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INTRODUCTION

This publication is a comprehensive summary of bills that the Assembly Natural Resources Committee considered during the 2017 – 2018 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.

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)
CalEPA (California Environmental Protection Agency)
CAL FIRE (California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection)
CalRecycle (California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery)
Caltrans (California Department of Transportation)
CCC (California Coastal Commission)
CDFA (California Department of Food and Agriculture)
CEC (California Energy Commission)
CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act)
CPCFA (California Pollution Control Financing Authority)
CVRP (Clean Vehicle Rebate Project)
DOC (California Department of Conservation)
DOGGR (Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources)
GGRF (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund)
GHG (greenhouse gas)
IOU (investor-owned utility)
MW (megawatt)
NRA (California Natural Resources Agency)
OPC (California Ocean Protection Council)
OPR (Governor's Office of Planning and Research)
PUC (California Public Utilities Commission)
RPS (Renewables Portfolio Standard)
SCC (California State Coastal Conservancy)
SDRC (San Diego River Conservancy)
SGC (California Strategic Growth Council)
SLC (California State Lands Commission)
SRA (State Responsibility Area)
SWRCB (California State Water Resources Control Board)

US EPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency)
WCB (California Wildlife Conservation Board)

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Requires the ARB to adopt a methodology to calculate hourly GHG emissions from unspecified sources of electricity. Requires the PUC and the CEC to incorporate the methodology into programs addressing disclosure of GHG emissions and procurement of electricity.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-151 (Burke) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: scoping plan: report.

Requires ARB to develop a specified incentive system for compliance offsets. Requires ARB to report to the Legislature prior to adopting specified GHG regulations, and report on specified workforce issues related to GHG regulation.

Status: Held on Assembly Floor

AB-184 (Berman) - Sea level rise planning: database.

Extends the sunset of January 1, 2018 for the Planning for Sea Level Rise Database to January 1, 2023.

Status: Chapter 338, Statutes of 2017

AB-196 (Bigelow) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: water supply and wastewater systems.

Specifies that water pump and water distribution systems are eligible for GGRF moneys.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-262 (Bonta) - Public contracts: lowest responsible bidder: eligible materials.

Requires the Department of General Services to establish standards used in the bid process related to GHG emissions when certain eligible materials are used in state public works projects.

Status: Chapter 816, Statutes of 2017

AB-378 (Cristina Garcia) - Greenhouse gases, criteria air pollutants, and toxic air contaminants.

Extends ARB's cap-and-trade authority to 2030 and requires ARB to adopt air pollutant emissions standards that industrial facilities must meet to receive free allowances after 2020.

Status: Held on Assembly Floor

AB-388 (Mullin) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

Adds wetlands restoration projects that may make use of dredged materials to the list of allowable uses of GGRF moneys.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-398 (Eduardo Garcia) - Air pollution.

Makes numerous, substantive changes to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, including: 1) Requires the ARB, no later than January 1, 2018, to update the scoping plan, and requires all GHG rules and regulations adopted by ARB to be consistent with the scoping plan; 2) Extends ARB's authority to establish and utilize, through regulations, a market-based mechanism; 3) Specifically authorizes a system of market-based declining annual aggregate emissions limits for sources or categories of sources that emit GHGs (cap-and-trade) until December 31, 2030; 4) Extends, and expands upon, the 3.94% state sales and use tax (SUT) exemption available to qualified manufacturers and specified research and development firms for an additional eight years, until July 1, 2030; 5) Clarifies the definition of useful life to ensure that businesses that expensed some qualifying purchases also receive the SUT exemption; and, 6) Effective 2017-18, suspends the fire prevention fee and repeals the fire prevention fee statutes on January 1, 2031.

Status: Chapter 135, Statutes of 2017

AB-483 (Bocanegra) - Airports: pollution.

Requires specified air and soil testing and reporting at specified general aviation airports.

Status: Failed passage in Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee

AB-582 (Cristina Garcia) - Vehicles: emissions: surveillance.

Requires ARB to enhance its certification, audit, and compliance activities for new motor vehicles to detect defeat devices or other software used to evade emission testing. This bill authorizes ARB, by regulation, to impose fees on manufacturers of new motor vehicles to recover ARB's reasonable costs in implementation and caps the total revenue collected from the fees at \$5,000,000 in the 2018–19 fiscal year.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-964 (Gomez) - Economic development: Capital Access Loan Program: low emission vehicles.

Creates the California Affordable Clean Vehicle Program, administered by CPCFA, following the terms and conditions of the Capitol Loan Access Program, to assist low-income individuals in the purchase of zero-emission vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, or Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment by providing affordable financing mechanisms. This bill includes requirements that consumer protections are provided and

include a review of the applicant's ability to afford the monthly payment of the loan and limits on collection for loan nonpayment.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-1014 (Cooper) - Diesel backup generators: health facility.

Requires a health facility to test and maintain each of its diesel backup generators and standby systems in conformance with specified National Fire Protection Association standards. Provides that the bill does not affect the authority of ARB or air districts to regulate diesel backup generators owned by a health facility.

Status: Chapter 145, Statutes of 2017

AB-1073 (Eduardo Garcia) - California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program.

Extends by two years, until January 1, 2020, the requirement that ARB dedicate 20% of California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program to support early commercial deployment of existing zero- and near-zero-emission heavy-duty trucks.

Status: Chapter 632, Statutes of 2017

AB-1132 (Cristina Garcia) - Nonvehicular air pollution: order of abatement.

Authorizes an air pollution control officer to issue an interim order for abatement, pending hearing by the air district hearing board, for air pollution violations that present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or welfare, or the environment.

Status: Chapter 171, Statutes of 2017

AB-1259 (Calderon) - Capital Access Loan Program: electric vehicles.

Expands the Capital Access Loan Program, administered by the CPCFA, to include a financing program for electric vehicle purchases by low- and middle-income consumers and families. This bill includes requirements that consumer protections are provided and include a review of the applicant's ability to afford the monthly payment of the loan and limits on collection for loan nonpayment.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB-1301 (Fong) - Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies.

Establishes the mission of the Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies (JLCCCP), as specified, and requires the Chair of ARB to annually appear before the JLCCCP to report on cost and technological feasibility of GHG reduction measures.

Status: Failed passage in Natural Resources Committee

AB-1342 (Flora) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: appropriations.

Continuously appropriates \$100 million from the GGRF to CAL FIRE and continuously appropriates \$200 million from the GGRF to CalRecycle for GHG emissions reduction projects.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB-1433 (Wood) - Climate Adaptation and Resilience Based on Nature Act.

As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, established the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Based on Nature account at the WCB to provide grants and programs that facilitate actions to protect and improve the resilience of natural and working land systems and enhance habitat, while reducing GHG emissions and increasing carbon sequestration. Later amended to address tribal gaming.

Status: Chapter 11, Statutes of 2018

AB-1608 (Kalra) - Vibrant landscapes for climate, people, and multiple benefits.

Requires DOC to develop the Vibrant Landscape Program to provide assistance and incentives to cities, counties, special districts, authorities, and nonprofits to manage and conserve natural and working lands to address climate change and achieve other public and environmental benefits. This bill establishes the Vibrant Landscape Program Fund and authorizes the fund to receive moneys from GGRF and other appropriate funding sources. This bill requires funding awarded pursuant to the Vibrant Landscape Program not duplicate funding from other programs implemented by other state agencies on land management, conservation, or other GGRF funded programs.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB-1647 (Muratsuchi) - Petroleum refineries: air monitoring systems.

Requires community and fence-line air monitoring systems at and near each petroleum refinery.

Status: Chapter 589, Statutes of 2017

AB-1683 (Burke) - Transformative Climate Communities Program: report.

Requires the SGC, no later than January 1, 2019, to report to the Governor and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature on investments made, specific projects funded, and locations selected pursuant to the Transformative Climate Communities Program.

Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee

AB-1945 (Eduardo Garcia) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: investment plan.

Adds specified co-benefits to be included in GGRF project quantification, gives preferential points for GGRF funding applications to communities identified for community emissions

reduction programs, allows the counties of Imperial and San Diego to count daytime population in GGRF applications, requires the Department of Finance to report information for unfunded GGRF projects, specifies a three-month minimum lead time for application announcements.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-2006 (Eggman) - Agricultural Worker Clean Transportation Investment Program.

Requires ARB to ensure existing agricultural vanpool programs serve disadvantaged communities and low-income communities. This bill requires ARB to allocate a minimum of 25% of the moneys appropriated for agricultural vanpool programs to those programs servicing low-income communities.

Status: Chapter 364, Statutes of 2018

AB-2120 (Quirk) - Wildfires.

Requires ARB to report annually on the air pollutant emissions following an unplanned wildfire (i.e., not managed or prescribed fire) that has burned 10,000 acres or more.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB-2195 (Chau) - Natural gas: out-of-state sources: greenhouse gases.

Requires ARB, by January 1, 2020, to use the best available science to quantify and annually report on its website the amount of GHG emissions, expressed in tons of carbon dioxide equivalents, resulting from the loss or release of natural gas during all processes associated with the production, processing, and transport of natural gas imported into the state from out-of-state sources.

Status: Chapter 371, Statutes of 2018

AB-2377 (Irwin) - Agriculture: Cannella Environmental Farming Act of 1995: technical assistance grant program.

Requires CDFA to establish a technical assistance grant program to provide funds to technical assistance providers to work with applicants for the following GHG reduction programs: Healthy Soils Program; alternative manure management programs; and, the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program. This bill requires CDFA to award grants to technical assistance providers of no less than \$10,000 and up to \$100,000 annually for no more than three years, for a total grant of not more than \$300,000 per technical assistance provider.

Status: Chapter 868, Statutes of 2018

AB-2378 (Salas) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: report.

Requires ARB, in consultation with the Department of Public Health to submit a report quantifying the public health impacts of each program that has received moneys from the GGRF through January 1, 2020.

Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee

AB-2381 (Carrillo) - Vehicles: emissions: certification, auditing, and compliance.

Requires ARB to enhance its certification, audit, and compliance activities for new motor vehicles to detect defeat devices or other software used to evade emission testing. This bill authorizes ARB, by regulation, to impose fees on manufacturers of new motor vehicles to recover ARB's reasonable costs in implementation and caps the total revenue collected from the fees at \$5 million in the 2019–20 fiscal year.

Status: Chapter 713, Statutes of 2018

AB-2453 (Eduardo Garcia) - Air pollution: schools.

Specifies that schools in communities with high-risk pollution sources may be eligible for grants as part of a community emissions reduction program to implement air quality mitigation efforts.

Status: Chapter 714, Statutes of 2018

AB-2528 (Bloom) - Climate adaptation.

Specifies that "habitat resilience areas," as defined, are included in the state's climate adaptation strategy, and requires state agencies to identify, study, understand, protect, and enhance habitat resilience areas.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-2672 (Patterson) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: wildfires.

Requires ARB, in consultation with CAL FIRE to annually report to the Legislature on GHG emissions associated with specified wildfires.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB-2726 (Levine) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: consumption-based accounting.

Requires ARB to establish a "consumption-based" inventory of GHG emissions.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB-3015 (Caballero) - Marine terminal operations.

Requires ARB by June 30, 2023, to develop a technical report that evaluates the cost and feasibility to transition to zero-emission cargo handling equipment (CHE) and requires the State Transportation Agency when developing the 2024 Freight Mobility Plan to consider

ARB's technical report and address the development of freight-related infrastructure to support the introduction of zero-emission CHE at seaports and railyards.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB-3201 (Daly) - California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program.

Revises the Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program, a program to fund development, demonstration, pre-commercial pilot, and early commercial deployment of zero- and near-zero-emission truck, bus, and off-road vehicle and equipment technologies, to: (1) make transit buses that meet "current and future regulatory compliance obligations" eligible for funding; (2) require ARB to create a three-year, rather than annual, framework and plan for the program; and, (3) specifically add "infrastructure" to the definition of "zero- and near-zero emission."

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB-3232 (Friedman) - Zero-emissions buildings and sources of heat energy.

Requires the CEC to develop a plan to ensure that all new residential and nonresidential buildings be zero-emission buildings and a strategy to achieve a 50% reduction in GHG emissions generated by the state's residential and nonresidential building stock by 2030.

Status: Chapter 373, Statutes of 2018

AJR-20 (Gonzalez Fletcher) - Climate change.

Declares that California will continue to lead in its efforts to reduce GHG emissions and fight global climate change and encourages other states and cities to continue to support and follow the Paris Agreement.

Status: Chapter 164, Statutes of 2017

AJR-50 (Reyes) - Federal Clean Air Act.

Declares the Legislature's strong and unequivocal support for existing fuel economy and GHG standards and California's federal Clean Air Act Waivers.

Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee

SB-64 (Wieckowski) - Fossil-fuel generation units.

Addresses air emissions associated with startups, shutdowns, and cycling of fossil-fueled electrical generating units by requiring collection and reporting of emissions data and requiring a study with recommendations on how to reduce or eliminate air emissions from electrical generation.

Status: Held on Assembly Floor

SB-150 (Allen) - Regional transportation plans.

Requires ARB to prepare a report to assess the progress of the state's 18 metropolitan planning organizations in meeting their regional GHG reduction targets. The bill also

requires ARB to take into account and be consistent with the GHG emissions reduction target of 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 when setting regional targets.

Status: Chapter 646, Statutes of 2017

SB-262 (Wieckowski) - Climate change: climate adaptation: advisory council.

Creates the California Council for Adaptation and Resiliency (CCAR) in OPR to oversee the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program, requires staggered four-year terms for council members, and specifies the duties of the CCAR.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-563 (Lara) - Residential wood smoke.

Establishes the Woodsmoke Reduction Program and authorizes moneys from the GGRF to be allocated for incentives offered as part of the program.

Status: Chapter 671, Statutes of 2017

SB-1013 (Lara) - Fluorinated refrigerants.

Aligns state law related to the use of hydrofluorocarbons with federal regulations recently ruled invalid under the Federal Clean Air Act and develops financial incentives to assist businesses with technology transition.

Status: Chapter 375, Statutes of 2018

SB-1015 (Allen) - California Climate Resiliency Program.

Creates the California Climate Resiliency Program and the California Climate Change Resiliency Fund in the WCB, to be administered in collaboration with participating state conservancies.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-1403 (Lara) - California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program.

Requires ARB to adopt a three-year investment strategy for zero- and near-zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles and equipment to correspond to its investment strategy for light-duty vehicles.

Status: Chapter 370, Statutes of 2018

SB-1477 (Stern) - Low-emissions buildings and sources of heat energy.

Requires the CEC to develop a statewide market transformation initiative to transform the state's market for low-emission space and water heating equipment for new and existing residential and nonresidential buildings and to develop an incentive program to fund near-zero emission technology for new residential and commercial buildings.

Status: Chapter 378, Statutes of 2018

SB-1502 (Committee on Environmental Quality) - Nonvehicular air pollution.

Authorizes local air districts to use electronic notification for hearings, workshops, and other purposes, as specified, and places requirements on maintaining accurate databases of electronic contact information, as specified.

Status: Chapter 59, Statutes of 2018

California Environmental Quality Act

AB-73 (Chiu) - Planning and zoning: housing sustainability districts.

Authorizes a city or county to create a "housing sustainability district" (HSD) to complete upfront zoning and environmental review in order to receive incentive payments for residential and mixed-use development projects with an affordable housing component. Requires the city or county to prepare an environmental impact report pursuant to CEQA when designating an HSD. Exempts from CEQA "housing projects" within, and consistent with, a designated HSD.

Status: Chapter 371, Statutes of 2017

AB-239 (Ridley-Thomas) - California Environmental Quality Act: urbanized areas.

Reduces the population density required for an unincorporated area to be considered an "urbanized area" to 1,000 persons per square mile for purposes of qualifying for exemptions from CEQA.

Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee

AB-278 (Steinorth) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: existing transportation infrastructure.

Exempts from CEQA a transportation infrastructure project, if the project is located within an existing right-of-way and does not add additional motor vehicle lanes, except auxiliary lanes.

Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee

AB-734 (Bonta) - California Environmental Quality Act: Oakland Sports and Mixed-Use Project.

Establishes special procedures for CEQA review, additional conditions for certification, and expedited (270 day) judicial review for a proposed baseball park and mixed-use development in the City of Oakland.

Status: Chapter 959, Statutes of 2018

AB-890 (Medina) - Local land use initiatives: environmental review.

As passed by Natural Resources Committee, required projects, as defined by CEQA, which are proposed by local initiative to be reviewed pursuant to CEQA prior to being placed on

the ballot. Later amended to delegate exclusive authority to make certain land use approvals and designations to a city council or a board of supervisors.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

[AB-987 \(Kamlager-Dove\) - California Environmental Quality Act: sports and entertainment project.](#)

Establishes special procedures for CEQA review, additional conditions for certification, and expedited (270 day) judicial review for a proposed basketball arena and related development in the City of Inglewood.

Status: Chapter 961, Statutes of 2018

[AB-1218 \(Obernolte\) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: bicycle transportation plans.](#)

Extends the sunsets on existing CEQA exemptions for bicycle transportation plans and bicycle lanes, from 2018 to 2021.

Status: Chapter 149, Statutes of 2017

[AB-1273 \(Gallagher\) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: levee repairs.](#)

Establishes a CEQA exemption for specified flood control levee repairs until July 1, 2023.

Status: Failed passage in Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

[AB-1404 \(Berman\) - California Environmental Quality Act: categorical exemption: infill development.](#)

Expands the CEQA categorical exemption for infill development projects within cities to include projects in unincorporated areas, on sites of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

[AB-1579 \(Daly\) - California Environmental Quality Act: vehicle-miles-traveled database.](#)

Requires OPR to establish and maintain a vehicle-miles-traveled database containing methodological guidance on which models should be used for particular types of projects and the best sources of trip-length data for various land-use types.

Status: Held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee

[AB-1804 \(Berman\) - California Environmental Quality Act: categorical exemption: infill development.](#)

Establishes a limited exemption from CEQA for multi-family residential and mixed-use housing projects meeting specified conditions, thereby expanding an existing exemption for

infill projects within cities to apply in unincorporated areas that are within the boundaries of an urbanized area or urban cluster, as designated by the United States Census Bureau.

Status: Chapter 670, Statutes of 2018

AB-1901 (Obernolte) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: roadway projects.

Extends the January 1, 2020 sunset date to January 1, 2023 on an exemption from CEQA for projects to repair, maintain, and make minor alterations to existing roadways, provided the project is carried out by a city or county with a population of less than 100,000 to improve public safety and meets other specified conditions.

Status: Held in Senate Environmental Quality Committee

AB-1905 (Grayson) - Environmental quality: judicial review: transportation projects.

Generally prohibits a court, in granting relief in an action or proceeding challenging a transportation project that would reduce vehicle miles traveled, is included in an approved sustainable communities strategy, and for which an environmental impact report has been certified under CEQA, from staying or enjoining the construction or operation of the project.

Status: Held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee

AB-2057 (Salas) - California Environmental Quality Act: biogas pipelines: exemption.

Expands an existing CEQA exemption applicable to liquid pipelines to include pipelines used to transport dairy biogas in four counties.

Status: Held in Senate Environmental Quality Committee

AB-2267 (Wood) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: wildfire-damaged housing.

Establishes, until January 1, 2024, expedited administrative and judicial review for actions or proceedings brought pursuant to CEQA on the adoption or approval of amendments to the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan for the City of Santa Rosa, as specified and for the adoption or amendment of the specified planning document for incorporated or unincorporated areas of Sonoma County.

Status: Held on Senate Floor

AB-2341 (Mathis) - California Environmental Quality Act: aesthetic impacts.

Eliminates consideration of aesthetic effects under CEQA 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.

Status: Chapter 298, Statutes of 2018

AB-2447 (Reyes) - California Environmental Quality Act: land use: environmental justice.

Establishes additional requirements under CEQA for classes of industrial or similar projects identified by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment that are located within one-half mile of a disadvantaged community, including requiring the lead agency to: 1) provide CEQA notices by direct mail to all owners and occupants of property within one-half mile, and all schools within one mile, of the project in all "threshold" languages for the area; and, 2) call at least one local, evening scoping meeting, as specified, to describe the project and take public comments.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-2782 (Friedman) - California Environmental Quality Act.

Authorizes a lead agency, in describing and evaluating a project in an environmental review document prepared pursuant to CEQA, to consider specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits of a proposed project, as well as the negative impacts of denying the project, based on substantial evidence in light of the whole record.

Status: Chapter 193, Statutes of 2018

AB-2856 (Melendez) - California Environmental Quality Act: housing development projects.

Generally prohibits a court, in granting relief in an action or proceeding challenging any activity related to the construction of new housing under CEQA, from staying or enjoining the siting, construction or operation of the project.

Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee

AB-2923 (Chiu) - San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District: transit-oriented development.

Requires, until January 1, 2029, cities and counties to adopt the zoning standards in the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District's (BART) transit-oriented development (TOD) guidelines and establishes a streamlined approval process for certain projects on BART-owned land. Prescribes procedures for CEQA review of TOD zoning standards and changes undertaken pursuant to the bill, including requiring the BART board to serve as the lead agency and requiring subsequent CEQA review of rezoning or TOD projects to incorporate BART's CEQA review of the TOD zoning standards to the greatest degree possible.

Status: Chapter 1000, Statutes of 2018

AB-3020 (Flora) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption.

Establishes an exemption from CEQA for undefined actions to reduce the threat or intensity of a wildfire and revises the existing emergency exemption by repealing the requirement that it apply only in an area where the Governor has declared an emergency.

Status: Held in Assembly Natural Resources

AB-3027 (Chávez) - California Environmental Quality Act: attorney's fees.

Limits award of attorney's fees in CEQA lawsuits to prevailing parties who are adjacent property owners, business owners, tenants, or large environmental organizations.

Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee

AB-3030 (Caballero) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: qualified opportunity zones.

Exempts from CEQA residential and mixed-use projects with 50% affordable housing, financed by a qualified opportunity fund, and meeting other specified criteria.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

SB-80 (Wieckowski) - California Environmental Quality Act: notices.

Expands CEQA notice requirements by requiring electronic posting of specified notices by lead agencies and county clerks, as well as requiring filing of a notice for every categorical exemption claimed under the CEQA Guidelines.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

SB-540 (Roth) - Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone.

Authorizes a city or county to establish a Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone (WHOZ) by preparing an environmental impact report (EIR) pursuant to CEQA and by adopting a specific plan. Once a WHOZ is established, and for five years thereafter, requires approval of eligible housing developments within a WHOZ within 60 days without requiring the preparation of an EIR or negative declaration under CEQA. Requires at least 50% of total housing units within a WHOZ to be affordable to persons or families at or below moderate income. Requires each development project to include at least 10% of the units affordable for lower income households, unless the city or county has adopted an ordinance requiring a higher percentage.

Status: Chapter 369, Statutes of 2017

SB-771 (De León) - California Environmental Quality Act: continuing education: public employees.

Requires a public agency to ensure that at least one of its employees assigned the primary responsibility to administer CEQA complete at least two hours of continuing education every two years, including courses offered by the American Institute of Certified Planners,

continuing legal education providers accredited or approved by the State Bar, the University of California, or a local agency or association of local agencies.

Status: Held on Assembly Floor

[SB-789 \(Bradford\) - California Environmental Quality Act: sports and entertainment project.](#)

Exempts from CEQA transportation projects related to the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games, as well as a fixed guideway transportation project within the Inglewood Sports and Entertainment Project (ISEP). Limits CEQA review and expedites judicial review of a basketball arena and other related projects within the ISEP. Authorizes the City of Inglewood to commence an eminent domain action against properties within the ISEP prior to completing CEQA review.

Status: Held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Coastal

[AB-663 \(Bloom\) - Coastal resources: housing.](#)

Requires, until January 1, 2023, housing opportunities for persons of low- and moderate-income to be protected, encouraged, and, where feasible, provided by the California Coastal Act of 1976. This bill repeals the prohibition from the CCC requiring housing policies and programs in a local coastal program.

Status: Held on Assembly Floor

[AB-684 \(Mark Stone\) - California Coastal Commission: ex parte communications: database.](#)

Requires, no later than July 1, 2018, the CCC to develop, implement, and maintain a database for the online reporting of ex parte communications that includes the information in the standard disclosure form. This bill prohibits any ex parte communication unless the commissioner has fully disclosed the ex parte communication, including updating the database with the information on ex parte and verbally disclosing the ex parte at the hearing. This bill allows only verbal disclosure if there are technical problems with the database.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

[AB-1129 \(Mark Stone\) - Coastal resources: structures: beach access and protection.](#)

Clarifies which shoreline protection structures the CCC must provide a coastal development permit for. This bill requires future emergency permits to be time-limited authorizations to build temporary structures. This bill also clarifies the CCC's civil penalty

authority to fine a person who has unpermitted shoreline protection structures, such as a seawall, revetment, retaining wall, or other like structure.

Status: Held on Assembly Floor

AB-2797 (Bloom) - Planning and zoning: density bonuses.

Requires any density bonus, concessions, incentives, waivers, or reductions of development standards, and parking ratios to which the applicant is entitled to under the statutes related to density bonuses (Density Bonus Law), to be permitted in a manner that is consistent with the Density Bonus Law and the California Coastal Act of 1976.

Status: Chapter 904, Statutes of 2018

AB-2864 (Limón) - Coastal resources: oil spills.

Requires, for spills affecting coastal resources, the Administrator of the Office of Spill Prevention and Response to invite the CCC or the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission to participate in the natural resource damage assessment process regarding injuries to coastal resources and potential restoration and mitigation measures.

Status: Chapter 311, Statutes of 2018

AJR-29 (Limón) - Oil and gas: offshore drilling: operations: leases.

Declares the Legislature's opposition to expanded offshore drilling in federal waters off the California coast. Requests United States Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to remove California from the proposed Bureau of Ocean Management oil and gas leasing plan.

Status: Chapter 19, Statutes of 2018

AJR-47 (Bloom) - Climate change and coastal resources.

Affirms the Legislature's support for science-based action to conserve, protect, restore, and effectively manage California's coastal and ocean ecosystems in the face of challenges presented by climate change, ocean acidification, hypoxia, and other changing ocean conditions, and urges federal and state government entities to take specified actions to preserve the state's ocean and coastal resources as well as protect disadvantaged and low-income communities impacted by these challenges.

Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee

SB-42 (Hill) - Public lands: Martins Beach: property acquisition.

Creates the Martins Beach Subaccount in the Kapiloff Land Bank Fund. Moneys deposited in the Martins Beach Subaccount may be used by the SLC to create a public access route to and along the shoreline of Martins Beach in San Mateo County.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

SB-44 (Jackson) - State lands: coastal hazard and legacy oil and gas well removal and remediation program.

Subject to an appropriation for this purpose, requires the SLC to administer a coastal hazard removal and remediation program within two years of receiving funding.

Status: Chapter 645, Statutes of 2017

SB-1365 (Hueso) - State Coastal Conservancy: grants for nonprofit organizations.

As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, required unrestricted mitigation funds held by the SCC to be awarded to fund grants to nonprofit organizations that offer scientific, educational, cultural, or heritage programs that focus on the history and stewardship of the ocean and coastal resources. Later amended to address the Salton Sea.

Status: Held in Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee

Conservancies

AB-250 (Gonzalez Fletcher) - State Coastal Conservancy: Lower Cost Coastal Accommodations Program.

Requires the SCC to develop and implement a program to improve the availability of lower cost accommodations along the coast, including the development of new lower cost accommodations within one and a half miles of the coast. This bill requires SCC to prepare a lower cost coastal accommodations assessment that includes a description of specific opportunities to improve existing, and develop new, lower cost accommodations on coastal public lands and coastal lands owned or operated by nonprofit organizations, including a list of potentially suitable sites for these accommodations. The bill authorizes SCC to develop and implement a pilot program for the purposes of identifying and testing measures that support development, improvement, maintenance, and operation of campgrounds, cabins, hostels, limited-stay RV parks, motels, and hotels by nonprofit or for-profit entities.

Status: Chapter 838, Statutes of 2017

AB-1191 (Bigelow) - California Tahoe Conservancy.

Clarifies that local members of the California Tahoe Conservancy may also serve as a representative of specified local governments.

Status: Chapter 113, Statutes of 2017

AB-1235 (Daly) - Santa Ana River Conservancy Program.

Appropriates \$20 million from the General Fund to the SCC for the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB-2849 (Mark Stone) - Sierra Nevada Conservancy: watershed improvement: tribal organization.

Creates the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program in statute; updates the definitions for tribal organizations; and, includes geographic specifications for Sierra Nevada Conservancy appointments.

Status: Chapter 499, Statutes of 2018

AB-3012 (Gallagher) - State Coastal Conservancy: grants: climate change projects.

Directs the SCC to add projects that reduce flood risk and enhance fish and wildlife habitat, including projects that remove sediment where excavated material can be used to enhance shorelines or ecosystems, to the list of projects that address the impacts of climate change it prioritizes for grant funding.

Status: Chapter 657, Statutes of 2018

SB-214 (Atkins) - San Diego River Conservancy.

Increases the membership of the SDRC from 11 to 15 voting members and provides SDRC with additional authority to carry out its mission. This bill expands the list of entities eligible for grants from SDRC to include a joint powers agency, a special district, and a federally recognized tribal nation.

Status: Chapter 306, Statutes of 2017

SB-367 (Bates) - Tidelands and submerged lands: County of Orange.

Increases the maximum allowable term for franchises and leases for Orange County's granted tidelands and submerged lands at Dana Point Harbor from 50 years to 66 years.

Status: Chapter 332, Statutes of 2017

SB-1015 (Allen) - California Climate Resiliency Program.

Creates the California Climate Resiliency Program and the California Climate Change Resiliency Fund in the WCB, to be administered in collaboration with participating state conservancies.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-1367 (Atkins) - San Diego River Conservancy: San Diego Rivers Watershed Consortium Program.

Requires the SDRC to establish the San Diego Rivers Watershed Consortium Program to create advisory panels to work cooperatively with local public agencies and other entities to identify potential project funding, including grant funding, to be used to restore the watersheds of the Otay River, the Sweetwater River, and the Tijuana River, and to improve public access to public lands. Each of these watersheds is currently outside SDRC's jurisdiction.

Status: Chapter 738, Statutes of 2018

Energy

AB-419 (Salas) - Zero net energy residential buildings: report.

Requires the CEC to report to the Legislature, by July 1, 2019, on its progress in implementing the New Residential Net Zero Energy Action Plan 2015-2020, including, but not limited to, the cost-effectiveness of the programs and activities associated with implementing the plan.

Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee

AB-655 (O'Donnell) - California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

Repeals existing provisions of the RPS which provide that combustion of municipal solid waste (MSW) is not an eligible renewable energy resource, except for electricity generated by a facility in Stanislaus County before January 1, 2017. Instead, provides that "transformation" of MSW is an eligible renewable energy resource, if the facility operates, on an annual basis, at not less than 20% below the permitted emissions of air contaminants, or the toxic air contaminants concentration limits, for the facility and the operator of the facility has reported its emissions to the applicable air district for a period of not less than five years immediately before the determination that it is eligible.

Status: Failed in Assembly Natural Resources Committee

AB-920 (Aguiar-Curry) - California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

Requires the PUC and local publicly owned utilities, as part of the integrated resource planning process, to evaluate the mix of resources in electricity portfolios and assess the need for new renewable baseload generation.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-1088 (Eggman) - Multifamily residential housing: energy programs.

Increases access to various existing distributed energy resource and water programs for the benefit of multifamily residential properties and their residents, especially low-income residents of such properties.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-1970 (Eduardo Garcia) - Low-carbon fuels.

Requires the CEC to develop three pilot projects for the development of innovative low-carbon fuels.

Status: Held in Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee

AB-2208 (Aguiar-Curry) - California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: local publicly owned electric utilities: electrical corporations: geothermal, biogas, and biomass energy resources.

Requires the incremental renewable energy procurement of each "retail seller" of electricity, i.e., investor-owned utilities, energy service providers, and community choice aggregators,

as well as local publicly owned utilities, to include an unspecified percentage of geothermal, biogas or biomass energy resources, including an unspecified percentage from the Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resource Area.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-100 (De León) - California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: emissions of greenhouse gases.

Increases the 2030 RPS target from 50% to 60%, and increases interim targets in the intervening years. Establishes the policy of the state that eligible renewable and "zero-carbon" generating facilities supply all electricity procured to serve California end-use customers no later than December 31, 2045.

Status: Chapter 312, Statutes of 2018

SB-618 (Bradford) - Load-serving entities: integrated resource plans.

Requires the integrated resource plans of all load-serving entities (LSEs) to contribute to a diverse and balanced portfolio of resources needed to ensure a reliable electricity supply that provides optimal integration of renewable energy in a cost-effective manner and meets statewide GHG emissions limits in proportion to each LSE's load share so that there is no cost shifting among LSEs.

Status: Chapter 431, Statutes of 2017

SB-1110 (Bradford) - Energy: California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

Authorizes a publicly owned utility to adopt unspecified conditions that mitigate against the loss of public revenues if the requirements of the California RPS would lead to decreased generation from a powerplant with outstanding public indebtedness and meeting other specified conditions.

Status: Chapter 605, Statutes of 2018

SB-1369 (Skinner) - Energy: electrolytic hydrogen.

Requires specified actions of state agencies to develop the use of green electrolytic hydrogen. Defines "green electrolytic hydrogen" as hydrogen gas produced through electrolysis and not as hydrogen gas manufactured using steam reforming or any other conversion technology that produces hydrogen from a fossil fuel feedstock. Requires the PUC and the CEC, to, where feasible, authorize procurement to increase the use of energy storage using green electrolytic hydrogen. Requires the PUC, ARB, and CEC to consider green electrolytic hydrogen an eligible form of energy storage, and the potential uses for the technology.

Status: Chapter 567, Statutes of 2018

SB-1374 (Hueso) - State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program: assessments and forecasts: integrated energy policy report.

Deletes several obsolete provisions of the Public Resources Code governing the operations of the CEC and places a sunset on a CEC reporting requirement.

Status: Chapter 611, Statutes of 2018

SB-1440 (Hueso) - Energy: biomethane: biomethane procurement program.

Requires the PUC to consider adopting biomethane procurement targets or goals for gas corporations.

Status: Chapter 739, Statutes of 2018

Environmental Justice

AB-1431 (Arambula) - Energy efficiency: renewable energy resources: energy affordability.

Requires agencies administering energy efficiency, renewable energy, and rate assistance programs targeted to low-income and disadvantaged communities to collect and report specified data to be included in a database that breaks down spending by zip code.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-1072 (Leyva) - Regional Climate Collaborative Program: technical assistance.

Creates the Regional Climate Collaborative Program to provide technical assistance with state funding programs and project implementation related to climate change mitigation and adaptation to collaboratives representing under-resourced communities, as defined.

Status: Chapter 377, Statutes of 2018

Forestry and Fire Protection

AB-211 (Bigelow) - State responsibility area fire prevention fees: reporting requirement.

As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, reinstated annual reporting requirements regarding the expenditure of SRA fire fees. Transfers reporting responsibility to CAL FIRE from the State Board of Equalization, and expands on previous reporting requirements. Later amended to address the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee

AB-288 (Obernolte) - State responsibility areas: fire prevention fees.

Extends the deadlines to either pay the SRA fire prevention fee or file a petition for redetermination of the SRA fire prevention fee from 30 days to 60 days. This bill also requires the State Board of Equalization to develop an amnesty program, which begins January 1, 2019, for SRA fire prevention fee liabilities due and payable beginning before March 1, 2018.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB-362 (Wood) - Forestry assistance program: loans.

Requires CAL FIRE to provide advances of the director's share of the costs to landowners for work agreed to as part of the California Forest Improvement Program to upgrade the management, protection, and enhancement of their forestlands. This bill authorizes CAL FIRE to make loans for California Forest Improvement Program work to cover all or part of a smaller nonindustrial landowner's cost share payment.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-425 (Caballero) - Timber harvesting plans: exemptions: temporary roads.

Expands the Forest Fire Prevention Pilot Project (an exemption from timber harvest permit requirements) to allow temporary roads on slopes of 40% or less to be constructed if specified conditions are met.

Status: Held on Senate Floor

AB-771 (Quirk) - Burning of forest lands: forest land owners.

Requires CAL FIRE and the ARB to develop a webpage that contains a uniformed prescribed burn plan template and centralizes state information pertinent to prescribed burning for the purpose of promoting prescribed fire as a fuel treatment technique.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB-1391 (Patterson) - Forest resources: forestry assistance program: vegetation management.

Authorizes revenues from the SRA fire prevention fee to be used to provide loans or grants to individuals at or below 500% of the federal poverty level for the purpose of complying with the requirement to maintain 100 feet of defensible space.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB-1530 (Gonzalez Fletcher) - Urban forestry.

Requires CAL FIRE to update the California Urban Forestry Act to reflect its current funding mix, establish local or regional targets for urban tree canopy, and provide more focus on the maintenance of urban forests. This bill authorizes the director of CAL FIRE to issue advance payments from a grant awarded to a nonprofit organization that is located in, or

providing service to, disadvantaged or low-income communities. Prohibits the advance from exceeding 25% of the total grant award.

Status: Chapter 720, Statutes of 2017

AB-1712 (Committee on Natural Resources) - Private burning of lands.

Clarifies that a person proposing to use prescribed fire to meet wildland management objectives on forest lands, woodland, grassland, shrubland, or any combination thereof, within an SRA may apply to CAL FIRE for permission to utilize prescribed fire.

Status: Chapter 93, Statutes of 2017

AB-1954 (Patterson) - Timber harvest plans: exemption: reducing flammable materials.

Extends, from January 1, 2019 to January 1, 2022, the exemption from the requirement to complete a timber harvest plan for timber operations associated with maintaining defensible space between 150 feet to 300 feet from a habitable structure.

Status: Chapter 207, Statutes of 2018

AB-1956 (Limón) - Fire prevention activities.

Requires CAL FIRE to establish a local assistance grant program for fire prevention activities in and nearby fire-threatened communities. This bill requires local agencies, resource conservation districts, fire safety councils, the California Conservation Corps, certified local conservation corps, University of California Cooperative Extension, Native American tribes, and qualified nonprofit organizations to be eligible for grants. This bill requires that the local assistance grant program establishes a robust year-round fire prevention effort that prioritizes projects that are multiyear efforts. This bill authorizes, until January 1, 2024, CAL FIRE to make advanced payments for local assistance grants of up to 25% of the total grant award.

Status: Chapter 632, Statutes of 2018

AB-2091 (Grayson) - Fire prevention: prescribed burns.

Requires the Forest Management Task Force in coordination with the Department of Insurance to develop recommendations for an insurance pool or other mechanism to assist prescribed burn managers and reduce the cost of conducting prescribed fire.

Status: Chapter 634, Statutes of 2018

AB-2126 (Eggman) - California Conservation Corps: forestry corps program.

Requires the California Conservation Corps to establish four forestry corps crews to train and educate corps members in forestry. Requires forestry corps members to develop and implement forest health projects.

Status: Chapter 635, Statutes of 2018

AB-2380 (Aguiar-Curry) - Fire protection: privately contracted private fire prevention resources.

Requires the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, in collaboration with CAL FIRE and the board of directors of the FIRESCOPE Program, to develop standards and regulations for any privately contracted private fire prevention resources operating during an active fire incident in the state. The bill requires the Governor's Office of Emergency Services to regulate equipment used by privately contracted private fire prevention resources including requiring all equipment to be clearly labeled nonemergency and the prohibition of using emergency lights or sirens.

Status: Chapter 636, Statutes of 2018

AB-2551 (Wood) - Forest and Wildland Health Improvement and Fire Prevention Program: joint prescribed burning operations.

Authorizes CAL FIRE to enter into the cooperative management of joint prescribed burning operations. This bill authorizes CAL FIRE to provide advances and loans to landowners for work agreed to as part of the California Forest Improvement Program to upgrade the management, protection, and enhancement of their forestlands. This bill also authorizes the NRA and CalEPA to jointly develop and submit to the Legislature a plan for forest and watershed restoration investments for the drainages that supply the Oroville, Shasta, and Trinity Reservoirs.

Status: Chapter 638, Statutes of 2018

AB-2842 (Bigelow) - Wood products.

Requires CAL FIRE to develop the California Wood Innovations Small Grants Program to provide grants and low-interest loans or loan guarantees, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to entities that expand the use of wood products and increase in-state wood product processing and manufacturing, as provided. Provides that up to \$20 million from the GGRF may be made available to add in-state mobile or stationary sawmill capacity.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB-2889 (Caballero) - Timber harvesting plans: guidance and assistance.

Requires CAL FIRE to provide guidance and assistance to ensure the uniform and efficient implementation of processes and procedures regulating the filing, review, approval, required modification, completion, and appeal of decisions relating to timber harvesting plans. This bill also requires CAL FIRE to provide guidance to assist the responsible agencies to avoid duplication in information requests for the responsible agencies' permits.

Status: Chapter 640, Statutes of 2018

AB-2896 (Kiley) - Fire prevention: state parks: fire hazard reduction.

Requires the Department of Parks and Recreation, upon request of a private property owner or local government agency or official and until January 1, 2023, to reduce surface

fuels or fire hazards on the Department of Parks and Recreation land located wholly or partially within an SRA, within 300 feet of a structure on the land of the requesting entity.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB-2911 (Friedman) - Fire safety.

Makes various changes to fire safety planning efforts, defensible space requirements, and electrical transmission or distribution lines' vegetation clearance requirements with the intent to improve the fire safety of California communities. This bill requires the State Fire Marshall to recommend updated building standards that provide comprehensive site and structure fire risk reduction. This bill also authorizes BOF to require a local agency to participate in a consultation if the local agency does not accept the BOF's recommendations regarding its safety element.

Status: Chapter 641, Statutes of 2018

AB-3257 (Committee on Natural Resources) - Natural resources.

Makes a number of changes to provisions governing the operation of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975; authorizes a civil servant with a Forester I classification to be certified as a Forest Officer and makes nonsubstantive technical changes; deletes references to obsolete sections of the Public Resources Code; and, requires CAL FIRE to additionally submit its report on fire prevention activities to the appropriate policy committees.

Status: Chapter 349, Statutes of 2018

SB-1079 (Monning) - Forest resources: fire prevention grants: advance payments.

Authorizes, until January 1, 2024, advanced payments for specified grants administered by CAL FIRE. This bill requires, on or before January 1, 2023, CAL FIRE to provide a report to the Legislature on the outcome of the use of advanced payments.

Status: Chapter 622, Statutes of 2018

SB-1260 (Jackson) - Fire prevention and protection: prescribed burns.

This bill is an omnibus fire prevention and forestry management bill with the intent of promoting long-term forest health and wildfire resiliency. The bill makes various changes related to local fire planning, prescribed fire requirements, and broader fire prevention efforts.

Status: Chapter 624, Statutes of 2018

Miscellaneous

AB-707 (Aguiar-Curry) - Clear Lake.

Establishes, in the NRA, the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake. This bill requires members of the Blue Ribbon Committee to meet quarterly for the purposes of discussion, reviewing research, planning, and providing oversight regarding the health of Clear Lake.

Status: Chapter 842, Statutes of 2017

AB-816 (Kiley) - California Environmental Protection Agency: Natural Resources Agency: Web casts of public meetings and workshops.

Requires the CalEPA and the NRA to webcast all on-site public meetings.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-864 (McCarty) - California Conservation Corps: applicant selection.

Authorizes the director of the California Conservation Corps to select an applicant for enrollment in the corps program who is on probation, postrelease community supervision, or mandatory supervision. This bill authorizes, in certain circumstances, a school district or county office of education that operates a community conservation corps to select an applicant for enrollment in the community conservation corps' program who is on probation, postrelease community supervision, or mandatory supervision.

Status: Chapter 659, Statutes of 2017

AB-975 (Friedman) - Natural resources: wild and scenic rivers.

Adds "historical, cultural, geological or other similar values" to the values that certain rivers possess and the state should preserve. This bill also expands the area protected in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System from immediately adjacent to the river segment to within a quarter mile of the river.

Status: Held on Assembly Floor

AB-1928 (McCarty) - California Conservation Corps: contracts.

Authorizes, until January 1, 2024, the California Conservation Corps to enter into a contract with an individual or collective of Local Conservation Corps groups for activities related to relevant projects or programs.

Status: Chapter 253, Statutes of 2018

AB-2211 (Limón) - California Green Business Program.

Establishes the California Green Business Program within CalEPA to provide assistance to green business certification programs.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-2434 (Bloom) - Strategic Growth Council: Health in All Policies Program.

Codifies an existing Health in All Policies (HiAP) Program within the Strategic Growth Council and in collaboration with the California Department of Public Health, for the purposes of incorporating health, equity, and sustainability considerations into decision-making across sectors and policy areas.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-2725 (Acosta) - California Conservation Corps: job training: construction and related fields.

Directs the California Conservation Corps to create a Housing Corps program.

Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee

AB-2975 (Friedman) - Wild and scenic rivers.

Requires the Secretary of the NRA to take any necessary action to add any California river in the National Wild and Scenic River System, that is removed, delisted, or whose protections are weakened by the federal government, to the State Wild and Scenic Rivers System, if it is not already part of that State Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

Status: Chapter 221, Statutes of 2018

AB-3133 (Berman) - State Public Works Board.

Requires the Secretary of the NRA to be a member of the State Public Works Board for matters related to the acquisition of properties or construction of projects for any department, office, or other unit under the jurisdiction of the NRA.

Status: Chapter 242, Statutes of 2018

AB-3257 (Committee on Natural Resources) - Natural resources.

Makes a number of changes to provisions governing the operation of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975; authorizes a civil servant with a Forester I classification to be certified as a Forest Officer and makes nonsubstantive technical changes; deletes references to obsolete sections of the Public Resources Code; and, requires CAL FIRE to additionally submit its report on fire prevention activities to the appropriate policy committees.

Status: Chapter 349, Statutes of 2018

ACR-137 (Eduardo Garcia) - Latinos: environmental protection and conservation.

Supports and encourages the inclusion and meaningful engagement of Latinos and all Californians in environmental protection and conservation efforts.

Status: Chapter 3, Statutes of 2018

AJR-9 (Mark Stone) - The March for Science.

Supports the April 22, 2017, March for Science and affirms the importance of basic and applied scientific research, the scientific education of all schoolchildren, and the foundational role of independent, rigorous scientific discovery and inquiry in the policymaking process at all levels. The resolution urges the President and Congress of the United States to work together to support, encourage, and heed the truths established by scientists and scientific research in policymaking to keep the United States of America the world's global leader in scientific research and business innovation.

Status: Chapter 162, Statutes of 2017

SB-49 (De León) - California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2017.

Enacts the California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2017, which prohibits a state or local agency from amending or revising its rules to be less stringent than the federal baseline standards pertaining to environmental protection.

Status: Held in Assembly Rules Committee

SB-51 (Jackson) - Professional licensees: environmental sciences and climate change: whistleblower and data protection.

Prohibits a licensing entity, other than the State Bar of California, from taking disciplinary action, including suspension, loss of credential, registration, or other professional privilege against a public employee for reporting improper governmental activity or disclosing the results of or information about scientific or technical research to the public by publishing the information in a scientific or public forum or sharing it with the media among other means of sharing information. Requires the Secretary for Environmental Protection to ensure that all scientific information and other data otherwise in the public domain is protected against censorship or destruction by the federal government.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

SB-720 (Allen) - Environmental education: California's Environmental Principles and Concepts.

Revises provisions relating to the education principles for the environment by, among other things, renaming them the environmental principles and concepts; revising the process for, and entities involved in, updating the environmental principles and concepts; and, requiring the Instructional Quality Commission to ensure that the environmental principles and concepts are integrated into content standards and curriculum frameworks whenever those standards and frameworks are revised.

Status: Chapter 374, Statutes of 2018

SB-809 (Committee on Natural Resources and Water) - Natural resources.

Committee omnibus bill that makes technical, non-controversial changes to the Fish and Game Code and the Public Resources Code related to the State Lands Commission, Fish and Game Commission, California State Parks, and Department of Conservation.

Status: Chapter 521, Statutes of 2017

SB-1493 (Committee on Natural Resources and Water) - Public resources.

Committee omnibus bill that makes technical, non-controversial changes to the Public Resources Code related to the Department of Conservation, Department of Parks and Recreation, the State Lands Commission, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Status: Chapter 742, Statutes of 2018

Oil and Gas

AB-1197 (Limón) - Oil spill contingency plans: spill management teams.

Requires an operator's oil spill contingency plans to identify at least one certified spill management team. This bill requires the Administrator of the Office of Spill Prevention and Response to certify spill management teams that meet specified requirements.

Status: Chapter 584, Statutes of 2017

AB-1328 (Limón) - Oil and gas: wells.

Authorizes a regional water quality control board or the SWRCB, while conducting an investigation of wastewater discharge produced from an oil or gas field, to require a person or entity to provide information for all chemicals in the discharged wastewater. This bill authorizes a regional water quality control board or the SWRCB to require a chemical supplier to provide information about a chemical if the person or entity subject to the disclosure is unable to obtain the information. This bill also establishes civil and criminal penalties for failing to disclose information or falsifying information required by this bill.

Status: Chapter 758, Statutes of 2017

AB-1775 (Muratsuchi) - State lands: leasing: oil and gas.

Prohibits the SLC or a local trustee from entering into any new lease authorizing new construction of oil-and-gas-related infrastructure upon tidelands and submerged lands within state waters associated with Pacific Outer Continental Shelf leases issued after January 1, 2018. This bill requires, upon receipt of an application for a lease renewal, extension, amendment, or modification that authorizes new construction of oil-and-gas-related infrastructure upon tidelands and submerged lands within state waters associated with Pacific Outer Continental Shelf leases issued after January 1, 2018, the SLC to notify the public, allow public comment, hold a public hearing on the matter and consider the impacts and necessity of the application.

Status: Chapter 310, Statutes of 2018

AB-3146 (Holden) - Oil and gas: well records and testing requirements.

Requires, until January 1, 2025, operators to test wells in close proximity to buildings intended for human occupancy to determine the presence of atmospheric emissions of hydrocarbon pollutants. This bill requires, until January 1, 2025, the state's Oil and Gas Supervisor to test to determine the presence of atmospheric emissions of hydrocarbon pollutants for any hazardous well or idle-deserted well ordered abandoned by the state's Oil and Gas Supervisor. This bill also requires all testing results performed pursuant to this bill to be posted on the DOGGR's website.

Status: Failed passage on Assembly Floor

AJR-29 (Limón) - Oil and gas: offshore drilling: operations: leases.

Declares the Legislature's opposition to expanded offshore drilling in federal waters off the California coast. Requests United States Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to remove California from the proposed Bureau of Ocean Management oil and gas leasing plan.

Status: Chapter 19, Statutes of 2018

SB-188 (Jackson) - State lands: leasing: oil and gas.

Prohibits the SLC or local trustees from entering into any lease or other conveyance that would result in increased oil or natural gas production from federal waters. This bill prohibits SLC or local trustees from entering into any lease renewal, extension, or modification that authorizes a lessee to engage in activities that would result in increased oil or natural gas production from federal waters.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-465 (Jackson) - Oil and gas conservation.

As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, clarified the role of the state's Oil and Gas Supervisor to regulate oil and gas production and encourage safe development of oil and gas resources. This bill eliminates the Conservation Committee of California Oil Producers and replaces it with the Standing Advisory Council on Oil and Gas Extraction. Later amended to deal with the property assessed clean energy program.

Status: Chapter 837, Statutes of 2018

SB-588 (Hertzberg) - Marine resources and preservation.

Substantially revises the California Marine Resources Legacy Act to allow for partial removal, instead of full removal, of oil and gas platforms offshore at a depth of 100 feet or more in state or federal waters. This bill specifies factors the OPC must consider when making the net benefit determination, including adverse impacts to air quality and GHG emissions that would result from full removal of the platform compared to partial removal.

Status: Held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee

SB-724 (Lara) - Oil and gas: wells and production facilities.

Authorizes the DOGGR to make expenditures up to \$3 million for four years to plug and abandon hazardous or deserted wells or hazardous or deserted production facilities. This bill authorizes the state's Oil and Gas Supervisor or district deputy to order the decommissioning of a production facility.

Status: Chapter 652, Statutes of 2017

SB-834 (Jackson) - State lands: leasing: oil and gas.

Prohibits the SLC or a local trustee from entering into any new lease authorizing new construction of oil-and-gas-related infrastructure upon tidelands and submerged lands within state waters associated with Pacific Outer Continental Shelf leases issued after January 1, 2018. This bill requires upon receipt of an application for a lease renewal, extension, amendment, or modification that authorizes new construction of oil-and-gas-related infrastructure upon tidelands and submerged lands within state waters associated with Pacific Outer Continental Shelf leases issued after January 1, 2018, the SLC to notify the public, allow public comment, hold a public hearing on the matter and consider the impacts and necessity of the application.

Status: Chapter 309, Statutes of 2018

SB-1147 (Hertzberg) - Offshore oil and gas wells.

Requires the DOGGR and the SLC to seek additional bonds, securities, or other financial assurance, to the extent allowed by existing law, to cover the cost of decommission of offshore wells.

Status: Chapter 607, Statutes of 2018

SB-1370 (Stern) - Well stimulation treatments.

As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, eliminated the exemption of well stimulation treatments used for routine maintenance of wells associated with underground storage facilities from the requirements of SB 4 (Pavley), Chapter 313, Statutes of 2013. Later amended to deal with Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility.

Status: Held in Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee

Recycling and Solid Waste

AB-319 (Mark Stone) - Recycling: single-use plastic beverage container caps.

Beginning January 1, 2020, requires that beverage containers offered for sale have a cap that is attached to the container.

Status: Failed Passage on Assembly Floor

AB-509 (Frazier) - Tire recycling: California tire regulatory fee and waste tire program.

Establishes the Tire Recycling Incentive Program Act to provide incentives for tire recycling activities in California funded through a new tire regulatory fee established by the bill.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-906 (Bloom) - Beverage containers: polyethylene terephthalate.

Defines polyethylene terephthalate (PET) for purposes of California's 1-7 plastic resin code labeling requirements.

Status: Chapter 823, Statutes of 2017

AB-954 (Chiu) - Food labeling: guidelines: quality and safety dates.

Requires CDFA, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, to publish information that encourages food manufacturers, processors, and retailers responsible for the labeling of food products to voluntarily use specified "best by" and "use by" labels that communicate quality and safety dates, respectively.

Status: Chapter 787, Statutes of 2017

AB-1036 (McCarty) - Organic waste: composting.

As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, clarified and updated the requirements that ensure state agencies coordinate their efforts to achieve the state's recycling and GHG reduction goals. Later amended to require air districts, for purposes of permits and long-term emissions reductions relating to a composting facility, to include calculations of the reductions in criteria air pollutants and GHG emissions resulting from not sending those organic materials to landfill or directly applying them to land, and specify that composting facilities are considered an "essential public service."

Status: Held in Senate Environmental Quality Committee

AB-1147 (Salas) - Solid waste: disposal.

As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, clarified and updated the requirements that ensure state agencies coordinate their efforts to achieve the state's recycling and greenhouse gas reduction goals. Later amended to require air districts to include reductions in emissions of criteria air pollutants and GHGs resulting from not sending those organic materials to landfill or applying them to land for purposes of permits and long-term emissions reductions relating to compost facilities, and specify that composting facilities owned and operated by a public agency are included in the category of "essential public service."

Status: Held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee

AB-1158 (Chu) - Carpet recycling.

Creates an advisory committee to make recommendations on carpet stewardship plans. Establishes a minimum carpet recycling rate of 24% by 2020 and requires CalRecycle to establish a minimum percentage beginning January 1, 2023.

Status: Chapter 794, Statutes of 2017

AB-1180 (Holden) - California tire fee: Stormwater Permit Compliance Fund.

As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, increased the California tire fee from \$1.75 to \$3.25 and directed the additional revenue to the Stormwater Permit Compliance Fund, which is continuously appropriated to provide grants for municipal stormwater projects that mitigate zinc pollution. Later amended to authorize the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to levy a special tax to manage stormwater.

Status: Chapter 617, Statutes of 2017

AB-1288 (Eggman) - Solid waste: charges.

Requires CalRecycle to hold a public workshop to discuss funding strategies for new and expanded organic waste reduction infrastructure.

Status: Held in Senate Environmental Quality Committee

AB-1294 (Berman) - Solid waste: plastic products.

Removes the January 1, 2018 sunset date on the law that requires plastic food container manufacturers to maintain specified records if they make marketing claims relating to the recycled content of their product.

Status: Chapter 664, Statutes of 2017

AB-1572 (Aguilar-Curry) - Integrated waste management plans: source reduction and recycling element: review schedule.

Extends, from January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2022, the sunset on a provision of law that authorizes CalRecycle to review local jurisdictions' implementation of specified solid waste plans every four years, instead of every two years, for those jurisdictions that are meeting the state's solid waste diversion requirements.

Status: Chapter 155, Statutes of 2017

AB-1594 (Bloom) - Ocean protection: plastic pollution.

As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, required the OPC to report to the Legislature on the status of items identified in its 2007 Resolution on Reducing and Preventing Marine Debris and compile data identifying the primary sources and types of ocean plastic pollution. Later amended to make changes to the use of public-private partnership statutes and repeal the 2/3rds vote requirement for Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to use alternative procurement methods.

Status: Held on Senate Floor

AB-1884 (Calderon) - Food facilities: single-use plastic straws.

Requires "full-service restaurants" to provide straws only upon request.

Status: Chapter 576, Statutes of 2018

AB-1933 (Maienschein) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: appropriations: recycling infrastructure projects.

Revises CalRecycle's organic waste and recycling grant program funded by the GGRF to include the recovery of food for human consumption and food waste prevention.

Status: Chapter 808, Statutes of 2018

AB-1975 (Chu) - Nuisance: odors.

Establishes the South Bay Interagency Odor Taskforce to identify sources of odor emissions in the South Bay and directs the Taskforce to take specified actions to address odors.

Status: Held on Assembly Floor

AB-1981 (Limón) - Organic waste: composting.

Adds CAL FIRE to the departments that the CalEPA consult with when developing and implementing policies relating to meeting the state's organic waste recycling goals and to encouraging the use of compost.

Status: Chapter 633, Statutes of 2018

AB-2097 (Acosta) - Carpet recycling: annual reports.

Extends the date by which carpet manufacturers must submit their annual report to CalRecycle from July 1 to September 1 of each year.

Status: Chapter 340, Statutes of 2018

AB-2379 (Bloom) - Waste management: polyester microfiber.

Beginning January 1, 2020, requires polyester clothing sold in California to include a label stating that the garment sheds plastic microfibers.

Status: Held on Assembly Floor

AB-2411 (McCarty) - Solid waste: use of compost: planning.

Requires CalRecycle, by December 31, 2019, to develop and implement a plan to maximize the use of compost for slope stabilization and establishing vegetation in the course of providing debris removal services following a wildfire. Additionally, this bill requires CalRecycle, in consultation with Caltrans, to identify and develop a plan to implement best practices for Caltrans' 12 districts regarding the cost-effective use of compost along roadways by December 31, 2019.

Status: Chapter 238, Statutes of 2018

AB-2493 (Bloom) - Beverage container recycling: convenience zones and payments.

Allows payments made under the Bottle Bill to be made electronically and provides that a recycling center that uses reverse vending machines or unmanned automated equipment that accepts all types of empty beverage containers is not required to have an employee present during operating hours.

Status: Chapter 715, Statutes of 2018

AB-2766 (Berman) - California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act: market development payments.

Re-establishes the Plastic Market Development Payment program at CalRecycle until January 1, 2024, and provides retroactive payments to eligible entities from January 1, 2018.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-2779 (Mark Stone) - Recycling: single-use plastic beverage container caps.

On and after January 1, 2022, prohibits the sale of single-use plastic beverage containers containing water unless the cap is tethered to the container in a manner that prevents the separation of the cap from the container when the cap is removed; or, the cap includes an opening from which the beverage can be consumed without removing the cap.

Status: Held on Assembly Floor

AB-2908 (Berman) - Tire recycling: California tire regulatory fee and waste tire program.

Establishes the Tire Recycling Incentive Program Act to provide incentives for tire recycling activities in California. Establishes a new tire regulatory fee, set by CalRecycle, to cover its regulatory costs associated with waste and used tire management.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-2921 (Low) - Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Packaging Recovery and Recycling Act.

Grants polystyrene food packaging manufacturers immunity from various anti-trust and unfair competition laws to allow them to pool resources for recycling and litter reduction grants, as specified.

Status: Held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee

AB-2928 (Chen) - Hazardous waste: used oil.

Authorizes generators of highly controlled used oil to test their used oil once per year for the purposes of determining if the used oil is a hazardous waste, and allows generators to not have to manage their used oil as hazardous waste under certain conditions.

Status: Chapter 440, Statutes of 2018

AB-3036 (Cooley) - Solid waste: definition.

Prohibits a local government's franchise agreement to manage solid waste from including the handling of byproducts from the processing of food or beverages, as specified.

Status: Chapter 832, Statutes of 2018

AB-3178 (Rubio) - Integrated waste management plans: source reduction and recycling element: diversion requirements.

Requires CalRecycle, when evaluating a jurisdiction's good faith effort to implement its source reduction and recycling element (SRRE), to consider the jurisdiction's efforts to reduce contamination and improve the quality of recycled materials and whether the lack of an available market has prevented the jurisdiction from fully implementing its SRRE. This bill also requires CalRecycle, until January 1, 2022, to consider whether certain foreign import policies caused an absence or loss of market for recyclable materials that necessitated the disposal of those materials as a temporary measure to avoid a public health threat.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

SB-71 (Wiener) - Solid waste: disposal.

Provides for the ability to recover attorney fees and other costs to the prevailing party in litigation to enforce a franchise, contract, license, permit, or other authorization to collect waste within the jurisdiction given by a local agency to a hauler of solid waste, and requires the reporting of litigation to enforce agreements to CalRecycle.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-168 (Wieckowski) - Recycling: beverage containers.

Requires CalRecycle to adopt minimum recycled content standards for specified beverage containers.

Status: Failed passage on Assembly Floor

SB-452 (Glazer) - The California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act.

Amends California's Bottle Bill program to provide temporary financial assistance to recycling centers while providing exemptions to dealers from various consumer redemption opportunities.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

SB-458 (Wiener) - Beverage container recycling: pilot projects.

Authorizes CalRecycle to approve, on or before January 1, 2020, up to five recycling pilot projects designed to improve beverage container redemption opportunities in unserved convenience zones if specified conditions are met.

Status: Chapter 648, Statutes of 2017

SB-1335 (Allen) - Solid waste: food service packaging: state agencies, facilities, and property.

Prohibits a state food service facility from dispensing prepared food using a type of food service packaging unless the packaging is on a specified list maintained by CalRecycle and has been determined to be reusable, recyclable, or compostable.

Status: Chapter 610, Statutes of 2018

State Lands and Tidelands

AB-1423 (Chiu) - Tidelands and submerged lands: City and County of San Francisco: seawall lots: affordable housing.

Revises a City and County of San Francisco granted lands statute's definition of "affordable housing," as specified, for seawall lot 322-1. This bill provides that affordable housing includes certain incidental or ancillary uses.

Status: Chapter 526, Statutes of 2018

AB-1472 (Limón) - Public lands: assignments and transfers: oil, gas, and mineral leases.

Authorizes the SLC, when considering the approval of an assignment, transfer, or sublet of an oil and gas lease, to consider whether a proposed assignee is likely to comply with the provisions of the assigned, transferred, or sublet lease for the duration of the lease term. This bill specifically authorizes the SLC to consider any financial or economic considerations that may affect a proposed assignee and its ability to comply with the terms of a lease when considering an assignment, transfer, or sublet of an oil and gas lease.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-1759 (McCarty) - Public trust lands: City of Sacramento.

Grants in trust to the City of Sacramento title to parcels of land (the Sand Cove parcels) associated with the agreement subject to specified terms and conditions including the public trust. This bill also repeals two previous legislative grants of tide and submerged lands known as Miller Park made to the City of Sacramento.

Status: Chapter 250, Statutes of 2018

AB-2404 (O'Donnell) - Oil Trust Fund.

Eliminates the cap of \$300 million on the Oil Trust Fund, which provides funding for the removal of oil and gas facilities, remediation, and plugging and abandonment of wells in the City of Long Beach. The bill also specifies the amount of money to be deposited into the Oil Trust Fund each month beginning on January 31, 2019.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-2441 (Frazier) - Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Abandoned Vessel

Removal Account: removal of abandoned vessels.

Requires the SLC, by July 1, 2019, to develop a plan for the removal of abandoned commercial vessels. The bill requires the plan to prioritize the removal of vessels based on the risk an abandoned commercial vessel presents to the environment of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and to the health and safety of the public.

Status: Chapter 540, Statutes of 2018

AB-2549 (Mark Stone) - Tidelands and submerged lands: exchange agreements.

Authorizes the SLC to convey lands to a local trustee that are part of a land exchange. This bill requires SLC to make available on its website any exchange agreement with a local trustee including descriptions of any land or interest in land granted to the local trustee through the exchange.

Status: Held in Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

AB-2646 (Gonzalez Fletcher) - The San Diego Unified Port District: grant: trust lands.

Grants specified properties in the City of Chula Vista's Bayfront to the San Diego Unified Port District as part of a land exchange to be managed consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine.

Status: Chapter 192, Statutes of 2018

AB-3160 (Grayson) - Federal public lands: conveyances: defense base closure and realignment.

As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, required the SLC to waive specified rights and issue a certification of compliance for the conveyance of property that is authorized for disposal or realignment by the federal government during the base realignment and closure process. Later amended to deal with fire safety.

Status: Held in Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

AJR-29 (Limón) - Oil and gas: offshore drilling: operations: leases.

Declares the Legislature's opposition to expanded offshore drilling in federal waters off the California coast. Requests United States Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to remove California from the proposed Bureau of Ocean Management oil and gas leasing plan.

Status: Chapter 19, Statutes of 2018

SB-50 (Allen) - Federal public lands: conveyances.

Prohibits a person from knowingly presenting for recording or filing with a county recorder a deed, instrument, or other document related to a conveyance of federal land unless SLC is given right of first refusal for the conveyance or the right to arrange for the transfer of the federal public land. Exempts specified conveyances from the prohibition. Declares it is the policy of the State of California to discourage conveyances that transfer ownership of federal public lands in California from the federal government.

Status: Chapter 535, Statutes of 2017