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Index for Acronyms

ARB	California Air Resources Control Board
CAISO	California Independent System Operator
CDPH	California Department of Public Health
CalEPA	California Environmental Protection Agency
Cal/OSHA	Division of Occupational Safety and Health
CalRecycle	California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
CEC	California Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CDE	California Department of Education
CDFA	California Department of Food and Agriculture
CLRRRA	California Land Reuse and Revitalization Act of 2004
CNRA	California Natural Resources Agency
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
CRT	Cathode Ray Tube
CRV	California Redemption Rate
CUPA	Certified Unified Program Agencies
DTSC	Department of Toxic Substances Control
DOGGR	Division of Oil, Gas, & Geothermal Resources
DPH	Department of Public Health
DPR	Department of Pesticide Regulation
DRRR	California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
DUC	Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities
DWR	Department of Water Resources

EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EPS	Emission Performance Standard
GGRF	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund
HHW	Household Hazardous Waste
LEA	Local Enforcement Agency
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
OEHHA	Office of Environmental Health and Hazards Assessment
OES	Office of Emergency Services
OPC	Ocean Protection Council
OPR	Office of Planning and Research
PET, PETE	Polyethylene terephthalate
ppb	parts per billion
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RFP	Request for Proposal
RMDZ	Recycled Markets Development Zone
RPPC	Rigid Plastic Packaging Container
RWQCB	Regional Water Quality Control Board
SCAQMD	South Coast Air Quality Management District
SGC	Strategic Growth Council
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
TPPA	Toxics in Packaging Prevention Act
TWW	Treated Wood Waste
US EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency

VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds
ZEV	Zero Emission Vehicle

California Environmental Quality Act

[SB-122 \(Jackson, Hill\) - California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings.](#)

Requires the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to implement a public database of all environmental documents and notices required by CEQA; and requires a CEQA lead agency, upon request of the project applicant and with consent of the lead agency, to prepare the record of proceeding concurrently with the administrative process and certify the record of proceeding within 30 days after filing notice of determination or approval.

Status: Chapter 476, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 1)

[SB-127 \(Vidak\) - Environmental quality: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.](#)

Establishes CEQA administrative and judicial review procedures for projects funded, wholly or in part, by the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1 Water Bond).

Status: Senate-Died - Rules

[SB-158 \(Huff\) - Transportation projects: comprehensive development lease agreements.](#)

Authorizes the Department of Transportation or a regional transportation agency to enter into a comprehensive development lease on or after January 1, 2017, for a proposed transportation project on the state highway system if a draft EIS or draft EIR for the project was released by the department in March 2015 for public comment.

Status: Senate-Died - Transportation and Housing

[SB-240 \(Stone\) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: renewable energy projects on disturbed land.](#)

Exempts from CEQA specified renewable energy projects of limited duration on disturbed land, as defined, that meet specified requirements.

Status: Senate-Died - Environmental Quality

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (Failed 2 - 5) Sen Environmental Quality - (Reconsideration 7 - 0)

[SB-348 \(Galgiani\) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: railroad crossings.](#)

Extends until 2019 the exemption from CEQA for the closure of a railroad grade crossing by order of CPUC when the CPUC has found the crossing to present a threat to public safety.

Status: Chapter 143, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[SB-389 \(Berryhill\) - Environmental quality: the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act.](#)

Creates the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act and makes several substantial changes to CEQA.

Status: Senate-Died - Environmental Quality

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (Failed 2 - 5) Sen Environmental Quality - (Reconsideration 7 - 0)

[SB-487 \(Nielsen\) - Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions.](#)

Exempts from CEQA the following: the formation of a groundwater sustainability agency, an amendment of a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP), and a project that implements a GSP, except to the extent that the implementation requires the construction of a new facility.

Status: Senate-Died - Environmental Quality

[SB-584 \(Nguyen\) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption.](#)

Exempts from CEQA a project for resurfacing a city or county park and defines "resurfacing" as changing the surface of a field while retaining the original purpose of the park as a recreational facility, including, but not limited to, changing a grass field to a baseball field or an artificial turf field.

Status: Senate-Died - Environmental Quality

[SB-734 \(Galgiani\) - Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011.](#)

Extends the sunset to January 1, 2019 of the expedited CEQA judicial review procedures established by the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act (AB 900, Buchanan and Gordon, Chapter 354, Statutes of 2011).

Status: Chapter 210, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (4 - 1)

SB-1008 (Lara) - California Environmental Quality Act: Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System: exemption.

Exempts from CEQA the design, site acquisition, construction, operation or maintenance of certain structures and equipment of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS), consisting of a long-term evolution broadband mobile data system and a land mobile radio system, if specified criteria are met.

Status: Chapter 588, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 0)

SB-1018 (Liu) - California Environmental Quality Act: State Route 710 North Study.

As heard in this committee, this bill deemed a specified cost-benefit analysis (CBA) prepared for the State Route 710 North Study to be a technical study and requires the CBA to be included in the draft environmental impact report/environmental impact statement (DEIR/DEIS); required the lead agency to consider and respond to comments regarding the CBA submitted during the public comment period for the DEIR/DEIS; and, required the comments on the CBA and the lead agency's responses to be deemed part of the record of proceedings for purposes of CEQA. The bill was subsequently amended to require the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) to hold three public hearings on the CBA prepared for the Interstate 710 North Gap Closure project.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation and Housing

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (Failed 3 - 3) Sen Environmental Quality - (Reconsideration 6 - 0)

SB-1248 (Moorlach) - Environmental quality: judicial challenge: identification of contributors.

Requires a plaintiff or petitioner, in an action brought pursuant to CEQA, to disclose specified information regarding the plaintiff or petitioner in the complaint or petition or in a subsequent notice.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

Sen Environmental Quality - (Failed 2 - 5) Sen Environmental Quality - (Reconsideration 7 - 0)

SB-1277 (Hancock) - California Environmental Quality Act: supplemental environmental impact report: City of Oakland: coal shipment.

Requires a public agency with discretionary authority over the Bulk and Oversized Terminal project, located in the former Oakland Army Base, to prepare or cause to be prepared a supplemental EIR to consider and mitigate the shipment of coal through the terminal.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

SB-1278 (Hancock) - California Environmental Quality Act: Port of Oakland: coal shipment.

Requires every public agency with discretionary approval of any portion of a project relating to the shipment of coal through the Port of Oakland to prepare or cause to prepare an EIR.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation and Housing

SB-1280 (Hancock) - California Environmental Quality Act: coal shipments: mitigation.

Requires, for any project receiving Trade Corridor Improvement Fund moneys, either a ban on coal shipment or full mitigation of the coal shipment.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation and Housing

SB-1415 (Bates) - California Environmental Quality Act: local water projects: exemption.

As first heard in this committee, this bill exempted drought mitigation projects, as specified. The bill was heard a second time in this committee and amended to require an early consultation and scoping process for specified local water projects and requires the lead agency to provide notice of at least one scoping meeting to receive public comments.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

SB-1440 (Cannella) - Environmental quality: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

Requires a lead agency, in certifying the EIR and in granting approvals for certain water storage projects funded by Proposition 1, to comply with specified procedures.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

AB-157 (Levine) - Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

Authorizes, to the extent possible, environmental review to be completed concurrently with the design work for a project re-opening a third lane to vehicle traffic in the eastbound direction and to bicycle traffic in the westbound direction on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

Status: Chapter 393, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

[AB-291 \(Atkins, Gonzalez\) - California Environmental Quality Act: local agencies: notice of determination: water.](#)

As proposed to be heard in this committee, this bill established an alternative and optional procedure for filing a Notice of Determination for a local agency water project relating to water rights; conjunctive use of surface water and groundwater supplies; or, change in the point of discharge, place of use, or purpose of use. The bill was subsequently amended to ratify a Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the State of California and the Barona Band of Mission Indians which was executed on June 22, 2016.

Status: Chapter 284, Statutes of 2016

[AB-323 \(Olsen\) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: roadway improvement.](#)

Extends the January 1, 2016 sunset date to January 1, 2020, on an exemption from CEQA for projects to repair, maintain, and make minor alterations to existing roadways under specified conditions.

Status: Chapter 52, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-779 \(Cristina Garcia\) - Environmental quality: transit priority areas.](#)

As proposed to be heard in this committee, this bill authorized OPR to determine, for the purposes of a CEQA environmental review, that transportation impacts from residential and mixed-use projects in transit priority areas do not meet the threshold of "significant." This bill was amended and removed the bill from this committee's jurisdiction. Ultimately, the bill was amended to require cities, counties, and special districts to compile compensation information about their elected officials and post it on their websites.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

[AB-1500 \(Atkins\) - California Environmental Quality Act: priority housing projects: exemption.](#)

As proposed to be heard in this committee, this bill provided that if a local government elects to identify supportive or transitional housing developments in their housing element, then the development will be allowed as a permitted use without a conditional use or other discretionary permit. This bill was subsequently amended out of the jurisdiction of this committee to authorize portions of State Route 75 to be relinquished in San Diego County, under certain terms and conditions.

Status: Chapter 398, Statutes of 2016

AB-1749 (Mathis) - California Environmental Quality Act: City of Porterville.

As originally heard in this committee, this bill exempted from CEQA a water treatment project determined by the City of Porterville as the best option based on a feasibility study regarding long-term solutions to water supply issues in the unincorporated area known as East Porterville. This bill was amended to establish special administrative and judicial review procedures under CEQA for the City of Porterville's project related to water treatment facilities and recycled water.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (Failed 3 - 3) Sen Environmental Quality - (Reconsideration 6 - 0)
Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

AB-1886 (McCarty) - California Environmental Quality Act: transit priority projects.

For a transit priority project to meet the requirement for an abbreviated review under the Sustainable Communities Strategy provisions of CEQA, revises the definition of "transit priority project" by increasing the percentage, from 25% to 50%, of the project area that may be farther than one-half mile from a major transit stop or high-quality transit corridor.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

AB-2438 (Waldron, Nazarian) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: recycled water pipelines.

Exempts from review under CEQA a project of less than eight miles in length within a public street, highway, or right-of-way for the construction and installation of a new, recycled water pipeline, or maintenance, repair, restoration, reconditioning, relocation, replacement, removal, or demolition of an existing recycled water pipeline.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (Failed 2 - 3) Sen Environmental Quality - (Reconsideration 6 - 0)

Hazardous Waste and Materials

SB-47 (Hill) - Environmental health: synthetic turf.

Requires OEHHA, by July 1, 2017, in consultation with CalRecycle, DPH, and DTSC, to prepare and provide to the Legislature and post on the office's Internet Web site a study analyzing synthetic turf, as defined, for potential adverse health impacts. Requires the study to include certain information, including a hazard analysis of individual, synergistic, and cumulative exposures to the chemicals that may be found in synthetic turf, as provided. Prohibits a public or private school or local government, until January 1, 2018, from installing, or contracting for the installation of, a new field or playground surface made from synthetic turf within the boundaries of a public or private school or public recreational park, as provided.

Status: Senate-Died - Education

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 0)

SB-162 (Galgiani) - Treated wood waste: disposal.

Extends the sunset date to January 1, 2020 for alternative management standards (established by DTSC) in place of hazardous waste disposal of treated wood waste (TWW), allowing it to be disposed of in a Class II or III landfill so long as the alternative management standards are followed.

Status: Chapter 351, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (Failed 3 - 3) Sen Environmental Quality - (Reconsideration 7 - 0)
Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

SB-225 (Wieckowski) - Medical waste.

Makes clarifying and technical amendments to the Medical Waste Management Act.

Status: Chapter 352, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

SB-423 (Bates) - Retail nonprescription surplus products: determinations for reuse.

Requires DTSC to convene a Retail Waste Working Group to identify regulatory and policy directives that need clarification for managing consumer products, and adopt consensus recommendations for waste reduction opportunities.

Status: Chapter 771, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

SB-489 (Monning) - Hazardous waste: photovoltaic modules.

Authorizes photovoltaic modules (known as solar panels) to be managed as universal waste.

Status: Chapter 419, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

SB-612 (Jackson) - Hazardous materials.

Modifies the statute related to CUPA administration to clarify the provisions of the Health and Safety Code related to CUPAs to provide consistent interpretation of the statute statewide.

Status: Chapter 452, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[SB-625 \(Galgiani\) - Waste management: synthetic plastic microbeads.](#)

Prohibits, on and after January 1, 2020, a person, as defined, from selling or offering for promotional purposes in this state a personal care product containing synthetic plastic microbeads, as specified.

Status: Senate-Died - Environmental Quality

[SB-654 \(Jackson\) - Hazardous waste: facilities permitting.](#)

Revises DTSC's permitting process and public participation requirements for hazardous waste facilities. This bill was subsequently amended to address issues related to employment practices.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

[SB-673 \(Lara\) - Hazardous waste.](#)

Revises DTSC's permitting process and public participation requirements for hazardous waste facilities.

Status: Chapter 611, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

[SB-718 \(Leno, Hancock\) - Hazardous Materials Response and Restoration Subaccount.](#)

Authorizes a loan from the Oil Spill Response Trust Fund of up to \$500,000 annually for the purpose of reimbursing organizations providing wildlife injured by non-petroleum spills.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 1)

[SB-751 \(de León\) - Hazardous waste: research programs.](#)

Requires DTSC to make this information on research programs available in at least 3 languages, including English, Spanish, and Chinese

Status: Senate-Died - Environmental Quality

[SB-763 \(Leno\) - Juvenile products: flame retardant chemicals.](#)

Requires a manufacturer of juvenile products to indicate whether or not a product contains added flame retardant chemicals, by including a specified statement and other requirements as specified. The bill was subsequently amended regarding medical professionals: probation, and authored by Hill.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Rules

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

SB-778 (Allen) - Automotive oil source reduction.

As heard in this committee, this bill required all automotive oil sold in this state be certified by the oil manufacturer to achieve a minimum useful life of 10,000 miles on and after January 1, 2018. This bill was subsequently amended out of the jurisdiction of this committee to require an automotive repair dealer who performs oil change services to use the manufacturer's published oil drain schedule, except as specified, when recommending an oil change to a customer.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (4 - 1)

SB-820 (Hertzberg) - Hazardous materials: California Land Reuse and Revitalization Act of 2004.

Extends the sunset date for the California Land Reuse and Revitalization Act of 2004 (CLRRA) to January 1, 2027, and makes corresponding changes to provide continued immunity after the repeal of CLRRA.

Status: Chapter 166, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

SB-1073 (Monning) - Residential housing: lead-based paint.

Requires DPH to update regulations governing lead-related construction work to conform to the federal Environmental Protection Agency's Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule or to be more stringent, as specified. This bill was subsequently amended to address issues related to the state's Earned Income Tax Credit.

Status: Chapter 722, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

SB-1083 (Allen) - California oil spill contingency plan.

Requires a communications element to be developed by the administrator and included in the California oil spill contingency plan.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

SB-1147 (Galgiani) - Hazardous materials: aboveground storage tanks.

Prohibits a city, county, or city and county from enforcing standards for aboveground storage tanks that are more stringent than state or federal standards for aboveground storage tanks unless the city, county, or city and county first adopts an ordinance establishing those standards.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[SB-1229 \(Jackson, Stone\) - Home-generated pharmaceutical waste: secure drug take-back bins.](#)

Provides certain collectors that are authorized under federal law to engage in drug take-back collection with limited protection from civil and criminal liability (or “qualified immunity”) for any injury or harm that results from a collector maintaining a secure drug take-back bin on its premises, provided that the collector, not for compensation, acts in good faith to take specified steps to ensure the health and safety of consumers and employees and the proper disposal of the home-generated pharmaceutical waste contained in the secure drug take-back bin. This qualified immunity shall not apply in the case of personal injury or wrongful death which results from the collector’s gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct in maintaining a secure drug take-back bin. Due to subsequent amendments, the committee waived hearing the bill.

Status: Chapter 238, Statutes of 2016

[SB-1325 \(de León\) - Hazardous waste: facilities: postclosure plans.](#)

Requires DTSC to, on or before January 1, 2018, adopt regulations to impose post-closure plan requirements on the owner or operator of a hazardous waste facility through the issuance of an enforcement order, an enforceable agreement, or a post-closure permit and deletes a January 1, 2009 sunset date which authorized DTSC to impose postclosure plan requirements through an enforcement order or an enforceable agreement.

Status: Chapter 676, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 0)

[AB-45 \(Mullin\) - Household hazardous waste.](#)

Requires CalRecycle, in consultation with affected industries, to adopt one or more model ordinances for a comprehensive program for the collection of HHW for adoption by a local jurisdiction that provides for the residential collection and disposal of solid waste; authorizes a local jurisdiction that proposes to enact an ordinance governing the collection and diversion of HHW may adopt one of the model ordinances after CalRecycle has posted the model ordinances on its Internet Web site; expands the definition of HHW, for the purposes of this section, to include sharps and pharmaceutical waste, requires CalRecycle to determine if an appropriate nonprofit organization has been created and funded to make grants to local governments for specified activities relating to HHW programs and requires CalRecycle to consider a list of factors in making the determination about the nonprofit organization.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

AB-273 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) - Hazardous waste and substances: corrective action: liability.

Increases the interest rate accrued on monetary obligations owed to DTSC.

Status: Chapter 456, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

AB-274 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) - Oversight costs: uncollectible accounts.

Authorizes DTSC to not pursue specified uncollected invoices.

Status: Chapter 457, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

AB-275 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) - Hazardous substances: liability recovery actions.

Revises the statute of limitations on cost recovery that DTSC may pursue.

Status: Chapter 458, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 1)

AB-276 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) - Department of Toxic Substances Control: response actions: cleanup ability information.

Authorizes DTSC to require financial information from specified entities.

Status: Chapter 459, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

AB-628 (Bloom) - Used oil.

Expands the definition of "used oil" by providing that synthetic oil can be "from any source."

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

AB-649 (Patterson) - Medical waste: law enforcement drug takeback programs.

Requires DPH to evaluate and approve an alternative medical waste treatment method that is designed to treat pharmaceutical waste by June 1, 2017, and would limit the use of such a technology by a law enforcement agency.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

AB-888 (Bloom) - Waste management: plastic microbeads.

Prohibits the sale of personal care products that contain plastic microbeads on and after January 1, 2020.

Status: Chapter 594, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 1)

AB-1075 (Alejo) - Hazardous waste: enforcement.

Establishes standards for what constitutes a repeat serious hazardous waste facility violation and specifies the enforcement or permit revocation action to be taken by DTSC.

Status: Chapter 460, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 0)

AB-1102 (Santiago) - Hazardous waste facilities: inspections.

Sets minimum inspection frequencies for DTSC for hazardous waste permitted facilities and provides that if DTSC requires additional staff to conduct inspections, the Legislature intends to increase the facility fee to cover these regulatory costs.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

AB-1205 (Gomez) - Hazardous waste: facilities permitting.

As amended on June 20, 2016, requires DTSC, within 90 days of receiving a renewal application for a hazardous waste facilities permit, to hold a public meeting for specified purposes in or near the community in which the hazardous waste facility is located and requires DTSC review the financial assurances required to operate a hazardous waste facility at least once every five years. If DTSC's review finds the financial assurances for a facility to be inadequate, the bill would require DTSC to notify the owner or operator of the facility and would require the owner or operator to update and adopt adequate financial assurances within 90 days.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

AB-1400 (Santiago) - Hazardous waste: facilities permitting.

Requires DTSC, as a condition for a new hazardous waste facilities permit or a renewal of a hazardous waste facilities permit, to require a facility operator to install monitoring devices or other equipment at the fence line of the facility to monitor for potential releases from the facility into the surrounding community, except as specified; requires DTSC to grant such a request from a member of the public for a technical assistance grant for the purpose of getting assistance relating to, and information about, a pending hazardous waste facilities permit if DTSC receives the request within one year of the submission of the applicable hazardous waste facilities permit application, and would authorize DTSC, in its discretion, to grant such a request received more than one year from the submission of the applicable permit application; requires the permit applicant to fund the grants, and requires DTSC, upon receipt of an

application for a new hazardous waste facilities permit or for a renewal of a hazardous waste facilities permit, to post on its Internet Web site that the application has been received, and to include with this information a description of the process for applying for a technical assistance grant.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

[AB-1420 \(Salas\) - Oil and gas: pipelines.](#)

Requires a local health officer to take specified actions when there is a leak in a gas pipeline and requires DOGGR to review its gas pipeline regulations and update them, if needed.

Status: Chapter 601, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-1435 \(Alejo\) - Hazardous waste: toxics: packaging.](#)

Provides a permanent exemption from TPPA for glass beverage, food or drink containers. In doing so, the bill allows lead, cadmium, mercury or hexavalent chromium at any level in glass food containers and also exempts manufacturers and suppliers from preparing, retaining and updating the documentation required under TPPA.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-1776 \(Oberholte\) - Hazardous waste: disposal: exemption.](#)

Excludes contaminated soil from an outdoor shooting range or military small arms range from the state's disposal requirements for hazardous waste until such a time that DTSC adopts regulations for the alternative management of lead containing soil at shooting ranges. This bill was subsequently amended to deal with court transcripts.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Rules

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-1903 \(Wilk\) - Aliso Canyon gas leak: health impact study.](#)

Requires the CPUC to authorize OEHHA to study the long-term health impacts of the natural gas leak at the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility if funding is available. Due to subsequent amendments, the committee waived hearing the bill.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

[AB-1904 \(Wilk\) - Hazardous materials: natural gas odorants.](#)

Requires OEHHA to assess the health and environmental dangers posed by odorants used in natural gas, and to submit a report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2019.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-2125 \(Chiu\) - Healthy Nail Salon Recognition Program.](#)

Requires DTSC to publish guidelines for a Healthy Nail Salon Recognition (HNSR) Program, which will be voluntarily implemented at the local level, and specifies components that may be required in the program.

Status: Chapter 564, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-2153 \(Cristina Garcia\) - The Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Act of 2016.](#)

Establishes new fees on lead-acid batteries to fund contamination cleanup caused by lead-acid batteries, as specified.

Status: Chapter 666, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 1)

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2) = 29.10 Hearing

[AB-2748 \(Gatto\) - Environmental disaster: release of claims: statute of limitations: attorneys' fees.](#)

Enacts the following with regard to claims relating to environmental disasters that have occurred at Southern California Gas Company's Aliso Canyon gas storage facility or surrounding the Exide Technologies facility in the City of Vernon: (1) partial or interim payments or reimbursements, as defined, would not release any responsible polluter or agent from liability for a claim, and may not be made on condition of securing a release of liability, but may be credited against such liability; (2) temporary or final settlements made in connection with a claim would not release liability for any claim unknown at the time of settlement, or that occurs after settlement, or that is unrelated to the environmental disaster; (3) establishes a three-year statute of limitation for civil actions for injury or illness based upon exposure to a hazardous material or toxic substance, as specified; and (4) authorizes the court to award attorney fees to a prevailing plaintiff in any action for private nuisance against an environmental polluter, as specified.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

[AB-2891 \(Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials\) - Hazardous waste: funding.](#)

Revises and updates the annual appropriation requirements for funding federal hazardous waste cleanup requirements.

Status: Chapter 704, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

Air Quality/Climate Change

[SB-1 \(Gaines\) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: exemption.](#)

Exempts transportation fuels from ARB's cap-and-trade program until December 31, 2024.

Status: Senate-Died - Environmental Quality

[SB-5 \(Vidak\) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: exemption.](#)

Exempts fuels from ARB's cap-and-trade program.

Status: Senate-Died - Environmental Quality

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (Failed 2 - 5)

Sen Environmental Quality - (Reconsideration 0 - 7)

[SB-9 \(Beall\) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program.](#)

This bill modifies the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, funded through cap-and-trade auction revenues, to focus on transformative capital rail and transit system improvements.

Status: Chapter 710, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[SB-20 \(Pavley\) - Wells: reports: public availability.](#)

Establishes the Low Carbon Fuels Council to coordinate state agencies' activities that are related to the acceleration and development of the instate production of low carbon fuels.

This bill was subsequently amended to Low Carbon Fuels Council.

Status: Assembly-In Floor Process

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

[SB-32 \(Pavley\) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emissions limit.](#)

Requires ARB to ensure that statewide greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to at least 40% below the 1990 level by 2030.

Status: Chapter 249, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

SB-40 (Gaines) - Air Quality Improvement Program: vehicle rebates.

Requires incentives for qualifying battery-electric passenger vehicles under ARB's California Vehicle Rebate Project be limited to vehicles under \$40,000.

Status: Senate-Died - Transportation and Housing

SB-180 (Jackson) - Electricity: emissions of greenhouse gases.

Requires CEC and CPUC to set new greenhouse gas emission performance standards for power plants, and prohibits utilities from renewing, or entering into new contracts unless the generation meets those standards.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

SB-189 (Hueso) - Clean Energy and Low-Carbon Economic and Jobs Growth Blue Ribbon Committee.

Creates the Clean Energy and Low-Carbon Economic and Jobs Growth Blue Ribbon Committee to advise state agencies on how to spend clean energy and greenhouse-gas reduction moneys to maximize job growth and economic development.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 1)

SB-206 (Gaines) - Vehicle information systems.

Prohibits ARB from obtaining locational data from a vehicle information system.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 1)

SB-207 (Wieckowski) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

Requires GGRF expenditure records to be published on the websites of the Air Resources Board, and the agency expending the money, prior to expending the appropriated GGRF moneys.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Natural Resources

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

SB-246 (Wieckowski) - Climate Action Team.

Establishes the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program within OPR to coordinate state, regional, and local adaptation efforts and to amend the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act provisions for the SGC to allow for informal, non-decisionmaking staff communications.

Status: Chapter 606, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

SB-350 (de León, Leno) - Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015.

Enacts the "Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015," which establishes targets to increase retail sales of renewable electricity to 50% by 2030 and double the energy efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas end uses by 2030.

Status: Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

SB-367 (Wolk) - Agricultural lands: greenhouse gases.

Establishes a \$25 million grant fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature from the GGRF, for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from agricultural operations.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

SB-379 (Jackson) - Land use: general plan: safety element.

Requires local jurisdictions, upon the next revision of the housing element, to review and update the safety element of the general plan, as specified, to address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies applicable to the city or county. This bill was subsequently amended so that the trigger for updating the safety element is the next revision of a local hazard mitigation plan.

Status: Chapter 608, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 0)

SB-398 (Leyva) - Green Assistance Program.

Establishes the Green Assistance Program (GAP), administered through the Secretary for Environmental Protection, to provide technical assistance to small businesses, small nonprofits, and disadvantaged communities in applying for moneys from the GGRF, and to conduct outreach activities to inform eligible applicants of the program. This bill was subsequently amended to remove assistance during the application and submission process as one of the program parts that may be included.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 1)

[SB-400 \(Lara\) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.](#)

Requires the High-Speed Rail Authority to allocate at least 25% of the cap-and-trade revenues received by the authority for projects to reduce or offset greenhouse gas emissions generated by construction of the high-speed rail project and prioritizes projects that are located in extreme non-attainment areas.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[SB-471 \(Pavley\) - Water, energy, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions: planning.](#)

Specifies that reductions of greenhouse gas emissions associated with the water sector are eligible investments from the GGRF. This bill also requires CEC to study water-related energy use in California and requires SWRCB to develop a grant and loan program to fund projects that result in water-related greenhouse gas emission reductions.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[SB-506 \(Fuller\) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: scoping plan.](#)

As introduced, this bill requires ARB, in developing the scoping plan, to take into account the environmental benefits of renewable electrical generation facilities. The bill was subsequently amended out of the jurisdiction of the committee to address military and aerospace support.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[SB-513 \(Beall\) - Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program: fees.](#)

Makes several modifications to the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program and local air district AB 923 incentive programs.

Status: Chapter 610, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[SB-523 \(McGuire\) - Schoolbus replacement.](#)

Creates a program to fund schoolbus replacements, administered by the California Department of Education, in consultation with ARB and funded through the GGRF, for rural and disadvantaged populations.

Status: Senate-Died - Environmental Quality

SB-687 (Allen) - Renewable gas standard.

Requires ARB to develop a carbon-based renewable gas standard that requires each gas seller to provide specified percentages of renewable gas to retail end-use customers.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

SB-698 (Cannella) - Active Transportation Program: school zone safety projects.

Continuously appropriates an unspecified percentage of GGRF moneys to the State Transportation Fund to fund school zone safety projects within the Active Transportation Program.

Status: Senate-Died - Environmental Quality

SB-706 (Pavley) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: alternative fuels.

Requires that GGRF moneys be available to encourage the in-state production of alternative fuels with low-carbon intensity from new and existing facilities using sustainable feedstock, with preference given to disadvantaged communities.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

SB-758 (Block) - Atmospheric Rivers Research and Mitigation Program, and Climate Forecasting Program.

Establishes the Atmospheric Rivers Research and Mitigation Fund in the State Treasury for the purposes of funding research, demonstration, and development of an atmospheric rivers program to mitigate the effects of climate change associated with atmospheric rivers. The bill was subsequently amended out of the committee to address the impact of atmospheric rivers on water storage and flood control.

Status: Chapter 682, Statutes of 2015

SB-760 (Mendoza) - Disadvantaged Community Enhancement Act of 2015.

Requires SGC to develop and implement the Disadvantaged Community Enhancement Program, funded through the GGRF, to award grants to disadvantaged communities to facilitate projects for community enhancement improvements that provide multiple environmental benefits. The bill was subsequently amended out of the committee's jurisdiction to prioritize specified projects funded through the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 0)

[SB-887 \(Pavley\) - Natural gas storage wells.](#)

Requires the establishment of new procedures and standards for DOGGR, ARB, and well operators for the inspection, evaluation, and monitoring of natural gas storage wells, and the public reporting of monitoring data and changes in operations. CPUC is also required to ensure, when a new gas storage facility is proposed, that a peer-reviewed risk assessment of potential impacts from facility leaks to public and environmental health, safety, and welfare is conducted and reported to the Legislature.

Status: Chapter 673, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 1)

[SB-951 \(McGuire\) - Transportation: Golden State Patriot Passes Program.](#)

Establishes the Golden State Patriots Passes Act, implemented by CalTrans and funded through the GGRF, to provide free transit services to veterans.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[SB-970 \(Leyva\) - Organic food waste diversion.](#)

Requires CalRecycle, in awarding a grant for organics composting or anaerobic digestion projects funded with AB 32 cap-and-trade revenues (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund) to consider specified factors; and authorizes CalRecycle to provide larger grant awards for large-scale regional projects.

Status: Chapter 365, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[SB-1030 \(McGuire\) - Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority.](#)

Repeals the sunset date and thereby extends indefinitely the authority for the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority to develop, coordinate, and implement programs and policies, in cooperation with local agencies that elect to participate within the County of Sonoma, to comply with state and federal mandates and programs designed to respond to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.

Status: Chapter 151, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

[SB-1043 \(Allen\) - Renewable gas: biogas and biomethane.](#)

Requires ARB to consider and, as appropriate, adopt policies to increase the sustainable production and use of biogas.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 1)

[SB-1153 \(Cannella\) - Greenhouse gases: scoping plan: biomethane.](#)

Requires ARB to provide an overview of biomethane, including its role in meeting state's climate goals, cost-effectiveness, barriers to use, and ways to overcome barriers in the next AB 32 Scoping Plan update.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[SB-1161 \(Allen\) - Statutes of limitation: California Climate Science Truth and Accountability Act of 2016.](#)

For actions brought by the Attorney General or a district attorney, revives an action for unfair competition with respect to scientific evidence regarding the existence, extent, or current or future impacts of anthropogenic-induced climate change that is time barred as of January 1, 2017, and authorizes the action to be brought within four years of that date.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

[SB-1213 \(Wieckowski\) - Renewable energy: biosolids: matching grants.](#)

Establishes the Biosolids to Clean Energy Program, administered by CEC and funded through a \$20 million continuous appropriation of the GGRF.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

[SB-1301 \(Hertzberg\) - Natural gas: greenhouse gas allowance: allocation.](#)

Authorizes CPUC to require up to 25% of revenues received by a gas corporation as a result of the direct allocation of greenhouse gas allowances to natural gas suppliers to be used for clean energy and energy efficiency projects or programs approved by the CPUC.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

[SB-1350 \(Wolk\) - Agricultural lands: greenhouse gases: Healthy Soils Program.](#)

Requires CDFA, in consultation with the Environmental Farming Scientific Advisory Panel, to establish and oversee a Healthy Soils Program that provides incentives and educational materials and outreach to farmers whose management practices contribute to healthful soils and result in net long-term on-farm greenhouse gas benefits.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

[SB-1383 \(Lara\) - Short-lived climate pollutants: methane emissions: organic waste: landfills.](#)

Requires ARB to approve and implement the comprehensive short-lived climate pollutant strategy to achieve, from 2013 levels, a 40% reduction in methane, a 40% reduction in hydrofluorocarbon gases, and a 50% reduction in anthropogenic black carbon, by 2030, and contains various requirements for emissions reductions from methane from the waste and agricultural sectors.

Status: Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (4 - 2)

[SB-1386 \(Wolk\) - Resource conservation: working and natural lands.](#)

Codifies language about the importance of protecting and managing natural and working lands to the state's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and directs state agencies to consider this importance when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations, expenditures, or grant criteria relating to the protection and management of natural and working lands.

Status: Chapter 545, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

[SB-1402 \(Pavley\) - Low-carbon fuels.](#)

Creates the California Low-Carbon Fuels Incentive Program, to be administered by ARB, in conjunction with CEC, funded through the GGRF, to provide incentives for the in-state production of low-carbon transportation fuels from new and existing facilities using sustainable feedstock.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (4 - 0)

[SB-1405 \(Pavley\) - Zero-emission vehicles: transportation systems.](#)

Requires ARB to revise its zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) standards regulation to expand the definition of transportation systems eligible for ZEV credits, as specified, and requires ARB to conduct a study on the feasibility of providing grants to transit operators for subsidized services for disadvantaged communities using ZEVs.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[SB-1425 \(Pavley\) - Water-energy nexus registry.](#)

Requires CalEPA to develop and administer a registry of greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the water-energy nexus using the best available data.

Status: Chapter 596, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 0)

[SB-1441 \(Leno, Pavley\) - Natural gas: methane emissions.](#)

Prohibits, to the extent feasible, CPUC from allowing gas corporations to seek or receive cost recovery from ratepayers for the value of natural gas lost to the atmosphere from certain natural gas facilities when establishing rates in an individual rulemaking proceeding or in general rate cases. As introduced, the bill also required methane emissions reductions of 40% from 2012 levels by 2025 from natural gas used in the state, including imports. Those provisions were subsequently amended out of the bill.

Status: Assembly-In Floor Process

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

[SB-1453 \(de León\) - Electrical generation: greenhouse gases emission performance standard.](#)

Eliminates the ability of an electrical corporation that provides electricity service to 75,000 or fewer California customers to file a proposal with CPUC for alternative compliance with the state's greenhouse gas emission performance standard (EPS). Requires the CPUC to review any capital expenditure proposed by an electrical corporation for baseload generation that does not comply with the state's GHG EPS and prohibits the CPUC from allowing those costs to be recovered in specified circumstances.

Status: Assembly-In Floor Process

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 1)

[SB-1464 \(de León\) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: greenhouse gas emissions reduction.](#)

Requires that the GGRF Investment Plan include additional assessments and recommended metrics for proposed investments.

Status: Chapter 679, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[SR-37 \(de León\) - Relative to public resources.](#)

Makes findings on the 2015 Papal Encyclical, which discusses climate change, and resolves that the Legislature, executive branch, and Congress and President Obama, all consider the policy implications of the encyclical.

Status: Senate-Passed

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

[AB-21 \(Wood, Bonta, Cooley, Jones-Sawyer, Lackey\) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: scoping plan.](#)

Adds “energy efficiency”, and the “facilitation of the electrification of the transportation sector” to the list of energy-related matters that ARB is supposed to consult on with other agencies in developing the AB 32 Scoping Plan updates. This bill was subsequently amended to address medical marijuana cultivation licenses.

Status: Chapter 1, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-33 \(Quirk\) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Energy Sector Emissions Reduction Advisory Council.](#)

Establishes a council, consisting of heads of CEC, CPUC, CAISO, ARB and SWRCB, to provide recommendations to ARB on how to best integrate renewable energy resources for incorporation into the next AB 32 scoping plan update. The bill was subsequently amended out of the committee's jurisdiction to require CPUC to evaluate and analyze the potential for all types of long duration bulk energy storage resources to help integrate renewable generation into the electrical grid.

Status: Chapter 680, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-156 \(McCarty\) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: disadvantaged communities.](#)

Requires the ARB to prepare and post a report on those projects benefiting disadvantaged communities funded through the GGRF. The bill also requires that the state's 3-year investment plan allocate GGRF moneys to ARB to establish and implement a comprehensive technical assistance program for eligible applicants assisting disadvantaged and low-income communities, as specified. This bill was subsequently amended to address ammunition issues.

Status: Assembly-In Floor Process

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 1)

[AB-450 \(McCarty\) - Greenhouse gas: energy efficiency: financing.](#)

Authorizes the use of GGRF moneys for the Property Assessed Clean Energy Loss Reserve Program, financed through the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation

Financing Authority. This bill was subsequently amended out of the committee's jurisdiction to a bill relating to firearms.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

[AB-577 \(Bonilla\) - Biomethane: grant program.](#)

Establishes a program, funded through GGRF moneys and administered by the CEC, to provide grants for the production, collection, and purification of biomethane.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Rules

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-590 \(Dahle, Salas\) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.](#)

Authorizes the use of GGRF moneys for monthly incentive payments administered by the CEC to maintain the current level of biomass power generation and geothermal power generation in the state and to revitalize idle facilities in certain regions.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-678 \(O'Donnell\) - Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Reductions Ports Program.](#)

Establishes the Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Reductions Ports Program, administered by ARB and CEC, and funded through the GGRF, for projects that reduce electrical grid demand at ports and reduce air emissions through near-zero and zero-emission vehicles and equipment.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-692 \(Quirk\) - Low-carbon transportation fuels.](#)

Requires, beginning January 1, 2017, that 3% of the aggregate amount of transportation fuel purchased by state agencies be procured from very low-carbon fuel sources, and incrementally increases the percentage to 10% by 2024.

Status: Chapter 588, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

[AB-761 \(Levine\) - Carbon sequestration: working lands.](#)

Requires CDFA to establish a grant program to fund projects on working lands that increase carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-857 \(Cooper\) - California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program.](#)

Revises the Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program to require the greater of 50% or \$100 million of the funds appropriated between January 2, 2018 and January 1, 2023 for development of a broad range of medium- and heavy-duty truck technology be allocated instead to support commercial deployment of existing heavy-duty truck technology that meets specified low NOx emission standards. This bill was subsequently amended to deal with firearms.

Status: Chapter 60, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

[AB-904 \(Perea\) - Air Quality Improvement Program: Clean Reused Vehicle Rebate Project.](#)

Requires the ARB to establish a Clean Reused Vehicle Rebate Project within the Air Quality Improvement Program by July 1, 2017, to provide rebates or incentives for eligible consumers for the acquisition of used clean vehicles, or for extended warranties or batteries and related components for eligible used vehicles.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Rules

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 1)

[AB-1030 \(Ridley-Thomas\) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.](#)

Requires that the spending of GGRF moneys for projects that involve hiring be prioritized for projects that support targeted training and hiring of workers from disadvantaged communities for career-track jobs.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

[AB-1176 \(Perea\) - Vehicular air pollution.](#)

Creates the Advanced Low-Carbon Diesel Fuels Access Program to provide capital assistance for projects that expand advanced low-carbon diesel fueling infrastructure in communities that are disproportionately impacted by environmental health hazards and where the greatest air quality impacts can be identified. This bill was subsequently amended to address theft of a firearm.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

AB-1288 (Atkins) - Air resources.

Expands the membership of ARB from 12 to 14 members, and requires that those members be persons who work directly with pollution-burdened and vulnerable communities.

Status: Chapter 586, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

AB-1393 (Burke) - California Pollution Control Financing Authority.

Expands the statutory authority of the California Pollution Control Financing Authority (CPCFA) to participate in alternative funding source programs, as specified. This bill was withdrawn from the committee.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

AB-1482 (Gordon) - Climate adaptation.

Requires the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) to work with specified state agencies to update the state's climate adaptation strategy, the Safeguarding California Plan (Plan), every 3 years, as specified; assess and coordinate opportunities, including funding, across all state agencies for adaptation with the aid of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC); and coordinate with the SGC to maximize specified objectives for climate adaptation efforts. This bill was subsequently amended to require that the CNRA release a draft of the Plan for public comment; remove the requirements to identify funding opportunities; and expand the duties of the SGC to identify and review the activities and funding programs of all state agencies, not only member agencies, to coordinate objectives to meet the goals of the Plan.

Status: Chapter 603, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 1)

AB-1496 (Thurmond) - Methane emissions.

Requires ARB to perform specified actions relating to methane, including monitoring high-emission methane hot-spots in the state.

Status: Chapter 604, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 1)

AB-1685 (Gomez) - Vehicular air pollution: civil penalties.

Increases from \$500 to \$37,500, with adjustments thereafter for inflation, the maximum civil penalty that may be imposed per action by ARB upon a person who violates emissions control orders, rules, or regulations pursuant to California's Vehicular Air Pollution Control statute.

This bill provides certain exceptions to the increased maximum civil penalty, including violations involving portable fuel containers or small off-road engines, and provides that automobile dealers who violate specified provisions of the statute shall be subject to a maximum civil penalty of \$10,000.

Status: Chapter 604, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (4 - 2)

AB-2170 (Frazier) - Trade Corridors Improvement Fund: federal funds.

Establishes procedures for the allocation of freight funding under the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act through the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund program.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

AB-2206 (Williams) - Renewable gas.

Requires ARB, in coordination with the CPUC and CEC, to adopt policies to significantly increase the sustainable production and use of "renewable gas." This bill was withdrawn from the committee.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Rules

AB-2222 (Holden) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Transit Pass Program.

Establishes the Transit Pass Program, administered by the Department of Transportation, upon appropriation of funding by the Legislature, to provide transit agencies with funding to support transit pass programs that provide free or reduced-fare transit passes to low-income middle school, high school, and college students, as specified.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

AB-2564 (Cooper) - Air Quality Improvement Program: Clean Vehicle Rebate Project.

Sets income eligibility caps for receiving a rebate through the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (Failed 0 - 2) Sen Environmental Quality - (Reconsideration 6 - 0)

AB-2653 (Eduardo Garcia, Eggman, Cristina Garcia, Gomez) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: report.

Requires the annual report submitted by the Department of Finance on projects funded through the GGRF to include specified additional information related to jobs and business.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

[AB-2722 \(Burke, Arambula, Rodriguez\) - Transformative Climate Communities Program.](#)

Establishes the Transformative Climate Communities Program, administered by SGC, to fund the development and implementation of neighborhood-level transformative climate community plans.

Status: Chapter 371, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

[AB-2783 \(Eduardo Garcia, Eggman, Cristina Garcia, Gomez, Steinorth\) - Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program.](#)

Requires the Strategic Growth Council to consider revisions to the guidelines and selection criteria for affordable housing projects that qualify for funding under the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program for a rural innovation project area (RIPA).

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (Failed 2 - 3) Sen Environmental Quality - (Reconsideration 6 - 0)

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

Requires state agencies to take into account the current and future impacts of climate change when planning, designing, building, operating, maintaining and investing in state infrastructure, and establishes a working group of scientists, engineers, and architects to examine and report back to the Legislature how to integrate projected climate change impacts into state infrastructure engineering.

Status: Chapter 580, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 1)

[ACR-112 \(Hadley\) - State Air Resources Board.](#)

States that the Legislature thanks ARB for its diligence and dedication in protecting air quality in California and exposing Volkswagen's emissions control defeat devices, and supports expanded use by ARB of real-world testing protocols and higher maximum civil penalties for emissions violations.

Status: Chapter 117, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

Pesticides

[SB-1246 \(Nguyen\) - Pesticides: aerial spraying: notice from aerial pesticide sprayers and mosquito and vector control districts.](#)

Requires pest control operators, pest control businesses, and mosquito abatement and vector control districts, at least 7 days before administering pesticides by aircraft or unmanned aircraft systems over a residential area, to notify various people and entities, including, but not limited to, State Senate and Assembly Members, Members of Congress, affected governmental agencies, school districts, and chambers of commerce, except as specified due to the presence of an emergency outbreak that threatens the public health or other extenuating circumstances that warrant an immediate response.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

[SB-1282 \(Leno, Allen\) - Pesticides: neonicotinoids: labeling and restricted material designation.](#)

Requires labeling of all commercially available seeds and plants treated with neonicotinoid pesticide and states that it is a violation of Business and Professions Code unfair business practice provisions not to do so and prohibits the use of neonicotinoid pesticides, and exempts certain uses.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (4 - 2)

[AB-2892 \(Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials\) - Pesticide poisoning.](#)

Extends the sunset on the requirement for laboratories to electronically transmit specified agricultural worker pesticide exposure test results to DPR under the California Medical Supervision Program from January 1, 2017, to January 1, 2021, and makes other specified changes.

Status: Chapter 475, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

Cal/EPA

[SB-1000 \(Leyva\) - Land use: general plans: environmental justice.](#)

Requires cities and counties to address environmental justice in their general plans.

Status: Chapter 587, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

[AB-435 \(Chang\) - California Environmental Protection Agency: Natural Resources Agency: Web casts of public meetings and workshops.](#)

Requires each board, department, or office in the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) and CalEPA, excluding nonagency sites, to webcast all public meetings, enabling listeners and viewers to ask questions and provide comment via telephone or electronically, commensurate with those attending the meeting. The bill also requires agencies to post the recordings online for three years.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-1059 \(Eduardo Garcia\) - California Communities Environmental Health Screening.](#)

Requires that OEHHA update the California Communities Environmental Health Screening (CalEnviroScreen) tool using air quality, water quality, and toxic release and hazardous waste site data, as specified, necessary for updating the indicators in the tool for the California-Mexico border region communities, and report to the Legislature on barriers to accessing the data by the tool's next update or January 1, 2017, whichever is earlier.

Status: Chapter 584, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-1062 \(Bonta\) - Environmental Justice Small Grant Program.](#)

Establishes the CalEPA Environmental Justice Small Grant Program to provide grants to eligible community groups that are located in areas adversely affected by environmental pollution and hazards and that are involved in work to address environmental justice issues.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

[AB-1071 \(Atkins, Eduardo Garcia\) - Supplemental environmental projects.](#)

Requires each board, department, and office (BDO) within CalEPA that has enforcement authority to establish a policy, as specified, on supplemental environmental projects (SEPs) that benefit disadvantaged communities, and to post the projects compiled pursuant to this policy on the agency's website. This bill was subsequently amended to specify that the requirements of the bill applied to those BDOs with enforcement authority.)

Status: Chapter 585, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-1420 \(Salas\) - Oil and gas: pipelines.](#)

Requires a local health officer to take specified actions when there is a leak in a gas pipeline and requires DOGGR to review its gas pipeline regulations and update them, if needed.

Status: Chapter 601, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

AB-1787 (Gomez) – California Environmental Protection Agency: cross-media enforcement.

Requires CalEPA's cross-media enforcement unit to prioritize the state's most disadvantaged communities. This bill was subsequently amended to require local agency legislative bodies to allow at least twice as much time to members of the public who are commenting through a translator.

Status: Chapter 507, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (4 - 0)

AB-2748 (Gatto) - Environmental disaster: release of claims: statute of limitations: attorneys' fees.

Enacts the following with regard to claims relating to environmental disasters that have occurred at Southern California Gas Company's Aliso Canyon gas storage facility or surrounding the Exide Technologies facility in the City of Vernon: (1) partial or interim payments or reimbursements, as defined, would not release any responsible polluter or agent from liability for a claim, and may not be made on condition of securing a release of liability, but may be credited against such liability; (2) temporary or final settlements made in connection with a claim would not release liability for any claim unknown at the time of settlement, or that occurs after settlement, or that is unrelated to the environmental disaster; (3) establishes a three-year statute of limitation for civil actions for injury or illness based upon exposure to a hazardous material or toxic substance, as specified; and (4) authorizes the court to award attorney fees to a prevailing plaintiff in any action for private nuisance against an environmental polluter, as specified.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

AB-2781 (Eduardo Garcia) - Supplemental environmental projects.

Requires each board, department, or office (BDO) within CalEPA with enforcement authority to ensure that at least 10% of enforcement penalties are spent on supplemental environmental projects allocated to disadvantaged communities.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 1)

Solid Waste

[SB-509 \(Hueso\) - Plastic products: labeling.](#)

Authorizes the labeling of commercial agricultural mulch film, as defined, sold in the state as "soil biodegradable" if it meets a specified standard for biodegradability of plastics adopted by ASTM International (formerly known as the American Society for Testing and Materials) and that standard is also adopted by the Director of CalRecycle.

Status: Senate-Died - Environmental Quality

[SB-662 \(Committee on Environmental Quality\) - Recycling.](#)

Makes technical and clarifying changes to two programs as follows: 1) Changes the annual report date from PaintCare to CalRecycle from September 1 to November 1, and 2) Clarifies CalRecycle's authority to make reimbursement payments for promotional activities of the RMDZ Loan Program. This was the Environmental Quality Committee's annual omnibus bill.

Status: Chapter 453, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[SB-732 \(Pan\) - Beverage container recycling.](#)

Requires beverage manufacturers to demonstrate specified recycled content in glass and plastic as a condition of qualifying for reduced processing fees.

Status: Senate-Died - Environmental Quality

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (Failed 1 - 0) Sen Environmental Quality - (Reconsideration 7 - 0)

[SB-742 \(Hertzberg\) - Solid waste: diversion.](#)

Requires each state agency and each large state facility to divert at least 60% of solid waste from landfills through source reduction, recycling, and composting activities on and after January 1, 2018.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[SB-1294 \(Pavley\) - The Community Climate and Drought Resilience Program of 2016.](#)

As heard in Senate Environmental Quality Committee, this bill enacts the Community Climate and Drought Resilience Program of 2016, requiring CalFIRE to review urban forestry program implementation and revise the program, if necessary, to provide funding priority to multibenefit carbon sequestration projects and to establish local or regional targets for urban tree canopy; by July 1, 2017, requires CalRecycle, in consultation with relevant state agencies, to establish an incentives program for the use of compost from organic waste in farming and landscaping

practices that increase drought resiliency and result in GHG emission reductions through increased carbon sequestration in urban and rural areas; and, requires CalRecycle to contract with state-certified conservation corps to assist in community outreach, compost delivery and application, and other urban greening projects.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 1)

AB-385 (Chu) - Solid waste facilities: Newby Island Landfill: stakeholder group.

As heard in this committee, this bill required the establishment of the South Bay Odor Stakeholder Group for purposes of discussing issues related to odors emanating from the Newby Island Landfill as well as odors from other locations around the landfill. The bill was subsequently amended to require an initiative to be placed on the ballot allowing voters to decide to eliminate Daylight Saving Time, also known as Pacific Daylight Time or summer time, as it currently exists and switch to year-round standard time, also known as winter time.

Status: Senate-Failed

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality- (Failed 2 - 4) Sen Environmental Quality - (Reconsideration 7 - 0)

AB-864 (Williams, Burke) - Oil spill response: environmentally and ecologically sensitive areas.

As referred to Senate Environmental Quality Committee, authorized solid waste local enforcement agencies to issue temporary permits for solid waste operations. This bill was subsequently amended to require pipelines to have the best available technology to reduce the amount of oil released in an oil spill to protect state waters and wildlife.

Status: Chapter 592, Statutes of 2015

AB-876 (McCarty) - Compostable organics.

Requires local governments to include organic waste recycling facilities in the existing planning requirements for countywide solid waste management.

Status: Chapter 593, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 1)

AB-901 (Gordon) - Solid waste: reporting requirements: enforcement.

Changes reporting requirements for disposal facilities, recycling and composting facilities, and local governments; and establishes civil penalties for failing to report or willfully falsify information.

Status: Chapter 746, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 1)

[AB-1005 \(Gordon, Levine\) - California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act: market development payments.](#)

Extends the sunset for plastic market development payments from 2017 to 2018.

Status: Chapter 442, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

[AB-1045 \(Irwin\) - Organic waste: composting.](#)

Requires CalEPA to promote the use of agricultural, forestry, and urban organic waste as a feedstock for compost and to promote the use of that feedstock. This bill also directs CalRecycle to coordinate with ARB and SWRCB to coordinate permitting and regulation of composting facilities.

Status: Chapter 596, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 0)

[AB-1063 \(Williams\) - Solid waste: charges.](#)

Increases the solid waste tipping fee imposed on an operator of a disposal facility from up to \$1.40 per ton to \$4 per ton beginning January 1, 2017; and beginning January 1, 2019, requires CalRecycle to establish and impose a quarterly charge on all solid waste generators to be collected by a local government and remitted to the Board of Equalization.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

[AB-1103 \(Dodd\) - Solid waste disposal: self-haulers.](#)

As introduced, this bill defined "food soiled paper" and "food waste" within the Integrated Waste Management Act. The content of this bill was deleted and amended to add self-haulers to the requirement that exporters, brokers, and transporters of recyclables or compost submit specified, periodic information to CalRecycle and require CalRecycle to develop regulations to define "self-hauler."

Status: Chapter 443, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-1108 \(Burke\) - Beverage containers: recycling.](#)

Prohibits a certified recycling center from paying the refund value to a consumer for more than a specified weight of aluminum, plastic, or glass beverage containers in a single 24-hour period. This bill was subsequently amended to require ARB to adopt a regulation to establish that, by 2025, no less than 15% of all new car sales within the state would be required to be zero-emission vehicles, as defined.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Rules

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (4 - 0)

[AB-1239 \(Gordon, Atkins\) - Tire recycling: California tire regulatory fee and waste tire program.](#)

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

Status: Assembly-Failed

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 1)

[AB-1419 \(Eggman\) - Hazardous waste: cathode ray tube glass.](#)

Authorizes CalRecycle to revoke a certification of a certified recycling center found to be abandoned, as specified.

Status: Chapter 445, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-2396 \(McCarty\) - Solid waste: annual reports.](#)

Requires state agencies to include information relating to commercial recycling and organic waste recycling in their annual reports to CalRecycle.

Status: Chapter 466, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

[AB-2530 \(Gordon\) - Recycling: beverage containers.](#)

Requires a manufacturer of a plastic beverage container, beginning in March 1, 2018, to report the amount of virgin plastic and postconsumer recycled content in plastic used in their beverage containers subject to the California Refund Value sold in the state the previous calendar year.

Status: Chapter 861, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

[AB-2579 \(Low\) - Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery: waste characterization study: food service packaging.](#)

Requires CalRecycle to conduct a study to establish baseline data relating to food service packaging.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

[AB-2812 \(Gordon\) - Solid waste: recycling: state agencies and large state facilities.](#)

Requires CalRecycle, on or before July 1, 2017, to develop guidelines for adequate receptacles and staffing for collecting and recycling recyclable materials in state office

buildings. This bill also requires state agencies, on or after July 1, 2018, to provide and maintain recycling receptacles in state buildings and large facilities based on standards adopted by CalRecycle.

Status: Chapter 530, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

Water Quality

SB-143 (Stone) - Diamond Valley Reservoir: recreational use.

Exempts the Diamond Valley Reservoir (also referred to as Diamond Valley Lake) in Riverside County from the drinking water reservoir bodily contact prohibition and specifically allows bodily contact with the water by any participant under certain conditions.

Status: Senate-Died - Environmental Quality

SB-208 (Lara) - Integrated regional water management plans: grants: advanced payment.

Establishes a process whereby the state agency administering an Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWMP) grant could provide advance funding of IRWMP grants where the project proponent is a nonprofit organization or a disadvantaged community, or the project benefits a disadvantaged community.

Status: Chapter 675, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 0)

SB-334 (Leyva) - Pupil health: drinking water.

Prohibits drinking water that does not meet the US EPA drinking water standards for lead from being provided at a school facility, requires schools that have lead-containing plumbing components to flush all drinking water sources at the beginning of each schoolday, and deletes the authority for school district governing boards to adopt a resolution stating that it is unable to comply with the requirement to provide access to free, fresh drinking water during meal times in the food service areas.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

SB-385 (Hueso) - Primary drinking water standards: hexavalent chromium: compliance plan.

Allows SWRCB to grant a public water system additional time to meet the drinking water standard for hexavalent chromium by approving a compliance plan.

Status: Chapter 272, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

SB-454 (Allen) - Water quality: oil and gas: exempt aquifer.

Prohibits the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) from submitting a proposal for an aquifer exemption to the US EPA under the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program unless DOGGR and SWRCB both make specified findings.

Status: Senate-Died

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

SB-552 (Wolk) - Public water systems: disadvantaged communities: consolidation or extension of service: administrative and managerial services.

Authorizes SWRCB to contract with an administrator to provide administrative and managerial services to a designated public water system, as defined, to assist with the provision of an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water.

Status: Chapter 773, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

Sen Environmental Quality - (Concurrence in Assembly Amendments 5 - 2)

SB-615 (Berryhill) - Waste discharge requirements: waivers: managed wetlands.

Makes legislative findings regarding the value of wetlands to California's environment, requires that managed wetlands be presumed to not pose a significant threat to water quality and would require, with respect to managed wetlands, SWRCB and regional boards to waive the reporting requirements as specified, regional board prescribed waste discharge requirements, and monitoring requirements of the waiver program. Provides that SWRCB or a regional board shall require water quality monitoring of a managed wetland not more than once during the duration of each waiver period unless results of downstream monitoring demonstrate a violation of water quality discharge standards and limits this monitoring to contaminants that are actually applied by wetland managers to the wetland and contaminants that are known to be naturally present in the wetland environment.

Status: Senate-Died - Environmental Quality

SB-637 (Allen) - Suction dredge mining: permits.

Authorizes SWRCB or a regional board to adopt waste discharge requirements that address water quality effects of suction dredge mining, and prohibits the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) from issuing a permit for suction dredge mining until the application is complete and includes all required permits.

Status: Chapter 680, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

[SB-930 \(Gaines\) - Bear Lake Reservoir: recreational use.](#)

Extends the sunset date from 2017 to 2022, on the conditional authorization for recreation that includes human bodily contact at the Bear Lake Reservoir.

Status: Chapter 149, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

[SB-995 \(Pavley\) - Well standards.](#)

Requires the Department of Water Resources (DWR), based on existing knowledge, to update the well standards contained in Bulletins 74-81 and 74-90 for water wells, monitoring wells, and cathodic protection wells by January 1, 2019.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[SB-1170 \(Wieckowski\) - Public contracts: water pollution prevention plans: delegation.](#)

Prohibits local public agencies, including charter cities, from delegating to a contractor the development of a storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), a water pollution control program, or any other plan required by a Regional Board to prevent or reduce water pollution or runoff on a public works project. This bill also prohibits public agencies from requiring a contractor on a public works contract that requires compliance with any of these plans to assume responsibility for the completeness and accuracy of the plan developed by that entity. This bill exempts state agencies from its requirements, as well as projects that use design-build, best value, and construction manager at risk procurement methods.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[SB-1260 \(Allen\) - Stormwater: municipalities: online resource center.](#)

Requires SWRCB to provide information online regarding compliance with municipal storm water permits.

Status: Chapter 153, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[SB-1263 \(Wieckowski, Pavley\) - Public water system: permits.](#)

Requires SWRCB to review permit applications for new water systems and authorizes SWRCB to deny a permit if it is found that the service area of the public water system can be served by one or more currently permitted public water systems, as specified.

Status: Chapter 843, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (4 - 2)

SB-1318 (Wolk) - Local government: drinking water infrastructure or services: wastewater infrastructure or services.

Requires Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) to recommend plans for providing water or wastewater services to disadvantaged unincorporated communities (DUCs) that lack those services

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

SB-1328 (Lara) - Stormwater capture and treatment projects: funding.

Authorizes SWRCB to expend moneys from GGRF, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to provide grants to public entities to implement stormwater and dry weather runoff collection and treatment projects that are intended to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by decreasing the demand for electricity needed to pump, transport, and deliver water from natural sources to serve water consumers, as prescribed.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

SB-1363 (Monning) - Ocean Protection Council: Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Reduction Program.

Requires the OPC, in consultation with the State Coastal Conservancy and other relevant entities, to establish and administer the Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Reduction Program for the purposes of achieving specified goals, including studies of the value of eelgrass restoration for mitigation of ocean acidification and hypoxia impacts. The bill authorizes money in the California Ocean Protection Trust Fund to be used for grants or loans for projects or activities consistent with the Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Reduction Program.

Status: Chapter 846, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

SB-1398 (Leyva) - Public water systems: lead pipes.

Requires, by July 1, 2018, a public water system (PWS) to identify and replace known lead service lines.

Status: Chapter 731, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 1)

[SB-1456 \(Galgiani\) - Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law of 1997: public water systems: financing.](#)

Allows costs incurred by a community water system or not-for-profit noncommunity water system for planning and preliminary engineering studies, project design, and construction to be funded under the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Status: Chapter 488, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-243 \(Wood\) - Medical marijuana cultivation.](#)

Establishes a regulatory program for the cultivation of medical cannabis, as part of the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA). This bill was subsequently amended to deal with Medi-Cal reimbursement provider rates.

Status: Chapter 688, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 0)

[AB-300 \(Alejo\) - Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2016.](#)

Enacts the Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2016, requiring the SWRCB to establish and coordinate the Algal Bloom Task Force, as specified, to address harmful algal blooms in California's waterways. The provisions of the bill would sunset as of January 1, 2019.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-434 \(Eduardo Garcia\) - Drinking water: point-of-entry and point-of-use treatment.](#)

Repeals the sunset date on emergency regulations governing the permitted use of point-of-entry (POE) and point-of-use (POU) treatment by public water systems (PWS) in lieu of centralized treatment.

Status: Chapter 663, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-496 \(Rendon\) - Pupil nutrition: fresh drinking water: funding.](#)

Requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to identify available sources of funding to fund school water quality and infrastructure.

Status: Chapter 664, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-615 \(Rendon\) - Office of Sustainable Water Solutions: technical assistance.](#)

Clarifies the types of technical assistance that the SWRCB Office of Sustainable Water Solutions can provide to disadvantaged communities.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

[AB-888 \(Bloom\) - Waste management: plastic microbeads.](#)

Prohibits the sale of personal care products that contain plastic microbeads on and after January 1, 2020.

Status: Chapter 594, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 1)

[AB-954 \(Mathis, Alejo\) - Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program.](#)

Establishes a program to provide funding for local agencies to offer low-interest loans and grants to eligible applicants for projects that provide access to drinking water or wastewater treatment.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-965 \(Eduardo Garcia\) - California and Mexico border: water resources improvement.](#)

Extends the consultative and coordinating roles of the California-Mexico Border Relations Council and requires them to establish the New River Water Quality, Public Health, and River Parkway Development Program to coordinate funding and implementation of recommendations from the New River Strategic Plan.

Status: Chapter 668, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-1173 \(Williams\) - Water equipment: backflow prevention devices testing: certification.](#)

Requires, that if a local health officer does not maintain a program for certification of backflow prevention device testers, that the local water system must hire a person who has received a California-specific certification for testing backflow prevention devices from any one of the following: the California-Nevada Section of the American Water Works Association (AWAA), American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE) International, American Backflow Prevention Association (ABPA), or by other similar certification provider deemed acceptable by the SWRCB or the local health officer to conduct the testing and maintenance of a backflow prevention device.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

[AB-1242 \(Gray\) - Water quality: impacts on groundwater: instream flows.](#)

Requires SWRCB to consider any groundwater sustainability plan in formulating state policy for water quality control or adopting or approving a water quality control plan.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Rules

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-1312 \(O'Donnell\) - Ballast water management.](#)

Delays the dates for application approval of experimental ballast water treatment systems and for compliance deadlines for ballast water discharge performance standards, under the Marine Invasive Species Act (Act). This bill also changes reporting requirements for marine vessels arriving in California; expands the State Lands Commission's (SLC) sampling requirements with arriving vessels; expands the SLC's authority with violators of the Act; and makes multiple technical and clarifying amendments.

Status: Chapter 644, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

[AB-1463 \(Gatto\) - Onsite recycled water.](#)

As introduced, this bill required the SWRCB, in consultation with CDPH, the California Building Standards Commission, and stakeholders, to establish water quality standards and distribution, monitoring, and reporting requirements for onsite water recycling systems prior to authorizing the use of onsite treated water, as defined, in internal plumbing of residential and commercial buildings. The bill would also require that onsite treated water be considered the same as recycled water produced on-site. This bill was subsequently amended to address issues concerning higher education.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Education

[AB-1531 \(Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials\) - State Water Resources Control Board.](#)

Makes numerous changes and corrections to the SDWA and the Clean Water Act carried out by the SWRCB.

Status: Chapter 673, Statutes of 2015

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 0)

[AB-1588 \(Mathis, Alejo\) - Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program.](#)

Establishes a program to provide funding for local agencies or qualified non-profits to offer low-interest loans and grants to eligible applicants for drinking water or wastewater treatment projects and authorizes a county or qualified non-profit to apply to the board for a grant to award loans or grants, or both, to residents of the county, as prescribed.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-1738 \(McCarty\) - Building standards: dark graywater.](#)

Defines “dark graywater” as “a specified wastewater that comes from kitchen sinks and dishwashers.” This bill would require the department, at the next triennial building standards rulemaking cycle, to develop and submit for approval building standards for the construction, installation, and alteration of dark graywater systems for indoor and outdoor uses.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

[AB-1842 \(Levine\) - Water: pollution: fines.](#)

Imposes an additional civil penalty of up to \$10 per gallon or pound of polluting material illegally discharged into state waterways. This bill requires the penalty to be reduced by every gallon or pound of the illegally discharged material recovered and properly disposed of by the responsible party. This bill prohibits a person from being subject to both this penalty and the civil penalties imposed under the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act.

Status: Chapter 349, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 1)

[AB-2022 \(Gordon\) - Advanced purified demonstration water.](#)

Authorizes the operator of an advanced water purification facility to bottle and distribute advanced purified water as samples for educational purposes, under specified conditions.

Status: Chapter 408, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (7 - 0)

[AB-2124 \(Eduardo Garcia, Lackey\) - Water: testing and reports.](#)

Requires public water systems to include in its analysis and report to SWRCB samples from schools, day care facilities, and health care facilities, to the extent those locations are within the public water system.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

[AB-2139 \(Williams\) - Ocean Protection Council: ocean acidification.](#)

Authorizes the OPC, subject to available funding, to develop an ocean acidification and hypoxia (OAH) science task force to ensure that OPC decisionmaking is supported by the best available science. The bill also requires the OPC, subject to funding, to undertake studies to predict likely sources and areas of OAH impacts, implement measures for climate change adaptation in the ocean, coordinate with other relevant federal, state, and academic entities for better monitoring and management of OAH, and annually adopt recommendations for further actions that may be taken to address OAH.

Status: Chapter 352, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (6 - 1)

AB-2446 (Gordon) - State Water Resources Control Board: judicial review.

Expands the authority of SWRCB, and to a lesser extent regional boards, to issue or not issue a stay pending board proceedings, prohibits certain judicial challenges to water board decisions until after the administrative process has run its course, and clarifies two specified evidentiary requirements.

Status: Chapter 523, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

AB-2594 (Gordon) - Stormwater resources: use of captured water.

Specifies that a public entity that captures stormwater in an urban area before the water reaches a natural channel, in accordance with a stormwater resource plan, is entitled to use the captured water.

Status: Chapter 526, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History:

Sen Environmental Quality - (5 - 2)

AB-2890 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) - Drinking water and wastewater operator certification programs.

Makes several statutory changes to better align SWRCB programs for certifying operators of wastewater treatment plants, for certifying operators of drinking water treatment plants, and to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of these programs.

Status: Chapter 305, Statutes of 2016

Legislative History: Sen Environmental Quality – (5-2)