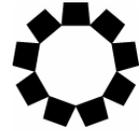


ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



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AGENDA

LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 21, 2015, 3:30 PM -5:00 PM

Location:

Association of Bay Area Governments

101 8th Street

Oakland, California

Committee Chair: Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda County

Committee Vice Chair: Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland

Staff: Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director, 510/464-7955, bradp@abag.ca.gov

Michael Arnold, ABAG Legislative Advocate, Sacramento

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. OPEN AGENDA-PUBLIC COMMENT

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FROM MARCH 19, 2015 MEETING

4. MICHAEL ARNOLD, ARNOLD AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

a. State Budget Update – May Revision and Budget Outlook

b. Overview of Bill Summary and key ABAG support bills

- I. AB 1368 (Baker) RHNA credit for military personnel filing DD214
- II. SB 602 (Monning) Adding CA Earthquake Authority to definition of “public agency” for purposes of financing the installation of seismic strengthening improvements
- III. AB 18 (Dodd) Napa and Solano County disaster relief

c. Update on Affordable Housing Package

- i. AB 35 (Chiu) Income tax: tax credit increase for low-income housing
- ii. AB 90 (Atkins) Distribution of national housing trust fund monies
- iii. AB 1335 (Atkins) Creation of a dedicated affordable housing fund by placing a \$75 fee on recording of real estate documents – excluding documents related to sales of owner occupied homes.

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5. BRAD PAUL, ABAG DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AND MICHAEL ARNOLD

Possible legislation to add COGs and MPOs to the list of agencies allowed to access state-produced datasets

Information/Action

6. REQUEST FOR ABAG SUPPORT LETTER TO SENATOR FEINSTEIN RE SUPPORT FOR 2% INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR “OUTDOOR ECONOMY PROGRAMS.”

Action

7. L&GO LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2015

Attachment: 2015 Legislative priorities

Information

8. LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP AND RECEPTION – Committee to discuss moving the Legislative Workshop to the Bay Area for 2016.

Action

9. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the L & GO Committee will be on July 16, 2015.

The ABAG Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee may act on any item on this agenda.

Attachments: Minutes for the March 19, 2015 Meeting
L&GO Legislative Priorities for 2015
Email and draft Feinstein letter re “Outdoor Economy Programs”
ABAG Legislative Status Report (LSR)

**Association of Bay Area Governments
Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee**

**Thursday, March 19, 2015
Minutes**

Committee Members Present:

Supervisor David Cortese, County of Santa Clara
Mayor Bill Harrison, City of Fremont
Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa, ABAG Immediate Past President
Councilmember Julie Pierce, City of Clayton, ABAG President
Mayor Harry Price, City of Fairfield
Supervisor David Rabbitt, County of Sonoma, ABAG Vice President

Other Elected Officials:

Councilmember Dave Hudson, City of San Ramon

Staff:

Ezra Rapport
Brad Paul

Public:

Ken Bukowski/Filming

ABAG Legislative Consultant:

Michael Arnold, Legislative Advocate, Arnold and Associates, Inc.

1. **Introductions:** Supervisor Mark Luce called the meeting to order at 3:35p.m.
2. **Minutes:** January 15, 2015 minutes were approved (6-0).
3. **Michael Arnold, ABAG Legislative Advocate in Sacramento – Briefing on legislation, state budget and politics.**
 - a. Fewer bills introduced by the Senate, but still 2400 new bills. Many of these are “spot bills.”
 - b. Budget subcommittees are meeting.
 - c. Governor issues the May revision of the budget in mid-May. Legislature must pass the budget by June 15, 2015.
 - d. Special Election Results: SD 7, Runoff election May 19th Glazer v. Bonilla; SD 21, Shannon Runner (R) elected; SD 37 John Moorlach (R) elected.
4. **Legislation Summary reviewed.** Committee decided to watch most of the new bills that were presented. Committee voted to support the following bills:
 - a. **AB 35 (Chiu)** Increasing low income housing tax credit from \$70 million to \$370 million.
 - b. **AB 90 (Atkins)** Distribution of national housing trust fund monies in California.

- c. **AB 1335 (Atkins)** Creation of a dedicated affordable housing fund by placing a \$75 fee on recording of real estate documents- excluding sales to owner occupied residential.
 - d. **AB 1368 (Baker)** Authorizes person discharged from military to file with the county recorder (DD214) and credits the city or county with the production of a new housing unit for the Regional Housing Needs Assessment Process (RHNA).
 - e. **SB 602 (Monning)** Includes the California Earthquake Authority within the definition of “public agency” for purposes of financing the installation of seismic strengthening improvements.
5. **Access to State Data by COGs and MPOs.** Brad Paul presented an issue relating to the need to revise existing law to add COGs and MPOs to the list of agencies permitted to access state produced data bases. Michael Arnold will research this matter and report back at the next meeting.
6. **L&GO Legislative Priorities for 2015**
- a. 2015 Legislative Priorities were affirmed without change
7. **Review of Legislative Workshop and Reception in Sacramento**
- a. The 2015 Legislative Workshop featured briefings on bills and initiatives related to local government. The turnout at the workshop was very good in terms of speakers, but could have been better relative to ABAG elected officials. The evening reception went well, but was not as well attended this year by Legislators. Discussion was had relative to improving future workshops and perhaps moving the workshop to the Bay Area on a Friday. Staff will study this matter and come back with recommended possibilities.
8. **Services for Unaccompanied Children.** Ezra Rapport briefed the Committee on the matter of unaccompanied children (UAC) and/or refugee children. This subject was brought to ABAG by the Catholic Charities. The goal of this effort would be to survey ABAG counties relative to programs available to serve this population. ABAG received three great applications from potential interns, one of whom will be hired to carry out this project during July and August, 2015.

The next meeting of the L&GO Committee will be on May 21, 2015.



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Legislative Status Report 5/11/2015

[AB 2](#)

[Alejo D](#)

Community revitalization authority.

Text Version:

Amended: 3/26/2015

Position: Watch

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status:

5/7/2015-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Calendar:

5/11/2015 #82 ASSEMBLY ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE

The Community Redevelopment Law authorizes the establishment of redevelopment agencies in communities to address the effects of blight, as defined by means of redevelopment projects financed by the issuance of bonds serviced by tax increment revenues derived from the project area. Existing law dissolved redevelopment agencies and community development agencies, as of February 1, 2012, and provides for the designation of successor agencies to wind down the affairs of the dissolved agencies and to fulfill the enforceable obligations of those agencies. Existing law also provides for various economic development programs that foster community sustainability and community and economic development initiatives throughout the state. This bill would authorize certain local agencies to form a community revitalization authority (authority) within a community revitalization and investment area, as defined, to carry out provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law in that area for purposes related to, among other things, infrastructure, affordable housing, and economic revitalization. The bill would provide for the financing of these activities by, among other things, the issuance of bonds serviced by tax increment revenues, and would require the authority to adopt a community revitalization plan for the community revitalization and investment area that includes elements describing and governing revitalization activities. The bill would also provide for periodic audits by the Controller. The bill would also require the Department of Housing and Community Development, advised by an advisory committee appointed by the Director of Housing and Community Development, to periodically review the calculation of surplus housing under these provisions. The bill would require certain funds allocated to the authority to be deposited into a separate Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund and used by the authority for the purposes of increasing, improving, and preserving the community's supply, as specified. The bill would, if an authority failed to expend or encumber surplus in the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund, require those funds to be disbursed towards housing needs. The bill would require an authority to make relocation provisions for persons displaced by a plan and replace certain dwelling units that are destroyed or removed as part of a plan. The bill would authorize an authority to acquire interests in real property and exercise the power of eminent domain, as specified.

An act to add Division 4 (commencing with Section 62000) to Title 6 of the Government Code, relating to economic development.

[AB 18](#)

[Dodd D](#)

Disaster relief: South Napa Earthquake.

Text Version:

Amended: 3/12/2015

Position: Support

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status:

4/15/2015-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

The California Disaster Assistance Act generally provides that the state share for disaster project allocations to local agencies is no more than 75% of total state eligible costs, except for specified events for which the state share is up to 100% of state eligible costs. This bill would add the August 24, 2014, South Napa Earthquake, to the list of events for which the state share of state eligible cost is up to 100%. This bill contains other related provisions.

An act to amend Section 8686 of the Government Code, relating to disaster relief, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

[AB 21](#)

[Perea D](#)

California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: scoping plan.

Text Version:

Amended: 5/5/2015

Position: Watch

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status:

5/6/2015-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Calendar:

5/13/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GOMEZ, Chair

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 establishes the State Air Resources Board as the state agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources emitting greenhouse gases. The act requires the state board to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit, as defined, to be achieved by 2020, equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas

emissions levels in 1990. This bill would require the state board in preparing its scoping plan to consult with specified state agencies regarding matters involving energy efficiency and the facilitation of the electrification of the transportation sector. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to amend Sections 38501 and 38561 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to greenhouse gases.

[AB 23](#) **[Patterson R](#)** **California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: exemption.**
Text Version: Introduced: 12/1/2014 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 3/23/2015-In committee: Set, first hearing. Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. The state board is required to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions level in 1990 to be achieved by 2020, and to adopt rules and regulations in an open public process to achieve the maximum, technologically feasible, and cost-effective greenhouse gas emissions reductions. The act authorizes the state board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Existing state board regulations require specified entities to comply with a market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2013, and require additional specified entities to comply with that market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2015. This bill would instead exempt those categories of persons or entities that did not have a compliance obligation, as defined, under a market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2013, from being subject to that market-based compliance mechanism through December 31, 2020. This bill contains other related provisions.

An act to add Section 38576 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to greenhouse gases, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

[AB 35](#) **[Chiu D](#)** **Income taxes: credits: low-income housing: allocation increase.**
Text Version: Amended: 4/16/2015 Position: Support
[pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 4/20/2015-Re-referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.
Calendar: 5/11/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 126 ASSEMBLY REVENUE AND TAXATION, TING, Chair

Existing law establishes a low-income housing tax credit program pursuant to which the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee provides procedures and requirements for the allocation of state insurance, personal income, and corporation income tax credit amounts among low-income housing projects based on federal law. Existing law, in modified conformity to federal income tax law, allows the credit based upon the applicable percentage, as defined, of the qualified basis of each qualified low-income building. Existing law limits the total annual amount of the credit that the committee may allocate to \$70 million per year, as specified. This bill, for calendar years beginning 2015, would increase the aggregate housing credit dollar amount that may be allocated among low-income housing projects by \$300,000,000, as specified. The bill, under the insurance taxation law, the Personal Income Tax Law, and the Corporation Tax Law, would modify the definition of applicable percentage relating to qualified low-income buildings that meet specified criteria. This bill contains other related provisions.

An act to amend Sections 12206, 17058, and 23610.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy.

[AB 40](#) **[Ting D](#)** **Toll bridges: pedestrians and bicycles.**
Text Version: Amended: 4/15/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 4/29/2015-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Existing law provides for the construction and operation of various toll bridges by the state, the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, and by private entities that have entered into a franchise agreement with the state. This bill would prohibit a toll from being imposed on the passage of a pedestrian or bicycle over these various toll bridges.

An act to add Sections 27567, 30114, and 30814 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

[AB 45](#) **[Mullin D](#)** **Household hazardous waste.**
Text Version: Amended: 4/30/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 5/4/2015-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, which is administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, requires, among other things, each city and each county to prepare a household hazardous waste element containing specified components, and to submit that element to the department for approval. Existing law requires the department to approve the element if the local agency demonstrates that it will comply with specified requirements. A city or county is required to submit an annual report to the department summarizing its progress in reducing solid waste, including an update of the jurisdiction's household hazardous waste element. This bill would require each jurisdiction that provides for the

residential collection and disposal of solid waste to increase the collection and diversion of household hazardous waste in its service area, on or before July 1, 2020, by 15% over a baseline amount, to be determined in accordance with department regulations. The bill would authorize the department to adopt a model ordinance for a comprehensive program for the collection of household hazardous waste to facilitate compliance with those provisions, and would require each jurisdiction to annually report to the department on progress achieved in complying with those provisions. By imposing new duties on local agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to add Article 3.4 (commencing with Section 47120) to Chapter 1 of Part 7 of Division 30 of the Public Resources Code, relating to hazardous waste.

[AB 57](#)

[Quirk D](#)

Telecommunications: wireless telecommunication facilities.

Text Version:

Amended: 4/6/2015

Position: Watch

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status:

4/13/2015-From committee: Be re-referred to Com. on L. GOV. Re-referred. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (April 13).
Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Calendar:

5/13/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAIENSCHIN, Chair

Existing law requires a city, including a charter city, or county to administratively approve an application for a collocation facility on or immediately adjacent to a wireless telecommunications collocation facility, as defined, through the issuance of a building permit or a nondiscretionary permit, as specified. Existing law prohibits a city or county from taking certain actions as a condition of approval of an application for a permit for construction or reconstruction for a development project for a wireless telecommunications facility. This bill would provide that a collocation or siting application for a wireless telecommunications facility is deemed approved, if the city or county fails to approve or disapprove the application within the time periods established by the commission and all required public notices have been provided regarding the application. This bill contains other existing laws.

An act to add Section 65964.1 to the Government Code, relating to telecommunications.

[AB 90](#)

[Chau D](#)

Federal Housing Trust Fund.

Text Version:

Amended: 4/22/2015

Position: Support

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status:

4/29/2015-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Existing law establishes the Department of Housing and Community Development in the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency. The department is responsible for administering various housing and home loan programs throughout the state. Existing law also establishes the California Housing Finance Agency within the department, and provides that the primary purpose of the agency is to meet the housing needs of persons and families of low to moderate income. This bill would designate the Department of Housing and Community Development as the state agency responsible for administering funds received by the state from the federal Housing Trust Fund. This bill would require the department to administer the funds through programs that produce, preserve, rehabilitate, or support the operation of rental housing for extremely low income and very low income households, except that up to 10% of funding may be used to support homeownership for extremely low income and very low income households. The bill would require any rental project funded from the federal Housing Trust Fund to restrict affordability for 55 years and require any homeownership program funded from the federal Housing Trust Fund to restrict affordability for 30 years. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to amend Section 50408 of, and to add Chapter 6.8 (commencing with Section 50676) to Part 2 of Division 31 of, the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

[AB 91](#)

Committee on Budget

Budget Act of 2014.

Text Version:

Chaptered: 3/27/2015

Position: Watch

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status:

3/27/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 1

The Budget Act of 2014 made appropriations for the support of state government for the 2014-15 fiscal year. This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2014 by amending, adding, and repealing items of appropriation. This bill contains other related provisions.

An act to amend the Budget Act of 2014 (Chapters 25 and 663 of the Statutes of 2014) by amending Items 0540-001-0140, 0540-001-6052, 0690-001-0001, 3540-001-0001, 3600-001-0001, 3600-001-0200, 3600-101-0001, 3640-493, 3790-001-0392, 3790-001-0516, 3790-001-6052, 3860-001-0001, 3860-101-6052, 5180-101-0001, 8570-001-0001, 8570-001-3228, and 9800-001-0001 of, adding Items 0540-492, 3640-494, 3760-311-6052, 3760-490, 3790-492, 3860-001-3228, 3860-101-0001, 3860-101-3228, 3860-301-3228, 3860-301-6052, 3860-490, 3940-001-6083, 3940-002-0001, 3940-002-0679, 3940-101-0679, 3940-101-6083, and 3940-102-0679 to, and repealing Item 3760-493 of, Section 2.00 of, and by amending Section 39.00 of, that act, relating to the State Budget, and making an appropriation therefor, to take effect immediately, budget bill.

[AB 92](#)**Committee on
Budget****Water.**

Text Version:

Chaptered: 3/27/2015
[pdf](#) [html](#)

Position: Watch

Status:

3/27/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 2

Existing law requires any new diversion of water from any stream having populations of salmon and steelhead that is determined by the Department of Fish and Wildlife to be deleterious to salmon and steelhead to be screened by the owner of the diversion. Existing law requires the department to submit to the owner its proposals as to measures necessary to protect the salmon and steelhead within 30 days of receipt of a notice of a diversion of water from a stream having populations of salmon and steelhead. This bill would instead require the department, within 30 days of providing written notice to the owner that the department has determined that the diversion is deleterious to salmon and steelhead, to submit to the owner its proposals as to measures necessary to protect the salmon and steelhead. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to amend Section 6100 of, and to add Sections 12025.1 and 12025.2 to, the Fish and Game Code, to add Section 8687.9 to the Government Code, to amend Section 4629.6 of the Public Resources Code, and to amend Section 81046 of, to amend, repeal, and add Section 13442 of, and to add Sections 189 and 81023 to, the Water Code, relating to water, and making an appropriation therefor, to take effect immediately, bill related to the budget.

[AB 103](#)**Weber D****Budget Act of 2015.**

Text Version:

Introduced: 1/9/2015
[pdf](#) [html](#)

Position: Watch

Status:

1/26/2015-Referred to Com. on BUDGET.

This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2015-16 fiscal year. This bill contains other related provisions.

An act making appropriations for the support of the government of the State of California and for several public purposes in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of California, relating to the state budget, to take effect immediately, budget bill.

[AB 157](#)**Levine D****Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.**

Text Version:

Introduced: 1/20/2015
[pdf](#) [html](#)

Position: Watch

Status:

5/7/2015-Referred to Coms. on T. & H. and E.Q.

Existing law specifies the powers and duties of the Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the Bay Area Toll Authority with respect to the collection and expenditure of toll revenue from the 7 state-owned toll bridges within the geographic jurisdiction of the commission, including the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. This bill, if the commission and the department develop a project to open the third lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge to automobile traffic on the eastbound level and to bicycle traffic on the westbound level, would require the lead agency to complete the design work for the project simultaneously with the environmental review conducted pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. This bill contains other related provisions.

An act to add Section 30910.7 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

[AB 266](#)**Cooley D****Medical marijuana.**

Text Version:

Amended: 5/5/2015
[pdf](#) [html](#)

Position: Watch

Status:

5/6/2015-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Existing law, the Compassionate Use Act of 1996, an initiative measure enacted by the approval of Proposition 215 at the November 6, 1996, statewide general election, authorizes the use of marijuana for medical purposes. Existing law enacted by the Legislature requires the establishment of a program for the issuance of identification cards to qualified patients so that they may lawfully use marijuana for medical purposes, and requires the establishment of guidelines for the lawful cultivation of marijuana grown for medical use. Existing law provides for the licensure of various professions by the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law, the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law, provides for the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and cosmetics, as specified. A violation of that law is a crime. This bill would establish within the Department of Consumer Affairs a Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation, under the supervision and control of the Chief of the Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation, and would require the bureau to license and regulate dispensing facilities, cultivation sites, transporters, and manufacturers of medical marijuana and medical marijuana products, subject to local ordinances. The bill would require a background check of applicants for licensure, as defined, to be administered by the Department of Justice, and submission of a statement signed by an applicant, under penalty of perjury, that the information on his or her application is true, thereby creating a crime and imposing a state-mandated local program. Violation of the provisions related to applying for a conditional license

An act to amend Section 50408 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

[AB 402](#) **[Dodd D](#)** **Local agency services: contracts.**
Text Version: Amended: 5/5/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 5/6/2015-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.
Calendar: 5/13/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAIENSCHIN, Chair

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 governs the procedures for the formation and change of organization of cities and special districts. Existing law permits a city or district to provide extended services, as defined, outside its jurisdictional boundaries only if it first requests and receives written approval from the local agency formation commission in the affected county. Under existing law, the commission may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside both its jurisdictional boundaries and its sphere of influence under specified circumstances, including when responding to an impending threat to the public health or safety of the residents in the affected territory where specified requirements are met. This bill would additionally allow a commission to authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundary to support existing or planned uses involving public or private properties, subject to approval at a publicly noticed hearing where the commission makes specified determinations. The bill would also make technical and conforming changes.

An act to amend Section 56133 of the Government Code, relating to local agency formation.

[AB 464](#) **[Mullin D](#)** **Transactions and use taxes: maximum combined rate.**
Text Version: Amended: 4/6/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 5/4/2015-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Calendar: 5/11/2015 #59 ASSEMBLY ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE

Existing law authorizes cities and counties, and, if specifically authorized, other local governmental entities, subject to certain limitations and approval requirements, to levy a transactions and use tax for general purposes, in accordance with the procedures and requirements set forth in the Transactions and Use Tax Law, including a requirement that the combined rate of all taxes imposed in accordance with that law in the county not exceed 2%. This bill would increase that maximum combined rate to 3%.

An act to amend Section 7251.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation.

[AB 495](#) **[Gordon D](#)** **Regional park and open-space districts: general manager: powers.**
Text Version: Introduced: 2/23/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 5/7/2015-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

Existing law authorizes the general manager of any park or open-space district, with district board approval, to bind the district, in accordance with board policy, and without advertising, for the payment of amounts not exceeding \$25,000 for supplies, materials, labor, or other valuable consideration for any purpose. This bill would authorize the general managers of the East Bay Regional Park District and the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to bind those districts, with district board approval and in accordance with board policy, for the payment of supplies, materials, labor, or other valuable consideration for any purpose, in amounts not exceeding \$50,000. This bill contains other related provisions.

An act to amend Section 5549 of the Public Resources Code, relating to parks.

[AB 501](#) **[Levine D](#)** **Resources: Delta research.**
Text Version: Amended: 4/22/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 4/29/2015-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Existing law, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009, requires the Delta Stewardship Council to develop, adopt, and commence implementation of a comprehensive management plan for the Delta, meeting specified requirements. The act requires the Delta Independent Science Board to develop a scientific program relating to the management of the Delta. This bill would require a person conducting Delta research, as defined, whose research is funded, in whole or in part, by the state, to take specified actions with regard to the sharing of the primary data, samples, physical collections, and other supporting materials created or gathered in the course of that research. The bill would make a researcher ineligible for state funding if the researcher does not substantially comply with these requirements within 6 months of completing the Delta research project, until the researcher complies with those requirements. The bill would authorize the Delta Independent Science Board to adopt guidelines to provide adjustments to, and, where essential, exceptions from, these requirements and would exempt the adoption of these guidelines from the procedural requirements for the adoption of regulations. The bill would require a state agency that funds or participates in Delta research to implement policies to disseminate and share Delta research results,

including, but not limited to, making it a condition of a grant that the grantee share research data, collections, and findings with other researchers.

An act to add Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 85285) to Part 3 of Division 35 of the Water Code, relating to resources.

[AB 504](#)

[Gonzalez D](#)

Local planning.

Text Version:

Amended: 3/26/2015

Position: Watch

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status:

5/11/2015-Action From SECOND READING: Read second time.To THIRD READING.

Calendar:

5/11/2015 #7 ASSEMBLY ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE

The Planning and Zoning Law, among other things, establishes in each city or county a planning agency and requires each city or county to, by ordinance, assign the functions of the planning agency to a planning department, one or more planning commissions, administrative bodies or hearing officers, the legislative body itself, or any combination thereof, as it deems appropriate and necessary. The law requires, if a city or county does not make an assignment, as specified, the legislative body of the city or county to carry out all the functions of the planning agency. The law specifies the functions of a planning agency and the minimum membership of a planning commission to be at least 5 members who act in the public interest. This bill would, notwithstanding any other law, authorize a city to delegate to, or authorize pursuant to a contract with, a nonprofit public benefit corporation the performance of administrative or ministerial planning functions and powers and require that the city retain all nonadministrative or nonministerial planning functions. The bill would require a nonprofit public benefit corporation performing administrative or ministerial planning functions and powers to comply with city laws and plans and state laws, including, but not limited to, laws relating to the requirements for open meetings and the disclosure of public records, as specified. The bill would require any planning action taken by a nonprofit public benefit corporation to be able to be appealed to the legislative body of the city. The bill would require a nonprofit public benefit corporation, beginning on or before July 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, to report to the legislative body of the city on the planning functions it has undertaken in the previous calendar year, and require the legislative body of the city to review and approve each report at a noticed public hearing. The bill would also state that this is an issue of statewide concern.

An act to add Section 65108 to the Government Code, relating to land use.

[AB 528](#)

[Baker R](#)

San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District: strikes: prohibition.

Text Version:

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Position: Watch

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status:

5/6/2015-In committee: Testimony taken. Hearing postponed by committee.

Existing law creates the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District and establishes provisions regulating the collective bargaining of the employees and the board of directors of that district. Existing law prescribes procedures specifically relating to the collective bargaining of transit districts, and authorizes the Governor, when it appears a strike will significantly disrupt transportation services and endanger public health, safety, and welfare, to appoint a board to investigate issues in connection with these labor negotiations and make a report. Existing law prohibits a strike during the period of investigation and permits the Governor, upon receiving a report from a board of investigation, to request the Attorney General to petition a court to enjoin the strike, as specified. This bill would prohibit employees of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District from engaging in a strike or work stoppage if the transit district board maintains the compensation and benefit provisions of an expired contract and an employee or employee organization has agreed to a provision prohibiting strikes in the expired or previous written labor contract. The bill would provide that an employee whom the transit district employer finds willfully engaged in a strike or work stoppage in violation of these provisions is subject to dismissal if that finding is sustained upon conclusion of the appropriate proceedings necessary for the imposition of a disciplinary action.

An act to amend Section 3616 of, and to add Section 3616.1 to, the Government Code, relating to the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District.

[AB 641](#)

[Mayes R](#)

Environmental quality: housing developments.

Text Version:

Amended: 3/26/2015

Position: Watch

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Status:

5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 4/28/2015)

The California Environmental Quality Act requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. The act also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. The act establishes a procedure by which a person may seek judicial review of the decision of the lead agency made pursuant to the act. This bill would require the Judicial Council, on or before July 1, 2016, to adopt a rule of court to establish procedures applicable to actions or proceedings seeking judicial review of a public agency's action in certifying the environmental impact report and in granting approval for housing developments, as defined. The procedures would require the actions or proceedings, including any appeals therefrom, to be resolved, to the

extent feasible, within 270 days of the certification of the record of proceedings. The bill would prohibit a court from staying or enjoining those housing developments unless it makes specified findings.

An act to add Section 21172 to the Public Resources Code, relating to environmental quality.

[AB 668](#)

Gomez D **Property taxation: assessment: affordable housing.**
Text Version: Amended: 5/5/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 5/6/2015-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Existing law requires the county assessor to consider, when valuing real property for property taxation purposes, the effect of any enforceable restrictions to which the use of the land may be subjected. Under existing law these restrictions include, but are not limited to, zoning, recorded contracts with governmental agencies, and various other restrictions imposed by governments. This bill would require the county assessor to consider, when valuing real property for property taxation purposes, a recorded contract with a nonprofit corporation that meets prescribed requirements, including requirements that the nonprofit corporation has received a welfare exemption for properties intended to be sold to low-income families who participate in a special no-interest loan program, and that the contract includes a restriction on the use of the land for at least 30 years to owner-occupied housing available at affordable housing cost. By changing the manner in which county assessors assess property for property taxation purposes, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to amend Section 402.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation.

[AB 738](#)

Gaines, Beth R **Sacramento Regional Transit District.**
Text Version: Amended: 4/6/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 5/11/2015-Action From SECOND READING: Read second time and amended.To SECOND READING.
Calendar: 5/11/2015 #15 ASSEMBLY ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE

Existing law provides for the creation of the Sacramento Regional Transit District, with specified powers and duties relative to the provision of public transit services. Existing law describes the authorized boundaries of the district, as specified, and provides that the boundaries of the district, at any point in time, shall consist of the area of any city or county within the authorized boundaries where the governing board of the city or county has declared a need for the district to operate. Existing law authorizes the district to operate in any city or county where the need for the district to operate has been declared, except that the district has no power to levy an ad valorem property tax unless a city or county adopts a specified resolution. Existing law provides for a city or county to annex to the district through a written request to the district and approval by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments. This bill would revise and recast these provisions. The bill would provide that the boundaries of the district, at any point in time, shall consist of specified areas, including a city or county that has acted to annex to the district, and a city incorporated on or after January 1, 2016, if the newly incorporated city consists of territory that was included in the district prior to incorporation. The bill would require an annexation to be subject to an agreement between the annexing city or county and the district board specifying the terms and conditions of annexation, and would delete the requirement for approval of annexation by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments. The bill would provide procedures for detachment of territory within the district by a specified supermajority vote of the district board.

An act to amend Sections 102025, 102053, and 102054 of, to add Section 102056 to, and to repeal and add Sections 102052.5 and 102055 of, the Public Utilities Code, relating to public transit.

[AB 744](#)

Chau D **Planning and zoning: density bonuses.**
Text Version: Amended: 3/26/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 4/30/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 2.) (April 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Calendar: 5/13/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GOMEZ, Chair

The Planning and Zoning Law requires, when a developer of housing proposes a housing development within the jurisdiction of the local government, that the city, county, or city and county provide the developer with a density bonus and other incentives or concessions for the production of lower income housing units or the donation of land within the development if the developer, among other things, agrees to construct a specified percentage of units for very low, low-, or moderate-income households or qualifying residents. Existing law requires continued affordability for 55 years or longer, as specified, of all very low and low-income units that qualified an applicant for a density bonus. Existing law prohibits a city, county, or city and county from requiring a vehicular parking ratio for a housing development that meets these criteria in excess of specified ratios. This prohibition applies only at the request of the developer and specifies that the developer may request additional parking incentives or concessions. This bill would additionally prohibit, at the request of the developer, a city, county, or city and county from imposing a minimum onsite parking requirement on a development that is located within one-half mile of a major transit stop, is a senior housing development, or is a special needs housing development, as those terms are defined. The bill would specify that a city, county, or city and county may impose a maximum onsite parking requirement for a development. This bill contains other related

provisions and other existing laws.

An act to amend Section 65915 of the Government Code, relating to housing.

[AB 746](#)

[Ting D](#) **San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.**
Text Version: Amended: 4/14/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 5/7/2015-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Calendar: 5/11/2015 #98 ASSEMBLY ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE

Existing law, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, until January 1, 2029, establishes the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority to raise and allocate resources for the restoration, enhancement, protection, and enjoyment of wetlands and wildlife habitat in the San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline. The act establishes a governing board of the authority composed of specified members, including a member who is a resident of the San Francisco Bay area who serves as the chair. The act grants to the board all powers that are necessary to carry out the act, including, among other things, the power to levy specified benefit assessments, special taxes, and property-related fees, and to issue revenue bonds. However, the act limits the total amount of indebtedness incurred pursuant to those provisions authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds from exceeding 10% of the authority's total revenues in the preceding fiscal year. Existing law generally requires a district to reimburse the county elections official for the actual costs incurred in conducting an election for the district. However, the act authorizes, until January 1, 2017, the authority to reimburse only the incremental costs, as defined, that are incurred by the county elections official related to submitting a special tax measure to the voters. This bill would delete the requirement that one member of the board, who serves as the chair, be a resident of the San Francisco Bay area and would instead require that member to be an elected official of a bayside city or county. The bill would also delete the limit on the authority's total amount of bonded indebtedness based on prior fiscal year revenues. The bill would extend to January 1, 2019, the operation of the provision authorizing the authority to reimburse county elections officials for only the incremental costs of submitting a special tax measure to the voters, expanded to apply to other specified measures that would generate revenues for the authority. The bill would postpone to January 1, 2049, the repeal date for the act, and would make related conforming changes. By imposing additional duties on local government officials with regard to implementation of the act, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to amend Sections 66703, 66704, 66704.05, and 66706 of the Government Code, relating to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.

[AB 952](#)

[Garcia, Cristina D](#) **Local government: vacancies.**
Text Version: Amended: 4/20/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 4/21/2015-Re-referred to Com. on E. & R.
Calendar: 5/13/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS AND REDISTRICTING, RIDLEY-THOMAS, Chair

Existing law requires a city council, within 60 days of a vacancy in an elective office, to fill that vacancy by appointment or call a special election to fill the vacancy, and provides that a person elected or appointed to fill a vacancy holds office for the unexpired term of the former incumbent. This bill would instead provide that if the council fills a vacancy in an elective office by appointment, and that vacancy occurred in the first half of the term of office and at least 130 days prior to the next general municipal election, the person appointed to fill the vacancy holds office until the next general municipal election at which a person is elected to fill that vacancy, and thereafter, until the person elected is qualified. The bill would additionally provide that if the vacancy occurs in the first half of a term of office, but less than 130 days prior to the next general municipal election, or if the vacancy occurs in the second half of the term of office, the person appointed to fill the vacancy holds office for the unexpired term of the former incumbent.

An act to amend Section 36512 of the Government Code, relating to local government.

[AB 956](#)

[Mathis R](#) **California Environmental Quality Act: exemption.**
Text Version: Amended: 4/13/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 4/28/2015)

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. The act also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. This bill would exempt from the requirements of CEQA activities undertaken by a local agency in response to a drought that are necessary for water recycling projects that provide water for drinking and sanitation to specific individuals and communities.

An act to add Section 21080.41 to the Public Resources Code, relating to environmental quality.

[AB 1056](#)

Atkins D **Second Chance Program.**
Text Version: Amended: 4/30/2015 Position: Watch
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Status: 5/4/2015-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Existing law establishes the Board of State and Community Corrections as an entity independent of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and authorizes the board to carry out various powers and duties relating to providing advice and leadership on criminal justice issues. This bill would require the board to administer a competitive grant program that focuses on community-based solutions for reducing recidivism. The bill would establish minimum criteria for the grant program and would require the board to establish an Executive Steering Committee, composed of 13 members, as specified, to adopt guidelines for the submission of proposals for the grant program, including threshold or scoring criteria, or both. Among other things, the bill would require those guidelines to prioritize proposals that advance principles of restorative justice while demonstrating a capacity to reduce recidivism, and that leverage certain other federal, state, and local funds or social investments. The bill would define recidivism, for the purposes of these provisions, as a conviction of a new felony or misdemeanor committed within 3 years of release from custody or committed within 3 years of placement on supervision for a previous criminal conviction. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to add Article 5 (commencing with Section 6046) to Chapter 5 of Title 7 of Part 3 of the Penal Code, relating to recidivism reduction, and making an appropriation therefor.

[AB 1201](#)

Salas D **Fish and wildlife: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: predation by nonnative species.**
Text Version: Amended: 4/22/2015 Position: Watch
 [pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 5/6/2015-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

The California Endangered Species Act prohibits the taking of an endangered, threatened, or candidate species, except as specified. Under the act, the Department of Fish and Wildlife may authorize the take of listed species if the take is incidental to an otherwise lawful activity and the impacts are minimized and fully mitigated. This bill would require the department, by June 30, 2016, to develop and initiate a science-based approach that addresses predation by nonnative species upon species of fish listed pursuant to the act that reside all or a portion of their lives in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

An act to add Chapter 8.5 (commencing with Section 6940) to Part 1 of Division 6 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to fish and wildlife.

[AB 1205](#)

Gomez D **The California River Revitalization and Greenway Development Act of 2015.**
Text Version: Amended: 5/5/2015 Position: Watch
 [pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 5/6/2015-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Existing law establishes various plans and programs to preserve, protect, and rehabilitate lands adjacent to rivers in the state. This bill would require the Natural Resources Agency to establish a grant program for eligible applicants to develop projects on or adjacent to riparian corridors that assist the state in implementing the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 and to prioritize funding for projects that provide the greatest level of specified cobenefits. The bill would create the CalRIVER Fund in the State Treasury, with moneys in the fund to be available upon appropriation to implement the grant program. This bill contains other existing laws.

An act to add Chapter 10.5 (commencing with Section 5845) to Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, relating to rivers.

[AB 1268](#)

Steinorth R **California Environmental Quality Act: exemption for a housing project.**
Text Version: Amended: 5/5/2015 Position: Watch
 [pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 5/6/2015-Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
Calendar: 5/11/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY NATURAL RESOURCES, WILLIAMS, Chair

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) generally requires all state and local governmental lead agencies to prepare, or cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on any discretionary project that they propose to carry out or approve that may result in a significant effect on the environment, that is, a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in the physical conditions that exist within the area that will be affected by the project. Under existing law, a housing project qualifies for an exemption from CEQA if certain requirements are met, including the requirement that the site is not located within the boundaries of a state conservancy. This bill would eliminate the requirement that the site not be located within the boundaries of a state conservancy.

An act to amend Section 21159.21 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the California Environmental Quality Act.

[AB 1284](#)[Baker R](#)**Bay Area state-owned toll bridges: Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee.**

Text Version:

Amended: 4/8/2015

Position: Watch

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Status:

4/30/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (April 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Calendar:

5/13/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GOMEZ, Chair

Existing law specifies the powers and duties of the Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the Bay Area Toll Authority with respect to the collection and expenditure of toll revenue from the 7 state-owned toll bridges within the geographic jurisdiction of the commission. Existing law requires the department and the authority to form the Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee, consisting of the Director of Transportation, the Executive Director of the authority, and the Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission to review and provide program direction for seismic retrofit and replacement projects on those toll bridges. Existing law provides that the committee is not a state body or a local agency for the purposes of the open meeting laws applicable to either state bodies or local agencies known as the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and the Ralph M. Brown Act, respectively. This bill would delete that provision and would provide that the Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee is subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

An act to amend Section 30952.1 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to toll bridges.

[AB 1316](#)[Lopez D](#)**Housing elements.**

Text Version:

Amended: 3/26/2015

Position: Watch

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Status:

5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was H. & C.D. on 4/6/2015)

The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or county to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the city or county and of any land outside its boundaries that bears relation to its planning. That law also requires the general plan to contain specified mandatory elements, including a housing element for the preservation, improvement, and development of housing. Existing law prescribes requirements for the preparation of the housing element, including a requirement that a planning agency submit a draft of the element or draft amendment to the element to the Department of Housing and Community Development prior to the adoption of the element or amendment to the element. This bill would require the planning agency to make the draft element or draft amendment to the element available to the public at least 30 days prior to the submission to the department. By increasing the duties of local officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to amend Section 65585 of the Government Code, relating to housing.

[AB 1335](#)[Atkins D](#)**Building Homes and Jobs Act.**

Text Version:

Amended: 4/30/2015

Position: Support

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status:

5/4/2015-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Under existing law, there are programs providing assistance for, among other things, emergency housing, multifamily housing, farmworker housing, home ownership for very low and low-income households, and downpayment assistance for first-time homebuyers. Existing law also authorizes the issuance of bonds in specified amounts pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Existing law requires that proceeds from the sale of these bonds be used to finance various existing housing programs, capital outlay related to infill development, brownfield cleanup that promotes infill development, and housing-related parks. This bill would enact the Building Homes and Jobs Act. The bill would make legislative findings and declarations relating to the need for establishing permanent, ongoing sources of funding dedicated to affordable housing development. The bill would impose a fee, except as provided, of \$75 to be paid at the time of the recording of every real estate instrument, paper, or notice required or permitted by law to be recorded, per each single transaction per single parcel of real property, not to exceed \$225. By imposing new duties on counties with respect to the imposition of the recording fee, the bill would create a state-mandated local program. The bill would require that revenues from this fee, after deduction of any actual and necessary administrative costs incurred by the county recorder, be sent quarterly to the Department of Housing and Community Development for deposit in the Building Homes and Jobs Fund, which the bill would create within the State Treasury. The bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require that 20% of the moneys in the fund be expended for affordable owner-occupied workforce housing and authorize the remainder of the moneys in the fund to be expended to support affordable housing, home ownership opportunities, and other housing-related programs, and administrative costs, as specified. The bill would impose certain auditing and reporting requirements. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to add Section 27388.1 to the Government Code, and to add Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 50470) to Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

[AB 1336](#)[Salas D](#)**California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: disadvantaged communities.**

Text Version:

Amended: 3/26/2015

Position: Watch

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status:

5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 4/6/2015)

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. The act authorizes the state board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Existing law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the state board from the auction or sale of allowances as part of a market-based compliance mechanism to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and to be available upon appropriation. Existing law requires the California Environmental Protection Agency to identify disadvantaged communities and requires the Department of Finance, in consultation with the state board and any other relevant state agency, to develop, as specified, a 3-year investment plan for the moneys deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Existing law requires a minimum of 25% of the available moneys in the fund to be allocated to projects that provide benefits to disadvantaged communities. This bill instead would require a minimum of 40% of the available moneys in the fund to be allocated to projects that provide benefits to disadvantaged communities.

An act to amend Section 39713 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to greenhouse gases.

[AB 1368](#)

Baker R

Housing element: discharged military personnel.

Text Version:

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Position: Support

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Status:

5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was L. GOV. on 3/23/2015)

Existing law, the Planning and Zoning Law, requires every city, county, and city and county to revise the housing element of its general plan as frequently as is appropriate, but not less than every 5 years, to reflect the results of the periodic review of the housing element. Existing law requires the department, based upon data provided by the Department of Finance and in consultation with each council of government (COG), to determine the regional share of the statewide housing need for the subsequent revisions to the housing element. This bill would authorize a person discharged from service in the United States military to file his or her Department of Defense Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty (DD 214) with the county recorder of his or her place of residence, and would require that the city or county in which the person resides be credited with the production of a new housing unit for the 2014-22 regional housing needs assessment cycle. By imposing additional duties upon local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to add Section 65583.4 to the Government Code, relating to local planning.

[AB 1384](#)

Baker R

Toll facilities: Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Text Version:

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Position: Watch

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Status:

3/2/2015-Read first time.

Existing law designates the Metropolitan Transportation Commission as the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area. Existing law creates the Bay Area Toll Authority, governed by the same board as the commission, with specified powers and duties relative to the administration of toll revenues from state-owned toll bridges within the geographic jurisdiction of the commission. Existing law authorizes the authority to make direct contributions to the commission in furtherance of the exercise of the authority's powers, including contributions in the form of personnel services, office space, overhead, and other funding necessary to carry out the function of the authority, with those contributions not to exceed 1% of the gross annual bridge revenues. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this limitation on contributions.

An act to amend Section 30959 of the Streets and Highway Code, relating to toll facilities.

[AB 1429](#)

Chiu D

Earthquake loss mitigation: grant programs.

Text Version:

Amended: 4/20/2015

Position: Watch

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Status:

4/29/2015-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Existing law, the California Earthquake Authority Act, establishes the California Earthquake Authority, administered by the Insurance Commissioner, and authorizes the authority to transact insurance in this state as necessary to, among other things, create and maintain, in collaboration or jointly with subdivisions and programs of local, state, and federal governments and with other national programs, programs and activities that mitigate seismic risks, for the benefit of homeowners and other property owners. Existing law establishes the Earthquake Loss Mitigation Fund, a subaccount of the California Earthquake Authority Fund, a continuously appropriated fund. Existing law authorizes the authority to apply money in the Earthquake Loss Mitigation Fund to supply grants and loans or loan guarantees to dwelling owners who wish to retrofit their homes to protect against earthquake damage, as specified. This bill would recognize the existence of the California Residential Mitigation Program (CRMP), a joint powers authority created in 2012 by agreement between the California Earthquake Authority and the Office of Emergency Services. The bill would require the CRMP to implement a grant program and, on or after July 1, 2017, authorize it to give a grant to a qualifying owner of a residential structure that contains between 5 and 10 dwelling units to defray the owner's cost of seismic retrofit work to the structure, as specified, if the Legislature appropriates funds for that purpose. This bill would require the governing board of the CRMP, after providing notice and opportunity for public review and comment, to adopt policies and procedures necessary to implement the grant program, to establish eligibility criteria for participation in the grant program,

and to establish criteria for determining the amount of a grant awarded under the grant program. This bill would make related findings and declarations.

An act to add Section 10089.397 to the Insurance Code, relating to earthquake loss mitigation.

[AB 1440](#)

[Nazarian D](#)

Earthquake loss mitigation: grant programs.

Text Version:

Amended: 4/20/2015

Position: Watch

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Status:

4/29/2015-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Existing law, the California Earthquake Authority Act, establishes the California Earthquake Authority (the authority), administered by the Insurance Commissioner, and authorizes the authority to transact insurance in this state as necessary to, among other things, create and maintain, in collaboration or jointly with subdivisions and programs of local, state, and federal governments and with other national programs, programs and activities that mitigate seismic risks, for the benefit of homeowners and other property owners. Existing law establishes the Earthquake Loss Mitigation Fund, a subaccount of the California Earthquake Authority Fund, a continuously appropriated fund. Existing law authorizes the authority to apply money in the Earthquake Loss Mitigation Fund to supply grants and loans or loan guarantees to dwelling owners who wish to retrofit their homes to protect against earthquake damage, as specified. This bill would recognize the existence of the California Residential Mitigation Program (CRMP), a joint powers authority created in 2012 by agreement between the authority and the Office of Emergency Services. The bill would require the CRMP to implement a grant program and give a grant to a qualifying owner of a single-family residential structure to defray the owner's cost of seismic retrofit work to the structure, as specified, if the Legislature appropriates funds for that purpose. This bill would require the governing board of the CRMP, after providing notice and opportunity for review and public comment, to adopt policies and procedures necessary to implement the grant program and to establish eligibility criteria for participation in the grant program. This bill would establish the maximum amount of a grant to an applicant.

An act to add Section 10089.395 to the Insurance Code, relating to earthquake loss mitigation.

[AB 1482](#)

[Gordon D](#)

Climate adaptation.

Text Version:

Amended: 5/5/2015

Position: Watch

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Status:

5/6/2015-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Existing law establishes the Natural Resources Agency, comprised of departments, boards, conservancies, and commissions responsible for the restoration, protection, and management of the state's natural and cultural resources. This bill would require the agency, in coordination with the council, to address the impacts of climate change and climate adaptation by reviewing and coordinating existing grants and programs to maximize specified objectives, including, among others, establishing policy, guidelines, and guidance at the state level to inform planning decisions and ensuring that state investments consider climate change impacts, as well as promote the use of natural systems, whenever feasible, when developing physical infrastructure to address adaptation. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to amend Section 75125 of, and to add Part 3.7 (commencing with Section 71150) to Division 34 of, the Public Resources Code, relating to climate change.

[AB 1500](#)

[Maienschein R](#)

California Environmental Quality Act: priority housing projects: exemption.

Text Version:

Amended: 4/16/2015

Position: Watch

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Status:

4/28/2015-In committee: Set, first hearing. Further hearing to be set.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. CEQA exempts specified projects from its requirements. This bill would exempt from the requirements of CEQA priority housing projects, as defined, if specified conditions are met. Because a lead agency would be required to determine the applicability of this exemption, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to add Section 21080.40 to the Public Resources Code, relating to environmental quality.

[ACA 4](#)

[Frazier D](#)

Local government transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval.

Text Version:

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Position: Watch

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status:

4/28/2015-From committee: Be adopted, and re-refer to Com. on REV. & TAX. Re-referred. (Ayes 10. Noes 5.) (April 27). Re-referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

The California Constitution conditions the imposition of a special tax by a city, county, or special district upon the approval of 2/3 of the voters of the city, county, or special district voting on that tax, except that certain school entities may levy an ad valorem property tax for specified purposes with the approval of 55% of the voters within the jurisdiction of these entities. This measure would provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for local transportation projects, as defined, requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition. The measure would also make conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes. This measure would also provide that it shall become effective immediately upon approval by the voters and shall apply to any local measure imposing, extending, or increasing a special tax for local transportation projects submitted at the same election.

A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Section 4 of Article XIII A thereof, and by amending Section 2 of Article XIII C thereof, relating to taxation.

SB 1

Gaines R **California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: exemption.**

Text Version: Introduced: 12/1/2014 Position: Watch

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 4/7/2015-April 15 set for second hearing canceled at the request of author.

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. The state board is required to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions level in 1990 to be achieved by 2020, and to adopt rules and regulations in an open, public process to achieve the maximum, technologically feasible, and cost-effective greenhouse gas emissions reductions. The act authorizes the state board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Existing state board regulations require specified entities to comply with a market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2013, and require additional specified entities to comply with that market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2015. This bill instead would exempt categories of persons or entities that did not have a compliance obligation, as defined, under a market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2013, from being subject to that market-based compliance mechanism. The bill would require all participating categories of persons or entities to have a compliance obligation beginning January 1, 2025. This bill contains other related provisions.

An act to add Section 38576 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to greenhouse gases, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

SB 3

Leno D **Minimum wage: adjustment.**

Text Version: Amended: 3/11/2015 Position: Watch

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 4/20/2015-April 20 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.

Existing law provides that it is the continuing duty of the Industrial Welfare Commission to ascertain the wages paid to all employees in this state, to ascertain the hours and conditions of labor and employment in the various occupations, trades, and industries in which employees are employed in this state, and to investigate the health, safety, and welfare of those employees. Existing law establishes the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement in the Department of Industrial Relations for the enforcement of labor laws, including minimum wage fixed by statute and the wage orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission. Existing law requires that, on and after July 1, 2014, the minimum wage for all industries be not less than \$9 per hour. Existing law further increases the minimum wage, on and after January 1, 2016, to not less than \$10 per hour. This bill would increase the minimum wage, on and after January 1, 2016, to not less than \$11 per hour, and on and after July 1, 2017, to not less than \$13 per hour. The bill would require, commencing January 1, 2019, the annual automatic adjustment of the minimum wage to maintain employee purchasing power diminished by the rate of inflation during the previous year. The adjustment would be calculated using the California Consumer Price Index, as specified. The bill would prohibit the commission from reducing the minimum wage and from adjusting the minimum wage if the average percentage of inflation for the previous year was negative. The bill would require the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement to publicize the automatically adjusted minimum wage. This bill contains other related provisions.

An act to amend Section 1182.12 of the Labor Code, relating to wages.

SB 5

Vidak R **California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: exemption.**

Text Version: Introduced: 12/1/2014 Position: Watch

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 4/16/2015-April 15 set for second hearing. Failed passage in committee. (Ayes 2. Noes 5. Page 648.)
Reconsideration granted.

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. The state board is required to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions level in 1990 to be achieved by 2020, and to adopt rules and regulations in an open public process to achieve the maximum, technologically feasible, and cost-effective greenhouse gas emissions reductions. The act authorizes the state board to include the use of market-based

Vehicle Account to the State Highway Account. This bill would create the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program to address deferred maintenance on the state highway system and the local street and road system. The bill would provide for the program to be authorized every 5 years by the Legislature, and would provide that authorization for the 2015-16 through 2019-20 fiscal years. The bill would require the California Transportation Commission to identify the estimated funds to be available for the program and adopt performance criteria to ensure efficient use of the funds. The bill would provide for the deposit of various funds for the program in the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account, which the bill would create in the State Transportation Fund, including revenues from a \$0.10 per gallon increase in the motor vehicle fuel (gasoline) tax imposed by the bill and \$0.10 of the \$0.12 per gallon increase in the diesel fuel excise tax imposed by the bill, an increase of \$35 in the annual vehicle registration fee, a new \$100 annual vehicle registration fee applicable to zero-emission motor vehicles, as defined, commercial vehicle weight fees redirected over a 5-year period from debt service on general obligation transportation bonds, and repayment, over a 3-year period, of outstanding loans made in previous years from certain transportation funds to the General Fund. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to add Sections 14526.7, 14526.8, and 16321 to the Government Code, to amend Sections 7360, 10752, and 60050 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, to add Section 2103.1 to, and to add Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 2030) to Division 3 of, the Streets and Highways Code, and to add Sections 9250.3, 9250.6, and 9400.5 to the Vehicle Code, relating to transportation, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

[SB 35](#)

[Wolk D](#)

Income and corporation taxes: deductions: disaster relief.

Text Version:

Amended: 3/4/2015

Position: Watch

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status:

4/27/2015-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law provide for a deduction of specified losses sustained as a result of disasters occurring in California in an area determined by the President of the United States to warrant specified federal assistance or , for other disasters for which a specific law has been enacted, proclaimed by the Governor to be in a state of emergency. Those laws allow a taxpayer to elect to deduct those disaster losses on the return for the taxable year preceding the taxable year in which the disaster occurred , filed by a specified date. Existing law also allows individual and corporate taxpayers to utilize net operating losses and carryovers and carrybacks of those losses for purposes of offsetting their individual and corporate tax liabilities. Existing law, for net operating losses incurred in taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, allows net operating losses to be carrybacks to each of the preceding 2 taxable years, as provided, but varies the amount of carryback allowed for net operating losses attributed to specified taxable years . This bill would , for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, extend the provisions relating to disaster losses to losses in any city, county, or city and county that is proclaimed by the Governor to be in a state of emergency and would extend the time during which a taxpayer may claim the deduction. This bill would additionally provide that any law that suspends, defers, reduces, or otherwise diminishes the deduction of a net operating loss, other than those variations already imposed in existing law, shall not apply to a net operating loss attributable to these specified disaster losses . This bill contains other related provisions.

An act to add Sections 17207.14 and 24347.14 to the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy.

[SB 45](#)

[Mendoza D](#)

Workforce development: federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Text Version:

Amended: 3/9/2015

Position: Watch

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status:

4/16/2015-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

The federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) authorizes workforce investment activities, including activities in which states may participate. The federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), beginning July 1, 2015, repeals and supersedes the WIA and, among other things, requires a state, in order to receive specified allotments of federal funds and before the second full program year after July 22, 2014, to identify planning regions and require local boards and chief elected officials to prepare regional plans for those planning regions, as specified. This bill would require the state, in conformity with WIOA and after consultation with local boards and chief elected officials, to identify planning regions. The bill would require local boards and chief elected officials to prepare regional plans for those planning regions, as specified. By imposing this requirement on local government, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would also require the board to aid the Governor in facilitating system alignment across the core programs of WIOA, as defined, and make related and conforming changes. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to amend Sections 14000, 14005, and 14010 of, and to add Article 4 (commencing with Section 14240) to Chapter 4 of Division 7 of, the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to workforce development.

[SB 69](#)

[Leno D](#)

Budget Act of 2015.

Text Version:

Introduced: 1/9/2015

Position: Watch

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status:

1/12/2015-Read first time.

This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2015-16 fiscal year. This bill contains other

related provisions.

An act making appropriations for the support of the government of the State of California and for several public purposes in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of California, relating to the state budget, to take effect immediately, budget bill.

[SB 75](#)

Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review **Budget Act of 2015.**

Text Version: Amended: 3/24/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 3/24/2015-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on BUDGET.

The Budget Act of 2014 made appropriations for the support of state government for the 2014-15 fiscal year. This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2014 by amending, adding, and repealing items of appropriation. This bill contains other related provisions.

An act to amend the Budget Act of 2014 (Chapters 25 and 663 of the Statutes of 2014) by amending Items 0540-001-0140, 0540-001-6052, 0690-001-0001, 3540-001-0001, 3600-001-0001, 3600-001-0200, 3600-101-0001, 3640-493, 3790-001-0392, 3790-001-0516, 3790-001-6052, 3860-001-0001, 3860-101-6052, 5180-101-0001, 8570-001-0001, 8570-001-3228, and 9800-001-0001 of, adding Items 0540-492, 3640-494, 3760-311-6052, 3760-490, 3790-492, 3860-001-3228, 3860-101-0001, 3860-101-3228, 3860-301-3228, 3860-301-6052, 3860-490, 3940-001-6083, 3940-002-0001, 3940-002-0679, 3940-101-0679, 3940-101-6083, and 3940-102-0679 to, and repealing Item 3760-493 of, Section 2.00 of, and by amending Section 39.00 of, that act, relating to the state budget, and making an appropriation therefor, to take effect immediately, budget bill.

[SB 113](#)

Galgiani D **Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006.**

Text Version: Introduced: 1/13/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was N.R. & W. on 2/5/2015)

The Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 authorizes bonds in the amount of \$4,090,000,000 for the purposes of financing disaster preparedness and flood prevention projects. Funds provided by the act are only available for appropriation until July 1, 2016, and at that time the amount of indebtedness authorized by the act is reduced by the amount of funds that have not been appropriated. This bill would remove the restriction that the funds are available for appropriation only until July 1, 2016.

An act to repeal Section 5096.828 of the Public Resources Code, relating to disaster preparedness and flood prevention.

[SB 127](#)

Vidak R **Environmental quality: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.**

Text Version: Introduced: 1/20/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was E.Q. on 2/5/2015)

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. CEQA establishes a procedure by which a person may seek judicial review of the decision of the lead agency made pursuant to CEQA and a procedure for the preparation and certification of the record of proceedings upon the filing of an action or proceeding challenging a lead agency's action on the grounds of noncompliance with CEQA. This bill would require the public agency, in certifying the environmental impact report and in granting approvals for projects funded, in whole or in part, by Proposition 1, including the concurrent preparation of the record of proceedings and the certification of the record of proceeding within 5 days of the filing of a specified notice, to comply with specified procedures. Because a public agency would be required to comply with those new procedures, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require the Judicial Council, on or before July 1, 2016, to adopt a rule of court to establish procedures applicable to actions or proceedings seeking judicial review of a public agency's action in certifying the environmental impact report and in granting project approval for those projects that require the actions or proceedings, including any appeals therefrom, be resolved, to the extent feasible, within 270 days of the certification of the record of proceedings. The bill would prohibit a court from staying or enjoining those projects unless it makes specified findings. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to add Section 21168.6.7 to the Public Resources Code, relating to environmental quality.

[SB 144](#)

Pan D **Water development projects: Sacramento-San Joaquin watersheds.**

Text Version: Amended: 4/6/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 4/13/2015-April 13 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.

Existing law provides for state cooperation with the federal government in the construction of specified flood control projects. Existing law adopts and authorizes federally adopted and approved projects, including a 200-year level of flood protection in the Natomas Basin, in areas within the City of Sacramento and the Counties of Sacramento and Sutter. The projects are authorized at an estimated cost to the state of the sum that may be appropriated by the Legislature for state participation upon the recommendation and advice of the Department of Water Resources or the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, formerly known as the Reclamation Board. This bill would describe the Natomas Basin flood protection project as further modified by a specified report adopted by Congress. The bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes.

An act to amend Section 12670.14 of the Water Code, relating to water resources.

[SB 192](#) **[Liu D](#)** **Bicycles: helmets.**
Text Version: Amended: 4/30/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 4/30/2015-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Calendar: 5/18/2015 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, LARA, Chair

Existing law prohibits a person under 18 years of age from operating a bicycle, riding on a bicycle as a passenger, or riding in a trailer towed by a bicycle unless the person is wearing a bicycle helmet meeting specified standards. A violation of those provisions is an infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$25. This bill would require the Office of Traffic Safety, in coordination with the Department of the California Highway Patrol, to conduct a comprehensive study of bicycle helmet use, including specified information, and to report the study's findings by January 1, 2017, as specified.

An act to add and repeal Section 21212.5 of the Vehicle Code, relating to bicycles.

[SB 231](#) **[Gaines R](#)** **Transportation programs.**
Text Version: Amended: 4/20/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 4/29/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 11. Noes 0. Page 825.) (April 28). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Calendar: 5/18/2015 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, LARA, Chair

Existing law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the State Air Resources Board from the auction or sale of allowances as part of a market-based compliance mechanism relative to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. This bill would include water-borne transit as an eligible project that may be funded under these 2 programs. Because the bill would expand the allowable purposes for which the continuously appropriated funds allocated to the program may be expended, it would thereby make an appropriation. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to amend Sections 75212 and 75230 of the Public Resources Code, and to amend Section 99313 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation, and making an appropriation therefor.

[SB 258](#) **[Bates R](#)** **Local government.**
Text Version: Introduced: 2/18/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 2/26/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

The Ralph M. Brown Act enables the legislative body of a local agency to call both regular and special meetings. The act requires the legislative body of a local agency to post, at least 72 hours before the meeting, an agenda containing a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at a regular meeting, in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public, and to provide a notice containing similar information with respect to a special meeting at least 24 hours prior to the special meeting. The act requires that the agenda or notice be freely accessible to members of the public, and be posted on the local agency's Internet Web site, if the local agency has one. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would protect the right of the public to participate in open deliberations of the legislative bodies of local agencies by clarifying the appropriate use of special meetings.

An act to relating to local government.

[SB 334](#) **[Leyva D](#)** **Pupil health: drinking water.**
Text Version: Amended: 4/20/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)
Status: 4/30/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (April 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

The Planning and Zoning Law requires the legislative body of a city or county to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan that includes various elements, including, among others, a safety element for the protection of the community from unreasonable risks associated with the effects of various geologic hazards, flooding, and wildland and urban fires. This bill would, upon the next revision of the housing element on or after January 1, 2017, require the safety element to be reviewed and updated as necessary to address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies applicable to that city or county. The bill would require the update to include a set of goals, policies, and objectives based on a vulnerability assessment, identifying the risks that climate change poses to the local jurisdiction and the geographic areas at risk from climate change impacts, and specified information from federal, state, regional, and local agencies. By imposing new duties on cities and counties, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to amend Section 65302 of the Government Code, relating to land use.

[SB 422](#)

[Monning D](#)

Santa Clara Valley Open-Space Authority.

Text Version: Amended: 4/14/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 4/30/2015-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Existing law creates the Santa Clara County Open-Space Authority, and prescribes the jurisdiction and functions and duties of the authority. Existing law authorizes the authority, among other things, to acquire, hold, and dispose of real and personal property, within the authority's jurisdiction, necessary to the full exercise of its powers. Existing law further authorizes the authority to take by eminent domain any property necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes of the authority, with the exception of lands in active ranching, lands in agricultural production, and lands in timberland production zones that are not threatened by imminent conversion to developed uses. This bill would, in addition, authorize the authority to acquire, but not to take by eminent domain interests in real property that are without the authority's jurisdiction, necessary to the full exercise of its powers. The bill would change the name of the authority to the Santa Clara Valley Open-Space Authority and make conforming changes.

An act to amend Sections 35100, 35101, 35103, 35120, 35152, and 35153 of, and to amend the heading of Division 26 (commencing with Section 35100) of, the Public Resources Code, relating to the Santa Clara Valley Open-Space Authority.

[SB 441](#)

[Leno D](#)

San Francisco redevelopment: housing.

Text Version: Amended: 4/6/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 4/29/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 0. Page 815.) (April 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Calendar: 5/18/2015 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, LARA, Chair

The Community Redevelopment Law authorizes the establishment of redevelopment agencies in communities to address the effects of blight, as defined. Existing law dissolved redevelopment agencies as of February 1, 2012, and provides for the designation of successor agencies that are required to wind down the affairs of the dissolved redevelopment agencies and to, among other things, make payments due for enforceable obligations. Existing law prohibits dissolved redevelopment agencies from issuing bonds or incurring other indebtedness on or after June 29, 2011. Existing law authorizes successor agencies to, among other things, issue bonds or incur indebtedness after that date to refund the bonds or indebtedness of a former redevelopment agency or to finance debt service spikes, as specified. The issuance of bonds or incurrence of other indebtedness by a successor agency is subject to the approval of the oversight board of the successor agency. This bill would authorize the successor agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco to issue bonds or incur other indebtedness to finance the construction of affordable housing and infrastructure required by specified enforceable obligations, subject to the approval of the oversight board. The bill would provide that bonds or other indebtedness authorized by its provisions would be considered indebtedness incurred by the dissolved redevelopment agency, would be listed on the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule, and would be secured by a pledge of moneys deposited into the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund. The bill would authorize the successor agency to require affected taxing entities to make certain determinations as to the related subordination of revenues, and would thereby impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would also require the successor agency to make diligent efforts to obtain the lowest long-term cost financing and to make use of an independent financial advisor in developing financing proposals. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to add Section 34177.7 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to redevelopment.

[SB 471](#)

[Pavley D](#)

Water, energy, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions: planning.

Text Version: Amended: 5/5/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 5/5/2015-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Calendar: 5/18/2015 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, LARA, Chair

Existing law designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of

emissions of greenhouse gases. Existing law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the State Air Resources Board from the auction or sale of allowances as part of a market-based compliance mechanism relative to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, commonly known as cap and trade revenues, to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, and to be used, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for specified purposes, including the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions associated with water use and supply. This bill would require the state board, in cooperation with various other agencies, to develop an emissions inventory of greenhouse gas emissions from the water system in the state, using best available data. The bill would include reduction of greenhouse gas emissions associated with water treatment among the investments that are eligible for funding from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The bill would also make legislative findings and declarations, and a statement of legislative intent, with regard to the nexus between water and energy and water and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

An act to amend Section 39712 of, and to add Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 39950) to Part 2 of Division 26 of, the Health and Safety Code, relating to water.

[SB 491](#)

**Committee on Transportation: omnibus bill.
Transportation and Housing**

Text Version: Amended: 4/22/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 5/6/2015-Set for hearing May 11.

Existing law authorizes certain air districts to impose a vehicle registration fee surcharge to be used for projects and programs to improve air quality. Existing law, in the area under the jurisdiction of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, requires at least 40% of fee revenues to be proportionately allocated to each county within the district, and requires an entity receiving these revenues, at least once a year, to hold one or more public meetings for the purpose of adopting criteria for expenditure of the funds and to review those expenditures. This bill would instead, at least once a year, require one or more public meetings to adopt criteria for expenditure of funds, if the criteria have been modified from the previous year, and one or more public meetings to review those expenditures. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to amend Sections 14526.5 and 65074 of the Government Code, to amend Section 44241 of the Health and Safety Code, to amend Sections 143, 182.6, 182.7, 253.7, 470, and 890.4 of the Streets and Highways Code, and to amend Sections 1808, 1808.1, 13558, 16020.1, 16020.2, 24002, 24017, 24604, 25104, 25305, 25803, 26311, 27400, 29007, 34500.3, 34500.5, and 34520 of, and to add Section 27154.1 to, the Vehicle Code, relating to transportation.

[SB 502](#)

[Leno D](#) San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District: purchase and delivery of electricity.

Text Version: Amended: 4/8/2015 Position: Watch
[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 4/30/2015-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations. Existing law authorizes the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District's (BART) system to elect to obtain electricity from multiple sources, including (1) preference power purchased from a federal power marketing agency or its successor, (2) electricity supplied by one or more direct transactions, and (3) electricity supplied by any electric utility regulated by the commission that owns and operates transmission and distribution facilities that deliver electricity at one or more locations to the BART District's system. Existing law requires any electrical corporation that owns and operates transmission and distribution facilities that deliver electricity to BART, upon request by BART, to deliver preference power purchased from a federal power marketing agency, or its successor, or deliver electricity purchased from a local publicly owned electric utility without discrimination or delay. This bill would additionally require any electrical corporation that owns and operates transmission and distribution facilities that deliver electricity to BART, upon request by BART, to deliver electricity generated by an eligible renewable energy resource without discrimination or delay. For these purposes, an "eligible renewable energy resource" would have the same meaning as defined in a specified provision of the California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

An act to amend Section 701.8 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to electricity.

[SB 602](#)

[Monning D](#) Seismic safety: California Earthquake Authority.

Text Version: Introduced: 2/27/2015 Position: Support
[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 4/29/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 6. Noes 0. Page 816.) (April 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Calendar: 5/18/2015 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, LARA, Chair

Existing law establishes the California Earthquake Authority, which is authorized to transact insurance in the state as necessary to sell policies of basic residential earthquake insurance, as provided. Existing law provides that a public purpose will be served by a voluntary contractual assessment program that provides the legislative body of a public agency with the authority to finance the installation of seismic strengthening improvements that are permanently fixed to residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, or other real property. For purposes of financing the installation of seismic strengthening improvements, "public

agency" means a city, county, or city and county. This bill would include the California Earthquake Authority as part of the definition of "public agency" for this purpose. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to amend Section 10089.38 of the Insurance Code, and to amend Sections 5899, 8503, 10003, 10100.2, and 10104 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to seismic safety, and making an appropriation therefor.

[SB 626](#)

[McGuire D](#)

Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District: police force.

Text Version:

Amended: 4/16/2015

Position: Watch

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status:

4/24/2015-Set for hearing May 12.

Calendar:

5/12/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE PUBLIC SAFETY, HANCOCK, Chair

Existing law creates the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District, within the Counties of Sonoma and Marin, governed by a 12-member board of directors. Existing law requires the district to work with specified authorities to achieve a safe, efficient, and compatible system of passenger and freight rail service and authorizes the district to own, operate, manage, and maintain a passenger rail system within the territory of the district. Existing law requires the board to appoint a general manager for the district and authorizes the general manager to, among other things, appoint, supervise, suspend, or remove district officers, other than members of the board and officers appointed by the board. This bill would authorize the board to establish the position of chief of police, subject to specified requirements. If the board determines that more than one officer is needed, the bill would authorize the board to contract for any additional law enforcement services from law enforcement agencies located within the County of Marin or the County of Sonoma.

An act to add Section 105033 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to transit districts.

[SB 757](#)

[Wieckowski D](#)

Transportation.

Text Version:

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Position: Watch

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status:

3/19/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Existing law provides various funding sources for transportation services and capital improvement projects by local entities. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require the Alameda County Transportation Commission to explore the feasibility of a multimodal station in Fremont at a location that can be served both by trains of the Bay Area Rapid Transit system and the Altamont Commuter Express, and to require the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to explore expansion of light rail service to Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara.

An act relating to transportation.

[SB 764](#)

[Morrell R](#)

Land use: housing.

Text Version:

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Position: Watch

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status:

3/19/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

The Planning and Zoning Law requires each city, county, and city and county to prepare and adopt a general plan that contains certain mandatory elements, including, but not limited to, a housing element that analyzes existing and projected housing needs. Existing law includes various legislative findings and declarations related to the statewide importance of housing availability and the responsibility of local government to address regional housing needs. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

An act to amend Section 65580 of the Government Code, relating to land use.

[SB 772](#)

[Stone R](#)

Bay Delta Conservation Plan: judicial review.

Text Version:

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Position: Watch

[pdf](#) [html](#)

Status:

3/19/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Existing law imposes requirements on the Department of Water Resources in connection with the preparation of a Bay Delta Conservation Plan. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation establishing judicial review procedures for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

An act relating to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Total Measures: 77

Total Tracking Forms: 77

E-mail Requesting ABAG Letter to Feinstein re **Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill**

Hello Fred,

Thank you so much for talking with me this afternoon. It would be great to work with you and Ezra on this project and I appreciate the consideration. I've included background information below and if it would be possible to make a phone call and/or send a letter to the Congressman, we would be very grateful.

My name is Mick Harris and I am working with industry leaders in California to encourage Senator Feinstein to work with her congressional colleagues to provide the necessary support for programs that will ensure a successful future for the outdoor recreation industry and a sustainable future for the beaches, rivers, forests, and parks upon which this industry relies.

Economic Impact

The outdoor recreation and tourism industry is an economic driver for our country and for California. These are well-paying jobs in cities, towns and rural counties across the state that can't be exported or outsourced.

- America's outdoor economy:
 - Supports approximately 6 million jobs
 - Generates nearly \$80 billion in federal, state and local tax revenue annually

- California's outdoor economy is responsible for:
 - \$85.4 billion in consumer spending
 - 732,100 direct California jobs
 - \$27 billion in salaries and wages
 - \$6.7 billion in state and local tax revenue

Issue Background

Without the preservation and maintenance of our outdoor recreational attractions, the future of this economic sector is dark.

Southern California's natural beauty is a huge tourist draw so this issue hits close to home. Shrinking funding for conservation, recreation and historic preservation the parks, waterways, public lands and forests are putting the future of this industry at risk.

Since the late 1970s, federal funding in conservation, outdoors and historic preservation has fallen from roughly 2 percent of the federal budget to 1 percent.

In budgets being considered for FY 2016, natural resource conservation, outdoor recreation and historic preservation programs could be subject to disproportionate cuts and program eliminations. As you will see in this [article](#) (also attached), the House Appropriations Committee last Wednesday already announced a \$246 million cut.

Congress must secure funding for a successful economy and healthy, sustainable outdoor areas. The best people to deliver that message are leaders such as yourself.

Take Action

Please join us in asking Senator Feinstein to support a modest 2% increase to outdoor economy programs in the Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2016.

Senator Feinstein sits on Senate Appropriations; Congressman Calvert sits on the House Committee on Appropriations and is Chairman of Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies. She is a powerful voice on this issue, particularly given the importance of the outdoor economy to California.

We hope you will consider calling or meeting in person with Senator Feinstein and/or her senior staff to encourage her to fight for critical funding for our outdoor economy. While a phone call or a

meeting would really be ideal, another option is sending a letter to the Senator and I have attached a sample for your consideration.

If you wish to send a letter we suggest that you email the letter to the Chief of Staff and copy her Legislative Director.

I have included the contact information for those staff members below.

Ms. Jennifer Duck, Chief of Staff - j_duck@feinstein.senate.gov, (202) 224-3841

Mr. John Watts, Legislative Director - john_watts@feinstein.senate.gov

We would also greatly appreciate copies of your final letters. Copies can be sent to MHarris@HilltopPublicSolutions.com or faxed to [503-972-1625](tel:503-972-1625).

We are attempting to work quickly so please do be in touch and let us know if there is any further information and/or assistance I can provide.

Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,

Mick Harris

[\(503\) 889-6636](tel:503-889-6636)



Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee

**Legislative Priorities for 2015 Legislative Session
 Legislative Outcome**

Legislation Priorities	
Subject	Specific Objectives
<p>Focus on SB 375 Implementation</p>	<p>This focus would include pursuing such legislative objectives as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing work on seeking permanent funding and/or receiving sufficient funds for COGs, MPO, and local governments to fulfill SB 375 obligations • Seek housing funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pursue Housing Element Reform, e.g. housing credits for assisted living, acquisition/rehabilitation, and workforce housing investment/housing trust funds ○ Support housing infrastructure ○ Pursue the reauthorization of Proposition 30 with a request that a percentage of future revenue be set aside for funding senior affordable housing. Currently, Proposition 30 is set to expire in 2018. Actively work toward getting Proposition 30 in the reauthorization legislation. • Legislation providing resources and incentives for planning, infrastructure and services to assist local governments, as well State and federal legislation establishing innovative financing and project delivery mechanisms • CEQA/Entitlement Efficiency

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Seeking voter threshold reduction for infrastructure taxes and bonds statewide and locally	Continue legislative partnerships with CalCOG, MTC, Air District, BCDC, League of California Cities, and CSAC
Other ongoing priority issues	Focused tracking on issues related to: Local Government Energy Environment Hazardous waste Gun violence prevention