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LEGISLATIVE BILL  
SUMMARY

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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON  
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# INTRODUCTION

This publication is a comprehensive summary of bills that the Assembly Natural Resources Committee considered during the 2023 – 2024 legislative years.

Each summary includes the final status of the bill. Bills that the Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law are listed along with their chapter numbers.

In general, chaptered legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2025. Bills that contain an urgency clause (not noted in this document) took effect immediately upon the Governor's signature.

The committee uses the following abbreviations throughout this summary:

ARB (California Air Resources Board)

BOF (Board of Forestry and Fire Protection)

Bottle Bill (California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act)

BCDC (San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission)

CAEATFA (California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority)

CalEPA (California Environmental Protection Agency)

CAL FIRE (California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection)

CalGEM (California Geologic Energy Management Division)

CalRecycle (California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery)

CalOES (California Governor's Office of Emergency Services)

Caltrans (California Department of Transportation)

CCC (California Conservation Corps)

CDFAs (California Department of Food and Agriculture)

CEC (California Energy Commission)

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act)

Commission (California Coastal Commission)

CPCFA (California Pollution Control Financing Authority)

CPUC (California Public Utilities Commission)

CSD (Community Services and Development Department)

CVRP (Clean Vehicle Rebate Project)

DFW (California Department of Fish and Wildlife)

DOC (Department of Conservation)

DOF (California Department of Finance)

GGRF (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund)

GHG (greenhouse gas)

NRA (California Natural Resources Agency)

OPC (California Ocean Protection Council)  
OPR (Governor's Office of Planning and Research)  
RPS (Renewables Portfolio Standard)  
SCC (California State Coastal Conservancy)  
SDRC (San Diego River Conservancy)  
SFM (State Fire Marshal)  
SGC (California Strategic Growth Council)  
SLC (California State Lands Commission)  
SNC (Sierra Nevada Conservancy)  
SRA (State Responsibility Area)  
State Parks (California Department of Parks and Recreation)  
SWRCB (California State Water Resources Control Board)  
US EPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency)  
WCB (California Wildlife Conservation Board)

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## Air Quality and Climate Change

### **AB-6 (Friedman) - Transportation planning: regional transportation plans: Solutions for Congested Corridors Program: reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.**

Requires ARB to provide regions in the state GHG emission reduction targets for the automobile and light truck sector for 2035 and 2045, respectively, and makes various other changes to strengthen ARB's oversight of sustainable communities' strategies.

Status: Died in the Senate Transportation Committee

### **AB-9 (Muratsuchi) - Greenhouse gases: market-based compliance mechanism.**

Requires ARB to initiate a regulatory process to evaluate potential updates to the market-based compliance mechanism (i.e., cap-and-trade regulation).

Status: Died on the Assembly Inactive File

### **AB-43 (Holden) - Greenhouse gas emissions: building materials: embodied carbon trading system.**

Authorizes ARB to create an Embodied Carbon Trading System to implement provisions of AB 2446 (Holden), Chapter 352, Statutes of 2022, and makes various revisions to the framework for measuring and reducing the carbon intensity of building materials used in the construction of new buildings created by AB 2466.

Status: Chapter 316, Statutes of 2023

### **AB-241 (Reyes) - Clean Transportation Program: Air Quality Improvement Program: funding.**

Reauthorizes fees that fund the Air Quality Improvement Program, the Clean Transportation Program, and the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program, which provide funding to reduce GHGs emitted by the state's transportation sector. Makes related programmatic changes to those programs.

Status: Died on the Assembly Inactive File

**AB-287 (Garcia) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: competitive grant programs: funding objectives.**

Expands the list of co-benefits for projects funded by the GGRF to include communities. Requires state agencies that administer GGRF grants to ensure that communities identified for community emissions reduction programs are given preferential points during grant application scoring for grant programs intended to improve air quality; there are at least three months between the first call for applications or proposals for projects and the due date; and, that applicants from the counties of Imperial and San Diego are allowed to include daytime population numbers in grant applications. Revises the grant criteria for various GGRF programs.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-397 (Essayli) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: scoping plan.**

Requires ARB to include GHG emissions from wildlands and forest fires in the Scoping Plan.

Status: Held in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**AB-408 (Wilson) - Climate-resilient Farms, Sustainable Healthy Food Access, and Farmworker Protection Bond Act of 2024.**

Enacts the Climate-resilient Farms, Sustainable Healthy Food Access, and Farmworker Protection Bond Act of 2024, which places a \$3.65 billion general obligation bond before voters in the November 2024, General Election.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**AB-536 (Wilson) - Bay Area Air Quality Management Advisory Council: compensation.**

Authorizes members of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Advisory Council to receive compensation for attending specified meetings.

Status: Chapter 16, Statutes of 2023



**[AB-585 \(Robert Rivas\) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: literature review and progress report.](#)**

Requests the California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) to perform a triennial assessment of the infrastructure projects necessary to achieve the state's energy, climate change, and air quality goals, as specified. Requires the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to prepare an assessment of the barriers, challenges, and impediments limiting the deployment of clean energy projects by January 1, 2026.

Status: Chapter 336, Statutes of 2023

**[AB-593 \(Haney\) - Carbon emission reduction strategy: building sector.](#)**

Requires the CEC, on or before June 1, 2024, to adopt a strategy, with milestones, to reduce emissions of GHGs for the building sector.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**[AB-673 \(Bennett\) - Hydrogen-fueling stations: preference.](#)**

Requires the CEC, when considering funding hydrogen fueling stations for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, to evaluate whether the project needs to also serve light-duty vehicles, subject to specified considerations and exceptions for existing programs that may provide funding for hydrogen fueling stations.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**[AB-849 \(Garcia\) - Community emissions reduction programs.](#)**

Requires a state agency to implement and enforce measures in a Community Emissions Reduction Program adopted pursuant to AB 617 (Cristina Garcia), Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017, if assigned to the agency by ARB. Provides that ARB grants to community-based organizations may include allocating funds to AB 617 community steering committees to serve as a budget for administrative items, to the extent the Legislature appropriates funds specifically for this purpose.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**AB-985 (Arambula) - San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District: emission reduction credit system.**

Requires ARB to conduct an analysis of the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District's emission reduction credit banks for air pollutants by January 1, 2027.

Status: Failed concurrence on the Assembly Floor

**AB-1000 (Reyes) - Qualifying logistics use projects.**

Prohibits, within the Counties of San Bernardino and Riverside, local agency approval of a “qualifying logistics use” (e.g., a warehouse of 100,000 or more square feet) within 1,000 feet of a sensitive receptor, as defined, except that a local agency may approve a qualifying logistics use between 500 and 1,000 feet from a sensitive receptor if the local agency conducts specified air pollution analysis and imposes specified measures to reduce air pollution.

Status: Failed in the Assembly Local Government Committee

**AB-1159 (Aguiar-Curry) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: natural and working lands: market-based compliance mechanisms.**

Requires that all GHG emissions reductions and removals used for any market-based compliance mechanism are in addition to any reductions and removals that would otherwise occur.

Status: Chapter 358, Statutes of 2023

**AB-1195 (Calderon) - Climate Change Preparedness, Resiliency, and Jobs for Communities Program: climate-beneficial projects: grant funding.**

Establishes the Climate Change Preparedness, Resiliency, and Jobs for Communities Program to provide grants to develop and implement multibenefit, community-level, climate-beneficial projects to support community and landscape resiliency and workforce development.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-1216 (Muratsuchi) - Wastewater treatment plants: monitoring of air pollutants.**

Requires the owner or operator of a wastewater treatment facility, on or before January 1, 2027, to install, operate, and maintain a fence-line monitoring system to track emissions of pollutants of concern, including hydrogen sulfide, in accordance that is approved by the appropriate air quality management district.

Status: Chapter 675, Statutes of 2023

**AB-1267 (Ting) - Zero-emission vehicle incentive programs: gasoline superusers.**

Requires ARB to ensure that beginning January 1, 2025, an additional incentive is awarded under a zero emission vehicle incentive program to a recipient who is a gasoline 'superuser', as defined.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-1305 (Gabriel) - Voluntary carbon offset disclosures.**

Requires disclosure of specified information by sellers and buyers of voluntary carbon offsets. Subjects violators to a civil penalty up to \$2,500 per day for each violation.

Status: Chapter 365, Statutes of 2023

**AB-1465 (Wicks) - Nonvehicular air pollution: civil penalties.**

Increases existing air district civil penalty limits by a factor of up to three for emissions from a Title V (i.e., major) source that contain one or more air contaminants.

Status: Chapter 300, Statutes of 2024

**AB-1534 (Irwin) - Methane emissions: municipal solid waste landfills: remote sensing data.**

Requires ARB, no later than June 30, 2026, to evaluate and, if feasible and to the extent data is available, revise the regulations relating to methane emissions from municipal solid waste landfills to incorporate the use of methane remote sensing data.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-1567 (Garcia) - Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024.**

Places a \$15.955 billion climate resilience general obligation bond before the voters on the March 5, 2024, Primary Election ballot.

Status: Died in the Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee

**AB-1743 (Bennett) - Lower Emissions Transition Program.**

Enacts the Lower Emissions Transition Program and would require the ARB to approve projects that reduce cumulative emissions from cargo handling equipment, and sources at seaports in the state during the transition period to zero-emissions cargo handling equipment requirements.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-1857 (Jackson) - State Air Resources Board: air quality regulation: valleys.**

Requires, until 2029, ARB to adopt, and air districts to implement, regulations to improve air quality in population centers located in valleys.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-1969 (Hart) - State Air Resources Board: Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher Incentive Project: unmanned aerial systems.**

Requires ARB to include unmanned aerial systems, commonly known as drones, in the meaning of agricultural equipment for purposes of the Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher Incentive Project established by ARB as part of the Air Quality Improvement Program.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-2083 (Berman) - Industrial facilities' heat application equipment and process emissions.**

Requires the CEC to evaluate opportunities to increase electrification of industrial heat processes, as specified, and requires the ARB to incorporate that evaluation into the next Scoping Plan update, among other specified assessments.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**AB-2329 (Muratsuchi) - Energy: California Affordable Decarbonization Authority.**

Establishes a California Affordable Decarbonization Authority as a nonprofit public benefit organization to act as a mechanism to help fund various electric utility-related programs and activities.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-2331 (Gabriel) - Voluntary carbon market disclosures.**

Amends AB 1305 (Gabriel), Chapter 365, Statutes of 2023, to update disclosure requirements for voluntary carbon offsets and provide that disclosure requirements apply beginning July 1, 2025.

Status: Died on concurrence on the Assembly Floor

**AB-2401 (Ting) - Clean Cars 4 All Program.**

Requires ARB, in administering the Clean Cars for All Program, to prioritize vehicle retirement in areas of the state that with the highest percentages of low-income, high-mileage drivers with older, high-polluting vehicles; makes these incentives available statewide, and requires ARB to establish a means-based strategy provide an increased incentive to potential recipients satisfying additional qualifying criteria.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**AB-2522 (Wendy Carrillo) - South Coast Air Quality Management District: district board: compensation.**

Increases per diem compensation limits for board members of the Bay Area, Sacramento, San Diego, South Coast, and unified (i.e., consisting of two or more contiguous counties) air districts, doubling daily compensation from \$100 per day to \$200 per day and increasing corresponding monthly and annual compensation limits.

Status: Chapter 406, Statutes of 2024

**[AB-2731 \(Wendy Carrillo\) - California Pollution Control Financing Authority: eligible projects.](#)**

Adds “qualified carbon dioxide capture facilities” to the non-exclusive list of projects eligible for tax-exempt bond financing via the California Pollution Control Financing Authority.

Status: Chapter 114, Statutes of 2024

**[AB-2760 \(Muratsuchi\) - Lower Emissions Equipment at Seaports and Intermodal Yards Program.](#)**

Enacts, until January 1, 2032, the Lower Emissions Equipment at Seaports and Intermodal Yards Program at ARB to approve as covered equipment applicable cargo handling equipment that will reduce cumulative emissions at seaports and intermodal yards in the state.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**[AB-2815 \(Petrie-Norris\) - Clean Transportation Program: electric vehicle charging stations.](#)**

Expand the types of projects funded by the Clean Transportation Program to include a program to repair or replace non-operational electric vehicle chargers, as specified.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**[AB-2851 \(Bonta\) - Metal shredding facilities: fence-line air quality monitoring.](#)**

Requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to require metal shredding facilities to monitor hazardous waste constituents, report on the results of that monitoring, and implement facility-wide fence-line hazardous waste constituent monitoring requirements.

Status: Chapter 743, Statutes of 2024

**[AB-2958 \(Calderon\) - State Air Resources Board: board members: compensation.](#)**

Requires the six part-time members of ARB representing air districts receive an annual salary, currently set at \$55,738/year.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**SB-219 (Wiener) - Greenhouse gases: climate corporate accountability: climate-related financial risk.**

Delays the requirement that ARB adopt regulations until July 1, 2025; requires that the regulations adopted by ARB to require, among other things, a reporting entity to make the annual disclosure to either the GHG reporting organization or ARB; and, requires that the reporting entity publicly disclose its Scope 3 emissions on a schedule specified by ARB, rather than no later than 180 days after its Scope 1 emissions and Scope 2 emissions are publicly disclosed.

Status: Chapter 766, Statutes of 2024

**SB-253 (Wiener) - Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act.**

Requires any partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or other U.S. business entity with total annual revenues in excess of \$1 billion and that does business in California to publicly report their annual GHG emissions, as specified by the ARB.

Status: Chapter 382, Statutes of 2023

**SB-261 (Stern) - Greenhouse gases: climate-related financial risk.**

Requires companies that do business in California and have gross revenues exceeding \$500 million annually, excluding insurance companies, to report on their climate-related financial risk, and requires ARB to contract with a qualified climate reporting organization to review and publish an analysis of those reports, as specified.

Status: Chapter 383, Statutes of 2023

**SB-301 (Portantino) - Vehicular air pollution: Zero-Emission Aftermarket Conversion Project.**

Requires ARB to establish the Zero-Emission Aftermarket Conversion Project to provide an applicant with a rebate for converting a vehicle into a zero emission vehicle.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**SB-306 (Caballero) - Climate change: Equitable Building Decarbonization Program: Extreme Heat Action Plan.**

Requires CEC to report to the Legislation on implementation of the direct install program approved in the Budget Act of 2022 as part of the Equitable Building Decarbonization Program and codifies, and requires updates to, the Extreme Heat Action Plan.

Status: Chapter 387, Statutes of 2023

**SB-308 (Becker) - Net zero greenhouse gas emissions goal: carbon dioxide removal: regulations.**

Requires ARB to adopt specified standards and targets for carbon dioxide removal to help achieve climate goals.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB-390 (Limón) - Voluntary carbon offsets: business regulation.**

Adds certain claims about voluntary carbon offsets (VCOs) to the False Advertising Law, related to VCOs that are known or should be known to not be quantifiable, real, and additional, as defined.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**SB-414 (Allen) - Climate change: applications using hydrogen: assessment.**

Requires ARB, upon appropriation, to complete an assessment of the use of hydrogen in specified applications.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB-425 (Newman) - Clean Vehicle Rebate Project: fuel cell electric pickup trucks: battery electric pickup trucks.**

Requires ARB to provide specified rebates for zero-emission pickup trucks under the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee



**SB-438 (Caballero) - Carbon sequestration: Carbon Capture, Removal, Utilization, and Storage Program: incidental and unintentional residual oil production.**

Establishes an exception from the ban on enhanced oil recovery from a carbon dioxide capture, removal, or sequestration project by providing that the incidental and unintentional production of residual oil from a geologic sequestration (i.e., "Class VI") well does not violate the ban.

Status: Died in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**SB-511 (Blakespear) - Greenhouse gas emissions inventories.**

Requires ARB to develop, publish, and update GHG emissions inventories for cities and counties, upon request.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB-613 (Seyarto) - Organic waste: reduction goals: local jurisdictions: low-population exemption.**

Exempts certain local jurisdictions from the short lived climate pollutant reduction requirements established by SB 1383 (Lara), Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016, until December 1, 2028.

Status: Chapter 878, Statutes of 2023

**SB-674 (Gonzalez) - Air pollution: refineries: community air monitoring systems: fence-line monitoring systems.**

Revises and expands the fence-line monitoring program for communities and petroleum refineries, including expanding the program to include monitoring for biofuel refineries and additional pollutants, applying to contiguous or adjacent refinery-related facilities, increasing the standards for data quality, and providing enhanced processes for notifying affected communities.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**[SB-781 \(Stern\) - Methane emissions: natural gas producing low methane emissions.](#)**

Requires ARB to establish a certification for low-methane emissions and encourage natural gas procurement on behalf of the state to shift to certified natural gas producing low methane emissions. Requires ARB to collect specified information about limiting emissions from the natural gas supply chain and incorporate that data into existing analyses of GHG emissions from the natural gas supply system.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**[SB-867 \(Allen\) - Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024.](#)**

Places the \$10 billion Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 on the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot.

Status: Chapter 83, Statutes of 2024

**[SB-941 \(Skinner\) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: scoping plan: industrial sources of emissions.](#)**

Requires ARB, in the next update to its climate change scoping plan, to include a discussion of the availability of zero-emission alternatives to industrial sources of GHG emissions.

Status: Chapter 595, Statutes of 2024

**[SB-945 \(Alvarado-Gil\) - The Wildfire Smoke and Health Outcomes Data Act.](#)**

Establishes the Wildfire Smoke and Health Outcomes Data Act and requires the State Department of Public Health, in consultation with state entities, to create, operate, and maintain a statewide integrated wildfire smoke and health data platform no later than July 1, 2026, to integrate wildfire smoke and health data from multiple databases.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**[SB-1073 \(Skinner\) - State acquisition of goods and services: low-carbon cement or concrete products.](#)**

Authorizes state agencies to enter into forward contracts to purchase low-carbon cement or concrete products up to 10 years in advance.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB-1136 (Stern) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: report.**

Revises topics in ARB's annual report and presentation to the Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies.

Status: Chapter 184, Statutes of 2024

**SB-1158 (Archuleta) - Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program.**

Extends the deadline for a local air district to liquidate funds reserved under the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program from four years after the date of reservation of the funds to six years after the date of disbursement of the funds to the air district, after which any unused funds revert to ARB for future allocation.

Status: Chapter 459, Statutes of 2024

**SB-1182 (Gonzalez) - Master Plan for Healthy, Sustainable, and Climate-Resilient Schools.**

Requires CEC to develop a Master Plan for Healthy, Sustainable, and Climate-Resilient Schools by March 31, 2026.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**SB-1308 (Gonzalez) - Ozone: indoor air cleaning devices.**

Requires ARB to adopt updated regulations to limit ozone emissions from indoor air cleaning devices, allowing an emissions concentration not greater than 5 parts per billion (ppb), replacing the current limit of 50 ppb.

Status: Died in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee

## California Environmental Quality Act

### **AB-356 (Mathis) - California Environmental Quality Act: aesthetic impacts.**

Extends until January 1, 2029 the sunset on a section of CEQA which eliminates consideration of aesthetic effects for specified projects involving the refurbishment, conversion, repurposing, or replacement of an existing abandoned, dilapidated, or vacant building, provided the new structure does not substantially exceed the height of the existing structure or create a new source of substantial light or glare, and the lead agency files notice with OPR.

Status: Chapter 116, Statutes of 2023

### **AB-692 (Jim Patterson) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: egress route projects: fire safety.**

Exempts from CEQA egress route projects in subdivisions reviewed by BOF where the BOF recommends creation of secondary access to the subdivision.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

### **AB-785 (Santiago) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: City of Los Angeles: County of Los Angeles: affordable housing and transitional housing.**

Adds a new exemption from CEQA for affordable housing projects and transitional housing projects for youth and young adults, as defined, located in the City of Los Angeles or unincorporated areas in the County of Los Angeles. Revises an existing exemption for shelters ("low barrier navigation centers") and supportive housing projects in Los Angeles to extend its application to projects in unincorporated areas. Sunsets all exemptions in 2030.

Status: Chapter 726, Statutes of 2023

### **AB-876 (Robert Rivas) - Pajaro River Flood Risk Management Project: environmental laws: exemptions.**

Exempts state and local approvals of the Pajaro River Project from specified waste discharge permit and lake and streambed alteration agreement requirements. Declares that the environmental assessment previously prepared for the project by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers satisfies the requirements of CEQA.

Status: Chapter 816, Statutes of 2023

**[AB-914 \(Friedman\) - Electrical infrastructure: California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions: review time period.](#)**

Establishes a two-year time limit for a lead state agency to complete CEQA review and approve or deny an application for an electrical infrastructure project.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**[AB-1307 \(Wicks\) - California Environmental Quality Act: noise impact: residential projects.](#)**

For purposes of residential projects reviewed under CEQA, provides that the effects of noise generated by occupants and guests on human beings is not a significant effect on the environment. Further provides that public universities are not required, in an environmental impact report (EIR) prepared for a residential or mixed-use housing project, to consider alternatives to the location of the project if specified requirements are met.

Status: Chapter 160, Statutes of 2023

**[AB-1318 \(Luz Rivas\) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: residential projects.](#)**

Increases the site limit from four acres to five acres for purposes of an existing CEQA exemption for urban infill housing projects meeting specified criteria. Requires the lead agency to file a notice of exemption with the Office of Planning and Research.

Status: Died in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee

**[AB-1319 \(Wicks\) - Bay Area Housing Finance Authority: housing revenue.](#)**

Modifies how the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) may collect and expend revenue. Provides that actions taken by BAHFA to raise, administer, or allocate funding for tenant protection, affordable housing preservation, or new affordable housing production, or to provide technical assistance consistent with BAHFA's purpose is exempt from CEQA.

Status: Chapter 758, Statutes of 2023

**[AB-1449 \(Alvarez\) - Affordable housing: California Environmental Quality Act: exemption.](#)**

Exempts from CEQA, until 2033, the planning, funding, and development of affordable housing projects that meet specified location and labor requirements.

Status: Chapter 761, Statutes of 2023

**[AB-1554 \(Joe Patterson\) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: wildfire fuels reduction projects.](#)**

Expressly exempts from CEQA a project for the reduction of fuels in areas within moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones, as provided.

Status: Died in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

**[AB-1633 \(Ting\) - Housing Accountability Act: disapprovals: California Environmental Quality Act.](#)**

Provides that a disapproval under the Housing Accountability Act (HAA) includes a local agency's failure to make a determination of whether a project is exempt from CEQA, abuse of discretion, or failure to adopt certain environmental documents under specified circumstances, creating a private right of action under the HAA to sue a local agency over these CEQA actions and seek a court order to comply with the HAA, including requiring the local agency to approve the project.

Status: Chapter 768, Statutes of 2023

**[AB-1881 \(Davies\) - California Coastal Commission: scientific panel expertise: coastal erosion.](#)**

Authorizes the Coastal Commission to include a person with expertise and training in coastal erosion on a scientific panel convened by the Commission to provide it with advice, as provided.

Status: Chapter 88, Statutes of 2024

**[AB-2085 \(Bauer-Kahan\) - Planning and zoning: permitted use: community clinic.](#)**

Requires ministerial approval of a permit for development of a community clinic that provides reproductive health services in a zone where office, retail, parking, or health

care is a permitted use (i.e., not a discretionary project subject to review under CEQA.)

Status: Chapter 820, Statutes of 2024

**[AB-2091 \(Grayson\) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: public access: nonmotorized recreation.](#)**

Establishes an exemption from CEQA for a change in use approved by a park district to allow public access for non-motorized recreation on preexisting roads, trails, and pathways owned or managed by the park district, as well as for specified "rails to trails" projects approved by the Great Redwood Trail Agency.

Status: Chapter 377, Statutes of 2024

**[AB-2199 \(Berman\) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: residential or mixed-use housing projects.](#)**

Extends the January 1, 2025 sunset on the CEQA exemption for multi-family residential and mixed-use housing projects on infill sites in unincorporated areas until January 1, 2032, and excludes projects that may cause a substantial adverse impact to tribal cultural resources.

Status: Chapter 271, Statutes of 2024

**[AB-2503 \(Lee\) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: rail projects.](#)**

Expands existing CEQA exemptions for transit projects to include public project for the institution or increase of zero-emission passenger rail service within an existing rail or highway right-of-way.

Status: Chapter 718, Statutes of 2024

**[AB-2639 \(Joe Patterson\) - Forestry: timber operations: maintenance of timberlands for fuels reduction.](#)**

Expands the definition of "timber operations" to include the maintenance of timberlands for fuels reduction, and provides that timber operations for the maintenance of timberland, paid in part or in whole with public funds, may comply with the requirements of CEQA in lieu of preparing a timber harvesting plan.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**[AB-3057 \(Wilson\) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: junior accessory dwelling units ordinances.](#)**

Expands a long-standing CEQA exemption for city or county adoption of an ordinance facilitating granny flats and accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to also include adoption of an ordinance facilitating junior ADUs.

Status: Chapter 210, Statutes of 2024

**[AB-3227 \(Alvarez\) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: stormwater facilities: routine maintenance.](#)**

Establishes an exemption from CEQA for routine maintenance of public stormwater facilities.

Status: Chapter 761, Statutes of 2024

**[AB-3238 \(Garcia\) - Electrical infrastructure projects: endangered species: natural community conservation plans.](#)**

Designates the Public Utilities Commission as the lead agency under CEQA for electrical infrastructure projects and provided a shortened, 270-day timeline to complete environmental review until January 1, 2035. Limits the alternatives to electrical transmission projects that can be considered in the alternative analysis under CEQA.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**[AB-3265 \(Bryan\) - California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership media campus projects: judicial streamlining.](#)**

Establishes expedited administrative and judicial review procedures under CEQA for "environmental leadership media campus projects" in Los Angeles, requiring the courts to resolve lawsuits within 365 days, to the extent feasible.

Status: Chapter 255, Statutes of 2024



**SB-4 (Wiener) - Planning and zoning: housing development: higher education institutions and religious institutions.**

Provides that an affordable housing development is a use by right (i.e., not subject to CEQA or other discretionary review by the relevant city or county) on infill sites owned by a church or non-public college, notwithstanding any contrary local planning or zoning.

Status: Chapter 771, Statutes of 2023

**SB-69 (Cortese) - California Environmental Quality Act: local agencies: filing of notices of determination or exemption.**

Requires local agencies to file CEQA notices of determination and exemption with OPR and requires OPR to post these local CEQA notices on the State Clearinghouse internet website within 24 hours of receipt, and for a period of 30 days.

Status: Chapter 860, Statutes of 2023

**SB-91 (Umberg) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: supportive and transitional housing: motel conversion.**

Strikes the existing January 1, 2025, sunset on an exemption from CEQA for an "interim motel housing project" (conversion of a motel to supportive or transitional housing). Extends the deadline and sunset for one year for expedited administrative and judicial review procedures under CEQA for up to seven zero-emission, fixed guideway transit projects located in Los Angeles County.

Status: Chapter 732, Statutes of 2023

**SB-149 (Caballero) - California Environmental Quality Act: administrative and judicial procedures: record of proceedings: judicial streamlining.**

Revises procedures regarding the CEQA administrative record to make preparation and certification of the record more efficient. Extends existing expedited administrative and judicial review procedures (i.e., requiring the courts to resolve CEQA litigation within 270 days, to the extent feasible) for environmental leadership development projects (ELDPs) for eight years, permitting ELDP certification by the governor until January 1, 2032. Establishes new expedited (270 days, if feasible) judicial review procedures for four categories of public and private "infrastructure" projects, subject to eligible projects being certified by the governor, approved by the lead agency on or before January 1,

2033, and meeting specified environmental and labor requirements.

Status: Chapter 60, Statutes of 2023

**SB-312 (Wiener) - California Environmental Quality Act: university housing development projects: exemption.**

Relaxes several conditions attached to the CEQA exemption for public university housing projects established by SB 886 (Wiener) in 2022. Specifically:

- 1) For University of California (UC) housing projects, revises the requirement that projects must be consistent with the university's most recent long range development plan (LRDP) environmental impact report (EIR), instead requiring the project to be located on a site identified for housing in the EIR and either within the range of housing units or beds analyzed for that site, if the EIR identifies such a range, or within the total housing units or beds analyzed in the EIR.
- 2) Eliminates the requirement for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification prior to issuance of the certificate of occupancy, instead requiring the project to meet the minimum requirements to qualify for LEED certification, and requiring the university to obtain LEED certification for each project building within 18 months of completion, with up to two six-month extensions if certification is not obtained for reasons beyond the university's control.
- 3) Prohibits further use of the exemption by a campus that has failed to obtain the required LEED certification for a prior exempt project, subject to an exception for previously planned projects, provided the campus does not have more than two exempted projects with one or more buildings that have not obtained the required LEED certification.
- 4) Provides that mitigation of project construction impacts does not include mitigation required by CEQA.
- 5) Eliminates the requirement for the university to respond to public comments offered at the public hearing required prior to the university's determination that a project is exempt.
- 6) Extends the sunset from 2030 to 2032.

Status: Chapter 284, Statutes of 2024

**SB-406 (Cortese) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: financial assistance: housing.**

Establishes an exemption from CEQA for actions taken by a local agency to provide financial assistance or insurance for the development and construction of residential housing for persons and families of low or moderate income if the project that is the

subject of the application for financial assistance or insurance will be reviewed pursuant to CEQA by another public agency.

Status: Chapter 150, Statutes of 2023

**[SB-422 \(Portantino\) - California Environmental Quality Act: expedited environmental review: climate change regulations.](#)**

As passed by Natural Resources Committee, expands expedited CEQA review provisions, which currently apply to regulations requiring the installation of pollution control equipment or a performance standard, to apply to regulations requiring the reduction in emissions of GHGs, criteria air pollutants, or toxic air contaminants, and requires all eligible projects to comply with specified construction labor requirements. Later amended to clarify the responsibilities of loan-out companies and motion picture payroll services companies for the purposes of remitting unemployment insurance taxes and related obligations.

Status: Chapter 1011, Statutes of 2024

**[SB-423 \(Wiener\) - Land use: streamlined housing approvals: multifamily housing developments.](#)**

Extends and expands by-right approval (i.e., not subject to CEQA or other discretionary review by the relevant city or county) of both affordable and market-rate multifamily housing projects pursuant to SB 35 (Wiener), Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017, including extending the sunset from 2026 to 2036, relaxing specified construction labor requirements, expanding to parcels where parking is a permitted use, and expanding to include specified areas in the coastal zone.

Status: Chapter 778, Statutes of 2023

**[SB-508 \(Laird\) - Cannabis: licenses: California Environmental Quality Act.](#)**

Relieves the Department of Cannabis Control of its duty to act as a responsible agency under CEQA in connection with the issuance of a cannabis license if a local lead agency has taken specified actions under CEQA.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB-768 (Caballero) - California Environmental Quality Act: Transportation Agency: vehicle miles traveled: study.**

Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to study how vehicle miles traveled is used as a metric for measuring transportation impacts of housing projects pursuant to CEQA.

Status: Chapter 773, Statutes of 2024

**SB-1046 (Laird) - Organic waste reduction: program environmental impact report: small and medium compostable material handling facilities or operations.**

Requires CalRecycle to develop a Program Environmental Impact Report for us in review of small- and medium-sized compost facilities under CEQA.

Status: Chapter 452, Statutes of 2024

**SB-1159 (Dodd) - California Environmental Quality Act: roadside wildfire risk reduction projects.**

Requires OPR, in consultation with other relevant state agencies, to evaluate, and the Secretary of NRA to consider, the inclusion of roadside projects no more than five road miles from a municipality or census-designated place that are undertaken solely for the purpose of wildfire risk reduction in the classes of projects determined not to have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to CEQA Guidelines.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB-1272 (Laird) - California Environmental Quality Act: program environmental impact report: clean energy infrastructure projects.**

Authorizes the CEC to prepare a program environmental impact report pursuant to CEQA to analyze development of certain energy facilities eligible for expedited review pursuant to AB 205 (Budget Committee), Chapter 61, Statutes of 2022.

Status: Died on the Assembly Floor

**SB-1342 (Atkins) - California Environmental Quality Act: infrastructure projects: County of San Diego.**

Adds two specific projects in San Diego County (the San Vicente Energy Storage Facility and repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of the South Bay Sewage Treatment Plant) to expedited CEQA judicial review procedures for infrastructure projects established last year by SB 149 (Caballero), Chapter 60, Statutes of 2023.

Status: Chapter 794, Statutes of 2024

**SB-1361 (Blakespear) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: local agencies: contract for providing services for people experiencing homelessness.**

Exempts from CEQA actions taken by a local agency to approve a contract for providing homeless services, including case management, resource navigation, security services, residential services, and counseling services.

Status: Chapter 188, Statutes of 2024

**SB-1395 (Becker) - Shelter crisis: Low Barrier Navigation Center: use by right: building standards.**

Extends and expands existing CEQA exemptions for projects related to homeless shelters.

Status: Chapter 297, Statutes of 2024

**SB-1420 (Caballero) - Hydrogen.**

Provides for expedited CEQA and CEC review for hydrogen production facilities that do not derive hydrogen from a fossil fuel feedstock and that receive funding from specified state and federal sources.

Status: Chapter 608, Statutes of 2024

## Coastal

### **AB-45 (Boerner Horvath) - Coastal resources: coastal development permits: blue carbon demonstration projects: new development: greenhouse gas emissions.**

Allows the California Coastal Commission to authorize blue carbon demonstration projects.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

### **AB-72 (Boerner Horvath) - Coastal resources: research: landslides and erosion: early warning system: County of San Diego.**

Extends the sunset dates for the Scripps Institution of Oceanography to conduct research on coastal cliff landslides and erosion in the County of San Diego and report its recommendations to the Legislature.

Status: Chapter 80, Statutes of 2023

### **AB-80 (Addis) - Coastal resources: ocean research: West Coast Offshore Wind Science Entity.**

Requires the OPC to establish and oversee, in coordination with other state agencies, a West Coast Offshore Wind Science Entity.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

### **AB-584 (Hart) - California Coastal Act of 1976: coastal development: emergency waiver.**

Expands the eligibility criteria for certain coastal zone projects requiring immediate action for an emergency waiver of permitting requirements by increasing the value of permanent structures erected under an emergency permitting waiver to \$125,000 from \$25,000, and authorizes the annual indexing of the cap on the value of these structures based upon the Consumer Price Index, as provided.

Status: Chapter 118, Statutes of 2023

**AB-748 (Villapudua) - California Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program.**

Establishes the California Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program (Program) to identify, prioritize, and fund, as specified, the removal of abandoned and derelict commercial vessels from commercially navigable waters. Establishes the California Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program Task Force (Task Force) to oversee and provide policy direction for the Program. Generally prohibits a commercial vessel that is at-risk of becoming derelict from occupying, anchoring, mooring, or otherwise being secured in or on commercially navigable waters.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**AB-882 (Davies) - Coastal resources: Climate Ready Program: State Coastal Conservancy.**

Authorizes, until July 1, 2025, the SCC to authorize advance payments under its contract or grant programs in accordance with the state's general law for advance payments.

Status: Chapter 817, Statutes of 2023

**AB-953 (Connolly) - Coastal resources: voluntary vessel speed reduction and sustainable shipping program.**

Requires OPC to implement a statewide voluntary Vessel Speed Reduction and sustainable shipping program.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**AB-1287 (Alvarez) - Density Bonus Law: additional density bonus and incentives or concessions: California Coastal Act of 1976.**

As heard by the Natural Resources Committee, the bill provided that any density bonus, concessions, incentives, waivers or reductions of development standards, and parking ratios to which an applicant is entitled under the Density Bonus Law be permitted notwithstanding the California Coastal Act. It was amended to instead require a city, county, or city and county to grant additional density and concessions and incentives if an applicant agrees to include additional low or moderate income units on top of the maximum amount of units for lower, very low, or moderate income units.

Status: Chapter 755, Statutes of 2023

**AB-1590 (Friedman) - Major coastal resorts: coastal development permits: audits: waste.**

Establishes environmental standards and auditing for environmental compliance and waste reduction and recycling requirements, including prohibiting the use of nonorganic pesticides, for major coastal resorts (resorts) that include a golf course. Amends the California Coastal Act to require that any coastal development permit issued after January 1, 2024 include additional information, monitoring, and verifications. Further, establishes whistleblower protection standards for employees who participate in an audit or disclose information related to a violation or suspected violation.

Status: Failed in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**AB-1992 (Boerner) - Coastal resources: coastal development permits: blue carbon demonstration projects.**

Authorizes the Coastal Commission to authorize blue carbon demonstration projects, and authorizes NRA to authorize teal carbon demonstration projects on inland wetlands in order to demonstrate and quantify the carbon sequestration potential of these projects to help inform the state's natural and working lands and climate resilience strategies.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**AB-2298 (Hart) - Coastal resources: voluntary vessel speed reduction and sustainable shipping program.**

Codifies and provides for the expansion and implementation of a seasonal voluntary vessel speed reduction and sustainable shipping program off the California coast to reduce whale strikes and air pollution, as specified.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**AB-2560 (Alvarez) - Density Bonus Law: California Coastal Act of 1976.**

Provides that any density bonus, concessions, or incentives that a development project applicant is entitled to under density bonus law (DBL) are permitted, to the extent that they do not result in significant adverse impacts to coastal resources and public coastal access. The bill would also require all local governments in the coastal zone to amend



their respective local coastal programs to harmonize DBL and the California Coastal Act of 1976, as specified.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**AB-2572 (Muratsuchi) - Ocean carbon dioxide removal projects.**

Requires the ARB to develop criteria to determine whether an ocean carbon dioxide removal project is environmentally safe and sustainable, and to qualify environmentally safe and sustainable projects for inclusion in state carbon credit programs.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-3192 (Muratsuchi) - Major coastal resorts: audits: waste.**

Requires major coastal resorts, as defined, to submit a biennial audit to the California Coastal Commission and comply with various requirements and restrictions related to the use of pesticides and the offering of non-renewable plastic products to consumers.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB-272 (Laird) - Sea level rise: planning and adaptation.**

Requires a local government in the coastal zone or within the San Francisco Bay to develop a sea level rise plan as part of either a local coastal program or a shoreline resiliency plan that includes certain information, including sea level rise adaptation strategies and recommended projects, requires local governments to comply by January 1, 2034, as specified, and prioritizes funding for implementation of sea level rise adaptation strategies in approved plans, among other things.

Status: Chapter 384, Statutes of 2023

**SB-360 (Blakespear) - California Coastal Commission: member voting.**

Expands the list of entities that Coastal Commissioners could simultaneously serve on to include membership of a local area formation commission and joint powers authority, and makes an additional technical change.

Status: Chapter 108, Statutes of 2023

**SB-689 (Blakespear) - Local coastal program: bicycle lane: amendment.**

Provides that an application by a local government to convert an existing motorized vehicle travel lane into a dedicated bicycle lane, dedicated transit lane, or a pedestrian walkway shall not require a traffic study for the processing of either a coastal development permit or an amendment to a local coastal plan.

Status: Chapter 445, Statutes of 2024

**SB-704 (Min) - Coastal resources: California Coastal Act of 1976: industrial developments: oil and gas developments: refineries: petrochemical facilities: offshore wind.**

Authorizes the Coastal Commission to seek scientific advice on offshore wind, and revise the coastal-dependent industrial use policies in the Coastal Act of 1976 to bar new or expanded oil and gas development and new or expanded refineries or petrochemical facilities from being considered a coastal-dependent industrial use and authorizes their permitting if all applicable Coastal Act provisions are complied with, among other things.

Status: Chapter 292, Statutes of 2023

**SB-951 (Wiener) - California Coastal Act of 1976: coastal zone: coastal development.**

Prohibits, after certification of its local coastal plan, an action taken by a local government on a coastal development permit application to be appealed to the Coastal Commission for projects by a local government that is both a city and county. The City and County of San Francisco is the only local government that is covered under this definition.

Status: Chapter 775, Statutes of 2024

**SB-1077 (Blakespear) - Coastal resources: local coastal program: amendments: accessory and junior accessory dwelling units.**

Requires the Coastal Commission to develop and provide guidance for local governments to facilitate the preparation of amendments to a local coastal program to clarify and simplify the permitting process for accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units within the Coastal Zone.

Status: Chapter 454, Statutes of 2024

**[SB-1092 \(Blakespear\) - Coastal resources: coastal development permits: appeals: report.](#)**

Requires the Coastal Commission, on or before December 31, 2025, to provide a report to the Legislature that provides information regarding appeals of local government coastal development permits to the Commission, including, among other things, the percentage of local government coastal development permit actions that were appealed to the Commission.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**[SB-1324 \(Limón\) - California Ocean Science Trust: agreements.](#)**

Authorizes NRA, CalEPA, or entities within those agencies to enter into a direct agreement with the California Ocean Science Trust for the delivery of peer reviews, technical guidance, or scientific reports and analyses.

Status: Chapter 470, Statutes of 2024

## Conservancies

**[AB-3036 \(Rendon\) - Los Angeles River: river ranger program.](#)**

Requires the development of a permanent River Ranger Program to provide a network of river rangers who provide assistance to the public at sites along the Los Angeles River and its tributaries.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**[AB-3147 \(Garcia\) - California Trails Conservancy Program.](#)**

Establishes the California Trails Conservancy Program.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB-39 (Laird) - Sierra Nevada Conservancy: Sierra Nevada Region: subregions: climate resilience and equity.**

Revises and recasts the definition of “subregion” for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and requires the Conservancy to support efforts that advance climate resilience and equity.

Status: Chapter 70, Statutes of 2023

**SB-539 (Stern) - Sepulveda Basin: planning process: nature-based climate solutions.**

Requires the Department of Water Resources and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to provide assistance to the City of Los Angeles and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, to the extent requested, in order to integrate nature-based solutions into the planning process for the Sepulveda Basin.

Status: Chapter 490, Statutes of 2023

**SB-583 (Padilla) - Salton Sea Conservancy.**

Establishes the Salton Sea Conservancy to operate, maintain, and manage projects, as they are completed, that are planned and built under the authority of the Salton Sea Management Program to fulfill the state's obligations, among other things.

Status: Chapter 771, Statutes of 2024

**SB-835 (Smallwood-Cuevas) - Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy: watershed and open-space plan: report.**

Extends the sunset date, from January 1, 2024, to January 1, 2026, for the Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy to report on the watershed and open-space improvement plan to be provided to the Legislature.

Status: Chapter 78, Statutes of 2023

## **Energy**

**AB-3 (Zbur) - Offshore wind energy: reports.**

Establishes the California Offshore Wind Advancement Act to develop a strategy for seaport readiness for offshore wind energy developments, and to study the feasibility of

achieving 70% and 85% in-state assembly and manufacturing of offshore wind energy projects, as provided.

Status: Chapter 314, Statutes of 2023

**AB-324 (Pacheco) - Gas corporations: renewable gas procurement.**

Requires the CPUC to consider establishing procurement goals for “renewable hydrogen,” as defined, for gas corporations and core transport agents.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-678 (Alvarez) - Biomethane procurement targets or goals: core transport agents.**

Requires the CPUC to consider adopting biomethane procurement targets or goals for core transport agents (CTA, an entity that offers core gas procurement service to customers within the service territory of a gas corporation). Requires the PUC to initially allocate each CTA their proportionate share of the existing biomethane procurement targets established by CPUC Decision 22-02-025.

Status: Chapter 339, Statutes of 2023

**AB-841 (Berman) - State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: Industrial Heat Electrification Roadmap.**

Requires the CEC to create a roadmap for electrifying industrial processes, including processes requiring heat, as specified.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**AB-998 (Connolly) - Biomass energy facilities: State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: report.**

Requires the CEC to report on the utility-scale biomass combustion facilities still in operation as of January 1, 2024, and specifies information the report must contain.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**AB-1172 (Calderon) - Nuclear fusion.**

Requires the CEC to evaluate various nuclear fusion technologies and to analyze the feasibility of using nuclear fusion in the state as part of its 2027 integrated energy policy report.

Status: Chapter 360, Statutes of 2023

**AB-1550 (Bennett) - Green hydrogen.**

Requires, on and after January 1, 2045, all hydrogen produced and used in California for either the generation of electricity or the fueling of vehicles be "renewable hydrogen of biological origin" or "renewable hydrogen of nonbiological origin" and also makes a facility that generates electricity using these two specified categories of hydrogen an eligible renewable energy resource.

Status: Died on the Assembly Floor

**AB-1711 (Juan Carrillo) - Energy: hydrogen: Clean Energy Equity Act.**

Requires the CEC to equitably allocate funds appropriated for hydrogen-fueling infrastructure to specifically prioritize rural communities and low-income communities.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-1921 (Papan) - Energy: renewable electrical generation facilities: linear generators.**

Clarifies that a linear generator is a renewable electrical generation facility for purposes of the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS), provided the linear generator uses specified RPS-eligible fuels.

Status: Chapter 556, Statutes of 2024

**AB-2212 (Lowenthal) - Energy: offshore wind workforce safety training facilities.**

Enacts the Offshore Wind Workforce Safety Training Facility Development Act and requires the CEC to oversee the allocation and use of funds allocated for the development of training facilities and to develop standardized training curricula tailored to the specific needs of the offshore wind industry.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-2537 (Addis) - Energy: offshore wind energy development: Offshore Wind Community Capacity Building Fund Grant Program.**

Creates the Offshore Wind Community Capacity Funding Grant Account for the purpose of building capacity within local and tribal communities to support engagement on offshore wind energy, and would make a continuous appropriation by expanding uses for which program funds can be allocated.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**AB-2661 (Soria) - Electricity: transmission facility planning: water districts.**

Authorizes the Westland's Water District to own, operate, and lease solar photovoltaic generation facilities, energy storage systems, and transmission lines.

Status: Chapter 573, Statutes of 2024

**SB-48 (Becker) - Building Energy Savings Act.**

Requires the CEC, in consultation with the ARB, CPUC, and Department of Housing and Community Development, on or before July 1, 2026, to jointly develop a strategy using "benchmarking data" to track and manage the energy usage and GHG emissions of larger buildings in order to achieve the state's energy and GHG goals for buildings. Requires the CEC to submit the strategy and recommendations for further legislative action that would help achieve specified goals to the Legislature on or before August 1, 2026.

Status: Chapter 378, Statutes of 2023

**SB-286 (McGuire) - Offshore wind energy projects.**

Establishes the California Offshore Wind Energy Fisheries Working Group to address offshore wind energy (OWE) project impacts to certain fisheries and other interests, including providing for compensation to those affected; requires the Coastal Commission to process a consolidated coastal development permit for new development associated with OWE projects and related transmission facilities in the coastal zone; and requires SLC to be the lead agency for purposes of environmental review for OWE projects, among other things.

Status: Chapter 386, Statutes of 2023

**SB-306 (Caballero) - Climate change: Equitable Building Decarbonization Program: Extreme Heat Action Plan.**

Requires CEC to report to the Legislation on implementation of the direct install program approved in the Budget Act of 2022 as part of the Equitable Building Decarbonization Program and codifies, and requires updates to, the Extreme Heat Action Plan.

Status: Chapter 387, Statutes of 2023

**SB-420 (Becker) - Electricity: electrical transmission facility projects.**

Exempts rebuilding of an existing transmission facility, and the construction of a new transmission facility, by an electrical corporation, from the requirement to obtain specified discretionary permits from the CPUC, if the facility meets specified requirements.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**SB-619 (Padilla) - State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: certification of facilities: electrical transmission projects.**

Adds “electrical transmission projects” to the CEC opt-in permitting process established by AB 205 (Budget Committee), Chapter 61, Statutes of 2022, allowing a utility that applies to the CPUC to authorize construction of a new electrical transmission line rated at 138 kilovolts or greater, or other qualifying electrical transmission facility, such as a substation to, at the same time, apply to the CEC for certification of the facility pursuant to CEQA.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**SB-755 (Becker) - Energy efficiency and building decarbonization programs.**

Requires that CEC's website enables customers to apply for energy efficiency and building decarbonization programs offered by government agencies or nonprofit organizations.



Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB-1062 (Dahle) - Electrical generation facilities using biomass: conversion to advanced bioenergy technology facilities.**

Creates the Biomass Technology Transition Program to support the conversion of biomass generation facilities using traditional combustion technologies to newer advanced bioenergy technology facilities.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB-1298 (Cortese) - Certification of thermal powerplants: data centers.**

Authorizes the CEC, until January 1, 2027, to exempt from certification a thermal power plant with generating capacity of up to 150 megawatts (MW) that is to be used solely as a backup generation facility for a data center, if certain conditions are met. Requires the owner or operator of an exempted facility with generating capacity between 100 MW and 150 MW to fully mitigate the facility's impacts on air quality, as provided, and provide an annual data report on the facility's usage.

Status: Died in the Assembly Rules Committee

## **Forestry and Fire Protection**

**AB-57 (Kalra) - California Pocket Forest Initiative.**

Establishes the California Pocket Forest Initiative at CAL FIRE.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**AB-297 (Vince Fong) - Wildfires: local assistance grant program: advance payments.**

Recognizes prescribed grazing as a fire prevention activity eligible for CAL FIRE's local assistance grant program for fire prevention and home hardening education activities.

Status: Chapter 519, Statutes of 2023

**AB-388 (Connolly) - Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan: implementation strategies: roadmap.**

Requires DOC to establish guidelines and regional investment strategies to support the goals and key actions identified in California's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan, and would authorize NRA and its conservancies, departments, and boards to award regional block grants, as provided.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**AB-527 (Calderon) - Urban forestry: school greening projects: grants.**

Requires CAL FIRE to develop a competitive grant program supporting school greening projects.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**AB-625 (Aguilar-Curry) - Forest biomass: management: emissions: energy.**

Establishes the Forest Waste Biomass Utilization Program to develop an implementation plan to meet the goals and recommendations of the state's wood utilization policies and priorities and focused market strategy of specified statewide forest management plans, and to develop a workforce training program to complement the workforce needs associated with the implementation plan.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-788 (Petrie-Norris) - Fire prevention: grant programs: reporting.**

Requires the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force, on or before July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, to compile and post on its internet website specified information relating to certain state and federal grant programs related to fire prevention, as provided.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**AB-1526 (Committee on Natural Resources) - Public resources.**

Makes various technical, clarifying, and cleanup changes to the Public Resources Code, including to extend certain CalGEM deadlines, create a process to allow for more than one use of the one-time conversion exemption under the Forest Practice Act, add aerosol paint to the Architectural Paint Recovery Program, and adopt technical and

clarifying amendments to Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act.

Status: Chapter 848, Statutes of 2023

**AB-2276 (Wood) - Forestry: timber harvesting plans: exemptions.**

Repeals the Small Timberland Owner Exemption, renames the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption the Forest Resilience Exemption, revises the standards and criteria for qualifying for that exemption, extends that exemption until January 1, 2031, and extends until January 1, 2031, the other aforementioned exemption.

Status: Chapter 388, Statutes of 2024

**AB-2344 (Petrie-Norris) - Fire prevention: grant programs: reporting.**

Requires the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force, on or before July 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, to compile and post on its internet website specified information regarding identified state and federal grant programs relating to fire prevention and resilience, as provided.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-2600 (Calderon) - Urban forestry: school greening projects: grants.**

Requires CAL FIRE to provide grants to qualified entities to support school greening.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-2968 (Connolly) - School safety and fire prevention: fire hazard severity zones: comprehensive school safety plans: communication and evacuation plans.**

Requires, commencing in the 2026-27 fiscal year, local educational agencies in high or very high fire severity zones to include in their comprehensive school safety plan procedures related to severe fires, including a communication, refuge, and evacuation plan.

Status: Chapter 582, Statutes of 2024

**AB-3023 (Papan) - Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force: interagency funding strategy: state watershed restoration plans: forest resilience plans: grant program guidelines.**

Requires the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force to develop an interagency funding strategy to promote integrated, multiple benefit projects to achieve outcomes more aligned with an ecosystem-based approach, and requires NRA to review and update relevant grant guidelines for specified programs to encourage multi-benefit projects.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**AB-3150 (Quirk-Silva) - Fire safety: fire hazard severity zones: defensible space: State Fire Marshal.**

Transfers authorities related to designation of fire hazards from the BOF and Fire Protection to the SFM.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**SB-310 (Dodd) - Prescribed fire: civil liability: cultural burns.**

Authorizes the Secretary of NRA and local air districts to enter into written agreements with federally recognized California Native American Tribes to waive certain state requirements for cultural burns in ancestral territories, as specified, and expands the definition of burn boss for purposes of the qualified immunity provided prescribed fire and cultural burns in California, among other things.

Status: Chapter 666, Statutes of 2024

**SB-504 (Dodd) - Wildfires: defensible space: grant programs: local governments.**

Updates defensible space requirements and implementation timeframes, and revises the Fire Prevention Grants Program at CAL FIRE.

Status: Chapter 982, Statutes of 2024

**[SB-571 \(Allen\) - Fire safety: ingress and egress route recommendations: report.](#)**

Requires OPR to conduct a study and prepare a report, including recommendations, that evaluates potential improvements to state standards for ingress and egress and evacuation routes for development in the event of a natural disaster.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**[SB-610 \(Wiener\) - Fire prevention: wildfire mitigation area: defensible space: State Fire Marshal: real property disclosures: fire protection building standards.](#)**

Eliminates the state's fire hazard severity mapping for the state responsibility area and local responsibility area and requires the SFM to designate Wildfire Mitigation Area, through regulations, for fire mitigation across the state.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**[SB-675 \(Limón\) - Prescribed grazing: local assistance grant program: Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force.](#)**

Incorporates prescribed grazing into the state's wildfire prevention policies.

Status: Chapter 772, Statutes of 2024

**[SB-1014 \(Dodd\) - Wildfire safety: The California Wildfire Mitigation Strategic Planning Act.](#)**

Requires the Deputy Director of Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation within the Office of the SFM, on or before January 1, 2026, and every three years thereafter, to prepare a Wildfire Risk Mitigation Planning Framework sufficient to quantitatively evaluate wildfire risk mitigation actions, as provided.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**[SB-1101 \(Limón\) - Fire prevention: prescribed fire: state contracts: maps.](#)**

Requires CAL FIRE, on or before January 1, 2026, to identify and map a comprehensive network of potential operational delineations that can be used for strategic wildfire response or the proactive use of prescribed fire.

Status: Chapter 778, Statutes of 2024

**SB-1176 (Niello) - Wildfires: workgroup: toxic heavy metals.**

Requires, upon appropriation by the Legislature, CAL FIRE, CalOES, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control, in consultation with specified entities, to form a workgroup related to exposure of toxic heavy metals after a wildfire and report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2026.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

## Land Use

**AB-2285 (Rendon) - Environmental protection: 30x30 goal: urban nature-based investments: parity.**

Encourages the Governor's office, state agencies, and the Legislature, when distributing resources towards conservation and restoration goals during future budgetary deliberations, to ensure parity in allocations toward urban nature-based investments and requires state funding agencies to amend guidelines as necessary to meet the goal of conserving at least 30% of the state's lands and coastal waters by 2030 (30x30) to allow for urban nature-based projects on degraded lands to be eligible and competitive for state funds.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**AB-2320 (Irwin) - Wildlife Connectivity and Climate Adaptation Act of 2024: wildlife corridors.**

Establishes the policy of the state to preserve, protect, and restore wildlife habitats and biodiversity by acquiring and restoring large blocks of habitat, natural lands and infrastructure to provide wildlife corridors.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**AB-2440 (Reyes) - 30x30 goal: partnering state agencies: Department of Parks and Recreation.**

Requires NRA to prioritize promoting and supporting partnering state agencies and departments, including, but not limited to, the Department of Parks and Recreation, in

the acquisition and responsible stewardship of state land.

Status: Chapter 716, Statutes of 2024

**SB-337 (Min) - Environmental protection: lands and coastal waters conservation goal.**

Codifies the goal of the state to conserve at least 30% of California's lands and coastal waters by 2030.

Status: Chapter 392, Statutes of 2023

**SB-1402 (Min) - 30x30 goal: state agencies: adoption, revision, or establishment of plans, policies, and regulations.**

Requires all state entities to consider the 30x30 goal when adopting, revising, or establishing plans, policies, and regulations that directly affect land use, management of natural resources, or biodiversity conservation.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

## Miscellaneous

**AB-389 (Ramos) - Public resources: Native American Heritage Commission: human remains notifications: tribal contact list: public records: open meetings.**

As heard by Natural Resources, this bill exempted from the California Public Records Act genealogical records of tribal members and cultural affiliation records under specified conditions; exempted from the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act the Native American Heritage Commission (Commission) when considering matters related to the inclusion or removal of a Native American tribe, person, or entity on the tribal contact list maintained by the Commission, among other matters; and, required the Commission to make recommendations to a county sheriff or coroner on human remains notification and repatriation procedures. The bill was later amended to require the California State University to comply with various requirements related to the handling, maintenance, and repatriation of Native American human remains and cultural items under the

California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 2001.

Status: Chapter 649, Statutes of 2023

**[AB-704 \(Jim Patterson\) - Energy: building standards: photovoltaic requirements.](#)**

Requires any residential construction intended to repair, restore, or replace a residential building that was damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in an area in which the Governor has declared a state of emergency to comply with the state's requirement for photovoltaic systems that were in effect at the time the building was originally constructed.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**[AB-1279 \(Mike Fong\) - California Conservation Corps: contracts: community conservation corps.](#)**

Extends the authorization for the CCC to enter into contracts with certified community conservation corps indefinitely.

Status: Chapter 139, Statutes of 2023

**[AB-1284 \(Ramos\) - Tribal ancestral lands and waters: cogovernance and comanagement agreements.](#)**

Establishes the Tribal Cogovernance and Comanagement of Ancestral Lands and Waters Act to encourage the state to enter into cogovernance and comanagement agreements with federally recognized tribes.

Status: Chapter 657, Statutes of 2024

**[AB-1922 \(Davies\) - California Conservation Corps: Green Collar Certification Program.](#)**

Requires the director of the CCC to establish a Green Collar Certification Program.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee



**AB-1923 (Davies) - Green Assistance Program.**

Creates the Green Assistance Program within CalEPA to provide assistance to small businesses and non-profits.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-2465 (Gipson) - Equity: socially disadvantaged groups and organizations: nonprofit organizations: grants.**

Requires specified state entities to prioritize socially disadvantaged groups under various grant programs, and includes, in the United States in the definition of socially disadvantaged group, descendants of enslaved persons.

Status: Died on the Assembly Inactive File

**AB-2776 (Rodriguez) - Recovery from major federal disasters: funding priority.**

Authorizes CalOES to prioritize funding and technical assistance under specified programs for infrastructure and housing recovery projects in communities that have experienced a loss in population and business and have unmet recovery needs as a result of a major federal disaster, state of emergency, or local emergency.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**AB-2787 (Joe Patterson) - Energy: building standards: photovoltaic requirements.**

Requires residential construction intended to repair, restore, or replace a residential building that was damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in an area in which the Governor has declared a state of emergency to comply with the state's requirement for photovoltaic systems that were in effect at the time the building was originally constructed. Requires that the building must meet specified conditions and sunsets this exemption on January 1, 2028.

Status: Vetoed by Governor

**ACA-16 (Bryan) - Environmental rights.**

Amends the California Constitution to declare that the people shall have a right to clean air and water and a healthy environment considering the general well-being and other

needs of the people. Specifies that the principles inherent in these rights shall serve as a guide to all branches of government in the performance of their official duties. This measure states that these rights inure to all people in equal measure and shall not be construed or applied in a manner that is inconsistent with duly enacted laws of the state or other rights set forth in the Constitution.

Status: Died on **the** Assembly Floor

**SB-394 (Gonzalez) - Master Plan for Healthy, Sustainable, and Climate-Resilient Schools.**

Requires, upon appropriation, the CEC to develop a Master Plan for Healthy, Sustainable, and Climate-Resilient Schools.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**SB-1182 (Gonzalez) - Master Plan for Healthy, Sustainable, and Climate-Resilient Schools.**

Requires CEC to develop a Master Plan for Healthy, Sustainable, and Climate-Resilient Schools by March 31, 2026.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**SB-1207 (Dahle) - Buy Clean California Act: eligible materials.**

Expands the definitions of the Buy Clean California Act to include all insulation, rather than just mineral wool board insulation.

Status: Chapter 325, Statutes of 2024

**SB-1520 (Committee on Natural Resources and Water) - Public resources.**

Makes various consensus, or technical and clarifying changes to statute under the Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee's jurisdiction.

Status: Chapter 139, Statutes of 2024

## Oil and Gas

### **[AB-631 \(Hart\) - Oil and gas: enforcement: penalties.](#)**

Increases civil and other penalties for violations of the state's governing oil and gas statutes and regulations, and strengthens CalGEM's authority to seek injunctive relief, cease and desist specified activities, and recoup administrative and enforcement costs.

Status: Chapter 337, Statutes of 2023

### **[AB-1167 \(Wendy Carrillo\) - Oil and gas: acquisition: bonding requirements.](#)**

Requires a person who acquires the right to operate a well or production facility to file with the State Oil and Gas Supervisor a bond for the well or production facility in an amount determined by the supervisor to be sufficient to cover, in full, all costs of plugging and abandonment and site restoration.

Status: Chapter 359, Statutes of 2023

### **[AB-1359 \(Papan\) - California Environmental Quality Act: geothermal exploratory projects: lead agency.](#)**

Authorizes CalGEM to delegate lead agency authority under CEQA for geothermal exploratory projects, as provided.

Status: Chapter 678, Statutes of 2024

### **[AB-1591 \(Wallis\) - Energy: petroleum pricing.](#)**

Requires the CEC to post and regularly update a dashboard on its internet website that includes the difference in average gasoline prices in California compared to national average gasoline prices, the identification of California-specific taxes, fees, regulations, and policies and their individual contribution to gasoline prices in the state, and any substantiated evidence of price gouging or other anticompetitive behavior within the petroleum industry and its contribution to the price differential.

Status: Died in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee

### **[AB-1866 \(Hart\) - Oil and gas: idle wells.](#)**

Increases the idle well fees and increases the amount of wells that must be eliminated under an idle well management plan.

Status: Chapter 548, Statutes of 2024

**AB-2716 (Bryan) - Oil and gas: low-production wells: sensitive receptors.**

Prohibits the operation of low-production oil and gas wells located in an oil field within the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, requires CalGEM to identify these wells, imposes a \$10,000 per month penalty upon these wells if certain criteria are not met, and provides for penalty revenue to fund projects, such as park creation, to benefit the nearby community, as provided, among other provisions.

Status: Chapter 549, Statutes of 2024

**AB-3019 (Bains) - Idle wells: Hazardous and Idle-Deserted Well Abatement Fund: legacy oil and gas wells: skilled and trained workforce.**

Requires CalGEM to make specified amounts of funding available to a county in which there are at least 100 legacy oil and gas wells, as defined, and that attests to CalGEM that it can plug and abandon those wells more quickly than CalGEM can.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-3155 (Friedman) - Oil and gas wells: health protection zones: civil liability.**

On and after January 1, 2025, makes an operator or owner of an oil or gas production facility or well with a wellhead presumptively, jointly and severally liable for a respiratory ailment in a senior or child, a preterm birth or high-risk pregnancy suffered by a pregnant person, and a person's cancer diagnosis, if specified requirements are met, including the senior, child, pregnant person, or person diagnosed with cancer domiciled more than 24 cumulative months in a health protection zone and was diagnosed after January 1, 2025.

Status: Died on the Assembly Inactive File

**AB-3233 (Addis) - Oil and gas: operations: restrictions: local authority.**

Authorizes a local entity, by ordinance, to limit or prohibit oil and gas operations or development in its jurisdiction, notwithstanding any other law or any notice of intention, supplemental notice, well stimulation permit, or similar authorization issued by the supervisor or district deputy.

Status: Chapter 550, Statutes of 2024

**SB-15 (Grove) - Oil imports: air quality emissions data.**

Requires ARB to report GHG emissions data associated with oil transported in California and requires CalGEM to make available air quality emissions data associated with the transportation of imported oil.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB-275 (Grove) - State Oil and Gas Supervisor: Senate confirmation.**

Requires CalGEM's State Oil and Gas Supervisor to be appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**SB-1304 (Limón) - Underground injection control: aquifer exemption.**

Requires CalGEM and the SWRCB to jointly conduct a public meeting if CalGEM and the staff of the SWRCB preliminarily concur that an aquifer or portion of an aquifer may merit consideration for exemption by the US EPA.

Status: Chapter 467, Statutes of 2024

**SB-1425 (Gonzalez) - Oil revenue: Oil Trust Fund.**

Require the State Controller, on the last day of each month beginning January 31, 2025, to transfer to the Oil Trust Fund the amount of \$5 million or 50% of remaining oil revenue from the City of Long Beach, whichever is greater.

Status: Chapter 609, Statutes of 2024

**SB-1433 (Limón) - Gravity-Based Energy Storage Well Pilot Program.**

Establishes, until January 1, 2034, the Gravity-Based Energy Storage Well Pilot Program and authorizes the conversion of not more than 1,000 wells for use as gravity-based energy storage wells, as defined, to evaluate their use, including the establishment of appropriate operating conditions and physical parameters to safely generate energy.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SJR-2 (Gonzalez) - Climate change: Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.**

Formally endorses the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, states California's agreement with the principle of nonproliferation of fossil fuels, and urges the United States government to join in formally developing a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Status: Chapter 153, Statutes of 2023

**SJR-12 (Min) - Oil and gas leases: bankruptcy.**

Resolves that the Legislature urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to (1) modify bankruptcy rules to treat the plug and abandonment and lease restoration obligations for debtor held oil and gas leases, quitclaimed or accepted, as nondischargeable obligations, and (2) modify bankruptcy rules to provide, in the event of liquidation and termination of oil and gas leases under the United States Bankruptcy Code, that priority is given to plug and abandonment and restoration obligations, to protect the environment, over all secured creditor claims.

Status: Chapter 174, Statutes of 2024

## **Recycling and Solid Waste**

**AB-2 (Ward) - Recycling: solar photovoltaic modules.**

Adds customer-owned solar panels to the existing electronic waste recycling program, establishes a recycling fee on covered solar panels, and requires solar panels not owned by customers to be included in an end-of-life plan.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

**AB-457 (Aguiar-Curry) - Beverage containers: recycling: redemption payment and refund value: annual redemption and processing fee payments.**

Reduces the California Redemption Value for small box, bladder, or pouched wine or distilled spirits subject to the Beverage Container Recycling Program from 25 cents to 10 cents, and authorizes small beverage container distributors to make a single annual payment of redemption payments.

Status: Vetoed by Governor

**AB-573 (Garcia) - Organic waste: meeting recovered organic waste product procurement targets.**

Authorizes local jurisdictions to procure California-derived organic waste products that are processed at out-of-state facilities in order to comply with the state's recovered organic waste procurement requirements.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**AB-863 (Aguiar-Curry) - Carpet recycling: carpet stewardship organizations: fines: succession: procedure.**

Replaces the current state extended producer responsibility (EPR) program for carpet and replaces it with an expanded EPR program under one producer responsibility organization (PRO). Requires the PRO to develop a producer responsibility plan (plan) for the collection, transportation, recycling, and the safe and proper management of covered products in the state, including specified criteria and subject to CalRecycle approval. Further, establishes a 5% postconsumer recycled content requirement for carpet on and after January 1, 2029.

Status: Chapter 675, Statutes of 2024.

**AB-891 (Irwin) - Beverage container recycling: nonpetroleum materials.**

Provides a reduction in processing fees as an incentive to transition away from the use of petroleum materials in plastic beverage containers.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-909 (Hoover) - Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Site Cleanup Program.**

Authorizes CalRecycle to clean up hazardous waste and household hazardous waste using funding from CalRecycle's Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Site Cleanup Program, which is funded by the state's solid waste tipping fee.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-1290 (Luz Rivas) - Product safety: plastic packaging: substances.**

Bans toxic and nonrecyclable plastics and plastic additives, including opaque or pigmented polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles and plastic packaging that contains nondetectable pigments, oxo-degradable additives, regulated perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), polyvinyl chloride (PVC), and polyvinylidene chloride (PVCD) on and after January 1, 2026.

Status: Died on the Assembly Inactive File

**AB-1347 (Ting) - Solid waste: paper waste: proofs of purchase.**

Requires a business to offer a consumer the option to receive or not receive a proof of purchase and would prohibit a paper proof of purchase from containing bisphenol.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

**AB-1489 (Wood) - Solid waste: compostable polymers.**

Specifies that compostable covered materials are not subject to the source reduction requirements of the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act established by SB 54 (Allen), Chapter 75, Statutes of 2022.

Status: Vetoed by Governor

**AB-1526 (Committee on Natural Resources) - Public resources.**

Makes various technical, clarifying, and cleanup changes to the Public Resources Code, including to extend certain CalGEM deadlines, create a process to allow for more than one use of the one-time conversion exemption under the Forest Practice Act, add aerosol paint to the Architectural Paint Recovery Program, and adopt technical and clarifying amendments to Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act.

Status: Chapter 848, Statutes of 2023

**AB-1534 (Irwin) - Methane emissions: municipal solid waste landfills: remote sensing data.**

Requires ARB, no later than June 30, 2026, to evaluate and, if feasible and to the extent data is available, revise the regulations relating to methane emissions from municipal



solid waste landfills to incorporate the use of methane remote sensing data.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

**[AB-1548 \(Hart\) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: grant program: recycling infrastructure projects.](#)**

Clarifies the types of projects, including those that increase opportunities for reuse and projects that improve recyclable material recovery, that are eligible for CalRecycle's grant program that provides financial assistance to promote the development of organic waste infrastructure and waste reduction programs.

Status: Chapter 693, Statutes of 2023

**[AB-1705 \(McKinnor\) - Solid waste facilities: state policy goals.](#)**

Prohibits the establishment or expansion of a transformation facility or engineered municipal solid waste conversion facility in the state until CalRecycle determines the state has achieved its waste reduction and methane reduction goals for three consecutive years.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee

**[AB-2236 \(Bauer-Kahan\) - Solid waste: reusable grocery bags: standards: plastic film prohibition.](#)**

Revises the state's single-use carryout bag ban to eliminate the distribution of thicker film plastic bags and limit the distribution of carryout bags at the point of sale to recycled paper bags. Prohibits a store from providing, distributing, or selling a carryout bag to a customer at the point of sale, except as provided. Becomes effective on January 1, 2026.

Status: Died on concurrence on the Assembly Floor

**[AB-2311 \(Bennett\) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: grant program: edible food.](#)**

Makes edible food recovery activities eligible for funding from a specified grant program administered by CalRecycle, including the transportation of recovered edible food and the purchase or subscription to technology or software that improves the efficiency and tracking of edible food recovery. Requires CalRecycle to consider the increased amount

of edible food recovery capacity that a funded project would create when awarding grants pursuant to the bill.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**[AB-2346 \(Lee\) - Organic waste reduction regulations: procurement of recovered organic waste products.](#)**

Revises the organic materials procurement requirements established by SB 1383 (Lara) Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016, including authorizing local jurisdictions to invest in specified activities related to organic materials recycling in lieu of procuring recovered organics, expanding the types of products that are eligible for procurement credit, and making other changes to the calculations used to establish procurement credits and targets.

Status: Chapter 712, Statutes of 2024

**[AB-2511 \(Berman\) - Beverage container recycling: market development payments.](#)**

Extends the sunset date for the Plastic Market Development Payment Program administered by CalRecycle from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2027.

Status: Chapter 405, Statutes of 2024

**[AB-2514 \(Aguilar-Curry\) - Solid waste: organic waste.](#)**

Establishes a statutory definition of pyrolysis, requires CalRecycle to include pipeline biomethane converted from organic waste as eligible for procurement credit by local jurisdictions, and makes biosolids handling projects by the Town of Windsor and the Windsor Water District eligible for an existing CalRecycle grant program to promote organic waste diversion.

Status: Died on the Senate Inactive File

**[AB-2577 \(Irwin\) - Organic waste: reduction regulations.](#)**

Requires the regulations adopted by CalRecycle to meet the state's edible food recovery goal to include product labeling requirements that reduce food waste.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-2648 (Bennett) - Environmentally preferable purchasing: single-use plastic bottles.**

Prohibits state agencies from purchasing single-use plastic bottles and requires state agencies to take appropriate steps to replace the use of single-use plastic bottles at food service facilities with nonplastic, recyclable, and reusable alternatives. Requires the Department of General Services to ensure that any new or modified contracts or agreements comply with the requirements of the bill.

Status: Died on the Assembly Inactive File

**AB-2762 (Friedman) - Recycling: reusable beverage containers.**

Requires specified beverage manufacturers subject to the Beverage Container and Litter Reduction Act to ensure that the percentage of the volume of beverages it bottles and sells in the state is bottled in reusable beverage containers at the following rates: not less than 5% by January 1, 2031, not less than 10% by January 1, 2033, and, not less than 25% by January 1, 2035. Requires a beverage manufacturer to bottle beverages in reusable beverage containers that have been previously returned for reuse at the following rates: not less than 60% of the beverages it sells in reusable beverage containers by January 1, 2032; not less than 90% by January 1, 2034; and, not less than 95% by January 1, 2036.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB-2902 (Wood) - Organic waste: reduction regulations: exemptions.**

Revises the state's organic waste reduction requirements established by SB 1383 (Lara) Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016, including waiving rural jurisdictions from collection and procurement requirements until Jan 1, 2037, requiring CalRecycle to renew this exemption for periods up to five years, and exempting bear bins from regulatory requirements for collection bin lid colors and makes bear bins eligible for CalRecycle grants, among other changes.

Status: Chapter 421, Statutes of 2024

**SB-303 (Allen) - Solid waste: Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act.**

Establishes a non-binding arbitration process for adjudicating disputes between entities subject to the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act and makes other technical and clarifying changes to the Act.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**SB-353 (Dodd) - Beverage containers: recycling.**

Adds large fruit and vegetable juice containers to the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act. Extends the date by which beverage containers for wine, distilled spirits, and large fruit and vegetable juice containers are required to comply with postconsumer recycled content requirements by two years. Authorizes CalRecycle to use either the 3 month average or 12 month average for scrap material values when adjusting quarterly processing payments.

Status: Chapter 868, Statutes of 2023

**SB-367 (Seyarto) - Farm, ranch, and public lands cleanup and abatement: grant program.**

Expands the Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program administered by CalRecycle to include state and federal public lands that are not used for farm or ranch purposes.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB-551 (Portantino) - Beverage containers: recycling.**

Allows beverage manufacturers to demonstrate compliance with the state's recycled content requirements for beverage containers by submitting a consolidated report to CalRecycle that covers multiple manufacturers, as specified.

Status: Chapter 983, Statutes of 2024

**SB-568 (Newman) - Electronic waste: export.**

Requires any person who exports covered electronic waste (e-waste) or a covered electronic device (CED) intended for recycling or disposal to a foreign country, or to another state for ultimate export to a foreign country, to, at least 60 days prior to export,

demonstrate that the person attempted to locate an in-state covered e-waste recycler and that the e-waste or CED could not be managed by an in-state covered e-waste recycler.

Status: Chapter 308, Statutes of 2023

**[SB-613 \(Seyarto\) - Organic waste: reduction goals: local jurisdictions: low-population exemption.](#)**

Exempts certain local jurisdictions from the short lived climate pollutant reduction requirements established by SB 1383 (Lara), Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016, until December 1, 2028.

Status: Chapter 878, Statutes of 2023

**[SB-615 \(Allen\) - Vehicle traction batteries.](#)**

Requires vehicle traction battery suppliers to ensure the responsible end-of-life management of a vehicle traction battery; report specified information about the vehicle traction batteries to the Department of Toxic Substances Control; and, fully fund the costs of the collection of a battery for which they are required to ensure end-of-life management. Requires the department, no later than July 1, 2028, to adopt regulations to implement this bill.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**[SB-665 \(Allen\) - Plastic waste: single-use plastics alternatives: working group.](#)**

Requires CalEPA, by January 1, 2025, to establish a working group to establish a framework for evaluating novel plastic and plastic-alternative material types used to produce single-use products.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**[SB-707 \(Newman\) - Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2024.](#)**

Establishes the Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2024, which creates an extended producer responsibility program for the management of waste textiles under the oversight of CalRecycle.

Status: Chapter 864, Statutes of 2024

**SB-728 (Limón) - Plastic gift cards: prohibition.**

Prohibits plastic gift cards from being sold, offered for sale, or distributed in the state on and after January 1, 2027, except that retailers are authorized to sell their existing stock until January 1, 2028. These provisions are enforced through a civil penalty up to \$100 per day.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**SB-751 (Padilla) - Franchise agreements: labor dispute.**

Prohibits a city or county from entering into or amending a solid waste hauling agreement if it excuses the service provider from performing its duties in the event of a labor dispute, and requires agreements to include certain provisions in the event of a labor dispute.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**SB-777 (Allen) - Solid waste: reusable grocery bags and recycled paper bags.**

Requires certain stores to report specified data regarding the collection and use of the state's \$0.10 bag fee to CalRecycle on a quarterly basis.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**SB-972 (Min) - Methane emissions: organic waste: landfills.**

Requires CalRecycle to provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions to help them achieve state organic waste recycling requirements.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

**SB-1045 (Blakespear) - Composting facilities: zoning.**

Requires OPR to develop a technical advisory on best practices to facilitate the siting of compost facilities, and requires cities and counties to consider updating the land use element to identify areas for siting compost facilities.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB-1046 (Laird) - Organic waste reduction: program environmental impact report: small and medium compostable material handling facilities or operations.**

Requires CalRecycle to develop a Program Environmental Impact Report for us in review of small- and medium-sized compost facilities under CEQA.

Status: Chapter 452, Statutes of 2024

**SB-1053 (Blakespear) - Solid waste: reusable grocery bags: standards: plastic film prohibition.**

Revises state's single-use carryout bag ban to eliminate the distribution of thicker film plastic bags and limit the distribution of carryout bags at the point of sale to recycled paper bags. Prohibits a store from providing, distributing, or selling a carryout bag to a customer at the point of sale, except as provided. Becomes effective on January 1, 2026.

Status: Chapter 453, Statutes of 2024

**SB-1113 (Newman) - Beverage container recycling: pilot projects: extension.**

Extends the sunset for seven years, through 2034, for specified Beverage Container Recycling pilot projects administered by CalRecycle and designed to improve opportunities for consumers to recycle bottles and collect redemption fees and to help the state to achieve its litter reduction and recycling goals.

Status: Chapter 182, Statutes of 2024

**SB-1143 (Allen) - Household hazardous waste: producer responsibility.**

Expands the number of products covered by the state's paint product stewardship program and requires manufacturers of paint products to review their stewardship plan and submit any amendments to CalRecycle for review on a five-year basis.

Status: Chapter 989, Statutes of 2024

**SB-1175 (Ochoa Bogh) - Organic waste: reduction goals: local jurisdictions: waivers.**

Requires CalRecycle to consider alternatives to census tracts when deciding the boundaries of low-population and elevation waivers from the state's organic waste diversion requirements.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB-1208 (Padilla) - Waste discharge permits: landfills.**

Prohibits a Regional Water Quality Control Board from issuing a waste discharge permit for a new landfill that is used for the disposal of nonhazardous solid waste, if the new landfill is to be located within the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve, or within an area that is a tributary of the Tijuana River.

Status: Failed on the Assembly Floor

**SB-1231 (Allen) - Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act: environmental advertising.**

Establishes a new process by which producers of plastic products under the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act can petition CalRecycle to authorize a material as meeting the requirements of the state's recyclability labeling law if it is trending towards the recyclability standard set by the state's truth in labeling law.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB-1280 (Laird) - Waste management: propane cylinders: reusable or refillable.**

Prohibits the sale of small propane cylinders as defined, that are not reusable or refillable on and after January 1, 2028.

Status: Chapter 466, Statutes of 2024



## State Lands and Tidelands

### **AB-706 (Luz Rivas) - Leasing of public lands: minerals other than oil and gas.**

Makes various changes to the statutes governing SLC's authority over granting geological or geophysical exploration permits for minerals.

Status: Chapter 120, Statutes of 2023

### **AB-1686 (Grayson) - Ports and harbors: Martinez Marina.**

Extends the sunset date, until June 30, 2039, of the authorization for SLC to relieve the City of Martinez (City) of its obligation to transmit gross revenues to the state so the City can instead can invest in improving conditions at the Martinez Marina.

Status: Chapter 143, Statutes of 2023

### **AB-1706 (Bonta) - Public trust lands: Encinal Terminals public trust lands: City of Alameda.**

Grants public trust lands at the Encinal Terminals to the City of Alameda in trust, effective upon their conveyance to the city pursuant to this bill's authorization and in accordance with the Encinal Terminals exchange agreement.

Status: Chapter 130, Statutes of 2023

### **AB-2393 (Dixon) - Tidelands and submerged lands: County of Orange and Newport Bay: franchises or leases.**

Extends from 50 to 66 years the maximum period of time for which Orange County may grant franchises or leases for the use of Newport Bay tidelands and submerged lands for specified public trust purposes.

Status: Chapter 107, Statutes of 2024

### **SB-273 (Wiener) - Tidelands and submerged lands: City and County of San Francisco: Piers 30-32: mixed-use development.**

Revises the terms of previous legislative grants related to the development of Pier 30-32 to reflect the most recent public/private development proposal, and authorizes SLC to approve a mixed-use development that includes general office use if certain

conditions are met, among other things, as provided.

Status: Chapter 385, Statutes of 2023