
COMMUNICATIONS

1. Notes: Weghorst
2. Public Comments
3. 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; and determine which items may be approved without discussion.

ACTION

4. 2026 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE – COMPTON

Recommendation: That the Board adopt a “sponsor/support” position on AB 2739 (Soria); a “support” position on AB 2777 (ESTM), ACR 161 (Addis) and SB 1125 (Menjivar); a “seek amendments” position on AB 1881 (Ramos), AB 2218 (Kalra), SB 1326 (Wahab); and an “oppose unless amended” position on SB 1001 (Archuleta).

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Directors’ Comments
6. Adjourn

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WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

2026 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the 2025-2026 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 1881 (Ramos) – California Indian Freedom Act of 2026: “SEEK AMENDMENTS”;*
- *AB 2218 (Kalra) – Water Policy: California Native American Tribes: “SEEK AMENDMENTS”;*
- *AB 2739 (Soria) – Community Water Affordability Program: “SPONSOR / SUPPORT”;*
- *AB 2777 (Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) – State Water Quality Control Fund and Recycled Water Use at Outdoor Eating Areas: “SUPPORT”;*
- *SB 1001 (Archuleta) – Local Agency, Corporation, Or Mutual Water Company: Personnel Access: Personal Identity Verification-Interoperable: “OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED”;*
- *SB 1125 (Menjivar) – Water Rate Assistance Program: “SUPPORT”;*
- *SB 1326 (Wahab) – California Environmental Quality Act: Tribal Cultural Resources: Mitigation Measures: “SEEK AMENDMENTS”;* and
- *ACR 161 (Addis) – Special Districts Week: “SUPPORT”.*

BACKGROUND:

The Legislature is on Spring Recess the week of March 30, and will reconvene on April 6. This year, the last day for legislative policy committees to hear fiscal bills is April 24, while May 1 is the policy committee deadline for non-fiscal bills. The last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor any bills introduced in its house is May 15, and the house of origin deadline is May 29.

A copy of the Legislative Matrix is provided as Exhibit “A”. Links to the bills discussed below are included within each discussion unless a separate exhibit is noted.

State Budget Update:

Governor's and LAO's Project Deficit Differences:

The Governor and the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) have continued to disagree as to the size of the budget deficit. Prior to recent global events, the Governor's \$348.9 billion proposed budget projected what he had described as a manageable \$2.9 billion shortfall. To balance the budget, his January Proposed Budget banked heavily on a sustained AI-driven tech boom and surging stock market revenues. In contrast, the LAO warned of a much steeper \$17.6 billion gap, arguing that the Administration's revenue forecasts were overly optimistic and failed to account for market volatility or shifts in federal funding. Now with the conflict in Iran, which threatens a "global oil shock" that could weigh heavily on consumers, and cooling the discretionary spending that generates vital sales-tax revenue, it is unclear how significantly the budget deficit will grow.

To deal with the deficit, the State has already begun prioritizing fiscal restraint by cutting roughly 6,000 vacant positions, reducing operational spending, and tapping its \$23 billion safety net to protect core education and social services. Despite this, significant challenges remain due to the market and fiscal uncertainty impacting the State's capital gains taxes, all potentially stalling the very AI-driven growth the Governor's initial outlook required.

Staff continues to monitor the budget discussions, and will provide the Committee with an oral update on new developments related to the District's State budget interests.

2026 State Legislative Update:

Water Affordability Legislation:

As expected, two bills have been introduced that seek to address water affordability. The first is AB 2739 (Soria, D-Fresno) and the second is SB 1125 (Menjivar, D-Van Nuys):

- *AB 2739 (Soria, D-Fresno) - Community Water Affordability Program:* AB 2739, which is authored by Assemblymember Esmeralda Soria and sponsored by IRWD and Rancho California, seeks to address system cost constraints and household affordability challenges simultaneously. It would do this without levying a new tax or fee. To do this, the bill would establish a trust in the State treasury that would be funded over several decades. During that time, 45 percent of the annual appropriations to the trust would be allocated to LIRA, 45 percent of the annual appropriations would be allocated to a new grant program at the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for grants to offset local ratepayer funds needed for water infrastructure projects, and the remaining 10 percent of the annual appropriations would be invested to ultimately provide a perpetual funding source for LIRA and the infrastructure grant program. The language that will soon be amended into the bill are attached as Exhibit "B". Staff recommends that the Board adopt a "sponsor / support" position on AB 2739; and

- *SB 1125 (Menjivar, D-San Fernando) - Water Rate Assistance Program:* SB 1125, as amended, is a reintroduction of SB 350 (Durazo, D-Los Angeles) and is sponsored by Clean Water Action, the Community Water Center, and Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability. If enacted, it would establish a statewide water rate assistance program at the State Board, and would require water suppliers to participate in the statewide program and automatically enroll households in the program. Water suppliers would provide qualified low-income residential ratepayers with a flat bill credit of \$20.00 per month, and the funding for that bill credit would be provided by the State Board. The bill in print has the amendments the District negotiated with the sponsors last year to make the bill workable for water suppliers. Staff recommends that the Board now adopt a “support” position on SB 1125.

Staff will update the Committee on continuing conversations related to these two bills and water affordability.

Wildfire Related Legislation:

Wildfires and water is again a topic of considerable discussion in the Legislature. As previously discussed with the Board, there are several bills that are notable and would impact water suppliers:

- *AB 2013 (Bennett, D-Ventura) - Fire Risk Areas: Water Suppliers: Emergency Preparedness Plan* - AB 2013, which is being authored by Assemblymember Steve Bennet (D-Ventura), would require water suppliers with 100 connections or more to establish an emergency preparedness plan for response to red flag warnings, extreme weather events, and other major power outages or emergencies that pose a potential threat to providing water services in moderate, high, or very high fire hazard severity zone, and encourages that that plan be developed in coordination with the county Board of Supervisors, or a county agency or department designated by the Board of Supervisors. The developed plan must be submitted to the Board of Supervisors, or designated agency or department, and must be reviewed every three years. The plan would need to include:
 - An assessment of the minimum water tank levels necessary to maintain water service for customers while providing an adequate water supply for firefighting activities during an extreme weather event or red flag warning, taking into consideration water quality standards and actions necessary to maintain water quality;
 - An assessment that identifies the minimum number and type of water pumps that are necessary to maintain water service for customers while providing an adequate water supply for firefighting activities;
 - Identification of whether those water pumps have emergency backup energy sources;
 - Identification which of the water pumps identified need emergency backup energy sources;

- Identification of alternative water sources that can be used during an extreme weather event or loss of power, if any; and
- A detailed accounting of the pipelines, water pumps, water tanks, backup power generation facilities, and related infrastructure needs that are necessary to maintain water service for customers and provide adequate water supply for firefighting activities during an extreme weather event and a designation for which of these pipelines, water pumps, water tanks, and backup power generation facilities are, or are required to be, fire hardened.

The District has an “oppose unless amended” position on AB 2013;

- *SB 1001 (Archuleta, D-Pico Rivera) - Local Agency, Corporation, Or Mutual Water Company: Personnel Access: Personal Identity Verification-Interoperable*: SB 1001 would require the Office of Emergency Services to develop a water utility worker identification program to issue identification cards, upon request, to local agency, corporation, or mutual water companies that provides water utility services. The identification cards would be used to facilitate personnel access to a closed area during or following a natural disaster, act of terrorism, or other man-made disaster. Specifically, the bill would specify that the credentialing would conform with the federal Personal Identity Verification standards pursuant to federal National Incident Management System guidelines. The card would be good for five years, and the requesting utility would be responsible for collecting and destroying the cards once an employee has ceased to be employed by that utility. Additionally, the bill would prevent law enforcement from stopping a holder of the card from entering an area closed due to an emergency unless it is unsafe for the cardholder to do so, or their presence would interfere with disaster response.

While SB 1001 seeks to address legitimate access issues that arose during the 2025 Los Angeles fires, the bill fails to address existing identifications issued by local agencies and the fact that their employees are, per state law, disaster service workers. Instead, the bill creates a second identification and would impose additional costs of public local water utilities to obtain that second identification card for its staff. Staff has been working with the Association of California Water Agencies and others to obtain amendments to SB 1001 to address those issues, but those amendments have yet to be accepted. Staff recommends that the Board adopt an “oppose unless amended” position on SB 1001, and authorize staff to communicate that position should the requested amendments not be accepted by the author and sponsors; and

- *SB 1153 (Caballero, D-Salinas)- Disaster preparedness: urban retail water suppliers and public water systems*- SB 1153, which is sponsored by ACWA, seeks to provide statutory clarification on public water systems and their liability during a wildfire. It also includes enhanced emergency planning provisions. The District has a “support” position on SB 1153.

Staff will provide the Committee with an update on the discussions and any new developments related to these bills.

AB 2777 (Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) - State Water Quality Control Fund and Water Reuse at Outdoor Eating Areas:

AB 2777 is authored by the Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials on behalf of WaterReuse California and the California Association of Sanitation Agencies. The bill makes changes to the authorizing statute for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) that would allow the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to have more flexibility in running the SRF. In doing so, it would permit the State Board to provide grants larger than the \$50 million grant cap currently in place, and build more stability in the revolving fund.

The bill also includes a section which would add a definition of “incidental runoff” to the Water Code for purposes of the code section that permits the use of recycled water in parks where there are eating areas. Adding the definition should help the State Board implement SB 31 (McNerney, 2025), which the District supported.

Given the benefit of both of these provisions to the water community, staff recommends the Board adopt a “support” position on AB 2777.

Tribal Cultural Resources-Related Legislation:

This year, there have been three bills introduced that relate to tribal cultural resources and tribal sacred sites. Those bills are:

- *AB 1881 (Ramos, D-Highland) - California Indian Freedom Act of 2026-* AB 1818 would prohibit any governmental agency from substantially burdening a California Indian or tribe's exercise of religious beliefs or spiritual practices — including access to sacred sites, sacred objects, and the ability to perform ceremonies — unless the governmental agency can demonstrate a compelling governmental interest pursued through the least restrictive means, among other requirements;
- *AB 2218 (Kalra, D-San Jose) - Water Policy: California Native American Tribes-* AB 2218 would establish a new state water policy. If enacted, it would be the State’s policy to “acknowledge and correct the inequities caused by state-sanctioned acts of termination, removal, and assimilation inflicted upon all California Native American tribes through compensation, legal recognition of rights, or replacement of benefits lost;” and
- *SB 1326 (Wahab, D- Hayward) - California Environmental Quality Act: Tribal Cultural Resources: Mitigation Measures:* SB 1326 would redefine and recast the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act that relate to tribal cultural resources.

Over the past decade, the District has monitored bills related to tribal cultural resources and the responsibilities those bills would place on local agencies. With bills, such as the three noted above, the Board has adopted a “seek amendments” on bills that could impact the District and its operations, and authorized staff work with the District’s associations and industry partners to seek amendments to the bill to ensure it is workable to for local agencies. Staff again recommends that approach with these three bills. Staff recommends the Board adopt a “seek amendments” position on AB 1881, AB 2218, and SB 1326.

ACR 161 (Addis, D-Monterey) - Special Districts Week:

Again, this year, the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is sponsoring an Assembly Concurrent Resolution proclaiming Special Districts week. ACR 161, authored by Assemblymember Dawn Addis (D-Monterey), would proclaim April 5-11, 2026, to be Special Districts Week.

As the District has done in previous years, staff recommends the Board adopt a “support” position on the Assembly Concurrent Resolution recognizing Special Districts Week.

Updates on 2026 Legislation with IRWD Positions:

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

- *AB 35 (Alvarez, D-San Diego) - Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act:* IRWD has a “support” position on this bill;
- *AB 2180 (Ward, D-San Diego): Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act:* IRWD has a “Support” position on this bill;
- *AB 2215 (Calderon, D-City of Industry): State Water Project Water Rights:* IRWD has a “support” position on this bill;
- *SB 872 (McNerney, D-Pleasanton): Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund:* IRWD has a “support” position on this bill; and
- *SB 1085 (Durazo, D-Los Angeles): Water Supply Assessments:* IRWD has a “support” position on this bill.

Other 2026 State Legislative Updates:

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

- AB 883 (Lowenthal, D-Long Beach)- Elected officials and judges;
- AB 1821 (Pacheco, D-Downey) - California Public Records Act: Fees and Agency Response Time;
- AB 2026 (Aguiar-Curry, D-Winters) - Water Diversion: Groundwater Recharge: Permit;

- [AB 2094 \(Harabedian, D-Pasadena\) - Surplus Public Land Housing Pilot Program](#);
- [AB 2568 \(Johnson, R-Corona\) - Water District Director Compensation](#);
- [SB 601 \(Allen, D-Santa Monica\) - Waste Discharge Requirements](#);
- [SB 1139 \(Laird, D-Santa Cruz\) - Monterey Peninsula Water Management District: Nonfunctional Turf: Noncompliance and Enforcement](#);
- [SB 1187 \(Durazo, D-Los Angeles\) - Open Meetings: Majority](#);
- [Anti-hate speech training legislation \(i.e., AB 1578 \(Jackson\) and AB 1803 \(Lowenthal\)\)](#);
- [Data Center Related Legislation \(i.e., AB 1577 \(Bauer-Kahan, D-Orinda\), AB 2469 \(Papan, D-San Mateo\), and AB 2619 \(Papan\)\)](#);
- [Housing-related legislation](#);
- [Invasive Mussel Species Legislation \(i.e., AB 1772 \(Papan, D-San Mateo\), AB 1894 \(Rubio, D-Baldwin Park\)\)](#);
- [Legislation related to artificial intelligence and workplace surveillance](#); and
- [Other legislative matters of interest to IRWD](#).

2026 State and Regional Regulatory Update:

The following is a list of state and regional regulations and agency reports staff are 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 and other regulations of interest to the District.

The pending regulations and reports actively being tracked include:

- [California Air Resources Board \(CARB\) Advanced Clean Fleets](#);
- [California Underground Safety Board Proposed Rulemakings for Potholing Standard](#);
- [CalOSHA Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board's Horizontal Sliding and Swinging Gates Regulation](#);
- [DWR's SB 1157 Indoor Water Use Studies](#);
- [DWR's Implementation of SB 72 \(Caballero, 2025\)](#);
- [State Board's Climate Change Resolution](#);
- [State Board's Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook revisions](#);
- [State Board implementation of the Lead and Copper Rule](#);
- [State Board's Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience \(SAFER\) Drinking Water Program](#);

- State Board's [Development of Maximum Contaminant Levels for PFAS](#) and other associated actions on PFAS;
- State Board's Implementation of [SB 31 \(McNerney, 2025\)](#);
- South Coast AQMD's [Cumulative Impacts from Air Toxics for CEQA Projects](#);
- South Coast AQMD's Tier 4 Emergency Generator Testing Policy;
- South Coast AQMD's Proposed Rule 317.1 - Clean Air Act Nonattainment Fees for 8-Hour Ozone Standards; and
- South Coast AQMD's [Proposed Rule 1110.4, Emissions from Emergency Generators](#).

2026 Federal Legislative and Regulatory Update:

Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project and South Valley Project Outreach:

IRWD's federal advocacy priority in 2026 focuses on seeking federal funding for the South Valley Conveyance and Storage Project and advocating for a reauthorization of the Small Storage Grant Program. Staff will provide an update on those efforts and the District's next steps.

Other Federal Regulatory Updates:

The following is a list of federal regulations and agency reports staff are monitoring, tracking, or planning to engage in over the next three to 12 months. Staff will also provide an oral update to the Committee on any new developments related to these regulations and other regulations of interest to the District. The pending regulations and reports actively being tracked include:

- Revisions to Waters of the United States Definition;
- Endangered Species Act Guidelines Updates; and
- EPA's Revised [PFAS Drinking Water Standard](#).

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt a “sponsor / support” position on AB 2739 (Soria); a “support” position on AB 2777 (ESTM), ACR 161 (Addis) and SB 1125 (Menjivar); a “seek amendments” position on AB 1881 (Ramos), AB 2218 (Kalra), SB 1326 (Wahab); and an “oppose unless amended” position on SB 1001 (Archuleta).

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

- Exhibit A – IRWD Legislative Matrix
- Exhibit B – AB 2739 Proposed Amendments

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Exhibit "A"

IRWD 2026 LEGISLATIVE MATRIX
Updated: March 30, 2026

Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 34 (Patterson J (R))	Large Hydroelectric Generation		Provides that under existing law, the California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program requires retail sellers and local publicly owned electric utilities to procure a minimum quantity of electricity products from eligible renewable energy resources during certain compliance periods. Provides that the provision related to the procurement of eligible renewable energy resources by local publicly owned electric utilities also applies to the compliance periods established by the Energy Commission.	01/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.
CA AB 35 (Alvarez (D))	Clean Air Bond Act 2024: Administrative Procedure Act	Support	Exempts the adoption of regulations needed to effectuate or implement programs of the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act. Requires a state entity that receives funding to administer a competitive grant program established using the Administrative Procedure Act exemption to do certain things. Requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to post an electronic form on the Agency's Website.	01/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time, urgency clause adopted. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.
CA AB 66 (Tangipa (R))	California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption: Egress		Exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act egress route projects undertaken by a public agency to improve emergency access to and evacuation from a subdivision without a secondary egress route if the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection has recommended the creation of a secondary access to the subdivision and certain conditions are met. Requires the lead agency to hold a public meeting before determining that a project is exempt. Requires Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation notice.	07/16/2025: In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Not heard.
CA AB 69 (Calderon (D))	FAIR Plan Policy Notices and Renewals		Relates to the California FAIR Plan Association. Requires the association to provide all policyholders with a notice regarding their coverage options at least annually, including with the initial policy issuance and upon each renewal.	09/11/2025: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on INSURANCE.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 259 (Rubio (D))	Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences	Support	Provides that existing law, until the specified date, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternative teleconferencing under certain conditions. Extends the alternative teleconferencing procedures until the specified date.	05/14/2025: To SENATE Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and JUDICIARY.
CA AB 261 (Quirk-Silva (D))	Fire Safety: Fire Hazard Severity Zones		Provides that existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the State that are not State responsibility areas as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones. Prohibits the State Fire Marshal's determination of fire hazard severity zones, in both State responsibility areas and lands that are not State responsibility areas, from being based on risk mitigation activities.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 262 (Caloza (D))	California Individual Assistance Act		Enacts the California Individual Assistance Act to establish a grant program to provide financial assistance to local agencies, community-based organizations, and individuals for specified costs related to a disaster. Requires the Director of Emergency Services, in administering the California Individual Assistance Act, to prioritize recipients that are not eligible for federal funding, pursuant to specified regulations, due to the inability to meet minimum damage thresholds.	06/11/2025: To SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
CA AB 272 (Aguiar-Curry (D))	Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program		Provides that existing law requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt and implement a regulation for a Heavy Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program for non gasoline heavy duty on road motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than a specified number of pounds. Requires, within a specified number of years following the full implementation of the program, but not later than the specified date, the State Board to provide the first of the biennial reports on its internet website.	09/02/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.

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CA AB 300 (Lackey (R))	Fire Hazard Severity Zones: State Fire Marshal		Provides that existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the State as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones. Requires the Marshal, at least once every specified number of years, to review areas in the State identified as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones, and to review lands within State responsibility areas classified as fire hazard severity zones. Requires the Marshal, at least once every certain number of years, to re-review certain areas.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 306 (Schultz (D))	Building Regulations: State Building Standards		Requires the State Building Standards Commission to reject a modification or change to any building standard affecting a residential unit and filed by the governing body of a city or county unless certain conditions are met, including that the commission deems those changes or modifications necessary as emergency standards to protect health and safety. Requires the commission to review certain changes or modifications within a certain period. Relates to the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code.	06/23/2025: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred Committee on HOUSING.
CA AB 311 (McKinnor (D))	Dwelling Units: Persons at Risk of Hness		Reinstates prior law which authorized a tenant to temporarily permit the occupancy of their dwelling unit by a person who is at risk of homelessness, with the written approval of the owner or landlord, and includes new provisions regarding occupancy. Defines person at risk of homelessness to include any person who is displaced from their residence as a result of a disaster in a disaster-stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor.	05/07/2025: To SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY.
CA AB 317 (Jackson (D))	California First Time Homeowner Dream Act		Exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act the new construction of a single family dwelling that meets certain conditions, including that the project contains one single family dwelling that is a specified size or less with no more than a specified number of bedrooms, the property is intended to be sold	06/04/2025: To SENATE Committees on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and HOUSING.

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			to a first time home buyer, and the lead agency determines that the developer of the project or the property owner provided sufficient legal commitments to meet the requirements of the exemption.	
CA AB 340 (Ahrens (D))	Employer-Employee Relations: Confidential Communication		Prohibits a public employer from compelling a public employee, a representative of a recognized employee organization, or an exclusive representative to disclose confidential communications to a third party. Provides that this would not apply to a criminal investigation or when a public safety officer is under investigation and certain circumstances exist.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 372 (Bennett (D))	Office of Emergency Services: State Matching Funds		Establishes Water Infrastructure for Wildfire Resilience Program within the OES for the distribution of state matching funds to urban wildland interface communities, as defined, in designated high fire hazard severity zones or very high fire hazard severity zones to improve water system infrastructure. Requires the OES to work in coordination with the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and other state entities.	09/03/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
CA AB 380 (Gonzalez Ma (D))	Price Gouging		Provides that under existing law, upon the proclamation of an emergency, it is a misdemeanor for a person, contractor, business, or other entity to sell or offer to sell certain goods or services for a price of more than a specified percent greater than the price charged by that person immediately prior to the proclamation. Makes that misdemeanor applicable for a period of a specified number of days. Makes that misdemeanor punishable by a specified fine.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 410 (Wilson (D))	Bots: Disclosure		Requires a person who uses a bot to autonomously communicate with another to ensure that the bot discloses to any person with whom the bot communicates when the bot first communicates	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			with the person that the bot is a bot and not a human being. Authorizes the Attorney General, a district attorney, a county counsel, a city attorney, or a city prosecutor to bring a civil action to punish noncompliance.	
CA AB 426 (Dixon (R))	Impeding Emergency Response with Drone		Prohibits a person from operating or using an unmanned aerial vehicle, remote piloted aircraft, or drone at the scene of an emergency and thereby impeding firefighters, peace officers, medical personnel, military personnel, or other emergency personnel in the performance of their fire suppression, law enforcement, or emergency response duties, unless the person has a federal operational waiver. Authorizes the Attorney General or a county counsel or city attorney to bring civil action.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 441 (Hadwick (R))	Wildfire Prevention: Office of Wildfire Technology		Provides that existing law establishes the Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development within the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to study, test, and advise regarding procurement of emerging technologies and tools in order to more effectively prevent and suppress wildfires within the State. Extends the repeal date of such provisions.	06/24/2025: From SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION: Do pass to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
CA AB 442 (Hadwick (R))	Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973		Provides that under the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973, the Legislature finds and declares the policy of the State to encourage prudent and responsible forest management of nonindustrial timberlands by approving working forest management plans in advance. Provides that existing law requires the harvest area of a working forest management plan to be contained within a single hydrological area. Deletes that requirement.	01/29/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.
CA AB 501 (Papan (D))	Lawsuits, Liens, and Other Encumbrances		Prohibits a person from filing or recording, or directing another to file or record, a lawsuit, lien, or other encumbrance against any person or entity, knowing that it is false, with the intent to harass	01/29/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.

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			the person or entity or to influence or hinder the person in discharging their official duties if the person is a public officer or employee. Provides that a person who files a lawsuit, lien, or other encumbrance against a person or entity in violation of the prohibition is liable for a civil penalty.	
CA AB 502 (Pellerin (D))	Elections: Deceptive Media In Advertisements		Sets forth additional requirements relating to the color and font size of the disclosure's text. Exempts an election communication from the prohibition if the content includes a disclosure stating that the communication has been generated or substantially altered using artificial intelligence. Exempts an advertisement or other election communication from these prohibitions if a reasonable person would understand that the content was satire or parody.	09/08/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
CA AB 532 (Ransom (D))	Water Rate Assistance Program		Relates to the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. Authorizes a public urban retail water supplier to provide water rate assistance to its ratepayers. Authorizes the assistance to be provided to certain eligible ratepayers, including residential ratepayers with a certain annual income. Requires an urban retail water supplier to include in a report to State Water Resources Control Board certain information regarding its assistance program. Requires the board to conduct a survey of such suppliers.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 550 (Petrie-Norris (D))	The California Endangered Species Act		Relates to the authorized take of certain species by certain entities. Provides that if an at-risk species becomes listed as an endangered, threatened, or candidate species, further authorization or approval shall not be required for a take of that species, if specified conditions are met, including that the potential listing of the at-risk species was anticipated in a permit previously issued by the Department of Fish and Wildlife for	07/16/2025: In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Not heard.

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			incidental take caused by a renewable electrical generation facility.	
CA AB 596 (McKinnor (D))	Elections: Ballot Disclosures		Requires the Secretary of State to create an internet website or to use other available technology to consolidate information about each state ballot measure, including a list of the top 10 contributors supporting or opposing a measure. Requires the 3 largest contributors of \$100,000 or more to all committees that paid for the circulation of a statewide initiative or statewide referendum measure to also be printed on the ballot immediately following the names of the measure's supporters and opponents.	09/13/2025: In ASSEMBLY. Ordered to ASSEMBLY Unfinished Business Concurrence in Senate Amendments.
CA AB 599 (Connolly (D))	Hazardous Waste: Classification Standards		Requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control, if the department proposes to reclassify wastes or adopt alternative management standards for regulated waste, to take all necessary and authorized steps required by law to facilitate full public notification and review of state, regional, and local facility entitlements, to enable local community input regarding the proposed changes to the classification of wastes or the alternative management standards.	06/11/2025: To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
CA AB 609 (Wicks (D))	California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption		Exempts from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act a housing development project that meets certain conditions relating to, for example, size, density, and location, including specific requirements for any housing on the project site located within a certain number of feet of a freeway. Requires a local government, as a condition of approval for the development, to require the development proponent to complete a certain environmental assessment regarding hazardous substance releases.	05/19/2025: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.

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CA AB 638 (Rodriguez Ce (D))	Stormwater: Uses: Irrigation		Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, by the specified date, to develop recommendations for stormwater capture and use for the irrigation of urban public lands. Requires the recommendations to address, but not be limited to, opportunities for the use of captured stormwater for irrigation to offset the use of potable water and recommendations for, among other things, pathogens and pathogen indicators and total suspended solids. Requires the board to solicit and receive written public comment.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 643 (Wilson (D))	Climate Change: Short-Lived Climate Pollutants		Authorizes a local jurisdiction to include organic material used as a beneficial agricultural amendment towards its recovered organic waste procurement target if the material is processed at a facility authorized by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery using specified approved technologies, the material is licensed for end use as an agricultural fertilizer by the Department of Food and Agriculture, and the material is not derived from, or processed using, specified activities.	01/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.
CA AB 660 (Wilson (D))	Planning and Zoning Law: Postentitlement Phase Permits		Relates to the Planning and Zoning Law, which requires a local agency to compile lists that specify in detail the information required from any applicant for a postentitlement phase permit. Requires, if federal or State law requires review of the application by another public agency that is independent of the local agency before the agency is authorized to act on the application, certain time limits to be tolled for the application until the agency completes the review and returns the application.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 672 (Caloza (D))	Public Employment: Notifications		Provides that the Public Employment Relations Board has the power to investigate an unfair practice charge. Requires a plaintiff or petitioner filing a civil action seeking injunctive relief against a strike, work stoppage, or other labor action to serve a copy of the petition or complaint by electronic mail on the general counsel of	08/25/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.

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			PERB. Specifies that such provisions do not authorize a plaintiff or petitioner to seek relief in court without first exhausting administrative remedies before PERB.	
CA AB 706 (Aguiar-Curry (D))	Forest Organic Residue, Energy, and Safety		Establishes the Fire Fuel Reduction Program to support sufficient procurement, transport, and beneficial use of forest biomass waste to reduce fuel for wildfires by up to a specified number of bone-dry tons of forest biomass waste per year. Establishes the FOREST and Wildfire Prevention Fund. Requires the program to grant funding priority to Bioenergy Renewable Auction Mechanism Program and Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff Program fleets in operation on or before the specified date. Appropriates funds.	06/11/2025: To SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER and ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS.
CA AB 710 (Irwin (D))	Electricity: Advanced Metering Infrastructure		Requires the Public Utilities Commission, on or before a specified date, to require each electrical corporation to offer optional dynamic pricing tariffs. Requires the commission to require each electrical corporation, and the governing board of each local publicly owned electric utility, on or before a specified date, to analyze the feasibility of deploying advanced metering infrastructure to all customers.	01/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.
CA AB 748 (Harabedian (D))	Single-Family and Multifamily Housing Units		Requires each local agency, to develop a program for the preapproval of single-family and multifamily residential housing plans, whereby the local agency accepts single-family and multifamily plan submissions for preapproval and approves or denies the preapproval applications. Requires a local agency to either approve or deny ministerially an application for a single-family or multifamily residential housing unit within 30 days if the lot meets certain conditions.	01/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.

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CA AB 758 (DeMaio (R))	Wildfire: Vegetation Management		Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection or a local entity to conduct an assessment of all undeveloped public lands for which it is primarily responsible for preventing and suppressing fires to ensure that the public land is not a severe fire hazard. Requires this assessment to be posted on the department's and local entity's internet website. Requires all of these lands, on or before the specified date, to have firebreaks of a specified size on all borders with private property.	04/21/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Failed passage.
CA AB 775 (Fong M (D))	Behested Payments: Reporting		Provides that existing law requires certain behested payment reports to be filed by the behesting officer or member of the Public Utilities Commission with the officer's or member's agency. Requires these reports to be filed using the commission's electronic filing system for behested payment reports. Requires the filing system to issue an electronic confirmation to the filer immediately upon receipt of the report.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
CA AB 846 (Connolly (D))	Endangered Species: Incidental Take: Wildfire		Authorizes a city, county, city and county, special district, or other local agency to submit to the Department of Fish and Wildlife a wildfire preparedness plan to conduct wildfire preparedness activities on land designated as a fire hazard severity zone that minimizes impacts to wildlife and habitat for candidate, threatened, and endangered species. Requires the department to impose a fee on a local agency for the cost of reviewing a wildfire preparedness plan submitted by that local agency.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 859 (Macedo (R))	Civil Procedure: Recovery of Defense Costs		Relates to existing law whereby if the court determines that the proceeding was not brought in good faith or with reasonable cause, existing law requires the court to decide the reasonable and necessary defense costs incurred by party opposing the proceeding and to render judgment in favor of that party. Expands	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			this provision to apply to a demurrer brought by a defendant or cross-defendant.	
CA AB 883 (Lowenthal (D))	Data Brokers: Personal Information		Requires the Secretary of State to provide to the agency a list of all state or local elected officials that, if available, includes each official's personal information, as specified, would require the Judicial Council to provide the agency with a list of all California judges, and would require the agency to allow elected officials or a judges to remove their information from those lists; authorizes an elected official or judge who is on a list described above, the Attorney General, a county counsel.	01/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.
CA AB 897 (DeMaio (R))	Trespassing: Removal of Trespassers		Provides for the Remove Illegal Squatters from Private Property Act. Makes a person guilty of unlawful squatting when they enter upon the land or premises of another and reside on that land or premises for any period of time, knowingly acting without the knowledge or consent of the owner, rightful occupant, or an authorized representative of the owner. Requires a law enforcement agency that receives a complaint of a violation to issue a citation. Provides a means for the person to show lawful entry.	04/22/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY: Failed passage.
CA AB 929 (Connolly (D))	Sustainable Groundwater Management: Managed Wetlands		Prohibits a groundwater sustainability agency from imposing a fee upon a small community water system serving a disadvantaged community or imposing a fee for managed wetland purposes, provided the water use for each user does not increase above what was historically required. Authorizes, if a small community water system or a managed wetland extractor increases its extraction of groundwater above what was historically required, an agency to impose a fee for the usage above the historical amount.	09/10/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.

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CA AB 942 (Calderon (D))	Electricity: Climate Credits		Excludes residential customers from receiving the California Climate Credit if they are not enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy Program or the Family Electric Rate Assistance Program and their total electricity bills for the previous year were less than a specified amount.	08/29/2025: From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Do pass to Committee on RULES.
CA AB 946 (Bryan (D))	Natural Resources: Urban Nature-based Projects		Provides that, to advance and promote environmental, conservation, and public access policies and budget actions, the Governor's office, state agencies, and the Legislature, when distributing resources, shall aspire to recognize the coequal goals and benefits of the 30x30 goal and the Outdoors for All initiative, and, to the extent practical, maximize investment in historically underserved urban communities consistent with those initiatives.	01/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.
CA AB 950 (Solache (D))	Political Reform Act of 1974: Advertisements		Establishes the Billboard DISCLOSE Act. Relates to political advertisements. Provides that for certain video, print, electronic media or text message advertisements, existing law permits the name of the committee that paid for the advertisement to be shortened. Clarifies that a print advertisement includes a yard sign or a billboard and an electronic media advertisement means a graphic, image, animated graphic or animated image that an online platform allows to link to a website paid for by the committee.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 956 (Quirk-Silva (D))	Accessory Dwelling Units: Ministerial Approval		Provides that the Planning and Zoning Law provided for the creation by local ordinance, or by ministerial approval if a local agency has not adopted an ordinance, of accessory dwelling units in areas zoned for single family or multifamily dwelling residential use in accordance with specified standards and conditions. Increases the number of detached, new construction, accessory dwelling units that a local agency is required to ministerially approve on lots with a proposed or existing single family dwelling.	06/24/2025: In SENATE Committee on HOUSING: Not heard.

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CA AB 990 (Hadwick (R))	Public Water Systems: Emergency Notification Plan		Authorizes and encourages a public water system to provide notification to water users in their preferred language when updating the emergency notification plan, if resources are available.	06/30/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
CA AB 1018 (Bauer-Kahan (D))	Automated Decision Systems		Requires a deployer of a covered automated decision system to take certain actions, including conduct impact assessments of the covered ADS and provide deployers to whom the developer transfers the covered ADS with certain information, including a high-level summary of the results of those impact assessments.	09/13/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
CA AB 1033 (Lackey (R))	Eminent Domain: Appraisals: Compensation		Provides that the Eminent Domain Law authorizes a public entity to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire property for a public use. Provides that existing law requires a public entity to pay reasonable costs, not to exceed a specified amount, of an independent appraisal ordered by the owner of a property that the public entity offers to purchase under the threat of eminent domain. Increases the limitation on the reasonable costs of an independent appraisal to a specified amount.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1048 (Chen (R))	Workers Compensation		Provides that existing law requires each employer to establish a utilization review process to review and approve, modify, or deny treatment recommendations and establishes an independent medical review process to resolve disputes over a utilization review decision. Requires a request for authorization of medical services by a physician to be signed by that physician, and would authorize a request to be sent via mail, fax, or electronic methods.	01/22/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
CA AB 1054 (Gipson (D))	Public Employees Retirement: Deferred Retirement Option		Establishes the Deferred Retirement Option Program as a voluntary program within the Public Employees Retirement System for employees of State Bargaining Units 5 (Highway Patrol) and 8 (Firefighters). Requires certain actions to occur,	01/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.

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			including completion of an actuarial analysis to determine the proposed program will be cost neutral, before the program becomes effective and applicable. Requires members who elect to participate in the program to meet certain requirements.	
CA AB 1070 (Ward (D))	Residential Developments: Building Standards: Review		Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to convene a working group no later than a specified date, to research and consider identifying and recommending amendments to state building standards allowing residential developments of between 3 and 10 units to be built under the requirements of the California Residential Code, as specified. Requires the department to perform a review of construction cost pressures for single-family and multifamily residential construction.	01/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.
CA AB 1109 (Kalra (D))	Evidentiary Privileges: Union Agent-Represented		Establishes a privilege between a union agent and a represented employee or represented former employee to refuse to disclose any confidential communication between the employee or former employee and the union agent made while the union agent was acting in the union agent's representative capacity, except as specified. Permits a represented employee or represented former employee to prevent another person from disclosing a privileged communication.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1146 (Papan (D))	Water Infrastructure: Dams and Reservoirs		Prohibits the release of stored water from a reservoir owned and operated by the U.S. in the State if the release is done under false pretenses, defined as a release of water from a reservoir owned and operated by the U.S. in a manner that is knowingly, designedly, and intentionally under any false or fraudulent representation as to the purpose and intended use of the water. Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board or the Attorney General to bring an action for injunctive relief for a violation.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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CA AB 1159 (Addis (D))	Student Personal Information		Applies the provisions of the K-12 Pupil Online Personal Information Protection Act and the Early Learning Personal Information Protection Act to an operator of a website, online service, online application, or mobile application with actual knowledge that the site, service, or application is used for the applicable school purposes and was designed or marketed for those purposes. Enacts the Higher Education Student Information Protection Act. Authorizes a harmed student or pupil to bring a civil action.	01/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.
CA AB 1164 (Ransom (D))	Elections: Voter Bill of Rights		Provides that existing law requires a Voter Bill of Rights to be printed in the State Voter Information Guide and to be included on posters provided to each precinct. Requires the Voter Bill of Rights to inform voters that they have the right to receive a new ballot if they do not have a ballot or their ballot has been damaged.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1198 (Haney (D))	Public Works: Prevailing Wages		Provides that existing law requires that, except as specified, not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages, determined by the Director of Industrial Relations, be paid to workers employed on public works projects. Exempts certain housing projects from certain provisions, including, among others, projects that are restricted by deed or subject to regulatory restrictions contained in an agreement with a governmental agency or other recorded document.	01/29/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.
CA AB 1206 (Harabedian (D))	Single Family and Multifamily Housing Units		Provides that existing law requires the planning agency of a city or county to provide an annual report to, among other entities, the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation. Provides that existing law requires the annual report to include, among other things, the city's or county's progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs. Requires, for large and small	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			jurisdictions, the agency to include the number of units of residential housing that are approved using a preapproved housing plan.	
CA AB 1227 (Essayli (R))	Wildfire Safety: Fuels Reduction Projects		Requires the lead agency to hold a noticed public meeting to hear and respond to public comments before determining that a project is exempt and would require the lead agency to provide notice of the public meeting on its internet website at least 30 days before the public meeting. Requires the lead agency, if it determines that a project is not subject to CEQA and approves or carries out that project, to file a notice of exemption with the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1234 (Ortega (D))	Employment: Nonpayment of Wages: Complaints		Provides that existing law authorizes the Labor Commissioner to investigate employee complaints and to provide for a hearing in any action to recover wages, penalties, and other demands for compensation. Authorizes the Labor Commissioner, in an order, decision, or award granted pursuant to specified provisions, to impose an administrative fee of up to a specified percent of the award. Requires the administrative fee to be deposited into the Wage Recovery Fund.	09/03/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
CA AB 1240 (Lee (D))	Single Family Residential Real Property: Corporate		Prohibits a business entity that has an interest in more than a specified number of single family residential properties from purchasing, acquiring, or otherwise obtaining an ownership interest in another single family residential property and subsequently leasing the property. Authorizes the Attorney General to bring a civil action for a violation of these provisions. Requires a court in a civil action in which the Attorney General prevails to order specified relief, including civil penalties.	06/19/2025: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.

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CA AB 1242 (Nguyen (D))	Language Access		Relates to the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act. Revises the definition of substantial number of non-English-speaking people to include the higher of either the people served by or eligible to be served by a State agency. Requires the State Health and Human Services Agency to designate a Language Access Director to ensure individuals with limited English proficiency and individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing have meaningful access to government programs and services.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
CA AB 1276 (Carrillo J (D))	Housing Developments: Ordinances		Relates to the Permit Streamlining Act. Provides that a housing development project or emergency shelter shall be deemed consistent, compliant, and in conformity with an applicable plan, program, policy, ordinance, standard, requirement, or other similar provision adopted or implemented by a public agency if there is substantial evidence that would allow a reasonable person to conclude that the project or emergency shelter is consistent, compliant, or in conformity, with specified exceptions.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1294 (Haney (D))	Planning and Zoning: Housing Development		Requires that an application for a housing entitlement be deemed complete upon payment of the permit processing fees and upon completing specified requirements. Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt a standardized application form that applicants for a housing entitlement may use. Requires the department to adopt emergency regulations to implement certain requirements. Exempts these emergency regulations from being required to make a finding of emergency or necessity.	07/16/2025: In SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Not heard.
CA AB 1331 (Elhawary (D))	Workplace Surveillance		Limits the use of workplace surveillance tools by employers, including by prohibiting an employer from monitoring or surveilling workers in employee-only, employer-designated areas. Provides workers with the right to leave behind workplace surveillance tools that are on their person or in their possession	09/13/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.

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			during off-duty hours. Prohibits a worker from removing or physically tampering with any component of a workplace surveillance tool that is part of or embedded in employer equipment or vehicles.	
CA AB 1337 (Ward (D))	Information Practices Act of 1977		Provides that the Information Practices Act of 1977 prescribes a set of requirements, prohibitions, and remedies applicable to agencies with regard to their collection, storage, and disclosure of personal information. Prohibits an agency from using records containing personal information for any purpose or purposes other than the purpose or purposes for which that personal information was collected, except as required or authorized by State law.	07/15/2025: In SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Reconsideration granted.
CA AB 1413 (Papan (D))	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Groundwater		Provides that existing law requires a groundwater sustainability agency to evaluate its groundwater sustainability plan periodically. Requires a groundwater sustainability agency to, at least once every 7 years, review, and update if appropriate, its sustainable yield to ensure that the sustainable yield is based on the best available information and best available science, as defined, and will achieve sustainable groundwater management.	09/09/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
CA AB 1421 (Wilson (D))	Vehicles: Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory		Requires the commission, in consultation with the Transportation Agency, to consolidate and prepare research and recommendations related to a road user charge or a mileage-based fee system. Requires the commission to submit a report, as specified, on the research and recommendations described above to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature by no later than January 1, 2027.	01/29/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.
CA AB 1439 (Garcia Ro (D))	Public Retirement Systems: Development Projects: Labor		Requires the boards of Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) to contract with the University of California Labor Centers to conduct an independent study to determine the impacts on public	01/29/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.

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			employee retirement funds of prohibiting the board of a public pension or retirement system, as defined, from investing in development projects in California that do not provide labor standards protections for workers.	
CA AB 1447 (Gipson (D))	Unclaimed Property: Notice		Relates to the Unclaimed Property Law. Provides that existing law requires the Controller to mail a notice to each person who appears to be entitled to property valued at a specified dollar amount or more and whose address is listed in a specified report or is obtained from the Franchise Tax Board. Specifies that if the address listed in the report is not a valid deliverable address, but the Controller identifies a corrected valid address, the Controller must mail the notice to the corrected address.	08/18/2025: In ASSEMBLY. Ordered returned to SENATE. *****To SENATE.
CA AB 1457 (Bryan (D))	Wildfires: Training: Defensible Space: Inspections		Provides that existing law requires the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to establish a statewide program to allow certain persons and entities that have completed specific training developed by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to support certain efforts. Extends the operation of the program indefinitely. Requires the training to include training consistent with the Home Ignition Zone/Defensible Space Inspector course plan.	09/08/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
CA AB 1538 (Krell (D))	Crimes: Corruption		Makes it a crime for an elected or appointed official, under color of authority, to retaliate or exert political retribution against a person for exercising a constitutionally protected right. Makes a violation of this crime punishable by forfeiture of office. Specifies that these provisions do not apply to the hiring or personnel decisions of elected or appointed officials that are relative to an employee or prospective employee of that elected or appointed official.	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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CA AB 1542 (Ward (D))	Sensitive Personal Information		Prohibits under the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 (CCPA), a business, service provider, or contractor from selling or sharing sensitive personal information to a third party.	02/02/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.
CA AB 1553 (Connolly (D))	California Environmental Quality Act: Notice: Direct		Provides that the California Environmental Quality Act requires a lead agency that is preparing an environmental impact report, a negative declaration, or making other determinations, to provide public notice of that fact within a reasonable period of time. Authorizes a lead agency to satisfy specified direct mailing requirements by electronic mail if the recipient affirmatively requested to receive notice by electronic mail.	03/16/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 1554 (Calderon (D))	California Earthquake Authority		Provides that existing law establishes the California Earthquake Authority (CEA), administered under the authority of the Insurance Commissioner, to transact insurance in this state as necessary to sell policies of basic residential earthquake insurance. Requires the CEA to provide the annual report to the Senate Committee on Insurance and the Assembly Committee on Insurance. Specifies that the certified examination and verification report be posted on the CEA's internet website.	03/02/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on INSURANCE.
CA AB 1560 (Tangipa (R))	Lobbyist Certification		Prohibits a person who has been convicted of a crime of public corruption, as defined, from serving as a lobbyist. Prohibits the Secretary of State from accepting a lobbying certification from such a person, and it would also void an existing lobbying certification in the event of such a conviction. Requires a lobbying certification to include a statement that the applicant has not been convicted of a crime of public corruption.	03/25/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 1563 (Gabriel (D))	Budget Act of 2026		Relates to appropriations for the support of state government for the 2026-27 fiscal year.	01/09/2026: INTRODUCED.

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CA AB 1564 (Ahrens (D))	Employer-employee relations: Confidential Communication		Prohibits a public employer from questioning a public employee, a representative of a recognized employee organization, or an exclusive representative regarding communications made in confidence between an employee and an employee representative in connection with representation relating to any matter within the scope of the recognized employee organization's representation.	03/18/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 1573 (Bryan (D))	Land Use: Housing Elements: Target Population		Provides that the Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or county to adopt a general plan for land use development that includes, among other things, a housing element containing certain information, including an analysis of its special housing, emergency shelter, and supportive housing needs. Provides that the definition of the term target population for the purposes of requirements applicable to the housing element may include victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.	03/25/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Do pass to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA AB 1576 (Ortega (D))	Workers' Compensation: Subsequent Injuries Payments		Measures permanent disability, for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2005, and prior to January 1, 2013, by the whole person impairment rating as determined in accordance with the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment (5th Edition), after adjustment for diminished future earning capacity and without regard to, or adjustment for, the occupation or age of the employee.	02/02/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on INSURANCE.
CA AB 1577 (Bauer-Kahan (D))	Data Centers: Reporting		Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to establish a process for the owner of a data center to submit specified information to the commission, including, among other information, the data centers location and size, the data centers power usage effectiveness, water usage effectiveness, and total water consumption, and the quantity of fuel consumed by onsite generators or other fuel based energy systems.	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.

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CA AB 1578 (Jackson (D))	State and Local Officials: Antihate Speech Training		Requires, beginning on January 1, 2028, a state official to complete at least one hour of antihate speech training and education within 6 months of taking office and subsequently every 4 years thereafter. Requires each state agency to maintain records indicating the date that a state official completed the antihate speech training and education for a period of not less than 5 years after the training is complete.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
CA AB 1609 (Zbur (D))	Customer Service Chatbots		Prohibits an operator of a customer service chatbot available to a person in the State from representing that a customer service chatbot is a human. Requires the operator to provide certain disclosures if a reasonable person interacting with the chatbot would be misled to believe they are interacting with a human. Requires an operator to establish and maintain a process for complaints regarding the customers inability to obtain assistance from a customer service agent.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.
CA AB 1610 (Ransom (D))	Election Notice		Requires a county elections official to take the following additional steps to provide notice to a voter when United States Postal Service data indicates a voter's mailing address is no longer valid if a new mailing address is available via change-of-address data, the elections official would be required to update the voter's registration record with the new mailing address and send a forwardable notice to the new address to confirm the change.	02/02/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.
CA AB 1617 (Alanis (R))	Reporting of Household Hazardous Waste		Relates to household hazardous waste reporting.	03/10/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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CA AB 1621 (Wilson (D))	Planning and Zoning Law: Postentitlement Phase Permits		Prohibits a local agency or state agency from requiring or requesting more than 2 plan check and specification reviews in connection with an application for a building permit, as part of its review, except as specified. Authorizes a local agency or state agency to deny an application that is not compliant with the permit standards following 2 plan check and specification reviews.	03/25/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
CA AB 1624 (Zbur (D))	Public Lands Protection Act		Enacts the Public Lands Protection Act, upon transfer to any private or nonfederal entity of a parcel of land located within the state that is owned by the United States government on or after January 1, 2025, and that has been designated in an adopted general plan or zoning ordinance as open space, public land, resource conservation, or an equivalent conservation-oriented designation, immediately subject that parcel to the zoning designation and associated state and local restrictions.	03/16/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 1630 (Caloza (D))	Meet and Confer: Observation		Authorizes an exclusive representative, in their discretion, to invite one or more members of a bargaining unit to remotely and passively observe a session held for the purpose of a meet and confer on a memorandum of understanding. The bill would prohibit, absent an agreement of the parties, a member of a bargaining unit observing a session pursuant to these provisions from receiving released or reassigned time or compensation to observe a session.	02/17/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.
CA AB 1632 (Johnson N (R))	Trespass		Provides that existing law requires the owner, the owners agent, or the person in lawful possession to make a separate request to a peace officer on each occasion when the peace officers assistance in dealing with a trespass is requested. Provides that existing law authorizes a single request for assistance to be made and submitted electronically, in a notarized form provided by the law	03/23/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading.

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			enforcement agency, to a peace officer. Removes the requirement that the submitted form be notarized.	
CA AB 1642 (Harabedian (D))	Wildfires: Contamination Standards		Requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to adopt, no later than July 1, 2027, emergency regulations specifying the science-informed, health-based standards for investigation, environmental testing, and clearance, to guide the removal of lead and asbestos inside and outside of homes, schools, workplaces, and other structures in residential areas after a wildfire.	03/10/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 1652 (Patterson J (R))	State Agencies: Regulations and Legislation		Prohibits an elective or appointive officer of a state agency acting in their official capacity from entering into, or requesting that another party enter into, a nondisclosure agreement relating to the drafting, negotiation, or discussion of a proposed regulation or legislation.	03/10/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 1664 (Jackson (D))	Vehicles: Direct Driver Monitoring Systems		Requires the Department of General Services to establish a pilot program under which a subset of state-operated heavy duty vehicles within the state vehicle fleet are equipped with a direct driver monitoring system for at least 24 months. Requires the department to determine the number of state-operated heavy duty vehicles to be included in the pilot program, as specified, and, for at least the initial 24 months of the pilot program.	01/29/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA AB 1677 (Boerner (D))	Public Utilities: Electrical and Gas Corporations		Requires the Public Utilities Commission to require an electrical corporation or gas corporation proposing to change a rate, or to alter a classification, contract, practice, or rule so as to result in a new rate based on its request for return on invested capital, to include in its proposal certain studies. Prohibits the commission from establishing an authorized return on equity for an electrical corporation or gas corporation that exceeds the rate on federally issued long term debt by a certain amount.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.

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CA AB 1678 (Harabedian (D))	Claremontclair Authority: Metro A Line Extension		Reduces the scope of the light rail project overseen by the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority by providing that the project extends to any mass transit guideway that may be planned along the rail right of way to the City of Claremont in the County of Los Angeles. Requires the Claremontclair Authority to award and oversee all design and construction contracts for completion of a light rail project.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.
CA AB 1680 (Calderon (D))	California FAIR Plan Association		Requires the State FAIR Plan Association to comply with certain recommendations and subjects the association to a fine of not more than a specified amount for each violation of failing to adopt the recommendations within a timeframe agreed upon by the Insurance Commissioner. Authorizes the commissioner to require the association to adjust the policy limits and make additional coverage offerings available for fair rental value coverage under the associations renters property insurance program.	03/25/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on INSURANCE.
CA AB 1710 (Carrillo J (D))	Housing Developments: Ordinances, Policies, Standards		Includes in the definition of ordinances, policies, and standards under the Housing Accountability Act materials requirements, post-entitlement permit standards, and any rules, regulations, determinations, and other requirements adopted or implemented by other public agencies.	03/25/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Coauthors revised.
CA AB 1712 (Pacheco (D))	City of Santa Fe Springs: Sale of Water Utility		Authorizes the City of Santa Fe Springs, until the specified date, to sell its public utility for furnishing water service for the purpose of consolidating its public water system with another public water system pursuant to specified procedures if certain requirements are met. Requires the city to consider oral and written protests and prohibits the city from selling the public utility for a specified period if a specified percent of interested persons protest the sale. Makes legislative findings.	03/25/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.

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CA AB 1722 (Hadwick (R))	California Endangered Species Act: Take Prohibition		Provides that the State Endangered Species Act requires the Fish and Game Commission to establish a list of endangered species and a list of threatened species. Prohibits the imposition of a civil, administrative, or criminal penalty for a violation of a take prohibition if the defendant committed the act based on a good faith belief that they were acting to protect themselves, a member of their family, or any other individual from bodily harm from an animal listed under the act.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
CA AB 1727 (Ta (R))	Crimes: Unlawful Use of DNA		Specifies that any person who willfully sells or transfers genetic data without express consent is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a specified term in county jail, a fine not to exceed a specified amount, or by both that fine and imprisonment.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.
CA AB 1732 (Alvarez (D))	California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption		Provides that a housing development project that is consistent with the applicable public higher education land use plan would be exempt from CEQA. Provides that a housing development project that is not subject to an applicable general plan, zoning ordinance, or public higher education land use plan would satisfy that condition if there is substantial evidence that would allow a reasonable person to conclude that the housing development project meets specified conditions.	03/02/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES and HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
CA AB 1736 (Pellerin (D))	Political Reform Act of 1974: Lobbyist Employers		Relates to existing law which prohibits a lobbyist or lobbying firm from attempting to create a fictitious appearance of public favor or disfavor of any proposed legislative or administrative action or to cause any communication to be sent to any elected state officer, legislative official, agency official, or state candidate in the name of any fictitious person or in the name of any real person, except with the consent of the real person. Extends this prohibition to lobbyist employers.	03/25/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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CA AB 1772 (Papan (D))	Fish and Wildlife: Invasive Mussels		Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to require water supply system operators to update their plans to address all invasive mussel species present in the operators water system as of the specified date. Requires a plan to address every invasive mussel species detected in a water supply system after the specified date, no later than a specified number of days from the date the species is detected. Requires a plan to minimize or eliminate the spread of invasive mussels.	03/23/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
CA AB 1777 (Garcia Ro (D))	Air Pollution: Indirect Sources		Authorizes the State Air Resources Board, if necessary to carry out their duty to achieve ambient air quality standards, to adopt regulations to reduce or mitigate emissions from indirect sources of pollution.	03/23/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 1786 (Harabedian (D))	Public Contracts: Best Value Construction Contracting		Provides that existing law establishes a program to allow counties to select a bidder on the basis of best value for construction projects in excess of a specified amount. Authorizes a county, city, or the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to select a bidder on the basis of best value for construction projects in excess of a specified amount. Expands the crime of perjury by extending the operation of the program and expanding the program to cities and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.	03/12/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA AB 1821 (Pacheco (D))	California Public Records Act: Fees and Agency Response		Provides that the State Public Records Act requires each State or local agency, upon a request for a copy of records that reasonably describes an identifiable record or records, to make the records promptly available to any person upon payment of certain fees. Requires, if a single request exceeds a specified number of hours of search time, or if the total requests by a requestor exceed a specified number of hours of search time in one month, the requestor to submit to the agency a payment of certain fees.	03/16/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.

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CA AB 1823 (Jackson (D))	State Government: State Government Strategic Planning		Requires every State agency or department subject to the Governors authority to take specified actions in regard to any strategic plan to more effectively advance racial equity and to undertake a racial equity analysis before implementing any budget or before any regulation takes effect by the agencies or departments diversity, equity, and inclusion officer or comparable position.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
CA AB 1834 (Patel (D))	Subdivisions: Tentative and Final Map: Exceptions		Provides that the Subdivision Map Act requires a tentative and final map for specified subdivisions, including subdivisions of 5 or more parcels or condominiums, with certain exceptions. Expands an exception to include land that comprises part of a tract of land zoned for mixed use development, inclusive of mixed use developments containing residential uses, and that satisfies certain requirements.	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. To second reading.
CA AB 1838 (Berman (D))	Public Contracts: Local Agencies: Bidders		Requires a contractor, as a condition of submitting a bid to a local agency, to fully disclose any history of wage-and-hour violations and provide supporting documentation, as described. The bill would authorize a contractor that fails to provide the required disclosures and supporting materials to be disqualified from the bid.	03/23/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading.
CA AB 1840 (Sanchez (R))	Political Reform Act of 1974: Prediction Market		Prohibits specified officials, employees, and lobbyists from engaging in transactions involving prediction market contracts, as defined, if before or at the time of the transaction, the specified individual possesses, or it is reasonably foreseeable the specified individual may obtain in the course of their official duties, material nonpublic information relating to the transaction.	02/23/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.
CA AB 1849 (Papan (D))	Decarbonized Gaseous Fuels		Requires the State Air Resources Board to conduct an assessment of the amount of decarbonized gaseous fuels that will be needed to decarbonize hard-to-electrify sectors and maintain reliability in	03/16/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on NATURAL

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			the electricity sector. The bill would require the assessment to include an assessment of the need for decarbonized gaseous fuels in each hard-to-electrify sector.	RESOURCES and UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
CA AB 1853 (Pellerin (D))	Statewide Referendum: Fiscal Impact Statements		Clarifies that a condensed summary that appears on the ballot label includes the fiscal impact statement.	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To Consent Calendar.
CA AB 1859 (Ortega (D))	Public Works		Requires an awarding body, regulating public works projects, or owner to give reasonable access, as defined, to representatives of a joint-labor management committee in order to monitor compliance with the prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements. Authorizes the committee to bring an action against an awarding body, contractor, or subcontractor that willfully denies the committee's representative reasonable access.	03/18/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT: Do pass to Committee on JUDICIARY.
CA AB 1862 (Boerner (D))	Use of Taxpayer Funds Act		Specifies that nothing in its provisions are to be construed to prohibit a public entity from entering into a contract, lease agreement, grant agreement, joint venture, partnership, or other arrangement with a private party that, among other things, grants the private party the right to determine, restrict, or condition the use, allocation, or disbursement of nontaxpayer funds, provided that the authority does not extend in any way to taxpayer funds collected or received by the public entity.	03/23/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and REVENUE AND TAXATION.
CA AB 1866 (Rogers (D))	California Disaster Assistance Act: Minimum Damages		Provides that the California Disaster Assistance Act requires the Director of Emergency Services to provide financial assistance to local agencies for costs incurred as a result of a state of emergency. Provides that the act limits the State share for any eligible project to no more than a specified percent of total State eligible costs unless the local agency is located in a city or county that has adopted a local hazard mitigation plan. Specifies costs that may be included in the local agency cost share.	03/23/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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CA AB 1873 (Bennett (D))	County of Ventura: Fire Suppression: Backup Energy		Requires a water supplier that uses a backup energy source that is not permanent and stationary to notify the Ventura County Office of Emergency Services as soon as practically possible, but no later than a specified number of hours after a loss of power, if that backup energy source does not provide power within a specified number of minutes of a loss of power.	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
CA AB 1881 (Ramos (D))	California Indian Freedom Act of 2026		Enacts the California Indian Freedom Act of 2026, which would prohibit a governmental agency from substantially burdening a California Indian or California Native American tribe's exercise of religious beliefs or spiritual practices, including their access to and use of sacred sites and objects, and their ability to perform religious ceremonies and rites, even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability.	03/02/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY.
CA AB 1883 (Bryan (D))	Workplace Surveillance Tools		Regulates the use of workplace surveillance tools and an employers use of worker data. Prohibits an employer from using certain workplace surveillance tools, including a workplace surveillance tool that incorporates facial, gait, or emotion recognition technology, with exceptions. Requires the Labor Commissioner to enforce provisions. Authorizes an employee to bring a civil action for specified remedies. Applies such provisions to all cities, including charter cities.	03/18/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT: Do pass to Committee on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.
CA AB 1894 (Rubio (D))	Fish and Wildlife: Invasive Mussels		Provides that the State has exclusive authority to regulate invasive mussels. Prohibits a city, county, district, or other local agency from adopting, enforcing, or implementing any ordinance, rule, regulation, policy, or other declaratory action pertaining to invasive mussels unless expressly authorized by State law.	03/16/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.

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CA AB 1895 (Hadwick (R))	Surplus Land Act: Exemptions: Land Unsuitable		Broadens the definition of exempt surplus land to include land that is unsuitable for housing development due to the presence of one or more specified characteristics, including land with slope instability that increases risk of mudslides, landslides, subsidence, liquefaction, and other seismic hazards.	03/02/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
CA AB 1898 (Schultz (D))	Workplace Artificial Intelligence Tools		Requires an employer to provide a written notice to a worker that a workplace artificial intelligence tool was used to assist the employer in making employment related decisions or to surveil workers in the workplace. Requires the notice to be given to a worker within a specified time and requires the notice to contain specified information, including the specific employment related decisions likely to be affected by the use of the workplace AI tool. Provides for civil actions for damages.	03/25/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION: Do pass to Committee on JUDICIARY.
CA AB 1934 (Bennett (D))	State Fire Marshal: Home Hardening Certification		Requires the State Fire Marshals Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee to develop an implementation plan for a home hardening certification program that identifies home hardening measures, including defensible space, that can be voluntarily implemented during renovation or property improvement projects, or both, to substantially reduce the risk of loss during a fire. Requires the committee to provide a report to specified legislative committees.	03/25/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 1947 (Ta (R))	Surplus Land		Relates to existing law which requires each state agency, each year, to make a review of all proprietary state lands over which it has jurisdiction to determine what land is in excess of its foreseeable needs and report thereon to the Department of General Services. The bill specifically requires the Department of Transportation to submit the report described above. The bill would require the report to include the market value of the properties reviewed by the agency.	03/16/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.

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CA AB 1960 (Bennett (D))	Wildfire Prevention Grants Program: Identified Cohesive		Authorizes the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to disburse up to a specified percent of funds appropriated for the Wildfire Prevention Grants Program to identified cohesive fire communities that partner with fire safe councils. Requires the department to award additional points in its evaluation of applicants for the Wildfire Prevention Grants Program to identified cohesive fire community grant applicants that partner with fire safe councils.	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 1964 (Bennett (D))	State Fire Marshal: County Recorder: Home Hardening		Requires a county recorder to maintain construction records related to home hardening. Requires the State Fire Marshal to, on or before January 1, 2030, compile a report concerning homes in moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones in state and local responsibility areas. The bill would require the State Fire Marshal to make the completed report available on its internet website.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
CA AB 1971 (Bennett (D))	Property Tax: Exclusion from Reassessment: Home		Relates to ad valorem taxes on real property. Requires the State Board of Equalization to adopt rules and regulations clarifying that home hardening retrofitting improvements that do not add square footage, do not change the property's use, do not include structural reconfigurations, and do not include substantial rehabilitation do not trigger reassessment as new construction.	03/25/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on REVENUE AND TAXATION.
CA AB 1972 (Patterson J (R))	Water Right Permits and Licenses: Annual Fee: Exemption		Provides that existing law requires each person or entity who holds a permit or license to appropriate water, leases water pursuant to specified provisions of law, or files a specified application, registration, or petition to pay a fee according to a fee schedule established by the State Water Resources Control Board. Requires the board to exempt a person who holds a water right permit or license from paying the annual fee pursuant to a specified regulation for a pond with a specified amount of water.	03/17/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.

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CA AB 1987 (Flora (R))	Department Managed Lands: Wildlife Areas: Hunting		Authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife to enter into contracts or other agreements for the management and operation of the department managed lands for the purposes of administrating hunting or other public use programs. Creates the Waterfowl Management Areas Operations and Maintenance Account in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund. Appropriates funds.	03/25/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 1993 (DeMaio (R))	Voting by Mail: Identification Envelopes		Requires any perforation, hole, window, or other opening in an identification envelope to be located not less than one-half inch from any fillable field on the ballot, as measured when the ballot is fully inserted into the envelope according to instructions provided to the voter. Requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations implementing the section.	03/25/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS: Failed passage.
CA AB 1997 (Lee (D))	Land Use: Housing Development Approvals: Timelines		Prohibits, under the Housing Accountability Act, a plan, entitlement, or permit that has been approved by a previous local utility or agency from being overturned or revised by a subsequent utility or agency, unless the development proponent makes a material change to the project, as described.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and HOUSING.
CA AB 2013 (Bennett (D))	Fire Risk Areas: Water Suppliers: Emergency		Requires a water supplier that services more than 100 customers that are located in a moderate, high, or very high fire hazard severity zone, as specified, to establish an emergency preparedness plan for response to red flag warnings, extreme weather events, and other major power outages or emergencies that pose a potential threat to providing adequate water service.	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Assembly Rule 56 suspended.
CA AB 2026 (Aguiar-Curry (D))	Water Diversion: Groundwater Recharge: Permit		Revises and recasts certain conditions required for the appropriative water right exemption for a diversion of floodflows for groundwater recharge. Exempts those diversions from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act and	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.

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			requirements relating to lake or streambed alteration agreements if tribal consultation has been conducted.	
CA AB 2027 (Ward (D))	Worker Data: Prohibitions: Artificial Intelligence		Requires an employer, or a vendor acting on behalf of an employer, to collect and process worker data only as strictly necessary to administer the employment relationship and fulfill specific obligations. Prohibits an employer or vendor from using worker data to train or deploy artificial intelligence to, among other things, replicate, automate, or replace a workers job. Provides for civil actions, damages, injunctive relief, and attorneys fees for violations.	03/16/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
CA AB 2032 (Ransom (D))	Fish and Wildlife: Golden Mussels		Requires the Invasive Species Program, through the Golden Mussel Task Force, to develop and adopt best management practices for public and private agencies that operate water supply systems to control the spread of golden mussels and encourages those public and private agencies to comply with those best management practices. Requires the program, through the task force, to adopt guidance for scientific research conducted by or for public and private agencies that operate water supply systems.	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Assembly Rule 56 suspended.
CA AB 2044 (Petrie-Norris (D))	Building Standards: Approval or Adoption: Cost		Prohibits the California Building Standards Commission from approving or adopting the proposed or adopted building standard, if the commission finds that the initial statement of reasons is submitted without a completed statement of estimated cost of compliance, as specified.	03/16/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
CA AB 2045 (Connolly (D))	Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act		Extends the operation of the Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act indefinitely.	03/02/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
CA AB 2051 (Wicks (D))	Public Resources: Coastal Resilience Permitting		Requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to convene a Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group for the	03/25/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred

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			purpose of developing a Coastal Resilience Permitting Roadmap for coastal resilience projects proposed in specified areas. Requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, in collaboration with, among others, the State Coastal Commission and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, to convene a Coastal Resilience Permit Advisory Group.	to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
CA AB 2063 (Wallis (R))	Legislative Information System: Bill Position Letters		Adds all letters submitted through the Legislature's internet portal in connection with each bill, commencing with bills introduced during the 2027-28 Regular Session, to the information the Legislative Counsel is required to make publicly available in electronic form.	02/18/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA AB 2075 (Bennett (D))	Forestry: Safety Requirements: Fire Equipment		Revises and recasts provisions regarding safety requirements by instead requiring a person to maintain at least one backpack pump-type fire extinguisher fully equipped and ready for use, and a sufficient number of serviceable round point shovels so that each person at the operation can be equipped to fight fire, within the operating area, at a point accessible in the event of fire.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES and JUDICIARY.
CA AB 2094 (Harabedian (D))	Surplus Public Land Housing Pilot Program		Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish and administer the Surplus Public Land Housing Pilot Program to increase the supply of affordable housing. Requires the department to ensure that at least one housing pilot project on surplus public land is completed by the specified date. Specifies that the Surplus Public Land Housing Pilot Program does not alter the application of the California Environmental Quality Act.	03/16/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
CA AB 2098 (Kalra (D))	Workers Compensation: Medical Treatment		Relates to workers compensation. Provides that existing law makes it a misdemeanor for an employer to discharge, threaten to discharge, or discriminate against, or for an insurer to advise, direct, or threaten an insured to discharge, an employee because	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on INSURANCE.

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			they have filed or made known their intention to file a claim for compensation. Requires the employee, if the timing of a medical treatment is foreseeable, to provide an employer notice if treatment occurs during work hours.	
CA AB 2100 (Connolly (D))	Organic Waste: Manure Management: Interagency		Requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to convene an interagency task force to evaluate the role of alternative manure management practices in achieving certain goals and to make specified findings and recommendations based on its evaluation. Requires the task force to, among other things, assess how alternative manure management practices can help the State meet groundwater sustainability plans, water quality plans, and nature based climate solutions.	03/25/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 2102 (DeMaio (R))	Wildfire: Vegetation Management: Fuel Reduction		Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection or a local entity to conduct an assessment of all undeveloped public lands for which it is primarily responsible for preventing and suppressing fires to ensure that the public land is not a severe fire hazard. Requires this assessment to be posted on the department's and local entity's internet website and would require a local entity conducting the assessment to submit its assessment to the department.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
CA AB 2105 (Macedo (R))	Elections: Vote by Mail Ballots		Requires the Secretary of State to identify geographic areas where a vote by mail ballot deposited with the United States Postal Service on election day may not receive a postmark until the following day because of mail collection and processing practices in that region. Requires that the Secretary publish the list of identified geographic areas on its internet website and provide it to local elections officials.	03/02/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.

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CA AB 2106 (Patel (D))	Malpractice Actions: Architects, Engineers, or Surveyor		Expands the malpractice complaints covered by the provision to include those against landscape architects, professional geologists, and professional geophysicists.	03/02/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY.
CA AB 2110 (Johnson N (R))	Local Financing: Workforce Housing: Tax Increment		Authorizes the establishment of tax increment financing districts for purposes of financing the construction, rehabilitation, repair, and upgrades to workforce housing for public safety, education, health care, or manufacturing personnel. Sets forth requirements for membership on the district's governing board, and would require the governing board to direct the preparation of a financing plan for the district.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
CA AB 2118 (Hoover (R))	Affordable Housing and High Road Jobs Act of 2022		Prohibits the objective standards from prohibiting or otherwise limiting mixed-use development in a housing development project under the Affordable Housing and High Road Jobs Act of 2022.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 2125 (Bennett (D))	Groundwater Basin Adjudication: Notice		Provides that existing law permits a court to authorize procedures it finds appropriate and necessary to provide notice to persons who may hold groundwater rights in basin. Clarifies that the court may authorize additional procedures necessary to provide notice to persons who may hold groundwater rights in basin, including, but not limited to, requiring the plaintiff to utilize restricted delivery of all mailed notices.	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading.
CA AB 2132 (Macedo (R))	California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption		Exempts from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act a groundwater recharge project if the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency determines the project would address subsidence.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES and WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
CA AB 2139 (Garcia Ro (D))	Surplus Lands: Economic Opportunities		Exempts from the requirements for the disposal of surplus property by a local agency the disposal of real property acquired by a local agency on or after, January 1, 2029, for the purpose of	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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			creating an economic opportunity, when the local agency adopts a specified resolution that includes plans for anticipated improvement and future use of the property and disposes of the property to a public or private entity consistent with the planned used identified in the resolution.	
CA AB 2143 (Irwin (D))	Invasive Species: Noxious Weeds: Online Marketplaces		Provides that existing law prohibits a person from selling, distributing, or transporting into, or within, a weed free area any seed of a noxious weed that the Secretary of Food and Agriculture has declared the area to be practically free from. Prohibits an online marketplace from accepting payment for a noxious weed for delivery to an address located in the State.	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Coauthors revised.
CA AB 2166 (Carrillo J (D))	Multifamily Housing Development: Offsite Housing		Establishes the Multifamily Backstop Financing Program for purposes of supporting multifamily projects through the provision of State backed credit backstops that would enable surety companies to issue payment and performance bonds to qualified offsite housing factories in the State. Authorizes the agency to provide credit backstops to surety companies and surety insurers that issue construction bonds according to specified parameters.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
CA AB 2170 (Boerner (D))	California Environmental Quality Act: Overburdened		Provides that existing law requires a lead agency to be responsible for determining whether an environmental impact report, negative declaration, or mitigated negative declaration is required. Requires an environmental impact report, negative declaration, or mitigated negative declaration for the development, operation, substantial modification, or substantial expansion of a project on land that is zoned to allow industrial uses and is in or within a specified distance of an overburdened community.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 2180 (Ward (D))	Local Government: Proposition 218 Omnibus	Support	Relates to assessments and property related fees. Relates to the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act. Provides that the proportional cost of service in each tier of water service may be	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading.

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			substantiated by using any reasonable basis for allocating costs attributed to the tier. Provides a local government discretion to determine the costs allocated to each tier as long as the rate for each tier does not exceed the proportional cost of service reasonably allocated to parcels subject to that tier.	
CA AB 2184 (Wilson (D))	Cap and Invest Program: Nature Based Climate Solutions		Appropriates funds from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to achieve nature based climate solutions on natural, working, and urban lands, including a specified amount to be allocated to the Natural Resources Agency to fund nature based climate solutions, and a specified amount to be allocated for nature based climate solutions at the discretion of the Legislature. Appropriates funds to the Department of Food and Agriculture to fund sustainable agricultural practices and nature based climate solutions.	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 2185 (Quirk-Silva (D))	Housing: Multifamily Affordable Housing Programs		Requires the State Housing and Homelessness Agency, the State Housing Finance Agency, the State Debt Limit Allocation Committee, and the State Tax Credit Allocation Committee, no later than the specified date, when administering a multifamily affordable housing program, to, among other things, review, analyze, and make any changes necessary to their guidelines and regulations to facilitate the production and use of factory built housing.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
CA AB 2190 (Wallis (R))	Internet Website Accessibility		Grants to an entity an affirmative defense to a claim seeking statutory damages under the Unruh Civil Rights Act on the basis of a specific accessibility barrier on the entity's internet website if the entity provided evidence to the plaintiff demonstrating within an unspecified number of days of receiving a written pre-lawsuit demand from the plaintiff that the entity published a digital accessibility report on the accessibility page of its internet website disclosing the specific access barrier.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on JUDICIARY and PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.

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CA AB 2215 (Calderon (D))	Water Rights: Permits: State Water Project	Support	Provides that existing law requires that construction work for a project that will put appropriated water to beneficial use be commenced, prosecuted with due diligence, and completed within the time period specified in the water right permit. Requires that the time periods for the application of water to beneficial use and for the completion of construction work for specific water right permits held by the Department of Water Resources for the operation of the State Water Project be the specified date.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
CA AB 2216 (Aguiar-Curry (D))	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy		Expands the area covered by the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy to include the Valley. Renames the conservancy the Valley and Delta Conservancy. Renames the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Fund the Valley and Delta Conservancy Fund. Makes conforming changes. Adds 2 additional liaison advisers, who are designees of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and the San Joaquin River Conservancy, respectively.	03/24/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Do pass to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 2218 (Kalra (D))	Water Policy: State Native American Tribes		Declares that it is the established policy of the state to acknowledge and correct the inequities caused by state-sanctioned acts of termination, removal, and assimilation inflicted upon all State Native American tribes through compensation, legal recognition of rights, or replacement of benefits lost.	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Assembly Rule 56 suspended.
CA AB 2252 (Lee (D))	Building Standards: Residential Buildings		Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to research, develop, and propose building standards for single exit, single stairway multiunit residential buildings of up to a specified number of stories in height for inclusion in the next triennial edition of the State Building Standards Code. Requires, in developing these standards, the department to consult with the State Fire Marshal.	03/16/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

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CA AB 2254 (Addis (D))	Coastal Resources: Local Coastal Program: Monarch		Requires the State Coastal Commission to develop and provide guidance on model policies to be used by a local government for the protection of monarch butterfly overwintering habitat. Requires a local government with a monarch butterfly overwintering habitat site located within their jurisdiction, and the coastal zone at the time of their next amendment to their local coastal program, to include monarch butterfly overwintering habitat site protection policies in their local coastal program.	03/16/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 2255 (Pellerin (D))	Political Reform Act of 1974: Committees		Requires a candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate to report additional information on its campaign statement if (1) the candidate will not appear on the ballot at the next election and (2) the committee makes expenditures to a single person exceeding an unspecified amount in the aggregate during the reporting period.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.
CA AB 2260 (Connolly (D))	Water: Restoration Management: Small Restoration Use		Relates to the Water Rights Permitting Reform Act. Provides that existing law requires the renewal of registration of a small domestic, small irrigation, or livestock stockpond use pursuant to a specified process prior to the expiration of each specified period following completed registration. Applies such provisions to a small restoration use.	03/24/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 2265 (Garcia Ro (D))	Emergency Services: Law Enforcement and Intelligence		States that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require the State Threat Assessment Center to develop an intelligence sharing plan that respects individual's privacy and civil rights.	02/19/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA AB 2296 (Papan (D))	Planning and Zoning: Housing Element: Regional Housing		Provides that the Planning and Zoning Law requires each county and city to adopt a general plan which includes, among other mandatory elements, a housing element. Requires, if the Department of Housing and Community Development finds that the draft element or draft amendment does not substantially	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

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			comply with housing element law, the department to provide a written communication to the planning agency containing certain information regarding deficiencies and remedies.	
CA AB 2298 (Irwin (D))	Pupil Instruction: Computer Science: Content Standards		Requires the Instructional Quality Commission, when computer science content standards are next revised after the specified date, to consider incorporating cybersecurity skills into those standards. Requires the commission, when the computer science instructional materials are next adopted by the State Board of Education after the specified date, to consider including cybersecurity skills in its criteria for evaluating instructional materials.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on EDUCATION.
CA AB 2322 (Papan (D))	Appropriation of Water: Notice of Hearing		Provides that existing law requires the State Water Resources Control Board to act upon all applications for a permit to appropriate water. Provides that existing law establishes various requirements for a notice regarding an application received by the board, including, among other requirements, that notice be given by mail before the date of a hearing for an unopposed application. Requires notice to be given by mail not less than a specified number of days before the date of a hearing.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
CA AB 2334 (Bennett (D))	Solid Waste: Methane Reduction: Working Group		Requires the Director of Resources Recycling and Recovery to establish a working group to study the need for and value of alternative methods of methane reduction, as specified. The bill would require the working group to submit its findings and recommendations to the director on or before January 1, 2029.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 2341 (Fong M (D))	Local Government: Emergency Response Services		Provides that existing law requires, in the event of an emergency within the jurisdiction of a local agency that provides emergency response services and that serves a certain population, that the local agency provide information related to the emergency in certain languages. Requires the local agency to provide	03/16/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

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			information related to the emergency in English and in each language spoken jointly by a specified percent or more of the population that speaks English less than very well.	
CA AB 2349 (Solache (D))	State Air Resources Board: Regional Air Quality		Requires the State Air Resources Board to expand its incident air monitoring program, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature for those purposes, to provide support for a regional network of air quality incident response centers, including at least one air quality incident response and evaluation center located at the South Coast Air Quality Management District, in order to facilitate emergency air monitoring response at the local and regional level.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 2366 (Avila Farias (D))	Administrative Procedure Act: Proposed Regulations		Includes requirement under the Administrative Procedure Act requirements for assessing the potential for adverse economic impact the consideration of the proposal's cost-of-living impacts on residents of the state, as defined.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GROWTH AND HOUSEHOLD IMPACT and JUDICIARY.
CA AB 2373 (Dixon (R))	The State Coastal Act: Local Coastal Program		Authorizes local governments lying, in whole or in part, within the coastal zone to include a neighborhood-scale adaptation approach, as defined, when including land use policies and implementation measures in their local coastal program or sea level rise plan.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 2381 (Johnson N (R))	Local Agency Public Construction Act: Water Districts		Relates to existing law under which a municipal water district and a sanitation district, when letting a contract for a specified amount or more, is required to let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Increases that threshold dollar amount.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA AB 2383 (Zbur (D))	Electricity: Large Energy Use Facilities		Requires the Public Utilities Commission, on or before a specified date, in a new or existing proceeding, to provide for a classification of retail electricity consumers that are large energy use facilities, as defined, that is separate and distinct from	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.

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			classifications of service for other commercial or industrial retail electricity consumers and has its own rate schedule.	
CA AB 2385 (Petrie-Norris (D))	Local Reconstruction Agencies		Requires the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, in consultation with other specified state and local entities, to assess the recovery and rebuilding needs of jurisdictions across the state and prepare guidance on disaster recovery plans, including model ordinance language.	03/19/2026: Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committees on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT and LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA AB 2410 (Ellis (R))	Wildfire Safety: Fuels Reduction Projects		Exempts from CEQA critical fuels reduction projects conducted in communities located in high fire threat districts or very high fire hazard severity zones. Requires the lead agency to hold a noticed public meeting to hear and respond to public comments before determining that a project is exempt and would require the lead agency to provide notice of the public meeting on its internet website at least 30 days before the public meeting.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 2412 (Ta (R))	State Agencies or Departments: Public Communications		Requires that whenever a state agency or department communicates with the public a disclaimer must be included that indicates to the person that the communication was generated by GenAI, as specified, and information describing how a person may contact a human employee of the state agency or department.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.
CA AB 2413 (Ransom (D))	Large-Format Public Advertisements: Public Expense		Defines large-format public advertisement as a billboard, wrap on a bus or other public transportation vehicle, advertisement affixed to a bus stop, & other public advertisements designated by a specified commission by regulation that are larger than those designed to be individually distributed. Prohibits a large-format public advertisement from being published or displayed at public expense if, among other things, the advertisement includes the photograph of an elected officer affiliated with the agency.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.

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CA AB 2418 (Gonzalez Ma (D))	Local Building Permits: Nonresidential Private Permits		Relates to require the local agency to, upon an applicant request, contract with or employ a private plan-checking entity if the estimated timeframe would result in an excessive delay or if there is excessive delay by the local agency. Concerns the local agency determines no private entities or persons are available or qualified to perform plan-checking services, the bill would authorize the applicant to retain, at their sole expense, a private professional provider, as defined and specified.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and JUDICIARY.
CA AB 2421 (Valencia (D))	Political Reform Act of 1974: Committee Termination		Provides that if certain conditions are present, the Secretary of State must provide notice to committees that receive contributions totaling a specified amount or more per year that the committee will be automatically terminated a specified number of days after the notice is sent. Provides that such conditions include, among others, when the committee failed to submit a campaign report for a specified period.	03/16/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ELECTIONS.
CA AB 2423 (Patterson J (R))	Agriculture: Cotton Pests Abatement Districts		Provides that existing law provides procedures for the formation of pest abatement districts for the purpose of pest control or abatement. Provides that the Cotton Pests Abatement District Act authorizes the organization and establishment of cotton pests abatement districts by the boards of supervisors of the Counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura. Removes the authority to establish these districts in the Counties of Orange, San Diego, and Ventura.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE.
CA AB 2432 (Ellis (R))	State Air Resources Board: Regulations: Analysis		Provides that existing law imposes various limitations on emissions of air contaminants for the control of air pollution. Requires the State Air Resources Board, when it revises, adopts, or establishes any policy, standard, rule, or regulation that would have a direct financial impact on drivers in the State, to consider the financial burden on drivers, and to prepare a thorough analysis	03/23/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

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			and evaluation of the financial impact of the proposed action on drivers to ensure full transparency.	
CA AB 2433 (Alvarez (D))	Housing Development: Density Bonus		Relates to the Density Bonus Law. Revises and recasts provisions related to permitting of a density bonus relative to the geographic area. Requires a density bonus, incentive, or concession, or waiver or reduction, on sites that are the subject of one housing development application. Requires, if the local government notifies the applicant that the application is deemed complete, the city or county to provide the applicant with a determination that the project is eligible for a density bonus.	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA AB 2447 (Bauer-Kahan (D))	Water Supply Protection Act		Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to require the regional boards to update the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program in order to reduce nitrogen waste discharges from commercial irrigated agricultural areas, as provided. Requires the regional boards to adopt revised orders with waste discharge requirements on or before January 1, 2028, that are sufficient to meet certain reductions in nitrogen waste discharges.	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Assembly Rule 56 suspended.
CA AB 2469 (Papan (D))	Data Centers: Water Use Disclosures		Prohibits a city, county, or city and county from approving a discretionary or ministerial permit or other entitlement that would result in the construction, or an expansion that increases the maximum peak use, of a data center unless specified conditions are satisfied, including, among others, that the applicant provides the city, county, or city and a county prescribed information. Includes in this prescribed information a water scarcity plan, a water supply assessment, and a water use assessment.	03/16/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
CA AB 2473 (Assembly Emergency)	Wildfire Forecast and Threat Intelligence Center		Requires the Wildfire Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center to proactively recommend, based on extreme, life-threatening fire weather forecasts, whether a state of emergency or local emergency should be proclaimed.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

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CA AB 2475 (Assembly Emergency Management Committee)	Standardized Emergency Management System		Requires the Office of Emergency Services to complete 2 after-action reports, the first within the first 180 days of a declared disaster and an updated report no later than 180 days after a declared disaster ends. The bill would require the office to send both reports to the Assembly and Senate Committees on Emergency Management.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
CA AB 2480 (Avila Farias (D))	Housing Development: Density Bonus: Student Housing		Requires a city, county, or city and county to provide an additional density bonus if the student housing development meets specified requirements for a student housing development, the student housing development provides a specified percentage of the total units to lower income students, and the applicant agrees to include additional rental units affordable to lower income students or moderate-income students.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA AB 2494 (Rogers (D))	State Forests: Forest Management		Provides that existing law authorizes the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to engage in management of State forests. Specifies that certain timber harvesting is permissible. Declares it to be the policy of the State to accept or acquire lands, the reforestation or restoration of which is not assured under private ownership, to restore those lands with locally appropriate species and manage those lands for public benefit.	03/25/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 2498 (Chen (R))	Exempt Surplus Land: Surplus Land		Relates to the disposal of surplus land by a local agency. Provides that under existing law, exempt surplus land includes surplus land that is subject to a valid legal restriction. Provides that existing law specifies that valid legal restrictions for these purposes include existing leases, or other contractual obligations or restrictions, if the terms were agreed to prior to the specified date.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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			Specifies that the requirements of an option agreement are among the contractual obligations or restrictions.	
CA AB 2501 (Lackey (R))	Local Government		Makes nonsubstantive changes to the withdrawal provision in law authorizing the legislative bodies of local agencies to enter into associations.	02/20/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA AB 2512 (Valencia (D))	Surplus Land Act: Exemption: Angel Stadium		Requires, if an exemption is granted to the City of Anaheim for the disposition of surplus land involving the sale or lease of Angel Stadium to the Los Angeles Angels, that any materials refer to that team as the Anaheim Angels. Expresses the intent of the Legislature not to apply this requirement if the City of Anaheim is able to come to an agreement with the Major League Baseball team known as the Los Angeles Angels about their affiliation.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA AB 2513 (Petric-Norris (D))	Wildfire: Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program		Authorizes the Director of the Department of Conservation to directly award regional landscape grants to regional entities to implement specified regional priority strategies. Requires on or before specified date, the director in collaboration with the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force, to establish guidelines for funding these grants to contribute to the achievement of the goals of California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan, as specified.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES and WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
CA AB 2517 (Calderon (D))	Fire Safety: Fire Hazard Severity Zones		Requires the State Fire Marshal to, no fewer than 180 days before finalizing the designation of local responsibility areas as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones, post specified information on its public internet website, conduct regional public workshops to receive oral public comments and consider those comments, host a 30-day public comment period to receive written comments from interested stakeholders and respond to all written comments by local agencies within 30 days.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

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CA AB 2519 (McKinnor (D))	Cash Balance Benefit Program: Member Election: Filing		Relates to the State Teachers Retirement System and the Defined Benefit Program. Relates to the Cash Balance Benefit Program. Provides that existing law requires that the election to become a participant of the Cash Benefit Balance Program be made in writing on a properly executed form prescribed by STRS and filed with the employer within a specified number of calendar days. Extends certain periods for filing the election forms. Extends the timeframe for receipt of the forms at the STRS headquarters office.	03/09/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.
CA AB 2543 (Ransom (D))	Emergency Preparedness: Electric Vehicle Fast Charging		Requires the Office of Emergency Services to, in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, establish a working group to evaluate the resilience of publicly available electric vehicle fast charging stations during and following a disaster. Requires the working group to issue guidelines to city and county emergency managers on how its recommendations may be incorporated into local emergency plans.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
CA AB 2568 (Johnson N (R))	Water District Directors: Compensation		Provides that existing law authorizes a water district to adopt an ordinance that provides compensation to members of the governing board. Prohibits a water district from adopting an ordinance that compensates members of the governing board for more than a total of a specified number of days in any calendar month.	03/10/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA AB 2569 (Hart (D))	California Environmental Quality Act: Natural Hazards		Expand the definitions of "environment" and "significant effect on the environment" under CEQA to include impacts on people. The bill would additionally require the lead agency to include in the EIR a detailed statement on any significant effects that may result from locating the proposed project near, or attracting people to, existing or reasonably foreseeable natural hazards or adverse environmental conditions.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

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CA AB 2573 (Sharp-Collins (D))	Voter Registration Information: Elected Officials		Permits the information of an elected official or candidate's immediate family member who lives at the same residence to be made confidential. States for an elected official or candidate's residence address, telephone number, and email address to be confidential, the elected official or candidate would have to make a written request to the county elections official and, for a candidate, qualify to appear on the ballot.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.
CA AB 2576 (Harabedian (D))	Transit Oriented Development		Provides that existing law provides that a housing development project shall be an allowed use as a transit oriented housing development if specified conditions and requirements are met, including certain requirements pertaining to cities with a population of at least a specified size. Increases the population threshold for certain requirements. Defines historic resource for certain purposes to mean a historic resource listed on a local, State, or national historic register.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
CA AB 2577 (Connolly (D))	Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986		Provides that the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act authorizes a person to bring an action to enforce the requirements of the act if specified requirements are met. Requires the court to find that a settlement provides a public benefit and is in the public interest. Requires, under a specified circumstance, the court to find that the settlement would require the defendant to reduce the exposure to the listed chemical from the level that existed before the settlement.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.
CA AB 2586 (Rodriguez Ce (D))	Fire Prevention: Air Quality and Smoke Monitoring		Makes a nonsubstantive change to the provision requiring the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the State Air Resources Board to develop and fund a program, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to enhance air quality and smoke monitoring, and to provide a public awareness campaign regarding prescribed burns.	02/20/2026: INTRODUCED.

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CA AB 2590 (Gonzalez Je (R))	Resource Conservation: Sentinel Landscapes		Enacts the California Sentinel Landscapes Act. Requires the Natural Resources Agency to designate a Sentinel Landscapes Program Manager. Requires agencies that have conservation grant or easement authority to cooperate with the Manager. Authorizes the Wildlife Conservation Board to provide grants for habitat protection, restoration, and enhancement projects that contribute to the objectives of a federally designated sentinel landscape. Creates the California Sentinel Landscapes Fund. Appropriates funds.	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
CA AB 2592 (Pacheco (D))	Lobbyist Training		Requires the Fair Political Practices Commission to develop, maintain, and offer an orientation course for registered lobbyists on the relevant ethical issues and laws relating to lobbying, and on each house of the legislatures policies against harassment, including sexual harassment, in connection with lobbying activities. Requires that the course be developed with the legislative ethics committees. Requires the course to be available on demand through an online platform, internet webpage, or application.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ELECTIONS.
CA AB 2603 (Lowenthal (D))	Hiring of Real Property: Dwellings: Untenantability		Makes a nonsubstantive change to provisions requiring that any building with a dwelling unit maintain certain characteristics in order to be tenable, to include describing floors, stairways, and railings.	02/20/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA AB 2604 (Berman (D))	Elections: Ballot Curing		Requires the Secretary of State to either implement a system that allows voters to access text-message-based ballot curing, as defined, or make available to county registrars the resources necessary to implement such a system, as specified.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.
CA AB 2619 (Papan (D))	Water Resources: Data Centers		Requires a person who owns or operates a data center, prior to applying to a city or a county for an initial business license,	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on WATER, PARKS

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			equivalent instrument, or permit, to provide its water supplier, under penalty of perjury, an estimate of the expected water use, the anticipated source of water, and the data center's projected water use volume for the maximum day, maximum month, and average year.	AND WILDLIFE and LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA AB 2623 (Petrie-Norris (D))	Public Utilities: Rate Changes: Notifications		Provides that existing law prohibits a public utility from making a change in a rate or classification unless the public utility provides 30 days notice to the Public Utilities Commission and the public. Extends the notice requirement to a specified number of days.	03/16/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
CA AB 2630 (Bennett (D))	Water Diversion and Use: Adoption of Regulations		Provides that existing law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt regulations requiring measurement and reporting of water diversion and use by persons, including those authorized to appropriate water under a registration for small domestic, small irrigation, or livestock stockpond use. Requires, until the specified date, that further regulations adopted pursuant to these provisions be adopted as emergency regulations and exempts them from the California Environmental Quality Act.	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 2653 (Lee (D))	State Contracts: Certification Process: Sweatfree AI		Requires the Department of Industrial Relations to update its contractor responsibility program to include a Sweatfree AI Code of Conduct to be signed by all bidders on State contracts and subcontracts, similar to the Sweatfree Code of Conduct, and solicit input from an advisory panel for that purpose. Requires the updated contractor responsibility program and Sweatfree AI Code of Conduct to include specified information related to AI products.	03/26/2026: Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committees on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION, and GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
CA AB 2655 (Valencia (D))	Campaign Funds: Security Expenses: Security Personnel		Limits the use of campaign funds to pay for security personnel to only those instances where the security personnel hold the appropriate license issued by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.	03/16/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.

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CA AB 2656 (Petrie-Norris (D))	Public Employees: Notice: Artificial Intelligence		Relates to the deployment of generative artificial intelligence tools by the State. Requires certain State and local public employers to provide written notice to a recognized employee organization at least a specified number of days before taking an action to develop, purchase, implement, or utilize GenAI to perform a service that is within the scope of work of the job classification represented by the recognized employee organization.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.
CA AB 2691 (Addis (D))	Elections: Elective Office: Felony Conviction		Prohibits the consideration of a person as a candidate for, and provides that the person is not eligible to be elected to, any State or local elective office if they have been convicted of a felony involving sexual assault or human trafficking.	03/16/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ELECTIONS.
CA AB 2728 (Soria (D))	Open and Transparent Water Data Act		Relates to the Open and Transparent Water Data Act. Requires the Department of Water Resources, in consultation with the State Water Quality Monitoring Council, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, in accordance with a specified schedule, to create, operate, and maintain a statewide integrated water data platform that, among other things, integrates existing water and ecological data information from multiple databases.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
CA AB 2736 (Johnson N (R))	California Environmental Quality Act		Makes nonsubstantive changes to findings and declarations regarding the maintenance of a quality environment for the people of this state and to the statement of intent of the California Environmental Quality Act.	02/20/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA AB 2739 (Soria (D))	Community Water Affordability Program		Establishes the Community Water Affordability Program to provide funding in the form of grants to local water suppliers for water system repairs, rehabilitation, and enhancements, water safety and quality, and other local water system infrastructure	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.

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			projects, for the purpose of reducing the amount of local ratepayer funding required for those projects. Establishes the Community Water Affordability Assistance Fund in the State Treasury.	
CA AB 2752 (Avila Farias (D))	Bay Area Air Quality Management District		Requires the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the South Coast Air Quality Management District to analyze all of their policies that have been adopted and all future policies that they are considering adopting that impact oil refineries located in their districts and determine the cost of compliance, potential cost to consumers, impacts on State and local tax revenue, and refinery employment.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 2755 (Elhawary (D))	Unlawful Detainer Defined		Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to provisions relative to unlawful detainers definitions.	02/20/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA AB 2777 (Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee)	State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Program		Relates to the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Program, where certain funds are continuously appropriated from the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund to the State Water Resources Control Board for loans and other financial assistance for purposes related to the federal Clean Water Act. Relates to the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Administration Fund. Authorizes the board to assess fees in place of an annual charge for financial assistance.	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.
CA ACA 1 (Valencia (D))	Public Finance		Relates to public finance. Changes the 1.5% required transfer to an undetermined percentage of the estimated amount of General Fund revenues for that fiscal year. Changes the 10% limit on the balance in the Budget Stabilization Account to 20% of the amount of the General Fund proceeds of taxes for the fiscal year estimate, as specified. Specifies that funds transferred under these provisions to the Budget Stabilization Account do not constitute appropriations subject to a specified appropriations limit.	12/02/2024: INTRODUCED.

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CA ACA 7 (Jackson (D))	Government Preferences		Provides that the State Constitution, pursuant to provisions enacted by the Proposition 209, prohibits the State from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting. Limits the prohibition to the operation of public employment, higher education admissions and enrollment, and public contracting.	02/19/2026: To SENATE Committee on RULES.
CA ACA 16 (Ellis (R))	Budget Bill: Balanced Budget: Members of Legislature		Authorizes the Controller, no later than 30 days after the date of the budget bill's passage, to determine that the budget bill violates the balanced budget provision. If the Controller makes that determination, the Members of the Legislature and the Governor would forfeit their salary and reimbursement for travel or living expenses from the day immediately following the date on which the Controller makes the determination until the date on which a budget bill is enacted.	01/07/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA ACR 161 (Addis (D))	Special Districts Week		Proclaims the week of April 5, 2026, to April 11, 2026, to be Special Districts Week.	03/23/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Ordered to Consent Calendar.
CA SB 33 (Cortese (D))	Public Contracts: Claim Resolution		Provides that existing law prescribes various requirements regarding the formation, content, and enforcement of state and local public contracts. Provides that existing law establishes, until January 1, 2027, for contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2017, a claim resolution process applicable to any claim by a contractor in connection with a public works project against a public entity. Repeals January 1, 2027, repeal date, thereby extending the operation of these provisions indefinitely.	01/26/2026: In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.

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CA SB 52 (Perez S (D))	Housing Rental Terms: Algorithmic Devices		Makes it unlawful for any person to sell, license, or provide to a certain number or more persons a rental pricing algorithm with the intent or reasonable expectation that it be used by a specified number or more persons to set rental terms for residential premises. Makes it unlawful for a person to set or adopt rental terms based on the recommendation of a rental pricing algorithm if the person knows or should know that the rental pricing algorithm processes nonpublic competitor data for certain purposes.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 58 (Padilla (D))	Air Quality: Standard: Hydrogen Sulfide		Requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt standards of ambient air quality for each air basin in consideration of the public health, safety, and welfare, including, but not limited to, health, illness, irritation to the senses, aesthetic value, interference with visibility, and effects on the economy. Requires the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to develop health-based threshold levels for hydrogen sulfide.	01/26/2026: In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.
CA SB 73 (Cervantes (D))	Elections: Inspection of Voting Systems		Prohibits the elections official from permitting a federal government agency or its employees to inspect a voting system machine or device, unless authorized by a federal court order. Establishes new procedures for the conduct of elections, it would create a state-mandated local program.	01/27/2026: In SENATE. Read third time, urgency clause adopted. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.
CA SB 74 (Seyarto (R))	Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation		Requires the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation to establish the Infrastructure Gap Fund Program to provide grants to local agencies for the development and construction of infrastructure projects facing unforeseen costs after starting construction. Authorizes the office to provide funding for up to a specified percent of a project's additional projected cost after the project has started construction, subject to specified conditions. Relates to the allocation of existing local tax revenue.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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CA SB 234 (Niello (R))	Wildfires: Workgroup: Toxic Heavy Metals		Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Office of Emergency Services, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control to form a workgroup related to exposure to toxic heavy metals after a wildfire. Requires the workgroup to establish best practices and recommendations for wildfire impacted communities. Requires the departments to report their findings to the Legislature not more than a specified number of years after the convening of the first meeting of the workgroup.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 238 (Smallwood-Cueva (D))	Workplace Surveillance Tools		Requires an employer to annually provide a notice to the Department of Industrial Relations, in the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, of all the workplace surveillance tools the employer is using in the workplace. Requires the notice to include, among other information, the personal information that will be collected from workers and consumers and whether they will have the option of opting out of the collection of personal information.	07/16/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION: Not Heard.
CA SB 239 (Arreguin (D))	Open Meetings: Teleconferencing: Subsidiary Body		Provides that the Ralph M. Brown Act requires that all meetings of a legislative body be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. Authorizes a subsidiary body to use alternative teleconferencing provisions and imposes requirements for notice, agenda, and public participation. Requires the subsidiary body to post the agenda at each physical meeting location designated by the subsidiary body.	01/27/2026: In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.
CA SB 247 (Smallwood-Cueva (D))	State Agency Contracts: Bid Preference: Equity Metrics		Relates to bid preferences and participation goals in public contracting for certain types of bidders. Relates to the Small Business Procurement and Contract Act and the State Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program. Requires an awarding department, defined to include a State agency or department, to provide a bid preference of a prescribed percentage in the award of contracts to contractors that set equity metrics.	01/27/2026: In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.

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CA SB 256 (Perez S (D))	Electricity: Electrical Infrastructure: Wildfire		Requires certain electrical corporations and local publicly owned electric utilities, in cooperation with the Office of Emergency Services and other emergency service agencies, to establish procedures for the coordination of efforts between electrical corporations and local publicly owned electric utilities and their representatives and emergency response agencies. Requires these corporations and electric utilities to assign liaison representatives to work in each local operations center.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 288 (Seyarto (R))	Property Taxation: Change In Ownership: Family Homes		Relates to property taxes for family homes and farms. Provides that, in the event of a transfer to an eligible transferee as a result of the death of an eligible transferor by an order entered pursuant to specified existing law, the specified one-year periods shall be deemed to commence as of the effective date of the order.	01/27/2026: In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.
CA SB 401 (Hurtado (D))	Political Reform Act: Filing Deadlines		Authorizes the Fair Political Practices Commission to extend any filing deadline established by the act for individuals that live in an area impacted by an emergency situation. Defines emergency situation to mean an emergency proclaimed by the Governor or a local governing body pursuant to a specified law.	01/27/2026: In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.
CA SB 420 (Padilla (D))	Automated Decision Systems		Requires a developer or a deployer of a high-risk automated decision system to perform an impact assessment before making it publicly available or deploying it. Authorizes the Attorney General or the Civil Rights Department to allow a developer or deployer to cure certain violations. Prohibits an agency from awarding a contract for a high-risk automated decision system unless the person to whom the contract is awarded has certified that the system does not violate, among other civil rights laws, this bill.	06/09/2025: To ASSEMBLY Committees on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION and JUDICIARY.

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CA SB 431 (Arreguin (D))	Assault and Battery: Utility Workers		Makes an assault or battery committed against a utility worker who is engaged in the performance of their duties punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding a specified term, by a fine not exceeding a specified amount, or by both that fine and imprisonment.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 436 (Wahab (D))	Unlawful Detainer: Notice to Terminate Tenancy		Provides that existing law prescribes summary procedures for actions to obtain possession of real property. Provides that existing law authorizes a landlord to serve a notice of termination of tenancy on a tenant who is in default in the payment of rent. Extends the notice period to terminate a tenancy on a tenant who is in default in the payment of rent to permit the tenant at least a specified number of days, excluding weekends and judicial holidays, to pay the amount that is in default and due.	06/24/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY: Reconsideration granted.
CA SB 445 (Wiener (D))	High-Speed Rail: Third-Party Permits and Approvals		Requires the authority, on or before July 1, 2026, to develop and adopt internal rules, as defined, setting forth standards and timelines for the authority to engage utilities to ensure coordination and cooperation in relocating utility infrastructure or otherwise resolving utility conflicts affecting the delivery of the high-speed rail project.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 457 (Becker (D))	Housing Element Compliance: Committed Assistance		Provides that the Planning and Zoning Law require each county and each city to adopt a general plan that includes a housing element. Provides that existing law requires that the housing element, among other things, sets forth a schedule of actions during the planning period that the local government is undertaking or intends to undertake to implement the policies and achieve the goals of the housing element. Defines in-kind services.	01/26/2026: In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.

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CA SB 473 (Padilla (D))	Water Corporations: Demand Elasticity: Rates		Relates to rates for water service. Requires that any changes to rates or implementation of surcharges on the Public Utilities Commission to ensure errors in estimates of demand elasticity or sales do not result in material overcollections or undercollections of water corporations do not result in revenues above those approved by the commission.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 522 (Wahab (D))	Housing: Tenant Protections		Provides that the Tenant Protection Act of 2019 prohibits an owner of residential real property from terminating the tenancy of certain tenants without just cause. Excludes housing built to replace a previous housing unit that was subject to the Tenant Protection Act, was substantially damaged or destroyed by a disaster, and was issued a certificate of occupancy before that housing unit was substantially damaged or destroyed, from the exemption from the just cause requirements.	09/10/2025: In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
CA SB 526 (Menjivar (D))	South Coast Air Quality Management District: Air		Provides that existing law provides for the creation of the South Coast Air Quality Management District in portions of the specified counties included in the South Coast Air Basin. Requires the South Coast District Board to update Rule 1157 to improve air quality and increase data collection. Requires the owner or operator of a covered facility to take specified actions. Makes legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the South Coast District.	06/16/2025: To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA SB 555 (Caballero (D))	Workers' Compensation: Average Annual Earnings		Relates to the workers' compensation system. Provides that existing law requires, for computing average annual earnings for purposes of permanent partial disability indemnity, that average weekly earnings be taken at various amounts, including between the specified amounts for injuries occurring on or after the specified date. Requires that for computing average annual earnings for purposes of permanent partial disability indemnity,	01/27/2026: In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.

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			average weekly earnings be taken occurring on or after January 1, 2027.	
CA SB 556 (Hurtado (D))	Habitat Enhancement and Restoration: Floodplains		Provides that under existing law, the Wildlife Conservation Board administers various habitat conservation and restoration programs. Requires, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the specified sum to be allocated to the Wildlife Conservation Board for floodplain acquisition, habitat restoration, and associated conservation projects on floodplains in the Counties of Kern, Kings, and Tulare.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 599 (Caballero (D))	Atmospheric Rivers: Research: Forecasting Methods	Support	Relates to the Atmospheric Rivers Research and Forecast Improvement Program: Enabling Climate Adaptation Through Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations and Hazard Resiliency Program in the Department of Water Resources. Provides that existing law requires the department to operate reservoirs in a manner that improves flood protection. Requires, for certain novel forecasting methods, the department to include the use of experimental tools that produce seasonal and subseasonal atmospheric river forecasts.	09/10/2025: In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
CA SB 601 (Allen (D))	Water: Waste Discharge		Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt water quality control plans for nexus waters. Requires any water quality standard that was submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the State Board that applied to nexus waters as of the specified date to remain in effect. Requires certain discharge requirements to, in the case of discharges from any point source to nexus waters, implement certain requirements for implementing the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
CA SB 677 (Wiener (D))	Housing Development: Transit-oriented Development		Revises the definition of high-frequency commuter rail to instead mean a public commuter or intercity rail station with a total of at least 48 passenger trains on average per weekday across all	01/26/2026: In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.

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			directions, not including temporary service changes of less than one month or unplanned disruptions, and not meeting the standard for very high frequency commuter rail, at any point in the past three years.	
CA SB 715 (Allen (D))	Regional Housing Need: Methodology: Distribution		Provides that the Planning and Zoning Law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to determine the existing and projected need for housing for each region and requires the appropriate council of governments to adopt a final regional housing need plan. Removes the requirement that the loss of units factor due to a declared emergency be considered. Requires those lost units to be distributed proportionally according to the region's proposed methodology.	06/05/2025: To ASSEMBLY Committees on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA SB 722 (Wahab (D))	Transit-oriented Housing Development		Prohibits a housing development from being located on an existing parcel of land or site governed under the Mobilehome Residency Law, the Recreational Vehicle Park Occupancy Law, the Mobilehome Parks Act, or the Special Occupancy Parks Act.	01/26/2026: In SENATE. Read third time, urgency clause adopted. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.
CA SB 724 (Richardson (D))	Public Housing: Lead Testing		Requires the owner of a public housing unit that is owned or managed by a city, county, city and county, or city, county, or city and county housing authority, to provide information to the residents of the public housing unit regarding any applicable existing program that offers free testing of the water for lead.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 741 (Blakespear (D))	Coastal Resources: Coastal Development Permit		Relates to the California Coastal Act of 1976. Provides that existing law exempts from the coastal development permitting process certain emergency projects undertaken, carried out, or approved by a public agency to maintain, repair, or restore existing highways. Expands that exemption to include certain emergency projects undertaken, carried out, or approved by a	06/05/2025: To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

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			public agency to maintain, repair, or restore existing railroad track along the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor.	
CA SB 742 (Perez S (D))	Electricity: Electrical Infrastructure		Requires the Public Utilities Commission to update a general order to require each electrical corporation to remove all permanently abandoned transmission facilities. Requires that an electrical corporation's wildfire mitigation plan also include an accounting of all transmission facilities, including permanently abandoned transmission facilities, and include a plan for how and when each permanently abandoned transmission facility will be removed.	01/26/2026: In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.
CA SB 747 (Wiener (D))	Civil Rights		Provides that every person who, under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, as defined, subjects or causes to be subjected any citizen of this state or any person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the United States Constitution, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress.	01/27/2026: In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.
CA SB 833 (McNerney (D))	Critical Infrastructure: Automated Decision Systems		Provides that existing law requires the Technology Recovery Plan element of the State Administrative Manual to ensure the inclusion of cybersecurity strategy incident response standards. Requires an operator responsible for operating, managing, overseeing, or controlling access to critical infrastructure, that deploys a covered artificial intelligence (AI) system to establish a human oversight mechanism that ensures a human monitors the system's operations in real time.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
CA SB 842 (Stern (D))	Energy: Firm Zero Carbon Resources		Requires the Public Utilities Commission to produce a report identifying opportunities and needs to provide for local and system reliability with firm zero-carbon resources over the short term, midterm, and long term. Requires the report to include,	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			among other things, characterization of the resource attributes vital for local and system reliability and identification of barriers, including market barriers, to deploying firm zero-carbon resources to enhance local reliability.	
CA SB 872 (McNerney (D))	Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund	Support	Establishes the Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund in the State Treasury. Makes the moneys in the fund available to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency for expenditures consistent with specified allocations. Authorizes the secretary to seek out, and the fund to accept, State moneys from, among other sources, any bond funds, the General Fund, or the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Appropriates funds. Requires the secretary to allocate moneys in the fund in a specified manner.	03/26/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
CA SB 875 (Wiener (D))	Public Utilities: Eminent Domain		Authorizes a public entity to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire property for a public use if the use for which the property is sought to be taken is a more necessary public use. Specifies that if property that has been appropriated to a public use is electrical, gas, or water public utility property that a public entity within the Pacific Gas and Electric Company service area intends to put to the same use, the presumption of a more necessary use is conclusive and not rebuttable.	03/04/2026: Re-referred to SENATE Committees on JUDICIARY and ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS.
CA SB 879 (Laird (D))	Budget Act of 2026		Makes appropriations for the support of state government for the 2026-27 fiscal year.	01/09/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA SB 880 (Wahab (D))	Residential Property: Contract: Fees		Provides that existing law prohibits the vendor or lessor of a single family residential property from contracting for or exacting any fee in excess of a specified amount for the act of signing and delivering a document in connection with the transfer, cancellation, or reconveyance of any title or instrument at the time the buyer or lessee exercises an option to buy the property.	03/25/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.

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			Extends that prohibition to the vendor or lessor of any residential property.	
CA SB 884 (Umberg (D))	Elections in 2026, 2027, and 2028		Requires all counties to provide at least a specified number of ballot dropoff locations or at least one ballot dropoff location for every specified number of registered voters. Requires that these ballot dropoff locations be open beginning at least a specified number of days before the election. Deems vote by mail ballots timely cast if they are received by the elections official up to a specified number of days after election day.	03/26/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.
CA SB 885 (Strickland (R))	Major Regulations		Prohibits a state agency from taking final action to adopt a major regulation until certain requirements are met, including that after the state agency prepares a standardized regulatory impact analysis and submits the analysis to the Department of Finance, as specified, the state agency submits a proposal to the Legislature recommending legislation to authorize the adoption of the major regulation and the Legislature enacts a law expressly authorizing the state agency to adopt that major regulation.	02/11/2026: To SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
CA SB 886 (Padilla (D))	California Technology Innovation and Ratepayer		Provides for the State Technology Innovation and Ratepayer Protection Act. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish a rate structure that includes an electrical corporation tariff for the interconnection of the participating customer facilities and the provision of transmission, distribution, and generation services to participating customers. Requires the commission, as part of establishing the electrical corporation tariff, to, among other things, establish eligibility criteria.	03/25/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 887 (Padilla (D))	California Environmental Quality Act: Environmental		Provides that the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021 specifies the quantification and mitigation of impacts from emissions of greenhouse gases of certain environmental leadership projects.	03/19/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

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			Authorizes the Governor to certify a data center project as an environmental leadership development project. Requires the quantification and mitigation of impacts for emissions of greenhouse gases of a data center project in the same manner as certain leadership projects.	
CA SB 894 (Allen (D))	Wildfire Resiliency: Financial Assistance		Establishes the State Wildfire Resilience Loan Program and requires the State Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority to administer the program to provide financial assistance for projects and activities to reduce wildfire related risks and losses, including home hardening and defensible space improvements.	03/18/2026: Re-referred to SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
CA SB 898 (Weber (D))	Connected Consumer Products		Relates to the Unfair Competition Law. Requires a manufacturer of a connected consumer product sold at retail in the State to clearly and prominently establish and disclose to any prospective buyer of a connected consumer product a minimum guaranteed support timeframe. Prohibits a manufacturer from reducing that timeframe. Requires a manufacturer to provide a notice of a connected consumer products end of life to the public and to any owner of the product.	03/24/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
CA SB 899 (Grove (R))	Fire Prevention: Wildfire and Forest Resilience		Provides that existing law requires the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force to develop a comprehensive implementation strategy to track and ensure the achievement of the goals and key actions identified in the States Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan. Requires the task force, in cooperation with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the State Department of Public Health, to assess the health costs and impacts of wildfire smoke using existing wildfire smoke and health data.	03/24/2026: From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Do pass to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

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CA SB 900 (McNerney (D))	Political Reform Act of 1974: Top Contributors		Provides that existing law requires the disclosure of information related to political advertisements, including the name of the committee that paid for the advertisement and the names of the 3 top contributors to the committee. Requires, for mass mailings, the top specified number of contributors to the committee be disclosed. Clarifies that a print advertisement includes a yard sign or a billboard. Defines electronic media advertisement. Permits the names of top contributors to be shortened.	03/23/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
CA SB 904 (Seyarto (R))	California Emergency Services Act: Disaster Recovery		Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with other specified State agencies, within a specified number of days of a state of emergency declared by the Governor relating to a wildfire, to provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature identifying State permitting requirements that may unduly impede efforts to rebuild properties or facilities destroyed as a result of the wildfire that should be considered for suspension.	03/17/2026: From SENATE Committee on HOUSING: Do pass to Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
CA SB 908 (Wiener (D))	Residential Windows: Retrofitting: California Energy		Requires a city, county, or city and county to administratively approve an application to replace existing residential windows with State Energy Code compliant windows. Prohibits a city, county, or city and county from requiring discretionary review or a hearing for a residential window replacement project that is subject to certain limitations.	03/23/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
CA SB 909 (Smallwood-Cueva (D))	Public Works		Exempts the establishment and adjustment of specified fees from the Administrative Procedure Act and would remove the \$800 fee limit to establish and adjust annual registration and renewal fees.	03/25/2026: 1241 SENATE Committee on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT: Do pass to Committee on JUDICIARY.
CA SB 910 (Seyarto (R))	Municipal Water Districts: Water Service: Indian Lands		Extends provisions of the Municipal Water District Law of 1911, regarding the application to the applicable local agency formation commission concerning Indian Lands to January 1, 2032.	03/18/2026: In SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Not heard.

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CA SB 911 (Becker (D))	Transfer of Real Property: Fire Hazard Severity Zones		Provides that existing law requires a seller of a real property that is located in a high or very high fire hazard severity zone to provide to the buyer certain documentation. Authorizes a local fire department to prioritize compliance inspections and reinspections based on certain factors. Provides that a local fire department is authorized to recover the costs of compliance inspections and reinspections. Provides that certain provisions do not modify the immunities granted to a local fire department.	03/10/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.
CA SB 919 (Grayson (D))	Biomethane Projects: Investment Costs		Requires the Public Utilities Commission to extend the Biomethane Monetary Incentive Program. Authorizes the commission to authorize additional funding for the program using the revenues, including any accrued interest, received by a gas corporation as a result of the direct allocation of greenhouse gas allowances provided to gas corporations as part of the specified market based compliance mechanism.	03/17/2026: In SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS: Not heard.
CA SB 922 (Laird (D))	Vehicles: Local Agency Charges: Use of Streets		Provides that existing law prohibits a local agency from imposing a tax, permit fee, or other charge for the privilege of using its streets or highways, other than a permit fee for an extralegal load unless the local agency had imposed the fee prior to the specified date. Limits this prohibition to charges based on weight. Provides that nothing in the Vehicle Code prohibits a local agency from imposing or collecting this fee, charge, or surcharge.	03/19/2026: In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.
CA SB 923 (Becker (D))	Consumer Privacy Requests: Deletion Request Records		Provides that the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 grants to a consumer the right to request that a business delete personal information that the business has collected from the consumer. Expands that right to include requesting the deletion of any personal information that the business has collected about the consumer. Allows, if the business did not obtain the personal	03/23/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on PRIVACY, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY & CONSUMER PROTECTION.

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			information from the consumer, the business to retain a record of the deletion request and certain data.	
CA SB 924 (Hurtado (D))	Low-Income Energy Assistance		Requires the Public Utilities Commission to require electrical corporations and gas corporations, in performing home weatherization services, to prioritize household affordability, integration of electrification and health and safety measures, and coordinated delivery across fuel types and housing conditions, while preserving flexibility in program design.	02/11/2026: To SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS.
CA SB 935 (Choi (R))	Local Agency Design-Build Projects: Authorization		Repeals the repeal date of local agency design-build projects, authorization, thereby extending the operations of those provisions indefinitely.	03/18/2026: From SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 943 (Becker (D))	Public Utilities: Electricity: Transmission Charge		Establishes as a policy of the State that allocation of costs to ratepayers for transmission and distribution resources should follow cost causation principles. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to request the Independent System Operator to reconsider issues raised in its transmission access charge structure enhancements proceeding as potential reforms to its high voltage transmission access charges.	03/23/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 947 (McNerney (D))	Employment: Automated Decision Systems		Prohibits an employer from using an automated decision systems to perform certain functions and limits the purposes for and way in which an ADS may be used. Authorizes a worker to request, and requires an employer to provide, a copy of the most recent specified number of months of the workers own data primarily used by an ADS to make a disciplinary, termination, or deactivation decision. Applies such provisions to all cities, including charter cities.	03/26/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.
CA SB 951 (Reyes (D))	Employment: Technological Displacement: Notice		Establishes the California Worker Technological Displacement Act. Requires an employer to provide at least a specified number	03/26/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to

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			of days of advanced written notice before any technological displacement affecting a specified number or more workers or a specified percent of the workforce. Makes an employer that fails to give notice before ordering a technological displacement liable for back pay and benefits to each worker. Provides for civil penalties. Establishes the Technological Displacement Act Fund.	Committee on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.
CA SB 952 (Laird (D))	State Water Project: Renewable Energy Resources		Provides that existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to procure eligible renewable energy resources and zero carbon resources to satisfy specified obligations imposed on the State Water Resources Development System, commonly known as the State Water Project. Requires the department, in conducting procurement, to consider portfolio diversity, resource type, location, and hours of typical peak operation.	03/25/2026: Re-referred to SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS.
CA SB 954 (Blakespear (D))	California Environmental Quality Act: Advanced		Exempts projects consisting exclusively of a family day care home from the California Environmental Quality Act. Requires, for an exemption for a day care center and family day care home, the projects for those facilities to not be located in an area zoned for industrial use or within a specified distance of a facility that actively extracts or refines oil or natural gas in order for the exemption to apply. Revises the exemption for advanced manufacturing facility projects.	03/25/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
CA SB 962 (Archuleta (D))	Emergency Vehicles: Blue Warning Lights		Provides for the Agent Joshua Byrd Memorial Act. Authorizes parole officers to display a blue warning light from their emergency vehicles if they complete a specified classroom training course regarding the operation of emergency vehicles that is certified by the Commission on Correctional Peace Officer Standards and Training.	03/18/2026: Re-referred to SENATE Committees on TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC SAFETY.

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CA SB 963 (Laird (D))	California Coastal Act of 1976: Coastal Development		Requires an appeal of an action by a local government on a coastal development permit application to be considered properly submitted if the appealing party or parties submit a completed, signed copy of the appeal form provided by the State Coastal Commission within the applicable timeline. Requires the commission to provide for de novo review and a public hearing on the coastal development permit application if the commission determines that a substantial issue exists.	03/18/2026: Re-referred to SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
CA SB 978 (Perez S (D))	Data Centers: Labor: Electricity Rates		Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish a special rate structure for data centers taking transmission level electrical service with an estimated peak demand of at least a specified number of megawatts of electricity to, among other things, protect other customers of electrical corporations, prohibit cost shifts to those other customers, and require data centers to pay for the electrical corporations upfront costs of transmission or necessary distribution infrastructure upgrades.	03/23/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.
CA SB 979 (Strickland (R))	Planning and Zoning: Housing Element: Regional Housing		Provides that the final determination by the council of governments or the delegate subregion is subject to judicial review, as specified. Relates to the housing element, a regional housing needs allocation and judicial reviews.	02/11/2026: To SENATE Committees on HOUSING and JUDICIARY and APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 981 (Niello (R))	Administrative Regulations: Standardized Regulatory		Provides that existing law designates the State Air Resources Board as the agency responsible for the preparation of the State implementation plan required by the Clean Air Act. Requires a standardized regulatory impact analysis prepared by the board to address cost of living impacts on residents of the State, including, but not limited to, retail gasoline and transportation costs, consumer electric bills, consumer goods and food costs, housing and building construction costs, and costs to businesses.	03/18/2026: In SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Reconsideration granted.

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CA SB 986 (Seyarto (R))	Major Regulations		Provides that the Administrative Procedure Act requires every agency subject to its provisions to prepare, submit to the Office of Administrative Law with the notice of proposed action, and make available to the public upon request, specified information, including an initial statement of reasons for proposing the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation. Requires every agency subject to its provisions to also submit specified information to the Legislature.	03/26/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
CA SB 1001 (Archuleta (D))	Local Agency, Corporation, or Mutual Water Company		Requires the Office of Emergency Services, upon request, to issue a local agency, corporation, or mutual water company responsible for public works and critical infrastructure with specified credentialing to facilitate personnel access to an area during or following a natural disaster, act of terrorism, or other man made disaster. Specifies that the credentialing, a Personal Identity Verification Interoperable, would conform with the federal Personal Identity Verification standards.	03/24/2026: From SENATE Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Do pass to SENATE Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY.
CA SB 1036 (Grayson (D))	Mitigation Fee Act		Requires, in this redevelopment scenario, the local agency to provide a fee credit or otherwise reduce the fee in an amount proportionate to the impact caused by the use that is being removed or replaced. Requires the local agency to provide a fee credit or otherwise reduce the fee in an amount proportionate to the impact caused by the use that is being removed or replaced.	02/18/2026: To SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA SB 1064 (Dahle M (R))	Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program		Limits specified testing of all nongasoline heavy-duty onroad motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 14,000 pounds to not more frequently than biennially.	03/18/2026: In SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Not heard.
CA SB 1068 (Alvarado-Gil (R))	Water Appropriations		Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law which requires the State Water Resources Control Board to consider and act upon all applications for permits to appropriate water.	02/26/2026: To SENATE Committee on RULES.

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CA SB 1075 (Reyes (D))	Air Resources: Toxic Air Contaminants: Criteria		Requires a local government with land use planning authority to align its local land use decisions to support the goals of an approved community emissions reduction program, approved local community emissions reduction plan, or both program and plan, and the environmental justice element of the general plan of the local government and to prevent new, substantial modification or substantial expanded uses that contribute to poor air quality.	03/25/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1081 (Laird (D))	Waste Discharge Requirements: Minimum Penalties		Amends the definition of a publicly owned treatment works serving a small community to include serving a community of 3,000 residents or less as a factor in the state board's determination of financial hardship.	02/26/2026: To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
CA SB 1085 (Durazo (D))	Water Supply Planning: Environmental Quality Act	Support	Requires a city or county to make that identification of public water systems for certain projects that the city or county approves, without regard to whether the project is determined to be subject to the requirements of CEQA.	03/24/2026: In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Not heard.
CA SB 1115 (Grove (R))	Public Cemetery Districts: Board of Trustees: County		Authorizes the board of trustees of a public cemetery district in the County of Tulare to adopt a resolution to remove a trustee for specified causes, including substantial neglect of duty, gross misconduct in office, or causing the board to be unable to discharge its duties with unanimous consent. Authorizes the Tulare County Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution proposing the removal of a trustee from the board of trustees of a public cemetery district in the County of Tulare.	03/24/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1117 (Cervantes (D))	Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Unit		Requires a charge under the Planning and Zoning Law to be based only on the area in excess of 750 square feet of interior livable space.	02/26/2026: To SENATE Committees on HOUSING and LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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CA SB 1121 (Seyarto (R))	Vehicles: Commercial Electric Vehicle Safety		Requires the Office of Emergency Services, on or before January 1, 2028, to develop and post on its internet website an action plan for responding to electric commercial motor vehicle battery fires that covers specified topics, including best practices for reducing wildfire risk and mitigating the risk of battery reignition.	03/04/2026: To SENATE Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
CA SB 1123 (Wiener (D))	Administrative Procedure Act: Major Regulations		Requires an agency, in estimating the economic impact of adopting, amending, or repealing a regulation, to identify and calculate any offsetting benefits, impacts, or savings that might result directly or indirectly from that adoption, amendment, or repeal and factor those benefits, impacts, or savings into its economic impact estimate.	02/26/2026: To SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
CA SB 1125 (Menjivar (D))	Water Rate Assistance Program		Establishes the Water Rate Assistance Program. Establishes the Water Rate Assistance Fund to provide water affordability assistance for residential water services to low income residential ratepayers. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to take various actions in administering the fund, including, among other things, tracking and managing revenue in the fund separately from all other revenue. Requires the board to adopt guidelines for implementation of the program.	03/25/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
CA SB 1132 (Smallwood-Cueva (D))	Workforce Development: Workplace Rights Training		Requires the California Workforce Development Board to develop a workplace rights curriculum in partnership with subject matter experts and would require the local boards to ensure provision of a workplace rights training consistent with that curriculum to individuals receiving services through the California workforce system.	03/25/2026: From SENATE Committee on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 1135 (Blakespear (D))	California Wildlife Coexistence Act		Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish the Wildlife Coexistence Program to manage and promote wildlife coexistence by conducting specified activities, including maintaining a statewide wildlife incident reporting tool. Renames	03/23/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.

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			the California Wolf Livestock Compensation Pilot Program to the Wolf Livestock Coexistence and Compensation Program and requires the department to establish the program to provide resources to eligible participants for purposes relating to wolves and livestock.	
CA SB 1139 (Laird (D))	Monterey Peninsula Water Management District		Provides that existing law prohibits the use of potable water for the irrigation of nonfunctional turf located on commercial, industrial, and institutional properties. Requires a person or entity to be subject to civil liability or penalties imposed by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District pursuant to a locally adopted ordinance or policy. Authorizes the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District to enforce the provisions relating to the prohibition.	03/23/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
CA SB 1145 (Grayson (D))	California Environmental Quality Act: Surplus Land		Exempts land that was or will be conveyed by the federal government to a local reuse authority in accordance with a military base closure and realignment from certain requirements. Provides that specified environmental review documents satisfy the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for any project within the portion of the Concord Naval Weapons Station included within the boundaries of the area plan for the Concord Community Reuse Project that meets specified conditions.	03/23/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1149 (Durazo (D))	Employees: Bereavement Leave		Provides that existing law makes it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to refuse to grant a request by any employee to take up to a specified number of days of bereavement leave upon the death of a family member. Includes a designated person identified by the employee in the definition of family member and authorizes an employer to limit an employee to one designated person per specified period for purposes of these provisions relating to bereavement leave.	03/26/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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CA SB 1153 (Caballero (D))	Disaster Preparedness: Urban Retail Water Suppliers	Support	Requires all urban retail water suppliers serving a high or very high fire hazard severity zone to include incident specified response procedures for wildfires as part of their disaster preparedness plans, including any applicable emergency response plan as required by federal law. Requires these plans to include mitigation actions, including actions, procedures, and equipment, that can obviate or significantly lessen the impact of a wildfire on the water system and the supply of drinking water.	03/25/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
CA SB 1161 (Valladares (R))	Administrative Regulations: Economic Impact		Requires the State Air Resources Board proposing to adopt, amend, or repeal a regulation to prepare an economic impact assessment that assesses whether and to what extent it will affect low- and middle-income California households and disadvantage communities, as specified. The bill would require the State Air Resources Board, at least 6 months before the adoption, amendment, or repeal of the regulation goes into effect, to transmit to the Legislature this economic impact assessment.	02/26/2026: To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
CA SB 1175 (Rubio (D))	Lobbyist Registration and Termination		Provides that the Political Reform Act of 1974 requires individual lobbyists to prepare certifications for filing with the Secretary of State. Provides that if any change occurs in the information contained in a lobbyist certification, existing law requires the lobbyist to submit an amended certification or notice of termination to the lobbyists lobbying firm or lobbyist employer. Requires the lobbyist to submit the amended certification or notice of termination directly to the Secretary of State.	03/24/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.
CA SB 1180 (Allen (D))	Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer		Establishes the California Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund, which consists of all environmental mitigation surcharges, interest, penalties, and other amounts collected pursuant to the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act. Requires each expenditure made upon	03/26/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

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			appropriation from the fund to comply with specified requirements. Requires certain expenditures to achieve one or more specified purposes.	
CA SB 1184 (McGuire (D))	State Environmental Quality Act		States the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation relating to environmental quality.	02/26/2026: To SENATE Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1187 (Durazo (D))	Open Meetings: Majority		Defines majority for purposes of the Ralph M. Brown Act to mean the number of members of the legislative body equaling more than half of the total number of seats on the legislative body. Specifies that if a seat on the legislative body is vacant, that seat is to still be counted as a seat on the legislative body.	03/04/2026: To SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA SB 1196 (McNerney (D))	Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwellings		Provides that the Planning and Zoning Law provides for the creation of an accessory dwelling unit or a junior accessory dwelling unit in accordance with specified standards and conditions. Requires a local agency to post on its internet website or distribute in written form to an applicant a comprehensive list of requirements for utility service connections that may be required for an ADU or JADU and contact information for each of the utilities that provide service in the jurisdiction.	03/23/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1205 (Valladares (R))	Public Contracts: Retention: Architecture		Prohibits any retention of payment for all contracts, and amendments thereto, entered into on or after the specified date, directly between a public entity and an individual or legal entity permitted by law to practice the profession of architecture or engineering.	03/24/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1229 (Allen (D))	Coastal Resources: Coastal Development Permits		Provides that the California Coastal Act of 1976 provides that a coastal development permit is not required for the replacement of any structure, other than a public works facility, destroyed by a disaster. Prohibits that coastal development permit exemption	03/25/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.

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			from applying to the replacement of a structure by an applicant who was not listed as the property owner of record immediately preceding the disaster if replacement of the structure would, among other things, encroach upon a public access easement.	
CA SB 1239 (Jones (R))	State Air Resources Board: Regulations		Requires the State Air Resources Board to also prepare and publish a supplemental standardized regulatory impact analysis if the proposed regulation is materially changed after release of the initial standardized regulatory impact analysis, as described, and before adoption, that updates the consumer cost analysis to reflect amendments made during the rulemaking process.	03/04/2026: To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
CA SB 1243 (Durazo (D))	Unlawful Detainer: Tenant Protections		Provides for the Tenant Protections for Immigrant Families Act of 2026. Prohibits an owner of residential real property from initiating or continuing an unlawful detainer action to evict a tenant whose income, ability to obtain income, or financial support, is impacted by immigration enforcement activities until a specified number of days after the conclusion of those immigration enforcement activities.	03/25/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1248 (Cabaldon (D))	State Agencies: Automated Decision Systems		Imposes certain restrictions on the use of an automated decision system by a state agency to confer services, defined as, among other things, the issuance of professional licenses and provision of public benefits.	03/24/2026: From SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION: Do pass to Committee on PRIVACY, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY & CONSUMER PROTECTION.
CA SB 1258 (Wiener (D))	Streamlined Housing Approvals: Hazardous Waste Sites		Authorizes a local officer to oversee development specific site mitigation for a development on specified types of sites, including all hazardous waste facilities subject to corrective action as listed by the Department of Toxic Substances Control. Defines development specific site mitigation to mean any level of remediation that is required for a local officer to issue a	03/26/2026: Re-referred to SENATE Committee on RULES.

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			determination that the site is suitable for a proposed use in a proposed development.	
CA SB 1260 (Jones (R))	State Environmental Quality Act		Makes nonsubstantive changes to findings and declarations and to the statement of intent of the State Environmental Quality Act.	03/04/2026: To SENATE Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1264 (Valladares (R))	Probate: Notice of Death for Child Support Obligations		Provides that existing law requires, for estates for which letters testamentary or letters of administration are issued on or after the specified date, the general personal representative or the estate attorney of a decedents estate to provide notice of the decedents death to the Director of the Department of Child Support Services. Requires that notice to be provided if the general personal representative or estate attorney has actual knowledge that the decedent has a child support obligation.	03/23/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1266 (Stern (D))	Crimes: Theft		Provides that under existing law, it is grand theft to steal, take, or carry away copper materials of another valued at more than a specified dollar amount. Requires value to be calculated as the full cost to the victim to repair and replace the stolen materials, including labor and equipment, rather than the fair market scrap value. Authorizes the value of thefts committed against critical infrastructure within a certain period to be aggregated to meet the specified threshold.	03/26/2026: Re-referred to SENATE Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1291 (Gonzalez (D))	Mutual Water Companies		Provides that the Mutual Water Company Open Meeting Act requires a board of directors of a mutual water company that operates a public water system to allow an eligible person to personally attend a meeting of the board, under certain conditions. Authorizes a board of directors of a mutual water company with less than a specified number of connections to use teleconferencing to provide any eligible person access to the meeting.	03/24/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.

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CA SB 1313 (McNerney (D))	Public Water Systems: Grants and Loans: Perfluoroalkyl		Authorizes the State Water Resources Control, upon the appropriation of funds by the Legislature, to provide grants and direct expenditures to public water systems that serve small or disadvantaged communities to address emerging contaminants in those communities, consistent with federal grant terms, as provided.	03/04/2026: To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
CA SB 1318 (Allen (D))	Coastal Resources: Local Coastal Program		Requires the State Coastal Commission to approve a coastal development permit or a local coastal program amendment restricting or prohibiting non owner occupied short term rentals, regardless of the availability of other visitor serving accommodations.	03/25/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1326 (Wahab (D))	Environmental Quality Act: Tribal Resources		Modifies the definition of tribal cultural resource to, among other things, include a site, feature, place, cultural landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe that is identified by the Native American Heritage Commission as a sacred place, as provided, or included in a local tribal register.	03/04/2026: To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
CA SB 1330 (Arreguin (D))	Assault and Battery: Utility Workers		Makes an assault or battery committed against a utility worker, as defined, who is engaged in the performance of their duties punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, by a fine not exceeding a specified, or by both that fine and imprisonment.	03/04/2026: To SENATE Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY.
CA SB 1335 (Strickland (R))	Tenancy: Disposition of Personal Property Abandoned		Provides that existing law provides optional procedures for a landlord to dispose of personal property that remains on the premises, including common areas, after a tenancy has terminated and the premises has been vacated by the tenant. Establishes similar optional disposition of personal property that remains in a common area during a tenancy. Requires the landlord to give	03/25/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.

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			written notice to the tenant or any other person the landlord reasonably believes is the owner of the personal property.	
CA SB 1346 (McGuire (D))	California Coastal Commission: Powers and Duties		Makes a nonsubstantive change to provisions relative to the California Coastal Commission.	03/04/2026: To SENATE Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1350 (McNerney (D))	Energy: Renewable Electrical Generation Facilities		Revises the definition of renewable electrical generation facility to include a facility that uses turbines that use specified fuels.	03/04/2026: To SENATE Committees on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
CA SB 1357 (Ochoa Bogh (R))	Recall Elections: Notice of Intention		Relates to Recall elections. Requires the proponents' signatures and the street numbers and street names of their residence to be redacted or otherwise excluded from the notice of intention before it is made available to the public.	03/04/2026: To SENATE Committees on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS and JUDICIARY.
CA SB 1361 (Durazo (D))	Transit Oriented Housing Developments: Exceptions		Provides that existing law requires a housing development project to be an allowed use as a transit oriented housing development if certain requirements are met. Exempts from certain provisions certain local agencies or local governments if the entity has adopted a policy by the specified date to complete at least a specified number of housing units, at least a specified percent of which will be income restricted, by the specified date.	03/25/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1369 (Reyes (D))	Recall Petitions		Provides that existing law requires a State or local initiative, referendum, or recall petition that is required to be signed by voters to contain specified notices, including a notice that the petition may be circulated by a paid signature gatherer or volunteer. Requires the paid signature gatherer to orally disclose to each person, before providing the petition for the persons signature, that they are being paid to circulate the petition.	03/26/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 1370 (Stern (D))	Wildfire Fund: Report		Requires the the Wildfire Fund Administrator to present specified recommendations to specified Senate committees.	03/04/2026: To SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS.
CA SB 1383 (Arreguin (D))	Housing Development: Density Bonus: Incentives		Provides that existing law requires a city or county to grant incentives or concessions requested by an applicant for a density bonus except under prescribed circumstances. Excludes a reduction in site development standards, a modification of zoning code or architectural design requirements, and other regulatory incentives or concessions that include or relate to a labor standard from the definition of incentives or concessions.	03/24/2026: Re-referred to SENATE Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1388 (Durazo (D))	Local Agencies: Maintenance of Natural Habitat		Authorizes a local agency to contract with a joint powers authority to perform improvement and maintenance of natural habitat.	03/04/2026: To SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA SB 1389 (Dahle M (R))	The Political Reform Act of 1974: Late Filing of Report		Provides that under the Political Reform Act, a person who files an original statement or report related to campaign financing, or a copy of the statement or report, after a deadline imposed by the act is liable for certain fees. Provides that for original statements or reports, existing law authorizes a filing officer to not impose this liability under certain conditions. Removes such provisions. Penalizes such a late filing in the same manner as the late filing of other statements of economic interest.	03/23/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1404 (Stern (D))	Wildfire Prevention: State Responsibility Areas: Fire		Provides that existing law requires the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to adopt emergency regulations to establish a fire prevention fee on each habitable structure on a parcel that is within a State responsibility area. Provides that existing law requires that the fire prevention fees collected be deposited into the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund. Reinstates the fire prevention fee.	03/25/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.

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CA SB 1409 (Rubio (D))	Legislature: Bills		Requires a bill introduced in the Legislature to be assigned a bill number that identifies the applicable legislative session, as provided. Requires the Secretary of the Senate, Chief Clerk of the Assembly, and Legislative Counsel Bureau to ensure that all legislative publications, indexes, journals, databases, and electronic systems use and display that bill number.	02/20/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA SB 1413 (Richardson (D))	State Vehicle Fleet: Zero-Emission Vehicles		Makes nonsubstantive changes to the State vehicle fleet ensuring that at least a specified percentage of the light-duty vehicles purchased for the state vehicle fleet each fiscal year are zero-emission vehicles, except as provided.	03/04/2026: To SENATE Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1417 (Perez (D))	Mutual Water Companies: Assessments and Water Charges		Prohibits a mutual water company from charging, issuing a bill, or otherwise seeking to hold tenants of shareholders responsible for the costs of water or its delivery. Requires all notices of charges for water to be sent to the shareholders at their last known address. Requires a mutual water company that operates a public water system and that proposes to levy an assessment or to increase the charge for water to shareholders by more than a specified percent to comply with specified notice requirements.	03/26/2026: Re-referred to SENATE Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1420 (Richardson (D))	Vote by Mail Ballots and Early Voting		Requires the Secretary of State to promulgate, and post on its internet website, regulations setting forth procedures that a county elections official must follow to implement voter education and outreach initiatives to inform the public about vote by mail and early voting procedures. Requires the Secretary of State to include information about these vote by mail and early voting procedures in the State Voter Information Guide.	03/26/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.
CA SB 1423 (Stern (D))	Transportation Funding: State Transportation		Relates to the allocation of available State and federal transportation funds for transportation capital improvement projects through the State Transportation Improvement Program process administered by the State Transportation Commission.	03/26/2026: Re-referred to SENATE Committee on RULES.

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			Requires a specified percent of funds to be programmed for safe streets projects. Renames the Active Transportation Program as the Safe Streets Program.	
CA SB 1425 (Cortese (D))	High Speed Rail Authority: Property: Right of Way		Establishes a permit program, administered by the High Speed Rail Authority, for encroachments on the authority's rights of way. Makes any person who installs or performs an encroachment within the authority's right of way, without a permit, guilty of a misdemeanor. Provides civil penalties for specified categories of encroachment. Relates to the High Speed Rail Property Fund.	03/25/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
US H 231 (Hageman (R))	Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies		Amends the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, to reauthorize the Colorado River System conservation pilot program.	02/12/2025: In HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Ordered to be reported as amended.
US H 331 (Fulcher (R))	Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Clarification Act		Amends the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes.	05/14/2025: To SENATE Committee on ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.
US H 337 (Costa (D))	Groundwater Recharge and Water Supply Support Act		Provides technical and financial assistance for groundwater recharge, aquifer storage, and water source substitution projects.	01/13/2025: To HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
US H 338 (Costa (D))	Enhanced Surface and Groundwater Storage Act	Support	Amends the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to increase surface water and groundwater storage.	11/12/2025: In HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Referred to Subcmt on WATER, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES.
US H 471 (Westerman (R))	Fix Our Forests Act		Expedites the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; improves forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire prone forested lands, and for other purposes.	01/23/2025: In HOUSE. Passed HOUSE. *****To SENATE.

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US H 1267 (Perez (D))	CERCLA Liability Exemption for PFAS Releases	Support	Exempts certain entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.	02/12/2025: To HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.
US H 2093 (Calvert (R))	Federal Water Pollution Control Act	Support	Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to permitting terms.	03/14/2025: To HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.
US H 2269 (McClain (R))	Labeling of Products With Do Not Flush Warning	Support	Requires certain products to be labeled with "Do Not Flush" labeling.	06/23/2025: In HOUSE. Passed HOUSE. *****To SENATE.
US H 2344 (Schakowsky (D))	Drinking Water and Wastewater Threat Preparedness		Establishes a program to increase drinking water and wastewater system threat preparedness and resilience.	03/25/2025: To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.
US H 2940 (LaHood D (R))	Internal Revenue Code		Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an investment credit for certain water reuse projects.	04/17/2025: To HOUSE Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.
US H 3845 (Gray (D))	Endangered Species Act		Amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to expand the exemption process under section 7 of that Act with respect to national security and significant adverse national or regional economic impacts.	06/09/2025: To HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
US H 3898 (Collins M (R))	Federal Water Pollution Control Act		Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make targeted reforms with respect to Waters of the United States and other matters.	12/15/2025: To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.
US H 4168	National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for PFAS		Codifies a national primary drinking water regulation for PFAS.	06/26/2025: To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.

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US H 4733 (Sorensen (D))	Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program		Authorizes the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program.	12/01/2025: In HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE: Referred to Subcommittee on WATER RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT.
US H 5414 (Van Drew (R))	National Dam Safety Program Act		Amends the National Dam Safety Program Act to reauthorize certain assistance to States.	09/16/2025: To HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.
US H 5566 (Carbajal (D))	Federal Water Pollution Control Act		Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize certain programs for water infrastructure resilience and sustainability.	12/01/2025: In HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE: Referred to Subcommittee on WATER RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT.
US HJR 18 (Palmer (R))	National Primary Drinking Water Regulations		Provides for congressional disapproval under a specified chapter and title, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Lead and Copper: Improvements (LCRI)".	01/13/2025: To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.
US S 322 (Padilla (D))	Forecasts of Atmospheric Rivers		Improves the lead time, accuracy, and dissemination of forecasts of atmospheric rivers throughout the United States.	01/29/2025: To SENATE Committee on COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION.
US S 1092 (Merkley (D))	Labeling of Products With Do Not Flush Warning	Support	Requires certain products to be labeled with Do Not Flush labeling.	03/22/2026: In SENATE. Passed SENATE. *****To HOUSE.

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US S 1118 (Markey (D))	Drinking Water and Wastewater Threat Preparedness		Establishes a program to increase drinking water and wastewater system threat preparedness and resilience.	03/25/2025: To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.
US S 1549 (Gallego (D))	Safe Drinking Water Act		Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide grants under the Drinking Water Infrastructure Risk and Resilience Program for training programs relating to protecting public water systems from and responding to cyberattacks.	05/01/2025: To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.
US S 2388 (Gallego (D))	Federal Water Pollution Control Act		Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the pilot program for alternative water source projects.	07/23/2025: To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.
US S 3609 (Padilla (D))	Community Protection and Wildfire Resilience Grants		Establishes a community protection and wildfire resilience grant program.	01/08/2026: To SENATE Committee on HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.
US S 3737 (Padilla (D))	Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act		Amends the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible entities for the conduct of innovative approaches to voluntary water partnership agreements among multiple water users and projects conducted by individual agricultural entities.	03/17/2026: Subcommittee on WATER AND POWER hearings held.
US S 3738 (Padilla (D))	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act		Amends the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to reauthorize the large-scale water recycling and reuse program, to establish a Water Conveyance Improvement Program.	03/17/2026: Subcommittee on WATER AND POWER hearings held.

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Exhibit “B”

AB 2739 Proposed Amendments

SECTION 2. Part 7.5 (commencing with Section 12965) is added to Division 6 of the Water Code, to read:

PART 7.5. WATER AFFORDABILITY AND SYSTEM STABILIZATION

CHAPTER 1 WATER AFFORDABILITY AND SYSTEM STABILIZATION ACT

Article 1. Short Title

12965. This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the Water Affordability and System Stabilization Act

Article 2. Legislative Findings

12965.5. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

- (a) It is the established policy of the state, as stated in section 106.3, that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.
- (b) Addressing California’s environmental justice challenges requires that the state work to improve water affordability for impacted communities and households.
- (c) The cost of water has continued to rise, as has the cost of living in California. The increase in the cost of water is largely attributable to increases in the cost of infrastructure, energy and regulatory compliance costs.
- (d) Most of California’s public water systems are governed by Proposition 218, which was passed by voters in November 1996, and requires that customers only be charged proportional, cost-of-service based rates. It prohibits customers from being charged higher rates to subsidize the costs of other customers.
- (e) At the same time climate change has added, and will continue to add, significant additional cost pressure to water systems, as providers must increasingly invest in climate resilience and adaptive infrastructure, which in turn places cost pressure on rates.
- (f) A low income rate assistance program will assist in addressing affordability challenges for struggling households, but without addressing system costs, such a program will not be sufficiently effective ,because these cost pressures will continue to result in increased water rates.
- (g) Federal and state funding of local water infrastructure helps reduce the amount of ratepayer money that a system needs to collect to ensure a reliable, safe, clean water supply for its community, and helps address system affordability constraints.

- (h) It is in the interest of the people of the state to enact this chapter to establish a trust fund, funded by existing state revenues over multiple years, for the governmental purpose of providing a perpetual source of funding to assist with community water system costs that place pressure on water affordability, and to provide low income Californian households with direct assistance with their water bills which will provide a benefit to Californians across the state.
- (i) This act does not impose a levy, charge or exaction of any kind, such as a tax or fee.

Article 2. Water Affordability and System Stabilization Trust

12966. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions govern the construction of this chapter:

- (a) “Board” means the State Water Resources Control Board.
- (b) “Beneficiary” means the people of the state, as represented by the board in its implementation of the provisions of Chapter 6.4 (commencing with Section 116930) and its administration of the Water Rates Assistance Fund established pursuant to section 116932 of the Health and Safety Code, and the department in its implementation of the provisions of Chapter 2 of this part and its administration of the Community Water Affordability Fund. The beneficiary’s interest in the trust shall only be to the distributions required to be made from the trust.
- (c) “Department” means the Department of Water Resources.
- (d) “Income” means the money, enhanced value, or other income the trust receives as current return from the investment of the trust principal.
- (e) “Net income” means the trust income earned July 1 to June 30, inclusive, of the previous year minus all of the necessary and reasonable expenses incident to the administration of the trust during that same period.
- (f) “Principal” means the trust property, that is held in trust for the beneficiary and to accomplish the purposes described in Section 12965.5.
- (g) “Trust” means the Water Affordability and System Stabilization Trust.
- (h) “Trust fund” means the account established pursuant to section 12966.5 to hold the trust property.
- (i) “Trust property” means the money transferred to the trust fund and any donation to the trust fund received and accepted by the trustee after January 1, 2027.
- (j) “Trustee” means the State Treasurer, who shall serve as the trustee of the trust having all of the fiduciary duties, responsibilities, and obligations consistent with serving as a trustee of a trust.

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- (a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury the Water Affordability and System Stabilization Fund for holding the trust property of the Water Affordability and System Stabilization Fund Trust and for the purpose of implementing the public and governmental purposes of this chapter. The distributions by the trustee from the trust fund is hereby transferred to the board and the department for deposit in and expenditure from the Water Rate Assistance Fund, established pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 116932, and the Community Water Affordability Assistance Fund, established pursuant to section 12968.
- (b) The primary purpose of the Water Affordability and System Stabilization Trust, a charitable trust established pursuant to this chapter, shall be to provide a perpetual source of funding each year to the Water Rate Assistance Fund and the Community Water Affordability Assistance Fund in furtherance of the trust fund purposes in subdivision (a).
- (c) Moneys in the trust fund, including the trust principal and trust income, shall not be available for appropriation or be borrowed for use for any purpose not established in this chapter.
- (d) Funding of the trust principal is hereby authorized and is subject to transfer by the Legislature. All transfers to the trust are hereby irrevocably transferred from the General Fund during fiscal year they appropriated to the trustee for deposit in the Water Affordability and System Stabilization Trust Fund for distribution and investment to accomplish the purposes of this chapter and on the conditions prescribed in Section x.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other law, moneys deposited into the Water Affordability and System Stabilization Trust Fund or to fund the trust shall not be transferred to the General Fund.

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- (a) The trustee of the Water Affordability and System Stabilization Trust shall hold the trust property for the primary benefit of the trust's beneficiary and shall hold, manage, and invest the trust principal with the obligation of providing a growing perpetual source of annual funding to the Water Rate Assistance Fund and the Community Water Affordability Assistance Fund, beginning 25 years after the Legislature appropriates funding to the Water Affordability and System Stabilization Fund. The trustee shall not invade the trust principal.
- (b) The trustee shall collect, receive, and monetize, if prudent, the income from the trust principal, and shall make distributions from the trust annually as follows:
 - (1) During the first twenty five years following the Legislature's first appropriation of revenue to the fund, the trustee shall:

- (A) Distribute forty-five percent of the total amount deposited into the fund during the prior fiscal year to the Water Rate Assistance Fund for the board to expend in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 116930, et seq.
 - (B) Distribute forty-five percent of the total amount deposited into the fund during the prior fiscal year to the Community Water Affordability Assistance Fund for the Department of Water Resources to expend, in accordance with Chapter 2 of this part.
 - (C) Invest the remaining ten percent of the total amount deposited into the fund during the prior fiscal year as part of the trust principal.
- (2) After the first twenty five years following the Legislature's first appropriation of revenue to the fund, the trustee shall distribute fifty percent of the annual net income to the board for deposit in and expenditure from the Water Rate Assistance Fund, and fifty percent of the annual net income to the department for deposit in and expenditure from the Community Water Affordability Assistance Fund.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other law, the trustee, and any employee or agent of the trustee, shall not sell, purchase, exchange, or otherwise deal with or dispose of all or any parts of the principal of the trust.
- (d) The trustee shall exercise its administration of the trust as a fiduciary to the beneficiary. The trustee, in its administration of the trust, shall abide by the Uniform Prudent Investor Act (Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 16045) of Chapter 1 of Part 4 of Division 9 of the Probate Code). The trustee shall have the powers, obligations, and responsibilities of a trustee prescribed in Part 4 (commencing with Section 16000) of Division 9 of the Probate Code that are not inconsistent with the purposes and provisions of this chapter.
- (e) The trustee shall have both of the following powers:
- (1) To accept donations that shall be deemed trust property and increase the principal of the trust.
 - (2) Use no more than 1 percent of the trust income earned July 1 to June 30, inclusive, of each year to pay for the necessary and reasonable expenses incident to the administration of the trust during that same period.
- (f) The trustee shall provide for appropriate audit, accounting, and fiscal management services, plans, and reports relative to the fund.
- (g) Notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, trustee annually shall provide the board and the department with an accounting of the investments and a forecast of the projected income to be distributed from the fund in future fiscal years.

(h) The mandatory distributions and net income distributed by the trustee from the trust fund is hereby transferred to the board and the department for deposit in and expenditure from the Water Rate Assistance Fund and Community Water Affordability Assistance Fund, respectively.

(i) The trust shall be deemed a charitable trust subject to the supervision of the Attorney General.

CHAPTER 2. COMMUNITY WATER AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM

12968. (a) For purposes of this part, the following definition apply:

(1) “Fund” means the Community Water Affordability Assistance Fund.

(2) “Program” means the Community Water Affordability Program.

(3) “Board” means the State Water Resources Control Board.

(b) (1) The department shall, upon appropriation by the Legislature, develop and administer the Community Water Affordability Program. The program shall provide funding in the form of grants to community water systems, as defined in Health and Safety Code section 116275, for local water infrastructure projects that shall include, but are not limited to, projects that improve water supplies, resiliency, or quality, and projects that reduce energy costs for a community water system. The purpose of the grants shall be reducing the amount of local ratepayer funding required for those projects and for avoiding costs that would otherwise be paid for by ratepayers.

(2) (A) Before disbursing grant funds pursuant to this section, the department shall develop and adopt program guidelines and project solicitation documents, after soliciting public comment and feedback inclusive of community water systems. The guidelines and project solicitation documents developed pursuant to this section are not subject to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

(B) The program guidelines shall:

(i) Require an applicant for a grant to provide at least 25 percent of the total funding required for the project. Federal funding and other state loans and grants may be included in this amount. The department may waive or reduce that minimum amount if that requirement would cause extreme financial hardship to the applicant.

(ii) Establish a methodology for evaluating projects for purposes of a grant award by consideration of factors that include, but are not limited to, the net present value of the cost avoided on a per account basis over a 25 year period of time, the applicant’s ability to complete the project in a timely manner, and the number of households it would benefit.

(iii) The established methodology for evaluating projects for purposes of a grant award shall not consider an applicant's ability to provide the minimum amount of total funding required by subsection (i), and shall not prejudice an applicant for requesting that the department waive or reduce that minimum amount due to financial hardship.

(C) Before adopting program guidelines and project solicitation documents, the department shall hold at least three public workshops throughout the state on draft program guidelines, and shall provide at least 45 days for public comment on the draft.

(3) The department shall post on its website a report on the revenues, expenditures and benefits of the fund for the prior fiscal year. The report shall include the cumulative and fiscal year number of households the Community Water Assistance Program has benefited and the estimated amount of cost it has caused to be avoided through the program.

(4) The department shall coordinate with the board for projects that seek to combine funding from the program and the board.

(c) The department may undertake any of the following actions to implement the fund:

(1) Provide for the deposit of any of the following moneys into the fund:

(A) Federal contributions.

(B) Voluntary contributions, gifts, grants, or bequests.

(C) Financial participation by a public agency in an activity authorized for funding from the fund.

(2) Enter into agreements for contributions to the fund from the federal government, local or state agencies, and private corporations or nonprofit organizations.

(3) Take additional action as may be appropriate for adequate administration and operation of the fund.

(4) Expend moneys from the fund for reasonable costs associated with administration of the fund, including outreach regarding the availability of the funding. The department may expend no more than 5 percent of the annual revenue from the fund for reasonable costs associated with the administration of the fund.

(d) The department may set appropriate requirements as a condition of funding, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) An audit.

(2) Improvements to reduce costs and increase efficiencies of the infrastructure project funded.

(3) An evaluation of alternatives.

(e) The Community Water Affordability Assistance Fund is hereby established in the State Treasury. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, all moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the department, without regard to fiscal years, in accordance with this part. Moneys in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not revert to the General Fund. Moneys in the fund shall not be available for appropriation or borrowed for use for any purpose not established in this chapter unless that use of the moneys is authorized by statute that receives an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership in each house of the Legislature.

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