

**ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**  
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**MID SESSION REPORT – OCTOBER 2007**

**ASSEMBLY BILLS**

*AB 3 (Bass) – Physician assistants.*

Amended and referred to Assembly Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee.  
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 376, Statutes of 2007)

*AB 6 (Houston) – Greenhouse gases: market-based compliance mechanism.*

Directs the Air Resources Board to adopt market-based compliance mechanisms pursuant to the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32).

(Status: TWO YEAR BILL)

*AB15 (Houston) – Metropolitan Transportation Commission: Vasco Road.*

Requires the California Department of Transportation to submit to the Legislature a report containing recommendations to expedite approval and facilitate funding of the construction and maintenance of a median barrier on Vasco Road, between Interstate 580 in Alameda County and the intersection of Vasco Road and Walnut Boulevard in Contra Costa County.

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

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

Requires the California Environmental Protection Agency to adopt regulations establishing sustainable building standards for the construction and renovation of state buildings.

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

*AB 41 (La Malfa) – Water resources: Temperance Flat Surface Water Storage Project and Sites Reservoir: California Environmental Quality Act.*

Exempts the construction of the proposed Temperance Flat Surface Water Storage Project and the Sites Reservoir from the California Environmental Quality Act.

(Status: TWO YEAR BILL)

*AB 48 (Saldaña) – Hazardous waste: electronic equipment.*

On or after January 1, 2010, expands 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 pursuant to the EU's Reduction of Hazardous Substances Directive.

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

*AB 94 (Levine) – Renewable energy.*

Requires all retail sellers of electricity, excluding publicly owned utilities, to procure at least 33% of their electricity from renewable resources by 2020.

(Status: TWO YEAR BILL)

*AB 109 (Nuñez) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: annual report.*

Requires the Air Resources Board to report each January on the status and progress of implementing the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

*(Status: Senate Inactive File)*

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

Requires the California Energy Commission, on or before January 1, 2010, to develop a program to facilitate and encourage the implementation of cost-effective containment, scrubbing and capture technologies to decrease carbon dioxide emissions from industrial processes.

*(Status: Held under submission in Assembly Appropriations)*

*AB 188 (Aghazarian) – Conservation easement registry.*

Modifies and expands the information that is currently required to be included in a central public registry of conservation easements held or required by the state or purchased with state grant funds.

*(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State- Chapter 229, Statutes of 2007)*

*AB 224 (Wolk) – Water supply planning.*

Requires the Department of Water Resources, as part of its statewide water resource management responsibilities, to include an analysis of the potential effects of climate change in reports or plans that the department is required to prepare. DWR must also, by July 1, 2008, identify available peer-reviewed information on climate change and water resources for the state and each of the state's hydrologic regions.

*(Status: Held under submission in Senate Appropriations Committee)*

*AB 242 (Blakeslee) – Emissions of greenhouse gases: reduction.*

Requires the Air Resources Board to credit an entity that has voluntarily reduced its emissions of greenhouse gases through investments in energy efficiency, demand-side management, and renewable energy, among other things, for "early action." The bill would authorize an entity that has received credit for "early action" to further minimize its carbon footprint through the purchase of offsets for the emission of greenhouse gases as authorized by the Air Resources Board.

*(Status: TWO YEAR BILL)*

*AB 258 (Krekorian) – Water quality: plastic discharges.*

Establishes a plastic debris eradication program to reduce the amount of preproduction plastics entering the marine environment.

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

*AB 391 (Lieu) – Air quality: South Coast Air Quality Management District: board membership.*

Adds an additional seat on the board of directors of the South Coast Air Quality Management District for the City of Los Angeles, and makes clarifying provisions regarding which cities are represented by which geographical city selection committee.

*(Status: In Assembly Local Government Committee)*

AB 527 (Torrico) – Energy efficiency.

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

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

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

Eliminates 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: TWO YEAR BILL)

AB 546 (Brownley) – Electronic waste.

Requires a retailer of an electronic device to provide a customer with specified information relating to electronic waste recycling.

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

AB 548 (Levine) – Solid waste: multifamily dwellings.

Requires owners of multifamily dwellings to arrange for recycling services.

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

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

Earmarks 60% of specified Proposition 1B (Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006) air quality funds for the South Coast and San Joaquin Valley Air Districts.

(Status: Held under submission in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

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

Provides an extension, until December 31, 2012, on the existing Cache Creek Resource Management Plan for the purposes surface mining in Yolo County.

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

AB 653 (Maze) – Land use: agricultural land: 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 allows the conservation plan to be funded from Williamson Act contract cancellations.

(Status: TWO YEAR BILL)

AB 704 (Eng) – Local government: land use: Resident Advisory Commission on the Environment Act.

Authorizes local governments to establish a Resident Advisory Commission on the Environment.

(Status: In Senate Local Government 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: TWO YEAR BILL)

AB 712 (De Leon) – Off-road solid waste, composting and recycling vehicle clean air program.

Establishes the Off-Road Solid Waste and Recycling Vehicle Clean Air Program and imposes a new tipping fee on each ton of solid waste disposed in California to fund compliance with air quality regulations governing off-road solid waste vehicles and to fund a grant program for projects that produce renewable energy from solid waste.

(Status: Held under submission in Senate Appropriations Committee)

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: TWO YEAR BILL)

AB 729 (Mullin) – Recycling: e-waste.

Requires the California Integrated Waste Management Board to adopt regulations for the proper and legal donation of covered electronic devices intended for reuse by a nonprofit organization, including, but not limited to, the development of a form that may be used by an authorized collector when a covered electronic device is transferred by a person or company for refurbishing or reuse by a nonprofit organization.

(Status: TWO YEAR BILL)

AB 792 (Garcia) – Environmentally Sustainable Affordable Housing Program.

Establishes the Environmentally Sustainable Affordable Housing Program under the administration of the Department of Housing and Community Development, consisting of the Construction Liability Insurance Reform Pilot Program; the Green Building, Energy Efficiency, and Building Design Program; and the Affordable Housing for Teachers Program.

(Status: TWO YEAR BILL CURRENTLY IN HOUSING COMMITTEE)

AB 809 (Blakeslee) – Energy: renewable energy resources.

Expands eligibility for the Renewable Portfolio Standard of hydroelectric power, currently limited to facilities 30 megawatts or less, to include new incremental increases in electricity production from facilities over 30 megawatts, if the increase results from efficiency improvements and does not cause an adverse impact on instream beneficial uses or does not change the volume or timing of streamflow. A new hydroelectric facility that produces less than 30 MW of electricity is also eligible for the RPS under the same conditions.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 684, Statutes of 2007)

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

Prohibits state facilities from selling, possessing or distributing food containers unless they are compostable or recyclable.

(Status: Held under submission in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 822 (Levine) – Urban greening projects.

Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, in consultation with the California Urban Forests Council, to provide state oversight for urban greening planning, including guidance, priorities, policy direction, technical assistance, evaluation of program effectiveness, and funding that supports effective urban greening, as specified.

(Status: Currently in Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee)

AB 832 (Bass) – Environment: Sustainable Communities and Urban Greening Program.

Specifies projects eligible for \$90 million in urban greening grants available from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

(Status: TWO YEAR BILL)

AB 837 (Levine) – Oil and gas leases.

Prohibits the State Lands Commission from issuing a new lease or lease extension for the extraction of oil and gas from coastal tidelands or submerged lands in state waters within the Santa Barbara Channel or the Santa Maria Basin if the lease or lease extension would be developed from an existing or new offshore oil platform.

(Status: Currently in Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife)

AB 862 (Wolk) – Public resources: information.

Requires the submission of certain documentation required by any state bond measure approved by voters on or after November 7, 2006 to a state digital library; also authorizes the submission of environmental reports in electronic format only.

(Status: Held under submission in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 872 (Davis) – CEQA: urban infill affordable housing developments: exemption.

Exempts "urban infill affordable housing" projects less than 300 units from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

(Status: TWO YEAR BILL)

AB 888 (Lieu) – Green building standards.

On or after January 1, 2013, requires certain new commercial buildings that are 50,000 square feet or greater to be designed, constructed and operated to meet the applicable standards of the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design gold rating or its equivalent, unless the state adopts specified minimum green building.

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

AB 904 (Feuer) – Recycling: food containers.

Prohibits a food provider from distributing disposable food packaging unless the packaging is compostable or recyclable.

(Status: Assembly Floor)

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 under submission in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

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

Expands the Renewable Portfolio Standard for electricity produced by a public water or wastewater agency by including, as eligible projects, those on "property owned or under the control" of the agency instead of only those located "on or adjacent to" a water or wastewater facility.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter 112, Statutes of 2007)

AB 1012 (Calderon) - Oil and gas deposits: property tax assessments.

Amended and re-referred to Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee.

(Status: Currently in Assembly Revenue and Taxation 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 1056 (Leno) – California Ocean Protection Act.

Authorizes the Ocean Protection Council to establish a science advisory team; 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 1058 (Laird) – Green building construction: best practices.

Requires the Building Standards Commission, on or before July 1, 2010, to adopt best practices and building standards for green building in new residential construction. On or before January 1, 2013, California homes must be constructed consistent with these standards or other recognized green building guidelines.

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

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

Expands eligibility of Self-Generation Incentive Program, administered by California Public Utilities Commission, to including solar thermal heating and cooling technologies and waste gas electric generation technologies.

(Status: Currently in Senate Energy, Utilities and Commerce Committee)

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

Requires the California Energy Commission to adopt energy efficiency standards that will ensure the achievement of specified energy reduction goals for residential and non-residential buildings.

(Status: Held under submission in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

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

Requires the Ocean Protection Council and other agencies to provide the best available scientific information to assist state land use and resource protection agencies in planning for sea level rise impacts on the California coast and bays. Requires the Office of Planning and Research to include this information in general plan guidelines that cities and counties may use to address the effects of climate change and sea level rise.

(Status: Held under submission in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1074 (Houston) – California State Conservation Permit.

Withdrawn from Assembly Natural Resources Committee and re-referred to Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.

(Status: Currently in Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee)

AB 1075 (Cook) – Solid waste diversion.

Revises the definition of solid waste conversion as a technology that produces a net reduction in the discharges of air contaminants or emissions.

(Status: TWO YEAR BILL)

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

Requires the Office of Planning and Research, on or before January 1, 2009, to submit to the Legislature a report regarding the conditions in development of affordable housing projects affecting the use of existing statutory exemptions pursuant to CEQA.

(Status: Held under submission in Assembly 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 1138 (Brownley) – Air districts: boundary disputes.

Requires the Air Resources Board to resolve all questions relating to the boundaries of an air district.

(Status: TWO YEAR BILL)

AB 1150 (Lieu) – Solid waste: transformation.

Defines "transformation" as the incineration of solid waste, or the processing of solid waste through a non-combustion thermal, chemical, or biological process.

(Status: TWO YEAR BILL)

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

Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to abide by minimum staffing levels for state-owned fire engines.

(Status: TWO YEAR BILL)

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 under submission in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1183 (Hancock) – Hazardous materials: Cortese list.

Withdrawn from Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

(Status: Senate Inactive File)

AB 1195 (Torrico) – Recycling: use oil: incentive payments.

Withdrawn from Assembly Natural Resources Committee and re-referred to Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee.

(Status: Held under submission in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1207 (Smyth) – Solid waste: biosolids.

Requires the California Integrated Waste Management Board to establish regulations governing the land application of biosolids.

(Status: TWO YEAR BILL)

AB 1209 (Karnette) – State Air Resources Board: bond allocation criteria.

Requires the Air Resources Board to develop guidelines for the allocation of \$1 billion in Proposition 1B bonds funds earmarked for air pollutant emissions reductions from activities related to the movement of freight along the state's trade corridors.

(Status: Currently in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1219 (Jones) – State property.

Withdrawn from Assembly Natural Resources Committee and re-referred to Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

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

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 Oil Spill Prevention and Response and decreases the frequency of training or testing of a marine facility's oil spill contingency plan. Eliminates defunct provisions indemnifying an owner of a nontank vessel who contracts for oil spill response services with a nonprofit maritime association.

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

AB 1227 (Gaines) – Lake Tahoe Water Trail.

Enacts the California Lake Tahoe Water Trail Act, which would designate the Lake Tahoe Water Trail in California to establish linkages between public access points to the waters of the Lake Tahoe Basin that are available for navigation by nonmotorized boats and beachable sailcraft.

(Status: Held under submission in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1237 (Hancock) – Solid waste: solid waste facilities.

Extends the time period in which the California Integrated Waste Management Board may concur or object to the issuance, modification, or revision of the proposed solid waste facility permit to 90 days; requires that at least one inspection conducted by the enforcement agency alone or jointly with the board be unannounced; eliminates the need for a public hearing prior to an enforcement action by the board.

(Status: TWO YEAR BILL)

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

Requires the Department of Parks and Recreation and the San Diego River Conservancy to establish programs to fund urban greening projects, pursuant to Proposition 84.

(Status: Held under submission in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1338 (Huffman) – Public resources: local coastal program.

Requires certain local coastal government to include a nonpoint source pollution prevention element in its Local Coastal Program when adopting or amending a LCP for approval by the California Coastal Commission.

*(Status: Currently in Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee)*

AB 1352 (Berryhill) – Animals: rendering.

States findings and declarations regarding the need for expanding disposal and recycling alternatives for mortalities of agriculture, and wild and companion animals that have died because of natural or other causes; requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to conduct a study of the current status of animal mortality disposal and recycling alternatives, on or before February 1, 2008.

*(Status: Currently in Assembly Local Government Committee)*

AB 1355 (Houston) – Counties: sheriff duties: coastline, harbors, and inland waterways.

Amended, withdrawn from Assembly Natural Resources Committee and re-referred to Assembly Public Safety Committee.

*(Status: Currently in Assembly Public Safety 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 and to include provisions for Coastal Trail in its regional plan.

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

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

Expands an existing program available to customer-owned electric generation facilities fueled by manure methane digestors (biogas), making it available to facilities fueled by other forms of manure conversion.

*(Status: Currently in Senate Environmental Quality Committee)*

AB 1440 (Wolk) – Hybrid trucks: grants.

Withdrawn from Assembly Natural Resources Committee and re-referred to Assembly Transportation Committee.

*Status: Held under submission in Assembly Appropriations Committee)*

AB 1447 (Calderon) – Hazardous waste: major appliances.

Amended and withdrawn from Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

*(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 709, Statutes of 2007)*

AB 1455 (Arambula) – California Air Quality Zones.

Authorizes the establishment of the California Air Quality Zone Program for the purpose of providing incentives for 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 under submission in Senate Appropriations Committee)*

AB 1459 (Levine) – California Coastal Act of 1976: 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: TWO YEAR BILL)

AB 1470 (Huffman) – Solar energy: Solar Water Heating and Efficiency Act of 2007.

Establishes a new gas utility surcharge to fund a 10-year, \$250 million program to subsidize the installation of 200,000 residential solar hot water heaters by 2017.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 536, Statutes of 2007)

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 1489 (Huffman) – Resources bond funds: Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act.

Implements Proposition 84 bond funding for clean-up of groundwater contamination, groundwater management, development of integrated regional water management plans, Bay-Delta fishery restoration, and San Joaquin River restoration.

(Status: Held under submission in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1506 (Arambula) – Energy Independence and Early Adapter Business Incentive Act of 2007.

Amended and withdrawn from Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

(Status: Currently in Senate 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 1535 (Huffman) – Electronic waste: personal computers.

Adds personal computers to the Hazardous Electronic Waste Recovery, Reuse, and Recycling Act of 2003, which requires the reuse, recycling and proper disposal of electronic waste.

(Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee)

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

Requires the California Energy Commission to incorporate standards for water efficiency and conservation into existing energy efficiency standards.

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

AB 1568 (Berg) – Coastal resources: 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 1602 (Nuñez) – Environment: Sustainable Communities and Urban Greening Program.

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

*(Status: Currently in Senate Environmental Quality Committee)*

AB 1610 (Nuñez) – Fuels: refineries.

Requires an owner or operator of a refinery in the state to submit information to the Energy Commission relating to the capacity and operational status of the refinery; requires the Energy Commission to maintain records of refinery downtime for 5 years, and authorize the Energy Commission or its designee to undertake specified inspections of refineries and their documents; authorize the Energy Commission to request a refinery in the state to voluntarily adjust or delay a scheduled major maintenance.

*(Status: Failed passage in Senate Third Reading)*

AB 1613 (Blakeslee) – Energy: Waste Heat and Carbon Emissions Reduction Act.

Withdrawn from Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

*(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 713, Statutes of 2007)*

AB 1620 (Arambula) – California Clean Technology Services Unit.

Establishes the California Clean Technology Services Unit within the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency to promote the development of environmentally-friendly technologies, facilitate the introduction of clean technology to the market, and coordinate efforts between state agencies that encourage the development of clean technology that meets the state's environmental goals.

*(Status: Currently in Senate Environmental Quality Committee)*

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

Provides that the requirement to demonstrate compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, before the California Educational Facilities Authority approves the issuance of bonds, does not apply to a private nonprofit university education project consisting of a single building if the State Treasurer determines that the university received an agreement from an underwriting firm dated September 25, 2006, for purposes that included issuance of bonds by CEFA for that project.

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

## SENATE BILLS

### SB 68 (Kuehl) – Mining.

Makes technical and substantive changes to the state's mining law pertaining to the approval of a reclamation plan and financial assurances; changes the standard of review on appeal when approval of the aforementioned is denied; changes the standard of review on appeal when a permit to mine in an area of regional or statewide significance is denied or granted; changes the definition of an "idle" mine.

(Status: TWO YEAR BILL)

### 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.

(Status: TWO YEAR BILL)

### SB 210 (Kehoe) – Greenhouse gas emission: fuel standard.

Requires the Air Resources Board, on or before January 1, 2010, to develop, implement, and enforce a low-carbon fuel standard that achieves the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in the carbon intensity of transportation fuels.

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

### SB 240 (Florez) – San Joaquin Valley Unified 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 under submission in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

### 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 under submission in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

### 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 341, Statutes of 2007)

### SB 410 (Simitian) – Energy: renewable energy resources.

Revises payment and reporting criteria for existing renewable energy facilities and makes other minor and technical changes.

(Status: Assembly Inactive File)

### SB 411 (Simitian) – Energy: renewable energy resources.

Requires investor-owned utilities and certain other retail sellers to meet a Renewables Portfolio Standard of at least 33 percent by 2020, to the extent supplemental energy payments are available to cover above-market costs.

*(Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee)*

*SB 412 (Simitian) – State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: natural gas.*

Requires the California Energy Commission to prepare a report assessing the need for liquefied natural gas import terminals. Prohibits approval of a LNG terminal by the Governor or any state or local entity until the CEC report is final or November 1, 2008, whichever is earlier.

*(Status: Held under submission in Assembly Appropriations Committee)*

*SB 419 (Kehoe) – San Diego River Conservancy.*

Authorizes the San Diego River 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 451 (Kehoe) – Energy: renewable electric generation facilities*

Creates a program that allows small-scale renewable generators to sell renewable electricity to investor-owned utilities at rates set by the California Public Utilities Commission.

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

*SB 463 (Negrete McLeod) – Energy: biogas digester customer-generator pilot program.*

Permits an eligible biogas digester customer-generator (typically large dairies) to sell excess electricity to their electric service provider at a capped price only if the generator has entered into a long-term purchase agreement with the electrical corporation.

*(Status: Held in Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee)*

*SB 470 (Ashburn) – Agriculture: dead animals.*

Requires the California Integrated Waste Management Board to convene a working group to draft regulations relating to procedures for the emergency disposal or rendering of animal carcasses during a state of emergency that results in the death of large numbers of livestock.

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

*SB 555 (Machado) – Sacramento-San Joaquin 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 Governor, October 14, 2007)*

*SB 562 (Wiggins) – Public resources: salmon and steelhead: protection: fishery restoration.*

Amended and re-referred to Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.

*(Status: Senate unfinished business)*

*SB 567 (Aanestad) – State property.*

Authorizes the Department of General Services to sell, lease, or exchange six specified state-owned surplus properties.

*(Status: Senate Inactive File)*

*SB 634 (Wiggins) – Williamson Act: contracts: Food labeling: olive oil.*

Amended and re-referred to Assembly Agriculture Committee.

*(Status: Currently in Assembly Agriculture Committee)*

*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 697 (Wiggins Yee) – Compost: Health care coverage: provider charges.*

Amended and re-referred to Assembly Health Committee.

*(Status: Currently in Assembly Health 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, created by the Legislature in 2000, authorized the state to acquire conservation easements on private forestland.

*(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 657, Statutes of 2007)*

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

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, and 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)

SB 826 (Padilla) – ~~Solid waste: environmental justice: facilities permits.~~ Native American education.

Amended re-referred to Assembly Education Committee.

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

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

Prohibits an "interested person" from giving, and a commissioner from accepting, a gratuity greater than \$10.

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

SB 886 (Negrete McLeod) - Management districts: district board.

Adds an additional seat on the board directors of the South Coast Air Quality Management District 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 898 (Simitian) - ~~Beverage containers: solid waste cleanup: marinas and harbors.~~ Personal income tax return: voluntary contributions.

Amended and re-referred to Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee.

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

SB 947 (Hollingsworth) - California Environmental Quality Act: consultation: transportation facilities.

Improves the early consultation and scoping processes for transportation projects by requiring lead agencies to provide notice of at least one scoping meeting to transportation planning agencies that are consulted, and requires the project's effect of overpasses, on-ramps, and off-ramps to be included in that consultation.

(Status: TWO YEAR BILL)

SB 974 (Lowenthal) - Ports: congestion relief: air pollution mitigation: regulatory fee.

Imposes a \$30 fee on each shipping container processed at the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Oakland to fund congestion management and air quality improvement projects related to the ports.

(Status: Placed on Assembly Inactive File)

SB 1016 (Wiggins) - Diversion: annual report.

Authorizes the California Integrated Waste Management Board to allow a city or a county that has diverted more than 50 percent of solid waste through source reduction recycling, and composting activities to submit the required annual report on a biennial basis.

*(Status: TWO YEAR BILL)*

*SB 1017 (Perata) - East Bay Municipal Utility District: electricity generation.*

Withdraw from Assembly Natural Resources Committee and re-referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

*(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 668, Statutes of 2007)*

*SB 1020 (Padilla)- Solid waste: diversion.*

Requires the California Integrated Waste Management Board to adopt policies, programs, and incentives to ensure that the state achieves a 60% solid waste diversion rate by 2012 and a 75% diversion rate by 2020.

*(Status: 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 local governments or nonprofit agencies to place source separated beverage container recycling bins in multifamily housing.

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

*SB 1028 (Padilla) - State Air Resources Board: regulations: ambient air quality.*

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 1036 (Perata) – Energy: renewable energy resources.*

Eliminates California Energy Commission administration of funds available for award to new renewable energy facilities in the form of supplemental energy payments pursuant to the Renewables Portfolio Standard. Provides for refund of accumulated CEC funds to ratepayers. Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to allow recovery of future above-market costs pursuant to its ratemaking authority.

*(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 685, Statutes of 2007)*

*SB 1046 (Environmental Quality Committee) – California Environmental Quality Act: fees and notices: recreational uses of reservoirs.*

Clarifies California Environmental Quality Act regarding payment of filing fees and method for project location. Repeals sunset on bodily contact restrictions for Canyon Lake Reservoir.

*(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 253, Statutes of 2007)*

*SB 1051 (Natural Resources and Water Committee) – 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.

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

*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.

*(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Resolution Chapter 111, Statutes of 2007)*