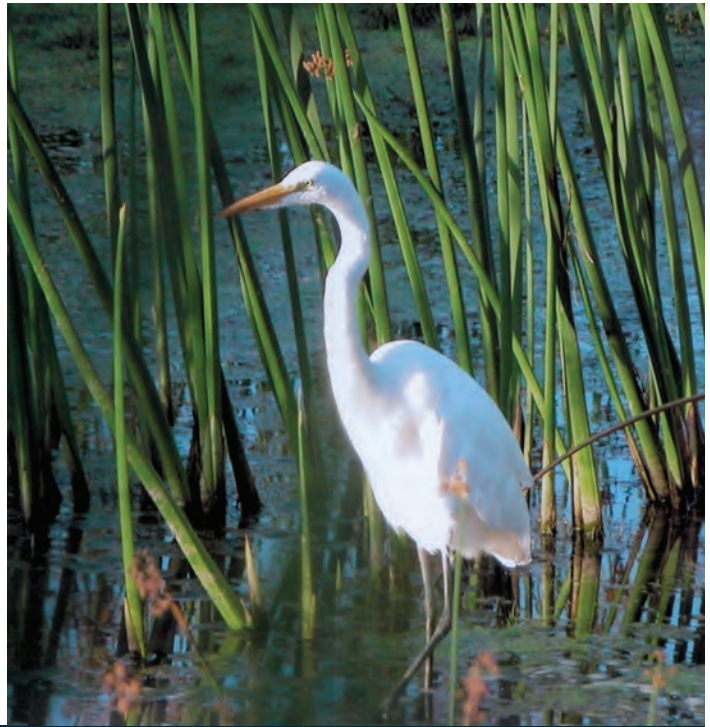
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Gem of a nature preserve:

- Hundreds of animal species, including  
330 documented bird species
- 12 miles of walking trails

Working water facility:

- Natural Treatment System site
- Cleans urban runoff
- Protects sensitive Upper Newport Bay and Pacific Ocean



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## ***SAN JOAQUIN MARSH OVERVIEW***

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Place for community to meet, celebrate and learn:

- Historic homes from old Irvine Ranch
- Duck Club, Learning Center, Audubon houses



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## **CHALLENGES TO OVERCOME**

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- Visitors unaware of rules – or disregard them – endangering water quality, plants and animals
- Visitors unaware IRWD owns, operates, and protects this gem
- Visitors don't understand water-quality function
- Campus buildings are not explained
- Entrance hard to find
- Current signs are worn and need replacement – inconsistent, unfriendly and unwelcoming



# **SAN JOAQUIN MARSH CURRENT SIGNAGE**

## ENTRY TO RIPERIAN VIEW FROM CAMPUS DRIVE

- Marsh not clearly identified
- Hard to find



## ENTRY TO THE MARSH CAMPUS PARKING

- Signs are mismatched, messy, unbranded, unwelcoming and uninspiring
- No hint of the Marsh's water-quality function
- Little recognition of nature preserve
- Signs shout the rules! (not why to respect them)



## CAMPUS BUILDING SIGNS

- Rustic signs suit the historic environment, but miss opportunity to explain history and function of the buildings



## MISCELLANEOUS SIGNAGE

- Interior signs are inconsistent, uninspiring and mostly unbranded.



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## DESIGN PROCESS

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### Our task:

Design key welcome signs to be installed early this year.

Create a style guide for additional signs throughout the Marsh.

- Contracted with Suple Advertising & Design
- Collaborated with NTS staff, security staff, and Sea & Sage



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## DESIGN PROCESS

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### Objectives:

- Welcome guests to a special place
- Clearly connect the Marsh to IRWD
- Present rules in a way that makes guests want to comply
- Get guests interested in Marsh's water-quality function
- Align with look and tone of planned education displays
- Signs that are durable, timeless, consistent with Marsh



# SAN JOAQUIN MARSH SIGN DESIGN CONCEPT

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## ***CAMPUS DRIVE NOW***

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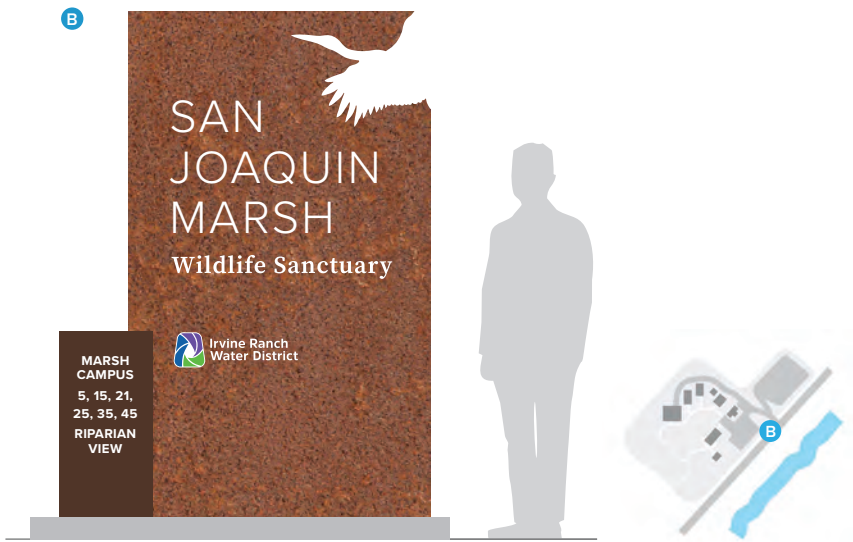


**CAMPUS DRIVE MONUMENT SIGN**



- Raises the Marsh’s profile for motorists passing by
- Sets the tone
- Durable rusted steel with natural oxidized finish
- Proxima Nova headlines etched and painted white, with Source Serif Variable subheads and text
- Large, color IRWD logo
- Tree swallow bird art points the way

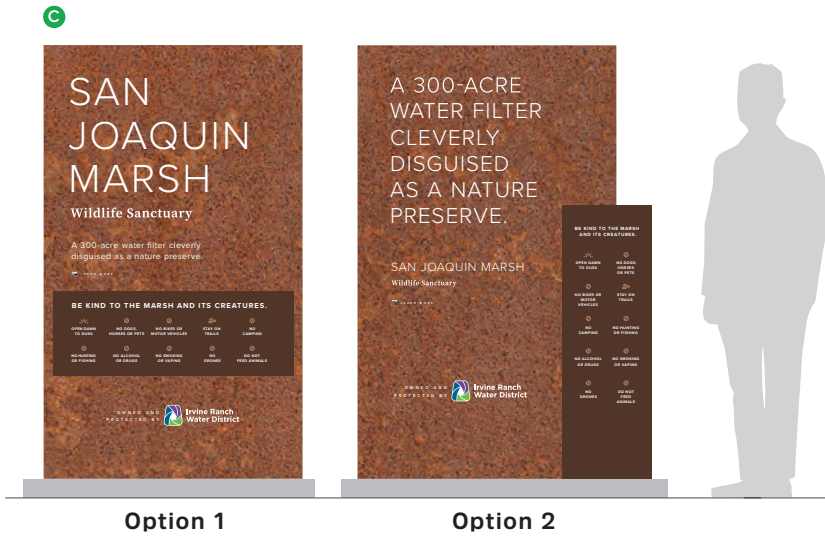
**WELCOME SIGN**



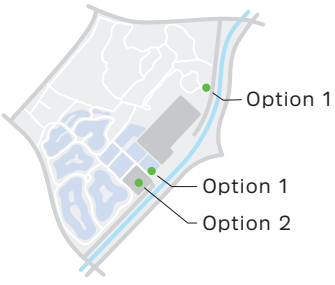
- Eye-catching welcome to San Joaquin Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary
- Bird silhouette cutout
- Large, color IRWD logo
- Highlights and details offset on dark brown powder-coat painted steel



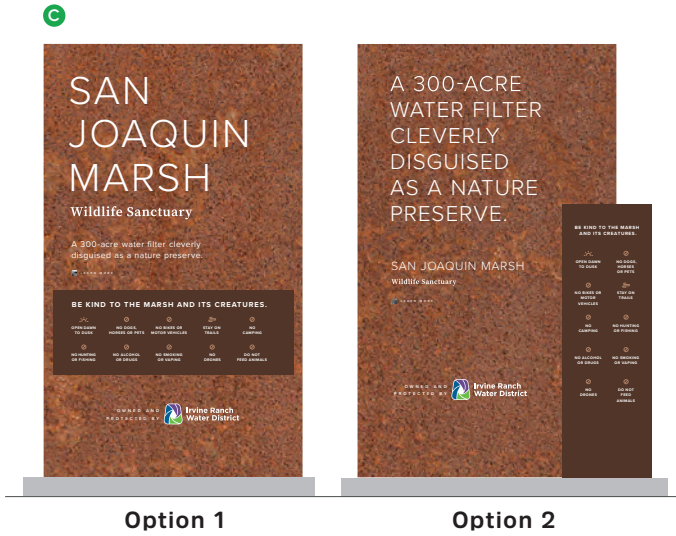
**PARKING LOT SIGNS: THREE PRIMARY ENTRY POINTS**



- Educate visitors about Marsh’s dual role: water facility and wildlife sanctuary.
- “A 300-acre water filter cleverly disguised as a nature preserve.”



**PARKING LOT SIGNS: THREE PRIMARY ENTRY POINTS**



“Owned and protected by Irvine Ranch Water District.”

- Highlights IRWD stewardship and subtly encourages visitors to help

Rules – without shouting

- “Be kind to the marsh and its creatures”

San Joaquin Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary (without &) – all one ecosystem

QR codes: Learn more

## BUILDING IDENTIFIER SIGNS: FOR PUBLIC-ACCESS BUILDINGS



- Inviting signs for public buildings
- Silhouette cutouts of Marsh wildlife
- IRWD Logo (“Owned and protected by ..”)
- History and use of building, offset on dark brown painted steel
- QR code: Reserve the Duck Club

## MARSH HOUSE CONCEPT



How the Marsh House could ultimately look...

- Signs designed to match interior educational displays and exterior look being planned for Visitors Center

## BUILDING IDENTIFIER SIGNS: FOR NONPUBLIC-ACCESS BUILDINGS



- Low-key signs for buildings that aren't open to public
- History and use of the building
- IRWD logo

## PROTECT THE MARSH SIGNS / RULES: PLACED AT SECONDARY ENTRY POINTS & TRAIL INTERSECTIONS

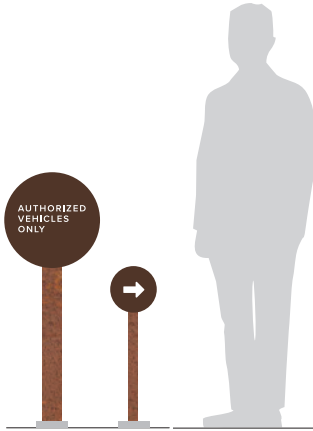


- “Be kind to the Marsh and its creatures”
- IRWD logo

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***DIRECTIONAL/INSTRUCTIONAL SIGNAGE:  
PLACED THROUGHOUT AS NEEDED***

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***NEXT STEPS***

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- Committee input today
- Contract with sign maker(s)
- Install primary signs by Q2 this year
- Monument sign will require city approval
- Ongoing process to improve and replace signs, adhering to these design guidelines



**OVERVIEW**

**OBJECTIVES OF NEW SIGNAGE:**

- Be welcoming, beautiful, durable, and consistent
- Clarify the Marsh's ties to IRWD
- Foster respect for wildlife and rules
- Introduce the Marsh's water-quality function
- Explain history and function of Campus buildings



**QUESTIONS?**



**EXHIBIT “B”**  
**List of signs and locations**  
**January 17, 2022**

**PHASE 1 - Q2 2022**



Campus Drive monument sign (1)



Welcome sign (1)



Parking lot rules signs - 2 versions (3)



Building signs for public-access buildings (3)  
*Duck Club, Marsh House, Audubon House*




Building signs for nonpublic-access buildings (3)  
*Learning Center, Sea & Sage House, Caretaker's House*



**PHASE 2 - Q4 2022**  
Secondary rules signs (8)

**FUTURE PHASES - TBD**

- Specialty garden signs – pollinator, butterfly, native grasses (3)
- Directional, instructional and marker signs (~100)
- “Environmentally Sensitive Area” perimeter signs (~20)

January 17, 2022  
Prepared by: F. Sanchez / C. Compton  
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## WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

### IRWD POLICY POSITION PAPER ON REGIONAL WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE ACTIONS

#### SUMMARY:

IRWD's policy position papers are reviewed periodically to determine if the positions are still valid, need revisions or if additional papers need to be written on different issues of importance to the District. Based on recent discussions in Sacramento and regionally regarding potential drought response actions, staff has prepared a Regional Water Shortage Response Actions Policy Position Paper. Staff recommends the Board adopt the policy position paper, as revised, based on input received from the Committee.

#### BACKGROUND:

In 2004, IRWD began producing policy position papers on topics of particular interest and importance to IRWD. Because of the IRWD Board of Directors' standing in the water industry, the opinions of individual Board members are regularly solicited on issues of vital interest to the industry and the community. In order to keep those position papers current and usable for explaining the District's position, staff occasionally recommends that the Board review the papers, and when appropriate, incorporate revisions or adopt new papers.

Following the 2012-17 statewide drought, legislation was enacted in 2018 to strengthen local water supplier water management and water shortage planning. Assembly Bill 1668 and Senate Bill 606 require water suppliers to undertake additional drought planning, include projected water shortage information in their Urban Water Management Plans and enhance their Water Shortage Contingency Plans. These plans are updated and submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) at least every five years, with the most recent plans submitted in 2021. Additionally, beginning in 2022, water suppliers are required to prepare and submit to DWR an Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment.

#### Water Shortage Response Actions:

California is experiencing a statewide drought, and cycles of drought will continue and may become more frequent and extreme. IRWD has actively engaged in state and regional policy discussions regarding potential drought responses, including mandatory reductions. Water shortage response actions should not be "one-size-fits-all," but instead should consider local water shortage plans and assessments. When making determinations regarding water shortage declarations or calls for mandatory reduction requirements, regional actions should consider local retail supplier reliance on regional supplies, local water supplier conditions, investments into sustainable supplies and water efficiency in developing policies.

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Water Shortage Response Actions

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Given that discussions regarding drought responses are likely to continue, staff recommends the Board adopt a policy position paper regarding regional water shortage actions. A draft of the proposed paper is provided as Exhibit "A".

FISCAL IMPACTS:

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt the IRWD Regional Water Shortage Response Actions Policy Position Paper, as revised, based on input from the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – Draft Policy Paper: Regional Water Shortage Response Actions



Exhibit “A”

IRWD POLICY POSITION PAPER:  
REGIONAL WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE ACTIONS

January 24, 2022 **DRAFT**

ISSUE SUMMARY:

Agencies responsible for managing water resources have an obligation to provide the water in a safe, reliable, sustainable, and efficient manner. As a recognized leader in water resources public policy and governance, Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) promotes policy initiatives that allow IRWD, along with other water purveyors, to enhance the reliability and resiliency of water supplies.

IRWD also advocates for effective water shortage management. During a water shortage, regional water suppliers should account for reliance on imported supplies, local water supply conditions, investments in sustainable supplies, and water use efficiency in developing policies and when making any determinations regarding water shortage declarations or making calls for mandatory water use reductions.

BACKGROUND:

Providing a reliable water supply is a fundamental responsibility and requirement for water suppliers. Because of this, IRWD has specified as one of its Strategic Objectives the need to provide a reliable and high-quality water supply to its customers. Implicit in the concept of reliability is that IRWD will plan and make investments in water supplies to remain fully reliable for its customers under an array of scenarios, including climate change. It is the responsibility of water suppliers to develop multiple strategies to responsibly meet existing and future water demands. These strategies should include both supply augmentation and demand management.

Following the 2012-17 statewide drought, legislation was enacted in 2018 to strengthen water management and water shortage planning by local water suppliers. AB 1668 and SB 606 require water suppliers to undertake additional drought planning and include projected water shortage information in their Urban Water Management Plans and Water Shortage Contingency Plans. These documents, including their assumptions and analysis, are updated and submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) at least every five years.

*Water Shortage Actions:*

Water shortage actions should be customized to reflect local needs and conditions. It should be expected that water shortage response actions will vary from agency to agency – even within a specific region. Agencies may choose to focus their programs on some or all of the following areas: providing incentives, changing rate structures, encouraging landscape modifications, establishing in-lieu programs, and augmenting supplies by conserving or capturing previously unused water through projects such as water banking or water recycling.

While there is often agreement among agencies on the importance and value of water shortage contingency planning, the implementation of a regional water shortage declaration or water use reduction mandate requires thoughtful consideration of a variety of policies and factors. Regional wholesale agency water shortage response actions should appropriately calibrate responses based on local retail water suppliers’ reliance on the wholesaler’s supplies, availability

of imported supplies, and local water supply conditions. The actions should also consider investments made in sustainable supplies as well as water use efficiency and reliability.

Local retail and regional water suppliers should base their decision to implement a water shortage declaration or water reduction mandate on an assessment of actual conditions and the availability of supplies to meet projected demands, using the processes identified in their water shortage planning documents. Mandating use reductions to an entire region when only a portion of the area may be affected, or when a local retail supplier is not projecting a shortage, undermines support for continued and critical regional and local investments in sustainable drought resilient water supplies, emergency storage, emergency water supplies, and water use efficiency programs.

To facilitate providing input to discussions surrounding water shortage declarations, and to guide the District's advocacy efforts in this policy area, the following policy principles have been adopted by the IRWD Board of Directors.

POLICY PRINCIPLES:

- 1) Local retail water suppliers should have the primary role in responding to drought and other water shortages based on local conditions. They should take actions outlined in their Water Shortage Contingency Plans based on their annual water supply and demand assessments when responding to water shortages.
- 2) A local water supplier's reliance on imported water supplies will range from completely reliant on imported water to not at all. Regional wholesale water suppliers should rely upon an assessment of their available supplies and each retailer's reliance on those supplies to determine the severity of a shortage. Regional wholesale water suppliers providing imported water should take resource and demand management actions that are calibrated to the potential severity of shortages in imported water in a particular area, the availability of local water supplies, and investments made in sustainable supplies as well as water use efficiency and reliability.
- 3) Regional wholesale suppliers should incentivize local suppliers to invest in developing emergency supplies for use during water shortages. Regional wholesale water agency policies shall allow a water supplier that develops and establishes an emergency supply to use that supply without penalty during a water shortage or drought, consistent with the local water supplier's Water Shortage Contingency Plan.
- 4) Regional water actions during a water shortage must incentivize and account for local investments in drought resilient supplies, including investments in recycled water projects and potable reuse, emergency storage, and emergency water supplies. The actions must also consider levels of water efficiency. Regional policies and programs should recognize past investments in and continue to incentivize the development of drought resilient supplies.

- 5) Water shortage response strategies should promote both the expansion and efficient use of recycled water and potable reuse. Water recycling and reuse facilitates water use efficiency and conservation. At a minimum, regulations during a water shortage should exclude recycled water, both potable and non-potable reuse, from any calls for mandatory use reductions during a water shortage emergency because the source of the recycled water (sewage) remains substantially available – even during a water shortage. If potable reuse is not excluded, a reasonable credit for potable reuse should be provided.
  
- 6) Regional policies should encourage and reward previous and new investments in beneficial water use efficiency and water resiliency strategies, including water recycling, water-budget based rate structures that create a nexus between those overusing water and those bearing the costs of overuse, and investments in water supply reliability.

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