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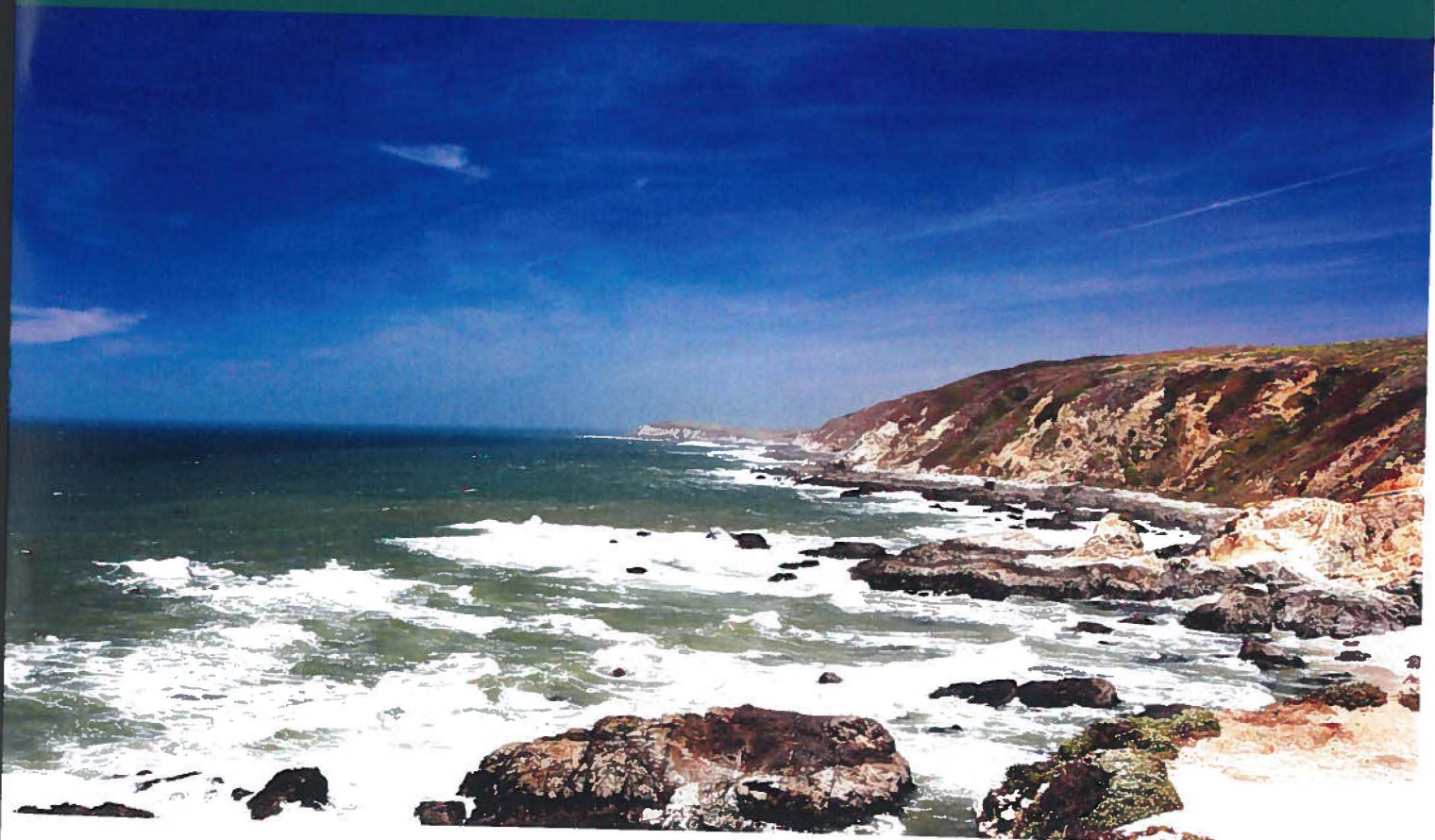


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AIR QUALITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

AB 8 (Pérez) – Alternative fuel and vehicle technologies: funding programs. Extends for eight to nine years (from 2015-2016 until 2024) various temporary, vehicle-related, state and local fees and surcharges to fund vehicle-related air quality, greenhouse gas and related programs administered by the California Energy Commission (CEC), the Air Resources Board (ARB), local air districts and the Bureau of Automotive Repair. Extends all registration and license fees at current levels, as well as the existing retail fee on each new tire to address tire-related environmental impacts. Preempts ARB's authority to require publicly available hydrogen-fueling stations through regulation and instead requires CEC to fund the development of up to 100 such hydrogen stations from vehicle registration fee revenues in the amount of up to \$220 million over the next 11-plus years.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 401, Statutes of 2013)

AB 26 (Bonilla) – ~~California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Construction: prevailing wage.~~ As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, revised procedures for investment of revenues derived from the auction of greenhouse gas allowances pursuant to the cap-and-trade program adopted by the Air Resources Board to add criteria related to job training and apply labor standards to specified construction and maintenance work. Later amended to instead revise the definition of "construction" for purposes of public works projects to also include work performed during the post-construction phases of construction, including, but not limited to, all cleanup work at the jobsite.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 864, Statutes of 2014)

AB 147 (V. Manuel Pérez) – Environment: Salton Sea: dust mitigation. Requires the Air Resources Board to evaluate and make recommendations regarding Salton Sea dust mitigation planning completed by the Quantification Settlement Agreement Joint Powers Authority.

(Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee)

AB 153 (Bonilla) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: offsets. Requires the Air Resources Board to adopt a process for the review and consideration of new offset protocols and contains related findings.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 245 (Grove) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: public meetings. Subjects the Western Climate Initiative, Incorporated and its appointees to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act when performing their duties.

(Status: Held in Assembly Governmental Organization Committee)

AB 278 (Gatto) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Low Carbon Fuel Standard. Requires the Air Resources Board to consider specified sustainability factors when promulgating regulations or other policies on the carbon intensity of fuels, such as the Low Carbon Fuel Standard regulation.
(Status: Vetoed by Governor, September 25, 2014)

AB 416 (Gordon) – State Air Resources Board: Local Emission Reduction Program. Requires the Air Resources Board to establish the Local Emission Reduction Program to provide grants and other financial assistance to eligible local government recipients for the purposes of developing and implementing greenhouse gas emission reduction projects.
(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 527 (Gaines) – Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Western Climate Initiative, Incorporated. Repeals the exemption from the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act enacted in 2012 for the Western Climate Initiative (WCI, Inc.) and provides that a contract between the state and WCI, Inc. shall be subject to audit by the State Auditor.
(Status: Vetoed by Governor, September 28, 2013)

AB 574 (Lowenthal) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: sustainable communities strategies. Creates the Sustainable Communities Infrastructure Program to fund sustainable communities strategies and equivalent greenhouse gas emission reducing strategies using cap-and-trade auction revenues.
(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 671 (Logue) – State Air Resources Board: regulations: data sets. Requires the Air Resources Board (ARB) to make available to the public "data sets" upon which ARB relies in its research and adoption of a regulation.
(Status: Held in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 1023 (Eggman) – Air resources: greenhouse gas emissions. Establishes the Greenhouse Gas Reduction through Recycling, Composting, and Recycled Content Manufacturing Program to provide incentives or grants for waste reduction, recycling, composting, and recycled content manufacturing projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1375 (Chau) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: Clean Technology Investment Account. Requires the Air Resources Board to expend auction revenue funds appropriated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund in the form of grants to

specified nonprofit corporations to accelerate development, demonstration and deployment of transformative technologies that will, or have the potential to, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and foster job creation.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1447 (Waldron) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: traffic synchronization. Clarifies that eligible investments of moneys appropriated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund may include traffic signal synchronization as a component of an eligible sustainable infrastructure project if specified conditions are met.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 594, Statutes of 2014)

AB 1639 (Grove) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: greenhouse gas emissions limit. Prohibits appropriation of moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for purposes of the high-speed rail system.

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 1970 (Gordon) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Community Investment and Innovation Program. Requires the Strategic Growth Council to establish the Community Investment and Innovation Program to provide grants and other financial assistance to eligible local government recipients for the purposes of developing and implementing greenhouse gas emission reduction projects.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1992 (Quirk) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: very low carbon transportation fuels. Authorizes the Air Resources Board to require fuel suppliers subject to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard to include specified minimum percentages of very low carbon fuel, as defined.

(Status: Failed passage in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee)

AB 2050 (Quirk) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: scoping plan. Requires the Air Resources Board to include specified items, including proposed greenhouse gas reduction goals for 2050, in the next AB 32 Scoping Plan Update and report to the Legislature. Revises the composition and purpose of the AB 32 Economic and Technology Advancement Advisory Committee.

(Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 2083 (Gaines) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: offsets. Requires the Air Resources Board to permit the use of compliance offsets regardless of the geographic location of the offset.

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 2202 (Logue) – Greenhouse gas reductions. Exempts "small independent fuel marketers" (companies with less than \$10 billion gross annual revenues from motor vehicle fuel sales in California) from the Air Resources Board's mandatory reporting and cap-and-trade regulations.

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 2242 (Perea) – Air Quality Improvement Program. Requires the Air Resources Board's Air Quality Improvement Program, which funds air quality improvement projects relating to fuel and vehicle technologies, to be focused where the greatest air quality impacts can be identified.

(Status: Held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 2281 (Hagman) – State government: State Air Resources Board: Public Utilities Commission: legislative oversight participants. Requires the President pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly to jointly appoint two Members of the Legislature as non-voting members of the Air Resources Board and the Public Utilities Commission.

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 2348 (Stone) – Natural Resources Climate Improvement Program. Creates the Natural Resources Climate Improvement Program, to be administered by the Natural Resources Agency in coordination with the Air Resources Board, to assist in the development and implementation of natural resource projects that maximize greenhouse gas emissions reductions or sequestration.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2390 (Muratsuchi) – Low Carbon Fuel Standard: Green Credit Reserve. Establishes a Green Credit Reserve to purchase credits generated pursuant to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard regulation and the federal Renewable Fuel Standard from developers of renewable fuel production facilities in California for the purpose of supporting the financing and construction of these facilities.

(Status: Failed passage on the Assembly Floor)

AB 2516 (Gordon) – Sea level rise planning: database. Creates the Planning for Sea Level Rise Database (PSLRD) to be managed by the Natural Resources Agency (NRA). Requires various public and private entities to provide NRA with existing sea level rise planning information that is to be posted and updated biannually on the PSLRD.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 522, Statutes of 2014)

AB 2593 (Bradford) – Greenhouse gases: diversity reporting. Requires large businesses participating in programs administered by the Air Resources Board (ARB) and funded by Cap-and-Trade proceeds to report annually to the ARB on efforts to increase procurement from women, minority, and disabled veteran enterprises.
(Status: Vetoed by Governor, September 26, 2014)

AB 2704 (Allen) – State Air Resources Board: regulations. Requires the Air Resources Board (ARB) to assess periodically the progress achieved in the development and affordability of new technology that would allow a person to comply with specified regulations that anticipate the development of new technologies or the improvement of existing technologies.
(Status: Held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

ACR 160 (Gordon) – Sea level rise. Encourages the Ocean Protection Council to work with state agencies and non-state partners to consider establishing coastal climate adaptation goals and planning principles to help prepare the state's shoreline and coastal communities for the impacts of climate change, including sea level rise, coastal erosion, and extreme storm-related events.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Resolution Chapter 146, Statutes of 2014)

SB 11 (Pavley) – Alternative fuel and vehicle technologies: funding programs. Extends for eight to nine years (from 2015-2016 until 2024) various temporary, vehicle-related, state and local fees and surcharges to fund vehicle-related air quality, greenhouse gas and related programs administered by the California Energy Commission (CEC), the Air Resources Board (ARB), local air districts and the Bureau of Automotive Repair. Extends all registration and license fees at current levels, as well as the existing retail fee on each new tire to address tire-related environmental impacts. Preempts ARB's authority to require publicly available hydrogen-fueling stations through regulation and instead requires CEC to fund the development of up to 100 such hydrogen stations from vehicle registration fee revenues in the amount of up to \$220 million over the next 11-plus years.
(Status: Held in Assembly Transportation Committee)

SB 64 (Corbett) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: Clean Technology Innovation Account. Requires the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to expend greenhouse gas (GHG) allowance auction revenues appropriated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for various expenses associated with the development of technologies that have the potential to reduce GHG emissions.
(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 605 (Lara) – Short-lived climate pollutants. Requires the Air Resources Board to complete a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 523, Statutes of 2014)

SB 691 (Hancock) – Nonvehicular air pollution control: penalties. Authorizes a civil penalty of up to \$100,000 (currently \$10,000) against a person who emits a discharge from a Title V source if the discharge results in a severe disruption to the community, the discharge contains one or more toxic air contaminants, and 100 or more people are exposed. The higher penalty would not apply to air contaminant releases that are nuisance odors.

(Status: Held on the Assembly Inactive File)

SB 1121 (De León) – California Climate Technology and Infrastructure Financing Act. Establishes the California Climate Technology and Infrastructure Financing Act to create a financing program for eligible greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects.

(Status: Held on the Assembly Inactive File)

SB 1217 (Leno) – Climate change: preparedness. Places requirements upon various state agencies to assess the risks and impacts of climate change and incorporate findings into state policy and infrastructure investment planning and decision making.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 1275 (De León) – Vehicle retirement and replacement: Charge Ahead California Initiative. Establishes the Charge Ahead California Initiative which, through a variety of incentive programs, is intended to increase the availability of zero-emission and near-zero-emission vehicles, particularly to disadvantaged and low- and moderate-income communities.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 530, Statutes of 2014)

SB 1415 (Hill) – Bay Area Air Quality Management District: advisory council.

Reduces the number of members of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District advisory council from 20 to seven and revises qualifications to focus on air pollution, climate change, and health impacts of air pollution.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 696, Statutes of 2014)

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

AB 37 (Perea) – California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings. Unemployment insurance: reporting requirements: status of funds. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, authorized a lead agency to prepare concurrently with the administrative process the record of proceedings that would be used in a judicial challenge to an agency's action or decision under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Later amended to instead address unemployment insurance reporting requirements.
(Status: Held on the Senate Floor)

AB 52 (Gatto) – Native Americans: California Environmental Quality Act. Provides a process for a California Native American tribe to engage in the California Environmental Quality Act review process to avoid significant effects on tribal cultural resources.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 532, Statutes of 2014)

AB 417 (Frazier) – California Environmental Quality Act: bicycle transportation plan. Establishes a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption for the approval of a bicycle transportation plan, as defined, until 2018.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 613, Statutes of 2013)

AB 515 (Dickinson) – California Environmental Quality Act: writ of mandate. Clarifies the procedures that apply when a court orders a public agency to take corrective action to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by way of a peremptory writ of mandate.
(Status: Held in Senate Environmental Quality Committee)

AB 543 (Campos) – California Environmental Quality Act: translation. Requires the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines to be amended to establish criteria for a lead agency regarding translating and posting specified CEQA notices in non-English languages.
(Status: Vetoed by Governor, September 25, 2013)

AB 823 (Eggman) – Environment: California Farmland Protection Act. As part of the California Environmental Quality Act review process for a project that involves the conversion of agricultural lands, requires the lead agency to 1) require that all feasible mitigation of the identified significant environmental impacts associated with the conversion be completed by the project applicant and 2) consider the permanent protection or replacement of agricultural land as feasible mitigation for these impacts.
(Status: Held in Assembly Agriculture Committee)

AB 953 (Ammiano) – California Environmental Quality Act. Requires a lead agency preparing an environmental impact report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to analyze significant environmental effects resulting from locating a proposed project near, or attracting people to, areas with substantial existing or reasonably foreseeable natural hazards or adverse environmental conditions.

(Status: Held on the Assembly Inactive File)

AB 1104 (Salas) – California Environmental Quality Act: biogas pipelines: exemption. Expands an existing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption applicable to liquid pipelines to include pipelines used to transport dairy biogas in four counties. Specifically, this bill expands the eight mile exemption for petroleum pipelines to include a pipeline located in Fresno, Kern, Kings, or Tulare County that is used to transport biogas that is derived from anaerobic digestion of dairy animal waste and meets compressed natural gas specifications adopted by the Air Resources Board. The section added by the bill would sunset January 1, 2018.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 534, Statutes of 2014)

AB 1302 (Hagman) – Environmental quality: the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act. Establishes the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act, which would (1) allow an environmental document prepared under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to use standards provided by existing state or federal environmental protection laws as the exclusive means of evaluating and mitigating environmental impacts; and (2) limit the causes of action upon which parties may file suit to enforce CEQA.

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 2353 (Waldron) – Environmental quality: water storage facilities. Creates a California Environmental Quality Act exemption for a project that expands the storage capacity of an existing publicly owned and operated surface water storage facility by up to 25 percent, or to replace an existing publicly owned and operated surface water storage facility, if certain specified conditions are met.

(Status: Held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 2417 (Nazarian) – California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: recycled water pipelines. Establishes an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for installation of new, and maintenance of existing, recycled water pipelines less than eight miles in length.

(Status: Held in Senate Environmental Quality Committee)

SB 633 (Pavley) – California Environmental Quality Act. State parks. As passed by the Natural Resources Committee, authorized, on or before July 1, 2015, the Office of Planning and Research to draft revisions to the CEQA Guidelines to include a class of projects involving minor temporary uses of land and public gatherings that

have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and that shall be exempt from CEQA. Later amended to address state parks.

(Status: Vetoed by Governor, September 26, 2014)

SB 674 (Corbett) – California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: residential infill projects. Increases the maximum retail use from 15 to 25 percent in the definition of "residential" for purposes of an existing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption for infill housing projects meeting specified criteria.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 549, Statutes of 2014)

SB 731 (Steinberg) – California Environmental Quality Act. Enacts the "CEQA Modernization Act of 2013," making various clarifications and revisions to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), including updating the standard for analyzing transportation impacts of projects near existing or planned transit stops.

(Status: Held in Assembly Local Government Committee)

SB 743 (Steinberg) – Environmental quality: transit oriented infill projects, judicial review streamlining for environmental leadership development projects, and entertainment and sports center in the City of Sacramento. Establishes special administrative and judicial review procedures under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the City of Sacramento's proposed entertainment and sports center project (i.e., Sacramento Kings arena) intended to decrease potential impediments to construction of the project. Revises a previous CEQA streamlining bill (AB 900 (Buchanan), Chapter 354, Statutes of 2011) to correct legal defects and extend its operation. Requires the Office of Planning and Research to propose revisions to the CEQA Guidelines to establish new criteria for determining the significance of transportation impacts of projects. Establishes a new CEQA exemption for residential, mixed-use, and "employment center" projects, as defined, located within "transit priority areas," as defined, if the project is consistent with an adopted specific plan and specified elements of a sustainable communities strategy or alternative planning strategy adopted pursuant to SB 375 (Steinberg), Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 386, Statutes of 2013)

SB 788 (Transportation and Housing Committee) – Transportation. Defines the term "highway" for purposes of an existing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption, and makes various other non-substantive changes to transportation-related statutes.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 523, Statutes of 2013)

SB 811 (Lara) – State Highway Route 710. Imposes specific requirements on the environmental review and approval of the Interstate 710 corridor project.

(Status: Vetoed by Governor, October 11, 2013)

COASTAL

AB 203 (Stone) – California Coastal Commission: restoration and cease and desist orders: report. Authorizes the Coastal Commission, no later than January 1 of each year, to submit to each house of the Legislature an annual report describing the restoration orders and cease and desist orders issued by the Commission during the previous calendar year.

(Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee)

AB 288 (Levine) – California Coastal Commission: meeting notices. Requires the Coastal Commission to make the notice of any public meeting or hearing available in both English and Spanish.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 866, Statutes of 2014)

AB 474 (Stone) – Ex parte communication: California Coastal Commission. Revises the ex parte communication disclosure requirements for the California Coastal Commission to require that the disclosure include the identity of the person on whose behalf the communication was made; the identity of all persons present during the communication; and, a complete, comprehensive description of the content of the ex parte communication, including a complete set of all text and graphic materials that were part of the communication.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 125, Statutes of 2014)

AB 976 (Atkins) – Coastal resources: California Coastal Act of 1076: enforcement: penalties. Authorizes the Coastal Commission, by majority vote and at a duly noticed public hearing, to impose an administrative civil penalty on a person who intentionally and knowingly violates the California Coastal Act.

(Status: Held in Conference Committee)

AB 1102 (Allen) – Beach fire rings: coastal development permit. Specifies that the removal or restriction of the use of a beach fire ring is subject to the California Coastal Act and that an application for a coastal development permit regarding the removal or use restriction of a beach fire ring must include an analysis of alternatives and mitigation measures that would avoid or minimize the need to remove or restrict the use of those rings.

(Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

ACR 52 (Allen) – State beaches: fire rings. Supports the protection of California's beaches, access to those beaches, and important traditions that are integral to our culture and beach lifestyle, such as fire rings.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Resolution Chapter 52, Statutes of 2013)

SB 436 (Jackson) – Port Hueneme Beach shoreline protection.

Appropriates \$1 million from the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Prop 12) for emergency measures permitted by the California Coastal Commission (Commission) to prevent severe infrastructure damage to streets and property located along the Hueneme Beach caused by beach erosion and flooding. Requires that should the Commission require work at Hueneme Beach that is not eligible for Prop 12 funding, the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund (HWRF) provide funding.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 416, Statutes of 2013)

SB 968 (Hill) – Public lands: Martin's Beach property: access road.

Requires the State Lands Commission (SLC) to enter into negotiations to acquire a public access right-of-way or easement to the beach located at the Martins Beach property south of Half Moon Bay. If negotiations fail, or if the owner fails to voluntarily provide public access, authorizes SLC to acquire by eminent domain a right-of-way or an easement to and along the beach.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 922, Statutes of 2014)

SB 1096 (Jackson) – Coastal sanctuary: State Lands Commission: oil and gas leases.

Eliminates the exception in the California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 1994 that allows the State Lands Commission to issue an offshore oil lease if state oil or gas deposits are being drained by wells on federal lands and the lease is in the best interests of the state.

(Status: Failed passage on the Assembly Floor)

CONSERVANCIES

AB 618 (Perea) – San Joaquin River Conservancy: adoption of regulations: violations: penalties. Makes a person who violates any posted regulation adopted by the San Joaquin River Conservancy guilty of an infraction punishable by a maximum fine of \$250.
(Status: Held in Assembly Inactive File)

AB 1506 (Perea) – San Joaquin River Conservancy: adoption of regulations: violations: penalties. Creates an infraction punishable by a maximum fine of \$250 for violating any posted regulation adopted by the San Joaquin River Conservancy.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 114, Statutes of 2014)

AB 1767 (Holden) – Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy: property destruction: fines. Increases the \$1,000 maximum fine for crimes against property owned or managed by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to \$1,500.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 536, Statutes of 2014)

SB 238 (Liu) – Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy members: voting. Authorizes the Supervisor of the Angeles National Forest (normally an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy) to vote on matters relating to projects located within, adjacent to, or substantially affecting, the Angeles National Forest.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 211, Statutes of 2012)

SB 1390 (Correa) – Santa Ana River Conservancy Program. Establishes the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program within the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) to address the resource and recreational goals of the Santa Ana River corridor. Requires SCC to prepare a Santa Ana River Parkway and Open Space Plan.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 562, Statutes of 2014)

SCR 90 (Hueso) – Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team. Declares the Legislature's commitment to work with the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team to protect and preserve the Tijuana River Valley's diverse and unique ecological, recreational, and cultural resources.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Resolution Chapter 80, Statutes of 2014)

ENERGY

AB 29 (Williams) – Proposition 39: implementation. Appropriates \$152 million per year to public higher education projects from funds allocated by the Clean Energy Jobs Act (Proposition 39) to clean energy projects.
(Status: Held in Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee)

AB 39 (Skinner) – ~~Proposition 39: implementation.~~ Medi-Cal: designated public hospitals. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, established a program to be administered by the California Energy Commission for the distribution of funds allocated by the Clean Energy Jobs Act (Proposition 39) to clean energy projects undertaken by public schools. Later amended to designate Doctors San Pablo as a Designated Public Hospital (DPH), thereby allowing the hospital to access federal Medicaid funds.
(Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee)

AB 114 (Salas) – Proposition 39: implementation: workforce development. Requires the Clean Energy Jobs and Workforce Development Program grant recipients to report to the California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB) the number of individuals trained, their demographic and geographic profile, number of training completions, and number of job placements. This bill, after one year, requires the CWIB to review and assess whether the competitive grant program is achieving the job training and workforce development goals, identify problems and barriers to achieve goals, and provide solutions to improve the program performance.
(Status: Held in Senate Inactive File)

AB 177 (V. Manuel Pérez) – Renewable resources: Salton Sea. Requires the California Energy Commission to solicit and consider recommendations regarding development of renewable energy sources in the Salton Sea area, and makes related findings.
(Status: Held on Assembly Inactive File)

AB 239 (Hagman) – Energy: school facilities: energy efficiency upgrade projects. Transfers 50 percent of funds allocated by the Clean Energy Jobs Act (Proposition 39) for clean energy projects to the Clean Energy School Fund to be expended by the Office of Public School Construction to fund zero-interest revolving loans and grants for energy efficiency retrofit or clean energy installation projects at public schools.
(Status: Held in Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee)

AB 248 (Gorell) – Energy: powerplants: Ventura County. Requires the Public Utilities Commission and the California Independent System Operator to prepare a specified report regarding the future of two aging power plants on the Ventura County coast.

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 284 (Quirk) – Energy: Road to 2050 Board. Requires the California Energy Commission to convene the Road to 2050 Board to commission studies to determine the best process for meeting the "2050 goal" (i.e., reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050).

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 293 (Allen) – Energy: California Clean Energy Jobs Act: implementation. Requires the California Energy Commission to develop a program to award funding for the purposes of the Clean Energy Jobs Act (Proposition 39).

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 489 (Skinner) – Energy: conservation. Allows state funds to be used to achieve energy efficiency improvements in existing buildings under the Comprehensive Energy Efficiency Program for State Buildings (AB 758 Program).

(Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 793 (Gray) – ~~Renewable energy resources: publicly owned electric utility: hydroelectric generation facility.~~ San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Conservancy. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, required the local publicly-owned electric utility Merced Irrigation District (MID) to satisfy its Renewables Portfolio Standard procurement requirements by procuring renewable energy to meet only the electricity demands unsatisfied by MID's own hydroelectric generation in any given year. Later amended to instead establish the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Conservancy.

(Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee)

AB 796 (Muratsuchi) – ~~Energy: thermal powerplants: certification: sea level rise.~~ Advanced electrical distributed generation technology. As passed by the Natural Resources Committee, the bill required the California Energy Commission to consider the effects of sea level rise on the proposed thermal powerplant sites and related facilities during the certification process. Later amended to address advanced electrical distributed generation technology.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 617, Statutes of 2013)

AB 1060 (Fox) – California Environmental Quality Act: filing fees: exemptions. Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, added U.S. military projects to the list of projects exempt from paying filing fees to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) to defray the cost of DFW managing and protecting fish and wildlife trust resources in connection with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Later amended to reappropriate the remaining funding in the Budget Act of 2012 from the Renewable Resource Trust Fund for planning grants for renewable energy projects available to counties in the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan Act.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 621, Statutes of 2013)

AB 1191 (Patterson) – Energy: assessments and forecasts. Requires the California Energy Commission (CEC), as part of its biennial Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR), to evaluate the availability, cost and source of credits issued under the Air Resources Board's Low Carbon Fuel Standard regulations. Requires the CEC conduct the transportation forecasting and assessment activities of the IEPR annually from 2014-2020.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1257 (Bocanegra) – Energy: State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: natural gas. Requires the California Energy Commission (CEC) to prepare a report every four years regarding natural gas.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 749, Statutes of 2013)

AB 1406 (Utilities and Commerce Committee) – Energy: renewable energy resources. Eliminates two obsolete requirements in the California Renewables Portfolio Standard statutes.

(Status: Held on the Assembly Inactive File)

AB 1408 (Utilities and Commerce Committee) – Distributed energy resources: tariffs. Deletes the reference to the report the California Public Utilities Commission is required to prepare and submit to the Legislature on or before June 1, 2002, that describes its proposed methodology for determining the new rates and the process by which it will establish those rates.

(Status: Held on the Assembly Inactive File)

AB 1499 (Skinner) – Electricity: self-generation incentive program. Extends funding and administration of the Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) for three years, authorizing the Public Utilities Commission to collect \$249 million more from utility customers to fund payments to customer-owned distributed energy resource projects and related expenses until 2019 pursuant to SGIP.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1624 (Gordon) – Self-generation incentive program. Extends funding authorization of the Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) for seven years, requiring the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to allocate up to \$83 million per year through 2021 from utility allowance revenues, and requiring the PUC to reduce annual funding by 10 percent in each of the last four years (2018-2021), for a total authorization up to \$506 million, to fund payments to customer-owned distributed energy resource projects and related expenses through 2021 pursuant to SGIP.
(Status: Held in Senate Energy, Utilities, and Commerce Committee)

AB 1763 (Perea) – State energy plan for 2030 and 2050. Requires the California Energy Commission (CEC) to prepare a "state energy plan" for 2030 and 2050 according to specified criteria.
(Status: Held in Senate Energy, Utilities, and Commerce Committee)

AB 1779 (Gaines) – Energy resources: report. Requires the California Energy Commission to prepare a report on the effect of specified policies on electricity reliability and rates.
(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 1935 (Campos) – Electricity: clean distributed energy resources. Revises the scope of an existing biennial report on the electricity grid impacts of distributed generation (DG) to focus on "clean distributed energy resources" and defines this term for purposes of the bill.
(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2227 (Quirk) – Citizens Oversight Board: implementation. Establishes procedures and guidance for the Citizens Oversight Board created by the California Clean Energy Jobs Act (Proposition 39).
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 683, Statutes of 2014)

AB 2529 (Williams) – Energy: usage: plug-in equipment. Requires the California Energy Commission and the Public Utilities Commission to perform a baseline study of energy usage by plug-in equipment and develop an implementation plan to achieve specified reductions by 2030.
(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2597 (Ting) – Energy: PACE program. Modifies the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority's underwriting standard for the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program by providing that financing cannot exceed 15% for the first \$700,000 of the value of the property and 10% for the remaining value of the property, and substitutes the term "loan" with "financing" within various parts of the PACE program.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 614, Statutes of 2014)

AB 2661 (Bradford) – Political Reform Act of 1974: conflicts of interest: Energy Commission. Limits the ability of a person to be appointed to the California Energy Commission (CEC) if he or she received income from a load serving entity in the two years prior to the appointment. Moves conflict of interest provisions relative to the CEC into the Political Reform Act.

(Status: Vetoed by Governor, September 30, 2014)

SB 39 (De León) – Local agencies: public officers: claims and liability.

As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, extended the sunset for the Energy Conservation Assistance Act from 2018 to 2022. Later amended to require an elected or appointed local public officer, as defined, to forfeit any contract or similar claim for retirement or pension benefits, other than those accrued benefits which he or she may be entitled to under the applicable public retirement system, if he or she has been convicted of specified felonies under state or federal law.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 775, Statutes of 2013)

SB 591 (Cannella) – Renewable energy resources: local publicly owned electric utility: hydroelectric generation facility. Limits the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) procurement obligations of the Merced Irrigation District (MID) to the portion of MID's electricity demands unsatisfied by its own hydroelectric generation.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 520, Statutes of 2013)

~~SB 760 (Wright) – Electrical generation facility: emission reduction credits. California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.~~ As heard by the Natural Resources Committee, specified that air districts are prohibited from requiring the physical destruction of electrical generating facility equipment that is or will be retired unless required by the new source review program of the federal Clean Air Act or the owner or operator retires the equipment to provide emission reduction credits, emission offsets, or an offset exemption from an air district. Later amended to revise several sections of the Renewables Portfolio Standard to emphasize reliability and favor procurement of geothermal energy.

(Status: Held in Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee)

~~SB 767 (Lieu) – Public utilities: California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: biomethane. Department of Motor Vehicles: records: confidentiality.~~ As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, extended the "flow deadline" established by AB 2196 (Chesbro), Chapter 605, statutes of 2012, from April 1, 2014 to January 31, 2015. The flow deadline is a condition of Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) eligibility for sources of biomethane associated with pre-existing contracts that may be grandfathered under AB 2196. Later amended to add code enforcement officers to the list of persons who can request that their home address be held confidential by the Department of Motor Vehicles

(Status: Held in the Assembly Transportation Committee)

SB 1139 (Hueso) – California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

Requires investor-owned utilities and other "retail sellers" of electricity, as defined in the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS), to buy 500 megawatts of electricity generated by new (i.e., constructed after January 1, 2015) geothermal power plants by 2024, over and above the existing renewable energy procurement requirements of the RPS.

(Status: Held on the Assembly Floor)

FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

AB 23 (Donnelly) – State responsibility areas: fire prevention fees. Repeals the state fire prevention fee, which is collected to fund fire prevention activities in areas where the financial responsibility of preventing and suppressing fires is primarily the responsibility of the state.
(Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 124 (Morrell) – State responsibility areas: fire prevention fees. Repeals the state fire prevention fee, which is collected to fund fire prevention activities in areas where the financial responsibility of preventing and suppressing fires is primarily the responsibility of the state.
(Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 350 (Wieckowski) – Timber harvesting plan: exempt activities. Expands the timber harvest plan exemption for fuel reduction (i.e., the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption) by increasing the size of the tree that can be cut from 18 inches in stump diameter to 28 inches in stump diameter.
(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 468 (Chesbro) – ~~Nonindustrial timber management plans: forest landowners.~~ Medi-Cal: nondesignated public hospitals. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, the bill replaced the term "tree farmer" with "forest landowner" in the Nonindustrial Timber Management Plan statutes to both modernize the statutes and make them consistent with the Working Forest Management Plan. Later amended to address Medi-Cal and nondesignated public hospitals.
(Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee)

AB 744 (Dahle) – Timber harvesting plans: exempt activities. Creates the Forest Fire Prevention Pilot Project Exemption, which is a three-year pilot project mostly focused on the Sierra Nevada Region that allows the removal of trees less than 24 inches in stump diameter, with specific limitations designed to reduce fire risk and protect natural and archeological resources.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 647, Statutes of 2013)

AB 875 (Chesbro) – Forest management. Creates two watershed pilot projects with the primary goal of improving the state's collection, organization, management, use, and distribution of vital forestry-related information. For funding of existing restoration grant programs under AB 1492 (Budget, Chapter 96, Statutes of 2012), gives priority to an existing grant program for coastal salmon and steelhead fishery protection and restoration projects.
(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 904 (Chesbro) – Nonindustrial timber management plans: nonindustrial forest landowners. Creates the Working Forest Management Plan, which is a long-term forest management plan for nonindustrial landowners with less than 15,000 acres of timberlands if the landowner commits to uneven aged management and sustained yield.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 648, Statutes of 2014)

AB 1519 (Donnelly) – State responsibility areas: fire prevention fees. Eliminates the 20 percent penalty for each 30-day period in which the fire prevention fee remains unpaid after becoming final.

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 1867 (Patterson) – Timber harvest plans: exemption: reducing flammable materials. Authorizes, for three years, the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to exempt some or all requirements of the Forest Practices Act to allow the cutting or removal of trees, as specified, for the purpose of creating defensible space from a radius of 300 feet of a habitable structure.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 804, Statutes of 2014)

AB 2048 (Dahle) – Fire prevention fees: state responsibility areas. Amends the statutes governing the fire prevention fee by, among other things, clarifying who should pay the fee, exempting an owner of habitable structures from paying the fee if the structure was destroyed by natural disaster, and reducing the penalty for untimely fee payments.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 895, Statutes of 2014)

AB 2082 (Dahle) – Forest practices: resources conservation standards: stocking standards. Authorizes the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to adopt alternative post-timber harvesting stocking standards if those alternative standards reasonably address variables in forest characteristics and achieve suitable resource conservation, as provided.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 212, Statutes of 2014)

AB 2112 (Dahle) – Forestry: timber operations. Extends the time to file a notice of extension for a Timber Harvest Plan (THP) from 30 days to 140 days prior to the expiration date.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 89, Statutes of 2014)

AB 2142 (Chesbro) – Timber harvesting plans: exemptions. Adds Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Sonoma Counties to the Forest Fire Prevention Pilot Project created by AB 744 (Dahle), Chapter 647, Statutes of 2013.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 307, Statutes of 2014)

AB 2184 (Chesbro) – Timber and engineered wood products assessment: forest restoration grants. Expressly allows funds from the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund to be allocated to local agencies to remediate former marijuana growing operations.
(Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 2239 (Chesbro) – Forest practices: management plans: change of ownership. Establishes a uniform process to ensure that a person who acquires timberlands described in a Working Forest Management Plan (WFMP) or Nonindustrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) receives notice on how to assume the plan. Gives discretion to (rather than mandates) the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to cancel a WFMP or NTMP if the new landowner does not assume the plan within one year of receiving the notice.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 291, Statutes of 2014)

AB 2465 (Chesbro) – Burning of lands: private burns. Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to create a uniformed prescribed burn plan template for forest fuel treatment. Requires CAL FIRE and the Air Resources Board to develop a webpage that contains the 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: Vetoed by Governor, September 29, 2014)

AJR 24 (Dahle) – Forest protection and restoration. Encourages the state and federal governmental agencies with jurisdiction over forest resource management to collaborate across jurisdictions with regard to landscape-scale efforts to maintain and restore California’s forests for future generations.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Resolution Chapter 112, Statutes of 2013)

SB 1075 (Knight) – Department of Forestry and Fire Protection: civil cost recovery. Requires moneys recovered by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) in a civil action related to fire suppression, rescue, or emergency medical services to be deposited into the General Fund. Requires CAL FIRE to annually report specified cost recovery actions.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 250, Statutes of 2014)

SB 1413 (Wyland) – State responsibility areas: fire prevention fees. Extends the period of time owners of structures have to pay or request redetermination of the fire prevention fee from 30 days to 60 days.
(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

MISCELLANEOUS

AB 1330 (John A. Pérez) – Environmental justice. Creates new funding sources for projects in environmental justice communities by requiring double the maximum fines assessed against specified hazardous waste, air district, or solid waste permit holders for emission or discharge violations in environmental justice communities and by requiring California Environmental Protection Agency, the Natural Resources Agency, the agencies' boards, departments, commissions and offices, and the Strategic Growth Council to prioritize environmental justice communities for all grants and funding they provide. Requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to develop a hazardous waste reduction plan.

(Status: Held on Senate Floor)

AB 2008 (Quirk) – Transit village plans: goods movement. Allows cities and counties to include, as one of the required public benefits of a transit village development plan, dedicated loading and unloading facilities for commercial space.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 88, Statutes of 2014)

SB 447 (Lara) – Surface mining operations. Allows, until January 1, 2019, a surface mining operator, whose operations are not in compliance with its approved reclamation plan, to continue to sell mining products to a state or local agency if the operator stipulates to an order to comply with the lead agency and/or the Department of Conservation (DOC). This bill also requires the DOC to submit a report to the Legislature on July 1, 2017 and July 1, 2018.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 417, Statutes of 2013)

SB 630 (Pavley) – California Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. Amends the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact (which requires ratification by Congress) to 1) clarify that a party challenging the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's (TRPA) regional plan or an action of TRPA has the burden of proof and 2) direct TRPA to ensure that the regional plan reflects economic considerations in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 762, Statutes of 2013)

SB 814 (Natural Resources and Water) – Natural resources: administration. Authorizes a cucumber fishing permit holder's estate to transfer the decedent's permit to a qualified person. Delays implementation of ballast water performance standards for vessels that discharge ballast water in the state. Makes minor clean-up amendments to various code sections related to public resources management.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 472, Statutes of 2013)

SB 1199 (Hancock) – Wild and scenic rivers: Mokelumne River.

Designates a total of nearly 37 miles of specified segments of the north fork and the main stem of the Mokelumne River in the California Wild and Scenic River Act.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 1345 (Natural Resources and Water) – Natural resources. Extends the Wholesale Regional Water System Security and Reliability Act and makes technical and clarifying changes in the Water and Public Resources Codes.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 489, Statutes of 2014)

OIL AND GAS

AB 7 (Wieckowski) – Oil and gas: hydraulic fracturing. Requires the owner or operator of an oil and gas well in which hydraulic fracturing is utilized to provide the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources and the public with specific information related to the hydraulic fracturing treatment.

(Status: Held in Assembly Inactive File)

AB 380 (Dickinson) – Spill response for railroads. Requires rail carriers to submit specific information regarding the transport of hazardous materials and Bakken oil to the Office of Emergency Services for the purposes of emergency response planning.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 533, Statutes of 2014)

AB 649 (Nazarian) – Oil and gas: hydraulic fracturing. Prohibits hydraulic fracturing and the use of clean freshwater for fracturing purposes within 4,000 feet of a home, public building, school, source of drinking water or sensitive human or environmental resource unless a specified stakeholder report is prepared and the Secretaries of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection both approve the proposal.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 669 (Stone) – Oil and gas drilling. Requires an oil and gas operator conducting hydraulic fracturing to provide water quality and quantity information to the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources as part of the permit process and provide 30 days' notice to neighboring property owners prior to the commencement of hydraulic fracturing.

(Status: Died on Assembly Inactive File)

AB 881 (Chesbro) – ~~Oil spill prevention and administrative fee.~~ Local taxation: County of Sonoma. As passed by the Natural Resources Committee, the bill amended the Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act (SB 2040, Keene, Chapter 1248, Statutes of 1990) to ensure that significant cuts are not required in the state's oil spill prevention and preparedness program when current fee levels sunset. Later amended to address local taxation in the County of Sonoma.

(Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee)

AB 982 (Williams) – Oil and gas: hydraulic fracturing. Requires the regional water quality board to approve a proposed groundwater monitoring plan prior to noticing the intent to begin any oil or gas drilling. Requires the notice to include the source of water used during any hydraulic fracturing operations.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1301 (Bloom) – Oil and gas: hydraulic fracturing. Prohibits hydraulic fracturing until the Legislature enacts subsequent legislation to determine when and under what conditions hydraulic fracturing may be conducted while protecting the public health and safety and the natural resources of the state.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1323 (Mitchell) – Oil and gas: hydraulic fracturing. Prohibits hydraulic fracturing until the date that regulations adopted by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources regulating hydraulic fracturing take effect.

(Status: Failed passage on the Assembly Floor)

AB 2677 (Rodriguez) – Oil spill: contingency plan: railroad. Requires, on or before January 1, 2017, the California Environmental Protection Agency, in consultation with 23 state agencies, interested stakeholders, relevant local agencies, and any other potentially affected state, local, or federal agency, to develop and submit to the Governor and the Legislature a report containing recommendations for an oil spill contingency plan designed to address inland oil spills resulting from the transportation of crude oil by rail.

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 2678 (Ridley-Thomas) – Oil spills: oil spill prevention and administration fee. Expresses the Legislature's intent not to double-bill crude oil or petroleum products that are subject to the Office of Spill Prevention and Response fee.

(Status: Held on the Assembly Floor)

AB 2711 (Muratsuchi) – Oil and gas: loan to City of Hermosa Beach. Loans the City of Hermosa Beach \$11.5 million to pay the liability it will incur if the city's voters reject a local ballot initiative to approve an offshore oil lease on city tidelands.

(Status: Held on the Assembly Inactive File)

AB 2718 (Bloom) – Oil and gas: well stimulation treatment: notification. Requires the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources to develop a form that a third party notifier must use when providing well stimulation treatment notices to the surrounding community. Requires the form to be prepared in English and Spanish and designed to be easily understood by a layperson not trained in oil and gas development.

(Status: Held in the Senate Rules Committee)

SB 4 (Pavley) – Oil and gas: well stimulation. Establishes a comprehensive regulatory program for oil and gas well stimulation treatments (e.g., hydraulic fracturing, acid well stimulation), which includes, among other things, a study, the development of regulations, a permitting process, and public notification and disclosure.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 313, Statutes of 2013)

SB 665 (Wolk) – Oil and gas: drilling: indemnity bonds. Increases the statutory amount for indemnity bonds that an oil and gas well operator is required to file with the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources for its well operations.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 315, Statutes of 2013)

SB 1281 (Pavley) – Oil and gas production: water use reporting. Requires the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources to collect information regarding unlined oil and gas field sumps. Requires additional information on water used during oil and gas field activities on the reporting statements filed by an owner of a well as specified.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 561, Statutes of 2014)

SB 1319 (Pavley) – ~~Oil spills: oil spill prevention and response.~~
Groundwater. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, extends the Office of Spill Prevention and Response's (OSPR) marine oil spill program to all waters of the state. Extends the requirements in OSPR's oil spill program to trains transporting oil, oil pipelines, oil production wells, and oil refineries. Later amended to address groundwater.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 348, Statutes of 2014)

RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE

AB 158 (Levine) – Solid waste: single-use carryout bags. Generally prohibits retail stores from providing single-use plastic bags to customers and requires retailers to make reusable grocery bags, as defined, available for purchase by customers.

(Status: Held on the Assembly Inactive File)

AB 221 (Quirk-Silva) – Recycled concrete. Updates legislative findings and declarations to state the benefits of recycling concrete and updates the definition of recycled concrete to reference compliance with the California Green Building Standards Code.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 154, Statutes of 2013)

AB 323 (Chesbro) – Solid waste: recycling: diversion: green materials. Requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to phase out recycling credit for green waste (i.e., yard waste) used in the operation of a landfill. Requires large generators of organic waste, as determined by CalRecycle, to subscribe to recycling services for this material.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 488 (Williams) – Recycling: household batteries. Establishes a product stewardship program for household batteries and requires each producer or household battery stewardship organization to submit a product stewardship plan for the collection and recycling of household batteries by January 1, 2015.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 513 (Frazier) – Tire recycling program: rubberized asphalt. Establishes the Rubberized Asphalt Concrete (RAC) Market Development Act, which codifies the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery RAC grant program for local public works projects.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 499, Statutes of 2013)

AB 521 (Stone) – Recycling: marine plastic pollution. Establishes a product stewardship program for plastic products that pose a significant risk to the marine environment.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 997 (Chesbro) – Solid waste: enforcement agencies. Specifies that a local enforcement agency that has been designated by the local governing body and certified by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery has the authority provided, and duties required, under the Integrated Waste Management Act.

(Status: Held on Senate Inactive File)

**AB 1001 (Gordon) - ~~Recycling centers: beverage containers.~~
Hazardous materials: packaging: exemptions.** As approved by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, revises the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act (Bottle Bill) to authorize the inclusion of voluntary beverage containers. Establishes a product stewardship program for beverage containers that are not included in the Bottle Bill, and permits distributors of those beverage containers to participate in the Bottle Bill in lieu of implementing the product stewardship program. Later amended to extend and revise exemptions to the Toxics in Packaging Prevention Act.

(Status: Held in Senate Environmental Quality Committee)

AB 1021 (Eggman) - Alternative energy: recycled feedstock. Specifies that personal property that primarily processes or utilizes recycled feedstock that is intended to be reused in the production of another product or soil amendment is eligible for sales and use tax exemptions under the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority.

(Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1022 (Eggman) - Electric waste CRT glass market development payments. Authorizes the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to make up to \$10 million in market development payments for the processing of cathode ray tube (CRT) glass or manufacturing of a new product with recycled CRT glass until January 1, 2020.

(Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1126 (Gordon) - Solid waste: biomass conversion. Establishes regulatory and permitting standards for facilities that convert "engineered municipal solid waste" (EMSW) for energy generation and states that EMSW conversion facilities are disposal facilities for purposes of the Integrated Waste Management Act. Specifies that EMSW conversion does not constitute recycling or transformation.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State - Chapter 411, Statutes of 2013)

AB 1337 (Allen) - Solid waste: plastic bag: recycling. Pre-empts any local government from enacting or enforcing any rule prohibiting the distribution of plastic single-use carryout bags or imposing a fee on the distribution of non-plastic single-use carryout bags.

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

AB 1398 (Natural Resources Committee) - Solid waste recycling. Specifies that a local enforcement agency that has been designated by the local governing body and certified by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery has the authority provided, and duties required, under specified provisions of the Integrated Waste Management Act.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State - Chapter 509, Statutes of 2013)

AB 1594 (Williams) – Waste management. Beginning in 2020, specifies that green material (e.g., yard trimmings and untreated wood wastes) used as alternative daily cover at a landfill does not constitute diversion and shall instead be considered disposal.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 719, Statutes of 2014)

AB 1699 (Bloom) – Waste management: synthetic plastic microbeads. Prohibits the sale of "personal care products" that contain very small plastic particles (i.e., plastic microbeads) on and after January 1, 2019.

(Status: Held on Senate Floor)

AB 1826 (Chesbro) – Solid waste: organic waste. Phases in requirements for commercial generators of organic waste to arrange recycling services for that material over a period of three years, beginning in 2016.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 727, Statutes of 2014)

AB 1846 (Gordon) – Beverage containers: enforcement. Clarifies and strengthens the enforcement provisions under the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act (Bottle Bill). Specifies that a certified recycling center or processor shall not pay or claim any refund value, processing payment, or administrative fee on beverage containers if the center knew, or should have known, that the containers are ineligible for redemption. Authorizes the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to suspend or permanently revoke eligibility of a certified recycling center to receive handling fees at one or more recycling centers as one of the disciplinary actions available under the Bottle Bill.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 597, Statutes of 2014)

AB 2251 (Yamada) – Weights and measures: beverage containers: redemption value. Clarifies the authority of the California Department of Food and Agriculture and county sealers to enforce over-collection of the California Redemption Value on beverage containers.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 605, Statutes of 2014)

AB 2284 (Williams) – Recycling: household batteries pilot projects. Requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to develop and fund up to three local recycling pilot projects for non-rechargeable household batteries.

(Status: Held in Senate Environmental Quality Committee)

AB 2467 (Nestande) – California Beverage Containers and Recycling and Litter Reduction Act: market development payments. Specifies that the Plastic Market Development Payments funded by the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act must be paid to both certified entities (i.e., collection and processing operations/recyclers) and recycled-content product manufacturers.

(Status: Vetoed by Governor, September 26, 2014)

AB 2633 (Allen) – Recycling: plastic material. Revises the state's 75 percent recycling goal to include waste-to-energy (WTE) as recycling and requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to take specified actions to encourage WTE technologies.

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 2658 (Bocanegra) – Recycling: waste tires: public works projects. Clarifies that "parklets" and "greenways" are eligible for grants for public works projects that use tire derived products and requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, when awarding grants for parklets and greenways, to give priority to projects located in disadvantaged communities. Extends a sunset date relating to the use of rubberized asphalt concrete by the Department of Transportation.

(Status: Failed passage in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee)

AB 2666 (Daly) – Recycling: electronic waste. This bill exempts the United States and its agencies and instrumentalities from the requirements of the California Electronic Waste Recycling Act.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 254 (Hancock) – Solid waste: used mattresses: recycling and recovery. Establishes the Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act, which requires mattress manufacturers and retailers to develop a mattress stewardships program to increase the recovery and recycling of used mattresses to reduce illegal dumping.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 388, Statutes of 2013)

SB 270 (Padilla) – Solid waste: single-use carryout bags. Prohibits stores, defined to include supermarkets, food marts, and large stores that have a pharmacy, from distributing lightweight, single-use plastic bags. Establishes requirements for reusable bags and prohibits stores from distributing reusable bags and recycled paper bags for less than \$0.10 per bag.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 850, Statutes of 2014)

SB 498 (Lara) – Solid waste: biomass conversion. Adds the production of fuels and the use of "non-combustion thermal conversion technologies" to the definition of "biomass conversion" for purposes of the Integrated Waste Management Act.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 746, Statutes of 2014)

SB 804 (Lara) – Solid waste: energy. Specifies that conversion technologies that use specified biomass feedstock are included in the definition of "biomass conversion" for purposes of the Integrated Waste Management Act.

(Status: Vetoed by Governor, October 11, 2013)

SB 1274 (Hancock) – Recycling: used mattresses. Provides technical and clarifying revisions to the Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act.
(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 371, Statutes of 2014)

SB 1383 (Hueso) – Plastic products: labeling. Authorizes the Director of the Department of Resources and Recycling and Recovery to adopt a standard for plastic products that degrade in soil and allows for the sale of products labeled “soil biodegradable.”
(Status: Vetoed by Governor, September 16, 2014)

STATE LANDS AND TIDELANDS

AB 691 (Muratsuchi) – State lands: granted trust lands: sea level rise.

Requires a local trustee of granted public trust lands whose annual gross public trust revenues exceed \$250,000 to prepare and submit to the State Lands Commission an assessment of how it proposes to address sea level rise.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 592, Statutes of 2013)

AB 727 (Stone) – Public trust lands: dredging: notice and leases.

Requires, for maintenance dredging on granted public trust lands, a local trustee of public trust lands to notify the State Lands Commission in writing of the dredging project rather than submit a lease application and processing fee.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 104, Statutes of 2013)

AB 1273 (Ting) – Tidelands and submerged lands: City and County of San Francisco: Pier 30-32: multipurpose venue.

Authorizes the State Lands Commission (SLC) to approve a multi-use development on public trust lands in San Francisco (Pier 30-32) that includes a multipurpose venue (for Golden State Warriors basketball games and other events), if SLC finds that certain conditions are met.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 381, Statutes of 2013.

AB 2764 (Natural Resources Committee) – Public Resources: State Lands Commission: State Air Resources.

Makes amendments to statutes related to 1) the State Lands Commission's authority to cede concurrent criminal jurisdiction to the United States over military and national parks land, 2) reporting requirements imposed on local trustees of public trust lands, 3) the Air Resources Board's (ARB) code section regarding expense reimbursements for ARB members, and 4) the Orange County public trust granting statute.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 512, Statutes of 2014)

SB 461 (Leno) – State tide and submerged lands: mineral extraction leases: revenues.

Creates the Coastal Adaptation Fund (fund) and requires the Legislature to appropriate in the Budget Act at least \$6 million, but no more than \$10 million, annually from tidelands oil revenue to fund activities to address sea level rise and coastal climate change impacts.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 1424 (Wolk) – State property: tidelands transfer: City of Martinez.

Grants, in trust, the state's tide and submerged lands (i.e., public trust lands) located at the Martinez Marina to the City of Martinez subject to the public trust doctrine and other terms, as specified.

(Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 628, Statutes of 2014)

SUSTAINABLE BUILDING

AB 127 (Skinner) – Fire safety: fire retardants: building insulation.

Requires the State Fire Marshal (SFM), in consultation with the Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings, and Thermal Insulation, to review the flammability standards for building insulation materials, including whether the flammability standards for some insulation materials can only be met with the addition of chemical flame retardants. Requires the SFM, based on the review, to propose updated insulation flammability standards by July 1, 2015 for consideration by the Building Standards Commission.

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AB 341 (Dickinson) – Green building standards. Requires the Building Standards Commission to integrate the existing Green Building Code into the appropriate sections of the California Building Code (Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations).

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