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INTRODUCTION

This publication is a comprehensive summary of bills that the Assembly Natural Resources Committee considered during the 2019 – 2020 legislative years.

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

In general, chaptered legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2021. Bills that contain an urgency clause (not noted in this document) took effect immediately upon the Governor's signature.

The committee uses the following abbreviations throughout this summary:

ARB (California Air Resources Board)
BOF (Board of Forestry and Fire Protection)
Bottle Bill (California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act)
CAEATFA (California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority)
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)
CSD (Community Services and Development Department)
CVRP (Clean Vehicle Rebate Project)
DOF (California Department of Finance)
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)
SNC (Sierra Nevada Conservancy)
SRA (State Responsibility Area)
State Parks (California Department of Parks and Recreation)
SWRCB (California State Water Resources Control Board)
US EPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency)
WCB (California Wildlife Conservation Board)

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[AB-126 \(Cooper\) - Air Quality Improvement Program: Clean Vehicle Rebate Project.](#)

Requires the ARB to (1) impose specified income cap limits for Clean Vehicle Rebate Project eligibility; (2) increase the rebate payment by \$500 for a low-income applicant for all eligible vehicle types; and, (3) only offer rebates for plug-in hybrids that have an electric range of at least 40 miles.

Status: Held in Senate Transportation Committee

[AB-285 \(Friedman\) - California Transportation Plan.](#)

Updates requirements of the CTP to reflect the state's recent environmental legislation, add environmental justice, and requires a review of the implementation of the CTP.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 605, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-293 \(Eduardo Garcia\) - Greenhouse gases: offset protocols.](#)

Requires the Compliance Offsets Protocol Task Force – appointed by the ARB to make recommendations related to offsets in the cap and trade program – to develop recommendations for ARB on the inclusion of aggregation methodologies to allow groups of landowners to jointly develop an offset project.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 85, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-296 \(Cooley\) - Climate change: Climate Innovation Grant Program: voluntary tax contributions.](#)

Establishes the Climate Innovation Grant Program, to be administered by the SGC, for the development and research of new innovations and technologies that either reduce emissions of GHGs or address the impacts of climate change. This bill would have established a Climate Innovation Voluntary Tax Contribution Account and authorizes an individual to contribute as part of their state tax return.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

[AB-352 \(Eduardo Garcia\) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: investment plan: Transformative Climate Communities Program.](#)

Beginning July 1, 2020, requires state agencies that administer GGRF grant programs to ensure there are at least three months between the first call for applications or proposals for grant funding and the due date of the application or proposal. Requires the report prepared by DOF on the status of projects funded by the GGRF to include the status of projects funded and their outcomes and the applications received for each grant program allocating moneys from the GGRF. Additionally, this bill specifies that the Transformative Climate Communities Program includes low-income communities

and that grant applications for this program submitted by Imperial and San Diego Counties may include daytime population numbers.

Status: Held in Senate Environmental Quality Committee

[AB-409 \(Limón\) - Climate change: agriculture: grant program.](#)

Creates the Agricultural Climate Adaptation Tools Program to fund the development of planning tools for adapting to climate change in the agricultural sector.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

[AB-423 \(Gloria\) - San Diego County Air Pollution Control District: members.](#)

Restructures the governing board of the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District, which is currently governed by the five San Diego County Supervisors, to be governed by an 11-member board consisting of two county supervisors, six council members or mayors from specified cities, and three public members. Adds specified duties to the district and requires an audit of the district by the ARB.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 744, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-464 \(Cristina Garcia\) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.](#)

Specifies that the contribution of natural sources of air pollution included in the ARB's air pollution inventory must include "catastrophic wildfire."

Status: Held in Senate Environmental Quality Committee

[AB-552 \(Mark Stone\) - Coastal resources: Coastal Adaptation, Access, and Resilience Program.](#)

Establishes the Program for Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access to spend 30% of revenue, money, and remittances derived from mineral extraction leases on state tide and submerged lands, including tidelands oil revenue, on activities intended to help the state prepare, plan, and implement actions intended to address and adapt to sea level rise and coastal climate change.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

[AB-616 \(Patterson\) - California Forest Carbon Plan: report.](#)

Requires CAL FIRE, in collaboration with the NRA and CalEPA, to prepare and submit to the Legislature and the relevant legislative policy and budget committees an annual progress report on the implementation of the California Forest Carbon Plan.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

[AB-661 \(McCarty\) - Wildfire Smoke Air Pollution Emergency Plan.](#)

Requires the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District to prepare a wildfire smoke air pollution emergency plan to serve as an informational source for local agencies and the public during an air pollution emergency caused by wildfire smoke.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 392, Statutes of 2019)

AB-836 (Wicks) - Bay Area Clean Air Incentive Program.

Establishes a grant program, to be administered by ARB, to provide funding to retrofit ventilation systems to create a network of clean air centers to mitigate adverse health impacts due to wildfires and other smoke events. Requires ARB to prioritize applications where the project is located in an area with a high cumulative smoke exposure burden.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 393, Statutes of 2019)

AB-839 (Mullin) - Climate adaptation strategy: strategic resiliency framework: Adaptation through Resiliency, Economic Vitality, and Equity Account.

Requires, on or before July 1, 2021, the Secretary of the NRA to review the Safeguarding California Plan and develop a strategic resiliency framework. This bill would have established the Resiliency through Adaptation, Economic Vitality, and Equity Account to allocate money to provide financial assistance in the form of grants and financing for climate adaptation projects that achieve the recommendations and actions called for in the framework.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-975 (Calderon) - Environmental protection: California Adaptation Leadership and Coordination Act of 2019.

Requires the Secretary of the NRA, in collaboration with OPR, to communicate with other countries, states, regional collaboratives, and subnational governments to support and promote the state's goals and policies relating to ocean, coastal, and near-shore terrestrial adaptation and resilience.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-1071 (Limón) - Climate change: agriculture: Agricultural Climate Adaptation Tools Program: grants.

Creates the Agricultural Climate Adaptation Tools Program to fund the development of planning tools for adapting to climate change in the agricultural sector.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-1156 (Eduardo Garcia) - Methane: dairy and livestock: pilot financial mechanism: Environmental Credit Insurance Program.

Requires the State Treasurer, in consultation with ARB, to develop and implement a pilot financial mechanism for dairy-related and other projects producing low-carbon transportation fuels in the state, known as the Environmental Credit Insurance Program.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

AB-1195 (O'Donnell) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Low-Carbon Fuel Standard regulations.

Requires ARB to consider allowing renewable natural gas or biogas delivered via a common carrier pipeline to a crude oil production or transport facility from a source that ARB determines directly reduces emissions of methane in the state to generate credits under the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard regulation.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-1232 (Gloria) - Affordable housing: weatherization.

Makes a number of changes to the Low-Income Weatherization Program. Directs CSD, by January 1, 2021, to coordinate with CEC and the Department of Public Health's Office of Health Equity to identify best practices from model programs and funding mechanisms and prepare an action plan. Directs CSD, in coordination with relevant agencies, to provide an assessment of the effectiveness of the program on or before January 1, 2023. Clarifies that an eligible expenditure of GGRF money appropriated to the CSD may occur over multiple fiscal years and that CSD may make multiyear funding commitments.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 754, Statutes of 2019)

AB-1237 (Aguilar-Curry) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: guidelines.

Requires any state agency that receives an appropriation from the GGRF to post on its website the agency's guidelines for how the funds are allocated, including eligibility criteria, application and award timelines, technical assistance, and contact information.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 357, Statutes of 2019)

AB-1262 (O'Donnell) - Greenhouse gas: California Sustainable Freight Action Plan and California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program.

Continuously appropriates 15% of the GGRF to ARB for the California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program. Requires the California Sustainable Freight Action Plan to be updated as specified.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

AB-1328 (Holden) - Oil and gas: well testing requirements for idle wells, hazardous or idle-deserted wells, and hazardous or deserted facilities.

Requires DOGGR, in consultation with ARB, to study idle, idle-deserted, and abandoned oil and gas wells in California to better understand their emissions of air pollutants, including, but not limited to, GHGs, toxic air contaminants, and volatile organic compounds; makes stipulations regarding the scope and execution of that study; and, increases the time permitted between announcing the intent to abandon a well and cancellation of that announcement from 12 to 24 months.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 772, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-2371 \(Friedman\) - Climate change: Strategic Growth Council: science advisory team: climate adaptation and hazard mitigation.](#)

Requires OPR to establish a science advisory team to provide expert advice and recommendations on the state's climate adaptation and hazard mitigation plans and activities. Requires OPR, in consultation with the science advisory team and relevant agencies, to produce a list of projects of statewide significance and urgency to advance the state's climate resilience.

Status: Held in Senate Environmental Quality Committee

[AB-2619 \(Mark Stone\) - Coastal resources: Program for Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access.](#)

Establishes the Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access Program to spend 30% of revenue, money, and remittances derived from mineral extraction leases on state tide and submerged lands, including tidelands oil revenue, on activities intended to help the state prepare, plan, and implement actions to address and adapt to sea level rise and coastal climate change.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

[AB-2621 \(Mullin\) - Strategic Growth Council: regional climate networks: climate adaptation action plans.](#)

Requires, on or before January 1, 2022, OPR to develop guidelines that establish standards for how a regional climate network should develop a regional climate adaptation action plan to gain the approval of the OPR. This bill requires OPR to make recommendations on improving state support for regional climate network.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

[AB-2800 \(Quirk\) - Climate change: infrastructure planning.](#)

Eliminates the sunset on the Climate-Safe Infrastructure Working Group.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 118, Statutes of 2020)

[AB-2954 \(Robert Rivas\) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: climate goal: natural and working lands.](#)

Requires ARB, in the next Scoping Plan update, to establish an overall climate goal for the state's natural and working lands to sequester carbon and reduce GHG emissions in support of the state's efforts to achieve carbon neutrality and climate resilience.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

[AB-3256 \(Eduardo Garcia\) - Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Climate Resilience, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.](#)

Proposes the Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, subject to voter approval in the November 3, 2020, statewide general election. This bill proposed the issuance of \$6.98 billion in general obligation bonds to implement its provisions.

Status: Held in Assembly Rules Committee

[AJR-7 \(Gloria\) - Green New Deal.](#)

Declares that the United States Congress should adopt climate policies, including those that might be adopted under the Green New Deal, that build upon California's programs that have reduced GHG emissions, create new green jobs, and improve disadvantaged communities.

Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee

[AJR-10 \(Reyes\) - Federal Clean Air Act.](#)

Declares the Legislature's strong and unequivocal support for existing Clean Car Standards and California's federal Clean Air Act Waivers.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 182, Statutes of 2019)

[SB-43 \(Allen\) - Carbon taxes.](#)

Requires ARB to study and submit a report on the feasibility of calculating the carbon intensity of all retail products subject to the Sales and Use Tax Law.

Status: Held in Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee

[SB-44 \(Skinner\) - Medium- and heavy-duty vehicles: comprehensive strategy.](#)

Requires ARB to update its 2016 mobile source strategy to include a comprehensive strategy for the deployment of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in the state for the purpose of bringing the state into compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards and reducing motor vehicle GHG emissions from the medium- and heavy-duty vehicle sector.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 297, Statutes of 2019)

[SB-49 \(Skinner\) - Energy efficiency.](#)

Expands the CEC's authority to develop standards for appliances to facilitate the deployment of flexible demand (i.e., demand response) technologies. Requires the NRA to assess and provide recommendations regarding opportunities and constraints for potential operational and structural upgrades to the State Water Project to aid California in achieving its climate and energy goals.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 697, Statutes of 2019)

SB-168 (Wieckowski) - Climate change: Chief Climate Resilience Officer.

Establishes the Chief Climate Resilience Officer in the OPR to be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor, subject to Senate confirmation, and with the responsibility to serve as the statewide lead for the planning and coordination of climate adaptation policy implementation in California.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-210 (Leyva) - Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program.

Requires ARB to adopt and implement regulations for a Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program for nongasoline, heavy-duty, on-road vehicles.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 298, Statutes of 2019)

SB-216 (Galgiani) - Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program: used heavy-duty truck exchange.

Requires ARB to develop a comprehensive plan to encourage fleet owners to partner with each other in a project application to the Carl Moyer Program for funding for heavy-duty truck exchange.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-351 (Hurtado) - Climate change: Transformative Climate Communities Program.

Requires the SGC to consider applicants for projects undertaken in unincorporated areas for the Transformative Climate Communities Program.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 368, Statutes of 2019)

SB-535 (Moorlach) - Wildfires and forest fires: air emissions.

Requires ARB to submit a report, on or before December 31, 2020, and every three years thereafter, assessing the GHG emissions associated with wildfires, as specified, and to identify information contained in the report to be included in future iterations of the AB 32 scoping plan.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-613 (Stern) - State agency greenhouse gas emission reduction report cards.

Requires ARB to create and publish on its internet website a methodology for state agencies to estimate the GHG emissions that occur throughout the life cycle of all of the food they purchase, and requires that estimate to be included in their State Agency Greenhouse Gas Reduction Report Card.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-1320 (Stern) - Climate change: California Climate Change Assessment.

Requires OPR, through the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program, and upon appropriation from the Legislature, to complete a California-specific climate change assessment every five years to provide a range of products that report the impacts and risks of climate change and identify potential solutions.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 136, Statutes of 2020)

California Environmental Quality Act

AB-231 (Mathis) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: recycled water.

Exempts from CEQA specified recycled water projects to mitigate drought conditions for which a state of emergency was proclaimed by the Governor. Exempts from CEQA the development and approval of building standards by state agencies for recycled water systems.

Status: Died in Assembly Natural Resources

AB-394 (Obernolte) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: fire safety.

Exempts from CEQA an egress route project specifically recommended by the State BOF and Fire Protection that improves fire safety of an existing residential subdivision if specified conditions are met.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-430 (Gallagher) - Housing development: Camp Fire Housing Assistance Act of 2019.

Establishes a ministerial approval process for residential and mixed-use developments within or near the cities of Biggs, Corning, Gridley, Live Oak, Orland, Oroville, Willows, and Yuba City, so that these projects are not subject to review under CEQA.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 745, Statutes of 2019)

AB-490 (Salas) - California Environmental Quality Act: affordable housing development projects: administrative and judicial streamlining.

Establishes special administrative and judicial review procedures under CEQA for “qualified projects” (affordable housing projects in housing cost-burdened counties, as defined), including requiring the courts to resolve CEQA lawsuits on qualified projects within 270 days to the extent feasible from the date the certified record of proceedings is filed with the court.

Status: Died in Assembly Natural Resources

[AB-782 \(Berman\) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: public agencies: property transfers.](#)

Codifies CEQA categorical exemption for transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources, thereby eliminating the exceptions for project-specific effects which apply to a categorical exemption.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 181, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-1197 \(Santiago\) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: local and regional housing projects and emergency shelters.](#)

Establishes an exemption from CEQA specified emergency shelters and supportive housing projects approved or carried out by the City of Los Angeles.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 340, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-1515 \(Friedman\) - Planning and zoning: community plans: review under the California Environmental Quality Act.](#)

Prohibits a court from invalidating the approval of specified development projects in an order issued to remedy an updated community plan's noncompliance with CEQA.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 269, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-1560 \(Friedman\) - California Environmental Quality Act: transportation: major transit stop.](#)

Revises the definition of a "major transit stop" for purposes of qualifying for exemption or abbreviated review under CEQA to include a "bus rapid transit station," as defined, with a frequency of service interval of 15 minutes or less during the morning and afternoon peak commute periods.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 631, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-1673 \(Salas\) - California Environmental Quality Act: judicial challenge: litigation transparency: identification of contributors.](#)

Requires plaintiffs in CEQA lawsuits to identify every person or entity who contributed, or committed to contribute, \$1,000 or more to support the lawsuit.

Status: Died in Assembly Natural Resources

[AB-1824 \(Committee on Natural Resources\) - California Environmental Quality Act.](#)

Makes various technical corrections, updates, and minor amendments to CEQA and related provisions of law.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 466, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-2323 \(Friedman\) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions.](#)

Expands various CEQA exemptions by modifying the exclusion of sites and authorizing, as one of the criteria for eligibility, a project be located within a very low vehicle travel

area for purposes of the transit priority project exemption; by permitting projects be within a very low vehicle travel area and permitting community plans to serve as the basis for exemption of residential, mixed-use, and employment center projects near transit; and, modifying the exclusion of sites from affordable agricultural housing, affordable urban housing, and urban infill housing.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

[AB-2731 \(Gloria\) - California Environmental Quality Act: City of San Diego: transit and transportation facilities projects.](#)

Establishes expedited administrative and judicial review procedures under CEQA for the "transit and transportation facilities" project, a regional transportation facility in San Diego, including a hub on the Old Town Center site and transportation linkages to the regional transportation system and the airport, requiring the courts to resolve lawsuits within 270 business days, to the extent feasible. Provides that the environmental impact statement (EIS) prepared by the Navy pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act for "transit-oriented development" (TOD) on the Old Town Center site may be used in lieu of an environmental impact report under CEQA if the TOD projects and the EIS meet specified environmental and labor requirements.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 291, Statutes of 2020)

[AB-2991 \(Santiago\) - Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011.](#)

Extends for two years the expedited CEQA judicial review procedures established by the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act [AB 900 (Buchanan), Chapter 354, Statutes of 2011] for "environmental leadership development projects." Allows a project alternative to be certified under the conditions applicable at the time the original project was certified.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

[AB-3279 \(Friedman\) - California Environmental Quality Act: administrative and judicial procedures.](#)

Requires the court to schedule a case management conference within 30 days of filing a complaint or petition pursuant to CEQA, and authorizes the public agency to deny the request of a plaintiff or petitioner to prepare the record of proceedings if the public agency or real party in interest bears the costs of preparation and certification of the record without the ability to recover those costs from the plaintiff or petitioner.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

SB-25 (Caballero) - California Environmental Quality Act: projects funded by qualified opportunity zone funds or other public funds.

Establishes expedited administrative and judicial review procedures under CEQA for projects located in six specified counties, financed by a “qualified opportunity fund” or other specified means, and meeting other specified conditions, requiring the courts to resolve lawsuits within 270 days, to the extent feasible.

Status: Held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee

SB-288 (Wiener) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions: transportation-related projects.

Exempts specified transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects from CEQA until January 1, 2023.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 200, Statutes of 2020)

SB-450 (Umberg) - California Environmental Quality Act exemption: supportive and transitional housing: motel conversion.

Exempts an "interim motel housing project" (conversion of a motel to supportive or transitional housing) from CEQA until January 1, 2025.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 344, Statutes of 2019)

SB-621 (Glazer) - California Environmental Quality Act: expedited judicial review: affordable housing projects: reports.

Establishes expedited judicial review procedures for housing projects that include at least 30% affordable units and meet other specified conditions, requiring the courts to resolve lawsuits within 270 days, to the extent feasible, from the date the certified record of proceedings is filed with the court. Requires the Judicial Council to prepare specified reports regarding CEQA litigation.

Status: Held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee

SB-744 (Caballero) - Planning and zoning: California Environmental Quality Act: permanent supportive housing.

Amends the “by right” approval process for supportive housing projects to further limit the discretion of local governments to conduct project-specific review. Provides that a decision by a public agency to seek funding from, or the Department of Housing and Community Development’s awarding of funds pursuant to, the No Place Like Home Program (i.e., bond funds for permanent supportive housing projects) is not subject to CEQA.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 346, Statutes of 2019)

[SB-757 \(Allen\) - California Environmental Quality Act: Twenty-Eight by '28 Initiative pillar projects.](#)

Establishes expedited administrative and judicial review procedures under CEQA for zero-emission, fixed guideway transit projects, requiring the courts to resolve lawsuits within 270 days, to the extent feasible.

Status: Held on Senate Floor

[SB-974 \(Hurtado\) - California Environmental Quality Act: small disadvantaged community water system: exemption.](#)

Exempts from CEQA small drinking water system projects, as defined, that meet specified labor requirements, until January 1, 2028.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 234, Statutes of 2020)

[SB-995 \(Atkins\) - Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011: housing projects.](#)

Extends for four years the expedited CEQA administrative and judicial review procedures established by the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act [AB 900 (Buchanan), Chapter 354, Statutes of 2011] for "environmental leadership development projects." Expands AB 900 eligibility to include smaller housing projects.

Status: Held on Senate Floor

Coastal

[AB-1011 \(Petrie-Norris\) - Coastal resources: coastal development permits: waiver of filing fees.](#)

Authorizes the CCC to waive the filing fee for an application for a coastal development permit. This bill requires the CCC to give extra consideration to waiving a filing fee for a private nonprofit organization if the permit is required for a habitat restoration project or a project to provide public access to coastal resources.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 185, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-1191 \(Bonta\) - State Lands Commission: exchange of trust lands: City of Oakland: Howard Terminal property: Oakland Waterfront Ballpark Act.](#)

Enacts the Oakland Waterfront Sports and Mixed-Use Project, Waterfront Access, Environmental Justice, and Revitalization Act, which authorizes the SLC to approve an exchange at the Howard Terminal Property, approve a Ballpark and Public Lands Development (Development) on the final trust lands under specified conditions, and places specified requirements on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and

Development Commission regarding the Seaport Plan and permitting of the Development.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 752, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-1300 \(Kamlager-Dove\) - State Coastal Conservancy: Explore the Coast Program.](#)

Establishes the Explore the Coast Program within the SCC to expand opportunities for all Californians to access and explore the state's coastal resources.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

[AB-1511 \(Bloom\) - Coastal resources: Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.](#)

Replaces the SWRCB with the SCC as the state agency that provides administrative services for the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. This bill establishes the purposes of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission to promote, support, and achieve the restoration and enhancement of the Santa Monica Bay and its watershed.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

[AB-1644 \(Levine\) - Coastal resources: California Coastal Commission: scientific advice and recommendations: agriculture.](#)

Adds agriculture to the list of issues on which the CCC may receive technical advice and recommendations from members of the scientific and academic communities and makes a technical correction in code to clarify sea level rise is no longer in question.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 168, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-1680 \(Limón\) - Coastal lands: coastal access plan: Hollister Ranch.](#)

Requires the CCC, in collaboration with the SCC, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the SLC to develop a new coastal access program for Hollister Ranch in the County of Santa Barbara that will replace the existing coastal access program for Hollister Ranch that was adopted by the CCC in 1982.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 692, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-1731 \(Boerner Horvath\) - Short-term rentals: coastal zone.](#)

As passed by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, prohibits a hosting platform from listing a residential property located within portions of San Diego County's coastal zone as a short-term rental for more than 30 days per calendar year unless the primary resident lives onsite at least 270 days per year. Subsequently amended to address unemployment insurance.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 209, Statutes of 2020)

AB-2619 (Mark Stone) - Coastal resources: Program for Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access.

Establishes the Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access Program to spend 30% of revenue, money, and remittances derived from mineral extraction leases on state tide and submerged lands, including tidelands oil revenue, on activities intended to help the state prepare, plan, and implement actions to address and adapt to sea level rise and coastal climate change.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB-2809 (Mullin) - San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission: Suisun Marsh Preservation Act of 1977.

Requires the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission to create and implement procedures to improve the timeliness and consistency of its enforcement programs.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 220, Statutes of 2020)

AB-3030 (Kalra) - Resource conservation: land and ocean conservation goals.

Establishes new land, water, and ocean protection goals, including to: 1) protect 30% of the state's land areas and water by 2030; 2) support efforts to advance the protection of 30% of the nation's oceans by 2030; 3) support efforts to protect at least 30% of the world's land areas, waters, and oceans by 2030; and, 4) improve access to nature for all people in the state, especially for communities of color and economically disadvantaged communities.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

SB-69 (Wiener) - Ocean Resiliency Act of 2019.

Makes various changes to state law on oceans, rivers, watersheds, and watercourses to improve and protect the health of watersheds and the Pacific Ocean along the coastline of California in response to climate change.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-262 (McGuire) - Marine resources: commercial fishing and aquaculture: regulation of operations.

Makes various changes to provisions relating to commercial fishing landing fees, sea cucumber permits, mariculture permitting, the commercial salmon fishing review board, vessel permit transfers, and the Dungeness crab trap retrieval program.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 472, Statutes of 2019)

[SB-576 \(Umberg\) - Coastal resources: Climate Ready Program and coastal climate change adaptation, infrastructure, and readiness program.](#)

Establishes the Climate Ready Program to be administered by the SCC. Requires the OPC to develop and implement a coastal climate change adaptation, infrastructure, and readiness program to recommend best practices and strategies to improve the climate change resiliency of the state's coastal communities, infrastructure, and habitat.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 374, Statutes of 2019)

Conservancies

[AB-1300 \(Kamlager-Dove\) - State Coastal Conservancy: Explore the Coast Program.](#)

Establishes the Explore the Coast Program within the SCC to expand opportunities for all Californians to access and explore the state's coastal resources.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

[AB-1511 \(Bloom\) - Coastal resources: Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.](#)

Replaces the SWRCB with the SCC as the state agency that provides administrative services for the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. This bill establishes the purposes of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission to promote, support, and achieve the restoration and enhancement of the Santa Monica Bay and its watershed.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

[AB-1694 \(O'Donnell\) - San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy: territory: Dominguez Channel watershed and Santa Catalina Island.](#)

Expands the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy to include the Dominguez Channel watershed and Santa Catalina Island.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

[SB-69 \(Wiener\) - Ocean Resiliency Act of 2019.](#)

Makes various changes to state law on oceans, rivers, watersheds, and watercourses to improve and protect the health of watersheds and the Pacific Ocean along the coastline of California in response to climate change.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

[SB-367 \(Hueso\) - State Coastal Conservancy: grants: educational projects and programs.](#)

Authorizes the SCC to undertake educational projects and programs for adults, in addition to pupils in K-12, and authorizes the SCC to award grants to federally

recognized Indian tribes for educational projects and programs. Revises the SCC educational grant program to authorize, among other things, grants for the construction and improvement of structures and facilities used for the educational projects and programs.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 701, Statutes of 2019)

[SB-576 \(Umberg\) - Coastal resources: Climate Ready Program and coastal climate change adaptation, infrastructure, and readiness program.](#)

Establishes the Climate Ready Program to be administered by the SCC. Requires the OPC to develop and implement a coastal climate change adaptation, infrastructure, and readiness program to recommend best practices and strategies to improve the climate change resiliency of the state's coastal communities, infrastructure, and habitat.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 374, Statutes of 2019)

[SB-989 \(Dahle\) - Sierra Nevada Conservancy: Sierra Nevada Region: subregion: definitions.](#)

Expands the boundaries of the SNC to include additional specified watersheds within Siskiyou, Shasta, and Trinity Counties and redefines the North Sierra subregion.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

[SB-1380 \(Allen\) - Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy: acquisition of real property.](#)

Exempts, on or after January 1, 2021, specified acquisitions of real property or interest by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) to address or resolve an encroachment on real property owned by the SMMC from state Property Acquisition Law. Specifies only acquisitions from willing sellers qualify for this exemption.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 310, Statutes of 2020)

Energy

[AB-56 \(Eduardo Garcia\) - Electricity: procurement by the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority.](#)

Authorizes the PUC to authorize the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority to undertake procurement of electricity to meet the state's climate, clean energy, and reliability goals if the PUC makes specified findings.

Status: Held in Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee

[AB-178 \(Dahle\) - Energy: building standards: photovoltaic requirements.](#)

Until January 1, 2023, exempts any residential construction from the state's requirement for solar photovoltaic systems, if certain conditions are met, if the construction is intended to "repair, restore, or replace" a residential building that was damaged or

destroyed as a result of a disaster in an area of the state in which the Governor declared a state of emergency prior to January 1, 2020.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 259, Statutes of 2019)

AB-383 (Mayes) - Clean Energy Financing Clearinghouse.

Creates a centralized Clean Energy Financing Clearinghouse (clearinghouse) within the California State Treasurer's Office to coordinate all government programs that invest capital in clean energy technologies. Requires the clearinghouse to provide information to and partner with private entities with the goal of increasing private investment in clean energy technology deployments.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

AB-386 (Eduardo Garcia) - Agricultural Working Poor Energy Efficient Housing Program.

Directs CSD to develop and administer the Agricultural Working Poor Energy Efficient Housing Program by expending moneys appropriated by the Legislature to improve energy efficiency in farmworker housing. Specifies that program funds are to be used to fund energy-efficiency projects.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-660 (Levine) - Building energy efficiency standards: solar reflectance of roofs.

Requires the CEC to consider updating and establishing additional requirements for its "cool roofs" regulation.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-1144 (Friedman) - Self-generation incentive program: community energy storage systems: high fire threat districts.

Requires the PUC to allocate at least 10% of the 2020 funds from the Self Generation Incentive Program for the installation of energy storage and other eligible distributed energy resources at facilities that provide critical infrastructure to communities in High Fire Threat Districts to support community resiliency.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 394, Statutes of 2019)

AB-1232 (Gloria) - Affordable housing: weatherization.

Makes a number of changes to the Low-Income Weatherization Program. Directs CSD, by January 1, 2021, to coordinate with CEC and the Department of Public Health's Office of Health Equity to identify best practices from model programs and funding mechanisms and prepare an action plan. Directs CSD, in coordination with relevant agencies, to provide an assessment of the effectiveness of the program on or before January 1, 2023. Clarifies that an eligible expenditure of GGRF money appropriated to

the CSD may occur over multiple fiscal years and that CSD may make multiyear funding commitments.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 754, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-1503 \(Burke\) - Distributed energy and microgrids: policies: report.](#)

Requires the PUC, as part of its annual statutorily required microgrids report to the governor and the Legislature, to describe workforce opportunities in the areas of distributed energy and microgrids, including emerging energy jobs and professions and the costs and benefits to ratepayers.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

[AB-1799 \(Friedman\) - Natural gas.](#)

Requires the CEC to collect and analyze specified data, and requires the CEC, in coordination with the PUC, to establish the Joint Agency Natural Gas Market Oversight Committee, to determine the causes of natural gas price volatility.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

[AB-3163 \(Salas\) - Energy: biomethane: procurement.](#)

Adds methane that is produced from the noncombustion thermal conversion of eligible biomass feedstock, as specified, to the definition of "biomethane" for purposes of gas utility biomethane procurement targets.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 358, Statutes of 2020)

[SB-49 \(Skinner\) - Energy efficiency.](#)

Expands CEC's authority to develop standards for appliances to facilitate the deployment of flexible demand (i.e., demand response) technologies. Requires the NRA to assess and provide recommendations regarding opportunities and constraints for potential operational and structural upgrades to the State Water Project to aid California in achieving its climate and energy goals.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 697, Statutes of 2019)

[SB-155 \(Bradford\) - California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: integrated resource plans.](#)

Directs the PUC to review and enforce specified Renewables Portfolio Standard and integrated resource plan requirements applicable to all load-serving entities, including investor-owned utilities, energy service providers, and community choice aggregators.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 401, Statutes of 2019)

[SB-247 \(Dodd\) - Wildland fire prevention: vegetation management.](#)

Requires the PUC to audit vegetation management done by electrical corporations (IOUs) and establishes wage and qualification requirements for all individuals doing vegetation management for an IOU.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 406, Statutes of 2019)

[SB-515 \(Caballero\) - Public Utilities Commission: high hazard zone fuel: report.](#)

Requires, on or before January 6, 2020, the PUC to submit a report to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature on or before January 6, 2020, that contains specified requirements related to high hazard zone fuel in California.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

[SB-895 \(Archuleta\) - Energy: zero-emission fuel, infrastructure, and transportation technologies.](#)

Requires the CEC to provide research and development support for zero-emission fuels, infrastructure, and technologies within the limits of available funds that were formerly set aside for the development of diesel fuels, infrastructure, and technologies.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 120, Statutes of 2020)

Forestry and Fire Protection

[AB-19 \(Waldron\) - Forestry and fire protection: grant program: counties and local fire districts: street and road vegetation management.](#)

Appropriates \$25 million from the General Fund to CAL FIRE for priority local assistance grants, and adds projects to fund the equipment and management of vegetation along streets and roads to the priority funding list.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

[AB-38 \(Wood\) - Fire safety: State Wildfire Preparedness Board: Fire Hardened Homes Revolving Loan Fund.](#)

Requires specified disclosures for the sale of real property in a high or very high fire hazard severity zone (VHFHSZ) related to fire safety including home hardening and defensible space. Requires the Office of Emergency Services to enter into a joint powers agreement with CAL FIRE to develop and administer a comprehensive wildfire mitigation program to provide financial assistance to create fire-resistant homes, businesses, and public buildings and facilitate vegetation management. This bill requires the NRA, in consultation with the State Fire Marshal and the Forest Management Task Force, to review regional capacity of each county that contains a VHFHSZ.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 391, Statutes of 2019)

AB-65 (Petrie-Norris) - Coastal protection: climate adaption: project prioritization.

Requires the SCC to prioritize projects that provide natural infrastructure and multiple public benefits when allocating funding from the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68).

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 347, Statutes of 2019)

AB-343 (Patterson) - Forestry: fuels transportation program: biomass energy facility: grant program.

Requires the NRA to develop and implement a biomass fuels transportation program to provide financial assistance for projects to offset the costs of transporting fuels to facilities.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

AB-616 (Patterson) - California Forest Carbon Plan: report.

Requires CAL FIRE, in collaboration with the NRA and CalEPA, to prepare and submit to the Legislature and the relevant legislative policy and budget committees an annual progress report on the implementation of the California Forest Carbon Plan.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

AB-1067 (Bigelow) - Public lands: Department of Parks and Recreation: wildfire management plan: wildland-urban interface.

Requires the director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, by January 1, 2023, to develop and implement a wildfire management plan for all department property located within a high or very high fire hazard severity zone, as identified by the director of CAL FIRE.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

AB-1160 (Dahle) - Forestry: timber operations: sustained yield plans.

Extends the effective date of a sustained yield plan from no more than 10 years to no more than 20 years.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 108, Statutes of 2019)

AB-1516 (Friedman) - Fire prevention: defensible space and fuels reduction management.

Makes various changes to improve defensible space requirements and compliance to protect homes and communities from wildfire. This bill creates an ember-resistant zone within five feet of a structure and a statewide program to allow qualified third party entities to support CAL FIRE's defensible space inspection efforts through defensible space assessments. Requires CAL FIRE to develop a guidebook to provide

landowners options of vegetation that would never grow into energized conductors and cause fires.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

[AB-1823 \(Committee on Natural Resources\) - Fire protection: local fire planning.](#)

An Assembly Natural Resources Committee bill, which provides clean up to legislation that passed in 2018, including SB 901 (Dodd), Chapter 626, Statutes of 2018, and AB 2518 (Aguiar-Curry), Chapter 637, Statutes of 2018.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 399, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-3074 \(Friedman\) - Fire prevention: wildfire risk: defensible space: ember-resistant zones.](#)

Establishes, upon appropriation, an ember-resistant zone within five feet of a structure as part of the defensible space requirements for structures located in specified high fire hazard areas. This bill requires removal of material from the ember-resistant zone based on the probability that vegetation and fuel will lead to ignition of the structure by ember.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 259, Statutes of 2020)

[AB-3164 \(Friedman\) - Fire prevention: wildland-urban interface wildfire risk model: model use guidelines.](#)

Requires, on or before July 1, 2022, CAL FIRE, in consultation with the State Fire Marshal and the Insurance Commissioner, to develop a wildland-urban interface wildfire risk model to determine the risk for a community or parcel in specified wildfire hazard zones.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

[SB-69 \(Wiener\) - Ocean Resiliency Act of 2019.](#)

Makes various changes to state law on oceans, rivers, watersheds, and watercourses to improve and protect the health of watersheds and the Pacific Ocean along the coastline of California in response to climate change.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

[SB-130 \(Galgiani\) - Fire prevention grants: cities in very high fire hazard severity zones: emergency fire siren warning system.](#)

Requires CAL FIRE to establish a grant program to provide grants to applicant cities located in designated very high fire hazard severity zones to be used for the installation, refurbishment, and implementation of an emergency fire siren warning system.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-190 (Dodd) - Fire safety: building standards: defensible space program.

Requires the Office of the State Fire Marshal to develop a model defensible space program, online training related to building standards in the Wildland-Urban Interface, and a listing of products and construction assemblies that are in compliance with fire safety building standards.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 404, Statutes of 2019)

SB-226 (Nielsen) - Watershed restoration: wildfires: grant program.

Requires the NRA, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to develop and implement the Watershed Restoration Grant Program to provide grants to eligible counties for the restoration of watersheds within 10 miles of the boundaries of a wildfire that occurred in the county.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-247 (Dodd) - Wildland fire prevention: vegetation management.

Requires the PUC to audit vegetation management done by electrical corporations (IOUs) and establishes wage and qualification requirements for all individuals doing vegetation management for an IOU.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 406, Statutes of 2019)

SB-462 (Stern) - Community colleges: Urban and Rural Forest and Woodlands Restoration and Fire Resiliency Workforce Program.

Requires the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges, working in collaboration with the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, to develop a forest and woodlands restoration workforce model curriculum and vocational programs to be offered by community college districts commencing on or before July 31, 2021.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-515 (Caballero) - Public Utilities Commission: high hazard zone fuel: report.

Requires, on or before January 6, 2020, the PUC to submit a report to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature on or before January 6, 2020, that contains specified requirements related to high hazard zone fuel in California.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-535 (Moorlach) - Wildfires and forest fires: air emissions.

Requires the ARB to submit a report, on or before December 31, 2020 and every three years thereafter, assessing the GHG emissions associated with wildfires as specified, and to identify information contained in the report to be included in future iterations of the AB 32 scoping plan.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-632 (Galgiani) - California Environmental Quality Act: injunction: vegetation treatment projects.

Requires the BOF to complete its review, pursuant to CEQA, of the vegetation treatment program as soon as practicably feasible, but by no later than February 1, 2020.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 411, Statutes of 2019)

SB-1348 (Stern) - Fire prevention: vegetation management: public education: grants: defensible space: fire hazard severity zones: forest management.

Makes multiple changes in state law to enhance fire prevention efforts by CAL FIRE, including, among other things, improved vegetation management and expanding the area where fire safety building standards apply.

Status: Held on Assembly Floor

Miscellaneous

AB-176 (Cervantes) - California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority: sales and use taxes: exclusions.

Requires the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority to evaluate a project based on the extent to which the project will create new, or result in the loss of, permanent, full-time jobs in California, including the average and minimum wage for each classification of full-time employees proposed to be hired or not retained.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 672, Statutes of 2019)

AB-178 (Dahle) - Energy: building standards: photovoltaic requirements.

Until January 1, 2023, exempts any residential construction from the state's requirement for solar photovoltaic systems, if certain conditions are met, if the construction is intended to "repair, restore, or replace" a residential building that was damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in an area of the state in which the Governor declared a state of emergency prior to January 1, 2020.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 259, Statutes of 2019)

AB-278 (McCarty) - California Conservation Corps: community conservation corps: applicant selection: parolees.

Authorizes the director of the CCC to select applicants who are parolees for enrollment in the corps program. Additionally, this bill authorizes a school district or county office of education that operates a community conservation corps to select applicants who are parolees for enrollment.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 571, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-470 \(Limón\) - California Green Business Program.](#)

Repeals the Green Business Program within the Department of Toxic Substances Control and establishes the California Green Business Program within CalEPA to provide support and assistance to green business certification programs operated by local governments to certify small- and medium-sized businesses that voluntarily adopt environmentally preferable business practices.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

[AB-639 \(Cervantes\) - Commission on Workforce Impacts of Transitioning Seaports to a Lower Carbon Economy: scoping plan.](#)

Creates the Task Force on Addressing Workforce Impacts of Transitioning Seaports to a Lower Carbon Economy to advise state agencies on effective methods of using available funds. Requires the California Workforce Development Board to present to the Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies on the impacts on employment of state decarbonization policies

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 116, Statutes of 2020)

[AB-933 \(Petrie-Norris\) - Ecosystem resilience: watershed protection: watershed coordinators.](#)

Authorizes the Department of Conservation to establish and administer the Ecosystem Resilience Program to fund watershed coordinator positions throughout the state.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

[AB-966 \(Bonta\) - Cement plants.](#)

Requires each cement plant operating in the state to submit a current facility-specific Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) to ARB by January 1, 2022, to disclose the environmental impacts of the plant. Requires authorities that award contracts to require successful contract bidders to submit a product-specific EPD for projects that involve the purchase of more than 50 cubic yards of concrete.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

[AB-1252 \(Robert Rivas\) - Environmental Justice Small Grant Program: advance payments.](#)

For grants awarded under the Environmental Justice Small Grant Program, authorizes CalEPA to distribute advance payments to nonprofit entities or federally recognized tribal governments and non-federally recognized California Native American tribes with nonprofit status and to specify grant payment terms for projects providing service to or benefitting disadvantaged or low-income communities.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-1628 (Robert Rivas) - Environmental justice: Attorney General: Bureau of Environmental Justice: Office of Planning and Research.

Revises the definition of "environmental justice," for the purposes of OPR's coordination of state agency programs, to include meaningful involvement in addition to fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, incomes, and adds national origins to this list.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 360, Statutes of 2019)

AB-1668 (Carrillo) - California Conservation Corps: Education and Employment Reentry Program.

Establishes, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Education and Employment Reentry Program within the CCC and authorizes the director to enroll formerly incarcerated individuals, as specified.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 587, Statutes of 2019)

SB-1 (Atkins) - California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2019.

Enacts the California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2019 for the purpose of ensuring that protections afforded to Californians under federal environmental and labor laws and regulations as of January 2017 remain in place in the event that the federal government weakens or repeals any of those federal laws or regulations.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

SB-253 (Dodd) - Cannella Environmental Farming Act of 1995: Environmental Farming Incentive Program.

Requires CDFA, upon appropriation, to establish the Environmental Farming Incentive Program to fund incentives, educational materials, and outreach to farmers or ranchers for practices that support environmental and other conservation benefits. This bill also requires the Scientific Advisory Panel on Environmental Farming to advise the Secretary of CDFA on the implementation of the program.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-785 (Committee on Natural Resources and Water) - Public resources: parklands, freshwater resources, and coastal resources: off-highway motor vehicles: public lands.

This omnibus committee bill makes various technical, clarifying, and noncontroversial changes affecting DFW, SCC, State Parks, the Tahoe Regional Compact and Transportation District, the Department of Conservation, Caltrans, the San Diego County Water Authority, and San Diego County.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 469, Statutes of 2019)

Oil and Gas

AB-255 (Limón) - Coastal resources: oil spills: grants.

Authorizes the Office of Spill Prevention and Response to offer grants to a Native American tribe or a public entity (such as special districts) with jurisdiction over or directly adjacent to waters of the state to provide oil spill response equipment to be deployed by a local spill response manager.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 84, Statutes of 2019)

AB-342 (Muratsuchi) - Public lands: leasing: oil and gas: prohibition.

Prohibits any state agency, department, or commission, or any local trustee, with leasing authority over public lands within the state from entering into any new lease or other conveyance authorizing new construction of oil- and natural gas-related infrastructure upon public lands that supports production of oil and natural gas upon federal lands that are designated as, or were at any time designated as, federally protected, as defined.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 769, Statutes of 2019)

AB-345 (Muratsuchi) - Oil and gas: operations: location restrictions.

Requires the establishment of an environmental justice program at the NRA, and requires DOGGR to adopt regulations to establish a minimum setback distance between oil and gas production and related operations activities and sensitive receptors, as specified.

Status: Held in Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

AB-585 (Limón) - Public lands: 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 requires present and future oil and gas leases or permit holders to be liable for specified obligations.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 123, Statutes of 2019)

AB-926 (O'Donnell) - Oil revenue: Oil Trust Fund.

Eliminates the cap of \$300 million on the Oil Trust Fund and specifies the amount of money to be deposited into the Oil Trust Fund each month beginning on January 31, 2020.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-936 (Robert Rivas) - Oil spills: response and contingency planning.

Revises the oil spill response laws and the duties of the Administrator of the Office of Spill Prevention and Response within the DFW to specifically address nonfloating oils.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 770, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-1057 \(Limón\) - Oil and gas: wells and facilities: indemnity bonds and remediation.](#)

Renames the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources the Geologic Energy Management Division. This bill authorizes the Oil and Gas Supervisor to require an operator to provide an additional amount of security in an amount not to exceed the reasonable costs of plugging and abandoning all of the operator's wells or \$30 million.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 771, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-1328 \(Holden\) - Oil and gas: well testing requirements for idle wells, hazardous or idle-deserted wells, and hazardous or deserted facilities.](#)

Requires DOGGR, in consultation with the ARB, to study idle, idle-deserted, and abandoned oil and gas wells in California to better understand their emissions of air pollutants, including, but not limited to, GHGs, toxic air contaminants, and volatile organic compounds; makes stipulations regarding the scope and execution of that study; and, increases the time permitted between announcing the intent to abandon a well and cancellation of that announcement from 12 to 24 months.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 772, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-1440 \(Levine\) - Oil and gas: development.](#)

Revises the purposes of the state's Oil and Gas Supervisor supervision of the drilling, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of wells to remove references encouraging oil production.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

[AB-1441 \(Levine\) - Oil and gas: operations: permit and notice requirements.](#)

As passed by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, recasts provisions relating to the state's declared policy on oil and gas leases and the removal of underground hydrocarbons. Subsequently amended to address unemployment compensation.

Status: Held in Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee

[AB-3214 \(Limón\) - Oil and gas: oil spills: financial security, fines, and penalties.](#)

Doubles specified maximum and minimum financial penalties for specified violations, including failing to notify specified state and federal agencies of the discharge of oil and the discharging of oil into waters of the state. This bill authorizes the court to also impose upon a person convicted of violating specified provisions of the Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act a fine of up to \$1,000 dollars per gallon spilled in excess of 1,000 gallons of oil.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 119, Statutes of 2020)

SB-463 (Stern) - Natural gas storage wells: well stimulation treatments: chemical composition: leaks: regulation.

Requires an operator of a gas storage well to provide DOGGR a complete chemical inventory of specified materials that may be emitted from a gas storage well. Requires, on or before July 1, 2021, DOGGR in response to the independent root cause analysis of the 2015 Aliso Canyon gas leak, to review and if necessary revise its natural gas storage well policy and regulations.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 773, Statutes of 2019)

SB-551 (Jackson) - Oil and gas: decommissioning, cleanup, and remediation: costs.

Requires, commencing July 1, 2022, each operator of an oil and gas well to submit a report with specified criteria to DOGGR that demonstrates the operator's total liability to plug and abandon all wells and to decommission all attendant production facilities, including site remediation, on a schedule determined by the Oil and Gas Supervisor. Adds criteria to an existing report on the status of idle and long-term idle wells and delays the deadline for a report on the number of hazardous wells, idle-deserted wells, deserted facilities, and hazardous facilities.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 774, Statutes of 2019)

SB-1012 (Hurtado) - Oil and gas wells: hazardous or idle-deserted wells and facilities.

Requires additional reporting on hazardous, idle-deserted wells, idle wells, and facilities, including the location of the applicable wells and facilities.

Status: Held on Assembly Floor

Recycling and Solid Waste

AB-144 (Aguilar-Curry) - Public resources management: organic waste.

Requires, on or before December 31, 2020, the SGC to create a scoping plan for the state to meet its organic waste management mandates, goals, and targets. Makes unrelated cleanup changes to the Forestry Management Task Force.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

AB-161 (Ting) - Solid waste: paper waste: electronic proofs of purchase.

Allows a business to provide a paper receipt to a customer only upon the customer's request and would prohibit the paper receipts from containing specified chemicals or nonessential items, such as coupons.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-187 (Cristina Garcia) - Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act.

Makes various changes to the Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act in response to an audit report conducted by the Bureau of State Audits, as well as other changes to the program to enhance used mattress collection and recycling. Expands the scope of the Act to include mattress distributors; requiring a contingency plan in case a stewardship plan is revoked; requiring regular review of the stewardship plan; improving convenience for consumers; establishing procedures for adjustments to the mattress fee; and, establishing procedures for the decertification of a stewardship organization.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 673, Statutes of 2019)

AB-257 (Mathis) - Solid waste: woody biomass: disposal.

Requires CalRecycle to administer a woody biomass collection and disposal pilot program, until January 1, 2025, to award funding to rural counties for the purpose of conducting community collection days for individuals to dispose of woody biomass free of charge.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

AB-353 (Muratsuchi) - Food service facilities: food service packaging: state-owned facilities, state property, and state agency contracts.

As heard by this committee, made technical, clean-up changes to SB 1335 (Allen), Chapter 610, Statutes of 2018, to clarify that the Sustainable Packaging for the State of California Act only applies to food service facilities located on state property or pursuant to a contract with a state agency. Subsequently amended to address once-through cooling.

Status: Held in Senate Environmental Quality Committee

AB-729 (Chu) - Carpet recycling: carpet stewardship.

Revises the Product Stewardship for Carpets Program to, among other things, require the stewardship plan include a funding mechanism with differential assessments, require a "contingency plan" in the absence of an approved plan by CalRecycle, and increase the administrative penalties from \$1,000 per day to \$5,000 per day.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 680, Statutes of 2019)

AB-755 (Holden) - California tire fee: Stormwater Permit Compliance Fund.

Increases the California tire fee from \$1.75 to \$3.25 and directs the additional revenue to the Storm Water Permit Compliance Fund to be continuously appropriated to the SWRCB for grants for municipal stormwater projects that mitigate pollution from tires.

Status: Assembly-Died

AB-792 (Ting) - Recycling: plastic beverage containers: minimum recycled content.

Establishes minimum postconsumer recycled content standards for plastic beverage containers subject to the California Redemption Value that require the beverage container to contain, on average, no less than 75% postconsumer recycled plastic content on and after January 1, 2035.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-793 (Ting) - Solid waste: biomass.

Establishes minimum postconsumer recycled content standards for plastic beverage containers subject to the California Redemption Value that require the beverage container to contain, on average, no less than 50% postconsumer recycled plastic content on and after January 1, 2030. Authorizes the Director of CalRecycle to revise the standards based on specified findings.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 115, Statutes of 2020)

AB-794 (Ting) - Beverage container recycling: report to the Legislature.

Requires CalRecycle to conduct a study on the changes to the international recycling market since January 1, 2018, and provide recommendations to the Legislature by January 1, 2021, on how to foster more recycling of beverage containers in the state.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

AB-815 (Aguiar-Curry) - Integrated waste management plans: source reduction and recycling element: dual stream recycling programs.

Requires CalRecycle to consider whether a local jurisdiction has adopted a dual stream recycling program (e.g., separating paper and cardboard from other recyclables) when considering if the jurisdiction has made a good faith effort to implement its source reduction and recycling element to meet the state's waste diversion goals.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 182, Statutes of 2019)

AB-827 (McCarty) - Solid waste: commercial and organic waste: recycling bins.

Requires generators of commercial waste and generators of organic waste that allow customers access to the business to provide customers with a commercial solid waste recycling bin or an organic waste recycling bin to collect materials purchased on the premises by July 1, 2020. This bill also requires CalRecycle to develop model signage that the businesses may use when implementing these requirements.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 441, Statutes of 2019)

AB-1080 (Gonzalez) - California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act.

Enacts the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, which would impose a comprehensive regulatory scheme on producers, retailers, and wholesalers of plastic single-use packaging and priority plastic single-use products, as defined, to be administered by CalRecycle. Requires producers of single-use packaging or priority single-use products to source reduce, to the maximum extent feasible, and to ensure that all single-use packaging and priority single-use products manufactured on or after January 1, 2032, and offered for sale, sold, distributed, or imported in or into California are recyclable or compostable and meet specified recycling rates.

Status: Held on Assembly Floor

AB-1162 (Kalra) - Lodging establishments: personal care products: small plastic bottles.

Prohibits lodging establishments from providing small plastic bottles containing shampoo, hair conditioner, and bath soap to guests and holds the lodging establishments liable for civil penalties in the event of a violation.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 687, Statutes of 2019)

AB-1236 (Lackey) - Public resources: greenhouse gases: recycling: California Environmental Quality Act.

This bill establishes the Recycle It Here Act and The Recycled Materials Innovation Grant Program. Allocates \$200 million, upon appropriation by the Legislature, from the GGRF to the Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant program.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

AB-1488 (Burke) - Recycling: plastic beverage containers: reporting.

Requires plastic reclaimers, on and after March 1, 2020, to annually report to CalRecycle the amount of empty plastic beverage containers collected, washed, and processed.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations

AB-1583 (Eggman) - The California Recycling Market Development Act.

Establishes the California Recycling Market Development Act. The Act specifies that the resin code labels on rigid plastic bottles and rigid plastic containers do not have to include the "chasing arrows" recycling symbol; extends the sunset on the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority financial assistance given to projects that promote the use of advanced manufacturing, including tangible personal property that primarily processes or uses recycled feedstock, in the form of a sales and use tax exclusion to January 1, 2026; extends the sunset on the

CalRecycle's Recycled Market Development Loan Program, which encourages California-based recycling businesses located within California by financing businesses that prevent, reduce, or recycle recovered waste materials through value-added processing or manufacturing, to January 1, 2031; and, requires CalRecycle, by July 1, 2020, to convene a Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling consisting of representatives of public agencies, private solid waste enterprises, and environmental organizations with expertise in recycling. By January 1, 2021, requires the Commission to issue policy recommendations to achieve specified recycling goals and identify products that are recyclable or compostable that are regularly collected in curbside recycling programs.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 690, Statutes of 2019)

AB-1770 (Frazier) - Tire recycling program: rubberized pavement.

This bill extends the sunset on the Rubberized Pavement Market Development Act, from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2024.

Status: Held in Senate Environmental Quality Committee

SB-54 (Allen) - California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act.

Enacts the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, which would impose a comprehensive regulatory scheme on producers, retailers, and wholesalers of plastic single-use packaging and priority plastic single-use products, as defined, to be administered by CalRecycle. Requires producers of single-use packaging or priority single-use products to source reduce, to the maximum extent feasible, and to ensure that all single-use packaging and priority single-use products manufactured on or after January 1, 2032, and offered for sale, sold, distributed, or imported in or into California are recyclable or compostable and meet specified recycling rates.

Status: Assembly-Failed

SB-667 (Hueso) - Greenhouse gases: recycling infrastructure and facilities.

Requires CalRecycle to develop a five-year needs assessment by January 1, 2023, for meeting the state's organic waste and recycling goals.

Status: Held on Assembly Floor

State Lands and Tidelands

AB-342 (Muratsuchi) - Public lands: leasing: oil and gas: prohibition.

Prohibits any state agency, department, or commission, or any local trustee, with leasing authority over public lands within the state from entering into any new lease or other conveyance authorizing new construction of oil- and natural gas-related

infrastructure upon public lands that supports production of oil and natural gas upon federal lands that are designated as, or were at any time designated as, federally protected, as defined.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 769, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-585 \(Limón\) - Public lands: 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 requires present and future oil and gas leases or permit holders to be liable for specified obligations.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 123, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-926 \(O'Donnell\) - Oil revenue: Oil Trust Fund.](#)

Eliminates the cap of \$300 million on the Oil Trust Fund and specifies the amount of money to be deposited into the Oil Trust Fund each month beginning on January 31, 2020.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

[AB-1191 \(Bonta\) - State Lands Commission: exchange of trust lands: City of Oakland: Howard Terminal property: Oakland Waterfront Ballpark Act.](#)

Enacts the Oakland Waterfront Sports and Mixed-Use Project, Waterfront Access, Environmental Justice, and Revitalization Act, which authorizes the SLC to approve an exchange at the Howard Terminal Property, approve a Ballpark and Public Lands Development (Development) on the final trust lands under specified conditions, and places specified requirements on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission regarding the Seaport Plan and permitting of the Development.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 752, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-1392 \(Mullin\) - State Lands Commission: grant of trust lands: City of Redwood City.](#)

Grants to Redwood City (City) specified lands known as the Maple Street Site as part of a land exchange to be managed consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine. Requires, on or before January 1, 2024, the City to submit to the SLC a trust lands use plan for the granted lands.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 194, Statutes of 2019)

[AB-3030 \(Kalra\) - Resource conservation: land and ocean conservation goals.](#)

Establishes new land, water, and ocean protection goals, including to: 1) protect 30% of the state's land areas and water by 2030; 2) support efforts to advance the protection of

30% of the nation's oceans by 2030; 3) support efforts to protect at least 30% of the world's land areas, waters, and oceans by 2030; and, 4) improve access to nature for all people in the state, especially for communities of color and economically disadvantaged communities.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

SB-307 (Roth) - Water conveyance: use of facility with unused capacity.

Requires the SLC, in consultation with the DFW and the Department of Water Resources, to find that the transfer of the water from a groundwater basin underlying specified desert lands will not adversely affect the natural or cultural resources, including groundwater resources or habitat, of those federal and state lands in order for that transfer to be allowed.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 169, Statutes of 2019)

SB-507 (Atkins) - San Diego Unified Port District: territory held in trust: State Lands Commission: grant of trust lands: City of San Diego.

Grants certain previously ungranted tidelands in San Diego Bay to the San Diego Unified Port District subject to specified terms and conditions.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 372, Statutes of 2019)