

AGENDA  
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT  
WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024

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CALL TO ORDER    11:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE      Committee Chair: Steve LaMar      \_\_\_\_\_  
Member: Karen McLaughlin      \_\_\_\_\_

<u>ALSO PRESENT</u>	Paul Cook	_____	Paul Weghorst	_____
	Fiona Sanchez	_____	Kevin Burton	_____
	Wendy Chambers	_____	Neveen Adly	_____
	Christine Compton	_____	Jim Colston	_____
	John Fabris	_____	Kellie Welch	_____
	Amy McNulty	_____	Louis Bronstein	_____
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**COMMUNICATIONS**

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1. Notes: Weghorst
2. Public Comments
3. Determine the need to discuss and/or take action on item(s) introduced that came to the attention of the District subsequent to the agenda being posted; and determine which items may be approved without discussion.

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**ACTION**

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4. 2024 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE – COMPTON  
Recommendation: That the Board adopt a “WATCH” position on AB 805 (Arambula) and a “SUPPORT IF AMENDED” position on SB 1134 (Caballero).
5. 2023-2024 ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT RESPONSE TO “EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH COUNTY WATER / WASTEWATER SERVICE” – COMPTON  
Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to provide the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court with the proposed response to Finding F4 and Recommendation R2 of the 2023-2024 Orange County Grand Jury report entitled “*Emerging Opportunities in South County Water/Wastewater Service.*”


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**OTHER BUSINESS**

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6. Directors’ Comments
7. Adjourn

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July 1, 2024  
Prepared and  
submitted by: C. Compton  
Approved by: Paul A. Cook 

## WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

### 2024 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

#### SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the 2023-2024 legislative session, regulatory issues, and IRWD priorities. As legislation and regulations develop, staff will provide updates and recommendations to the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee and the Board, as appropriate. Staff recommends the Board consider the following actions/positions:

- *SB 1134 (Caballero, D-Merced) Surplus land: “SUPPORT IF AMENDED”; and*
- *AB 805 (Arambula, D-Fresno) Sewer service: disadvantaged communities: “WATCH”.*

#### BACKGROUND:

The deadline for legislative measures to qualify for the November 5, 2024, general election was June 27 without the Legislature waiving the statute defining the deadline. July 3 will be the last day for policy committees to meet and consider bills. The Legislature will then commence its month-long Summer Recess and reconvene on August 5.

A copy of the 2024 Legislative Matrix is attached as Exhibit “A”. Links to the bills discussed below are included within each discussion unless a separate exhibit is noted.

#### 2024 State Legislative Update:

##### *AB 805 (Arambula, D-Fresno) Sewer service: disadvantaged communities:*

AB 805 would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to require a sewer service provider for a sewer system that has the reasonable potential to cause a violation of water quality objectives, impair present or future beneficial uses of water or cause pollution, nuisance, or contamination of waters of the state to contract with an administrator designated or approved by the State Board.

The Board adopted a “seek amendments” position on AB 805 and authorized staff to seek amendments that would provide protections for an assuming sewer provider that are similar to those provided in existing law for assuming water providers. Working through the District’s associations, staff advocated for such amendments, and the author amended the bill. The bill would now permit the State Board to require a failing sewer system to contract with an administrator but would not require another provider to assume the failing system. The bill also now contains a sunset of the State Board’s powers. With these amendments, IRWD’s associations have removed their opposition and staff now recommends that the Board adopt a “watch” position on the bill, as well.

*SB 1134 (Caballero, D-Merced) Surplus land:*

SB 1134 (Caballero) seeks to clarify and address issues of ambiguity in the Surplus Land Act (SLA). As amended, it would also require the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to use the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process when adopting regulations or guidelines related to the implementation of the SLA instead of the non-APA process provided for under existing law. The bill would also make a change in the disposal of exempt surplus land in Section 2 of the bill that was included in the bill due to a drafting error. The author has committed to correcting this error.

Staff recommends that the Board adopt a “support if amended” position on the bill, with the amendment sought being the removal of Section 2 related to exempt surplus land.

*SB-1255 (Dodd, D-Napa) Public Water Systems: Needs Analysis:*

SB 1255, as amended on June 19, would require the State Board to update its needs analysis of public water systems to include an assessment of the funds necessary to provide a 20 percent discount for low-income households served by community water systems with fewer than 3,000 service connections. It would also require public water systems with more than 3,300 connections to establish a water Low-Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) program that would:

- Be funded with voluntary contributions, which would be collected through water bills on an opt-out-only basis;
- Require the system to establish a recommended voluntary contribution amount on the bill of each ratepayer, other than ratepayers eligible for the program. The recommended contribution would be required to be set at a level sufficient to fund the discount to eligible ratepayers and pay for administrative costs; and
- Provide a bill credit to eligible ratepayers of no less than 20 percent of the water, and if present on the bill, wastewater charges for consumption of up the indoor water use standards association with “Making Conservation a California Way of Life.”

IRWD currently has an “oppose unless amended” position on SB 1255, and staff is engaged in ongoing workgroup discussions with the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) on further amendments needed to make the bill workable for retail water suppliers. Staff will provide the Committee with an update on these discussions and the amendments the sponsors have agreed to make to the bill to date.

Other 2024 State Legislative Updates:

Staff will also provide an oral update to the Committee on any new developments related to the following:

- [AB 1827 \(Papan, D-San Mateo\) Local government: fees and charges: water: higher consumptive water parcels;](#)
- [AB 2149 \(Connley, D-San Rafael\) Gates: standards: inspection;](#)

- [SB 1218 \(Newman, D-Fullerton\) Emergency Water Supplies](#);
- 2024-2025 State Budget;
- Climate resilience bonds; and
- Other legislative matters of interest to IRWD.

Other 2024 State and Regional Regulatory Updates:

The following is a list of state and regional regulations and agency reports staff are monitoring, tracking, or planning to engage in over the next three to 12 months. As the next drafts of the regulations or reports are released for public review and comment, staff will engage, as appropriate. Staff will also provide an oral update to the Committee on any new developments related to these regulations and other regulations of interest to the District.

The pending regulations and reports actively being tracked include:

- California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) [30 x 30 California Implementation](#);
- CNRA's [Water Resilience Portfolio Implementation and Resiliency 2.0 Implementation](#);
- DWR Surface water and groundwater interconnection guidance;
- Housing and Community Development's Surplus Land Act guidelines;
- State Board's implementation of the adopted "[Cross Connection Policy Handbook](#)";
- State Board's implementation of the Lead and Copper Rule;
- State Board's "[Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life](#)" implementation;
- State Board's [Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience \(SAFER\) Drinking Water Program](#);
- State Board's [Development of Maximum Contaminant Levels for PFAS](#);
- South Coast AQMD's [Cumulative Impacts from Air Toxics for CEQA Projects](#);
- South Coast AQMD's Tier 4 Emergency Generator Testing Policy;
- South Coast AQMD's [Proposed Rule 317.1 - Clean Air Act Nonattainment Fees for 8-Hour Ozone Standards](#);
- South Coast AQMD's [PAR 1146.2 Control of NOx from Large Water Heaters, Small Boilers and Process Heaters](#); and
- South Coast AQMD's [Proposed Rule 1110.4, Emissions from Emergency Generators](#).

Staff will also provide the Committee with an update on other regulatory matters of interest to the District.

2024 Federal Legislative and Regulatory Update:

*Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project Outreach:*

IRWD’s federal advocacy priority in 2024 focuses on seeking federal funding for the Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project and advocating for an increased funding authorization for the federal Water Storage Program. Staff will provide an update on those efforts and the District’s next steps, given the recent award of Small Storage Program grant funding to Phase 1 of the project.

*Other Federal Regulatory Updates:*

The following is a list of federal regulations and agency reports staff are monitoring, tracking, or planning to engage in over the next three to 12 months. As the next drafts of the regulations or report are released for public review and comment, staff will engage, as appropriate. Staff will also provide an oral update to the Committee on any new developments related to these regulations and other regulations of interest to the District. The pending regulations and reports actively being tracked include:

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (U.S. EPA’s) [Lead and Copper Rule Improvements](#);
- U.S. EPA’s [Proposed PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation](#);
- U.S. EPA’s [Consumer Confidence Report Rule Revisions](#); and
- Bureau of Reclamation’s [Post-2026 Colorado River Reservoir Operational Guidelines and Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead](#).

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt a “WATCH” position on AB 805 (Arambula) and a “SUPPORT IF AMENDED” position on SB 1134 (Caballero).

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit “A” – IRWD Legislative Matrix

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**IRWD 2024 LEGISLATIVE MATRIX**  
Updated: *June 25, 2024*

Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
<b>AB 122</b> (Budget)	Public Resources Trailer Bill		Expresses the intent of the Legislature that the administration conduct an assessment of offshore wind energy permitting and related resource needs across applicable State entities, including, but not limited to, the Energy Commission, the State Lands Commission, the California Coastal Commission, and the State Coastal Conservancy. States that the outcomes of the assessment may be considered as part of a future budget. Appropriates funds.	08/14/2023 - Re-referred to SENATE Committee on BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW.
<b>AB 270</b> Lee (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Public Campaign Financing		Permits a public officer or candidate to expend or accept public moneys for the purpose of seeking elective office if the State or a local governmental entity established a dedicated fund for this purpose. Prohibits the public moneys for this dedicated fund from being taken from public moneys that are earmarked for education, transportation, or public safety. Provides that this restriction would not apply to charter cities.	06/14/2023 - To SENATE Committees on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS and APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 277</b> Rodriguez (D)	Extreme Weather Forecast and Threat Intelligence Center		Establishes the State-Federal Flood Operations Center within the Department of Water Resources and authorizes the department to administer the center in the department's divisions, offices, or programs. Requires the department and the Office of Emergency Services, in consultation with cooperating agencies, to develop and submit a report to the Legislature on or before specified date that outlines necessary technological advancements for agile forecasting and gaps in data that would improve flood response.	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 295</b> Lowenthal (D)	Residential Real Property: Foreclosure		Provides that existing law prescribes various requirements to be satisfied before the exercise of a power of sale under a mortgage or deed of trust and prescribes a procedure for the exercise of that power. Prohibits a person from contacting, soliciting, or initiating communication with an owner to claim the surplus funds from a foreclosure sale of the owner's residence before a specified number of days after the trustee's deed has been required.	06/25/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY: Recommend concurrence in SENATE amendments.
<b>AB 305</b> Villapudua (D)	California Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024	Support	Enacts the California Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024 which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the specified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law	05/22/2024 - Re-referred to SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.

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			for flood protection projects. Provides for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the specified statewide general election.	
<b>AB 311</b> Santiago (D)	Food Assistance Program: Eligibility and Benefits		Removes a specified age limitation and makes any individual eligible for the program if the individual's immigration status is the sole basis for their ineligibility for CalFresh benefits.	06/17/2024 - From SENATE Committee on HUMAN SERVICES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 347</b> Ting (D)	Household Product Safety: Toxic Substances: Testing		Provides that existing law prohibits cookware that contains certain chemicals from being sold, offered for sale, or distributed in the State unless certain product labeling and public notice requirements are met. Requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to adopt regulations for the enforcement of the prohibitions on the use of PFAS and the use of specified chemicals in cookware. Requires manufacturers to register with the department, pay a registration fee, and provide a statement of compliance.	06/20/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HEALTH.
<b>AB 408</b> Wilson (D)	Climate Resilient Farms		Enacts the Climate-Resilient Farms, Sustainable Healthy Food Access, and Farmworker Protection Bond Act of 2024, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds to finance programs related to, among other things, agricultural lands, food and fiber infrastructure, climate resilience, agricultural professionals, including farmers, ranchers, and farmworkers, workforce development and training, air quality, tribes, disadvantaged communities, nutrition, and food aid.	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
<b>AB 437</b> Jackson (D)	State Government: Equity		Provides that existing law requires the Chief Equity Officer to improve equity and inclusion throughout State government operations and authorizes the Chief Equity Officer to engage with State entities for these purposes. Requires State agencies and departments, in carrying out their duties, to consider the use of more inclusive practices to advance equity.	04/23/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.
<b>AB 453</b> Cervantes (D)	District-Based Elections		Requires a public hearing concerning district-based elections that is consolidated with a meeting of the governing body of the political subdivision that includes other substantive agenda items, to begin at a fixed time regardless of its order on the agenda.	06/18/2024 - From SENATE Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: Do pass to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.



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<b>AB 460</b> Bauer-Kahan (D)	State Water Resources Control Board: Water Rights		Increases the amount of civil liability for violations related to permits, licenses, certificates, or registrations issued by the State Water Resources Control Board, or orders or regulations adopted by the board. Provides that if the violation of a regulation or order adopted by the board constitutes a diversion of water contrary to a curtailment order adopted by the board, a person or entity may be liable in an amount not to exceed a specified amount for each day in which the violation occurs.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 518</b> Wicks (D)	Paid Family Leave: Eligibility		Expands eligibility for benefits under the paid family leave program to include individuals who take time off work to care for a seriously ill designated person. Defines designated person to mean any individual related by blood or whose association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship. Authorizes the employee to identify the designated person when they file a claim for benefits.	09/13/2023 - In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
<b>AB 527</b> Calderon (D)	Urban Forestry: School Greening Projects: Grants		Provides that the California Urban Forestry Act of 1978 requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to implement a program in urban forestry to encourage better tree management and planting in urban areas. Requires funds to be administered to support school greening by providing grants to eligible local educational agencies, nonprofit organizations, cities, counties, and districts, through a competitive grant process developed by the department. Requires the department to develop guidelines.	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 544</b> Bryan (D)	Voting Pilot Program: County Jails		Requires, until the specified date, the Secretary of State to, upon appropriation of funds for this purpose, operate a pilot program to provide grants to a specified number of counties to improve voter participation in jail facilities. Requires grantees to facilitate in-person voting for all eligible incarcerated persons. Provides that participating counties would be required to meet specified requirements and permit any eligible incarcerated person to perform specified activities.	06/20/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY.
<b>AB 560</b> Bennett (D)	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act		Requires the parties to an adjudication action to submit a proposed settlement agreement determining rights to water to the State Water Resources Control Board for a nonbinding advisory determination as to whether the proposed settlement agreement will substantially impair the ability of a groundwater sustainability agency, the board, or the	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.

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			Department of Water Resources to achieve sustainable groundwater management before filing the proposed settlement agreement with the court.	
<b>AB 573</b> Garcia E (D)	Organic Waste: Meeting Recovered Organic Waste Product		Provides that existing law requires the State Air Resources Board to approve and begin implementing a comprehensive short-lived climate pollutant strategy to achieve a certain reduction in statewide emissions of methane. Requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to allow a local jurisdiction, in procuring recovered organic waste products to meet procurement requirements, to use California-derived recovered organic waste that the local jurisdiction sends for processing outside of the State.	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 593</b> Haney (D)	Carbon Emission Reduction Strategy: Building Sector		Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to adopt a strategy, with milestones, to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases for the building sector. Requires the commission, in developing the strategy, to consult and collaborate with certain entities, to hold at least a specified number of public workshops, and to convene stakeholder sessions.	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
<b>AB 609</b> Papan (D)	Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development		Requires the Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development to submit a report to the Legislature that assesses the feasibility of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Office of Emergency Services, working with the National Interagency Aviation Committee and the International Airtanker Board, to conduct an evaluation of innovative new aerial firefighting technologies and whether any new technologies exist that might meet CAL FIRE standards of water and retardant delivery systems.	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 627</b> Jackson (D)	Drayage Trucks: Voucher Incentive Project		Provides that the Air Resources Board administers the California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project under which the agency issues a limited number of vouchers to incentivize the purchase and use of zero-emission commercial vehicles. Requires the board to ensure that a voucher for the purchase of a new, or the retrofit of a used, drayage truck is provided to an operator in an amount determined pursuant to a sliding scale based on the number of drayage trucks the operator owns.	06/05/2024 - In SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Not heard.

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<b>AB 749</b> Irwin (D)	State Agencies: Information Security: Uniform Standards		Requires every State agency, as defined and subject to specified exceptions, to implement Zero Trust architecture for all data, hardware, software, internal systems, and essential third-party software, including for on-premises, cloud, and hybrid environments, to achieve prescribed levels of maturity based on the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Maturity Model by specified dates.	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 754</b> Papan (D)	Water Management Planning: Water Shortages	Watch	Relates to the Urban Water Management Planning Act. Requires a water shortage contingency plan to include, if, based on a description and quantification of each source of water supply, a single reservoir constitutes at least a specified percent of the total water supply, an identification of the dam and description of existing reservoir management operations, and, if the reservoir is owned and operated by the urban water supplier, a description of operational practices and approaches.	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 805</b> Arambula (D)	Sewer Service: Disadvantaged Communities	Seek_Amend	Authorizes the state board, until a specified date, and after it makes a specified finding or findings by resolution, to require a designated sewer system to contract with an administrator designated or approved by the state board for administrative, technical, operational, legal, or managerial services to assist a designated sewer system with the delivery of adequate sewer service, as defined.	06/24/2024 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspend File.
<b>AB 817</b> Pacheco (D)	Open Meetings: Teleconferencing: Subsidiary Body		Authorizes a subsidiary body to use certain alternative teleconferencing provisions. Requires at least one staff member of the local agency to be present at a designated primary physical meeting location during the meeting. Requires the local agency to post the agenda at the primary physical meeting location. Requires the members of the subsidiary body to visibly appear on camera during the open portion of a meeting that is publicly accessible via the internet or other online platform.	06/05/2024 - In SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Failed passage.;06/05/2024 - In SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Reconsideration granted.
<b>AB 824</b> Calderon (D)	Highway Greening: Statewide Strategic Plan		Enacts the Highway Greening Act, which would require the Department of Transportation to complete a statewide strategic plan to work to achieve at least a specified percent increase of green highways in urban areas, disadvantaged communities, and low-income communities by specified year. Requires the department to submit the	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			plan to the Legislature and specified committees of the Legislature on or before specified date.	
<b>AB 828</b> Connolly (D)	Sustainable Groundwater Management: Managed Wetlands		Adds various defined terms for purposes of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, including the terms managed wetland and small community water system. Provides that existing law grants a groundwater sustainability agency specified authority and authorizes a groundwater sustainability agency to regulate groundwater extraction using that authority. Prohibits a groundwater sustainability agency from using that authority under specified circumstances.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Do pass as amended to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 830</b> Soria (D)	Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements: Exemptions		Provides that existing law prohibits a person, a state or local governmental agency, or a public utility from substantially diverting or obstructing the natural flow of, or substantially changing or using any material from the bed, channel, or bank of, any river, stream, or lake. Exempts the temporary operation of existing infrastructure or temporary pumps being used to divert flood stage flows or near-flood stage flows to groundwater recharge as long as certain conditions are met.	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 837</b> Alvarez (D)	Surplus Land: Exempt Surplus Land		Provides, until specified date, that land that is subject to a sectional planning area is not subject to specified requirements for the disposal of surplus land if specified conditions are met. Requires a local agency that disposes of land pursuant to these provisions to submit a specified report to the Department of Housing and Community Development.	05/22/2024 - Re-referred to SENATE Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and HOUSING.
<b>AB 841</b> Berman (D)	State Energy Resources Conservation and Development		Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to submit to the Legislature an Industrial Heat Electrification Roadmap. Authorizes the commission to consult with the State Air Resources Board to include in the roadmap an estimate of the reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases and criteria air pollutants, and commensurate health benefits, from electrifying the identified industrial subsectors.	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 868</b> Wilson (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Digital Political Ads		Enacts the Digital Advertisement Transparency and Accountability Act, or DATA Act. Requires a committee that pays for a digital advertisement to appear on an online platform to submit to the Fair Political Practices Commission a copy of the digital advertisement and	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.

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			specified information. Requires an online platform to transmit to the commission specified information regarding digital advertisements, and to retain the information for no less than a specified number of years for specified purposes.	
<b>AB 914</b> Friedman (D)	California Environmental Quality Act: Review Time		Requires a State agency acting as the lead agency, until specified date, to complete its environmental review for an electrical infrastructure project and to approve or deny the project within a specified number of years of the submission and acceptance of a complete application for the issuance of a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement for use for electrical infrastructure to the State agency.	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 923</b> Bauer-Kahan (D)	Flood Plain Restoration Projects: Central Valley: Study		Requires the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, in coordination with the Department of Water Resources, to identify priority flood plain restoration or floodway expansion projects where increased flows due to climate change are likely to overwhelm existing flood protection infrastructure. Requires the department and the board to conduct broad stakeholder outreach to identify priority projects and would require that those projects provide at least a specified number of public benefits.	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 930</b> Friedman (D)	Local Government: Infrastructure Financing Districts		Authorizes the legislative bodies of 2 or more specified local governments to form a Reinvestment in Infrastructure for a Sustainable and Equitable California district. Requires at least one of the governments to be a city or county within the proposed boundaries. Authorizes a local government that lacks the authority to levy a property tax to join a RISE district. Prohibits a district from including territory in a participating local government unless the city or county is also a participating government.	06/13/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred Committee on HOUSING.
<b>AB 1024</b> Aguiar-Curry (D)	Water Rights: Small Irrigation Use		Exempts an entity from the requirement to enter into a lake or streambed alteration agreement with the Department of Fish and Wildlife if the entity submits a State Water Resources Control Board-approved registration or renewed or amended registration for water use in specified counties to the department and the department determines certain requirements are met. Limits the number of these registrations to a specified amount for the first year of implementation.	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.

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<b>AB 1170</b> Valencia (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Filing Requirements		Provides that the Political Reform Act of 1974 requires that public officials file periodic statements of economic interests. Requires public officials and candidates for whom the Fair Political Practices Commission is the filing officer to file their original statements of economic interests electronically with the Commission. Requires the Commission to redact the signature, personal address, and telephone number of a filer, and related information about a filer's business, tenant, or family member.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 1176</b> Zbur (D)	General Plans: Local Electrification Planning Act		Provides for the Local Electrification Planning Act. Requires a city, county, or city and county to prepare and adopt a specified plan, or otherwise integrate a plan into the general plan, that, among other things, identifies opportunities to expand electric vehicle charging to meet the needs of the city's or county's current and future visitors, residents, and businesses. Requires that certain provisions only apply to a city, county, or city and county with a population greater than a specified size.	06/24/2024 - In SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS: Not heard.
<b>AB 1205</b> Bauer-Kahan (D)	Water Rights: Sale, Transfer, or Lease: Agricultural		Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to, on or before specified date, conduct a study and report to the Legislature and appropriate policy committees on the existence of speculation or profiteering by an investment fund in the sale, transfer, or lease of an interest in any surface water right or groundwater right previously put to beneficial use on agricultural lands.	09/11/2023 - In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
<b>AB 1211</b> Mathis (R)	Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund		Relates to existing law which requires the State Water Resources Control Board, at least once every 2 years, to post information on its internet website regarding implementation of the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law and expenditures from the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Requires the board to post the information at least annually.	05/10/2023 - To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
<b>AB 1246</b> Nguyen (D)	Public Employees' Retirement		Relates to the Public Employees' Retirement Law and the Public Employees' Retirement System. Permits, commencing on specified date, a member who elected to receive a specified optional settlement at retirement, if the member's former spouse was named as beneficiary and a legal judgment awards only a portion of the interest in the retirement system to the retired member, to elect to add their new	06/19/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.

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			spouse as the beneficiary of the member's interest, subject to meeting certain conditions.	
AB 1272 Wood (D)	State Water Resources Control Board: Drought Planning		Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, to adopt principles and guidelines for diversion and use of water in coastal watersheds during times of water shortage for drought preparedness and climate resiliency. Authorizes the state board to issue a cease and desist order when a diversion or use violates or threatens to violate an applicable principle or guideline adopted by the state board for the diversion and use of water.	09/14/2023 - Withdrawn from Enrollment.;09/14/2023 - In ASSEMBLY. Ordered returned to SENATE. *****To SENATE.
AB 1284 Ramos (D)	Tribal Ancestral Lands and Waters: Cogovernance		Encourages the Natural Resources Agency to enter into cogovernance and comanagement agreements with federally recognized tribes. Authorizes the Secretary of the Agency or a delegate to enter into agreements with federally recognized tribes for the purposes of shared responsibility, decision making, and partnership in resource management and conservation within a tribes ancestral lands and waters. Requires the secretary or a delegate to be the signatory for the State for such agreements.	06/24/2024 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Not heard.
AB 1297 Quirk-Silva (D)	Public Restrooms		Requires each local government to complete an inventory of public restrooms owned and maintained by the local government that are available to the general population in its jurisdiction. Requires governments to report their findings to the State Department of Public Health, which would be required to compile the information and to report the availability of public restrooms to the Legislature. Requires the Legislature to consider the report when evaluating the public's access to reliable public restrooms.	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
AB 1318 Rivas (D)	California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption		Expands the CEQA exemption by increasing the size of a residential project that would qualify for the exemption to include a project of not more than 5 acres in total area.	05/31/2023 - To SENATE Committees on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and HOUSING.
AB 1337 Wicks (D)	State Water Resources Control Board: Water Diversion	Watch	Expands the instances when the diversion or use of water is considered a trespass. Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to issue a curtailment order for any diversion, regardless of basis of right, when water is not available under the diverter's priority of right. Requires the board to adopt regulations to implement this provision.	07/10/2023 - In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Not heard.

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<b>AB 1348</b> Grayson (D)	State Government: Controller: Claims Audits		Relates to the Government Claims Act, which requires the presentation of all claims for money or damages against local public entities and the State. Authorizes the Controller to conduct financial and compliance audits as the Controller's office deems as necessary for purposes of ensuring that any expenditures are expended in a manner consistent with the law and the voters' intent. Requires the Controller to provide a report with specified information from these audits to the Legislature.	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 1349</b> Irwin (D)	Electric Vehicle Charging Station Networks: Data Fields		Requires owners, operators, and infrastructure developers of electric vehicle charging stations, except for charging stations located at residential dwellings, for which those parties are awarded a State grant to support the electric vehicle charging stations to ensure that specified data fields for the owner's or operator's entire network of electric vehicle charging stations in the State are made available, free of charge, to third-party software developers through an application programming interface.	07/03/2023 - In SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS: Not heard.
<b>AB 1465</b> Wicks (D)	Nonvehicular Air Pollution: Civil Penalties		Provides that existing law establishes maximum civil penalties for a person who violates air pollution laws from nonvehicular sources. Requires, in assessing penalties, that health impacts, community disruptions, and other circumstances related to the violation be considered. Requires that civil penalties for a violation be assessed and recovered in a civil action brought by the Attorney General, by any district attorney, or by the attorney for any district in which the violation occurs.	09/06/2023 - In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
<b>AB 1546</b> Gabriel (D)	CA Consumer Privacy Act of 2018: Statute of Limitations		Requires an action by the Attorney General to enforce the California Consumer Privacy Act to be commenced within a specified number of years after the cause of action accrued.	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 1563</b> Bennett (D)	Groundwater Sustainability Agency: Extraction Permits		Provides that the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requires all groundwater basins designated as high or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated plans, with specified exceptions. Requires a county to forward permit requests for the construction of new groundwater wells, the enlarging of existing wells,	05/22/2024 - Re-referred to SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.



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			and the reactivation of abandoned wells to the groundwater sustainability agency before permit approval.	
AB 1567 Garcia E (D)	Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Prep	Support_Amend	Enacts the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Clean Energy, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in a specified amount to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, clean energy, and workforce development programs.	05/22/2024 - Re-referred to SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
AB 1573 Friedman (D)	Water Conservation: Landscape Design: Model Ordinance	Seek_Amend	Provides that the Water Conservation in Landscaping Act provides for a Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance that is adopted and updated at least every specified number of years. Requires the model ordinance, at the next update initiated after specified date, to require that all new or renovated nonresidential areas install in the project footprint not less than a specified percent of California native plants, and to prohibit the inclusion of nonfunctional turf in nonresidential landscape projects.	09/07/2023 - In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
AB 1581 Kalra (D)	Restoration Management Permit Act		Authorizes the department to issue a restoration management permit to authorize the take, possession, import, or export of any species or subspecies of fish, wildlife, or plants in association with a management or propagation project that, among other things, has the primary purpose of restoring native fish, wildlife, plants, or their habitat and authorizes any impacts to fish and wildlife resources as a result of activities otherwise subject to the Lake and Streambed Alteration Program, as provided.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Do pass as amended to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
AB 1688 Sanchez (R)	Voter Registration: Cancellation: Deceased Persons		Provides that existing law requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations to facilitate the availability of death statistics from the State Department of Health Services for use by the Secretary of State and county elections officials to cancel affidavits of registration of deceased persons. Authorizes the Secretary of State to also seek an agreement with the federal Social Security Administration to facilitate the availability of death statistics from that agency.	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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<b>AB 1712</b> Irwin (D)	Personal Information: Data Breaches		Provides that the Information Practices Act requires any agency that owns or licenses computerized data that includes personal information to disclose any breach of the security of the system following discovery or notification of the breach. Requires the security breach notification to include the websites of the major credit reporting agencies and the Uniform Resource Locator for the main internet website operated by the Federal Trade Commission to provide information for victims of identity theft.	06/14/2023 - To SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY.
<b>AB 1757</b> Kalra (D)	Accessibility: Internet Websites		Provides that existing law imposes liability upon a person, firm, or corporation that denies or interferes with the rights of an individual with a disability for damages and attorney's fees. Prohibits, in a civil action seeking statutory damages under the Unruh Civil Rights Act on the basis of a specific accessibility barrier on an entity's website that is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the entity from being liable for damages if the entity establishes a certain affirmative defense.	06/24/2024 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspend File.
<b>AB 1781</b> Waldron (R)	State Mandates: Claims		Changes the minimum claim for reimbursement for a state mandate to \$800.	01/16/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b>AB 1782</b> Ta (R)	Redevelopment: Successor Agencies: Low and Moderate		Provides that existing law provides for the designation of successor agencies to wind down the affairs of dissolved redevelopment agencies. Provides that existing law requires the housing successor to maintain any funds transferred to it with any funds generated from housing assets in a separate Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund. Increases the amount that a housing successor may expend per year on homeless prevention and rapid rehousing services, plus any percentage change in the cost of living.	06/24/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. ASSEMBLY concurred in SENATE amendments. To enrollment.
<b>AB 1784</b> Pellerin (D)	Primary Elections: Candidate Withdrawals		Permits a candidate for any office other than a statewide office at a primary election to withdraw their nomination documents for that office during the applicable filing period. Establishes requirements for withdrawal, including that the candidate submit a statement under penalty of perjury that they are withdrawing their nomination documents and understand the withdrawal is irrevocable and that the filing fees are nonrefundable.	06/12/2024 - From SENATE Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS with author's amendments.;06/12/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee

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				on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.
<b>AB 1785</b> Pacheco (D)	California Public Records Act		Prohibits a State or local agency from publicly posting the home address, telephone number, or both the name and assessor parcel number associated with the home address of any elected or appointed official on the internet without first obtaining the written permission of that individual. States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to such provisions to accomplish specified goals.	06/25/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time. To Consent Calendar.
<b>AB 1795</b> Carrillo (D)	Primary Elections: Dual Candidacies		Clarifies that a candidate is prohibited from filing nomination documents for more than one office at the same primary election.	03/21/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.
<b>AB 1798</b> Papan (D)	Department of Transportation: Contaminated Stormwater		Requires the Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Water Resources Control Board, to develop a programmatic environmental review process to prevent 6PPD and 6PPD-quinone from entering salmon and steelhead trout bearing surface waters of the State. Requires the Board to establish parameters of the programmatic environmental review process. Requires information provided by the department to the State Board be made publicly available through the board's stormwater data collection system.	05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 1819</b> Waldron (R)	Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts		Authorizes an enhanced infrastructure financing district that is at least partially in high or very high fire hazard severity zones designated by the State Fire Marshal to finance heavy equipment to be used for vegetation clearance and firebreaks, undergrounding of local publicly owned electric utilities, against wildfires, and equipment used for fire watch, prevention and fighting. Prohibits districts from using the proceeds of the specified bonds for equipment used for fire watch, prevention and fighting.	05/29/2024 - To SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b>AB 1820</b> Schiavo (D)	Housing Development Projects: Applications: Fees	Watch	Authorizes a development proponent that submits a preliminary application for a housing development project to request a preliminary fee and exaction estimate. Requires a city, county, or city and county to provide the estimate within a specified number of business days of the submission of the preliminary application. Specifies that the	06/11/2024 - From SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass to Committee on HOUSING.

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			preliminary fee and exaction estimate is for informational purposes only and does not affect the scope, amount, or time of payment of any fee or exaction.	
<b>AB 1827</b> Papan (D)	Local Government: Fees and Charges: Water	Support	Relates to increases in wholesale charges for water, sewage treatment, or wastewater treatment or adjustments for inflation. Relates to higher water usage demand of parcels. Provides that the incrementally higher costs of water service associated with higher water usage demands, the maximum potential water use, or projected peak water usage may be allocated using any method that reasonably assesses the water service provider's cost of serving those parcels.	05/29/2024 - To SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b>AB 1829</b> Patterson (R)	Electricity: Certificate of Public Convenience		Requires the Public Utilities Commission to issue a decision on an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity within 18 months of the filing of a completed application for building or upgrading an electrical transmission line that is reasonably necessary to facilitate the achievement of the state's renewable energy policy.	01/29/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
<b>AB 1851</b> Holden (D)	Drinking Water: Schoolsites: Lead Testing Pilot Program		Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish a pilot program to test for and remediate lead contamination in drinking water at participating local educational agency facilities with plumbing that was installed before the specified date. Provides that if sampling results show lead levels in excess of a specified number of parts per billion in water at any potable water system outlet, a participating an LEA is required to, among other things, notify the parents and guardians of pupils.	06/12/2024 - From SENATE Committee on EDUCATION: Do pass to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
<b>AB 1854</b> Schiavo (D)	Service Member Protections		Provides that existing law authorizes a member of the U.S. Army Reserve or the National Guard who is called to active duty to defer payments on certain obligations while serving on active duty. Provides that existing law requires the reservist or their designee to deliver a written request for the deferral to the obligor in order to receive a deferral. Requires a request for deferral to be submitted not later than a specified number of days following the period of active duty on which the deferral is based.	06/24/2024 - From SENATE Committee on MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS: Do pass. To Consent Calendar.

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<b>AB 1857</b> Jackson (D)	State Air Resources Board: Air Quality Regulation		Requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt regulations to improve air quality in population centers located in valleys and would require each local air district to implement those regulations with regard to stationary sources located within its jurisdiction.	05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 1868</b> Friedman (D)	Property Taxation: Assessments: Affordable Housing		Provides that existing law requires the county assessor to consider, when valuing real property for property taxation purposes, the effect of any enforceable restrictions to which the use of the land may be subjected. Establishes, for purposes of valuing property by the county assessor, a rebuttable presumption that, at the time of purchase, an assessor shall not include the value of the deed of trust. Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to those provisions.	06/24/2024 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspend File.
<b>AB 1879</b> Gipson (D)	Property Taxation: Filing		Provides that existing law requires a person owning taxable personal property to file annually a signed property statement declared to be true under the penalty of perjury with the assessor. Provides that existing law authorizes a property statement to be filed with the assessor through the U.S. mail, properly addressed with postage prepaid. Authorizes the statement to be filed through U.S. mail provided it is mailed in a manner that includes a postmark and is properly addressed with postage prepaid.	06/13/2024 - From SENATE Committee on REVENUE AND TAXATION with author's amendments.;06/13/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on REVENUE AND TAXATION.
<b>AB 1881</b> Davies (R)	California Coastal Commission: Scientific Panel		Provides that the California Coastal Act requires the California Coastal Commission, if it has sufficient resources, to establish one or more scientific panels to review technical documents and reports. Includes persons with expertise and training in the topic of coastal erosion as part of the composition of the panel. Encourages the commission to use innovative techniques to increase effective communication between the commission and the scientific community, including the use of existing grant programs.	06/24/2024 - Enrolled.
<b>AB 1889</b> Friedman (D)	Conservation Element: Wildlife and Habitat Connectivity		Requires the conservation element of a city or county comprehensive general plan to consider the effect of development within the jurisdiction on the movement of wildlife and habitat connectivity. Requires the conservation element, upon the next update of one or more elements on or after specified date, to, among other things, identify and analyze connectivity areas, permeability, and natural	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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			landscape areas within the jurisdiction, and to identify and analyze existing or planned wildlife passage features.	
<b>AB 1890</b> Patterson J (R)	Public Works: Prevailing Wage		Relates to existing law which requires an entity awarding a public works contract to provide notice to the Department of Industrial Relations. Requires the awarding body to provide notice to the department if there is a change in the identity of a contractor or subcontractor performing the project or, within 30 days, if the total amount of the contract change exceeds \$10,000.	06/18/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.
<b>AB 1893</b> Wicks (D)	Housing Accountability Act: Housing Disapprovals		Specifies that a local agency may disapprove or condition approval of a housing development project or emergency shelter if the local agency makes written findings that on the date the application for the housing development project or emergency shelter was deemed complete the jurisdiction did not have an adopted revised housing element that was in substantial compliance with the Housing Element Law and the housing development project is not a builder's remedy project.	06/20/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.;06/20/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b>AB 1894</b> Ta (R)	Nonvehicular Air Pollution: Civil Penalties		Relates to the regulation of air pollution. Provides that existing law generally designates air pollution control districts and air quality management districts with the primary responsibility for the control of air pollution from all sources other than vehicular sources. Requires a district to provide a small business with a period of not less than a specified number of days to rectify a violation before the small business may be subject to certain civil penalties.	03/11/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES with author's amendments.;03/11/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b>AB 1897</b> Flora (R)	Civil Actions: Prevailing Defendant: Attorney's Fees		Requires a court, whenever a defendant prevails in a civil action, to award reasonable attorney's fees to a prevailing defendant against the plaintiff upon a finding by the court that the plaintiff's prosecution of the action was not in good faith.	02/05/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY.
<b>AB 1921</b> Papan (D)	Energy: Renewable Electrical Generation Facilities		Revises the definition of renewable electrical generation facility to include a facility that uses fuel cells or linear generators that use specified fuels. Imposes a state-mandated local program.	06/18/2024 - From SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS: Do pass to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

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<b>AB 1928</b> Sanchez (R)	Worker Classification: Employees & Independent Contract		Repeals specified provisions that codify the ABC test. Declares that this bill's purpose is to suspend and nullify the California Supreme Court's decision in Dynamex and provide that this decision does not apply for purposes of California law.	03/04/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT with author's amendments.;03/04/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
<b>AB 1951</b> Fong (R)	California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption		Exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act a project for wildfire prevention within a specified number of feet of either side of a roadway.	03/21/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES with author's amendments.;03/21/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b>AB 1968</b> Jackson (D)	CalFresh: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance for Seniors		Provides that existing law requires the federal and State laws and regulations governing the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled to govern the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants. Requires the State Department of Social Services to create a system to automatically enroll and to enroll in the CalFresh program and the CFAP qualifying individuals who meet the eligibility requirements of the SSI/SSP and those who meet the requirements of the CAPI.	05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 1969</b> Hart (D)	State Air Resources Board: Clean Off- Road Equipment		Requires the State Air Resources Board to include unmanned aerial systems, commonly known as drones, in the meaning of agricultural equipment for purposes of CORE, which the bill would define as the program established by the state board as part of the Air Quality Improvement Program.	05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 1976</b> Haney (D)	Occupational Safety and Health Standards: First Aid		Requires the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board to draft a rulemaking proposal to revise a regulation on first aid materials to require first aid materials in a workplace to include naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Requires the standards board, in drafting the rulemaking proposal, to consider, and provide guidance to employers on, proper storage of the opioid antagonist.	06/24/2024 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspend File.

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<b>AB 1998</b> Mathis (R)	Environmental Quality Act: Dept. of Fish and Wildlife		Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to separately track and account for all revenues collected under a specified filing fee provision to defray the costs of managing and protecting fish and wildlife trust resources and all costs incurred in its role as a responsible agency or trustee agency under CEQA.	02/12/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
<b>AB 2000</b> Mathis (R)	State Water Project: Permit and License Conditions		Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law concerning the State Water Project and permit and license conditions.	01/30/2024 - INTRODUCED.
<b>AB 2001</b> Gallagher (R)	Political Reform Act of 1974		Provides that existing law requires a local government agency to post a copy of any statement, report, or other document required to be filed with the agency under the Political Reform Act of 1974, within 72 hours of receiving the filing in paper format. Requires a local government agency that receives a filing that was required to be filed with a different agency or person, and not the agency that received the filing, to notify the filer of the error.	06/25/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time. To Consent Calendar.
<b>AB 2003</b> Fong (R)	Primary Elections: Withdrawal of Candidacy		Permits a candidate whose declaration of candidacy has been filed for a primary election to withdraw their candidacy until 5 p.m. on the final day that nomination documents may be delivered or filed for that office at the primary election.	03/21/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.
<b>AB 2008</b> Wallis (R)	Reliable Energy Needs for Everyone in the West Program		Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to establish and implement the Reliable Energy Needs for Everyone in the West Program to provide financial incentives for purchasing renewable propane, renewable hydrogen, or renewable dimethyl ether to customers in heating dominant climate zones in the State where combustion fuels will continue to be the lowest cost and most effective means for providing space and water heating to buildings.	05/02/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Coauthors revised.
<b>AB 2029</b> Jackson (D)	Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Assessment		Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to biennially conduct an assessment of the abundance of electric vehicle charging stations with electric vehicle charging station-related accessibility requirements and related guidance from relevant	05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.



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			State and federal agencies. Requires the biennial assessment to include a biennial report.	
<b>AB 2037</b> Papan (D)	Weights and Measures: Electric Vehicle Chargers		Authorizes a county sealer to test and verify as correct any electric vehicle charger operated by a public agency that is located in the county in which the sealer has jurisdiction. Requires a county sealer, upon testing and finding that an electric vehicle charger operated by a public agency is incorrect, to cause it to be marked with the words out of order and requires the charger to be repaired or corrected.	06/18/2024 - In SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Not heard.
<b>AB 2041</b> Bonta M (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Campaign Funds: Security		Authorizes a candidate or elected officer to use campaign funds to pay or reimburse the State for the reasonable costs of installing and monitoring a home or office electronic security system or for another tangible item related to security. Requires the candidate or elected officer to maintain detailed accounts, records, bills, and receipts relating to an expenditure or reimbursement for security. Provides that the bill does not authorize campaign funds to be used to pay for firearms.	06/25/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.
<b>AB 2059</b> Flora (R)	Tenancy: Obligations of Landlords: Repairs		Prohibits a landlord from being liable for dilapidations rendering the premises untenantable, unless the landlord receives written or oral notice of the dilapidations and the landlord is given a reasonable time to repair the dilapidations.	02/12/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY.
<b>AB 2060</b> Soria (D)	Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements: Exemptions		Provides until specified date, exempt from these provisions the temporary operation of existing infrastructure or temporary pumps being used to divert water to underground storage as long as certain conditions are met, including the use of protective screens on temporary pump intakes, as provided, for diversions directly from rivers or streams.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Do pass as amended to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 2079</b> Bennett (D)	Groundwater Extraction: Large-Diameter	Watch	Relates to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Provides that existing law requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt a model water well, cathodic protection well, and monitoring well drilling and abandonment ordinance implementing certain standards for water well construction, maintenance, and abandonment. Requires, upon adoption or amendment of a groundwater sustainability	06/11/2024 - In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Failed passage.

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			plan, the groundwater sustainability agency to provide specified information to the local enforcement agency.	
<b>AB 2087</b> Alanis (R)	Environmental Quality Act: Disclosure: Identity		Require, in all actions or proceedings brought pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, that a filing party include with the filing a disclosure of the identity and interests of the party. Authorizes a court to request more information as needed, including, but not limited to, financial statements and testimony, in the event a filing party that has previously brought an action or proceeding concerning a project makes a subsequent filing in an action or proceeding concerning the same project.	02/26/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on JUDICIARY and NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b>AB 2091</b> Grayson (D)	Environmental Quality Act: Exemption: Public Access		Exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act a change in use approved by a public agency to allow public access exclusively for nonmotorized recreation in areas acquired or managed by a public agency for open space or park purposes.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Do pass as amended to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 2095</b> Maienschein (D)	Publication: Newspapers of General Circulation		Requires any public notice that is legally required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation to be published in the newspaper's print publication, on the newspaper's website or electronic newspaper available on the internet, and on a statewide internet website maintained as a repository for notices by a majority of State newspapers of general circulation. Prohibits a newspaper or statewide repository from charging an additional fee or surcharge for posting to the statewide repository site.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass as amended.
<b>AB 2123</b> Papan (D)	Disability Compensation: Paid Family Leave		Relates to existing law which authorizes an employer to require an employee to take up to 2 weeks of earned but unused vacation before, and as a condition of, the employee's initial receipt of these benefits during any 12-month period in which the employee is eligible for these benefits. Eliminates that authorization and related provisions.	06/18/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.
<b>AB 2135</b> Schiavo (D)	Public Works Contracts: Wage and Penalty Assessment		Provides that existing law requires the Labor Commissioner to issue a civil wage and penalty assessment to a contractor or subcontractor if there has been a violation of the laws regulating public works contracts, including the payment of prevailing wages. Provides that existing law requires the assessment to be served not later than 18 months after the filing of a valid notice of completion. Extends the	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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			time period. Authorizes an extension for good cause, including ongoing investigation and assessment.	
<b>AB 2149</b> Connolly (D)	Gates: Standards: Inspection		Relates to electrified security fences. Requires a regulated gate to meet certain standards. Requires each building department to update its code requirements to ensure that any newly installed regulated gate in its jurisdiction meets those standards. Authorizes a district attorney, county counsel, or city attorney to file a complaint for injunctive relief, or seek a civil penalty, against an owner of a regulated gate for a violation of these provisions.	06/24/2024 - From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY with author's amendments.;06/24/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.
<b>AB 2153</b> Lowenthal (D)	California Public Records Act: Public Agency Employees		Requires each agency, upon receipt of a request for a copy of, or the inspection of, any personnel, medical, or similar records of a public agency employee or any record that would disclose a public agency employee's personal identity in connection with the performance of that employee's work duties, to promptly and prior to the release of the records, provide written notice of the request to that public agency employee.	02/20/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY.
<b>AB 2171</b> Bennett (D)	Water: Department of Water Resources		Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law which provides for the appointment of the Director of Water Resources by the Governor.	02/07/2024 - INTRODUCED.
<b>AB 2172</b> Wallis (R)	Imperial Irrigation District: Electricity		Requires the California State Auditor's Office to conduct a comprehensive assessment and inventory of the Imperial Irrigation District's assets related to its distribution of electricity, as provided. Requires the California State Auditor, on or before specified date, to submit the assessment and inventory to the Legislature, as provided.	06/05/2024 - To SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b>AB 2182</b> Haney (D)	Public Works		Provides that existing law requires the Labor Commissioner to investigate allegations that a contractor or subcontractor violated the law regulating public works projects. Requires job sites to give reasonable access to representatives of a joint labor-management committee in order to monitor compliance with the prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements. Exempts an awarding body, contractor or subcontractor from liability for any violations of safety guidelines caused by a committee's representative.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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<b>AB 2187</b> Bryan (D)	Office of Tenants' Rights and Protections		Establishes, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Office of Tenants' Rights and Protections in the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, administered by a director appointed by the Governor, and requires that office to create and maintain an up-to-date, digestible, and language-inclusive list of statewide tenants' rights and protections.	05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 2190</b> Mathis (R)	California Environmental Quality Act		Authorizes the Governor to certify energy infrastructure projects that use hydrogen as a fuel for streamlining benefits related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).	03/19/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Not heard.
<b>AB 2196</b> Connolly (D)	Beaver Restoration		Establishes in the Department of Fish and Wildlife a program to promote beaver restoration across the State.	06/24/2024 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.
<b>AB 2201</b> Addis (D)	Toxics: Air Care Products		Provides that the Cleaning Product Right to Know Act of 2017 requires a manufacturer of certain products, including specified air care products, that are sold in the State to disclose on the product label and on the product's internet website information related to chemicals contained in the product. Prohibits a person from selling or distributing in commerce in the State an air care product that contains certain specified chemical ingredients.	05/30/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
<b>AB 2204</b> Bennett (D)	Green Hydrogen		Requires on and after an unspecified date, all hydrogen produced or used in California to be green hydrogen that excludes the use of any fossil fuel as a feedstock or as an energy source in the production process and that complies with any applicable requirements to show the use of new and incremental renewable generation resources, temporal matching of renewable generation resources, and geographic deliverability of renewable energy resources.	04/15/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Assembly Rule 56 suspended.
<b>AB 2208</b> Zbur (D)	California Ports Development and Offshore Wind		Enacts the California Ports Development and Offshore Wind Infrastructure Bond Act of 2024, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the specified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to support activities related to the development of offshore wind energy generation, as provided.	04/08/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Not heard.
<b>AB 2213</b> Rubio (D)	Redevelopment: Oversight Boards		Provides that existing law dissolved redevelopment agencies and community development agencies as of specified date, and provides	06/25/2024 - *****To GOVERNOR.

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			for the designation of successor agencies to wind down the affairs of the dissolved redevelopment agencies, subject to review by oversight boards. Requires, if a successor agency has territory located within more than one county board of supervisors' district, the county board of supervisors to determine which oversight board has jurisdiction over that successor agency.	
<b>AB 2214</b> Bauer-Kahan (D)	Ocean Protection Council: Microplastics		Requires the Ocean Protection Council to establish and lead an interagency coordination group, and requires the council, in coordination with the interagency coordination group, to identify and recommend to the Legislature, on or before specified date, statutory changes that are needed to implement the recommendations described in the Statewide Microplastics Strategy. Requires the council to adopt a workplan outlining which participating agencies within the group will implement the recommendations.	06/20/2024 - From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY with author's amendments.;06/20/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
<b>AB 2216</b> Haney (D)	Tenancy: Common Household Pets		Prohibits a landlord, before the landlord has accepted a prospective tenant's application for a dwelling unit, from asking the prospective tenant or otherwise inquiring into whether the prospective tenant plans to own or otherwise maintain a common household pet in the tenant's dwelling unit. Requires a prospective tenant, no later than specified hours before entering into a rental agreement, to inform the landlord if the prospective tenant plans to own or otherwise maintain a common household pet.	06/05/2024 - To SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY.
<b>AB 2232</b> Maienschein (D)	Accessibility to emergency information and services		Specifies that, upon the next update to a city or county's emergency plan, whenever a city or county designates any number of emergency warming centers, that it also, to the extent practicable, designate at least one warming center that can accommodate persons with pets.	06/14/2024 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;06/14/2024 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2024-014
<b>AB 2243</b> Wicks (D)	Affordable Housing and High Road Jobs Act of 2022		Provides that the Affordable Housing and High Road Jobs Act of 2022 prohibits a housing development from being subject to the streamlined, ministerial approval process under certain conditions. Prohibits a housing development from being subject to the streamlined, ministerial approval process if it was designated for industrial use in the latest version of a local government's general plan adopted before the specified date, and residential uses are not principally permitted on the site.	06/20/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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<b>AB 2256</b> Friedman (D)	Net Energy Metering		Provides that existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission to have developed a second standard contract or tariff for each large electrical corporation to provide net energy metering to additional eligible customer-generators in the electrical corporation's service territory. Requires the commission to conduct an independent cost-of-service analysis evaluating the standard contract or tariff developed by the commission in a specified decision.	05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Joint Rule 62(a) suspended.;05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 2257</b> Wilson (D)	Local Government: Property-Related Water and Sewer Fees	Support	Relates to requirements with respect to the levying of assessments and property-related fees and charges by a local agency. Prohibits, if an agency complies with specified procedures, a person or entity from bringing a judicial action or proceeding alleging noncompliance with such provisions for any new, increased, or extended fee or assessment, unless that person or entity has timely submitted to the agency a written objection to that fee or assessment that specifies the grounds for alleging noncompliance.	06/20/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b>AB 2264</b> Arambula (D)	Occupational Safety and Health: Heat Illness Prevention		Requires by a specified date, an employee to obtain a heat illness prevention certification from the Division of Occupational Safety and Health within 30 days after the date of hire and to maintain a valid certification for the duration of their employment, as specified.	02/26/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
<b>AB 2266</b> Petrie-Norris (D)	California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus		Requires the State Air Resources Board to authorize a voucher issued under the program to be used for the acquisition of any zero-emission vehicle that meets specified requirements.	02/26/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on TRANSPORTATION and NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b>AB 2278</b> Carrillo (D)	Rent Increases: Percentage Change in the Cost of Living		Requires the Attorney General to, by the specified date of each year, publish the maximum allowable rent increase on its internet website for each metropolitan area.	06/24/2024 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.
<b>AB 2285</b> Rendon (D)	Natural Resources: Equitable Outdoor Access: 30x30 Goal		Relates to the goal to conserve at least 30 percent of State lands and waters by 2030. Provides that agencies and the Legislature, when distributing resources, shall aspire to recognize the goals and benefits of 30x30 and Outdoors for All, and maximize investment in historically underserved urban communities. Requires funding agencies, including the Wildlife Conservation Board, to allow the	06/24/2024 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.

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			funding program's authorizing statutes for urban nature-based projects on degraded lands to be eligible for funds.	
<b>AB 2302</b> Addis (D)	Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences		Relates to existing law which imposes prescribed restrictions on remote participation by a member of a legislative body of a local agency under alternative teleconferencing provisions. Revises the limits, instead prohibiting such participation for more than a specified number of meetings per year, based on how frequently the legislative body regularly meets.	06/06/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.
<b>AB 2304</b> Lee (D)	Unlawful Detainer: Case Records		Provides that existing law requires the court clerk to allow specified persons access to case records, including the court file, index, and register of actions, filed in unlawful detainer actions that are limited civil cases. Provides that existing law exempts from these requirements records in a case that seeks to terminate a mobilehome park tenancy under certain conditions. Deletes the exemption for access to case records for cases that seek to terminate a mobilehome tenancy.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 2311</b> Bennett (D)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Grant Program		Expands the grant program promoting food waste prevention to provide financial assistance for the recovery of edible food, as specified. Specifies that eligible infrastructure projects includes the construction or expansion of facilities to help develop, implement, or expand edible food waste recovery operations.	06/19/2024 - From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 2314</b> Lee (D)	Tribal Housing Developments: Use by Right: Density		Provides that the Planning and Zoning Law authorizes a development proponent to submit an application for a multifamily housing development that is subject to a streamlined, ministerial approval process, and not subject to a conditional use permit, if the development satisfies certain objective planning standards. Deems a tribal housing development that is located on a site owned in fee simple by the tribe an allowable use if it satisfies certain requirements, including that it is located on an infill lot.	04/17/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Not heard.
<b>AB 2318</b> Papan (D)	State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account		Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to, no later than January 1 of each year, post on its internet website a report describing the receipts and expenditures of the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account.	05/29/2024 - To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

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<b>AB 2320</b> Irwin (D)	Wildlife Connectivity and Climate Adaptation Act		Provides for the Wildlife Connectivity and Climate Adaptation Act. Makes it the policy of the State to preserve, protect and restore wildlife habitats and biodiversity through the acquisition and restoration of blocks of habitat and natural lands that are connected by wildlife corridors and the infrastructure that supports such corridors. Provides that acquire and acquisition for certain purposes do not refer to the use of eminent domain for certain lands identified by the State as having mineral resources.	06/19/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 2330</b> Holden (D)	Endangered Species: Incidental Take: Wildfire		Authorizes a city, county, city and county, special district, or other local agency to submit to the department a locally designed plan to conduct wildfire preparedness activities on land designated as a fire hazard severity zone that minimizes impacts to wildlife and habitat for candidate, threatened, and endangered species, and meets specified criteria.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Do pass as amended to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 2334</b> Grayson (D)	Surplus Land		Relates to existing law which requires a local agency disposing of surplus land to comply with certain notice requirements before disposing of the land or participating in negotiations to dispose of the land with a prospective transferee. Makes a nonsubstantive change to the provisions regarding written notice of availability for open-space purposes.	02/12/2024 - INTRODUCED.
<b>AB 2344</b> Petrie-Norris (D)	Fire Prevention: Grant Programs: Reporting		Requires the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force, on or before July 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, to compile and post on its internet website specified information regarding identified state and federal grant programs relating to fire prevention and resilience.	05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 2346</b> Lee (D)	Organic Waste Reduction Regulations: Procurement		Authorizes local jurisdictions to be credited for the procurement of recovered organic waste products through an agreement with a direct service provider, and allows the direct service provider agreement to include the procurement of recovered organic waste products on a prospective or retrospective basis as long as the purchase of those products occurs during the year for which the local jurisdiction seeks credit, and under other specified circumstances.	06/20/2024 - From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY with author's amendments.;06/20/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.



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<b>AB 2355</b> Carrillo (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Political Advertisements		Requires a committee that creates, originally publishes, or originally distributes a qualified political advertisement to include in the advertisement a specified disclosure that the advertisement was generated or substantially altered using artificial intelligence. Specifies that any image, audio, video, or other media is generated or substantially altered using artificial intelligence if it is entirely created using artificial intelligence and would falsely appear to a reasonable person to be authentic.	06/18/2024 - From SENATE Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: Do pass to Committee on JUDICIARY.
<b>AB 2361</b> Davies (R)	Planning and Zoning: Regional Housing Needs		Establishes a pilot program for the Counties of Orange and San Diego, and the cities therein. Authorizes a city or county within the pilot program, by agreement, to transfer all or a portion of its allocation of regional housing need to another city or county within the pilot program. Allows the transferring city or county to pay the transferee city or county an amount determined by that agreement, as well as a surcharge to offset the impacts and associated costs of the additional housing.	04/10/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Not heard.
<b>AB 2372</b> (Bains (D))	Greenhouse Gas Emissions: State Board: Report		Requires the State Air Resources Board to perform a specified evaluation of achieving the policy goal of ensuring that by 2045 statewide anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions are reduced as specified and report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by December 31, 2030.	02/26/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b>AB 2388</b> Patterson J (R)	Information Practices Act of 1977: Personal Information		Provides that the Information Practices Act prescribes a set of requirements, prohibitions and remedies applicable to certain State agencies with regard to their collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Revises the definition of personal information to mean any information that identifies, relates to, describes, or is capable of being associated with a particular individual including, among other things, any other financial information, medical information or health insurance information.	06/18/2024 - From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 2404</b> Lee (D)	State and Local Public Employees: Labor Relations		Provides that it is not unlawful or a cause for discipline or other adverse action against a public employee for that public employee to refuse to enter property that is the site of a primary strike, perform work for a public employer involved in a primary strike, or go through or work behind a primary strike line. Prohibits a public employer from	05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			directing a public employee to take those actions. Authorizes recognized employee organization to inform employees of and encourage them to exercise these rights.	
AB 2409 Papan (D)	Office of Planning and Research: Permitting	SeekAmendments	Requires the Office of Planning and Research, on or before specified date, to create and maintain a permitting accountability transparency internet website (dashboard). Requires the dashboard to include a display for each permit to be issued by specified State agencies for all covered projects. Requires the dashboard to include, but not be limited to, information for each permit to be issued by a State agency that is required for the completion of the project.	05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
AB 2418 Patterson (R)	Vehicular Air Pollution: Heavy-Duty Trucks		Exempts, notwithstanding any other law, a 2024 and subsequent model heavy-duty truck that meets federal exhaust emission standards from the state regulations governing exhaust emissions standards and test procedures for 1985 and subsequent model heavy-duty engines and vehicles.	02/26/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.
AB 2421 Low (D)	Employer-Employee Relations: Confidential Communication		Prohibits local public agency employer, a State employer, a judicial employer, a public school employer, a higher education employer, or certain districts from questioning any employee or employee representative regarding communications made in confidence between an employee and a representative. Provides that such communications would not be confidential if the representative was a witness or party to any of the events forming the basis of a potential administrative disciplinary or criminal investigation.	06/17/2024 - From SENATE Committee on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT with author's amendments.;06/17/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.
AB 2426 Irwin (D)	False Advertising: Digital Goods		Prohibits a person from advertising or offering for sale a digital good with the terms buy, purchase, or any other term which a reasonable person would understand to confer an unrestricted ownership interest in the digital good, or alongside an option for a time-limited rental, unless the seller receives at the time of each transaction an affirmative acknowledgment from the purchaser, or the seller provides to the consumer before executing each transaction a clear and conspicuous statement.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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<b>AB 2427</b> McCarty (D)	Electric Vehicle Charging Stations: Permitting		Requires the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to develop a model permitting checklist, model zoning ordinances, and best practices for permit costs and permit review timelines to help local governments permit curbside charging stations. Requires local agencies to, among other things, develop a checklist that includes all of the information required for a complete application for a permit or authorization to install an electric vehicle charging station within the public right-of-way.	06/19/2024 - Withdrawn from SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS.;06/19/2024 - Re-referred to SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 2433</b> Quirk-Silva (D)	California Private Permitting Review and Inspection Act		Requires, if a local agency has not completed checking plans and specifications within a specified number of business days of receiving the completed application for a building permit, a local agency, upon the applicant's request, to perform plan-checking services and assess the plans and specifications to ensure that the plans and specifications comply with the State Housing Law and the State Building Standards Code.	06/05/2024 - In SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Not heard.
<b>AB 2439</b> Quirk-Silva (D)	Public Works: Prevailing Wages: Access to Records		Requires an owner, a developer, or the agent of an owner or developer, that, among other things, receives public funds from a public agency to perform specified public works projects, to make available upon written request from a joint labor-management committee, a multiemployer Taft-Hartley Trust Fund, or a specified tax-exempt organization, specified public works records in their possession, including requests for bids and submitted bid documents, inspection and work logs, and funding documentation.	04/17/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 2440</b> Reyes (D)	30x30 Goal: Partnering State Agencies		Requires the Natural Resources Agency to prioritize promoting and supporting partnering state agencies and departments, including, but not limited to, the Department of Parks and Recreation, in the acquisition and responsible stewardship of state land.	06/17/2024 - From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 2451</b> Cervantes (D)	Public Works: Prevailing Wages		Provides that existing law requires that workers employed on public works be paid not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for work of a similar character in the locality that the public work is performed, and not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for holiday and overtime work fixed. Requires the Director of Industrial Relations to use the higher rate when rates arise	03/11/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.;03/11/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT with author's amendments.;03/11/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and

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			from collective bargaining agreements that have overlapping crafts or classifications.	amended. Re-referred to Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
AB 2453 Villapudua (D)	Weights and Measures: Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment		Relates to devices used to measure electricity sold as a motor vehicle fuel. Provides that existing law authorizes a device to be placed in service only by a sealer or a service agency. Prohibits requiring electric vehicle supply equipment to be retested or placed in service by a service agency or sealer, if the EVSE has previously been placed in service by a service agency or sealer, before the EVSE is used after receiving maintenance.	06/24/2024 - From SENATE Committee on BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT with author's amendments.;06/24/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
AB 2488 Ting (D)	Downtown Revitalization and Economic Recovery Financing		Authorizes the City and County of San Francisco to designate a downtown revitalization and economic recovery financing district for the purpose of financing office-to-residential conversion projects with incremental tax revenues generated by office-to-residential conversion projects within the district. Requires the boundaries of the district to be contiguous with the boundaries of the City and County of San Francisco.	05/22/2024 - To SENATE Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and HOUSING.
AB 2489 Ward (D)	Local Agencies: Contracts for Special Services		Requires a county board of supervisors or a representative, at least a specified number of months before beginning a procurement process to contract with persons for special services that are currently, or were previously, performed by employees of the county represented by an employee organization, to notify, in writing, the exclusive employee representative of the workforce affected. Provides that this notice requirement does not apply in the event of an emergency.	05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Joint Rule 62(a) suspended.;05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
AB 2493 Pellerin (D)	Tenancy: Application Screening Fee		Provides that existing law authorizes a landlord or their agent, when they receive a request to rent a residential property, to charge an application screening fee to cover the cost of obtaining information about the applicant. Authorizes a landlord or their agent to charge the fee only if the landlord or their agent, at the time the fee is collected, offers an application screening process. Provides that the bill's provisions do not prevent a landlord from accepting a reusable tenant screening report.	06/24/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. To third reading.

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<b>AB 2494</b> Calderon (D)	Employer Notification: Continuation Coverage		Requires all employers, whether public or private, to provide a notice to employees, following termination or reduction in hours stating that the employee may be eligible for coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 and that the employee will receive an election notice from the plan administrator or group health plan. Authorizes an employer to provide the notification via hard copy or via email to an employee's email account.	06/05/2024 - To SENATE Committee on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.
<b>AB 2495</b> Muratsuchi (D)	Electricity: State Policy: Joint Report		Requires the Public Utilities Commission, the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, and the State Air Resources Board to issue a joint report which shall include an evaluation identifying the geographic locations for development of certain renewable energy resources and zero-carbon resources, a review of certain decarbonization needs from the building, heavy industry, and transportation sectors, and a statewide transmission plan.	04/15/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Assembly Rule 56 suspended.
<b>AB 2498</b> Zbur (D)	Housing: The California Housing Security Act		Establishes the California Housing Security Program to provide counties with funding to administer a housing subsidy to eligible persons to reduce housing insecurity and help Californians meet their basic housing needs. Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish a pilot program in a specified number of counties and to issue suggested guidelines to establish the program that include, among other things, criteria for program eligibility.	06/24/2024 - From SENATE Committee on HOUSING: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 2499</b> Schiavo (D)	Employment: Unlawful Discrimination and Paid Sick Days		Provides that existing law, the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014, requires an employer to provide a specified employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking with paid sick days for the above-described purposes for which existing law prohibits an employer from discharging, or in any manner discriminating or retaliating against, the employee. Expands this paid sick leave requirement.	06/18/2024 - From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass to Committee on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.
<b>AB 2501</b> Alvarez (D)	Water Quality Control Plans: Donations and Grants		Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to accept moneys from donations, grants, or contributions, or through contractual agreements, from public agencies, for the purpose of planning, permitting, or providing technical support for projects of public benefit within the state board's or regional board's jurisdiction.	06/19/2024 - From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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<b>AB 2502</b> Rivas (D)	Public Contracts: Emergencies		Defines an emergency as an immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services caused by the impacts of homelessness.	03/04/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b>AB 2515</b> Papan (D)	Menstrual Products: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl	Support	Prohibits any person from manufacturing, distributing, selling, or offering for sale in the State any menstrual products that contain regulated PFAS. Authorizes the Department of Toxic Substances Control to issue a notice of violation under specified circumstances, including that the department has provided the manufacturer written notice of the alleged violation and the manufacturer has failed to take corrective or mitigating actions. Provides for civil penalties. Creates the T.A.M.P.O.N. Act Fund.	06/24/2024 - From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY with author's amendments.;06/24/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.
<b>AB 2517</b> Fong (R)	Water: Irrigation Districts: Long-Term Maintenance		Provides that existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to give information so far as it may be practicable to persons contemplating the formation of irrigation districts. Requires the department to respond to a request to enter into a long-term maintenance agreement with an irrigation district within a specified number of days and to prioritize responding to long-term maintenance agreement requests for waterways that already have existing regular-term maintenance agreements.	04/17/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 2522</b> Carrillo (D)	South Coast Air Quality Management District:		Provides that each member of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board receives to specified amount for each day, or portion thereof, but not to exceed specified sum per month.	06/19/2024 - From SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT with author's amendments.;06/19/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b>AB 2533</b> Carrillo J (D)	Accessory Dwelling Units: Junior Accessory Dwelling	Watch	Prohibits a local agency from denying a permit for an unpermitted accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit that was constructed before specified date for certain violations, unless the local agency makes a finding that correcting the violation is necessary to comply with conditions that would otherwise deem a building substandard. Prohibits a local agency from requiring a homeowner to pay impact fees or connection or capacity charges except under specified circumstances.	06/18/2024 - From SENATE Committee on HOUSING: Do pass to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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<b>AB 2552</b> Friedman (D)	Pesticides: Anticoagulant Rodenticides		Prohibits the use of a second-generation anticoagulant rodenticide within a specified distance of a wildlife habitat area. Prohibits the use of first-generation anticoagulant rodenticide in a wildlife habitat area or within a specified distance of a wildlife habitat area. Authorizes the Attorney General, in the name of the people of the State and by request of certain departments or officials, to bring an action for violations. Requires civil penalties to be deposited into the Poison-Free Wildlife Account.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Do pass as amended to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 2557</b> Ortega (D)	Local Agencies: Contracts for Special Services		Requires each board of supervisors that solicits for and enters into a specified contract for special services to post that contract and any related documents on its website. Requires each contract to include the objectives, desirables, and goals of the contract. Requires, before beginning a procurement process to contract for functions, duties, responsibilities, or services, the board to give reasonable written notice to the exclusive employee representative of the workforce affected by the contract.	06/17/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.
<b>AB 2560</b> Alvarez (D)	Density Bonus Law: California Coastal Act of 1976		Provides that the Density Bonus Law requires a city or county to provide a developer that proposes a housing development with a density bonus and incentives if the developer agrees to construct specified percentages of units for low income households. Provides that any bonus, concessions, incentives, waivers or reductions of development standards, and parking ratios to which an applicant is entitled be permitted notwithstanding the California Coastal Act if the development is not located on specified sites.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Do pass as amended to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 2561</b> McKinnor (D)	Local Public Employees: Vacant Positions		Provides that the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act authorizes local public employees to form, join, and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on matters of labor relations. Requires each public agency with bargaining unit vacancy rates exceeding a specified percent for more than a specified number of days to meet and confer with a representative of the recognized employee organization to implement a plan to fill all vacant positions.	06/05/2024 - To SENATE Committee on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.

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<b>AB 2568</b> Pacheco (D)	Employee Personal Information: Electronic Monitoring		Requires an employer with 250 or more employees in the State that controls the collection of employee personal information to notify an employee if employee personal information will be collected through electronic monitoring. Requires the notice to include certain information. Provides exceptions.	04/11/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Assembly Rule 56 suspended.
<b>AB 2572</b> Muratsuchi (D)	Ocean Carbon Dioxide Removal Projects		Requires the State Air Resources Board, among other things, to develop, by the specified date, a plan to include ocean carbon dioxide removal technology and projects that it determines are environmentally safe and sustainable into the Carbon Capture, Removal, Utilization, and Storage Program, and to qualify environmentally safe and sustainable projects for inclusion in carbon credit programs.	05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 2584</b> Lee (D)	Single-Family Residential Real Property: Corporate		Prohibits a business entity that has an interest in more than a specified number of single-family residential properties from purchasing, acquiring, or otherwise obtaining an ownership interest in another single-family residential property and subsequently leasing the property. Authorizes the Attorney General to bring a civil action for a violation of these provisions. Requires that these provisions be the exclusive means of enforcement of these provisions.	06/20/2024 - From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY with author's amendments.;06/20/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.
<b>AB 2585</b> Bonta M (D)	Employee Housing Act: Permanent Single-Family		Relates to the Employee Housing Act, which authorizes a permit to operate employee housing consisting only of permanent single-family housing to, if approved by the enforcement agency, be issued for a longer period of time not to exceed 5 years. Authorizes that permit to be issued for a period of time not to exceed 6 years.	02/14/2024 - INTRODUCED.
<b>AB 2592</b> Grayson (D)	Local Planning: Housing Elements: Water and Sewer	Oppose_Amend	Provides that the Planning and Zoning Law requires each city, county, or city and county to prepare and adopt a general plan for its jurisdiction that contains certain mandatory elements, including a housing element. Requires that the housing element adopted by the legislative body of the city, county, or city and county and any amendments made to that element be delivered to all public agencies or private entities that provide water or sewer services within the territory of the legislative body.	03/19/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT with author's amendments.;03/19/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.



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<b>AB 2599</b> (Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials)	Water: Public Beaches: Discontinuation	Support	Provides that existing law requires the State Department of Public Health to establish minimum standards for the sanitation of public beaches. Provides that existing law requires the testing of the waters adjacent to all public beaches for microbiological contaminants. Provides that a local health officer may only rely on data from test results from other parties if that data meets the same quality requirements that apply to local agencies pursuant to specified regulations and standards.	06/19/2024 - From SENATE Committee on HEALTH: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 2611</b> Wallis (R)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Conflicts		Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law which permits a public official to make or participate in the making of a governmental decision, even if the public official knows or has reason to know that the official has a financial interest, if the official's participation is legally required for the action or decision to be made.	02/14/2024 - INTRODUCED.
<b>AB 2614</b> Ramos (D)	Water Policy: California Tribal Communities		Relates to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Adds findings and declarations related to California tribal communities and the importance of protecting tribal water use. Adds tribal water uses as waters of the state that may be protected against quality degradation for purposes of the defined term beneficial uses. Requires the State Water Quality Control Board to consult and carefully evaluate the recommendations of concerned California tribal communities.	05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Joint Rule 62(a) suspended.;05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 2617</b> Carrillo J (D)	Local Government Registration of Bonds		Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law which requires the treasurer of a local agency having the duty of paying the interest on an issue of ad valorem special assessment district improvement bonds, upon the direction of the legislative body, to keep a register.	02/14/2024 - INTRODUCED.
<b>AB 2619</b> Connolly (D)	Net Energy Metering		Requires all eligible customer-generators of large electrical corporations receiving service under the 2nd standard contract or tariff to be subject to a specified version of the tariff developed by the PUC in a specified rulemaking. Requires the commission to develop a new standard contract or tariff providing for net energy metering for eligible customer-generators of large electrical corporations.	04/17/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY: Not heard.
<b>AB 2622</b> Carrillo J (D)	Contractors: License Requirement Exemptions		Provides that existing law makes it a misdemeanor for a person to act as a contractor without a license, but exempts from the licensing requirement a work or operation on one undertaking or project by one	06/05/2024 - To SENATE Committee on BUSINESS,

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			or more contracts, if the aggregate contract price for labor, material, and all other items is under a specified amount. Increases the maximum aggregate contract price if the work or operation meets specified requirements, including that the work or operation does not include certain trades or crafts.	PROFESSIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
<b>AB 2626</b> Dixon (R)	Advanced Clean Fleets Regulations: Local		Extends the compliance dates for local government set forth in the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation by 10 years. Prohibits the state board from taking enforcement action against a local government for violating the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation if the alleged violation occurs before January 1, 2025.	03/04/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on TRANSPORTATION and NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b>AB 2631</b> Fong M (D)	Local Agencies: Ethics Training		Requires the Fair Political Practices Commission, in consultation with the Attorney General, to create, maintain, and make available to local agency officials an ethics training course.	06/05/2024 - To SENATE Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.
<b>AB 2654</b> Fong (R)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Nondisclosure Agreements		Prohibits lobbyists and certain public officials and employees, as specified, from entering into, or requesting that another party enter into, a nondisclosure agreement relating to the drafting, negotiation, discussion, or creation of legislation. Makes any nondisclosure agreement relating to the drafting, negotiation, discussion, or creation of legislation entered into after the effective date of this bill void and unenforceable.	04/25/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS: Failed passage.;04/25/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS: Reconsideration granted.
<b>AB 2661</b> Soria (D)	Electricity: Transmission Facility Planning: Westlands		Authorizes the Westlands Water District to provide, generate, and deliver solar photovoltaic or hydroelectric electricity and to construct, operate, and maintain works, facilities, improvements, and property necessary or convenient for generating and delivering that electricity. Requires the district to report the amount of income, and the purposes for expenditure of that income, from these electricity facilities in a specified report.	06/11/2024 - From SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass to Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS.
<b>AB 2663</b> Grayson (D)	Inclusionary Housing: Fees: Reports		Provides that the Mitigation Fee Act imposes various requirements with respect to local agency fees as a condition of approval of a development project. Requires an agency that collects inclusionary housing in-lieu fees and has a website to annually post the amount of those fees collected in the previous year and whether those fees are intended to be used for a project. Defines inclusionary housing in-lieu	06/17/2024 - From SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT with author's amendments.;06/17/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and

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			fees as fees imposed as an alternative means of compliance with an inclusionary housing requirement.	amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b>AB 2671</b> Weber A (D)	Family Daycare Homes: Filtered Water		Requires a licensed family daycare home to only serve water to children in the care of the family daycare home or use water in food preparation for children in the care of the family daycare home that has been filtered with a point-of-use water filtration device certified to meet specified standards for water safety. Requires the Department of Social Services to submit a report regarding compliance with regulations and test results from family daycare homes with lead in drinking water above certain levels.	05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 2684</b> Bryan (D)	Safety Element: Extreme Heat		Provides that the Planning and Zoning Law requires the legislative body of a city or county to adopt a plan that includes various elements, including a safety element for the protection of the community from risks associated with the effects of various geologic and seismic hazards, flooding, and wildland and urban fires. Authorizes a city or county that has adopted an extreme heat action plan or other document that fulfills commensurate goals and objectives to use that information in the safety element.	06/18/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.
<b>AB 2696</b> Rendon (D)	Labor-Related Liabilities: Direct Contractor		Authorizes a joint labor-management cooperation committee to bring an action in any court of competent jurisdiction against a direct contractor to enforce liability for any unpaid wage, fringe or other benefit payment or contribution, penalties or liquidated damages, and interest owed by the direct contractor on account of the performance of the labor on private work.	06/19/2024 - From SENATE Committee on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT: Do pass to Committee on JUDICIARY.
<b>AB 2705</b> Ortega (D)	Labor Commissioner		Relates to work performed on a public works project. Provides that existing law requires the Labor Commissioner, after determining there has been a violation of minimum wage requirements, to issue a civil wage and penalty assessment to the contractor or subcontractor, or both. Provides for a limitations period for any action on a payment bond filed by the Labor Commissioner to be governed by the same timing requirements for the Labor Commissioner to serve a civil wage and penalty assessment.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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AB 2715 Boerner (D)	Ralph M. Brown Act: Closed Sessions		Provides that existing law authorizes a legislative body to hold a closed session with specified individuals on, among other things, matters posing a threat to the security of essential public services. Authorizes a legislative body to hold a closed session with other law enforcement or security personnel and to hold a closed session on a threat to critical infrastructure controls or critical infrastructure information relating to cybersecurity.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass.
AB 2716 Bryan (D)	Oil and Gas: Low- Production Wells: Sensitive Receptors		Requires the Geologic Energy Management Division to identify all low-production wells that are located within a specified distance of a sensitive receptor, and determine the length of time each of those wells has continuously been a low-production well. Defines low-production wells. Requires the division to notify the owners of wells identified as low-production wells. Requires administrative penalties for operating low-production wells to be deposited into the Oil and Gas Environmental Remediation Account.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
AB 2721 (Agriculture)	Food and Agriculture: Omnibus Bill		Establishes fruit, nut, and vegetable standards. Authorizes any information, data, or observations, including, but not limited to, proprietary information, obtained pursuant to the produce safety program to be shared with any local, state, or federal authority for the purpose of evaluating, inspecting, or investigating an imminent or potential food safety hazard or risk in order to protect public health and safety. Extends the department's authorization.	06/06/2024 - From SENATE Committee on AGRICULTURE with author's amendments.;06/06/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE.
AB 2729 Patterson J (R)	Residential Fees and Charges	Watch	Limits the utility service fees authorized to be collected at the time an application for utility service is received to utility service fees related to capacity charge connections. Authorizes a local agency to require payment of fees or charges at earlier times if certain circumstances are satisfied, including authorizing the local agency to require the payment of those fees and charges at the time the local agency issues a permit.	06/11/2024 - In SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Not heard.
AB 2741 Haney (D)	Rental Car Companies: Electronic Surveillance		Provides that existing law prohibits a rental company from using, accessing, or obtaining any information relating to the renter's use of the rental vehicle that was obtained using electronic surveillance technology, with exceptions. Decreases the time that a rental company must wait after the contracted or extended return date before activating electronic surveillance technology to a specified number of hours.	05/29/2024 - To SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY.

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<b>AB 2747</b> Haney (D)	Tenancy: Credit Reporting		Requires a landlord of a dwelling unit of residential real property to offer any tenant obligated on a lease the option of having the tenant's positive rental payment information reported to at least one nationwide consumer reporting agency. Authorizes a tenant who elects to have positive rental payment information reported to subsequently file a written request to stop that reporting and requires the landlord to comply with that request.	06/20/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.
<b>AB 2754</b> Rendon (D)	Employment Contracts and Agreements: Sufficient Funds		Provides that existing law requires the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement to post on its internet web page a list of port drayage motor carriers that have violated a labor or employment law. Requires a customer that engages or uses a port drayage motor carrier to share with the carrier all civil legal responsibility and civil liability owed to a port drayage driver or the State arising out of the misclassification of the driver as an independent contractor.	06/05/2024 - To SENATE Committees on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT and JUDICIARY.
<b>AB 2785</b> Wilson (D)	Tenancy: Application Fees and Security Deposits		Requires a landlord to accept a reusable tenant screening report if an applicant has and elects to provide a reusable tenant screening report. Authorizes a landlord to charge an application screening fee to cover the costs of obtaining information about the applicant if the applicant does not have or elect to provide a reusable tenant screening report.	05/20/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
<b>AB 2799</b> Alanis (R)	Sustainable Groundwater Management: Small Farms: Fees		Provides that the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requires all groundwater basins designated as high or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater plans. Requires a groundwater sustainability agency to consider the efforts of small farms that recharge groundwater into the basin upon which their property is located when imposing or increasing fees.	06/12/2024 - Re-referred to SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
<b>AB 2801</b> Friedman (D)	Tenancy: Security Deposits		Provides that existing law requires a landlord to notify, within a reasonable time after notification of either party's intention to terminate the tenancy, the tenant of the option to request an initial inspection. Provides that the inspection and related requirements do not prevent a landlord from using the security for specified purposes that occur between completion of inspection and when possession of the unit is	06/13/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.

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			returned or that were not identified during the inspection due to the tenant's possessions.	
<b>AB 2827</b> Reyes (D)	Invasive Species: Prevention		Declares that it is a primary goal of the State to prevent the introduction, and suppress the spread, of invasive species within its borders. Requires, in carrying out this goal, the Department of Food and Agriculture, in collaboration with relevant State agencies and stakeholders, to develop and implement strategies to detect, control, monitor, and eradicate invasive species to protect the State's agriculture, environment, and natural resources.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 2855</b> Flora (R)	Skilled and Trained Workforce Requirements		Provides that existing law establishes requirements that apply when a public entity is required by statute or regulation to obtain an enforceable commitment that a bidder, contractor, or other entity will use a skilled and trained workforce to complete a contract or project. Exempts from these requirements a contractor or subcontractor that is subject to a valid collective bargaining agreement requiring participation in a State-approved apprenticeship program, under certain conditions.	03/21/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.;03/21/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT with author's amendments.;03/21/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
<b>AB 2867</b> Gabriel (D)	Recovery of Artwork and Personal Property Lost		Permits a State resident or a representative of the estate of a resident to bring an action for damages or to recover artwork or personal property that was stolen or lost as the result of political persecution. Permits such actions to be brought within a specified number of years of the discovery of relevant facts. Permits those who discovered relevant facts prior to specified date to bring such actions within a specified number of years of the discovery of the relevant facts or within a specified period.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass as amended. To Consent Calendar.
<b>AB 2875</b> Friedman (D)	Wetlands: State Policy		Declares that it is the policy of the state to ensure no net loss and long-term gain in the quantity, quality, and permanence of wetlands acreage and values in California. Makes related legislative findings and declarations.	06/19/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.
<b>AB 2894</b> Gallagher (R)	Urban Water Use Targets: Indoor Residential Water		Makes a nonsubstantive change to the provision requiring the Department of Water Resources to develop technical methodologies and criteria for purposes of urban water use reduction.	02/15/2024 - INTRODUCED.

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AB 2902 Wood (D)	Organic Waste: Reduction Regulations: Exemptions		Provides that existing law requires the State Air Resources Board to implement a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants to reduce statewide methane emissions, and provides a certain exemption for rural jurisdictions. Extends the rural jurisdiction exemption. Requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to adopt regulations to establish a process to renew the exemption after specified date. Exempts bear bins from the collection bin lid color requirements.	06/20/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
AB 2911 McKinnor (D)	Campaign Contributions: Agency Officers		Provides that the Political Reform Act of 1974 prohibits an officer of an agency from accepting, soliciting, or directing a contribution of more than a specified amount from any party, participant, or a party or participant's agent, while a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use is pending before the agency and for a specified number of months following the date a final decision is rendered in the proceeding. Raises the threshold for contributions regulated by these provisions.	05/29/2024 - To SENATE Committees on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS and APPROPRIATIONS.
AB 2933 Low (D)	Multiunit Residential Structures and Mixed- Use		Enacts the California Multiunit Residential Structure and Mixed-Use Residential and Commercial Structure Water Conservation Act. Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to investigate whether additional water conservation and efficiency measures are warranted for existing and new multifamily residential construction and mixed-use commercial structures, including, but not limited to, point-of-use systems.	05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
AB 2937 Wicks (D)	Environmental Quality Act: Streamlined Reviews		Makes nonsubstantive changes to the California Environmental Quality Act which a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of an environmental impact report (EIR) on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect.	02/15/2024 - INTRODUCED.
AB 2945 Alvarez (D)	Reconnecting Communities Redevelopment Act		Provides that the State Constitution, with respect to any taxes levied on taxable property in a redevelopment project established under the Community Redevelopment Law, authorizes the Legislature to provide for the division of those taxes under a redevelopment plan between the taxing agencies and the redevelopment agency. Provides for the	05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Joint Rule 62(a) suspended.;05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			Reconnecting Communities Redevelopment Act. Authorizes a city or county to propose the formation of a reconnecting communities investment agency.	
<b>AB 2947</b> Lackey (R)	Water: Turfgrass Conversion		Provides that the Water Conservation in Landscaping Act provides for a model water efficient landscape ordinance that is adopted and updated by the Department of Water Resources. Requires an urban water supplier that offers a turfgrass conversion rebate program using funds awarded by the department after specified date to report annually to the department on the number of turfgrass conversions that are funded through the program and the estimated water savings from the program until the funds are exhausted.	05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 2951</b> Cervantes (D)	Voter Registration: Cancellation		Provides that existing law requires a county elections official to cancel a person's voter registration in certain circumstances and requires the elections official to provide notice of the intent to cancel the person's registration between 15 and 30 days before the cancellation. Requires the elections official to provide notice of the intent to cancel the person's registration a specified number of days before the cancellation if the cancellation was due to mental incapacity to vote or a prison commitment.	06/10/2024 - From SENATE Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS with author's amendments.;06/10/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.
<b>AB 2952</b> Addis (D)	Public Employees: Retraining and Rehabilitation		Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law which requires every public agency, its insurance carrier, and the Department of Rehabilitation to jointly formulate procedures for the selection and referral of injured full-time public employees who may be benefited by rehabilitation services and retrained for other positions in public service.	02/16/2024 - INTRODUCED.
<b>AB 2958</b> Calderon (D)	State Air Resources Board: Board Members: Compensation		Repeals the prohibition on compensation of the members of the State Air Resources Board from air districts. Specifies that those members are to receive the annual salary provided to other members of the state board. Repeals the per diem amount provided to elected official members of the state board.	06/05/2024 - To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
<b>AB 2962</b> Papan (D)	Wholesale Regional Water System Security		Provides that the Wholesale Regional Water System Security and Reliability Act requires the City and County of San Francisco to adopt	06/11/2024 - From SENATE Committee on NATURAL



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			a specified program of capital improvement projects designed to restore and improve the bay area regional water system. Extends the repeal date of the act and makes technical nonsubstantive changes.	RESOURCES AND WATER: Do pass to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b>AB 2969</b> Ting (D)	California Housing Finance Agency: Dwelling Units		Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law which requires CalHFA to convene a working group to develop recommendations to assist homeowners in qualifying for loans to construct accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units on the homeowner's property and to increase access to capital for homeowners interested in building accessory dwelling units.	02/16/2024 - INTRODUCED.
<b>AB 2994</b> Wicks (D)	Employment Relations		Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law which requires a person who, for money or other valuable consideration, knowingly advises an employer to treat an individual as an independent contractor to avoid employee status for that individual to be jointly and severally liable with the employer, if the individual is found not to be an independent contractor.	02/16/2024 - INTRODUCED.
<b>AB 3007</b> Hoover (R)	California Environmental Quality Act		Provides that existing law requires project applicants and public agencies subject to the California Environmental Quality Act to pay a filing fee to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for each proposed project, and requires the county clerk of each county and the Office of Planning and Research to maintain a record of all environmental documents received. Requires the clerk and the office to maintain the record electronically. Authorizes the clerk and office to maintain the record on paper.	06/11/2024 - From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Do pass to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
<b>AB 3008</b> Ramos (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Tribal Governments		Expands the scope of the exclusion from income under the Political Reform Act of 1974, further excluding salary and reimbursement for expenses or per diem, and social security, disability, or other similar benefit payments received from a tribal agency from the definition of income.	03/11/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.
<b>AB 3012</b> Grayson (D)	Development Fees: Fee Schedule Template: Fee Estimate		Provides that the Permit Streamlining Act requires a city, county, or special district that has a website to make available on its website certain information, including its current schedule of fees and exactions. Requires a city or county that has a website to make a fee estimate tool that the public can use to calculate an estimate of fees and	06/12/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred Committee on HOUSING.

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			exactions for a proposed housing development project available on its website. Authorizes the city or county to choose the format of the fee estimate tool.	
<b>AB 3013</b> Maienschein (D)	Courts: Remote Court Reporting		Authorizes the Superior Courts of the Counties of Alameda, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Monterey, Orange, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Tulare, and Ventura to conduct pilot projects to study the potential use of remote court reporting to make the verbatim record of certain court proceedings. Requires, if the superior court elects to conduct a pilot project, the remote court reporting to be performed only by official reporters who meet specified qualifications and conditions.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 3017</b> Hart (D)	State-Funded Assistance Grants and Contracts		Provides that existing law authorizes specified State departments and authorities, upon determination that an advance payment is essential for the effective implementation of a program, to advance to a community-based private nonprofit agency with which it has contracted for the delivery of services funds. Includes within the definition of a recipient entity a federally recognized Indian tribe whose territorial boundaries lie wholly or partially within the State.	05/28/2024 - From SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 3048</b> Lowenthal (D)	California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018		Prohibits a business from developing or maintaining a browser that does not include a setting that enables a consumer to send an opt-out preference signal to a business with which the consumer interacts through the browser and prohibits a business from developing or maintaining a device through which a consumer interacts with a business that does not include a setting that enables the consumer to send an opt-out preference signal pursuant to regulations adopted by the California Privacy Protection Agency.	06/05/2024 - To SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY.
<b>AB 3057</b> Wilson (D)	Environmental Quality Act: Exemption: Dwelling Units		Provides that the California Environmental Quality Act exempts from its requirements the adoption of an ordinance by a city or county to issue a zoning variance or a special use or conditional use permit for a dwelling unit to be constructed, or which is attached to or detached from, a primary residence on a parcel zoned for a single-family residence. Expands exemption to include the adoption of an ordinance to provide for the creation of junior accessory dwelling units in single-family residential zones.	06/05/2024 - From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Do pass to Committee on HOUSING.

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<b>AB 3073</b> Haney (D)	Wastewater Testing: Illicit Substances		Requires the State Department of Public Health, in consultation with participating wastewater treatment facilities, local public health agencies, and other subject matter experts, to create a pilot program to test for high-risk substances and related treatment medications in wastewater. Requires the department to develop a list of target substances to be analyzed during the program that may include cocaine, fentanyl, methamphetamine, xylazine, methadone, buprenorphine, and naloxone.	05/16/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>AB 3084</b> Soria (D)	Groundwater Basin Management		Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation to improve groundwater basin management.	02/16/2024 - INTRODUCED.
<b>AB 3090</b> Maienschein (D)	Drinking Water Standards: Emergency Notification Plan		Provides that existing law prohibits a person from operating a public water system without an emergency notification plan that has been approved by the State Water Resources Control Board. Authorizes and encourages a public water system, when updating a plan, to notify water users by means of certain communications technology, including, but not limited to, text messages, email, or social media. Provides that a permit, variance, or exemption may not be issued or amended until a plan has been approved.	06/25/2024 - *****To GOVERNOR.
<b>AB 3111</b> Calderon (D)	Distributed Energy Resources		Requires, as part of an application submitted for a permit to install or interconnect a distributed energy resource or an aggregated distributed energy resource, or at the time an aggregator enrolls an aggregated distributed energy resource in an aggregation program, the applicant or aggregator to provide notice to the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission that contains specified information about the distributed energy resources or aggregated distributed energy resources.	05/29/2024 - To SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS.
<b>AB 3121</b> Hart (D)	Urban Retail Water Suppliers: Informational Order	Watch	Provides that existing law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to issue informational orders pertaining to water production, water use, and water conservation to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective. Provides that the date the board is authorized to issue informational orders is on or after specified date, the date to issue a written notice is on or after	06/25/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time. To Consent Calendar.

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			specified date, and the date to issue a conservation order is on or after specified date.	
<b>AB 3124</b> Low (D)	Internet Websites: Personal Information		Prohibits a business from making covered personal information publicly available on its internet website. Requires a business that sells personal information through an internet website to retain identifying information of the customer that purchases that personal information and to make that identifying information available upon request to the subject of the personal information purchased by the customer. Provides a civil penalty for violations.	03/21/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION and JUDICIARY.;03/21/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION with author's amendments.;03/21/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred t
<b>AB 3125</b> Garcia E (D)	Skilled and Trained Workforce Requirements		Applies specified requirements when a public entity is required by statute or regulation to obtain an enforceable commitment that a bidder, contractor, or other entity, at every tier of the contract that falls within an apprenticeable occupation, will use a skilled and trained workforce for all goods or services relating to any Salton Sea project.	04/11/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Suspend Assembly Rule 96.;04/11/2024 - Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
<b>AB 3126</b> Bauer-Kahan (D)	State Highway Property: Information Requests		Requires the Department of Transportation to provide information regarding the acquisition of, and funding sources used to acquire, real property held by the department for state highway purposes within thirty days of receiving a request for that information.	03/21/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.;03/21/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION with author's amendments.;03/21/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.
<b>AB 3130</b> Quirk-Silva (D)	Public Officers: Contracts: Financial Interest		Provides that existing law prohibits certain public officials from being financially interested in any contract made by them in their official capacity, or by any body or board of which they are members. Requires a member of a board of supervisors to disclose a known family relationship with an officer or employee of a nonprofit entity before the board of supervisors appropriates money to that nonprofit entity.	05/29/2024 - To SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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<b>AB 3150</b> Quirk-Silva (D)	Fire Safety: Fire Hazard Severity Zones: Defensible		Revises and recasts the provisions applicable to fire hazard severity zones in state responsibility areas and in areas that are not state responsibility areas. Requires the State Fire Marshal, no less than once every five years, to both identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones, and review and make recommendations relative to these designations.	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>AB 3157</b> Papan (D)	California Water District Law		Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law authorizing a water district, by using any water or water supplies furnished to the district or used by the district, to construct, maintain, and operate plants for the generation of hydroelectric power from those water and transmission lines for the conveyance of that power, and which provides for certain executive joint power agreements.	02/16/2024 - INTRODUCED.
<b>AB 3177</b> Carrillo (D)	Mitigation Fee Act: Land Dedications		Prohibits a local agency from imposing a land dedication requirement on a housing development to widen a roadway if the requirement is for the purpose of mitigating vehicular traffic impacts, achieving an adopted traffic level of service related to vehicular traffic, or achieving a desired road width. Authorizes a local agency to impose a land dedication requirement on a housing development if the development is not located in a transit priority area and the development has a certain linear street frontage.	06/13/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred Committee on HOUSING.
<b>AB 3187</b> Carrillo J (D)	Safe Drinking Water Plan		Makes nonsubstantive changes to the provision requiring the State Water Resources Control Board to submit to the Legislature a comprehensive Safe Drinking Water Plan for California.	02/16/2024 - INTRODUCED.
<b>AB 3190</b> Haney (D)	Public Works		Provides that existing law requires that not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages be paid to workers employed on public works projects. Expands the definition of paid for in whole or in part out of public funds to include projects paid using credits against a tax, including certain low-income housing tax credits. Exempts from public works provisions, private residential projects built on private property when the public funds are less than a specified amount for a certain project.	06/05/2024 - To SENATE Committee on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.

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<b>AB 3198</b> Garcia E (D)	Joint Powers Agreements: Retail Electric Services		Relates to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act. Authorizes a public agency with the authority to provide retail electric services to enter into a joint powers agreement with one or more public agencies with jurisdiction within the Coachella Valley Service Area to jointly exercise the authority to provide retail electric services notwithstanding an inability of a party to the joint powers agreement to exercise that power independently.	05/22/2024 - To SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b>AB 3200</b> Hoover (R)	Master-Metered Mobilehome Parks: Transfer of Water		Requires the Public Utilities Commission to authorize and establish a pilot program for specified water corporations to accept the transfer of ownership and operational responsibility of water systems in master-metered mobilehome parks or manufactured housing communities, and provide that the exemption described above does not apply to the maintenance or provision of water service by a water corporation pursuant to that pilot program.	03/21/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on UTILITIES AND ENERGY and HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
<b>AB 3208</b> Boerner (D)	Greenhouse Gases: Methane		Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law which requires the State Air Resources Board to take certain actions related to methane emissions.	02/16/2024 - INTRODUCED.
<b>AB 3219</b> Sanchez (R)	Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: Local Governments		Provides that the requirements of the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation do not apply to the purchase by a local government of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than a specified number of pounds if the price of the zero-emission version of a vehicle is more than an unspecified percentage of the price of a comparable internal combustion engine version of that vehicle.	03/11/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on TRANSPORTATION and NATURAL RESOURCES.;03/11/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION with author's amendments.;03/11/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATI
<b>AB 3227</b> Alvarez (D)	California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption		Exempts, if certain conditions are met, from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act the routine maintenance of stormwater facilities that are fully concrete or that have a conveyance capacity of less than a 100-year storm event. Requires, if the lead agency determines that a project is not subject to CEQA and determines to approve or carry out the project, the agency to file a	06/25/2024 - From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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			notice with the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research and with the county clerk.	
<b>AB 3238</b> Garcia E (D)	California Environmental Quality Act: Electrical		Exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act projects for the expansion of an existing public right-of-way across State-owned land to accommodate the construction, expansion, modification, or update of electrical infrastructure meeting certain requirements, including that the lead agency for the project is the Public Utilities Commission or a State agency owning or managing the land. Designates, for electrical infrastructure projects, the commission as the lead agency for purposes of the CEQA.	06/24/2024 - From SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS: Do pass to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
<b>AB 3277</b> (Local Government)	Local Agency Formation Commission: Districts: Property		Provides that existing law requires proceedings for the formation of a district to be conducted as authorized by the principal act of the proposed district, and authorizes the local agency formation commission in each county to serve as the conducting authority. Requires a commission to determine the amount of property tax revenue to be exchanged by an affected local agency if the proposal includes the formation of a district and the applicant is seeking a share of the 1 percent ad valorem property taxes.	06/25/2024 - *****To GOVERNOR.
<b>ACAB 2</b> Alanis (R)	Water Resiliency Act of 2024		Requires the Treasurer to annually transfer an amount equal to a specified percent of all State revenues from the General Fund to the State Water Resiliency Trust Fund. Appropriates moneys in the fund to the State Water Commission for its actual costs of specified water infrastructure projects. Requires the State Auditor to annually conduct a programmatic review and an audit of expenditures from the Trust Fund and to report those findings.	03/06/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE with author's amendments.;03/06/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
<b>ACAB 16</b> Bryan (D)	Environmental Rights		Amends the California Constitution to declare that the people have a right to clean air and water and a healthy environment considering the general well-being and other needs of the people. Specifies that the principles inherent in these rights shall serve as a guide to all branches of government in the performance of their official duties and that these rights shall inure to all people in equal measure and shall not be construed or applied in a manner inconsistent with duly enacted laws.	06/06/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read third time and amended. To third reading.

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<b>SB 74</b> Dodd (D)	Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development		Provides that existing law, until the specified date, establishes the Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development in State government within the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to study, test, and advise regarding procurement of emerging technologies and tools in order to more effectively prevent and suppress wildfires within the State. Deletes the specified sunset date.	06/24/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>SB 231</b> Hurtado (D)	Department of Water Resources: Water Supply Forecasting		Requires the Department of Water Resources to inventory its existing drought mitigation and response plans and submit a report to the Legislature identifying these plans and their purposes by specified date. Requires the report to include a recommendation on whether there is a need for a new comprehensive, long-term plan for mitigating and responding to the effects of drought at the State level.	09/01/2023 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>SB 233</b> Skinner (D)	Practice of Medicine: Arizona Physicians: Abortions		Authorizes a physician licensed to practice medicine in Arizona who meets certain requirements to practice medicine in the State for the purpose of providing abortions and abortion-related care to patients who are Arizona residents traveling from Arizona, upon application for registration with the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California. Limits the information the State boards are required to disclose about a registrant. Prohibits boards from collecting certain fees.	05/23/2024 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;05/23/2024 - Chapered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2024-011
<b>SB 245</b> Hurtado (D)	California Food Assistance Program: Eligibility		Provides that under existing law, to become operative on the date that the State Department of Social Services notifies the Legislature that the Statewide Automated Welfare System has been updated, makes an individual 55 or older eligible for CalFresh if the individual's immigration status is the sole basis for their ineligibility for CalFresh benefits. Makes, commencing on specified date, any individual eligible for the program if the individual's immigration status is the sole basis for ineligibility.	06/20/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>SB 248</b> Newman (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Disclosures		Requires a candidate for elective office to file, when the candidate files a declaration of candidacy, a form to disclose the candidate's prior education and work history, and history of military service, if any. Requires the Fair Political Practices Commission to create a form for this purpose. Requires the Secretary of State to post on its website a	09/01/2023 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.



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			copy of completed forms submitted by candidates, making such forms available to the public for a specified number of years from the date of the election.	
<b>SB 251</b> Newman (D)	Candidates' Statements: False Statements		Provides that existing law prohibits a candidate for nonpartisan elective office, or an incumbent in a recall election, to knowingly make a false statement of material fact in the candidate's statement with the intent to mislead the voters in connection with the candidate's campaign for nomination or election to an office. Provides that a violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine. Increases the maximum fine amount.	06/17/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. From Consent Calendar. To third reading.
<b>SB 252</b> Gonzalez (D)	Public Retirement Systems: Fossil Fuels: Divestment		Prohibits the boards of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the State Teachers' Retirement System from making new investments or renewing existing investments of public employee retirement funds in a fossil fuel company. Requires the boards to liquidate investments in a fossil fuel company on or before specified date. Suspends, temporarily, the liquidation provision upon a good faith determination by the board that certain conditions materially impact normal market mechanisms for pricing assets.	06/19/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT: Not heard.
<b>SB 265</b> Hurtado (D)	Cybersecurity Preparedness: Critical Infrastructure		Requires the Office of Emergency Services to direct the California Cybersecurity Integration Center to prepare, and Cal OES to submit to the Legislature, a strategic, multiyear outreach plan to assist critical infrastructure sectors, in their efforts to improve cybersecurity and an evaluation of options for providing grants or alternative forms of funding to, and potential voluntary actions that do not require funding and that assist, that sector in their efforts to improve cybersecurity preparedness.	07/10/2023 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>SB 299</b> Limon (D)	Voter Registration: California New Motor Voter Program		Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to transmit specified information to the Secretary of State for a person submitting a driver's license application who provides documentation demonstrating United States citizenship and that the person is of an eligible age to register or preregister to vote.	06/19/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS with author's amendments.;06/19/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ELECTIONS.

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<b>SB 308</b> Becker (D)	Net Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions Goal		Requires the state board to develop and adopt regulations, or utilize existing programs and regulations, to ensure the state achieves carbon dioxide removals equivalent to at least 100% of statewide greenhouse gas emissions in calendar year 2045, and all subsequent years, in order to achieve the net zero and net negative greenhouse gas emissions goals.	06/24/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Not heard.
<b>SB 328</b> Dodd (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Contribution Limits		Relates to the Political Reform Act of 1974, which prohibits a person, other than a small contributor committee or political party committee, from making to a candidate for elective state, county, or city office, and prohibits those candidates from accepting from a person, a contribution totaling more than \$3,000 per election. Applies those contribution limits to candidates for school district, community college district, and other special district elections.	09/01/2023 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>SB 366</b> Caballero (D)	The California Water Plan: Long-Term Supply Targets	Support	Requires the Department of Water Resources to coordinate with specified agencies to develop a comprehensive plan for addressing the State's water needs and meeting specified long-term water supply targets for purposes of the State Water Plan. Requires the plan to include specified components, including a discussion of various strategies that may be pursued in order to meet the water supply targets, a discussion of agricultural water needs, and an analysis of the costs and benefits of achieving the targets.	06/25/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Do pass as amended to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>SB 393</b> Glazer (D)	Civil Actions: Housing Development Projects		Provides that existing law provides that in a civil action brought by a plaintiff to challenge a housing development project that meets or exceeds the requirements for low or moderate-income housing, a defendant may seek an order requiring the plaintiff to furnish an undertaking as security for costs and damages. Requires the motion to be made solely on the ground that the action was brought in bad faith, vexatiously, for the purpose of delay, or to thwart the low or moderate-income nature of the project.	06/17/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY with author's amendments.;06/17/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.
<b>SB 399</b> Wahab (D)	Employer Communications: Intimidation		Prohibits, with specified exceptions, an employer from subjecting, or threatening to subject, an employee to discharge, discrimination, retaliation, or any other adverse action because the employee declines to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or affirmatively declines to participate in, receive, or listen to any communications with the	06/19/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.

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			employer or its agents or representatives, the purpose of which is to communicate the employer's opinion about religious or political matters.	
<b>SB 409</b> Newman (D)	Elections: Candidate's Statement		Provides that existing law authorizes a candidate for statewide elective office who accepts the voluntary expenditure limits to purchase the space to place a statement in a State voter information guide. Requires the Secretary of State to establish, on or before specified date, a pilot program that would allow a candidate to include a QR code link to a video statement in the State voter information guide.	09/01/2023 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
<b>SB 422</b> Portantino (D)	California Environmental Quality Act		Requires specified public agencies, at the time of adoption of a rule or regulation requiring the reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases, criteria air pollutants, or toxic air contaminants, to perform an environmental analysis of the reasonably foreseeable methods of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.	09/12/2023 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
<b>SB 477</b> (Housing)	Accessory Dwelling Units		Provides that existing law provides for the creation of junior accessory dwelling units by local ordinance, or, if a local agency has not adopted an ordinance, by ministerial approval, in accordance with specified standards and conditions. Makes nonsubstantive changes and reorganizes various provisions relating to the creation and regulation of accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units, and makes related nonsubstantive conforming changes.	03/25/2024 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;03/25/2024 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2024-007
<b>SB 479</b> Durazo (D)	Termination of Tenancy: No-Fault Just Cause		Provides that existing law, after a tenant has continuously and lawfully occupied a residential real property for 12 months, prohibits the owner of the residential real property from terminating the tenancy without just cause, and defines natural person for these purposes. Revises the definition of natural person to include, if the property is owned by a limited liability company or partnership, a natural person who is a beneficial owner, with at least a specified percent ownership interest in the property.	03/25/2024 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;03/25/2024 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2024-008
<b>SB 504</b> Dodd (D)	Wildfires: Defensible Space: Grant Programs		Provides that existing law requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to establish a local assistance grant program for fire prevention and home hardening education activities. Requires a person who owns, leases, controls, operates, or maintains a building or	06/10/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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			structure in the State responsibility area, regardless of location or forest and vegetation cover, to maintain defensible space of a specified number of feet from each side.	
<b>SB 511</b> Blakespear (D)	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories		Provides that the California Global Warming Solutions Act requires the State Air Resources Board to prepare and approve a scoping plan for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and to update the scoping plan. Requires the Board to develop, and publish on its website, a report on greenhouse gas emissions inventories for the specified calendar year for each city, county, or city and county that requests inclusion in the report.	09/01/2023 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>SB 518</b> Wilk (R)	Elections: Certification of Results		Requires the elections official to submit the certified statement of the results of the election on the 30th calendar day following the election.	06/08/2023 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.
<b>SB 537</b> Becker (D)	Department of General Services: Memorial		Authorizes a nonprofit organization representing Mexican Americans or Mexican immigrants, in consultation with the Department of General Services, to plan, construct, and maintain a memorial to Mexican Americans and Mexican immigrants who were forcibly deported from the United States during the Great Depression. Requires the nonprofit organization to submit a plan for the memorial to the department for its review and approval.	06/10/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read third time and amended. To third reading.;06/10/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Assembly Rule 77.2 suspended.;06/10/2024 - Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
<b>SB 571</b> Allen (D)	Fire Safety: Ingress and Egress Route Recommendations		Requires the Office of Planning and Research to conduct a study and prepare a report, including recommendations, that evaluates potential improvements to State standards for ingress and egress and evacuation routes for development in the event of a wildfire. Requires the office to convene and consult with a working group that includes specified voluntary representatives, including from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.	06/24/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES with author's amendments.;06/24/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b>SB 597</b> Glazer (D)	Building Standards: Rainwater Catchment Systems		Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to conduct research and develop recommendations regarding building standards for the installation of rainwater catchment systems in newly constructed residential dwellings and authorizes the department to propose related building standards to the California Building Standards	09/01/2023 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.

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			Commission for consideration. Authorizes the department to expend moneys from the Building Standards Administration Special Revolving Fund.	
<b>SB 611</b> Menjivar (D)	Residential Rental Properties: Fees and Advertisements		Authorizes a landlord, lessor of a dwelling unit, or their agent to demand or collect specified payments, fees, or charges, which may be excluded from the advertised price. Authorizes, in an unlawful detainer action, after a default in the payment of rent, a tenant to raise as a defense a violation as an offset against the rental debt. Makes a landlord, lessor of a dwelling unit, or their agent who violates these provisions liable to the tenant in a civil action for, among other things, actual damages.	06/10/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY with author's amendments.;06/10/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.
<b>SB 632</b> Caballero (D)	Vehicles: Off-Highway Recreation: Red Rock Canyon State		Provides that existing law authorizes the County of Inyo to operate a pilot project that exempts specified combined-use highways from the prohibition to link together existing roads in the unincorporated portion of the county to existing trails and trailheads on federal Bureau of Land Management or U.S. Forest Service lands to provide a unified linkage of trail systems for off-highway vehicles. Authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation to implement a similar program at Red Rock Canyon State Park.	06/25/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Do pass to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.
<b>SB 638</b> Eggman (D)	Climate Resiliency and Flood Protection Bond Act	Support	Enacts the Climate Resiliency and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024 which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of a specified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, for flood protection and climate resiliency projects. Provides that this bill is operative only if SB 867 of the 2023-24 Regular Session is enacted and takes effect on or before specified date.	06/28/2023 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE with author's amendments.;06/28/2023 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
<b>SB 651</b> Grove (R)	California Environmental Quality Act: Groundwater		Relates to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Requires the Judicial Council to adopt a rule of court to establish procedures requiring actions or proceedings brought to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the certification of an environmental impact report, or the granting of any project approvals, for groundwater recharge projects that implement a groundwater sustainability plan or an interim groundwater sustainability plan.	06/22/2023 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

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<b>SB 718</b> Wilk (R)	Elections: Official Canvass: Unprocessed Ballots		Relates to law that requires county elections officials during the official canvass period following an election to send reports to the Secretary of State regarding the number of unprocessed ballots. Requires the Secretary of State to make public the information contained in those reports.	06/28/2023 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS with author's amendments.;06/28/2023 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ELECTIONS.
<b>SB 724</b> Glazer (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Communications		Provides that the Political Reform Act of 1974 requires the disclosure of certain payments. Requires the disclosure of any payment of or promise to pay a specified amount or more for a communication that clearly identifies an elected State officer, and educates the public about the previous votes cast by the elected officer or about the source of campaign donations received by the elected officer, and that is disseminated, broadcast, or otherwise published within a specified number of days of an election.	09/01/2023 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
<b>SB 755</b> Becker (D)	Energy Efficiency and Building Decarbonization Programs		Provides for the California's Layered Energy Applications for Residents (CLEAR) Act of 2023. Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to develop and make publicly available an internet website for energy efficiency and building decarbonization programs administered by the Energy Commission, federal or local governmental agencies, and nonprofit organizations that are available in the State for residential buildings and residential electricity customers.	09/01/2023 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>SB 769</b> Gonzalez (D)	Local Government: Fiscal and Financial Training		Provides that existing law imposes ethics training and sexual harassment prevention training and education on specified local agency officials. Exempts a local agency official from the training requirements if they comply with specified criteria under existing law relating to eligibility for appointment or election to, and continuing education for, the office of county treasurer, county tax collector, or county treasurer-tax collector.	09/01/2023 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>SB 778</b> Ochoa Bogh (R)	Excavations: Subsurface Installations	Watch	Provides that existing law establishes the California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board for the enforcement and administration of the Safe Dig Act and requires the Governor to appoint a certain number of the board members. Revises the knowledge and experience requirements for a certain number of the members appointed by the Governor. Requires an operator to contact	06/15/2023 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY with author's amendments.;06/15/2023 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and

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			the excavator by electronic positive response if the area delineated by the excavator does not match the ticket description.	amended. Re-referred to Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
<b>SB 781</b> Stern (D)	Methane Emissions: Natural Gas Producing Low Methane		Provides that existing law requires the State Air Resources Board to quantify and publish annually the amount of greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the loss or release of uncombusted natural gas to the atmosphere and emissions from natural gas flares during all processes associated with the production, processing, and transporting of natural gas imported into the State from out-of-state sources. Requires the board to request and incorporate certain information from utilities and other large gas users.	09/01/2023 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>SB 830</b> Smallwood- Cueva (D)	Public Works		Requires a contractor engaging a third-party, permanent, and offsite fabrication facility to fabricate custom sheet metal ducts for a public works project to enter into a contract with the facility that requires compliance with specified public works laws. Requires certified copies of payroll records for the offsite, custom fabrication of sheet metal ducts to be accompanied by a written time record of that work certified by each employee performing the work.	09/08/2023 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
<b>SB 863</b> Allen (D)	Measures Proposed by the Legislature		Allows the Legislature to specify, in the text of a measure that proposes an amendment or revision of the Constitution, that the constitutional amendment or revision submitted to the people will appear on the ballot at an election other than the one described above if the election specified in the measure would occur at least 131 days after adoption of the measure by the Legislature.	06/19/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS with author's amendments.;06/19/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ELECTIONS.
<b>SB 867</b> Allen (D)	Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience	Support Amend	Enacts the Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, Park Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy Bond Act of 2024, which would authorize the issuance of bonds to finance projects for, among other things, drought, flood, and water resilience. Provides for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the specified statewide primary election.	06/22/2023 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

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<b>SB 900</b> Umberg (D)	Common Interest Developments: Repair and Maintenance		Relates to the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act. Makes an association responsible for repairs and replacements necessary to restore interrupted gas, heat, water, or electrical services that begin in the common area even if the matter extends into another area, as specified, unless the utility service that failed is maintained, repaired, or replaced by a public, private, or other utility service provider or otherwise provided in the declaration of a common interest development.	06/25/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass as amended.
<b>SB 903</b> Skinner (D)	Environmental Health: Product Safety: Perfluoroalkyl	Support	Prohibits a person from distributing, selling, or offering for sale a product that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, unless the Department of Toxic Substances Control has made a determination that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use, the prohibition is preempted by Federal law, or the product is previously used. Requires the department to adopt regulations that establish and provide for the assessment of an application fee.	05/16/2024 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>SB 915</b> Cortese (D)	Local Government: Autonomous Vehicles		Authorizes a city with a population of 250,000 or greater that an autonomous vehicle service has received authorization by the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Public Utilities Commission, or any other applicable state agency to operate, to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by enacting an ordinance in regard to autonomous vehicle services within that jurisdiction.	06/17/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION: Not heard.
<b>SB 924</b> Bradford (D)	Tenancy: Credit Reporting: Lower Income Households		Provides that existing law requires a landlord of an assisted housing development to offer tenants obligated on the lease of units in the development the option of having their rental payments reported to at least one consumer reporting agency through a written election of rent reporting. Permits a landlord, upon the agreement of the tenant, to provide the offer of rent reporting to the tenant by first-class United States mail or email.	06/20/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading.
<b>SB 937</b> Wiener (D)	Development Projects: Permits and Other Entitlements	Seek_Amend	Provides that the Mitigation Fee Act regulates fees for development projects and authorizes a local agency to require the payment sooner than the date of the final inspection or the date the certificate of occupancy is issued if specified conditions are met. Authorizes the governing body of an agency to authorize an agency officer or	06/17/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.



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			employee to approve and execute contracts. Requires the agency to post a model form of contract on its website, if it maintains one, before requiring execution of a contract.	
<b>SB 942</b> Becker (D)	California AI Transparency Act		Provides for the California AI Transparency Act. Requires a covered provider to create and make freely available an artificial intelligence detection tool that meets certain criteria. Requires a covered provider to offer the user an option to include a manifest disclosure in image, video, audio, or other digital content created or altered by the covered provider's generative artificial intelligence system that, among other things, identifies content as AI-generated content.	06/20/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.
<b>SB 948</b> Limon (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Contribution Limitations		Permits a candidate who receives a majority of the votes cast for an office at a primary election, where the candidate is elected to office without advancing to the general election, to carry over funds raised to a committee for any subsequent election to the same office without attributing funds to specific contributors. Specifies that a candidate who raises funds for the general election may transfer funds to a committee for any subsequent election, but funds must be attributed to specific contributors.	06/24/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE for concurrence.
<b>SB 955</b> Seyarto (R)	Office of Planning and Research: Infrastructure Program		Requires the Office of Planning and Research to establish the Infrastructure Gap-Fund Program to provide grants to local agencies to develop and construct infrastructure projects. Authorizes the office to provide funding for up to a specified percent of a project's total cost, subject to certain requirements, including that the office is prohibited from awarding a grant unless the agency provides funding that has been raised through local taxes for at least a specified percent of the project's total cost.	05/16/2024 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>SB 958</b> Dodd (D)	Surplus State Property: County of Napa		Authorizes the Director of General Services to sell or exchange the specified property by the specified date. Requires that the sale or exchange of the property known as Camp Coombs be separate from and subsequent to the sale or exchange. Makes legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for Napa County and the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District. Appropriates funds.	06/19/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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<b>SB 961</b> Wiener (D)	Vehicles: Safety Equipment		Provides that existing law prohibits a person from driving a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than the speed limit. Requires, commencing with the specified model year, certain new vehicles to be equipped with a passive intelligent speed assistance system that would utilize a brief, one-time, visual and audio signal to alert the driver each time the speed of the vehicle is more than a specified number of miles per hour over the speed limit. Provides that a violation would be a crime.	06/21/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION with author's amendments.;06/21/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.
<b>SB 964</b> Seyarto (R)	Property Tax: Tax- Defaulted Property Sales		Relates to the sale to certain entities of a property that has been tax defaulted for 5 years or more in an applicable county. Authorizes a property or property interest to be offered for sale under provisions authorizing a sale to certain entities that has not been offered for sale under certain provisions if the State Board of Equalization conducts a property valuation that shows that the property or property interest is worth less than the amount of the defaulted debt.	05/16/2024 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>SB 984</b> Wahab (D)	Public Agencies: Project Labor Agreements		Requires a state agency to identify and select a minimum of 3 major state construction projects that are required to be governed by a project labor agreement, as specified, and would define various terms for these purposes. Requires the Department of General Services, commencing specified date, to report to the Legislature about the use of project labor agreements, the advancement of community benefit goals, and apprenticeships, as specified.	06/24/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Suspend Assembly Rule 96.;06/24/2024 - Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>SB 986</b> Seyarto (R)	Ballot Label: Bond Measure Fiscal Impact		Requires, for state bond measures and for local measures to approve the issuance of bonds that will be secured by an ad valorem tax, the ballot label to include a summary of the measure's fiscal impact in a specified form.	03/19/2024 - In SENATE Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: Failed passage.;03/19/2024 - In SENATE Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: Reconsideration granted.
<b>SB 993</b> Becker (D)	Clean Energy Development Incentive Rate Tariff		Provides that existing law authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to fix the rates and charges for every public utility. Requires the commission to evaluate and, if just and reasonable, establish a clean energy development incentive rate time-of-use tariff to encourage the	05/16/2024 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			development of new commercial or industrial electrical loads. Requires the tariff to be available to bundled customers of electric corporations until the tariff meets a statewide limitation of 5000 megawatts of customer participation.	
<b>SB 1003</b> Dodd (D)	Electrical Corporations: Wildfire Mitigation Plans		Provides that existing law requires electrical corporations to construct, maintain, and operate their electrical lines and equipment in a manner that will minimize the risk of catastrophic wildfire posed by those electrical lines and equipment. Requires those actions to take into account both the time required to implement the proposed mitigations and the amount of risk reduced for the cost and risk remaining.	06/20/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY with author's amendments.;06/20/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
<b>SB 1014</b> Dodd (D)	Wildfire Safety: California Wildfire Mitigation		Requires the deputy director, on or before specified date, and every 3 years thereafter, to prepare a Wildfire Risk Mitigation Planning Framework sufficient to quantitatively evaluate wildfire risk mitigation actions. Requires the deputy director to make the framework available as a planning tool to specified entities and to, each year the framework is completed, of the framework to the Legislature, the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, and the Public Utilities Commission for review and consideration.	06/17/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>SB 1027</b> Menjivar (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Disclosures		Provides that the Political Reform Act of 1974 provides for the comprehensive regulation of campaign financing, including requiring the reporting of campaign contributions. Authorizes a campaign committee to redact the bank account number on a copy of a statement of organization filed with a local filing officer. Requires the Secretary of State to redact the bank account number on a statement of organization filed with the Secretary of State before making the statement available to the public in any form.	06/18/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>SB 1034</b> Seyarto (R)	California Public Records Act: State of Emergency		Revises the unusual circumstances under which the time limit may be extended to include the need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine records during a state of emergency, as defined, proclaimed by the Governor in the jurisdiction where the agency is located when the state of emergency currently affects, due to the state of emergency, the agency's ability to timely respond to requests due to staffing shortages or closure of facilities where the requested records are located, except as specified.	06/20/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To Consent Calendar.

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<b>SB 1045</b> Blakespear (D)	Composting Facilities: Zoning		Requires the Office of Planning and Research, in consultation with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, to develop and post on their website a technical advisory reflecting best practices to facilitate the siting of composting facilities to meet organic waste reduction goals. Requires the office to consult with specified entities throughout the development of the advisory. Requires a city or county to consider the best practices reflected in the technical advisory during long-term planning.	06/17/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b>SB 1046</b> Laird (D)	Organic Waste Reduction: Program Environmental Impact		Requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to prepare and certify a program environmental impact report that streamlines the process with which jurisdictions can develop and site small and medium compostable material handling facilities or operations for processing organic material.	06/12/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>SB 1049</b> Padilla (D)	Department of Industrial Relations: Living Wage: Report		Requires the Department of Industrial Relations, in conjunction with the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development and the Director of Housing and Community Development, to develop a certification program for employers that pay a living wage, which the bill would define as the lowest wage that allows full-time and part-time wage earners to afford a decent standard of living, as specified.	05/16/2024 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>SB 1051</b> Eggman (D)	Victims of Abuse or Violence: Lock Changes		Repeals, recasts, and revises these provisions to apply when a person is alleged to have committed abuse or violence against an eligible tenant or the immediate family or household member of an eligible tenant, and the person is not a tenant of the same dwelling unit as the eligible tenant. Requires the landlord to change the locks at their own expense, and additionally requires the landlord to reimburse the protected tenant for expenses the tenant incurred in changing the locks.	06/19/2024 - Enrolled.
<b>SB 1055</b> Min (D)	Accessory Dwelling Units: Regional Housing Need		Prohibits a qualifying local agency from imposing height limitations that would prohibit an attached accessory dwelling unit from attaining a height of 16 feet, as specified.	02/21/2024 - To SENATE Committees on HOUSING and LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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<b>SB 1065</b> Padilla (D)	Primary Drinking Water Standards: Hexavalent Chromium		Relates to the California Safe Drinking Water Act. Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to grant an extension of up to a specified number of years beyond any other compliance period established by the Board for a public water system to achieve compliance with the primary drinking water standard for hexavalent chromium. Requires a public water system to comply with all requirements that the Board has established for a public water system during the compliance period, including public notice.	04/08/2024 - From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY with author's amendments.;04/08/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
<b>SB 1072</b> Padilla (D)	Local Government: Proposition 218: Remedies		Provides for procedures and parameters for local compliance with the requirements of the State Constitution for assessments and property-related fees. Requires a local agency, if a court determines that a fee or charge for a property-related service violates the provisions of the State Constitution relating to fees and charges, to credit the amount of the fee or charge attributable to the violation against the amount required to provide the service, unless a refund is explicitly provided for by statute.	06/17/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT with author's amendments.;06/17/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b>SB 1073</b> Skinner (D)	State Acquisition of Goods and Services: Low-Carbon		Authorizes a State agency to enter into forward contracts to purchase low-carbon cement or concrete products up to a specified number of years in advance to facilitate the commercialization of concrete, cement, and supplementary cementitious materials and in furtherance of the policy, comprehensive strategy, or framework relating to greenhouse gas emissions.	06/17/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>SB 1078</b> Min (D)	Language Access		Establishes the Office of Language Access to ensure individuals with limited English proficiency have meaningful access to government programs and services. Requires the Office, commencing on the specified date, and every other year thereafter, to submit a report to the Legislature that contains specific information, including challenges encountered while implementing Language Access Plans, lessons learned, best practices, and metrics. Requires the development of a Language Access Plan Guidance Document.	06/25/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on HUMAN SERVICES: Do pass as amended to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>SB 1079</b> Menjivar (D)	Youth Housing Bond Act of 2024		Relates to the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program. Enacts the Youth Housing Bond Act of 2024, which, if adopted, would authorize the issuance of bonds pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance the Youth Housing Program.	06/03/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

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			Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to make awards to local agencies, nonprofit organizations, and joint ventures for the purpose of acquiring, renovating, constructing, and purchasing equipment for youth centers or youth housing.	
<b>SB 1092</b> Blakespear (D)	Coastal Resources: Multifamily Housing Development		Requires the commission, on or before specified date, to provide a report to the Legislature that provides information regarding appeals of local government coastal development permits to the commission, including, among other things, the percentage of local government coastal development permit actions that were appealed to the commission.	06/24/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Suspend Assembly Rule 96.;06/24/2024 - Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>SB 1100</b> Portantino (D)	Discrimination: Driver's License and Car Ownership		Makes it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to include a statement in various employment materials that an applicant must have a driver's license unless the employer reasonably expects the duties of the position to require driving and the employer reasonably believes that satisfying that job function using an alternative form of transportation would not be comparable in travel time or cost to the employer.	06/19/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT: Do pass to Committee on JUDICIARY.
<b>SB 1103</b> Menjivar (D)	Tenancy of Commercial Real Properties: Agreements		Provides that existing law requires a landlord of a residential dwelling to give notice to the tenant a certain number of days before the effective date of a rent increase depending on the amount of the increase. Applies this requirement to leases of commercial real property by a qualified commercial tenant. Specifies, in all leases for commercial real property by a qualified commercial tenant, that a rent increase would not be effective until the required notice period has expired.	06/25/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass as amended.
<b>SB 1110</b> Ashby (D)	Water Reports: Urban Retail Water Suppliers	Support	Provides that existing law establishes the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards as the principal State agencies with authority over matters relating to water quality. Authorizes the Department of Water Resources and board to update regulations adopted for sustainable water use and demand reduction to address changes in statutory reporting requirements. Authorizes the board to adopt an enforcement policy to guide its enforcement of those regulations.	06/25/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Do pass as amended to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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<b>SB 1121</b> Grove (R)	Recycled Water: Onsite Treated Nonpotable Water Systems		Requires specified local jurisdictions to ensure their permitting procedures require the approval of a permit for an onsite treated nonpotable water system within 60 days from the date the permit application is submitted if the application demonstrates that the project meets or exceeds the state board's water quality standards for the onsite treatment and reuse of nonpotable water for nonpotable uses in multifamily residential, commercial, and mixed-use buildings.	02/21/2024 - To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
<b>SB 1134</b> Caballero (D)	Surplus Land		Requires, with regard to surplus land, each parcel of land to be considered a distinct unit of surplus land, with certain exceptions. Specifies that any rule, policy, or standard of general application issued by the Department of Housing and Community Development in implementing the laws governing the disposal of land owned by local agencies is subject to the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.	06/19/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>SB 1137</b> Smallwood- Cueva (D)	Discrimination Claims: Combination of Characteristics		Provides that existing law declares that it is the policy of the State to afford all persons in public schools, regardless of specified characteristics, equal rights and opportunities in the educational institutions of the State. Revises that policy statement to include remedies that will eliminate certain discriminatory acts, including discrimination not just because of one protected trait, but also because of the combination of 2 or more protected bases.	06/12/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>SB 1140</b> Caballero (D)	Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District		Provides that existing law requires the public financing authority of an enhanced infrastructure financing district to hold a meeting and 3 public hearings on a proposed infrastructure financing plan. Requires the authority to hold a meeting and a specified number of public hearings. Makes findings and declarations that, among other things, public benefits will accrue if local agencies are provided a means to, among other things, improve air quality and fund port and harbor infrastructure.	06/18/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading.
<b>SB 1143</b> Allen (D)	Household Hazardous Waste: Producer Responsibility		Creates a producer responsibility program for products containing household hazardous waste and requires a producer responsibility organization (PRO) to provide a convenient collection and management system for covered products at no cost to residents or	06/25/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS: Do pass to

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			local governments. Revises and recasts the Architectural Paint Recovery Program as the Paint Product Recovery Program.	Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<b>SB 1147</b> Portantino (D)	Drinking Water: Bottled Water: Microplastics Level		Requires the State Department of Public Health to determine, upon adoption of a primary drinking water standard for microplastics in drinking water, whether requiring bottled water to meet a maximum contaminant level equivalent to the primary drinking water standard for microplastics in drinking water is necessary or appropriate for ensuring that bottled water presents no adverse effect on public health.	06/25/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>SB 1151</b> Hurtado (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Foreign Agents		Provides that under existing law, an individual or entity that receives compensation to influence legislative or administrative action is required to register as a lobbyist or lobbying firm. Requires certain individuals who engage in certain activities related to influencing legislative or administrative action to register as an agent of a foreign principal and to file periodic reports with the Secretary of State pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974, a violation of which is a misdemeanor.	06/17/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS with author's amendments.;06/17/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ELECTIONS.
<b>SB 1155</b> Hurtado (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Postgovernment		Provides that under existing law, Members of the Legislature, elected State officers, and designated employees of State administrative agencies are subject to various restrictions on their activities following their departure from State service. Prohibits, for a specified period after leaving office, the head of an agency from engaging in any activity to influence legislative or administrative action by the Legislature or administrative agency that would require the individual to register as a lobbyist.	05/28/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.
<b>SB 1156</b> Hurtado (D)	Groundwater Sustainability Agencies: Conflicts		Requires members of the board of directors and the executive of a groundwater sustainability agency to file statements of economic interests, according to the specified filing requirements, with the Fair Political Practices Commission using the Commission's online system for filing statements of economic interests.	06/18/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS with author's amendments.;06/18/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ELECTIONS.
<b>SB 1158</b> Archuleta (D)	Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards		Provides that existing law establishes the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program to provide grants to offset the incremental cost of eligible projects that reduce emissions of air pollutants from sources in the State and for funding a fueling	06/24/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.



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			infrastructure demonstration program and technology development efforts. Provides that existing law requires that funds be allocated under the program to local air districts for liquidation. Extends the deadline for the period of liquidation.	
<b>SB 1159</b> Dodd (D)	Environmental Quality Act: Roadside Wildfire Risk		Relates to categorical exemptions to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. Requires the Office of Planning and Research to evaluate, and the Secretary of the Natural Resources to consider, the inclusion of roadside projects no more than a specified number of road miles from a municipality or census-designated place that are undertaken solely for the purpose of wildfire risk reduction in the classes of projects subject to a categorical exemption.	06/24/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>SB 1162</b> Cortese (D)	Public Contracts: Employment Compliance Reports		Provides that existing law establishes requirements that apply when a public entity is required to obtain an enforceable commitment that a bidder, contractor, or other entity will use a skilled and trained workforce to complete a contract or project. Requires the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement to accept and investigate a complaint submitted by a joint labor management committee formed pursuant to existing federal law alleging that a contractor or subcontractor did not use a trained workforce.	06/19/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT: Do pass to Committee on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.
<b>SB 1170</b> Menjivar (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Campaign Funds		Permits campaign funds to be used to pay or reimburse a candidate for reasonable and necessary mental healthcare expenses if the candidate does not have health insurance or their insurance does not cover the full cost of these mental healthcare expenses. Limits use of campaign funds for these purposes to circumstances in which the candidate has experienced prejudice, harassment, or a threat or other criminal act which resulted in the need for mental healthcare services.	06/12/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.;06/12/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Coauthors revised.
<b>SB 1174</b> Min (D)	Elections: Voter Identification		Prohibits a local government from enacting or enforcing any charter provision, ordinance, or regulation requiring a person to present identification for the purpose of voting or submitting a ballot at any polling place, vote center, or other location where ballots are cast or submitted.	06/24/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading.

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<b>SB 1175</b> Ochoa Bogh (R)	Organic Waste: Reduction Goals: Local Jurisdictions		Requires the department to revise the regulations to require the department to consider, in addition to census tracts, alternatives to those census tracts when deciding the geographic boundaries of a low-population or elevation waiver. Prohibits the department from considering those alternatives when deciding the boundaries for those waivers until it adopts the revised regulations.	06/19/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.
<b>SB 1181</b> Glazer (D)	Campaign Contributions: Agency Officers		Provides that the Political Reform Act of 1974 prohibits certain contributions of more than \$250 to an officer of an agency by any party, participant, or party or participant's agent in a proceeding while a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use is pending before the agency and for 12 months following the date a final decision is rendered in the proceeding. clarify both when a proceeding is pending and when a person is considered to be an agent of a party to, or participant.	06/19/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS with author's amendments.;06/19/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ELECTIONS.
<b>SB 1185</b> Niello (R)	Water Conservation: Water Use Objectives	Watch	Provides that existing law requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in coordination with the Department of Water Resources, to adopt long-term standards for the efficient use of water. Requires the board to consider the policies relating to urban water use objectives and proposed efficiency standards' effects on water loss. Sets forth standards, policies, and procedures relating to water use objectives.	04/23/2024 - In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Failed passage.
<b>SB 1205</b> Laird (D)	Workers Compensation: Medical Benefits		Provides that existing law requires employers to secure the payment of workers compensation, including wage replacement and medical treatment, for work injuries. Makes an employee who is working entitled to receive all reasonable expenses of transportation, meals, and lodging incident to receiving treatment, in addition to one day of temporary disability indemnity, or a percentage of one day of temporary disability indemnity representative of the percentage of the wages lost receiving treatment.	06/03/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on INSURANCE.
<b>SB 1209</b> Cortese (D)	Local Agency Formation Commission: Indemnification		Provides that the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 continues in existence in each county a local agency formation commission. Authorizes a LAFCO to require, as a condition for, among other things, processing a change of organization or reorganization, that the applicant agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the LAFCO, its agents, officers, and	06/24/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading.

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			employees from and against any claim, action, or proceeding, to attack, set aside, void or annul an approval by the LAFCO.	
SB 1210 Skinner (D)	New Housing Construction	Seek_Amend	Requires electrical corporations, gas corporations, sewer system corporations, and water corporations, for new housing construction, to publicly post on their websites the schedule of estimated fees for typical service connections for each housing development type. Exempts a utility with fewer than a specified number of service connections that does not establish or maintain a website due to a hardship, and authorizes the utility to establish that a hardship exists by annually adopting a resolution.	06/24/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
SB 1211 Skinner (D)	Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units		Prohibits the local agency from requiring the replacement of off street parking spaces if an uncovered parking space is demolished in conjunction with the construction of, or is converted to, an accessory dwelling unit. Authorizes up to a specified number of detached ADUs to be created on a lot with an existing multifamily dwelling, provided that the number of ADUs does not exceed the number of existing units on the lot, and up to 2 detached ADUs on a lot with a proposed multifamily dwelling.	06/12/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Do pass to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
SB 1212 Skinner (D)	Real Estate Investment Trusts: Purchase		Makes it unlawful for a real estate investment trust to purchase or acquire an interest in a single-family dwelling or other dwelling that consists of one or 2 residential units, unless the housing has been listed for sale to the general public for at least a specified number of days. Requires a real estate investment trust, before offering to sell housing to any purchaser other than an existing tenant, to send notice of its intent to sell to each adult tenant who is named in the rental agreement.	04/30/2024 - In SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Not heard.
SB 1218 Newman (D)	Water: Emergency Water Supplies	Support; Sponsor	Provides that the Urban Water Management Planning Act requires every public and private urban water supplier that provides water for municipal purposes to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan. Provides that the act requires such plan to include a water shortage contingency plan. Declares that it is the policy of the State to encourage, but not mandate, the development of emergency water supplies, and to support their use during times of drought or unplanned service or supply disruption.	06/25/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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SB 1237 Stern (D)	Methane		Replaces the term natural gas with the term methane throughout all of the state's codes. Authorizes, because some natural gas is not methane and some methane is not natural gas, the expenditure of continuously appropriated moneys for new purposes, thereby making an appropriation, and would also change the applicability of various charges, and the purposes for which revenues from those charges may be used.	04/16/2024 - In SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS: Not heard.
SB 1255 Durazo (D)	Public Water Systems: Needs Analysis: Water Rate	Oppose_Amend	Provides that existing law requires the State Water Resources Control Board to develop a plan for the funding and implementation of the Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program. Requires qualified systems to begin providing water rate assistance to eligible ratepayers. Requires a qualified system to automatically enroll an eligible ratepayer in the water rate assistance program if available information indicates that they are qualified to receive assistance and provide a water bill credit.	06/25/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS: Do pass to Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
SB 1259 Niello (R)	Environmental Quality Act: Judicial Review		Authorizes a defendant, in an action brought under CEQA, to file a motion requesting the plaintiff or petitioner to identify every person or entity that contributes in excess of a specified amount, as specified, toward the plaintiff's or petitioner's costs of the action.	04/03/2024 - In SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Failed passage.;04/03/2024 - In SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Reconsideration granted.
SB 1264 Grove (R)	Employment Discrimination: Cannabis Use		Provides that existing law prohibits an employer from discriminating against a person because of the person's use of cannabis off the job and away from the workplace. Provides that this bill would, until specified date, exempt from the provision prohibiting employers from discriminating against a person for use of cannabis off the job applicants and employees in sworn positions within law enforcement agencies who have certain functions, including those related civil enforcement matters or coroner functions.	06/19/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT: Failed passage.;06/19/2024 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT: Reconsideration granted.
SB 1266 Limon (D)	Product Safety: Bisphenol		Provides that existing law prohibits the manufacture, sale, or distribution in commerce of any bottle or cup that contains bisphenol A if the bottle or cup is designed or intended to be filled with any liquid, food, or beverage intended primarily for consumption by children 3 years of age or younger. Applies such prohibitions and requirements to any juvenile's feeding product or juvenile's sucking or teething	06/25/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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			product that contains any form of bisphenol at a detectable level above 0.1 parts per billion.	
<b>SB 1293</b> Ochoa Bogh (R)	Recall Elections: Notice of Intention		Provides that existing law requires proponents of a recall of elective officers to serve, file, and publish a copy of a notice of intention. Requires the published copy of the notice of intention to omit certain information. Requires the county elections official or Secretary of State to redact the proponents' signatures and street numbers and street names of their residence addresses before making the notice of intention available to the public.	05/16/2024 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>SB 1294</b> Ochoa Bogh (R)	Elections: Recall of Local Officers		Provides that existing law requires a recall petition to contain, among other things, a copy of the notice of intention that includes the names of at least 10 recall proponents that appear on the notice and that are selected by the proponents. Authorizes the proponents of a recall of a local officer to file with the elections official a notice withdrawing their petition at any time before the elections official submits the certificate of sufficiency to the governing body at its next regular meeting.	04/22/2024 - In SENATE Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: Failed passage.;04/22/2024 - In SENATE Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: Reconsideration granted.
<b>SB 1325</b> Durazo (D)	Public Contracts: Best Value Procurement: Goods		Authorizes a public entity to award contracts through a best value procurement method for the purchase of goods with a base value of a specified amount or more. Authorizes a public entity to award all contracts for the purchase of municipal fleets by using a best value procurement method.	06/03/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<b>SB 1328</b> Bradford (D)	Elections		Provides that under existing law, it is a felony punishable by imprisonment to interfere or attempt to interfere with the secrecy of voting or ballot tally software program source code. Specifies that the phrase interferes or attempts to interfere with includes knowingly, and without authorization, providing unauthorized access to, or breaking the chain of custody to, certified voting technology during the lifecycle of that certified voting technology, or any finished or unfinished ballot cards.	06/13/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY.
<b>SB 1330</b> Archuleta (D)	Urban Retail Water Supplier: Water Use	Watch	Requires the Department of Water Resources to conduct necessary studies and investigations regarding the efficiency performance of	06/25/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS

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			newly constructed residential landscapes and landscape areas with dedicated irrigation meters in connection with CII water use. Requires the department to recommend to the State Water Resources Control Board for adoption a revised standard for existing residential landscapes and landscape areas with dedicated irrigation meters.	AND WILDLIFE: Do pass as amended to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>SB 1337</b> Gonzalez (D)	Elections: Form of Petitions		Provides that existing law requires a State or local initiative, referendum, or recall petition that requires voter signatures and that a committee pays to circulate either to include a disclosure statement on the petition or for the circulator for the petition to present as a separate document the Official Top Funders sheet to a prospective signer of the petition. Requires a State referendum petition to include a different disclosure statement on the first page of the referendum petition.	05/28/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.
<b>SB 1340</b> Smallwood-Cueva (D)	Discrimination		Requires the Civil Rights Department to establish and maintain a comprehensive database to track all infrastructure contracting and procurement activities by State agencies funded in whole or in part by certain federal laws. Requires a contractor or subcontractor under an infrastructure contract awarded by a State agency funded in whole or in part by certain federal laws to report specified demographic data. Imposes civil penalties for a contractor's or subcontractor's failure to comply.	06/19/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT: Do pass to Committee on JUDICIARY.
<b>SB 1345</b> Smallwood-Cueva (D)	Employment Discrimination: Criminal History		Makes it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to take an adverse action against an applicant based solely or in part on criminal history information, unless the employer can demonstrate that the applicant's history has a direct and adverse relationship with one or more specific duties of the job and business necessity requires the adverse action. Requires an employer to provide to an applicant a written notice when requesting an applicant's authorization to obtain criminal history information.	04/16/2024 - In SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Not heard.
<b>SB 1360</b> Alvarado-Gil (D)	Water Quality: State Board Certification		Provides that the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authorizes the Water Resources Control Board to certify or provide a statement to a Federal agency that there is reasonable assurance that an activity subject to Board jurisdiction will not reduce water quality below applicable standards. Requires the Board to issue the certificate or statement before completion of the environmental review if it is	03/18/2024 - From SENATE Committee on RULES with author's amendments.;03/18/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.

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			determined that the project will help meet State clean energy goals and increase electric reliability.	
<b>SB 1366</b> Hurtado (D)	Real Property Disclosure Requirements: Domestic Water		Provides that existing law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to provide grants to eligible applicants to be used to provide interim relief to households in which a private water well has gone dry, or has been destroyed, due to drought, wildfire, or other natural disaster. Requires a seller of any real property who received assistance or is aware the property received assistance and the property currently has the water storage tank to deliver a disclosure statement to the prospective buyer.	06/14/2024 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;06/14/2024 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2024-021
<b>SB 1373</b> Cortese (D)	Water Data Dashboard		Relates to the Open and Transparent Water Data Act. Requires the Department of Water Resources, while seeking input from the State Water Data Consortium, to create a water data dashboard that is accessible through its internet website. Includes related findings and declarations.	05/16/2024 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>SB 1374</b> Becker (D)	Net Energy Metering		Provides that existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission to develop a standard contract or tariff, which may include net energy metering, for eligible customer-generators with a renewable electrical generation facility that is a customer of a large electrical corporation. Requires the commission to ensure that any contract or tariff for certain facilities meet certain requirements, including that eligible customer-generators are authorized to elect to aggregate the electrical load.	05/28/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
<b>SB 1390</b> Caballero (D)	Groundwater Recharge: Floodflows: Diversion		Relates to water rights. Requires, not less than a certain number of hours from the projected end of flood conditions, a local or regional agency that has made a declaration authorizing flood diversions to issue a declaration when flood conditions are projected to end informing the public and diverters when diversions shall cease. Requires, within a specified time period, that agency to post the declaration and forward the declaration to all diverters that have informed the agency of diversion.	06/25/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Do pass as amended to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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<b>SB 1393</b> Niello (R)	Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation Appeals Committee		Requires the State Air Resources Board to establish the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation Appeals Advisory Committee by an unspecified date for purposes of reviewing appeals of denied requests for exemptions from the requirements of the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation. Requires the committee to include representatives of specified state agencies, other state and local government representatives, and representatives of private fleet owners.	04/03/2024 - In SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Failed passage.;04/03/2024 - In SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Reconsideration granted.
<b>SB 1402</b> Min (D)	30x30 Goal: State Agencies		Provides that existing law provides that it is the goal of the State to conserve at least 30 percent of the State's lands and coastal waters by 2030, known as the 30x30 goal. Requires all State agencies, departments, boards, offices, commissions, and conservancies to consider the 30x30 goal when adopting, revising, or establishing plans, policies, and regulations that directly affect land use, management of natural resources, or biodiversity conservation.	06/25/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Do pass as amended to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<b>SB 1404</b> Glazer (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Audits		Provides that the Political Reform Act of 1974 requires the Franchise Tax Board to conduct audits and field investigations regarding the reports filed by lobbyists. Transfers the responsibility for conducting audits and field investigations of lobbying reports to the Fair Political Practices Commission. Requires a specified number of lobbying firms and lobbyist employers who employ one or more lobbyists to be selected for audit. Creates the Field Audits and Investigations Fund. Appropriates funds.	06/18/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS with author's amendments.;06/18/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ELECTIONS.
<b>SB 1422</b> Allen (D)	Disclosures: Travel DISCLOSE Act		Requires any person that regularly organizes and hosts travel for elected officials and spends more than a specified amount in a calendar year, or more than a certain number in a calendar year for a single person, for travel by an elected State officer or local elected officeholder, to file certain disclosures with the Fair Political Practices Commission. Provides that a violation of the Political Reform Act of 1974 is punishable as a misdemeanor.	05/16/2024 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<b>SB 1431</b> Cortese (D)	San Jose State University: Fire Building Protection		Prohibits the State Fire Marshal from having authority over the development of a project known as Spartan Village on the Paseo for use by San Jose State University, including related improvements associated with that project, for the purpose of fire or life safety activities, other safety-related activities, plan checks, inspections,	04/11/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.



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			building permits, or certificates of occupancy, conditional or otherwise.	
<b>SB 1439</b> Ashby (D)	Surplus Land Act: Exempt Surplus Land		Provides that existing law provides that an agency is not required to follow the requirements for the disposal of surplus land for exempt surplus land. Defines exempt surplus land to include land that is being or will be developed for a health facility, is located at one of certain sites within Sacramento, is not identified in the sites inventory in the applicable housing element for lower income households, and will be subject to a recorded deed restriction for a period of a specified number of years.	06/19/2024 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
<b>SB 1440</b> Laird (D)	School Operations: 4- Day School Week		Authorizes the Stony Creek Joint Unified School District to operate one or more schools in the district on a 4-day school week in accordance with specified requirements.	06/13/2024 - In ASSEMBLY. Suspend Assembly Rule 96.;06/13/2024 - Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on EDUCATION.
<b>SB 1467</b> Rubio (D)	California Water District Law		Authorizes a water district, by using any water or water supplies furnished to the district or used by the district, to construct, maintain, and operate plants for the generation of hydroelectric power from those water and transmission lines for the conveyance of that power.	02/29/2024 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
<b>SB 1497</b> Menjivar (D)	Polluters Pay Climate Cost Recovery Act of 2024		Establishes the Polluters Pay Climate Cost Recovery Program to be administered by the State Environmental Protection Agency to require fossil fuel polluters to pay their fair share of the damage caused by the sale of their products during the covered period. Requires the agency to determine and publish a list of responsible parties, defined as an entity with a majority ownership interest in a business engaged in extracting or refining fossil fuel that is responsible for a specified amount of emissions.	05/22/2024 - In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
<b>SB 1522</b> (Agriculture)	Fertilizing Material		Revises the definition of fertilizing materials to instead mean any commercial fertilizer, agricultural mineral, beneficial substance, or organic input material. Eliminates the label registration requirement for auxiliary soil and plant substances and packaged soil amendments and would apply that requirement to beneficial substances.	05/20/2024 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on AGRICULTURE.

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SCAB 2 Stern (D)	Elections: Voter Qualifications		Provides that the California Constitution allows a United States citizen who is at least 18 years of age and a resident of the State to vote. Reduces the minimum voting age to a specified age.	09/01/2023 - From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Be adopted.;09/01/2023 - In SENATE. Ordered to third reading.
SCAB 3 Niello (R)	Elections: Initiatives and Referenda		Transfers from the Attorney General to the Legislative Analyst the duty of preparing the title and summary for a proposed initiative or referendum. Requires, for each measure that appears on a statewide ballot, the Legislative Analyst to prepare the ballot label and the ballot title and summary for the state voter information guide.	09/01/2023 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
HB 1430 Valadao (R)	National Environmental Policy Act Review Requirements	Support	Directs the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use certain previously completed environmental assessments and environmental impact statements to satisfy the review requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.	04/25/2023 - In HOUSE Committee on AGRICULTURE: Referred to Subcommittee on FORESTRY.
HB 2964 McClain (R)	Do Not Flush Labeling Requirements	Support	Requires the Federal Trade Commission to issue regulations requiring certain products to have Do Not Flush labeling.	06/12/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time.;06/12/2024 - To SENATE Committee on COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION.
HB 3027 Porter (D)	Reclamation Climate Change and Water Program Funding	Support	Reauthorizes funding for the Reclamation Climate Change and Water Program.	06/09/2023 - In HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Referred to Subcmt on WATER, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES.
HB 6805 Dingell D (D)	PFAS Hazardous Substance Response and Liability		Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980.	01/02/2024 - In HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE: Referred to Subcommittee on WATER RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT.
HB 7194 Dean (D)	PFAS Exposure Legal Action and Research Codification		Amends the Toxic Substances Control Act to codify a Federal cause of action and a type of remedy available for individuals significantly exposed to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, to encourage research and accountability for irresponsible discharge of those substances.	02/01/2024 - INTRODUCED.;02/01/2024 - To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.;02/01/2024 - To HOUSE Committee on JUDICIARY.
HB 7944 Curtis (R)	Liability Exemption for Certain Entities under CERCLA	Support	Exempts certain entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980	04/11/2024 - INTRODUCED.;04/11/2024 - To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
			with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.	AND COMMERCE.;04/11/2024 - To HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.
<b>HB 8032</b> Sorensen (D)	Low-Income Water Assistance Authorization		Authorizes the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program.	04/16/2024 - INTRODUCED.;04/16/2024 - To HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.;04/16/2024 - To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.
<b>SB 1350</b> Merkley (D)	Do Not Flush Labeling Regulations	Support	Requires the Federal Trade Commission to issue regulations requiring certain products to have Do Not Flush labeling.	04/27/2023 - INTRODUCED.;04/27/2023 - In SENATE. Read second time.;04/27/2023 - To SENATE Committee on COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION.
<b>SB 1429</b> Lummis (R)	PFAS Substance Liability Exemptions	Support	Exempts certain entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of specified year with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).	05/03/2023 - INTRODUCED.;05/03/2023 - In SENATE. Read second time.;05/03/2023 - To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.
<b>SB 1430</b> Lummis (R)	PFAS Substance Liability Exemptions		Exempts certain entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of specified year with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).	05/03/2023 - INTRODUCED.;05/03/2023 - In SENATE. Read second time.;05/03/2023 - To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.
<b>SB 2162</b> Feinstein (D)	Reclamation State Water Infrastructure Support		Supports water infrastructure in Reclamation States.	07/19/2023 - Subcommittee on WATER AND POWER hearings held.
<b>SB 3725</b> Gillibrand (D)	PFAS Causes of Action		Amends the Toxic Substances Control Act to codify a Federal cause of action and a type of remedy available for individuals significantly exposed to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and to encourage	02/01/2024 - INTRODUCED.;02/01/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time.;02/01/2024 - To SENATE

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			research and accountability for irresponsible discharge of those substances.	Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.
SB 3830 Padilla (D)	Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program		Authorizes the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program.	02/28/2024 - INTRODUCED.;02/28/2024 - In SENATE. Read second time.;02/28/2024 - To SENATE Committee on HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS.

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## WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

### 2023-2024 ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT RESPONSE TO “EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH COUNTY WATER/WASTEWATER SERVICE”

#### SUMMARY:

During its 2023-2024 session, the Orange County Grand Jury (Grand Jury or OCGJ) examined water and wastewater service in South Orange County. On June 21, 2024, the Grand Jury released its findings on the subject in a report entitled “*Emerging Opportunities in South County Water/Wastewater Service.*” The report identified four findings and two recommendations of which IRWD is required to respond to one finding and one recommendation.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to respond to the Presiding Judge, as required by the California Penal Code, and the Grand Jury.

#### BACKGROUND:

During its 2023-2024 session, the Grand Jury examined the 2021 consolidation of the City of San Juan Capistrano’s (SJC) water and wastewater utility with Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD) to evaluate the challenges and benefits of consolidation. The Grand Jury then extended their examination to the interrelationship of water and wastewater in South Orange County.

The Grand Jury’s stated reason for the collective examination was that:

“In 2023, public attention was drawn to the aftermath of the SMWD’s 2021 annexation of the SJC water systems. Media reports cited SMWD officials claiming neglect under prior SJC management. News coverage also focused on proposed rate increases so excessive that they generated protests from some of the most severely impacted customers. This being the most recent water systems consolidation, OCGJ was curious about the overall process, pre-existing condition of city’s water systems, and reasons underlying these major rate differences.

Additionally, with an interest in regional water matters, the OCGJ decided to extend its scope and examine the broader network of water and wastewater entities in South Orange County. The OCGJ identified a group of major water/wastewater providers that, through a long-standing JPA, manage and provide regional collection and treatment of wastewater to support their respective service areas. The OCGJ then undertook an investigation to assess the governance structure and operational effectiveness of this collaborative legal network. The OCGJ was particularly interested in the interrelationship of these water and wastewater providers and the prospect of future consolidations in South Orange County.”  
(page 7)

The resulting report “*Emerging Opportunities in South County Water/Wastewater Service*” was issued on June 21, 2024. A copy of the report is attached as Exhibit “A”.

Grand Jury Report’s Overarching Conclusions:

After a case study of the SMWD consolidation with SJC and a case study of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA), the report concludes with a discussion on water consolidations that portrayed IRWD as an example and on wastewater system collaboration in South Orange County.

With regards to consolidations, the report states:

“In recent years, water districts have experienced the benefits of consolidation with one another, as evidenced by IRWD. It has successfully acquired five other agencies over the past twenty-seven years, including the Santa Ana Heights Mutual Water Company in 1997, Carpenter Irrigation District in 2000, Los Alisos Water District in 2001, Santiago County Water District in 2006, and the Orange Park Acres Mutual Water Company in 2008.

Irvine Ranch Water District’s process involves a selective approach, emphasizing efficiencies and mutual benefits. It begins with a consolidation request to IRWD from the prospective water agency, followed by mutual agreement on terms, and then an application to LAFCO for their evaluation. Irvine Ranch Water District has a proven track record since 1997 of having successfully unified five providers benefiting 57,000 residents with improved water reliability and standardized rates. With extensive cash reserves, IRWD is poised to maintain and enhance its water systems over the next fifty years.

It is evident that past consolidations among water agencies have yielded positive outcomes by enhancing efficiencies and fostering mutual benefits through shared expertise and resources. With the multitude of water districts and the risk of financial strain comparable to SJC, future consolidations are not just probable but beneficial. Hence, it is imperative to draw lessons from past experiences. By reviewing the issues and concerns encountered by SMWD and by adopting the strategies employed by IRWD, there is an opportunity to improve the process for future consolidations.” (pages 19-20)

IRWD is also mentioned on pages 4, 17, 25, 32, and 33 of the report and received a commendation in the report from the Grand Jury on page 21.

Required Responses to Findings and Recommendations:

Based on its investigation, the Grand Jury arrived at four findings (F1 through F4), and two recommendations (R1 and R2). In accordance with California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, each agency affected by the findings is required to submit a response to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. The District is required to respond to Finding F4 which states:

**Finding F4:** “There is currently no unified strategy for the future of water/wastewater provision in South Orange County.”

The District is also required to respond to Recommendations R2, which state:

**Recommendation R2:** “The OCGJ recommends that by January 1, 2025, LAFCO form a task force comprising representatives of affected water agencies to study the transformation of SOCWA and prepare a report on the future of water/wastewater in South Orange County. (F3, F4)”

A copy of the proposed response to the Grand Jury is attached as Exhibit “B”.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorize the General Manager to provide the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court with the proposed response to Finding F4 and Recommendation R2 of the 2023-2024 Orange County Grand Jury report entitled “*Emerging Opportunities in South County Water/Wastewater Service.*”

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

- Exhibit “A” – 2023-2024 Orange County Grand Jury Report “*Emerging Opportunities in South County Water/Wastewater Service*”
- Exhibit “B” – Proposed Draft Response to the Orange County Grand Jury

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## **SUMMARY**

This Orange County Grand Jury (OCGJ) report examines the 2021 consolidation of the City of San Juan Capistrano's (SJC) water and wastewater utilities with the Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD). It sheds light on the challenges encountered and benefits achieved through consolidation. The reorganization revealed unforeseen infrastructure costs. Also, different rate structures between the combined systems resulted in a dramatic fire line service rate increase for non-residential customers that prompted protest from some of the affected ratepayers. Going forward, the lessons learned from the SMWD experience are relevant for future consolidations. Based on the findings presented in this report, the OCGJ recommends that the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) develop an ongoing practice of evaluating post-consolidation outcomes and public impacts.

Further, this OCGJ report delves into the interrelationship of water and wastewater in South Orange County. The OCGJ studied the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA), one of the largest collaborations of wastewater service providers in the region. Disputes among its member agencies, including litigation, have strained relations causing a bureaucratic entanglement that hinders operational effectiveness. Proposals and negotiations are underway that could ultimately affect the status of its members and the realignment of treatment plants serving South Orange County.

SOCWA is a long-standing joint powers authority (JPA) that shares several wastewater facilities managed through agreements that are due to expire in 2030. Its continuance as a JPA is tenuous yet its regulatory function remains relevant. As such, the OCGJ recommends LAFCO form a task force comprising representatives from affected water agencies to study the transformation of SOCWA and prepare a report identifying the optimal future of water and wastewater systems in South Orange County.

Technologies, innovation, and increased State and federal funding are on the horizon for the water and resource recovery industry. The OCGJ finds an urgent need to unite the South Orange County water and wastewater agencies so that South Orange County is in a better position to seize the opportunities that lie ahead.

## **BACKGROUND**

Providing water and processing wastewater in Orange County has consistently captured the public's attention. Over the past 25 years, Grand Juries have issued 15 reports addressing various water-related challenges. Many of these reports emphasize the importance of consolidating water and wastewater agencies. Orange County is home to numerous governmental entities, including special districts and JPAs that oversee an array of countywide functions, particularly those related to water and wastewater service

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providers. Specifically, there are 29 retail water suppliers<sup>1</sup> in Orange County with their own independent governing boards and associated bureaucracies.

Previous OCGJs have raised concerns about the redundancy, laden costs, and complexity of public agencies for decades. Reports investigated the intricate web of independent special districts. Consolidating the large number of public agencies overseeing water and wastewater systems is a matter of significant concern.<sup>2</sup>

Over the past six decades, Orange County's history reflects a transformation from an agricultural hub to a thriving residential and commercial community. Rapid growth during this period caused a proliferation of water districts throughout the county. This resulted in an overabundance of water retailers operating within one of the geographically smallest counties in California.

In more recent times, water districts have found it necessary and advantageous to consolidate with other compatible public agencies. The Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) successfully acquired 5 water agencies in the last 27 years, with the most recent consolidation occurring in 2008.<sup>3</sup> The latest annexation within Orange County occurred in 2021 when the Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD) acquired the water and wastewater systems of the City of San Juan Capistrano (SJC) through annexation.

Additionally, the potential consolidation of Orange County Water District (OCWD) and Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)—the county's two major water wholesalers—is currently under review by the Orange County LAFCO. This is highlighted in the 2021-2022 OCGJ report titled "Water in Orange County Needs One Voice."<sup>4</sup>

Advancing technology has made wastewater a sought-after commodity essentially adding to the water supply. In the realm of Orange County wastewater, there are two main wastewater service providers: the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSAN) and SOCWA. Both handle regional wastewater collection and treatment within their respective areas. Despite providing similar services, they operate under different governance structures. OCSAN is a special district, while SOCWA operates as a JPA. OCSAN serves 25 agencies covering north and central Orange County, totaling 2.5 million residents, while SOCWA currently represents 7 water and sewer agencies in South Orange County, serving approximately 600,000 residents. (See figures 1 and 2)

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<sup>1</sup> Retail water suppliers provide potable municipal water to more than 3,000 end users or supply more than 3,000 acre-feet of potable water annually at retail for municipal purposes. (Cal. Water Code § 10608.12.)

<sup>2</sup> 2011-2012 Orange County Grand Jury report titled "[Dragging Special Districts from The Shadows](#)"  
<sup>3</sup> [Consolidations \(irwd.com\)](https://www.irwd.com)

<sup>4</sup> 2021-2022 Orange County Grand Jury report titled "Water in Orange County Needs One Voice"  
[https://www.ocgrandjury.org/sites/jury/files/2023-06/2022-06-22\\_Water\\_in\\_Orange\\_County\\_Needs\\_One\\_Voice.pdf](https://www.ocgrandjury.org/sites/jury/files/2023-06/2022-06-22_Water_in_Orange_County_Needs_One_Voice.pdf)

### Orange County Wastewater Agencies

	OCSAN	SOCWA
<b>Services</b>	Regional wastewater collection and treatment	Regional wastewater collection and treatment
<b>Governing Structure</b>	Special District	JPA
<b>Agencies Served</b>	25 agencies covering North and Central Orange County	7 water and wastewater agencies covering South Orange County
<b>Funding</b>	Property taxes, utility bills, grants and loans	Directly from member agencies. (no taxing authority)
<b># Residents Served</b>	~2.5 million	~600,000

Figure 1-Wastewater Agencies

### Water Agencies in South Orange County



Figure 2

Courtesy of SOCWA

Note: Santa Margarita Water District annexed the City of San Juan Capistrano Utilities in 2021. Laguna Beach County Water District serves the City of Laguna Beach and the Emerald Bay Service District.

## REASON FOR THE STUDY

The public is generally unaware of the intricate processes and unseen operators who control the flow of their household water and sewage. However, the public has recently become keenly aware of rising utility bills. Media coverage has highlighted various water agencies raising rates to address escalating water costs, aging infrastructure, lack of upgrades, and deferred maintenance. The condition of water and wastewater infrastructure must be regularly assessed for an effective capital improvement program to maintain optimum performance.<sup>5</sup> A recent example is the proactive April 16, 2024 “Huntington Beach Water/Wastewater Rate Report” proposal needed to ensure reliable water and wastewater systems through 2040.<sup>6</sup> Over the past few years, several water agencies across Orange County have faced backlash from ratepayers for massive hikes to cover such expenses.

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## METHOD OF STUDY

The OCGJ conducted interviews with key personnel, attended tours, observed meetings, and reviewed documents relevant to the topic. Research focused primarily on public agencies serving South Orange County.

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<sup>5</sup> Capital Improvement Program, <https://efc.sog.unc.edu/resource/capital-planning-resources-for-water-and-wastewater-utilities/>

<sup>6</sup> Huntington Beach Water / Wastewater Rate Report, <https://huntingtonbeach.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=12846347&GUID=CF0B144A-8C49-4FFE-BC0F-EADFC70C317C>



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### Interviews:

- Shea Therapeutic Riding Center
- City of Laguna Beach
- ATS Financial Services
- City of San Clemente
- City of San Juan Capistrano
- South Coast Water District
- Santa Margarita Water District
- Moulton-Niguel Water District
- Irvine Ranch Water District
- Laguna Beach County Water District
- Municipal Water District of Orange County
- Trabuco Canyon Water District
- El Toro Water District
- South Orange County Wastewater Authority
- Orange County Water District
- Orange County LAFCO
- Berkson Associates Consulting
- Emerald Bay Service District

### Site Visits:

- Orange County Emergency Operating Center at Loma Ridge
- Orange County Sanitation District
- Santa Margarita Water District
- Irvine Ranch Water District
- San Clemente Public Works Department
- South Coast Water District
- South Orange County Wastewater Authority
- Coastal Treatment Plant
- Municipal Water District of Orange County
- Orange County Water District
- Moulton Niguel Water District
- Laguna Beach County Water District
- JB Latham Treatment Plant
- City of Laguna Beach Public Works
- El Toro Water District
- Robert B. Diemer Treatment Plant

### Meetings:

- LAFCO
- Municipal Water District of Southern California
- OCWD Water Summit
- Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)

### Documents and Websites Reviewed:

- Previous Grand Jury reports
- M1 Manual-Association of California Water Agencies the *Manual of Standard Practices* by the American Water Works Association
- Websites, staff reports, agendas, and meeting recordings for water agencies in South Orange County
- Review of applicable State and local laws and regulations
- Local news articles and reports



## INVESTIGATION AND ANALYSIS

### WATER SYSTEMS – THE CONSOLIDATION PROCESS

#### Case Study: City of San Juan Capistrano and Santa Margarita Water District

The City of San Juan Capistrano's (SJC) water utilities transfer offers an insightful case study highlighting the challenges and benefits with consolidating its municipal water systems with the Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD). Records dating back to 2000 reveal a decades-long struggle marked by local political tensions, financial strain from ratepayer lawsuits, deferred maintenance, and insufficient capital reinvestment in the water system. These factors, compounded by a reluctance to adjust rates to cover ongoing water costs, culminated in a critical junction where the city eventually found itself seeking a more capable water provider to assume control of its water systems.

In the pivotal year of 2011, the financial hardships plaguing SJC intensified. A series of multimillion dollar lawsuits led to a substantial decrease in the city's bond rating, creating an additional \$7.5 million deficit in the city's budget. Faced with this fiscal crisis, the city resorted to extreme budgetary measures with city-wide cutbacks affecting the utility sector.

This financial rollercoaster persisted through Fiscal Years 2012 to 2014, until 2015 delivered yet another major economic hit. There was an unfavorable Court of Appeal's decision in a lawsuit concerning the City's billing rate system that impacted affluent and high-water users. It mandated an additional \$4.1 million refund, exacerbating the City's already precarious financial state.<sup>7</sup> It was at this point, in 2015, that the City began to explore divesting its water and wastewater utilities. By August 2016, the City took a decisive step by filing an application with Orange County LAFCO to conduct a focused Municipal Service Review (MSR). The purpose was to explore the potential transfer of its water and wastewater operations and facilities to a public successor agency.

#### LAFCO's Regulatory Role: Municipal Service Reviews

LAFCOs are independent regulatory commissions throughout California that were created by the legislature in 1959 and are charged with controlling and adjusting the boundaries of cities and most special districts in all 58 counties. (See Cal. Gov. Code §§ 56001, 56325.) Besides regulating local government boundaries, LAFCOs play an important role in evaluating municipal services within their counties and making recommendations for improvements. LAFCOs review and update the designated sphere of influence for each city and special district under their jurisdiction. Prior to establishing or updating a sphere of influence, LAFCO must perform a special MSR. MSRs are comprehensive studies to determine the adequacy of governmental services being provided by the local agencies under LAFCO jurisdiction. MSRs can be conducted

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<sup>7</sup> Meghann M Cuniff, "San Juan Capistrano to pay \$4.1 million to refund customers for illegal water rates" *Orange County Register*, June 18, 2015.

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individually for specific cities or districts, covering all services, or on a county-wide or regional basis focused on specific services.

As the local regulatory agency, Orange County's LAFCO was tasked with reviewing the annexation proposal submitted by SJC and analyzing the financial suitability and operational capability of potential public successor agencies. On October 10, 2018, LAFCO issued its Focused MSR,<sup>8</sup> which assessed the SJC's utilities and identified potential successor public agencies to assume their operations.<sup>9</sup> This report held significant weight in the City's search for a solution to off-loading its distressed assets.

The MSR identified three interested special water districts for further consideration: South Coast Water District (SCWD), Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD), and Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD). Notably, the report underscored that all three potential agencies were generally better positioned than the city to provide water and sewer services to the community,<sup>10</sup> thus marking a turning point in SJC's search for a viable solution to its long-standing water system challenges.

Following presentations from three qualified special districts and input from the public, SJC selected SMWD on February 19, 2019, for further discussion on the transfer of the City's water and sewer utility systems. The City Council's rationale for this decision was based on the potential for an economy of scale, enhanced operations, infrastructure improvements, and stabilized utility rates for its ratepayers.<sup>11</sup> Subsequently, on January 21, 2020, the City unanimously approved the annexation agreement with SMWD<sup>12</sup> and in late winter of 2020, SMWD filed an annexation application with LAFCO.<sup>13</sup> As part of the process, SMWD submitted a Plan of Service proposing enhanced efficiency and cost-effective delivery of services to the affected ratepayers.<sup>14</sup>

On August 19, 2021, LAFCO approved the SMWD annexation of SJC's water and wastewater utilities, citing such benefits as stabilization of rates and immediate, long-term improvements of both utilities.<sup>15</sup> SMWD assumed operational control of the City's water systems on November 15, 2021<sup>16</sup>, designating the area formerly serviced by the

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<sup>8</sup> FOCUSED MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW (oclafco.org)

<sup>9</sup> Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission Agenda Report Proposed "Santa Margarita Water District Annexation of the City of San Juan Capistrano Water and Wastewater Utilities" August 19, 2021, p. 1.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.* pp. 1-2.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>12</sup> San Juan Capistrano City Council Meeting Minutes dated January 21, 2020, p. 4.

<sup>13</sup> Santa Margarita Water District Letter to Local Agency Formation Commission, Orange County Subject: City of San Juan Capistrano Potable Water, Recycled Water, and Wastewater Utilities – Santa Margarita Water District's Plan of Service and Application Form, December 23, 2020, pp. 1-2.

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>15</sup> Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission Agenda Report Proposed "Santa Margarita Water District Annexation of the City of San Juan Capistrano Water and Wastewater Utilities" August 19, 2021, pp. 21-22.

<sup>16</sup> FAQs • Why does SMWD want to take over San Juan Capistrano's Water and Wastewater service from the City? <https://www.smwd.com/faq.aspx?qid=180>

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SJC as Improvement District 9 (ID 9), distinct from SMWD's Improvement Districts 1 through 8.<sup>17</sup>

In May 2023, SMWD issued a Cost of Service and Rate Study concerning ID 9 that focused on determining rates necessary to cover water service costs as required by the California Constitution under Proposition 218.<sup>18</sup> The study found 135 prominent ratepayers, including shopping centers, industrial buildings, schools, churches, and a major non-profit, that would be significantly impacted by the proposed monthly rate increases,<sup>19</sup> specifically for their fire service lines. For instance, businesses faced increases from nearly \$9,700 to over \$14,000 annually for fire service lines, a result of SMWD's new rate methodology based on capacity. In contrast, residential lines saw more modest increases of no more than \$30 a month.<sup>20</sup>

SMWD responded to the rate increase concerns by sending out required notices to new ID 9 ratepayers and met with those severely impacted. The proposed rate increases were publicized by local media, leading to protests from some affected ratepayers. At a July 12, 2023, public hearing on proposed rates, SMWD staff highlighted the City's deferred maintenance of infrastructure, and the lack of rate increases since July 2018. They argued that the increases were necessary to align ID 9 with the rest of the district. Protesting ratepayers claimed the proposed rate hikes were unjust. One ratepayer hired a consultant to evaluate the SMWD rate study. Thirteen water districts in Orange and Riverside Counties were included in the investigation. The rate methodology employed in the SMWD Cost of Service and Rate Study was not used in any of the 13 districts that were studied.<sup>21</sup>

In response to this feedback, SMWD's Board of Directors voted to continue the meeting to August 2, 2023. On that date, the Board approved ID 9 water rate increases proposed by staff, except for the capital charge component for fire meter owners. Additionally, the Board ordered a new Cost of Service and Rate Study for all districts within SMWD to be completed by June 30, 2024.

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<sup>17</sup> <https://www.smwd.com/DocumentCenter/View/4247/SMWD-ID-9-Cost-of-Service-and-Rate-Study> p.3.

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>19</sup> Santa Margarita Water District Memorandum to: Board of Directors From Daniel Ferons, Erica Castillo Subject: Public Hearing on Proposition 218 Rate Structure; and Consideration and Action on Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-07-01 Adopting Adjustments in its Potable Water, Recycled Water, and Wastewater Service Charges and Water Shortage Contingency Rates for Improvement District No. 9 (San Juan Capistrano) Agenda Packet July 12, 2023, p.7.

<sup>20</sup> Brandon Pho, Noah Biesiada, San Juan Capistrano Businesses Shocked over Staggering Proposed Water Bill Hike, Voice of OC, June 22, 2023.

<sup>21</sup> Findings Report, ATS Financial Services, July 6, 2023 "Analysis of ID 9 (SJC) of the SMWD Cost of Service and Rate Study and Proposed Rate Adjustments."

**SJC/SMWD Consolidation Timeline**

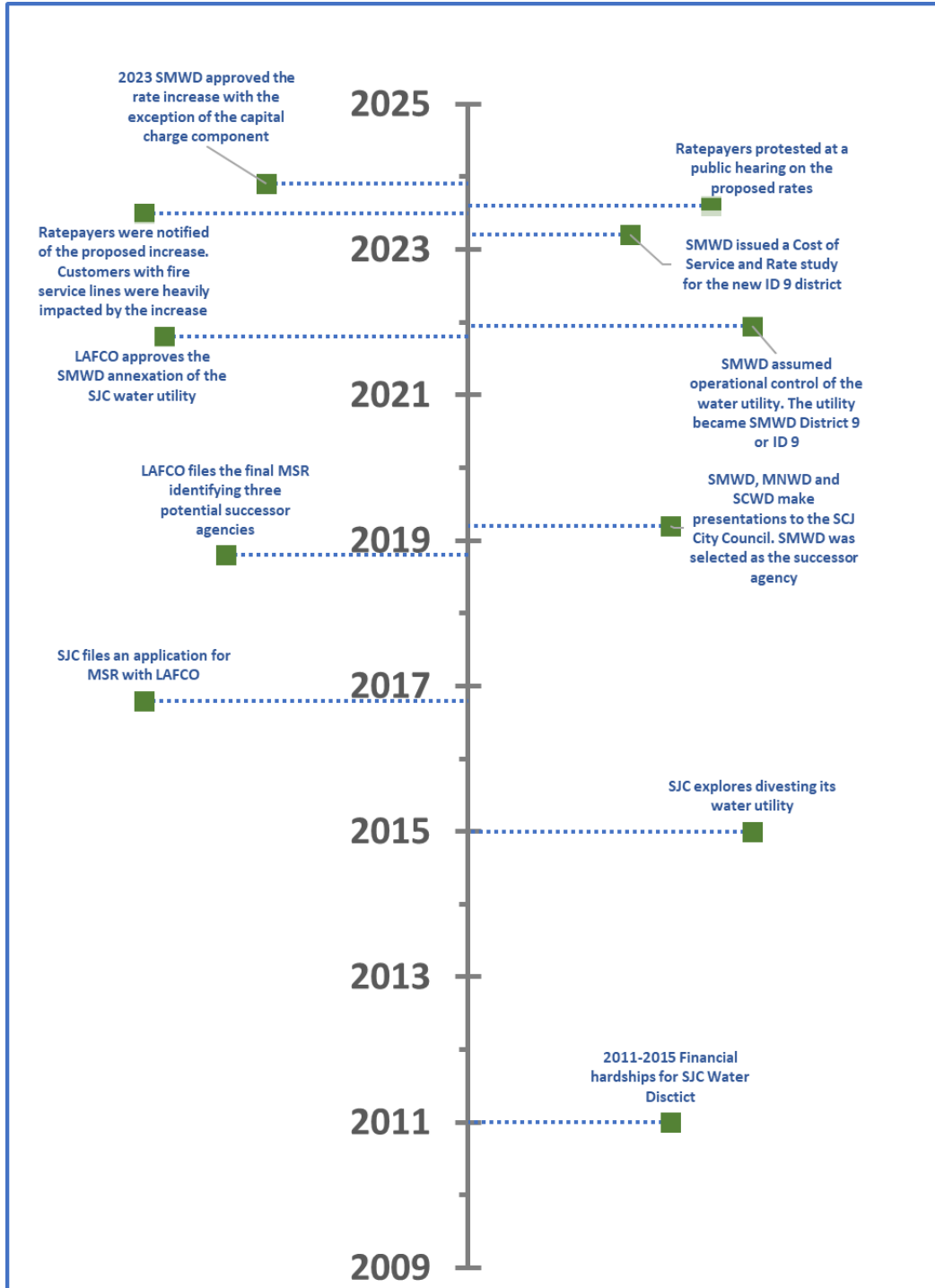


Figure 3

## Summation

Although initial rate increases drew some criticism from the community, after the consolidation, the average monthly residential rate went up \$30. Overall, the SMWD consolidation signaled a positive direction for SJC's water future. Since the transfer, new SMWD customers have generally expressed satisfaction with their new provider's service and water quality, as reflected in polls and customer surveys.<sup>22</sup> Additionally, SMWD is actively addressing deferred maintenance needs and making necessary infrastructure capital improvements neglected over time. Also, customer rates for ID 9 are on schedule to be consistent with the entire district by 2030.<sup>23</sup>

The case of the SJC's water systems having undetected deficiencies underscores the need for an extensive assessment of the utilities in advance of such reorganizations. Transparency and more due diligence would have mitigated some consolidation concerns and helped smooth the transition of service providers. Research also suggests the need for a more extensive analysis of rate increases for non-residential customers.

## WASTEWATER SYSTEMS - REGIONAL COLLABORATION

### Case Study: South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA)

SOCWA was formed in 2001 when the South East Regional Reclamation Authority, Aliso Water Management Agency, and South Orange County Reclamation Authority consolidated to meet the wastewater needs of more than 500,000 homes.

The mission of SOCWA is to collect, treat, beneficially reuse, and dispose of wastewater in a manner that protects and respects the environment; maintains the public's health; and meets local, state, and federal regulations.<sup>24</sup> (See figure 4)

SOCWA exists to handle the wastewater needs of homes and businesses throughout South Orange County. It oversees the entire process from collection to disposal, ensuring water is treated properly. Additionally, SOCWA plays an important role in producing recycled water for irrigation and commercial purposes, saving a substantial amount of domestic water annually. This translates to preserving around 1.6 billion gallons of water, equivalent to 16,259 acre-feet.

SOCWA operates in collaboration with member agencies, including local water providers and local cities. It manages various programs to fulfill the Clean Water Act and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)<sup>25</sup> permit requirements. It also operates two ocean outfalls and three wastewater treatment plants. The facilities

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<sup>22</sup> [One Year Later: A Look at Santa Margarita Water District's Acquisition of San Juan Capistrano's Water Utilities | Eye on SJC | picketfencemedia.com.](#)

<sup>23</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>25</sup> [National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System \(NPDES\) | US EPA](#)

owned and/or operated by SOCWA include the Coastal Treatment Plant located in the City of Laguna Beach, the JB Latham Treatment Plant located in the City of Dana Point, and the Regional Treatment Plant located in the City of Laguna Niguel. Together these three plants provide regional collection and treatment to approximately one third of the County's population.

### Wastewater Purification and Recycling

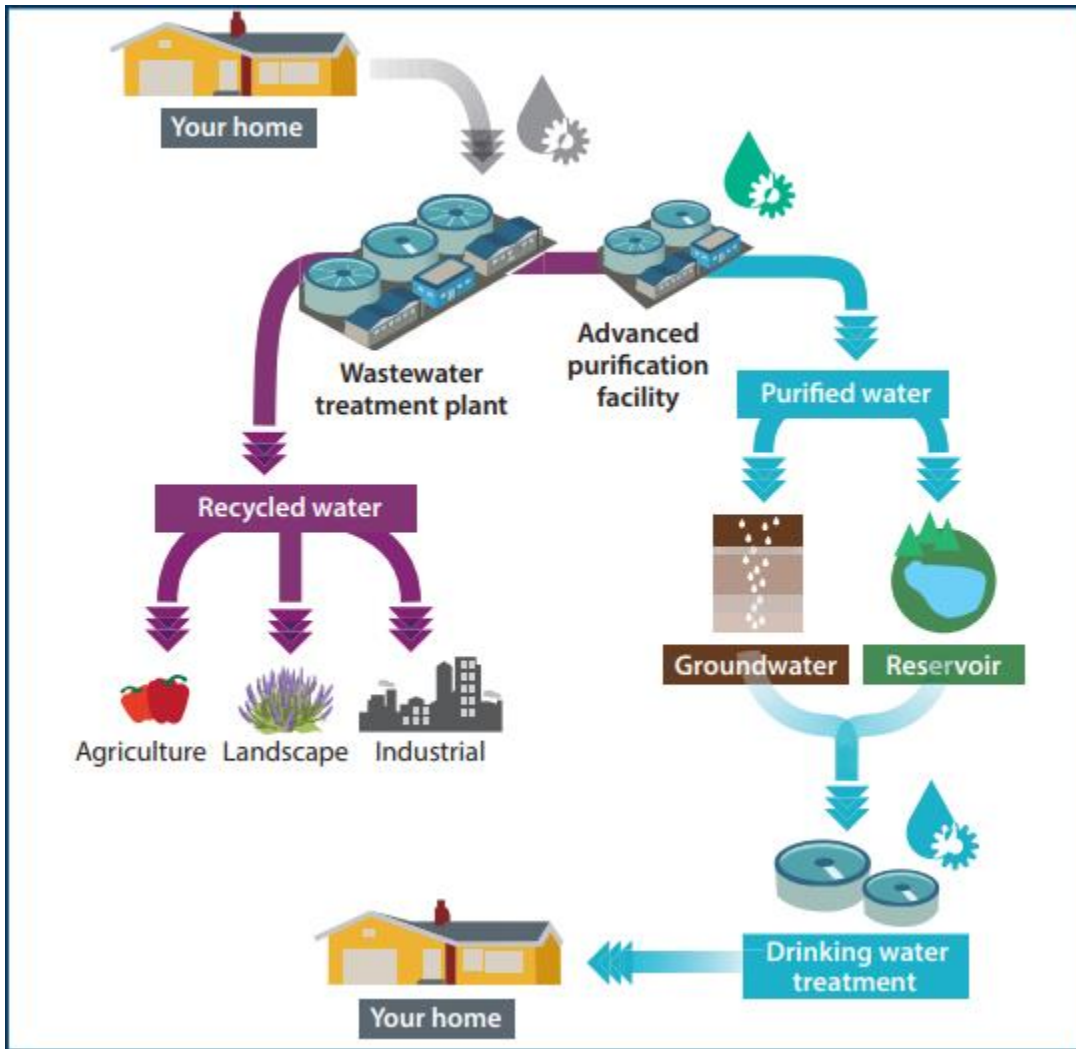


Figure 4

Source: [sdcwa.org](http://sdcwa.org) [waternewsnetwork.com](http://waternewsnetwork.com)



### **Joint Power Authority: Governing Structure**

SOCWA is a JPA originally founded by 10 member agencies consisting of local water and service districts and cities. A JPA is a membership between two or more public agencies to jointly exercise common powers.<sup>26</sup> SOCWA currently has 7 member agencies which include two cities, four water districts, and a community services district. The four water districts in SOCWA provide sewer and water service to their customers. (See Appendices 1 and 2).

SOCWA's Board of Directors is made up of one representative from each of SOCWA's members. Each director has one vote regardless of their individual levels of contribution to SOCWA's revenues or the size of the population or territory they serve. Among other functions, the Board is responsible for approving SOCWA's budget, appointing its general manager, and taking other administrative actions. While SOCWA's Board governs matters that affect SOCWA as a whole, members enter into agreements with each other to establish project committees to serve their specific needs.<sup>27</sup>

A project committee forms when members enter into agreements to share the cost of an existing SOCWA wastewater processing facility or to construct a new facility in exchange for their use of the facility for processing their wastewater products or for other purposes. By entering into these agreements, members establish a right to a certain amount of capacity in a SOCWA facility. Capacity here refers to the member's right to use the facility to process wastewater liquids and solids or to perform advanced water treatment. Project committee agreements and budgets express these capacities as a percentage of the total capacity of the facility for its different functions.<sup>28</sup>

Voting at the project committee level also follows a one-member, one-vote structure. Members of a project committee vote on matters directly related to that project committee, including budgets to maintain or expand the facility. Members of project committees are bound by the terms of their agreements to pay their share of project costs. Members may only be relieved of this obligation by mutual consent of all participating members of the particular project committee.<sup>29</sup>

SOCWA has no direct taxing authority, and nearly all funding for its operations comes directly from the contribution of members. SOCWA bills project committee members for their share of SOCWA's costs to construct, operate, and maintain the facilities the project committees utilize. Project committee agreements establish each participating

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<sup>26</sup> <https://www.auditor.ca.gov/reports/2017-113/introduction>.

<sup>27</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*

member's share of operation and maintenance costs and capital costs generally based on the member's level of usage or capacity rights.<sup>30</sup>

### **SOCWA: Disputes and Succession**

In May 2017, SOCWA, along with three of its members, filed a lawsuit alleging that one of its members – Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD) had failed to pay its contractual share of project costs for the Coastal Treatment Plant (CTP).<sup>31</sup> MNWD entered into a project committee with the City of Laguna Beach, SCWD, and Emerald Bay Service District (EBSD) in 1999 to use CTP's capacity to process up to 1.96 million gallons per day (MGD) of its wastewater products. In response, MNWD stated it no longer used any of its contractual capacity to CTP and filed an answer and cross-complaint in August 2017 alleging fiscal mismanagement, fiscal improprieties, and poor retention of financial records on the part of SOCWA.<sup>32</sup>

In March 2018, the California State Auditor released its audit report (SOCWA State Audit Report)<sup>33</sup> concerning the financial management practices and governance structure of SOCWA. It found that the elements of SOCWA's governance structure were generally similar to that of other wastewater and water JPAs in California. The report found evidence of financial mismanagement and inadequate record keeping but indicated that SOCWA had taken steps to correct its fiscal and record keeping practices. In response to the audit SOCWA agreed to the recommendations contained in the report.<sup>34</sup>

In February 2019, the Riverside Superior Court issued its tentative ruling holding that MNWD was legally obligated to pay its proportional share of all costs, including capital costs and items necessary to maintain and operate the Coastal Treatment Plant until February 19, 2030 when the CTP project agreement ended.<sup>35</sup> In May 2019, SOCWA, MNWD, SCWD, EBSD, and the City of Laguna Beach issued a public statement regarding the litigation on the coastal treatment plant, and that the parties had agreed to resolve their differences on mutually agreeable terms.<sup>36</sup>

On August 9, 2023, LAFCO issued its MSR Sphere of Influence Reviews covering the Southwest Region (OCLAFCO SW MSR).<sup>37</sup> It identified all agencies in the region that receive wastewater services in some capacity from SOCWA. Services provided by SOCWA generally fit into two areas:

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<sup>30</sup> <https://www.auditor.ca.gov/reports/2017-113/introduction>.

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1. Permitting and regulatory support for the operation of all wastewater treatment plants in south Orange County
2. Operation of three wastewater treatment plants

The MSR also noted the SOCWA's JPA agreement previously included ten agencies but had recently been reduced to seven voting members including the El Toro Water District (ETWD), MNWD, SCWD, EBSD, the City of Laguna Beach, SMWD, and the City of San Clemente. As of July 1, 2023, the following three agencies were no longer members of SOCWA: Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD), Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD), and SJC. San Juan Capistrano's wastewater services and infrastructure were assumed by SMWD through an annexation to the district in 2021 and TCWD and IRWD had arranged for former SOCWA services to be provided through other means.<sup>38</sup>

The MSR stated SOCWA staff were aware of the evolving issues regarding SOCWA's management, purpose, and structure, and had hired a facilitator at the request of SCWD to assist in moving the discussion forward. Additionally, SOCWA staff noted that the agencies have full authority to make any changes they desire to the JPA agreement, provided they get the appropriate majority.

The MSR further noted within SOCWA there are numerous shared facilities for wastewater collection and treatment. These are managed by SOCWA through separate project agreements or committees among various member agencies. Many of these agreements predate SOCWA and are due to expire in 2030. MNWD had expressed strong interest in assuming the operational responsibility of one of SOCWA's regional facilities, the Regional Treatment Plant. In its justification, MNWD saw a potential benefit if several of SOCWA's assets were operated by each member agency. In their view, which was shared by SMWD, SOCWA is not structured to meet the wastewater service needs of some member agencies and should focus on providing enhanced permitting and regulatory compliance support for the SOCWA member agencies.

The MSR found that SCWD had expressed a strong interest in preserving the existing structure of SOCWA while also expressing openness to evaluating the agreements for efficiency and improvement. The other agencies reviewed in the MSR did not express similar interest in a reexamination of the SOCWA arrangements, nor did they share any complaints or concerns about SOCWA's service level. While they did not express a desire to advance these ideas during the MSR process, they stressed their openness to reevaluating the project agreements as they approach their respective expiration dates. After the MSR, SOCWA members conducted facilitator directed meetings to address member concerns.

At the Board of Directors meeting on March 7, 2024, SOCWA presented a \$20 million buyout proposal to transition the Regional Treatment Plant to MNWD and other

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<sup>38</sup> *Ibid*

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considerations to facilitate MNWD's withdrawal from SOCWA.<sup>39</sup> The proposed agreement will become effective on June 30, 2024, and is contingent on several conditions including the required unanimous vote of all SOCWA members to authorize MNWD's withdrawal from SOCWA.<sup>40</sup>

On May 1, 2024, a special meeting was held to address the March 7, 2024, proposal to transition the Regional Treatment Plant to MNWD and to facilitate MNWD's withdrawal from SOCWA. There was unanimous approval of the proposal in principle with members set to return to their respective boards for official approval by June 1, 2024.

The steps ahead are to continue negotiations and require MNWD to provide its official response. If consensus is reached, then terms and conditions would be laid out to adopt the necessary amendments to various JPA agreements and Project Committee agreements. MNWD would need to develop and adopt an agreement with SCWD, EBSD, City of Laguna Beach, and ETWD for handling solid waste. Treatment, conveyance, and outfall agreements would need to be developed and adopted between SOCWA and MNWD.

Lastly, upon MNWD's withdrawal from SOCWA, and after the buyout payment, the transfer of the Regional Treatment Plant and its operation to MNWD would be complete.

### **Summation**

The history of SOCWA shows the divergent approaches of its member agencies. While some agencies embraced long-range regional collaboration, it could be argued that smaller districts with overweighted voting authority hindered them. Past litigation among JPA members has created a legacy of distrust, and Balkanized decision-making among its governing directors. Water officials interviewed by the OCGJ clearly indicated tension among rival SOCWA members. It appears some members are entrenched in transactional approaches aimed solely at addressing ownership, operation, and modernization of treatment plants within their own boundaries.

Water and wastewater agencies, like SOCWA, have worked together through legal agreements in the past. However, SOCWA's collaborative efforts have not always been successful which may be reflective of its JPA governing structure.<sup>41</sup> Over time, changes in local support, leadership, and financial pressures have led member agencies to reconsider their involvement in the JPA.

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<sup>39</sup> [https://www.socwa.com/event/board-of-directors-meeting-3-7-2024/?instance\\_id=716](https://www.socwa.com/event/board-of-directors-meeting-3-7-2024/?instance_id=716)

<sup>40</sup> <https://www.socwa.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/7f-2024-03-06-SOCWA-Proposal-to-Transition-RTP-to-MNWD.pdf>

<sup>41</sup> Trish Cypher and Colin Grinnell, "Governments Working Together: Citizen's Guide to JPAs" (California State Legislature, 2007).

It was evident from the SOCWA special meeting of May 1, 2024, that leaving a JPA can be complicated.<sup>42</sup> SOCWA started with 10 members but is now down to 7, and negotiations are ongoing for yet another member to leave. Now, SOCWA needs new agreements to govern its operations going forward. This leaves uncertainty about SOCWA's future beyond the expiration of its original contracts in 2030. However, with California's ocean discharge regulations being so extensive, JPA members have expressed support for SOCWA to continue in some form to handle permitting as well as other regulatory support functions within its purview.

### **THE PATH FORWARD**

#### **Water System - Consolidations**

Consolidating, restructuring, or merging agencies is a function of assessing the costs and benefits regarding safety, security,<sup>43</sup> reliability, financial and operational efficiencies, and economies of scale, versus the attraction of local control. A thorough assessment of this "balancing act" will benefit future generations of Orange County residents.

South Orange County is served by ten water providers in jurisdictions ranging in size from 540 customers in EBSD to 116,000 customers in IRWD (Appendices 1 and 2). To advance consolidations, over the past decade the State of California has developed financial incentives for larger water systems to absorb small systems, introduced new authorities to mandate consolidation under specific circumstances, and invested significantly in technical assistance resulting in over 200 completed projects throughout the State with more underway.<sup>44</sup> Interviews identified the benefit of having a single entity to discuss the optimal management/structure of water, wastewater, and reuse operations with a common vision for the future of Southern Orange County.

In recent years, water districts have experienced the benefits of consolidation with one another, as evidenced by IRWD. It has successfully acquired five other agencies over the past twenty-seven years, including the Santa Ana Heights Mutual Water Company in 1997, Carpenter Irrigation District in 2000, Los Alisos Water District in 2001, Santiago County Water District in 2006, and the Orange Park Acres Mutual Water Company in 2008.<sup>45</sup>

Irvine Ranch Water District's process involves a selective approach, emphasizing efficiencies and mutual benefits. It begins with a consolidation request to IRWD from the prospective water agency, followed by mutual agreement on terms, and then an application to LAFCO for their evaluation. Irvine Ranch Water District has a proven track

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<sup>42</sup> <https://www.socwa.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/7f-2024-03-06-SOCWA-Proposal-to-Transition-RTP-to-MNWD.pdf>

<sup>43</sup> [EPA warns of increasing cyberattacks on water systems | AP News](#)

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<sup>45</sup> [Consolidations \(irwd.com\) https://www.irwd.com/about-us/consolidations](#)

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record since 1997 of having successfully unified five providers benefitting 57,000 residents with improved water reliability and standardized rates. With extensive cash reserves, IRWD is poised to maintain and enhance its water systems over the next fifty years.

It is evident that past consolidations among water agencies have yielded positive outcomes by enhancing efficiencies and fostering mutual benefits through shared expertise and resources. With the multitude of water districts and the risk of financial strain comparable to SJC, future consolidations are not just probable but beneficial. Hence, it is imperative to draw lessons from past experiences. By reviewing the issues and concerns encountered by SMWD and by adopting the strategies employed by IRWD, there is an opportunity to improve the process for future consolidations (Appendices 1 and 2).

### **Wastewater Systems - Collaboration**

In South Orange County, collaboration among water and wastewater providers can drive positive changes for the region's future. Despite past challenges posed by differing governing boards and environmental perspectives across separate jurisdictions, officials have shown the willingness to unify and address shared concerns. The future of SOCWA involves reorganizing the structure so that it can resolve the operational issues of treatment plants. This allows major water agencies to focus on maximizing wastewater reuse and to minimize ocean discharge, with the aspirational goal of zero discharge. Collaboration among all agencies operating treatment plants is paramount, to adopt a more integrated management approach.

The Moulton Niguel Water District, one of the leading service providers, has embraced a transformative drive to water management. Since 2019, MNWD has pursued federal funds to strengthen its infrastructure against seismic and severe storm damage. In 2024 the district was awarded \$10.3 million in federal grants to strengthen and improve its wastewater infrastructure. The grant is administered by the California Office of Emergency Services and funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to replace sewer lines that move more than half of all district wastewater.<sup>46</sup> Advocating for funding as a region to address aging infrastructure is vital to ensure the long-term sustainability of water management efforts. By working collectively towards these goals, South Orange County can lead the way in sustainable water management practices for the benefit of current and future generations.

The Moulton Niguel Water District is also working on a reverse osmosis project called OASIS (Optimal, Adaptive, Sustainable, Integrated, Supply) to receive wastewater from homes and businesses, and treat it for potable reuse. The OASIS project emerges as a beacon of innovation and sustainability, offering not only reliable water reuse but also an opportunity for education and public engagement. By demonstrating the safety and effectiveness of direct potable reuse, South Orange County can pave the way for similar

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<sup>46</sup> <https://www.mnwd.com/moulton-niguel-water-district-awarded-federal-grant/>

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projects across California. Building partnerships with neighboring regions, environmental organizations, and governmental bodies will be crucial to securing state, federal, and private funding dedicated to advancing water reuse in South Orange County, with OASIS as the flagship project, being a top priority.

Another transformative advancement is the Doheny Ocean Desalination Project, planned by the South Coast Water District as part of the Joint Regional Water Supply System. This project would create a new, local, drought-proof water supply that would provide emergency water supplies.<sup>47</sup> Benefits would provide a water source at a reasonable cost, up to 5 million gallons per day of drinking water and the potential for long-term regional benefits. The proposed facility would be located near Doheny State Beach in the City of Dana Point and is planned to be on-line in 2028.

Looking ahead, the integration of treatment plant operations and the advancement of technologies like direct potable use and desalination are key focal points. As such, the OCGJ recommends LAFCO form a task force comprising representatives of affected water districts to study the transformation of SOCWA and prepare a report identifying the optimal future of water and wastewater systems in South Orange County.

In an era of emerging opportunities, a comprehensive regional plan developed in conjunction with all stakeholders is needed for guiding future projects and addressing evolving needs. As the task force facilitator, LAFCO can also play a pivotal role in studying future consolidations and a unified regional approach to water and wastewater management and service delivery. By planning and working together, South Orange County is poised to lead the way in securing a better future for generations to come.

## COMMENDATIONS

**Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)** - The Irvine Ranch Water District successfully acquired 5 water providers serving 57,000 residents since 1999. These consolidations provide reliable water supply at equitable rates, which are mutually beneficial to all customers.

**City of San Clemente** – Based on interviews and a comprehensive site visit, the OCGJ found the City of San Clemente does an excellent job in maintaining and operating its water and wastewater utility systems. This integrated system augments the City's local recycled water sources and is beneficial in reusing urban runoff and reducing biosolids.

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<sup>47</sup> [South Coast Water District, CA \(scwd.org\)](https://www.scwd.org)

## **FINDINGS**

In accordance with California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the 2023-2024 Grand Jury requires responses from each agency affected by the findings presented in this section. The responses are to be submitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

Based on its investigation described here, the 2023-2024 OCGJ has arrived at the following principal findings:

- F1. San Juan Capistrano’s deferred maintenance of the water/wastewater utility resulted in the need to transition the facility to a larger water provider to allow more efficient management and maintenance of the infrastructure.
- F2. The SMWD proposed rate increase severely impacted San Juan Capistrano’s non-residential customers and led to protests of unfairness and negative attention from the local media.
- F3. SOCWA’s member agencies have widely diverse populations, requirements, and revenues. This has led to conflicts over governance, facility operation, and control, affecting the evolving potential for wastewater reuse.
- F4. There is currently no unified strategy for the future of water/wastewater provision in South Orange County

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

In accordance with California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the 2023–2024 Grand Jury requires responses from each agency affected by the recommendations presented in this section. The responses are to be submitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

Based on its investigation titled “Emerging Opportunities in South County Water/Wastewater Systems,” the 2023-2024 OCGJ makes the following two recommendations:

- R1. The OCGJ recommends that by January 1, 2025, LAFCO studies a policy of conducting a post-consolidation agency review to be held within 24 months of agency reorganizations to determine their overall impact on the public. (F1, F2)
- R2. The OCGJ recommends that by January 1, 2025, LAFCO form a task force comprising representatives of affected water agencies to study the transformation of SOCWA and prepare a report on the future of water/wastewater in South Orange County. (F3, F4)



## RESPONSES

California Penal Code Section 933 requires the governing body of any public agency which the Grand Jury has reviewed, and about which it has issued a final report, to comment to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings and recommendations pertaining to matters under the control of the governing body. Such comment shall be made no later than 90 days after the Grand Jury publishes its report (filed with the Clerk of the Court). Additionally, in the case of a report containing findings and recommendations pertaining to a department or agency headed by an elected county official shall comment on the findings and recommendations pertaining to the matters under that elected official's control within 60 days to the Presiding Judge with an information copy sent to the Board of Supervisors.

Furthermore, California Penal Code Section 933.05 specifies the manner in which such comment(s) are to be made as follows:

- (a) As to each Grand Jury finding, the responding person or entity shall indicate one of the following:
  - (1) The respondent agrees with the finding.
  - (2) The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding, in which case the response shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefore.
- (b) As to each Grand Jury recommendation, the responding person or entity shall report one of the following actions:
  - (1) The recommendation has been implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action.
  - (2) The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation.
  - (3) The recommendation requires further analysis, with an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or head of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury report.
  - (4) The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation, thereof.

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- (c) If a finding or recommendation of the Grand Jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a county agency or department headed by an elected officer, both the agency or department head and the Board of Supervisors shall respond if requested by the Grand Jury, but the response of the Board of Supervisors shall address only those budgetary or personnel matters over which it has some decision-making authority. The response of the elected agency or department head shall address all aspects of the findings or recommendations affecting his or her agency or department.

### Responses Required

Comments to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in compliance with Penal Code Section 933.05 are required from:

#### Findings – 90 Day Response Required

City of Laguna Beach	F3, F4
City of San Clemente	F3, F4
City of San Juan Capistrano	F1, F2
El Toro Water District	F3, F4
Emerald Bay Service District	F3, F4
Irvine Ranch Water District	F4
Laguna Beach County Water District	F4
Moulton Niguel Water District	F3, F4
Santa Margarita Water District	F1, F2, F3, F4
SOCWA Board of Directors	F3, F4
South Coast Water District	F3, F4
Trabuco Canyon Water District	F4

#### Recommendations – 90 Day Response Required

Orange County LAFCO Board of Commissioners	R1, R2
City of Laguna Beach	R2
City of San Clemente	R2



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El Toro Water District	R2
Emerald Bay Service District	R2
Irvine Ranch Water District	R2
Laguna Beach County Water	R2
Moulton Niguel Water District	R2
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## GLOSSARY

**Acre-foot** - A unit of measure used to calculate volumes of water. One acre-foot equals the volume of water that would cover an acre of land at a depth of one foot.

**AWWA** - American Water Works Association is a non-profit organization. Its mission is to improve water quality and supply.

**Desalination** - A process that removes salt and other minerals from water.

**ISDOC** - Independent Special Districts of Orange County is an association that advocates for Orange County’s independent special districts.

**JPA** - Joint Powers Authority is a membership between two or more public agencies to jointly exercise common powers.

**LAFCO** - Local Agency Formation Commission is a countywide commission, required in each California county. LAFCO’s powers include approving, establishing, expanding, reorganizing, and, in limited circumstances, dissolving cities and special districts.

**MSR** - Municipal Service Review is a comprehensive analysis conducted by LAFCO to assess the performance of municipal services within a specific geographic area.

**NPDES** - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

**OASIS** - A initiative for advanced integrated water management started by MNWD. (Optimal, Adaptive, Sustainable, Integrated, Supply)

**OCSAN** - Orange County Sanitation District provides wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling North and Central Orange County.

**Potable Water** - Water that is suitable for human consumption.

**Recycled Water** - Wasterwater that has been treated (filtered and disinfected). It is used as irrigation for golf courses and parks.

**Special District** - A local government entity that was created to provide a specific public service. Examples are water service, cemeteries and fire protection.

**SOCWA** - South Orange County Wastewater Authority is a Joint Powers Authority with seven member agencies, consisting of local retail water agencies and cities that provide

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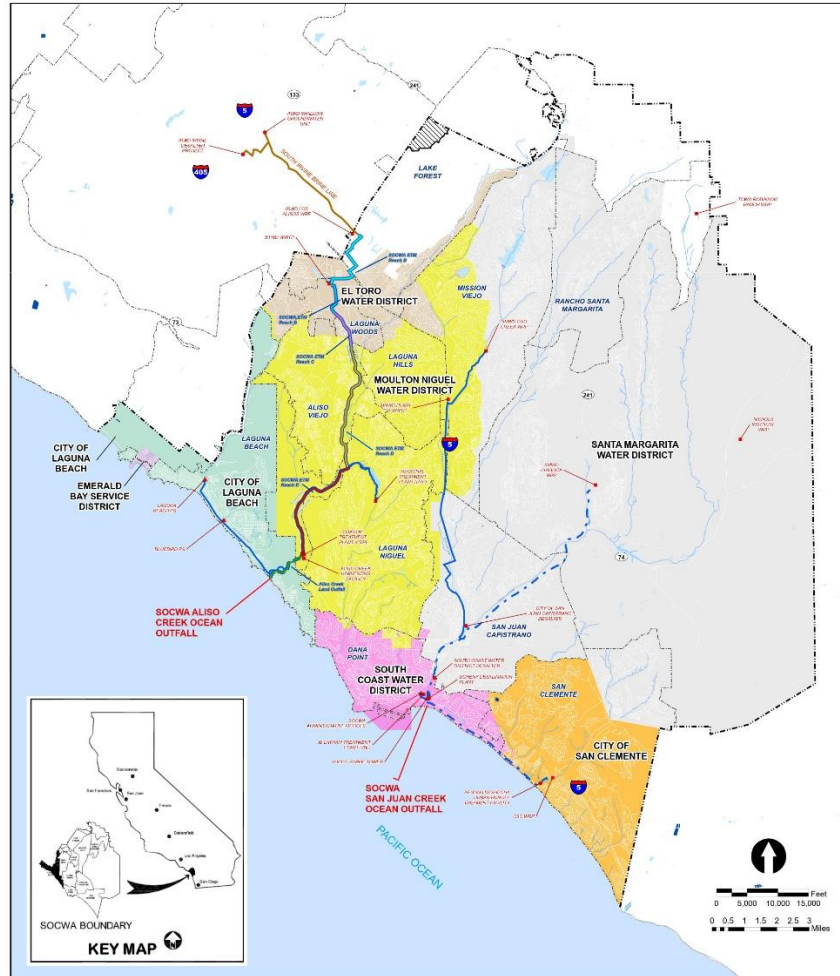
water to their residents. SOCWA manages the collection, transmission, treatment, and disposal of wastewater across South Orange County.

**WACO** - Water Advisory Committee of Orange County

# APPENDICES

## APPENDIX 1

### South Orange County Water Resource Agencies





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## APPENDIX 2

### South Orange County Water Resource Agencies Summary Data

Location	Type	Established	Services	SOCWA Member	Water Lines (Miles)	Sewer Lines (Miles)	Sewage Treatment Plants	Residents Served	Service Connections	Area (sq mi)	# Employees	Board / Council Members
<a href="#">Emerald Bay Service District (EBSD) *</a>	Community Services District	1961	Water & Sewer	Yes	6	6	0	2,000	540	1	1	5
<a href="#">Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD)</a>	Special District	1961	Water & Sewer	No	66	45	1	14,000	4,200	13	21	5
<a href="#">City of Laguna Beach</a>	Municipal Utility	1927	Sewer	Yes	n/a	95	0	23,000	8,000	9	14	5
<a href="#">Laguna Beach County Water District (LBCWD)</a>	Dependent Special District**	1925	Water	n/a	135	n/a	n/a	25,000	8,450	9	40	5
<a href="#">South Coast Water District (SCWD)</a>	Special District	1932	Water & Sewer	Yes	158	136	0	39,000	12,600	8	85	5
<a href="#">El Toro Water District (ETWD)</a>	Special District	1960	Water & Sewer	Yes	170	158	1	51,000	10,000	9	61	5
<a href="#">City of San Clemente</a>	Municipal Utility	1928	Water & Sewer	Yes	230	162	1	64,000	17,800	19	45	5
<a href="#">Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD)</a>	Special District	1960	Water & Sewer	Yes	656	500	1	170,000	55,000	37	163	7
<a href="#">Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD)</a>	Special District	1964	Water & Sewer	Yes	1,080	665	3	200,000	65,000	111	200	5
<b>South Orange County Totals</b>				<b>7</b>	<b>2,501</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>588,000</b>	<b>181,590</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>47</b>
<a href="#">Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)</a>	Special District	1961	Water & Sewer	No	1,976	1,374	2	465,000	122,000	181	337	5
<a href="#">South Orange County Wastewater Authority</a>	Joint Powers Authority	2001	Sewage Treatment	n/a	n/a	51	3	600,000	n/a	n/a	64	7***

**Notes**

Data obtained from agency websites and interviews.

South Orange County imports approximately 90% of Water from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

TCWD operates the only potable water treatment facility in South Orange County

IRWD Listed Separately as Majority of Customers in Central Orange County

SOCWA operates the two ocean outfalls: Aliso Creek and San Juan Creek

\* Water system operated and maintained by LBCWD

\*\* LBCWD is a Subsidiary (Dependent) District of the City whose Council serves as the Board.

\*\*\* 7 Appointed by Member Agencies



## APPENDIX 3

### South Orange County Water Districts/Providers

El Toro Water District (ETWD) - Provides water and wastewater service in the cities of Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Aliso Viejo, and Mission Viejo.

Emerald Bay Service District (EBSD) - Provides fresh water supply under contract with the Laguna Beach County Water District. Collects wastewater and transmits to Laguna Beach.

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) - Serves Central Orange County, including the following cities: Irvine, Newport Beach, Tustin, Orange, Lake Forest, and Costa Mesa.

Laguna Beach County Water District (LBCWD) - Provides water service to portions of the city of Laguna Beach, a portion of Crystal Cove State Park, and the unincorporated community of Emerald Bay.

City of Laguna Beach - Provides wastewater collection and/or transmission services to the city of Laguna Beach, a portion of Crystal Cove State Park, and the unincorporated community of Emerald Bay.

Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD) - Provides water and wastewater services to customers in Laguna Niguel, Aliso Viejo, Mission Viejo, Laguna Hills, and Dana Point.

Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) is a wholesale water provider. It purchases imported water through the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MET) and delivers this water to its 27 member agencies, who in turn, provide retail water services to the public. It is the only agency with members from all water providers in South Orange County.

Orange County Water District (OCWD) - Manages the ground water supply for Orange County. It is a wholesale agency.

City of San Clemente - Provides water/wastewater services to the residents of San Clemente

Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD) - Serves the cities of Mission Viejo, San Juan Capistrano, Rancho Santa Margarita, and the communities of Coto de Caza, Las Flores, Ladera Ranch, Rancho Mission Viejo, and Talega in San Clemente.

South Coast Water District (SCWD) - Serves the communities of Dana Point, South Laguna Beach, and areas of San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano.

Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD) - Serves the Communities of Trabuco Canyon, Robinson Ranch, Trabuco Highlands, Walden, Rancho Cielo, Portola Hills, Santiago Canyon Estates, and Dove Canyon.

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July X, 2024

The Honorable Maria D. Hernandez  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: IRWD Response to Grand Jury Report “*Emerging Opportunities in South County Water/Wastewater Systems*”

Dear Presiding Judge Hernandez:

On June 21, 2024, the Orange County Grand Jury released a report titled “*Emerging Opportunities in South County Water/Wastewater Systems.*” This report requested that Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) respond to findings and recommendations in the report. Per the 2022-2024 Orange County Grand Jury’s request, and in accordance with Penal Code 933.05, below are IRWD’s responses to Finding F4 and Recommendation R2.

### Background Information:

IRWD provides high-quality drinking water, reliable wastewater collection and treatment, groundbreaking water recycling programs, and environmentally sound urban runoff treatment to approximately 445,000 residents and a daytime population of 600,000, served through more than 131,000 connections.

IRWD remains a longstanding leader in the areas of water resource management and planning, with an emphasis on sustainability. The District is also a recognized leader in the areas of water recycling, drought preparedness, emergency supply development, supply diversification, water use efficiency, and financial management.

As noted in the Grand Jury’s report, IRWD has extensive experience with water and wastewater agency consolidations. Over the years, IRWD has consolidated with five water suppliers. The Grand Jury’s report accurately related that IRWD’s integrated services have allowed for reduced overhead and administrative costs, lower rates and charges to customers of the consolidated district, with benefits to all customers.

IRWD agrees that good governance includes analyzing alternative arrangements that may improve how public agencies provide services. When considering consolidation requests, IRWD seeks to identify increased efficiencies through economies of scale and mutual benefits from combined expertise and resources. Community engagement and support is also important for any successful consolidation.

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It is important to note that successful consolidations take time and allow for evaluation, analysis, planning, and community engagement. This is one of the many reasons why IRWD does not support unilaterally initiated consolidations, detachments, or other forced service boundary changes.

Given this background, IRWD's responses to the Grand Jury's report are provided below.

### IRWD Responses:

**Finding F4:** *“There is currently no unified strategy for the future of water/wastewater provision in South Orange County.”*

Response: IRWD disagrees partially with this finding.

South Orange County currently has eight retail water districts and one city that provide water and that are responsible for wastewater services, although they may provide those services to the community via the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA).

South Orange County's retail water agencies strive to collaborate effectively on water/wastewater management, infrastructure development, and policy – despite having differing views on wastewater governance and how best to service their customers.

IRWD disagrees partially with the finding based on what a “unified strategy” could mean. We agree that there may not be a unified strategy for the future of water/wastewater provision if one views a “unified strategy” as being future provision of those services by one entity or agreement on if SOCWA should play a role.

We disagree with the finding if a “unified strategy” means a common understanding of who is responsible for providing water and wastewater services to each portion of South Orange County and a plan on how they will provide those services. This unified strategy for the provision of services existing. The strategy is that each retail water agency will be responsible for ensuring those services are provided to their service area, and those service areas are clearly defined and understood. A retail water agency may provide the services itself, or via contract with SOCWA or another entity, but will decide what is best for its customers. This is the approach IRWD has taken.

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**Recommendation R2:** *“The OCGJ recommends that by January 1, 2025, LAFCO form a taskforce comprising representatives of affected water agencies to study the transformation of SOCWA and prepare a report on the future of water/wastewater in South Orange County. (F3, F4)”*

Response: The recommendation will not be implemented by IRWD because this recommendation calls for action by another entity, LAFCO, to form a taskforce.

IRWD regularly works with other water and wastewater agencies in South Orange County, and we discuss the region’s future water and wastewater needs.

IRWD has planned for its future sewer collection and treatment needs and will continue to do so. If LAFCO or a group of South Orange County agencies want to engage in further discussions about the future of South Orange County water and wastewater service and needs, IRWD would engage in those conversations, as appropriate, given our service boundaries, IRWD customer needs, and our interest in regional collaboration and cooperation. IRWD would not engage in a conversation about future structure or management of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority, as we are no longer a member of that joint powers authority.

If you need further information regarding this response, please contact me at (949) 453-5590.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Cook, P.E.  
General Manager

cc: Orange County Grand Jury  
IRWD Board of Directors

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