



# Governor's Office of Planning and Research

*2012  
Legislative  
Bill  
Summary*



## INTRODUCTION

This publication is a compilation of bills that were passed by the Legislature during the 2012 session and sent to the Governor's Office for consideration, and that pertain to local and regional governance. This publication is intended to be comprehensive, but is not exhaustive of all bills that may be relevant to local and regional government. For a listing of every bill signed into law, please refer to the [New Laws Report](#) available at the Office of Legislative Council's website for official state legislative information: [leginfo.ca.gov](http://leginfo.ca.gov).

This publication also includes a few bills that were vetoed by the Governor's Office. We include these bills because of their likelihood of reintroduction during upcoming legislative sessions. Veto messages are available at the Governor's Office website in the '[Press Releases](#)' subsection under the [Newsroom](#) tab, archived under the month of veto.

A hyperlink is provided after each bill that links to that bill's text and other legislative information found at the Office of Legislative Council's new website for official state legislative information: [leginfo.legislature.ca.gov](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov)

In general chaptered legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2013. Bills that contain an urgency clause (not noted in this document) took effect immediately upon the governor's signature.

We use the following abbreviations throughout this summary:

CEC (California Energy Commission)  
CPUC (California Public Utility Commission)  
DWR (Department of Water Resources)  
OAL (Office of Administrative Law)

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## CEQA & Exemptions

### **AB 890**      **Olsen, Perea**

Exempts from CEQA until 2016, the repair, maintenance, and minor alterations of existing roadways, provided the project is initiated by a city or county to improve public safety, does not cross a waterway, and involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. Applies to municipalities of less than 100,000 persons. *Adds Sec. 21080.37 to the Public Resources Code.* [Bill Text - AB-890 Environment: CEQA exemption: roadway improvement.](#)

### **AB 1486**      **Lara**

Exempts Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System build-out of emergency communication infrastructure from CEQA. *Adds Sec. 21080.25 of the Public Resources Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1486 California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System.](#)

### **AB 1665**      **Galgiani**

Exempts closures of railroad grade crossings under CPUC order for public safety reasons from CEQA. *Adds Sec. 21080.14 to the Public Resources Code* [Bill Text - AB-1665 California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: railroad crossings.](#)

### **AB 2245**      **Smyth**

Exempts from CEQA until 2018, a project that consists of restriping of streets and highways for bicycle lanes in an urbanized area that is consistent with a city or county bicycle transportation plan if the lead agency follows specified notice and traffic impact assessment requirements including additional public review. *Repeals and adds Sec. 21080.20.5 of Public Resources Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2245 Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: bicycle lanes.](#)

### **AB 2564**      **Ma**

Exempts pipeline safety projects under a mile from CEQA, per specified requirements. *Adds Sec. 21080.21 to the Public Resources Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2564 Environmental quality: pipelines: project applicants.](#)

### **SB 972**      **Simitian**

Allows local agencies to file written requests for notice of scoping meetings & CEQA determination by lead agencies. *Amends Sec. 21083.9 & 21092.2 and repeals 21162 of Public Resources Code.* [Bill Text - SB-972 Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: scoping meeting and notice of completion.](#)

## Planning & Local Government

### **AB 1253**      **Davis**

Modifies rules for county boards of supervisors to approve revisions to recommended budgets, allowing revisions until approval of a budget, as opposed to by a statutory date under former law. *Amends Sec. 29064 of the Government Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1253 Counties: recommended budget.](#)

### **AB 1585**      **J. Perez**

Appropriates \$50 million in disencumbered Prop 1C bonds and future disencumbered funds for the Infill Infrastructure Program and the Transit-Oriented Development Program. *Amends Sec. 34176 of the Health and Safety Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1585 Community development.](#)

**AB 1650      Portantino**

Requires CPUC to set standards for local government emergency preparedness plans and for utilities to adopt these plans. *Adds Sec. 768.6 to the Public Utilities Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1650 Public utilities: emergency and disaster preparedness.](#)

**AB 1783      Perea**

Expands rules for certification of qualified small business for government contract preference by including small businesses certified at the state level, as qualifying for local preference. *Amends Sec. 14839.1 of the Government Code and Sec. 2002 of the Public Contract Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1783 Public contracts: small business preferences.](#)

**AB 1965      Pan**

Requires DWR, on or before July 2, 2013, to release flood plain map and available data on water surface elevation of flooding in urban areas, as specified (Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley). Exempts maps from OAL review and approval, and limits DWR liability based upon the reasonable exercise or performance of discretionary or ministerial function. *Amends Sec. 65007 of the Government Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1965 Land use.](#)

**AB 2308      Torres**

Allows local governments to reduce their share of the regional housing need by the number of units built between the start of a housing element projection period and the housing element due date. *Amends Sec. 65583.1 of the Government Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2308 Land use: housing element: regional housing need.](#)

**AB 2567      Carter**

Extends to wastewater agencies provisions that permit municipal service fees to increase according to specified procedures. *Amends Sec. 53756 of the Government Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2567 Sewer collection agency: schedule of fees.](#)

**AB 2698      Comm. on Local Gov.**

Makes several changes to provisions governing LAFCOs under Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. *Amends several sections of state code.* [Bill Text - AB-2698 Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.](#)

**SB 475      Wright**

Extends teleconferencing provisions for local health care board meetings until January 2018. *Amends Sec. 54953 of the Government Code.* [Bill Text - SB-475 Local agencies: open meetings: teleconferences.](#)

**SB 1219      Wolk**

Extends the plastic bag at-store recycling program requirements for store operators until January 1, 2020. *Amends Secs. 42254 and 42257 of the Public Resources Code.* [Bill Text - SB-1219 Recycling: plastic bags.](#)

**SB 1241      Kehoe**

Requires local governments to update safety element for fire hazard planning and to consider fire hazard mitigation in CEQA checklist. Requires OPR to update general plan guidelines and submit proposed changes to the CEQA checklist to the Department of Natural Resources. *Adds Sec. 1083.01 of Public Resources Code and amends numerous Government Code sections.* [Bill Text - SB-1241 Land use: general plan: safety element: fire hazard impacts.](#)

**SB 1257      Hernandez**

Prohibits local governments from imposing utility user taxes on CNG/electricity used to fuel public vehicles. Amends Sec. 7284.2 of, and adds Sec. 7284.3 to, the Revenue and Taxation Code. [Bill Text - SB-1257 Utility user tax: exemption: public transit vehicles.](#)

**SB 1268      Pavley**

Extends program for grants and loans to local governments and public institutions by CEC to maximize energy use savings from January 2013 to January 2018. Improves loan program to local governments by reducing interest rates and encouraging equitable distribution of loans statewide with an emphasis on disadvantaged communities. Amends Secs. 25411, 25415, 25421, 25443, and 25449.4 of, and adds Secs. 25412.5 and 25442.8 to, the Public Resources Code. [Bill Text - SB-1268 Energy: energy conservation assistance.](#)

**SB 1278      Wolk**

Requires local governments in the Central Valley to amend general plans by July 2015 in accordance with Central Valley Flood Protection Plan. Requires local governments to make findings that property in undetermined risk areas have met the urban level of flood protection. Exempts DWR flood plain maps from CEQA and state endangered species act. Amends Sec. 65302.9, 65860.1 of the Government Code, and Section 9610 of the Water Code. [Bill Text - SB-1278 Planning and zoning: flood protection: Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley.](#)

## **Military & Agency Coordination**

**AB 342      Atkins**

Requires OPR to act as Governor's military liaison and state policy coordinator. Adds Sec. 65040.14 to Government Code. [Bill Text - AB-342 Office of Planning and Research.](#)

**SB 1409      Pavley**

Enhances the duties of the OPR to include serving as a liaison between the state and the U.S. Department of Defense on environmental and energy security policy and priorities. Adds Sec. 65040.7 to the Government Code. [Bill Text - SB-1409 Office of Planning and Research: energy security.](#)

## **Land Use**

**AB 2620      Achadjian**

Confers powers over state trust tidelands from cities and counties to local trustees, and requires local trustees to undertake duties and require segregation and reporting of funds generated from trust lands. Adds Sec. 6305 of the Public Resources Code. [Bill Text - AB-2620 Tidelands and submerged lands: granted public trust lands.](#)

**SB 1090      Sen. Gov & Fin**

Governance and Finance Committee Omnibus bill; local land use law cleanup and revisions (Williamson Act, Benefit Assessment Act, Subdivision Map Act, Property and Business Improvement District Law) Numerous code sections. [Bill Text - SB-1090 Local government: omnibus bill.](#)

**SB 1094      Kehoe**

Comprehensively modifies provisions for state conservation trust land and mitigation agreement programs. Amends Secs. 65965, 65966, 65967, and 65968 of the Government Code. [Bill Text - SB-1094 Land use: mitigation lands: nonprofit organizations.](#)

**SB 1266      Corbett**

Changes standard for appraising lands purchased by state agencies. Amends several sections of the Public Resources Code. [Bill Text - SB-1266 Resource conservation lands: appraisal process.](#)

## Climate Change

**AB 693      Huffman**

Extends authorization of Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority until January 2020. Amends Sec. 181016 of the Public Utilities Code. [Bill Text - AB-693 Local government: Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority.](#)

**AB 1650      Portantino**

Requires CPUC to set standards for local government emergency preparedness plans and for utilities to adopt these plans. Adds Sec. 768.6 is added to the Public Utilities Code. [Bill Text - AB-1650 Public utilities: emergency and disaster preparedness.](#)

## Energy Generation & Transportation Fuels

**AB 1900      Gatto**

Establishes suite of policies with various agencies to promote the production and use of biomethane. Amends Sec. 25420, adds Sec. 25421 to the Health and Safety Code. Sec. 25326 to the Public Resources Code, and Secs. 399.24 and 784 to the Public Utilities Code. [Bill Text - AB-1900 Renewable energy resources: biomethane.](#)

**AB 2161      Achadjian**

Makes San Luis Obispo County eligible for funds to develop renewable energy resources. Amends Sec. 25619 of the Public Resources Code. [Bill Text - AB-2161 Energy: renewable energy resources.](#)

**AB 2196      Chesbro**

Expands eligibility of biofuels under CPUC and CEC renewable energy resource and electricity generation programs. Amends Sec. 25741 of the Public Resources Code, adds Section 399.12.6 to the Public Utilities Code. [Bill Text - AB-2196 Renewable energy resources.](#)

**SB 1122      Rubio**

Requires CPUC to procure specified generating capacity from bioenergy projects that commence operation after June 2013. Amends Sec. 399.20 of the Public Utilities Code. [Bill Text - SB-1122 Energy: renewable bioenergy projects.](#)



**SB 1257      Hernandez**

Prohibits local governments from imposing utility user taxes on CNG/electricity used to fuel public vehicles. Amends Sec. 7284.2 of, and to add Sec. 7284.3 to, the Revenue and Taxation Code. [Bill Text - SB-1257 Utility user tax: exemption: public transit vehicles.](#)

**SB 1485      Kehoe**

Authorizes a person who uses tax-paid motor vehicle fuel (MVF) as a blending component of a fuel taxed under the Use Fuel Tax Law to receive a refund of the excise tax paid on that MVF. Amends Sec. 8101 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. [Bill Text - SB-1485 Fuel taxes: blended fuels.](#)

## Solar & Renewables

**AB 976      Hall**

Prohibited consultants advising a public entity on creation of a community choice aggregator from submitting a bid for any work related to creating a community choice aggregator. Vetoed [Bill Text - AB-976 Public contracts: consulting services: community choice aggregators.](#)

**AB 1073      Fuentes**

Clarifies the application of certified regulatory program status to solar thermal power plants (Calico project in San Bernardino). Amends Sec. 25500.1 of Public Resources Code. [Bill Text - AB-1073 Energy: solar thermal powerplants: conversion to solar photovoltaic technology.](#)

**AB 1255      Pérez**

Award grants to counties that are not a "plan participant" in the DRECP but have entered into a MOU with CEC agreeing to participate in development of a natural community conservation plan. Includes San Luis Obispo County as a qualified county to receive grants. Amends Sec. 25619 of the Public Resources Code. [Bill Text - AB-1255 Energy: renewable energy resources.](#)

**AB 1801      Campos**

Prohibits cities and counties from using the valuation method to calculate their fees for solar energy systems, such as charging fees based on the value of the system, property, materials, labor, or any other factor not directly associated with the cost to review and inspect the installation of the solar energy system when issuing permits. Adds Sec. 65850.55 to the Government Code. [Bill Text - AB-1801 Land use: fees.](#)

**AB 2249      Buchanan**

Expands definition of solar water heating systems eligible for incentive programs to include solar pool heating systems. Amends Sec. 2861, 2862, 2863, 2864, 2865, and 2867.1 of the Public Utilities Code. [Bill Text - AB-2249 Solar Water Heating and Efficiency Act of 2007.](#)

**SB 1222      Leno**

Places limitations and restrictions on the permit fees charged by a city or county for residential and commercial rooftop solar energy systems. Adds Chapter 7.5 (commencing with Sec. 66015) of Division 1 of Title 7 to the Government Code. [Bill Text - SB-1222 Solar energy: permits.](#)



## Energy Efficiency & Net Metering

### **AB 1124 Skinner**

Provides that the law establishing multifamily habitability requirements shall not be interpreted to prohibit a tenant or owner of rental properties from qualifying for heating and hot water system repair or replacement under a utility energy savings assistance programs. *Amends Sec. 1941.1 of the Civil Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1124 Landlord and tenant.](#)

### **AB 2165 Hill**

Clarifies CPUC rules for contracts on net energy metering by fuel cell customer generators. *Amends Sec. 2827.10 of the Public Utilities Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2165 Net energy metering: eligible fuel cell customer-generators.](#)

### **SB 594 Wolk**

Allows for aggregation of electrical load by customer-generators with multiple meters for net-energy metering credits. *Amends Secs. 2827 and 2827.10 of the Public Utilities Code.* [Bill Text - SB-594 Energy: net energy metering.](#)

### **SB 1268 Pavley**

Extends program for grants and loans to local governments and public institutions by CEC to maximize energy use savings from January 2013 to January 2018. Improves loan program to local governments by reducing interest rates, encouraging equitable distribution of loans statewide with an emphasis on disadvantaged communities. *Amends Sec. 25411, 25415, 25421, 25443, and 25449.4 of, and adds Sec. 25412.5 and 25442.8 to Public Resources Code.* [Bill Text - SB-1268 Energy: energy conservation assistance.](#)

## Local Government Financing

### **AB 232 V.M. Perez**

For the economic development portion of the Community Development Block Grant Program, eliminates the dollar-per-job test. *Amends Sec. 50832 of the Health and Safety Code.* [Bill Text - AB-232 Community Development Block Grant Program: funds.](#)

### **AB 1484 Comm. on Budget**

Addresses numerous issues related to the dissolution of redevelopment agencies, including defining what assets a housing successor agency may retain, requiring housing successor agencies to file a list of transferred assets subject to Department of Finance approval, allowing housing successor agencies to expend bond funds secured by housing funds, requiring housing successor agencies to comply with the housing provision of the Community Redevelopment Law, recognizing housing fund loans as enforceable obligations, and requiring host communities receiving loan repayments from the successor agency to first repay housing fund loans and then set aside 20% for affordable housing (wind-down of current funds). *Several sections of state code.* [Bill Text - AB-1484 Community redevelopment.](#)

### **AB 1585 J. Perez**

Appropriates \$50 million in disencumbered Prop 1C bonds and future disencumbered funds for the Infill Infrastructure Program and the Transit-Oriented Development Program. *Amends Sec. 34176 of the Health and Safety Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1585 Community development.](#)

**AB 2144      J. Perez**

Renamed infrastructure financing districts as infrastructure and revitalization financing districts (IRFD); allowed an IRFD to issue debt with 55% voter approval; removes the voter approval requirement for any debt issued pertaining to a former military base that is publicly owned; removed intent language stating that IRFD territory should be substantially undeveloped and adds that an IRFD should not ordinarily lead to the removal of existing functional, habitable, and safe dwelling units; allowed an IRFD to overlap a redevelopment project area; added to the list of authorized improvements that an IRFD may finance including projects to implement a sustainable communities strategy; and allows an IRFD to utilize any powers under the Polanco Act. *Vetoed* [Bill Text - AB-2144 Local government: infrastructure and revitalization financing districts.](#)

**AB 2259      Ammiano**

Expands IFD program for special waterfront districts in City of SF for the America's Cup and other purposes. *Amends Secs. 53395.8, 53395.81, and 53397.71 of the Government Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2259 Infrastructure financing districts: America's Cup and waterfront district venues.](#)

**SB 1033      Comm. on Budget**

Establishes Voluntary Investment Program Fund for local agencies to voluntarily invest surplus funds for short-term state use. *Adds Sec. 16340 to the Government Code.* [Bill Text - SB-1033 State and local government.](#)

**SB 1156      Steinberg**

Allowed local governments to establish a Sustainable Communities Investment Authority after July 1, 2012, to provide tax-increment financing for specified activities within a sustainable communities investment area. *Vetoed.* [Bill Text - SB-1156 Sustainable Communities Investment Authority.](#)

## **Transportation & Transit**

**AB 57      Beall**

Increases the membership of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission from 19 to 21 members. *Amends Secs. 66503 and 66504 of the Government Code.* [Bill Text - AB-57 Metropolitan Transportation Commission.](#)

**AB 432      Dickinson**

Authorizes the Sacramento Area Council of Governments to create a combined farebox recovery ratio for the Sacramento County transit operators – Sacramento Regional Transit, Folsom transit, Elk Grove transit, and Sacramento County transit services – to be eligible to receive subsidies from the Transportation Development Act. *Adds Sec. 99270.6 to the Public Utilities Code..* [Bill Text - AB-432 Transit: Sacramento County.](#)

**AB 441      Monning**

Requires the California Transportation commission to attach to its guidelines for preparing regional transportation plans a summary of policies, practices, or projects that promote health that metropolitan planning organizations can use in the commission's next revision of transportation guidelines. *Adds Sec. 14522.3 to the Government Code.* [Bill Text - AB-441 Transportation planning.](#)

**AB 492      Galgiani**

Allows all public transportation agencies to establish an alternative civil infraction process for specified transit violations committed by an adult. *Amends Sec. 99580 of the Public Utilities Code.* [Bill Text - AB-492 Public transportation agencies: administrative penalties.](#)

**AB 812      Ma**

Authorizes Caltrans to establish specifications for the use of up to 40% reclaimed asphalt pavement for hot asphalt mixes on or before January 1, 2014. *Adds Sec. 42704 to the Public Resources Code.* [Bill Text - AB-812 Solid waste: recycled asphalt.](#)

**AB 819      Wieckowski**

Requires Caltrans to establish procedures to permit exceptions to bikeway design standards and specifications for specified research and experimental purposes by January 1, 2013. *Amends Sec. 891, and adds and repeals Section 891.1 of the Streets and Highways Code.* [Bill Text - AB-819 Bikeways.](#)

**AB 1595      Cook**

Defines recreational off-highway vehicles, prescribes regulations for their use. *Amends several sections of the Vehicle Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1595 Vehicles: recreational off-highway vehicles.](#)

**AB 1600      Torres**

Extends Gold Line from the City of Claremont (LA County) to the City of Montclair (San Bernardino County). *Amends several sections of the Public Utilities Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1600 Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority.](#)

**AB 1779      Galgiani**

Authorizes Caltrans to enter into an interagency transfer agreement with a joint powers authority for intercity rail service in the San Joaquin Corridor, in anticipation of high-speed rail and increased intercity passenger rail. *Amends several sections of the Government Code relating to transportation.* [Bill Text - AB-1779 Intercity rail agreements.](#)

**AB 1962      Allen**

Repeals the requirement that the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District obtain advisory review of a rail transit facility project through the design review process of the relevant city or county. *Amends Sec. 105096 of the Public Utilities Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1962 Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District.](#)

**AB 2247      Lowenthal**

Allows a transit provider to make it a criminal infraction for a person to sell any goods, merchandise, property, or services in a public transportation system without the express written consent of the system operator and adds this violation to the list of violations which specified transit districts may enforce through an alternative civil infraction process. *Amends Sec. 640 of the Penal Code and Sec. 99580 of Public Utilities Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2247 Public transportation: offenses.](#)

**AB 2405      Blumenfield**

Exempts low-emission vehicles with valid stickers from toll charges imposed on single-occupant vehicles in high-occupancy toll lanes. *Amends Sec. 5205.5 of the Vehicle Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2405 Vehicles: high-occupancy toll lanes.](#)

**AB 2488      Williams**

Authorizes Gold Coast Transit in Ventura County to extend the length of its buses by four inches for a bike rack mounted on the front of its buses. *Adds Sec. 35400.9 to the Vehicle Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2488 Vehicles: buses: length limitations.](#)

**AB 2502      Blumenfield**

Requires sellers of electric vehicles to disclose amount charged for charging stations. *Amends Sec. 2982 and adds Sec. 2982.11 of the Civil Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2502 Vehicles: conditional sale contracts.](#)

**SB 880      Corbett**

Makes changes to the rules on installation of electric vehicle charging stations in common interest developments. *Amends Secs. 1353.9 and 1363.07 of the Civil Code.* [Bill Text - SB-880 Common interest developments: electric vehicle charging stations.](#)

**SB 1339      Yee**

Authorizes, until January 1, 2017, a pilot program in the San Francisco Bay Area that allows the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to adopt jointly an ordinance requiring certain employers to offer their employees specified commute benefits. *Adds and repeals Sec. 65081 of the Government Code.* [Bill Text - SB-1339 Commute benefit policies.](#)

**SB 1388      DeSaulnier**

Establishes a general rule that a vehicle owner may park without penalty in any parking space for up to the posted time limit if the parking meter or parking payment center is inoperable, but allows a city or county to adopt a different rule if it provides adequate notice of the rule at parking locations, parking meters, or parking payment centers. *Amends Sec. 22058 and adds Sec. 22058.5 of the Vehicle Code.* [Bill Text - SB-1388 Parking: parking meters.](#)

**SB 1549      Vargas**

Authorizes the San Diego Association of Governments to use alternative contracting methods for public transit projects within its jurisdiction. *Adds Chapter 6.6 to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code.* [Bill Text - SB-1549 Transportation projects: alternative project delivery methods.](#)

## Housing

**AB 232      V.M. Perez**

For the economic development portion of the Community Development Block Grant Program, eliminates the dollar-per-job test. *Amends Sec. 50832 of the Health and Safety Code.* [Bill Text - AB-232 Community Development Block Grant Program: funds.](#)

**AB 296      Skinner**

Requires Caltrans to develop a standard specification for sustainable or cool pavements that can be used to reduce the urban heat island effect and thereafter requires the California Building Standards Commission to consider incorporating that specification as an additional strategy for Heat Island Effect: Hardscape Alternatives in the California Green Building Standards Code. *Adds Sec. 18941.9 to the Health and Safety Code, and adds Part 5 to Division 34 of the Public Resources Code.* [Bill Text - AB-296 Department of Transportation: paving materials.](#)

**AB 1124      Skinner**

Provides that the law establishing multifamily habitability requirements shall not be interpreted to prohibit a tenant or owner of rental properties from qualifying for heating and hot water system repair or replacement under a utility energy savings assistance programs. *Amends Sec. 1941.1 of the Civil Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1124 Landlord and tenant.](#)

**AB 1672      Torres**

Makes a number of changes to the Housing-Related Parks Program, including granting awards for affordable housing units that are acquired, substantially rehabilitated, and preserved with local financial assistance and putting stronger emphasis in the bonus categories on parks in park-deficient or disadvantaged communities. *Amends several sections of the Health and Safety Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1672 Housing-Related Parks Program.](#)

**AB 1699      Torres**

Authorizes HCD to restructure existing loans under various older rental housing and homeownership programs. *Amends Sec. 50515.2 and adds Chapter 3.9 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1699 Affordable housing.](#)

**AB 1951      Atkins**

Removes \$25 million from the Affordable Housing Revolving Development and Acquisition Program and reprograms \$30 million in Proposition 1C funds from two programs included in the Affordable Housing Innovation Program to the Multifamily Housing Program. *Amends several sections of the Health and Safety Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1951 Housing bonds.](#)

**AB 2308      Torres**

Allows local governments to reduce their share of the regional housing need by the number of units built between the start of a housing element projection period and the housing element due date. *Amends Sec. 65583.1 of the Government Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2308 Land use: housing element: regional housing need.](#)

**SB 880      Corbett**

Makes changes to the rules on installation of electric vehicle charging stations in common interest developments. *Amends Secs. 1353.9 and 1363.07 of the Civil Code.* [Bill Text - SB-880 Common interest developments: electric vehicle charging stations.](#)

## Water

**AB 685      Eng**

Requires state water policy to consider use of water for domestic purposes as the highest use. *Adds Sec. 106.3 is added to the Water Code.* [Bill Text - AB-685 State water policy.](#)

**AB 1422      Perea**

Moved date of consideration by voters of comprehensive water bond act to Nov. 4, 2014 from Nov. 6, 2012. *Amends several sections of Extraordinary Session code and other state statutes.* [Bill Text - AB-1422 Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012: submission to voters.](#)

**AB 1558**      **Eng**

Extends indefinitely liability protections for public agencies for certain flood control and water conservation activities. *Amends Sec. 831.8 of the Government Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1558 Liability: flood control and water conservation facilities.](#)

**AB 1750**      **Solorio**

Allows landscape contractors to install rainwater capture systems and clarifies that rainwater systems do not require water rights permits. *Amends Sec. 7027.5 of the Business and Professions Code, and adds Part 2.4 to the Water Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1750 Rainwater Capture Act of 2012.](#)

**AB 2174**      **Alejo**

Levies fee on fertilizer sales for technical education and research programs intended to minimize the environmental impacts of fertilizer use. *Amends Sec. 14611 of the Food and Agricultural Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2174 Fertilizer: reduction of use.](#)

**AB 2567**      **Carter**

Extends to wastewater agencies provisions that permit municipal service fees to increase according to specified procedures. *Amends Sec. 53756 of the Government Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2567 Sewer collection agency: schedule of fees.](#)

**SB 1201**      **De León**

Expands purposes of L.A. county flood control district (L.A. River) from flood, storm, wastewater control to include public use for recreational and educational purposes. *Amends Sec. 2 of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act.* [Bill Text - SB-1201 Los Angeles River.](#)

**SB 1386**      **Lowenthal**

Prohibits municipal water districts in counties greater than 8 million persons and where 80% or greater of the district is included within the boundaries of a water replenishment district from managing, controlling or administering the importation of water for groundwater storage. *Amends Sec. 71610 of the Water Code.* [Bill Text - SB-1386 Municipal water districts: water storage: groundwater.](#)

## Food & Health Policy

**AB 441**      **Monning**

Requires California Transportation Commission to attach a summary of policies that have been employed by MPOs that promote health and health equity to the commission's next revision of transportation guidelines. *Adds Sec. 14522.3 to the Government Code.* [Bill Text - AB-441 Transportation planning.](#)

**AB 1467**      **Comm. on Budget**

Health budget (including provisions pertaining to local government health functions). *Several sections of state code.* [Bill Text - AB-1467 Health.](#)

**AB 1616**      **Gatto**

Exempts small-scale food producers from certain regulations related to sanitation, equipment and siting. *Adds Chapter 11.5 to Part 7 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code, amends various sections of the Health & Safety Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1616 Food safety: cottage food operations.](#)



**AB 2246 Pérez**

Required Healthy Food Financing Initiative Council to maintain website listing program activities. *Amends Sec. 104661 of the Health and Safety Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2246 Public health: food access.](#)

## Coastal & Oceans

**AB 1656 Fong**

Expands jurisdiction of SF Bay Restoration Authority and projects eligible for funding, including for sea level change. *Amends Secs. 66701, 66703 of the Government Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1656 San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.](#)

**AB 2620 Achadjian**

Confers powers over state trust tidelands from cities and counties to local trustees and requires local trustees to undertake duties and require segregation and reporting of funds generated from trust lands. *Amends Sec. 6305 of the Public Resources Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2620 Tidelands and submerged lands: granted public trust lands.](#)

**SB 1066 Lieu**

Authorizes state coastal conservancy to address impacts of climate change on resources within its jurisdiction. *Adds Sec. 31113 to the Public Resources Code.* [Bill Text - SB-1066 Coastal resources: climate change.](#)

## Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan

**AB 1255 Pérez**

Awards grants to counties that are not a "plan participant" in the DRECP but have entered into a MOU with CEC agreeing to participate in development of a natural community conservation plan. Includes San Luis Obispo County as a qualified county to receive grants. *Amends Sec. 25619 of the Public Resources Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1255 Energy: renewable energy resources.](#)

## Central Valley & Agriculture

**AB 1886 Chesbro**

Increases fees for aquaculture facilities until January 1, 2018. Includes requirements regarding coordination, fee use and accounting, and reporting to the Legislature on the aquaculture program by February 1, 2017. *Amends several sections of state code.* [Bill Text - AB-1886 Aquaculture.](#)

**AB 1965 Pan**

Requires DWR to release flood plain maps, and additional data on water surface elevation of flooding in urban areas, of the Central Valley. Exempts maps from OAL review and limits DWR liability to reasonable exercise of a ministerial function. *Amends Sec. 65007 of the Government Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1965 Land use.](#)



**AB 2680      Comm. on Ag.**

Makes permanent provisions under the Williamson Act that allow local governments and landowners to withdraw from contracts and enter into new contracts for lot line adjustments to be processed. *Amends Sec. 51257 of the Government Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2680 Agricultural land: Williamson Act: lot line adjustments: contracts.](#)

**SB 1278      Wolk**

Requires local governments in the Central Valley to amend general plans by July 2015 in accordance with Central Valley Flood Protection Plan. Requires local governments to make findings that property in undetermined risk areas have met the urban level of flood protection. Exempts DWR flood plain maps from CEQA and state endangered species act. *Amends Sec. 65302.9, 65860.1 of the Government Code, Sec. 9610 of the Water Code.* [Bill Text - SB-1278 Planning and zoning: flood protection: Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley.](#)

## Schools

**AB 1186      Skinner**

Created the School Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund grant program. *Vetoed.* [Bill Text - AB-1186 School Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act: grants.](#)

**AB 1199      Brownley**

Changes term limits for members of school bond financing citizens' oversight committees from two terms to three terms. *Amends Sec. 15282 of the Education Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1199 School bonds: citizens' oversight committee.](#)

**AB 1915      Alejo**

Expands the Safe Routes to School Program to include projects outside the vicinity of schools that create safe routes to school bus stops. *Amends Sec. 2333.5 of the Streets and Highways Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1915 Safe routes to school.](#)

## High Speed Rail

**AB 16      Perea**

Encourages HSRA to acquire equipment manufactured in California. *Adds Sec. 185036.1 to the Public Utilities Code.* [Bill Text - AB-16 High-Speed Rail Authority.](#)

**AB 1779      Galgiani**

Authorizes Caltrans to enter into an interagency transfer agreement with a joint powers authority for intercity rail service in the San Joaquin Corridor, in anticipation of high-speed rail and increased intercity passenger rail. *Amends several sections of the Government Code relating to transportation.* [Bill Text - AB-1779 Intercity rail agreements.](#)

# Pipelines

## **AB 56**      **Hill**

Prohibits gas companies from passing costs from fines to ratepayers. *Adds several sections to Public Utilities Code.* [Bill Text - AB-56 Gas corporations: rate recovery and expenditure: intrastate pipeline safety.](#)

## **AB 578**      **Hill**

Requires CPUC to adopt NTSB recommendations on pipelines or to provide findings as to why recommendations were not adopted. *Adds Sec. 690 to the Public Utilities Code.* [Bill Text - AB-578 Public utilities: natural gas pipelines: safety.](#)

## **AB 1456**      **Hill**

Requires CPUC to perform pipeline safety analyses. *Adds Sec. 970 to the Public Utilities Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1456 Gas corporations: safety performance metrics: rate incentive program.](#)

## **AB 1511**      **Bradford**

Requires all contracts for the sale of residential real estate after July 1, 2013 to contain a notice of gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. *Adds Sec. 2079.10.5 to the Civil Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1511 Real property: disclosures: transmission pipelines.](#)

## **AB 1650**      **Portantino**

Requires CPUC to set standards for local government emergency preparedness plans and for utilities to adopt these plans. *Adds Sec. 768.6 to the Public Utilities Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1650 Public utilities: emergency and disaster preparedness.](#)

## **AB 1694**      **Fuentes**

Relaxes schedule for inspection of gas & propane pipelines at mobile home parks. *Amends Secs. 4353 and 4453 of the Public Utilities Code.* [Bill Text - AB-1694 Gas pipeline safety inspections.](#)

## **AB 2201**      **Bradford**

Increases civil penalties for interstate pipeline violations under the Elder Calif. Pipeline Safety Act of 1981. *Amends Sec. 51018.6 of the Government Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2201 Elder California Pipeline Safety Act of 1981: civil penalties.](#)

## **AB 2559**      **Buchanan**

Requires local governments to expedite permit approval process for pipeline safety projects. *Adds Section 65963.2 to the Government Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2559 Local government: pipeline projects: approval.](#)

## **AB 2564**      **Ma**

Exempts pipeline safety projects under a mile from CEQA, per specified requirements. *Adds Sec. 21080.21 to the Public Resources Code.* [Bill Text - AB-2564 Environmental quality: pipelines: project applicants.](#)

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