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**ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
2007 – 2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

~ AIR QUALITY ~

AB 575 (Arambula) – The Highway Safety Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006: emission reduction.

Requires the Air Resources Board to develop guidelines for the allocation of \$1 billion of state general obligation bonds authorized by Proposition 1B earmarked for air pollution emission reductions from activities related to the movement of freight along the state's trade corridors.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1209 (Karnette) – Vehicles: HOV lanes.

As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, established criteria for allocation of specified Proposition 1B air quality funds to seaports. Later amended to allow the owners of Clean Air-stickered hybrid vehicles that are non-repairable or total loss salvage vehicles to be issued new Clean Air stickers for any qualifying replacement hybrid vehicle they may purchase.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 429, Statutes of 2008)

AB 1455 (Arambula) – California Air Quality Zones.

Authorizes the Air Resources Board to establish the California Air Quality Zone Program for the purpose of providing incentives to owners of mobile and stationary sources of air pollution to invest in air pollution control equipment that produce surplus emission reductions, and for owners of stationary sources of air pollution to invest in the production and utilization of renewable energy technologies.

(Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 2655 (DeSaulnier) – Indoor air pollution: heavy-duty vehicle crankcase emissions.

Requires the Air Resources Board to adopt regulations to improve indoor air quality in school districts and prohibits the discharge of crankcase emissions directly into the ambient atmosphere from any heavy-duty diesel engine that is retrofitted with a verified diesel emission control system after January 1, 2009.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 140 (Kehoe) – Fuels: renewable diesel fuel.

Requires two percent of diesel fuel sold in California to contain renewable diesel within one year of a determination by the Air Resources Board that emissions will not increase as a result, and increases the minimum content standard to five percent two years thereafter. Later amended to address sale of state property in San Diego.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 513, Statutes of 2008)

SB 155 (Cox) – Gasoline: vapor recovery systems.

Provides a two-year extension (until April 2011) for small-volume gasoline service stations in five rural counties to install enhanced vapor recovery systems required by Air Resources Board regulations.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 702, Statutes of 2008)

SB 240 (Florez) – San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

Authorizes the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District to increase the motor vehicle license fee up to \$30 per vehicle per year through 2023 in order to provide funding for air pollution control programs. The total fees must not exceed \$100 million.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 886 (Negrete McLeod) – Air Quality Management Districts: district boards.

Adds an additional seat on the board directors of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) for the City of Los Angeles, clarifies which cities are represented by which geographical city selection committee, and removes term limits of SCAQMD, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, and Mojave District Air Quality Management District governing boards.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 664, Statutes of 2007)

SB 974 (Lowenthal) – Ports: congestion relief: environmental mitigation: regulatory fee.

Authorizes a fee of up to \$30 on each shipping container processed at the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Oakland to fund congestion relief and air pollution mitigation projects related to the ports.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, September 30, 2008)

SB 1028 (Padilla) – Air Resources Board: ambient air quality standards.

Requires the Air Resources Board to adopt rules and regulations governing motor vehicle emissions that are necessary, cost-effective, and technologically feasible that together with other measures will achieve federal ambient air quality standards.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 669, Statutes of 2007)

SB 1662 (Cox) – Air districts: emission reduction offsets: Sacramento Metro federal nonattainment area.

Authorizes a single source in El Dorado County to offset increased air pollution by purchasing emission reduction credits from sources in Sacramento County.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 725, Statutes of 2008)

~ CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) ~

AB 1017 (Ma) – California Environmental Quality Act: appeal to local lead agency's elected decision-making body.

Establishes 30-60-day deadline for bringing an appeal of a California Environmental Quality Act action taken by a non-elected decision-making body (e.g. planning department or commission) to the elected body (e.g., city council/board of supervisors).

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, September 27, 2008)

AB 1096 (DeVore) – California Environmental Quality Act: housing exemptions.

Requires the Office of Planning and Research, by January 1, 2009, to report to the Legislature on development of affordable housing projects affecting the use of California Environmental Quality Act exemptions.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1749 (Dymally) – Health facilities: private nonprofit university medical education project.

Temporarily exempts one institution from a requirement to demonstrate compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act prior to the issuance of bonds by the California Educational Facilities Authority.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 424, Statutes of 2007)

AB 2153 (Krekorian) – Building standards: water conservation.

Amends the California Environmental Quality Act to require every new residential or commercial building subject to CEQA to implement all feasible and cost-effective water efficiency measures, then mitigate its annual water consumption, as projected by its water supplier, with specified exceptions.

(Status: Failed passage on the Assembly Floor)

AB 2230 (La Malfa) – California Environmental Quality Act: filing fees and exemptions.

Exempts from the payment of filing fees to the Department of Fish and Game for California Environmental Quality Act review when the CEQA lead agency determines the project has no effect on fish and wildlife or the project is being undertaken by a public agency.

(Status: Failed in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 2243 (Carter) – School district reorganization.

Designates the county committee or the state Department of Education the lead agency for California Environmental Quality Act review of projects to reorganize school districts, depending on the circumstances of the petition.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, September 28, 2008)

AB 2720 (Levine) – Environment: environmental impact report.

Makes technical, non-substantive changes to the California Environmental Quality Act regarding the siting of school facilities near or on hazardous waste sites or near facilities emitting hazardous emissions.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 148, Statutes of 2008)

AB 2760 (Leno) – Environment: California Environmental Quality Act: pest eradication.

Requires the preparation of an environmental impact report for a project involving the application of a pesticide by the Department of Food and Agriculture in an urban area for the eradication of the light brown apple moth.

(Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 2988 (Feuer) – Environmental quality.

Specifies that the approval of renewable power contracts by a public agency is not a project subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act, provided the approval of the construction permit for the facility generating the power is subject to CEQA. Later amended to change the author to Emmerson and address outdoor advertising.

(Status: Held on the Senate Floor)

SB 341 (Lowenthal) – Enterprise zones: environmental impact reports.

Permits an enterprise zone applicant (a city, a county, or a city and county) to prepare either a negative declaration or a mitigated negative declaration as alternatives to an environmental impact report, following the prevailing requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State - Chapter 643, Statutes of 2007)

SB 947 (Hollingsworth) – California Environmental Quality Act.

Adds notice and consultation requirements to the California Environmental Quality Act for lead agencies undertaking projects of statewide, regional, or area-wide significance that may affect transportation to improve coordination with local transportation agencies.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 707, Statutes of 2008)

~ CLIMATE CHANGE ~

AB 109 (Nuñez) – Air pollution: alternative fuels and vehicle technologies.

As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, required the Air Resources Board to report each January on the status and progress of implementing the California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32). Later amended to clarify the existing greenhouse gas emission reduction programs authorized by AB 118 (Nuñez), Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 313, Statutes of 2008)

AB 114 (Blakeslee) – Public resources: carbon dioxide containment program.

Requires the California Energy Commission, by November 1, 2009, to report to the Legislature on technology to capture and contain carbon dioxide emissions from thermal power plants and other industrial processes.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 705 (Huffman) – Public resources: geologic carbon sequestration.

Requires the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources, in consultation with the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Geological Survey, to develop and adopt, by January 1, 2011, standards and regulations governing geologic carbon sequestration.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 1851 (Nava) – Greenhouse gas emissions: sale of voluntary offsets.

As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, required greenhouse gas emission offsets sold for voluntary purposes to be subject to third-party verification that the offsets meet standards to be established by the Air Resources Board. Later amended to establish advertising standards for greenhouse gas emission credits and provide for civil penalties for violations of the standards.

(Status: Held on the Assembly Floor)

AB 2432 (Laird) – State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: climate change research.

Expands the funding permitted under the California Energy Commission's Public Interest Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Program (PIER) to include climate change mitigation and adaptation, including assistance to state agencies.

(Status: Held on the Assembly Floor)

AB 2538 (Ruskin) – Greenhouse gas emissions: consumer product labeling.

Requires the Air Resources Board to report to the Legislature, by January 1, 2010, on the feasibility, cost-effectiveness, and potential design of carbon labels that estimate the amount of greenhouse gas emissions associated with individual consumer products.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2596 (Jones) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: cities and counties: market-based compliance mechanisms.

Establishes a process at the Air Resources Board for measuring 2009 baseline and projected levels of greenhouse gas emissions in many cities and most counties.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2869 (De Leon) – Air resources: Community Empowerment Advisory Committee.

Establishes the Community Empowerment Advisory Committee to advise the Air Resources Board regarding distribution of investments directed toward disadvantaged communities pursuant to the California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32).

(Status: Held in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee)

AB 2991 (Nuñez) – Air pollution: research.

Adds two climate change experts to the Air Resources Board's nine-member Research Screening Committee. Expands the charge of the Committee to include reviewing climate change related research.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 691, Statutes of 2008)

SB 660 (Perata) – Strategic Clean Technology and Climate Change Research, Development, and Demonstration Program.

Establishes, until January 1, 2012, the Strategic Research Investment Council to coordinate the expenditure of various state research, development, and demonstration funds, with a focus on climate change.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, October 14, 2007)

SB 1550 (Florez) – Corporations: climate change disclosure.

Requires the State Controller to develop a voluntary, investor-based standard for use by listed corporations doing business in California that addresses climate change risks in order to help investors make better informed decisions.

(Status: Senate refused concurrence in Assembly amendments)

SB 1557 (Wiggins) – State Environmental Goals and Policy Report.

Adds "assisting in meeting the state's greenhouse gas emission limits" and development that "reduces vehicle miles traveled" to the state's planning priorities set forth in the State Environmental Goals and Policy Report; requires the Department of Finance to update the chapters on statewide planning and capitalized assets in the State Administrative Manual to include the state planning priorities in the report.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, September 30, 2008)

SB 1645 (Wiggins) – Energy: Energy Aware Planning Guide.

Requires the California Energy Commission to update its 1993 "Energy Aware Planning Guide," in partnership with the Office of Planning and Research, to address energy and climate change issues.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, September 28, 2008)

SB 1760 (Perata) – Energy: greenhouse gas emissions.

Codifies the structure, membership, and responsibilities of the Climate Action Team, an entity created by the Governor by executive orders in 2005 and 2006.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, September 30, 2008)

SB 1762 (Perata) – Energy: greenhouse gas emissions.

Creates the California Climate Change Institute at the University of California to identify and support research, education and workforce training projects through grants to California universities and national labs to reduce or mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. The Institute would be funded by a redirection of existing funding from the Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) Program and an additional fee on electric service provided by investor-owned and publicly-owned utilities.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, September 30, 2008)

~ COASTAL AND WATER RESOURCES ~

AB 1056 (Leno) - California Ocean Protection Act.

Authorizes the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) to establish a science advisory team to identify, develop, and prioritize subjects and questions for research or investigation, and review and evaluate results of research or investigations to provide information for the OPC's activities; authorizes OPC-approved expenditures without the approval of the State Coastal Conservancy.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 372, Statutes of 2007)

AB 1066 (Laird) - Coastal: sea level rise.

Requires the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to include information on effects of climate change and sea level rise in its general plan guidelines; authorizes the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission to develop regional strategies for addressing the impacts of, and adapting to, these effects; requires the Ocean Protection Council to develop guidelines to assist state agencies in adapting to sea level rise and to convene a working group to coordinate state and local land use decisions.

(Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1225 (DeSaulnier) – Ocean resources: California Ocean Protection Trust Fund.

Authorizes the Ocean Protection Council to provide funding for adaptive management, planning, coordination, monitoring, research, and other necessary activities to minimize the adverse impacts of climate change on California's ocean ecosystem.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 656, Statutes of 2008)

AB 1227 (Gaines) – Lake Tahoe Water Trail

Establishes the Lake Tahoe Water Trail to link access to the waters of Lake Tahoe that are available for navigation by human-powered boat and beachable sail craft, and provide for diverse water-accessible overnight accommodations.

(Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1396 (Laird) – California Coastal Trail.

Requires certain state and regional transportation planning agencies to coordinate with the State Coastal Conservancy, California Coastal Commission, and Department of Transportation regarding development of the California Coastal Trail; requires a transportation planning agency to include provisions for the Coastal Trail in its regional transportation plan.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 375, Statutes of 2007)

AB 1459 (Levine) – California Coastal Act: coastal development.

Prohibits the sale or transfer of a unit in an overnight visitor-serving commercial facility located in the coastal zone for individual ownership, or the conversion of such to a private residential facility.

(Status: Failed passage in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 1568 (Berg) – Ma-le'l Dunes.

Designates the portion of the Ma-le'l Dunes in Humboldt County that is part of the California Coastal Trail as the Senator Wesley Chesbro Coastal Trail.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 548, Statutes of 2007)

AB 2501 (Wolk) – Water resources.

Requires the Department of Water Resources to analyze the impacts of climate change, to the extent applicable, in all its water management reports and plans; appropriates approximately \$600 million in bond funds from Propositions 1E and 84 for flood control, drinking water, and climate change planning studies.

(Status: Failed passage in the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee)

AB 2954 (Lieber) – San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.

Establishes the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority as a regional entity to raise and allocate resources for the restoration, enhancement, protection, and enjoyment of wetlands and wildlife habitat in San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 690, Statutes of 2008)

SB 555 (Machado) – Sacramento – San Joaquín Delta.

Removes the authority of the executive director of the Delta Protection Commission to unilaterally determine whether an appeal before the Commission raises an appealable issue within the Commission's jurisdiction.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, October 14, 2007)

SB 884 (Lowenthal) – California Coastal Commission: gift or gratuity.

Prohibits an "interested person" from giving, and a commissioner from accepting, gifts aggregating more than ten dollars in a calendar month.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 663, Statutes of 2007)

~ CONSERVANCIES ~

AB 3 (Bass) Baldwin Hills Conservancy.

As passed by the Natural Resources Committee, repealed the sunset date for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC). Subsequently, bill was amended out of Natural Resources jurisdiction. Later amended to address physician assistants.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 376, Statutes of 2007)

SB 419 (Kehoe) – San Diego River Conservancy.

Authorizes the San Diego River Conservancy (Conservancy) to acquire lands within one-half mile of tributaries and historic flumes of San Diego River and within San Diego River watershed; adds two seats to the Conservancy's governing board.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 646, Statutes of 2007)

SB 1108 (Machado) – Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Program.

Establishes the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Program within the State Coastal Conservancy for the purpose of restoring, enhancing, and protecting the unique agricultural, economic, natural, cultural, historical, recreational, public access, and urban waterfront resources and opportunities of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in a coordinated, comprehensive, and effective manner.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 1428 (Kehoe) – San Diego River Conservancy.

Extends the San Diego River Conservancy's sunset from 2010 to 2020 and permits the Mayor of San Diego to appoint a designee to serve as a voting member of the Conservancy's governing board.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 406, Statutes of 2008)

~ ENERGY ~

AB 719 (DeVore) – Energy: electrical generation: zero carbon dioxide emissions.

Repeals the moratorium on the construction of new nuclear fission power plants in California.
(Status: Failed in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 837 (Levine) – Energy: renewable energy resources.

As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, required electricity providers to provide the California Energy Commission information every two years regarding renewable energy procurement. Later amended to change the author to Feuer and to address firearms permits.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 698, Statutes of 2008)

AB 940 (Krekorian) - Energy: solar energy.

Requires the Office of Planning and Research to prepare a report containing recommendations for streamlining the siting of solar energy facilities and related transmission facilities.
(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 946 (Krekorian) – Electricity: renewable energy resources.

Expands existing program for purchase of renewable electricity produced by a public water or wastewater agency.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 112, Statutes of 2007)

AB 1064 (Lieber) – Energy: heat corporations: self-generation incentive program.

Expands eligibility for the Public Utilities Commission's self generation incentive program to include solar thermal heating and cooling technologies and waste gas electric generation technologies.
(Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1428 (Galgiani) – Energy: agricultural byproducts customer-generator program.

Expands an existing program available to customer-owned electric generation facilities fueled by manure methane digesters (biogas), making it available to facilities fueled by other forms of manure conversion.
(Status: Held in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee)

AB 1776 (DeVore) – Energy: nuclear power plant.

Repeals the moratorium on the construction of new nuclear fission power plants in California and establishes new conditions on siting new nuclear plants related to seismic hazard, cooling water outflow and waste storage.
(Status: Failed in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 2003 (Saldaña) – Energy: Climate Protection and Energy Efficiency Bond Act of 2008.

Authorizes the issuance of \$2 billion in general obligation bonds for specified energy-generating and energy-saving projects.
(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2176 (Caballero) – Energy: federal block grants.

Requires the California Energy Commission to administer funds allocated to the state from the federal Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 for cost-effective energy efficiency measures.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 229, Statutes of 2008)

AB 2309 (DeSaulnier) - Energy conservation: residential energy efficiency audit.

Requires the California Public Utilities Commission to determine whether to require electrical corporations to provide in-home owner-requested energy efficiency audits and make recommendations to the owner on cost-effective measures that would decrease the building's energy usage.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, September 28, 2008)

AB 2788 (DeVore) – Energy: nuclear power plant: certification.

Exempts from the California Energy Commission power plant certification laws the first nuclear power plant to obtain an early site permit from the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

(Status: Failed passage in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 2790 (Blakeslee) – Voluntary certification of biofuels.

Requires the California Energy Commission to establish a voluntary program to certify eligible biofuels as a "California sustainable biofuel resource."

(Status: Failed passage in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 2792 (Blakeslee) – California Conservation Corps: Green Collar Certification Program.

Requires the director of the California Conservation Corps to establish a Green Collar Apprenticeship Program to provide Corps members with skills and education relating to energy conservation and energy efficiency measures in residential and nonresidential buildings.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AJR 51 (Nava) – Offshore oil drilling leases: moratorium.

Expresses the Legislature's opposition to lifting the federal moratorium on oil and gas drilling in the Outer Continental Shelf and requests that Congress continue the moratorium for 2009 and beyond. Declares the Legislature's opposition to proposed federal energy policies that would weaken California's legitimate role in energy siting decisions.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Resolution Chapter 146, Statutes of 2008)

SB 210 (Kehoe) – Low Carbon Fuel Standard.

Requires the Air Resources Board to adopt, implement, and enforce a low-carbon fuel standard by January 1, 2010 that achieves the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in the carbon intensity of transportation fuels; at a minimum, the carbon intensity of transportation fuels shall be reduced by 10 percent by January 1, 2020, if technologically feasible and cost effective.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, October 14, 2007)

SB 1012 (Kehoe) – Electricity: self-generation incentive program.

Extends the Public Utilities Commission's self generation incentive program and repeals conditions placed on the SGIP by AB 2778 (Lieber), Chapter 617, Statutes of 2006, which permitted subsidies for fuel cell and wind technologies only, instead giving the PUC discretion to authorize subsidies for technologies it determines support the state's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 1240 (Kehoe) – Low Carbon Fuel Standard.

As passed by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, requires, on or before January 1, 2010, the Air Resources Board to develop, implement, and enforce a low-carbon fuel standard that achieves the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions, and at least a 10% reduction in GHG emissions by 2020, in furtherance of the GHG emissions limit established by AB 32 and its market-based compliance mechanism authority. SB 1240 was subsequently amended out of the committee's jurisdiction.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, September 25, 2008)

SB 1670 (Kehoe) – Energy efficiency and carbon reduction.

Authorizes the issuance of \$2 billion in general obligation bonds for specified energy efficiency projects at state buildings and public universities.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 1714 (Negrete McLeod) – Renewable electric generation facilities.

Expands an existing program for utility purchase from small-scale renewable electricity generators owned by a public water or wastewater agency to include renewable electricity produced by any public or private customer of a public or private electric utility.

(Status: Held on the Senate Floor)

~ FORESTRY AND FIRE ~

AB 536 (Portantino) – Fire protection: state responsibility areas.

Removes lands within the exterior boundaries of certain cities from areas the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection is prohibited from including within state responsibility areas.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 1166 (Berryhill) – Forestry: staffing fire engines.

Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to staff a state-owned fire engine, when operated by state employees, with a minimum of three employees.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1303 (Smyth) - Urban Greening Act of 2007.

Establishes a competitive grant program at the Department of Parks and Recreation to provide financial assistance to local or regional agencies for urban greening projects using the \$90 million earmark of bonds authorized by Proposition 84.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1515 (La Malfa) – Public resources: forest resources.

Extends for five years the sunset for an existing forest fuel hazard reduction exemption, from January 1, 2008 to January 1, 2013

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 412, Statutes of 2007)

AB 1602 (Nuñez) - Environment: Sustainable Communities and Urban Greening Program.

Establishes the Sustainable Communities and Urban Greening Grant Program in the Resources Agency and provided for expenditure of Proposition 84 urban greening funds for this program, upon appropriation by the Legislature.

(Status: Held in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee)

AB 1883 (Keene) – Fire: inmate crews and nonprofit organizations.

Authorizes the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to enter into a contract or cooperative agreement with a qualified nonprofit organization for the use of inmates or wards for fire prevention, fire control, or "other conservation projects" that are appropriate for the nonprofit organization.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 259, Statutes of 2007)

AB 2045 (De La Torre) – California Urban Forestry Act of 1978.

Updates, revises and recasts the California Urban Forestry Act of 1978 to highlight the role trees play in sequestering greenhouse gases, improving air and water quality, conserving energy, and providing other environmental benefits. Makes the development of urban tree plans and urban forest master plans, energy-saving urban forest programs, and community education programs, for example, eligible for grant funding. Authorizes the director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to waive cost share requirements for projects that are in disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged communities, as defined.

(Status: Chapter by the Secretary of State – Chapter 438, Statutes of 2008)

AB 2285 (La Malfa) – Forest resources.

Requires the California Department of Forestry to assess wild land fuel conditions near high risk communities and the current utilization of fuel reduction activities and programs authorized under state laws and regulations and recommend changes to existing programs, statutes, or regulations.
(Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 2675 (Hancock) – Rapid Disaster Response Act of 2005: helicopters.

Requires the director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to acquire and retrofit, as necessary, helicopters appropriate for use in responding to fire, flood, earthquake, or other form of disaster.
(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2859 (Gaines) – Fire prevention and control.

Exempts from timber harvesting plan requirements the removal of trees less than 16 inches in diameter for the purposes of wildfire prevention activities; authorizes the removal of live and dead vegetation in a zone of infestation.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 365, Statutes of 2008)

AB 2889 (Berryhill) – Forestry: fire engine staffing.

Requires Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to staff a state-owned fire engine, when operated by state employees, with a minimum of three personnel and four personnel during peak fire season.
(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2915 (Nuñez) – Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality & Supply, Flood Control, River & Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006: governing council.

Establishes a governing council to coordinate policies and funding priorities for specified Proposition 84 bonds funds for urban greening projects and planning grants.
(Status: Held in the Senate Local Government Committee)

AB 2926 (Lieber) – Forest resources: clear cutting operations.

Requires the Board of Forestry to adopt regulations that restrict clear cutting operations on: 1) land adjacent to previous clear cuts until 50 percent crown cover has been attained in these areas and; 2) contiguous tracts of land, without regard to ownership, unless the total combined acreage of the area clear-cut is no more than 10 acres.
(Status: Failed passage in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

SB 701 (Wiggins) – Forest Legacy Program.

Reinstates, until January 1, 2015, the California Forest Legacy Program, which sunsetted on January 1, 2007. The Program, which authorized the state to acquire conservation easements on private forestland, was created by the Legislature in 2000.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 657, Statutes of 2007)

SB 1500 (Kehoe) – Fire hazards: state responsibility areas: California Environmental Quality Act.
Prohibits a county from approving a proposed project, as defined, in a state responsibility area unless the county certifies that structural fire protection will be provided. Requires a lead agency to consult, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, with the Board of Forestry on a proposed project in a SRA or a very high fire hazard severity zone.
(Status: Held on the Assembly Floor)

SB 1595 (Kehoe) – Fire protection: fuels management.
Clarifies defensible space requirements and recasts them in terms of fuels management instead of vegetation management; requires the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to map winds that have been identified by CDF as a major cause of wildfire spread.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 366, Statutes of 2008)

SB 1617 (Kehoe) – State responsibility areas: fire prevention fees.
Imposes an annual \$50 fire prevention fee on structures located in state responsibility areas; requires fee revenues to be available to the Board of Forestry and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for fire prevention activities in SRAs.
(Status: Held on the Assembly Floor)

SCR 80 (Cogdill) – Fire Safe Councils.
Recognizes Fire Safe Councils and the critical role they play in mobilizing Californians to protect their homes, communities, and environment from wildlife.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Resolution Chapter 116, Statutes of 2008)

SCR 113 (Wiggins) – Emanuel Fritz Forest Ecosystem Research Area.
Designates the “Wonder Plot” in the lower Big River watershed as the Emanuel Fritz Forest Ecosystem Research Area and indicates that signage to that effect would be paid for with private contributions.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Resolution Chapter 110, Statutes of 2008)

SJR 2 (Migden) – Forest resources: Headwaters forest.
States the commitment of the Legislature and the State of California to ensure that all provisions of the Headwaters Forest agreement remain in effect, notwithstanding the bankruptcy filing of Pacific Lumber Company.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Resolution Chapter 111, Statutes of 2007)

~ GREEN BUILDING ~

AB 35 (Ruskin) - Environment: state buildings: sustainable building standards.

Establishes the Sustainable Building Act of 2007, which requires the California Environmental Protection Agency to adopt regulations establishing sustainable building standards for the construction and renovation of state buildings.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, October 14, 2007)

AB 527 (Torrico) - Energy efficiency.

Requires the Department of General Services, in partnership with the California Energy Commission, to adopt a state plan to include new, emerging energy efficient technologies in public buildings.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, October 13, 2007)

AB 888 (Lieu) - Green building standards.

Requires new commercial buildings for which a public agency deemed the application for a development project complete on or after January 1, 2013, and that are 50,000 feet or greater be designed constructed and operated to meet the applicable standards described in the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design gold rating or its equivalent. Suspends this requirement if the state adopts specified minimum green building.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, October 14, 2007)

AB 1058 (Laird) - Green building construction: best practices.

Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development, and ultimately the Building Standards Commission, to adopt best practices and building standards for green building in new residential construction.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, October 14, 2007)

AB 1065 (Lieber) - Public resources: building standards: greenhouse gas.

Requires the California Energy Commission to revise its building energy efficiency standards to decrease energy usage from offsite sources by 80% by 2030.

(Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1103 (Saldaña) - Energy: commercial buildings: consumption.

Requires electric utilities to maintain records of energy consumption data for all nonresidential buildings to which they provide service and requires building owners or operators to provide benchmarking data to prospective buyers, lessees, or lenders beginning January 1, 2010.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 533, Statutes of 2007)

AB 1560 (Huffman) - Public resources: building standards.

Requires the California Energy Commission to incorporate standards for water efficiency and conservation into the existing regulations governing energy efficiency. Does not include water efficiency in the requirement linking energy efficiency standards to building permits.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 532, Statutes of 2007)

AB 2030 (Lieu) - Energy: building standards.

Requires the California Energy Commission to adopt design and construction standards that require new nonresidential commercial construction starting January 1, 2030 to be "zero net energy" buildings.

(Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 2112 (Saldaña) - Energy: building standards.

Requires the California Energy Commission to require that new residential construction commenced on or after January 1, 2020, or on a date when the CEC determines that the use of photovoltaic technology is cost effective, whichever is later, use zero net-energy.

(Status: Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee)

AB 2144 (Smyth) - State building standards: commercial buildings: green buildings.

Requires the California Building Standards Commission to develop the California Green Building Program as a model for use by local jurisdictions interested in promoting voluntary green building standards for commercial buildings.

(Status: Failed passage in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

SB 1473 (Calderon) - Building standards.

Requires cities and counties to collect a fee on building permit applicants, in the amount of \$4 per every \$100,000 in valuation. Authorizes cities and counties to retain 10 percent of the fees collected for administrative costs and code enforcement education, while the remainder will be available to the Building Standards Commission, upon appropriation, for the purpose of funding the development of building standards, with emphasis on the development, adoption, publication, updating, and educational efforts associated with green building standards.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 719, Statutes of 2008)

~ LAND CONSERVATION ~

AB 188 (Aghazarian) – Conservation Easement Registry.

Expands and modifies an existing registry of conservation easements, administered by the Resources Agency, held or required by the state or purchased with state grant funds on or after January 1, 2000 instead of January 1, 2006.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 229, Statutes of 2007)

AB 653 (Maze) – Land use: local agricultural and open space conservation plan.

Authorizes Tulare County and any city within the County, until January 1, 2018, to establish a local agricultural and open space conservation plan as a pilot program, and permits the conservation plan to be funded from Williamson Act contract cancellation fees.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 1180 (Blakeslee) – Agricultural resources.

Authorizes the Director of the Department of Conservation to make grants for the acquisition of an agricultural conservation easement in order to protect non-agricultural values such as flood protection, wildlife habitat, and open space.

(Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1764 (Blakeslee) – Land use: agricultural use.

Clarifies that agricultural commodities produced pursuant to the Williamson Act includes plants used for biofuels; expands the Act's definition of open space to include an area enrolled in the United States Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program or Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 136, Statutes of 2007)

AB 2255 (Aghazarian) – Resource land acquisition and conservation easement registry.

Requires the Secretary of Resources, on or before January 2011, to include in an existing public registry of conservation easements information about all land acquired by or transferred to Resources Agency departments.

(Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 2455 (Laird) – State lands: resource land transactions.

As passed by the Assembly, required appraisals for land acquisitions by Resource Agency departments to meet specified standards and to be prepared by a licensed appraiser who is a member of the Appraisal Institute. This bill was subsequently amended to create a State Parks Preservation Board (SPPB), within the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), consisting of the chair of the State Parks Commission, the director of DPR, and the Director of Finance; requires the SPPB, instead of the Public Works Board, to authorize the acquisition of real property by DPR.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, September 30, 2008)

AB 2921 (Laird) – Williamson Act: agricultural land.

Expands and clarifies procedures used by the Department of Conservation to identify and respond to material breaches of Williamson Act contracts; amends provisions of the Act dealing with contract rescissions and open space and agricultural easements.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 503, Statutes of 2008)

AB 2923 (Evans) – State lands: wilderness areas.

Requires the Secretary of Resources and State Lands Commission to review state-owned roadless areas under their respective jurisdictions and report to the Legislature on their suitability for preservation as wilderness.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, September 27, 2008)

~ MISCELLANEOUS ~

AB 15 (Houston) – Metropolitan Transportation Commission: Vasco Road.

Requires the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to study construction of a median barrier on Vasco Road in Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 484, Statutes of 2007)

AB 646 (Wolk) – Public Resources: Cache Creek Resource Management Plan.

Extends certain deadlines required by the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act with respect to the Cache Creek Resource Management Plan.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 604, Statutes of 2007)

AB 862 (Wolk) – State bonds: public information.

Requires the submission of documentation such as resource studies, surveys, and maps produced in support of any project receiving funding from any state bond measure approved by voters on or after November 7, 2006 to a state digital library designated by the State Librarian; also authorizes the submission of environmental reports in electronic format only.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 1051 (Natural Resources and Water Committee) – Department of Conservation.

Makes technical, clarifying, and substantive changes to existing law governing the California Geological Survey, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources, and the Division of Land Resource Protection, all within the Department of Conservation.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 254, Statutes of 2007)

SB 1277 (Maldonado) - Synthetic turf.

Requires the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB), in consultation with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) and the Department of Public Health (DPH), to prepare and make available a study comparing the effects of synthetic turf and natural turf on the environment and public health.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 398, Statutes of 2008)

SB 1464 (Maldonado) – State agencies: Resources Agency.

Renames the Resources Agency the "Natural Resources Agency". Updates the list of departments, boards, and commissions under the Resources Agency. Prohibits the destruction or change of existing supplies, forms, insignias, signs, or logos as a result of the name change and requires those materials to be used until exhausted or unserviceable.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 205, Statutes of 2008)

SB 1672 (Steinberg) – Energy: Renewable Energy, Climate Change, Career Technical Education, and Clean Technology Job Creation Bond Act of 2010.

Authorizes the issuance of \$2.25 billion in general obligation bonds for specified career technical education facility construction and modernization projects.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 1781 (Environmental Quality Committee) - Environmental quality: solid waste management: used and waste tires: ballast water management.

Omnibus bill that contains provisions to update, clarify and make non-controversial changes to the various programs relating to solid waste management, tire hauling, tire recycling, and ballast water management.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 696, Statutes of 2008)

~ OIL SPILL PREVENTION ~

AB 1220 (Laird) – Oil spill response fund.

Clarifies that any state borrowing of monies to clean up an oil spill must be repaid by the assessment of fees on distributors, pipeline operators, refiners, and marine terminal operators. Increases the cap on how much money may be requested for appropriation by the Legislature for the state's Oiled Wildlife Care Network. Revises definition of marine fueling facilities regulated by the Office of Spill Prevention and Response and decreases the frequency of training or testing of a marine facility's oil spill contingency plan.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 373, Statutes of 2007)

AB 1960 (Nava) – Public resources: oil production facilities: oil spill contingency plans.

Establishes new maintenance standards, enforcement authority, and spill contingency planning requirements for oil production facilities, to be administered by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 562, Statutes of 2008)

AB 2031 (Hancock) – Oil spill prevention and response.

Enhances local response to oil spills; requires the Office of Emergency Service to notify appropriate local government agencies in an area surrounding an oil spill immediately upon receiving notification of a spill; requires the Office of Spill Prevention and Response to provide training and certification to local responders, who then would be authorized to train and certify volunteers to work under their direction; requires OSPR to offer grants to these local governments for oil spill response and cleanup equipment.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 563, Statutes of 2008)

AB 2032 (Hancock) – Oil spill prevention and response.

Increases the maximum Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fund fee from \$0.05 to \$0.08.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, September 29, 2008)

AB 2441 (Lieber) - Oil spill prevention and response: regulations: tugboat escorts: hazardous materials.

Requires the administrator of the Office of Spill Prevention and Response to mandate tugboat escorts for vessels carrying hazardous materials as cargo in bulk quantities.

(Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 2547 (Leno) – Oil spill prevention and response.

Revises various oil spill prevention and response standards and practices administered by the Office of Spill Prevention and Response; requires the Administrator to establish a program to provide grants for the development of improved oil spill prevention, containment and clean-up technologies.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, September 29, 2008)

AB 2911 (Wolk) - Oil spill prevention and response: inland spills: wildlife contaminations.

Authorizes the Administrator of the Office of Spill Prevention and Response to serve as a State Incident Commander and direct the removal, abatement, response, containment, and cleanup efforts with regard to all aspects of any placement of petroleum or petroleum product in the waters of the state, including inland, and expands the Oiled Wildlife Care Network to improve search and rescue efforts.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 565, Statutes of 2008)

AB 2912 (Wolk) - Oil spill prevention and response: marine waters.

Expands, to inland oil spills that may flow into inland waters or groundwater, the Office of Spill Prevention and Response Administrator's authority governing response to marine oil spills, and extends the penalties that may be imposed in connection with a marine oil spills to these inland spills.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2935 (Huffman) – Oil spill prevention and response.

Strengthens oil spill contingency plans regarding protection of environmentally and ecologically sensitive areas and establishes procedures for fishery closures following an oil spill.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 564, Statutes of 2008)

SB 1056 (Migden) – Oil spill prevention and response.

Requires the Office of Emergency Services to notify San Francisco Bay Area counties in the event of an oil spill in the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission; requires the Office of Spill Prevention and Response to promulgate a regulation establishing a minimum two hour oil spill response time in San Francisco Bay.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, September 29, 2008)

SB 1739 (Simitian) – Oil spill contingency plans.

Authorizes the Administrator of the Office of Spill Prevention and Response, if the Administrator, U.S. Coast Guard or other qualified public agency is unable to attend an out-of-state drill of an oil spill contingency plan, to require an owner or operator of a vessel to provide for an independent drill monitor to evaluate the drill; requires the Administrator to adopt regulations to implement this requirement on or before January 1, 2010. Requires, rather than authorizes, an oil spill response organization to demonstrate that it can deploy response resources consistent with planning requirements.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 566, Statutes of 2008)

~ SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING ~

AB 48 (Saldaña) - Hazardous waste: electronic equipment.

Expands, on or after January 1, 2010, the scope of electronic products that would be banned from manufacturing for sale in California if they are banned from sale in the European Union (EU) pursuant to the Reduction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) directive.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, October 13, 2007)

AB 258 (Krekorian) - Water quality: plastic discharges.

Establishes the Preproduction Plastic Debris Program under the State Water Resources Control Board to reduce the amount of preproduction plastics entering the marine environment.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 735, Statutes of 2007)

AB 712 (De Leon) - Off-road solid waste: multifamily dwellings.

Creates the Off-Road Solid Waste and Recycling Vehicle Clean Air Program, which establishes an additional 50 cent tipping fee on each ton of solid waste disposed in the state and transfers the funds to the Off-Road Solid Waste and Recycling Vehicle Clean Air Account to assist off-road solid waste, composting, and recycling vehicle operators in paying for costs to comply with air quality regulations.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 820 (Karnette) - Recycling polystyrene: state facilities.

Prohibits a state facility from selling, possessing, or distributing expanded polystyrene food containers.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 904 (Feuer) - Recycling: food containers.

Requires, starting July 1, 2012, that takeout food providers use only single-use food service packaging that is either compostable or recyclable. Requires, starting July 1, 2011, that a producer and distributor of single-use food service packaging maintain, and provide upon the request of any person, a list of the single-use food service packaging it distributes that is recyclable or compostable.

(Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1023 (DeSaulnier) - Recycling: compostable and biodegradable plastic trash bags.

Exempts manufacturers of compostable and biodegradable trash bags from California's recycled-content requirements for plastic trash bags.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 143, Statutes of 2007)

AB 1075 (Cook) - Solid waste diversion.

Defines "composting operation" or "composting facility" to mean a operation or facility that produces compost, including but limited to an entity that produces compost either aerobically or nonaerobically and an operation or facility the utilizes anaerobic digestion.

(Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1473 (Feuer) - Solid waste facility: temporary permits.

Authorizes a solid waste local enforcement agency to stay the issuance of a cease and desist order if a source-separated facility meets specified requirements.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 547, Statutes of 2007)

AB 1535 (Huffman) - Electronic waste: fee payment.

Changes the point of collection for the Electronic Waste Recycling Fee (fee) to the manufacturer from the consumer and makes other conforming changes.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee)

AB 1972 (DeSaulnier) - Solid waste: plastic bags: food and beverage containers.

Clarifies and updates which American Society for Testing of Materials Standards apply for compostable plastic materials and authorizes the California Integrated Waste Management Board to determine if the new standards are protective of public health, safety, and the environment.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 436, Statutes of 2008)

AB 2058 (Levine) - Recycling: plastic carryout bags.

Prohibits, starting July 1, 2011, a store from providing plastic carryout bags to customers unless the store demonstrates an increased diversion rate, as defined, of 70 percent in the total number of plastic carryout bags provided by the store during a specified period or charges the customer at least 25 cents per plastic bag.

(Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 2071 (Karnette) - Plastic bags: plastic food and beverage containers: enforcement.

Establishes penalties for failure to comply with labeling requirements for compostable and biodegradable plastic bags and plastic food and beverage containers sold in California.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 570, Statutes of 2008)

AB 2640 (Huffman) - Solid waste: compostable organics management.

Requires, beginning January 1, 2010, all green waste used at a solid waste facility for alternative daily cover at the landfill, to be subject to a quarterly fee that would be equal to the existing state tipping fee. Revenue generated by this proposed fee would be used to create a new Integrated Waste Management Board grant program for the purposes of encouraging compostable organic waste diversion projects.

(Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 2679 (Ruskin) - Solid waste: enforcement: illegal dumping.

Makes conforming changes to the enforcement and penalty provisions of the Integrated Waste Management Act to additionally include violations of the Act regarding disposal sites. Authorizes the California Integrated Waste Management Board, under specified circumstances, to take any appropriate enforcement action and empowers CIWMB, under those circumstances, with the authority of an enforcement agency pursuant to the Act. Establishes an enforcement program for minor violations and increases penalties for illegal dumping and other violations of the Act.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 500, Statutes of 2008)

AB 2695 (Niello) - Solid waste: enforcement: illegal dumping.

Amends the Integrated Waste Management Act by (1) making additional definitions; (2) providing that the act does not limit the power of a city, county or district to impose and enforce any conditions or restrictions on, or abate the effects of, illegal dumping; (3) expanding what can be included in inspection programs for illegal dumping to include public awareness activities and abatement; (4) authorizing the application of administrative and civil penalties to injunctive relief to enforce, and civil penalties imposed for violations of, specified provisions relating to garbage and refuse disposal; (5) establishing an illegal dumping grant and loan program; and (6) requiring the Integrated Waste Management Board to identify model programs that have been effected in reducing illegal dumping, as specified.

(Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 2730 (Leno) - Beverage containers: nonprofit convenience zone recyclers.

Clarifies eligibility for handling fees for non-profit recycling centers where the center's existence allows for the exemption of supermarket recycling center mandate.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 251, Statutes of 2008)

AB 2829 (Davis) - Recycling: plastic carryout bags.

Requires stores to charge a fee of 25 cents per plastic carryout bag distributed to customers and creates the California Plastic Carryout Bag Impact Fund. Also requires that all plastic bags include an environmental awareness message in addition to the words "PLEASE RETURN TO A PARTICIPATING STORE FOR RECYCLING."

(Status: Failed passage in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 2866 (De Leon) - Solid waste: solid waste disposal fees: post closure trust fund.

Increases the tipping fee from \$1.40 per ton to \$2 per ton starting July 1, 2009. The increased fee would be available for expenditure by the Integrated Waste Management Board, upon appropriation by the Legislature, in accordance with a schedule specified in the bill.

(Status: Failed passage in the Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 3025 (Lieber) - Solid waste: polystyrene loosefill packaging.

Prohibits a wholesaler from selling expanded polystyrene (EPS) loosefill packaging material beginning January 1, 2012. Exempts EPS loosefill packaging from the ban on the following schedule: 1) From January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013, if it contains 60% recycled content; 2) From January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016, if it contains 80% recycled content; and, 3) On and after January 1, 2017, if it contains 100% recycled content.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 471, Statutes of 2008)

SB 300 (Corbett) - Recycling: beverage containers: San Francisco Bay area.

Appropriates \$30 million annually from the Beverage Container Recycling Fund to the State Water Resources Control Board to administer grants to local governments and nonprofit agencies to reduce beverage containers and litter entering the San Francisco Bay through wind or stormwater drains.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

SB 470 (Ashburn) - Agriculture: dead animals.

Requires the California Integrated Waste Management Board to convene a working group to draft regulations that shall be adopted by the Board no later than July 1, 2009, providing procedures for emergency disposal of animal carcasses during a state of emergency. Requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to also adopt regulations based on the draft regulations prepared by the working group, no later than July 2009.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, October 13, 2007)

SB 697 (Yee) - Compost.

As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, clarified that the requirement for the Department of Transportation to use compost in the state's highway landscape maintenance program applies to compost produced in the state and expands this requirement to persons contracting with Caltrans. This bill was subsequently amended to address health care provider charges.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 606, Statutes of 2008)

SB 826 (Padilla) - Solid waste: environmental justice: facilities permits.

As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, required the California Integrated Waste Management Board to adopt new state minimum standards that identify and mitigate impacts on disproportionately affected communities where solid waste facilities are located, consistent with environment justice principles.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, October 13, 2007)

AB 898 (Simitian) - Beverage containers: solid waste cleanup: marinas and harbors.

As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, clarified that funds provided by the Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Cleanup Grant Program refers to solid waste that would otherwise be disposed into the municipal storm sewer, and that the ongoing litter abatement program required by the Grant Program must be established by the public entity; required the Department of Boating and Waterways to recommend guidelines and programs for removal and disposal of derelict fishing gear, and programs for marina and vessel operators to improve waste management in marinas and harbors; and, added a new number and letters code (0 = PLA (polylactic acid) to the list of resin types for rigid plastic bottles and containers. This bill was subsequently amended to address personal income tax returns.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 665, Statutes of 2007)

SB 1016 (Wiggins) - Diversion: compliance: per capita disposal rate.

Revises the measurement system used to determine compliance with the California Integrated Waste Management Act from diversion-based to disposal-based and makes related changes to existing law.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 343, Statutes of 2008)

SB 1020 (Padilla) - Solid waste: diversion.

Requires the California Integrated Waste Management Board to develop a plan to achieve a 75% statewide rate of solid waste diversion from landfills and other disposal facilities.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 1021 (Padilla) - Beverage containers: grants.

Authorizes up to \$15 million in grants from January 1, 2008, to January 1, 2009, to place source separated beverage container recycling receptacles in multifamily housing and appropriates \$198,000 for administrative costs to the Department of Conservation.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 724, Statutes of 2007)

SB 1321 (Correa) - School recycling programs.

Establishes the School Beverage Container Recycling program to require school districts to consult with the local Community Conservation Corps or another recycler to obtain information in order to establish a program at each school campus and public office of that district. Sunsets this program on January 1, 2012.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 1357 (Padilla) - Beverage containers: processing payments: grants.

Authorizes the Department of Conservation to expend up to \$20,000,000 from July 1, 2009 to January 1, 2012, for either grants for beverage container recycling and litter reduction programs or focused, regional community beverage container recycling and litter reduction programs. Requires DOC, on and after January 1, 2010, to use the most recently published, measured actual costs of recycling for a beverage container, as specified.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 697, Statutes of 2008)

SB 1405 (Padilla) - Solid waste: loans: development projects: construction and demolition waste.

Renames certain provisions of the Development Project and Construction and Demolition Waste Materials Act as the Construction and Demolition Waste Act of 2002, and deletes obsolete provisions relating to an existing requirement of the California Integrated Waste Management Board, on or before March 1, 2004, to adopt one or more model ordinances.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

SB 1625 (Corbett) - Recycling: CRV containers.

Expands the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act to include all plastic bottles, excluding food, and redefines the term "beverage" to include nut, grain, or soy drinks that contain any percentage of juice, and would delete the requirement that a vegetable drink subject to the Act be sold in a container of 16 ounces or less.

(Status: Held in the Assembly Rules Committee)

SB 1663 (Denham) - Used and waste tires: grants.

Establishes, until January 1, 2013, a program at the California Integrated Waste Management Board by which grants must be awarded to cities, counties, other local governments, and nonprofit organizations to help farm owners buy equipment necessary to facilitate the tracking and reporting of used and waste tires and to remove illegally disposed tires.

(Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee)

~ STATE LANDS AND TIDELANDS ~

AB 1832 (Saldaña) – Tidelands and submerged lands: City of San Diego.

Repeals several statutes freeing former tidelands granted to the City of San Diego from public trust restrictions; also repeals local agency authorization to grant tidelands and submerged lands to the United States

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, August 1, 2008)

AB 2324 (DeSaulnier) – Tidelands and submerged lands: City of Pittsburg.

Amends a legislative grant of tidelands and submerged lands to the City of Pittsburg to include lands within the boundaries of the City as such boundaries exist on December 31, 2009, instead of January 1, 2007, and for which the City has filed an application for annexation with the Contra Costa County Local Agency Formation Commission, on or before March 1, 2008.

(Status: Held in the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee)

SB 815 (Migden) – Tidelands and submerged lands: City and County of San Francisco.

Authorizes the removal of the public trust on "paper streets" and the lifting of public trust use restrictions on specified seawall lots in the City and County of San Francisco; adds a federal land parcel to an exchange of public trust lands and non-trust lands on Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 660, Statutes of 2007)

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