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California Environmental Protection Agency

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About the California Environmental Protection Agency

About Us

In 1991, California's environmental authority was unified in a single Cabinet level agency—the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA).

CalEPA Mission

Our mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality.

We fulfill our mission by developing, implementing and enforcing environmental laws that regulate air, water and soil quality, pesticide use and waste recycling and reduction. Our departments are at the forefront of environmental science, using the most recent research to shape the state's environmental laws.

The Office of the Secretary heads CalEPA overseeing and coordinating the activities of one office, two boards, and three departments dedicated to improving California's environment.



In addition to his role leading the office, boards, and departments under CalEPA, the Secretary is a board member of the [California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley](#), the [San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy](#) and the [Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission](#). He is also a council member of the [California Ocean Protection Council](#) and the [Strategic Growth Council](#).

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California's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) brings together the state's recycling and waste management programs and continues a tradition of environmental stewardship. CalRecycle's vision is to inspire and challenge Californians to achieve the highest waste reduction, recycling and reuse goals in the nation.

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BILL SUMMARIES BY NUMBER

2012 Bills by Number

- [AB 4](#) **(Miller R) Human remains: hydrolysis.**
Location: Died without a hearing in Assembly Business, Professions & Consumer Protection Committee.
Summary: Required the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau to license and regulate hydrolysis facilities and facility managers and enacted requirements similar to those applicable to crematoria. Expanded the definition of crimes relating to the disposition of human remains.
- [AB 15](#) **(V. Manuel Pérez D) Workforce development: California Renewable Energy Workforce Readiness Initiative: local workforce investment boards.**
Location: Died without a hearing in Assembly Local Government Committee.
Summary: Required the California Workforce Investment Board, by July 1, 2012, in consultation with the Green Collar Jobs Council, to establish the California Renewable Energy Workforce Readiness Initiative to ensure green collar career placement and advancement opportunities within California's renewable energy generation, manufacturing, construction, installation, maintenance, and operation sectors.
- [AB 34](#) **(Williams D) Solid waste compost facilities: odor.**
Location: Died without a hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.
Summary: Defined terms and required the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to adopt, by July 1, 2012, regulations with which enforcement agencies would be required to comply when adopting site-specific objective odor performance thresholds for compost facilities.
- [AB 49](#) **(Gatto D) Development: expedited permit review.**
Location: Died without hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.
Summary: Required the Office of Permit Assistance (Office) to provide information to developers explaining the permit approval process at the state and local levels, or assist them in meeting statutory environmental quality requirements. Prohibited the Office or the State from incurring any liability as a result of the provision of this assistance. Requires that the office be located in Sacramento, and to consist of no more than four personnel through 2013.
- [AB 83](#) **(Jeffries R) Environment: CEQA exemption: recycled water pipeline.**
Location: Died without hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.
Summary: Exempted a project for the installation of a new pipeline, not exceeding a specified length, for the distribution of recycled water within an improved public street, highway, or right-of-way. Imposed a state-mandated local program.
- [AB 127](#) **(Logue R) Regulations: effective date.**
Location: Failed passage in Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review.
Summary: Required that a regulation or an order of repeal of a regulation become effective, on January 1 next following a 90-day period after the date it is filed with the Secretary of State.
- [AB 128](#) **(Logue R) State Air Resources Board: alternative actions to assessing penalties.**
Location: Died without a hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.
Summary: Authorized the Air Resources Board, in lieu of assessing penalties for a violation of an air pollution control law administered by the Board, to require a person

who has violated that law to spend an amount equivalent to the amount that would have been assessed for the violation toward actions to comply with the air pollution control law that was violated or toward a supplemental environmental project.

[AB 146](#) ([Dickinson](#) D) State Air Resources Board: membership.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 522, Statutes of 2012.)

Summary: Requires the Air Resources Board to consist of 12 members appointed based on certain qualifications. Requires that one member be from the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, the Placer County Air Pollution Control District, the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, the Feather River Air Quality Management District, or the El Dorado County Air Pollution Control District.

[AB 157](#) ([Jeffries](#) R) Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.

Location: Failed passage in Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife.

Summary: Reduced by 25% the total amount of bonds authorized to be issued pursuant to the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, and made conforming reductions to amounts specified to be allocated from these bond funds.

[AB 204](#) ([Halderman](#) R) Sales and use taxes: exemption: biomass electrical energy production.

Location: Held on suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Exempted until January 1, 2017, taxes from the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, specified tangible personal property purchased by a biomass energy facility, to be used primarily for the production of electrical energy from biomass materials and to maintain and repair that property.

[AB 206](#) ([Harkey](#) R) Fireworks displays: California Environmental Quality Act: California Coastal Act of 1976.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Exempted a municipal fireworks display, from the provisions of CEQA. A lead agency would have had to determine the applicability of the exemption and to take certain specified action upon a determination of exemption.

[AB 237](#) ([Galgiani](#) D) Cosmetics: safety.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Required any manufacturer of cosmetics that are sold in the state that do not currently comply with specified parts of the federal Food and Drug Administration Voluntary Cosmetic Registration Program to provide the Department of Public Health with information disclosed through that program. It would require the department to post specified notifications by the FDA on the department's Internet Website.

[AB 262](#) ([Harkey](#) R) California regional water quality control boards: boundaries.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Environmental and Toxic Materials Committee.

Summary: Revises the description of the boundaries of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board.

[AB 296](#) ([Skinner](#) D) Department of Transportation: paving materials.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 667, Statutes of 2012)

Summary: Required the California Environmental Protection Agency to develop a definition for the term Urban Heat Island Effect (UHIE) and, upon completion of an UHIE index, develop a standard specification for sustainable or cool pavements.

[AB 298](#) ([Brownley D](#)) Solid waste: single-use carryout bags.

Location: Held on Suspense in Senate Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Required stores, on and after January 1, 2013, to provide a plastic bag collection bin for their customers, for the purpose of collecting and recycling single-use plastic bags and reusable bags.

[AB 333](#) ([Grove R](#)) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: cap-and-trade program.

Location: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Required the Air Resources Board to make findings and submit a status report to the Legislature no later than July 31, 2011, on the readiness of a proposed cap-and-trade program to begin January 1, 2012. The bill would authorize the board, if it makes a specified finding in the status report, to commence the cap-and-trade program after January 1, 2012, but no later than January 1, 2013. The bill required the board to provide an annual cap-and-trade status report to the Legislature.

[AB 338](#) ([Wagner R](#)) Regulations: legislative validation: effective date.

Location: Failed Passage in Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Summary: Required the state office to submit to the Legislature for review a copy of each disapproved regulation where the basis for that disapproval was a determination that the agency exceeded its statutory authority in adopting the regulation. This bill would also require that a regulation become effective on the 60th day after it is filed with the Secretary of State, unless prescribed conditions occur.

[AB 343](#) ([Atkins D](#)) Redevelopment plans: environmental goals.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Governance and Finance Committee.

Summary: Required each redevelopment plan to be consistent with the regional sustainable communities strategy or alternative planning strategy adopted by the metropolitan planning organization or council of government.

[AB 344](#) ([Mendoza D](#)) Vehicular air pollution: exemption: low-use vehicles: nonprofit organizations.

Location: Failed passage in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

Summary: Required the California Air Resources Board, for specified provisions relating to mobile source emissions reductions, as applied to the reduction of emissions of diesel particulate matter, oxides of nitrogen, and other criteria pollutants from certain in-use, diesel-fueled vehicles, to define "low-use vehicle" for purposes of tax-exempt nonprofit organizations as a vehicle that will be operated fewer than 5,000 miles in the state in any compliance year, as specified.

[AB 347](#) ([Galgiani D](#)) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: early actions.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Requires the Air Resources Board to ensure that the cement manufacturing, glass manufacturing, soda ash manufacturing, and steel production sectors receive appropriate credit for taking early action through energy efficiency or energy reduction.

[AB 371](#) ([Butler D](#)) State motor vehicle fleet.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee.

Summary: Required the Department of General Services to ensure that all alternative fuel vehicles available for sale in California are listed on the Statewide Commodity Contracts list and to enter into public-private partnerships with alternative fuel providers

to develop infrastructure to meet the needs of state government and local agency fleets.

[AB 380](#) (Chesbro D) Resources: watersheds.

Location: Held on Suspense in Senate Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Required the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection when implementing a pilot project to protect and restore the riparian zone in watersheds with listed anadromous salmonids, to provide the industry, agencies, and the public with the opportunity to participate in the development of the pilot project in a transparent manner and to ensure that the pilot project has certain goals.

[AB 403](#) (Alejo D) Water quality: integrated plan: Salinas Valley.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Appropriated \$2,000,000 to the State Water Resources Control Board for use by the Greater Monterey County Regional Water Management Group (management group) to develop an integrated plan to address the drinking water and wastewater needs of disadvantaged communities in the Salinas Valley.

[AB 425](#) (Nestande R) State regulations: review.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Required, no later than December 31, 2012, each state entity that promulgates regulations to review those regulations, and repeal or report to the Legislature those identified as duplicative, archaic, or inconsistent with statute or other regulations. It would also require these entities to report to the Legislature by that date on regulations deemed to inhibit economic growth in the state.

[AB 429](#) (Knight R) Regulations: effective date.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

Summary: Requires an agency, for any regulation that it has identified as having a gross cost of \$15,000,000 or more, an increased cost of 5% or more over the cost of a current regulation, or both, to submit a copy of the rulemaking record for that regulation to the appropriate policy committee in each house of the Legislature when the agency submits the regulation to the office for approval.

[AB 467](#) (Eng D) Environment: Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

Location: Vetoed by the Governor.

Summary: Required the Department of Public Health to adopt the implementing regulations governing the repayment of costs that are subsequently recovered from parties responsible for the contamination of groundwater, as emergency regulations, and would require the emergency regulations to remain in effect for 180 days after the effective date of those emergency regulations, by which time the department would be required to adopt regulations.

[AB 474](#) (Jones R) Vehicles: inspections: smog-check: transfer of ownership certificates.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Transportation Committee.

Summary: Extended the period during which a certificate of compliance or noncompliance with respect to smog certification, is valid from 90 to 180 days.

[AB 480](#) (Solorio D) Insurance: solid waste facilities.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 713, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Requires the Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery (DRRR) to accept the use of a captive insurer for up to 50% of the financial assurance required of an operator of a solid waste landfill. Requires DRRR to submit a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2017 that assesses the ability of captive insurance to serve as an effective

financial assurance mechanism for the evidence of financial ability for closure, postclosure, or corrective action.

[AB 530](#) (Smyth R) Regulations: economic and technical information.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Required agencies to include in regulations packets submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), an economic impact statement (EIS) with the initial statement for reasons for adopting, amending, or repealing a regulation. Required agencies submitting regulations packages to identify all documents, including technical, theoretical, and empirical studies upon which the agency relied for rejecting each reasonable alternative to the proposed regulations..

[AB 549](#) (Carter D) Recycling: electronic waste.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 523, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Specifies that covered electronic waste generated outside of the state and subsequently brought into the state is not eligible for payment and would require the department to establish documentation requirements necessary to demonstrate that covered electronic waste was generated in the state and eligible for payment.

[AB 570](#) (Smyth R) Emissions of greenhouse gases: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

Location: Died in the Assembly without Committee Assignment.

Summary: This bill would make technical and non-substantive changes to the requirements of The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

[AB 583](#) (Knight R) Electronic waste: administration.

Location: Died Without a Hearing in Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee.

Summary: Transferred the duties, powers, and authority of the DTSC under the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 to CalRecycle and requires the employees of DTSC who are serving in state civil service to be transferred to CalRecycle, except with regard to the identification of those devices that are hazardous waste. Deleted the provision authorizing the enforcement of the Act under the hazardous waste control laws.

[AB 586](#) (Garrick R) Administrative regulations: legislative review.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

Summary: Required a standing committee of the Legislature with jurisdiction over a state agency proposing to adopt a regulation with a gross cost in excess of \$10,000,000 to hold an informational hearing regarding the proposed regulation.

[AB 591](#) (Wieckowski D) Oil and gas production: hydraulic fracturing.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Defined "hydraulic fracturing" and require a person carrying out hydraulic fracturing on behalf of an owner or operator at a well to provide to the owner or operator a list of the chemical constituents used in the hydraulic fracturing fluid and the amount of water and hydraulic fracturing fluid recovered from the well.

[AB 598](#) (Grove R) Environmental quality: CEQA: standing.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Eliminated citizen enforcement of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by providing that only the Attorney General may seek judicial review of a lead agency's decision under CEQA.

[AB 605](#) ([Dickinson](#) D) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: transportation impacts.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Required the Office of Planning and Research to prepare and adopt guidelines that would establish the percentage reduction in the projected trip generation and vehicle miles traveled for a project as compared to the average for trip generation and vehicle miles traveled for that project type. Would assist a region in meeting the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets established by the State Air Resources Board for the automobile and light truck sector for that region, and develop a list of mitigation measures that a project may incorporate to reduce the project's projected trip generation and vehicle miles traveled.

[AB 632](#) ([Wagner](#) R) Regulations: legislative notice.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee.

Summary: Required that a notice of proposed action be submitted to the Legislature if it includes particular information relating to economic and cost impacts of the regulation on businesses and private persons.

[AB 638](#) ([Skinner](#) D) Fuel resources: State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission and State Air Resources Board.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Required Air Resources Board (ARB) and the California Energy Commission (CEC) to adopt policies and regulations to reduce on-road petroleum fuel consumption by 15 percent below the 2003 level by 2020 and to increase alternative fuel consumption to 26 percent of the fuel used by on-road and off-road vehicles by 2022. The bill required ARB and CEC to report to the Legislature by January 1, 2014, and triennially thereafter until January 1, 2024.

[AB 640](#) ([Logue](#) R) Water discharges: mandatory minimum civil penalties.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Summary: Increased the size of small community facilities that are allowed to use mandatory minimum civil penalties (MMPs) for remediation of water code violations. Expanded the definition of small community publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) that are allowed to use MMPs for remediation of water code violations by increasing the allowable population serving the small community POTW from 10,000 to 20,000 persons.

[AB 685](#) ([Eng](#) D) State water policy.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 524, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Declares that it is the established policy of the State that every human being has the right to clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking and sanitary purposes and that relevant state agencies, including the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the State Department of Public Health shall consider this state policy when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations and grant criteria pertinent to the human uses of water specified above.

[AB 698](#) ([Hagman](#) R) Air pollution permit streamlining: report

Location: Died at Assembly Desk Without Committee Assignment.

Summary: Declared the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require the State Air Resources Board to provide a report relating to the implementation of the Air Pollution Permit Streamlining Act of 1992.

- [AB 721](#) **(Bradford D) Renewable energy resources: solar energy systems.**
Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.
Summary: Expanded the definition of an eligible renewable energy resource to include a facility that generates, or a renewable energy credit associated with the generation of, electricity from an eligible solar energy system that receives monetary incentives.
- [AB 723](#) **(Bradford D) Energy: public goods charge.**
Location: Held on Suspense in Senate Appropriations Committee.
Summary: Extended collection of the Public Goods Charge from utility ratepayers until 2020. Authorized the California Energy Commission to expend funds from the Public Goods Charge for renewable energy projects.
- [AB 763](#) **(Berryhill, Bill R) Water rights: administrative procedures.**
Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.
Summary: Authorized the State Water Resources Control board to employ administrative law judges meeting specified qualifications and to authorize an administrative law judge to conduct hearings and issue decisions and orders relating to the administration of water rights. Authorized any hearing or investigation of the Board to be conducted by an administrative law judge, with a specified exception.
- [AB 789](#) **(Chesbro D) Solid waste: tire recycling.**
Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.
Summary: Required the department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to provide outreach to local agencies regarding a program it may establish under current law to award grants to cities, counties, and other local government agencies for the funding of public works projects that use waste tires in public works projects. Prohibited the amount appropriated from the fund for this purpose from being less than 16% of the amount of the funds appropriated for market development and new technology activities for used tires and waste tires.
- [AB 796](#) **(Blumenfield D) Financial assistance: Clean Energy Economy and Jobs Incentive Program.**
Location: Vetoed by the Governor.
Summary: Required the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority to establish the Clean Energy Economy and Jobs Incentive Program to provide financial assistance to eligible California-based entities for the manufacturing of specified clean energy technologies until January 1, 2018.
- [AB 800](#) **(Huber D) Boards and commissions: time reporting.**
Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Summary: Required appointed state board and commission members who receive a salary to submit quarterly reports to the chair of the board that details their time worked reported in increments of hours and tenths of hours. Required that the chair of various boards or commissions submit a quarterly report to specified committees of the Legislature that contains copies of all of the time reports received by the chair.
- [AB 837](#) **(Nestande R) Solid waste: plastic products.**
Location: Chaptered (Chapter 525, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Requires a manufacturer or supplier making an environmental marketing claim relating to the recycled content of a plastic food container product to maintain certain information and documentation in support of that claim. Requires a manufacturer or supplier to furnish this information to any member of the public upon request or to provide the information and documentation by furnishing a link to a document on its Internet Website. Repeals these requirements on January 1, 2018.

[AB 845](#) **(Ma D) Solid waste: place of origin.**

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 845, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Prohibits an ordinance enacted by a city or county, including an ordinance enacted by initiative by the voters of a city or county, from otherwise restricting or limiting the importation of solid waste into a privately owned solid waste facility in that city or county based on place of origin.

[AB 850](#) **(Gordon D) State buildings: efficiency.**

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Reversed the roles played by the California Energy Commission (CEC) and the Department of General Services (DGS) in developing the state's multiyear plan to encourage energy efficiency in state facilities. Placed the CEC in charge of developing the plan and required it to do so in consultation with DGS. The bill also added water conservation to the plan's goals and required CEC to solicit input from both public and private entities.

[AB 864](#) **(Huffman D) Electricity: self-generation incentive program.**

Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Expanded the size of eligible facilities to 10 MW but incentives would be paid for up to 5 MW. Incentives for technologies greater than 3 MW in size would be based on a declining schedule. The incentives could only be paid if the technology meets cost-effectiveness tests developed by the CPUC in a pending rulemaking.

[AB 865](#) **(Nestande R) Property tax: exclusion from newly constructed: active solar energy system.**

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Extended the "new construction" exclusion for active solar energy systems to improvements constructed through the 2032-33 fiscal year. Provided for an automatic repeal of the exclusion on January 1, 2034.

[AB 917](#) **(Olsen R) State agencies: sunset review.**

Location: Died in the Assembly without Committee Assignment.

Summary: Established the Joint Sunset Review Committee for the purpose of identifying and eliminating waste, duplication, and inefficiency in state agencies. Declared the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would revise the scope of authority for the Committee.

[AB 921](#) **(Allen D) Agriculture water use efficiency: compost applications.**

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Enacted the Agriculture Water Efficiency with Compost Use and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act of 2011, which would require the Department of Food and Agriculture, in conjunction with the Department of Water Resources, to, through their current programs, oversee a study or studies conducted by the University of California Extension

Service, in partnership with local water districts, farmers, growers, and compost producers, to measure increases in water use efficiency through the use of compost in agricultural settings, and other potential benefits from the use of compost, with regard to climate change.

[AB 931](#) ([Dickinson](#) D) Environment: CEQA exemption: housing projects.

Location: Failed Passage in Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Summary: Exempted a project that may be used for neighborhood-serving goods, services, or retail uses to a level that does not exceed 25% of the total building square footage of the project.

[AB 932](#) ([Blumenfield](#) D) Renewable energy resources: Renewable Transition Financing Act.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

Summary: Enacted the Renewable Transition Financing Act. The act would authorize a financing entity, as defined, to issue green rate reduction bonds, as defined, for the recovery of transition costs, as defined, by an electrical corporation.

[AB 937](#) ([Mendoza](#) D) Vessels: emission reduction control.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations.

Summary: Permitted a vessel at berth or at anchor in the jurisdiction of a California port to use any method to reduce emissions that has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the California Air Resources Board to reduce emissions to the level that would be achieved by using shore power.

[AB 939](#) ([V. Manuel Pérez](#) D) Salton Sea restoration.

Location: Held on Suspense in Senate Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Transferred authority to lead the restoration of the Salton Sea from the State to the Salton Sea Authority, a local joint powers authority.

[AB 942](#) ([Huber](#) D) General Fund: fines.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Required, notwithstanding any other law, that any fine or penalty imposed by the Department of Pesticide Regulation, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, the State Air Resources Board, or the State Water Resources Control Board for a violation of a regulation adopted by that state agency be deposited into the General Fund.

[AB 954](#) ([Calderon, Charles](#) D) Water replenishment districts.

Location: Died without a Hearing in the Local Government Committee.

Summary: Required the imposition of an assessment in an amount that is calculated to pay for costs at a uniform rate, that include the actual cost of replenishing the groundwater basin, removing contaminants from the groundwater basin, and the administrative costs of the district.

[AB 960](#) ([Lowenthal, Bonnie](#) D) Recycling: electronic waste.

Location: 8/17/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Required exporters of electronic waste or covered electronic devices to demonstrate to the Department of Toxic Substances Control that the electronic waste will be handled in compliance with local laws where the waste is imported.

[AB 963](#) ([Valadao](#) R) Safe drinking water: contaminated groundwater.

Location: Died without a Hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Required the Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish guidelines for

Proposition 84 grants for small community drinking water system infrastructure improvements. Required DPH to Develop guidelines in collaboration with the State Water Resources Control Board to fund projects for disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged communities.

[AB 972](#) ([Butler D](#)) Oil and gas: hydraulic fracturing: moratorium.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Prohibited the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (the Division) from approving a notice to commence drilling of an oil or natural gas well for which hydraulic fracturing will be used, until the Division has adopted regulations governing hydraulic fracturing.

[AB 991](#) ([Olsen R](#)) State government: licenses: California Licensing and Permit Center.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Required the Governor to operate, via e-mail and telephone methods, a help center to assist applicants with licensing, permitting, and registration requirements.

[AB 995](#) ([Cedillo D](#)) Environmental quality: CEQA: public assistance and information program: recommendations: review of transit-oriented development.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Required the Office of Planning and Research, by July 1, 2012, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report containing recommendations for expedited environmental review for transit-oriented development.

[AB 1002](#) ([Butler D](#)) California Water Plan: stormwater recovery.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.

Summary: Required the Department of Water Resources to include in the plan a discussion of strategies relating to stormwater recovery.

[AB 1005](#) ([Dickinson D](#)) Forest practices: timber harvesting plan.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly, Parks and Wildlife Committee.

Summary: Required the Secretary of Natural Resources to convene a stakeholder group—comprised of representatives of public agencies, private industry and policy advocates, and supported by the Legislative Analyst's Office—to develop and produce a report to the Legislature on recommended changes to the state's timber harvest plan regulatory program.

[AB 1037](#) ([V. Manuel Pérez D](#)) Regulations: small business impact.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Altered the State's regulatory structure, increased the threshold for business activities under the definition of "small business" for rulemaking purposes, and required agencies to reassess regulations five years after adoption.

[AB 1048](#) ([Harkey R](#)) Water quality in the San Diego region: recycled water and wastewater: fluoride.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee.

Summary: Required the California Regional Water Quality Board, San Diego Region, to address levels of fluoride in recycled water and wastewater as part of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board's review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin.

[AB 1058](#) ([Smyth R](#)) Water quality: salinity: agricultural use.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials

Committee.

Summary: Required the state board to formulate and adopt state policies for water quality control, and required the regional boards to adopt regional water quality control plans in compliance with the state policies. Required the state board, on or before July 1, 2013, to adopt a statewide policy establishing a water quality objective and plan of implementation for chloride and other measures of salinity that may affect the suitability of water used for agricultural purposes.

[AB 1064](#) ([Furutani D](#)) Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006: shoreside electrical power infrastructure.

Location: Died without a Hearing in the Transportation Committee.

Summary: Authorized the Air Resources Board to allow averaging of vessel calls made across multiple berths to qualify for Proposition 1B funding for shore side power projects.

[AB 1078](#) ([Grove R](#)) Legislature: former members: employment prohibition: state boards and commissions.

Location: Died in Assembly Rules Committee with no Hearing Set.

Summary: Prohibited a Member of the Legislature, for a period of four years after leaving office, from serving for compensation in an appointed position on a state board, commission, or similar multimember body of the State. If a Member of the Legislature leaves office and is subsequently elected to either house of the Legislature, the bill would provide that a new 4-year period shall commence each time the Member leaves office.

[AB 1094](#) ([Swanson D](#)) Public school campuses: recycling and composting bins.

Location: Died in Senate Rules Committee.

Summary: Authorized a school district to provide recycling and composting bins on the campus of each elementary and secondary school.

[AB 1113](#) ([Galgiani D](#)) Energy: agricultural byproducts.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

Summary: Replaced the current pilot program for eligible biogas digester customer-generators with a net energy metering program for eligible customer-generators, that use agricultural residues, animal wastes, or animal renderings to generate electricity.

[AB 1169](#) ([Halderman R](#)) Air pollution: toxic air contaminants.

Location: Died at Assembly Desk with no Hearing Set.

Summary: This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the authorization of the Air Resources Board regarding the identification of toxic air contaminants.

[AB 1176](#) ([Williams D](#)) Pesticides: toxic air contaminant.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Agriculture Committee.

Summary: Required the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to adopt control measures for pesticides listed as toxic air contaminants within two years of determining there is a need for control measures or following completion of a risk assessment. Required DPR to evaluate the need for control measures for 37 pesticides federally designated as hazardous air pollutants.

[AB 1178](#) ([Ma D](#)) Solid waste: place of origin.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Summary: Prohibited a city or county, including by an ordinance enacted by the voters of that city or county, from restricting or limiting the importation of solid waste into a privately owned solid waste facility in that city or county based on the place of origin.

[AB 1180](#) ([Bradford D](#)) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: compliance offsets.

Location: Held in Senate Rules Committee.

Summary: Required the Air Resources Board to adopt a compliance offset protocol that meets specified criteria if the state board adopts a cap-and-trade program that allows the use of offsets for compliance under the cap-and-trade program.

AB 1183 (Berryhill, Bill R) Environment: CEQA: environmental impact report: right of action.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Enacted the Jobs and Housing Act of 2011 and limited the standing to file and maintain the above action or proceeding to the Attorney General. The bill applied this limitation to those actions or proceedings that were pending as of January 1, 2012, and for which a final nonappealable judgment had not been entered before that date.

AB 1185 (Torres D) California Environmental Quality Act: retail facilities: project review.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Exempted until January 1, 2015, from CEQA requirements, a project proposed by a person that employs less than 500 employees, in total, and that consists of the alteration of a vacant retail structure that existed prior to January 1, 2008, is not more than 60,000 square feet in area.

AB 1186 (Skinner D) School Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act: grants.

Location: Vetoed by the Governor.

Summary: Established the School Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act to provide funding for the California Energy Commission's (CEC) Bright Schools Program.

AB 1189 (Miller R) Recycling: batteries.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Required a producer of household batteries or consumer products incorporating a household battery, acting individually or through a household battery stewardship organization, to submit a plan to the department on January 1, 2012, for a used household battery stewardship transition project and to implement the plan by April 1, 2012, for an operation of not less than 12 months.

AB 1213 (Nielsen R) Regulations.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee.

Summary: Revised the definition of "necessity" to require that the need for the regulation be demonstrated by a preponderance of the evidence.

AB 1235 (Hernández, Roger D) Energy: energy efficiency.

Location: Held in Senate Rules Committee.

Summary: Mandated that the San Diego Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison, and Pacific Gas and Electric companies replace bulbs in street light poles with high-efficiency light bulbs at the same rate as local government in their territory has installed high-efficiency bulbs.

AB 1256 (Berryhill, Bill R) State Air Resources Board: transported air pollutants: cost reimbursement.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Required the Air Resources Board to identify downwind air basins or subregions of an air basin where pollutants from upwind air basins or subregions cause or contribute to a violation of a State or federal ambient air quality standard in a downwind district and to identify the district of origin of the air pollutants. Required ARB to assess the relative contribution of upwind emissions to downwind ambient air pollutant

levels and to establish cost reimbursement for a downwind district.

[AB 1257](#) ([Knight R](#)) State Air Resources Board: membership.

Location: Held at Assembly Desk.

Summary: Made technical, nonsubstantive changes to requirements regarding the membership of the Air Resources Board, and would delete obsolete provisions.

[AB 1261](#) ([Fletcher I](#)) Local government renewable energy self-generation program.

Location: Held at Assembly Desk.

Summary: Made nonsubstantive, technical revisions to the local government renewable energy self-generation program.

[AB 1283](#) ([Berryhill, Bill R](#)) Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.

Location: Held at Assembly Desk.

Summary: Declared the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.

[AB 1285](#) ([Fuentes D](#)) Regional greenhouse gas emission reduction program.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Required the Air Resources Board (ARB) to establish a program to promote investment in regional GHG emission reduction and sequestration projects that are in sectors not subject to ARB's Cap-and-Trade program. Encouraged entities subject to the cap to invest in such projects, and required associated emission reductions to result in the creation of compliance offset credits pursuant to an ARB-approved protocol. The bill required ARB to establish a Regional Emission Reduction Exchange, and established a Regional Emission Reduction System Account to hold and expend funds for purposes of the program, upon appropriation by the Legislature.

[AB 1322](#) ([Bradford D](#)) Regulations: principles of regulation.

Location: Held in Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Adopted the federal regulatory philosophy and the principles of regulation, as outlined in Presidential Executive Order 12866, so that California adheres to the same principles as the United States, such as basing decisions on the best reasonably obtainable scientific, technical, economic information; tailoring regulations to impose the least burden on society, individuals, and businesses; and designing regulations to achieve regulatory objectives in the most cost-effective manner.

[AB 1332](#) ([Donnelly R](#)) State Air Resources Board: abolishment.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Abolished the State Air Resources Board and transferred its authority, duties, powers, purposes, responsibilities, and jurisdiction to the California Environmental Protection Agency.

[AB 1351](#) ([Logue R](#)) Underground storage tanks: fees: deficiency determinations.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee.

Summary: Allowed the State Board of Equalization to reduce to three years, the period of deficiency determination liability for the underground storage tank fee, under specified circumstances.

[AB 1431](#) ([Committee on Accountability and Administrative Rev](#)) Government reports.

Location: Held in Senate Rules Committee.

Summary: Eliminated the requirement that certain state agencies submit certain reports to the Legislature and other state agencies.

[AB 1442](#) (Wieckowski D) Pharmaceutical waste.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 689, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Defines pharmaceutical waste for purposes of the Medical Waste Management Act and exempts a pharmaceutical waste generator or parent organization that employs health care professionals who generate pharmaceutical waste from specified medical waste hauling if specified requirements are met and if the facility receiving the medical waste retains specified documentation and meets specified requirements.

[AB 1444](#) (Feuer D) Environmental quality: record of proceedings.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Required until January 1, 2016, the lead agency, at the request of a project applicant and the agreement of the project applicant to bear the costs incurred by the lead agency, to, prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with the preparation, and adoption or certification, of an environmental document.

[AB 1457](#) (Huber D) Electricity Oversight Board.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Repealed provisions and made changes to the Electricity Oversight Board.

[AB 1459](#) (Huber D) The Atmospheric Acidity Protection Act of 1988

Location: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 186, Statutes of 2012.

Summary: Repealed the Atmospheric Acidity Protection Act of 1988 which established the Scientific Advisory Committee on Acid Deposition to assist the State Air Resources Board in the development and implementation of the Atmospheric Acidity Protection Program.

[AB 1504](#) (Morrell R) Administrative regulations.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee.

Summary: Required each state agency that is considering adopting, amending, or repealing a regulation, in addition to those current economic impact analysis requirements, to complete an economic assessment of the proposed action at least 90 days prior to submitting a notice of proposed action to the office.

[AB 1508](#) (Carter D) Junk dealers and recyclers: nonferrous materials.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 531, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Revises the exemption on the purchase of nonferrous materials with a value of \$20 or less from certain payment restrictions by requiring that the majority of the transaction be for the redemption of beverage containers and prohibiting the purchase of materials made of copper or copper alloys.

[AB 1530](#) (Huffman D) Economic development: Clean Manufacturing and Job Creation Incentive Act of 2012.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Established until January 1, 2020, the Clean Manufacturing and Job Creation Incentive Act of 2012, and authorized the legislative body of a city, county, or city and county to establish a clean manufacturing zone, as defined, within the city, county, or city and county's boundaries for the purpose of providing incentives to manufacturing businesses to locate within that city, county, or city and county.

[AB 1532](#) ([John A. Pérez](#) D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 807, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Creates the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Investment Plan and Communities Revitalization Act to set procedures for the investment of regulatory fee revenues derived from the auction of greenhouse gas (GHG) allowances pursuant to the cap and trade program adopted by the Air Resources Board under the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

[AB 1549](#) ([Gatto](#) D) Development: expedited permit review.

Location: Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

Summary: Re-established the Office of Permit Assistance under the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to help facilitate state and local review of commercial and industrial development projects. The bill required that the office be located exclusively in Sacramento, and would consist of no more than four personnel through 2013.

[AB 1566](#) ([Wieckowski](#) D) Aboveground storage tanks: enforcement.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 532, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Designates the Office of the State Fire Marshal as the state agency responsible for overseeing local agencies' implementation of the aboveground petroleum storage tank regulatory program. This bill also would allow underground storage tanks that are in subsurface vaults (such as in a concrete lined basement) and that meet other specified requirements to be regulated as aboveground storage tanks, rather than being regulated under the more stringent underground storage tank regulatory requirements.

[AB 1570](#) ([Perea](#) D) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings.

Location: Held in Senate Rules Committee.

Summary: Specified until January 1, 2016, the types of projects for which an applicant can request a CEQA lead agency to prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with the preparation of negative declarations, mitigated negative declarations, EIRs, or other environmental review documents for specified projects.

[AB 1607](#) ([Galqiani](#) D) Local water supply projects: inventory.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.

Summary: Required the Department of Water Resources to inventory local water supply projects by July 1, 2013 and post information to the Internet regarding their expected date of completion, cost, and potential annual water supply benefits.

[AB 1608](#) ([Wieckowski](#) D) Clean Vehicle Rebate Project and Hybrid Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Requires that ARB's Clean Vehicle Rebate Project and Heavy-Duty Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project provide rebates and vouchers for the purchase of eligible vehicles from a California manufacturer, as defined, that are 20 percent greater in amount than for the purchase of vehicles from a non-California manufacturer.

[AB 1612](#) ([Lara](#) D) Administrative practices.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 471, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Requires that if a regulation that is a building standard impacts housing, the initial statement of reasons include the estimated cost of compliance and the potential benefits of the regulation and the related assumptions used in determining that estimate, except as specified.

AB 1614 (Monning D) Fort Ord Reuse Authority.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 471, Statutes of 2012)

Summary: Extends the statutory sunset date for the Fort Ord Reuse Authority.

AB 1615 (Miller R) Human remains.

Location: Held without a Hearing in Senate Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Required the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau to license and regulate hydrolysis facilities and hydrolysis facility managers and enact requirements substantially similar to crematoria.

AB 1620 (Wieckowski D) Hazardous waste: contained gaseous material.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 190, Statutes of 2012)

Summary: Revises the definition of "contained gaseous material" to clarify existing hazardous waste law. The sponsors of the bill, the California Association of Environmental Health Administrators, were concerned that air filtration devices collecting dust might need to have a permit from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (Department) as a hazardous waste treatment unit, which in turn could actually discourage dust collection, a practice that helps control fugitive dust and protects workers.

AB 1627 (Dickinson D) Energy: vehicle miles traveled.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

Summary: Required OPR, by January 1, 2014, to prepare a manual for local governments and agencies and for developers to help them evaluate and utilize measures to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) in new residential and commercial building projects. Required the Office of Planning and Research, by January 1, 2014, to prepare a manual for local governments, local agencies, and project developers to use to reduce vehicle miles traveled in new residential and commercial building projects.

AB 1647 (Gordon D) Solid waste: waste tires: enforcement.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 534, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: This bill (1) strengthens CalRecycle's enforcement against illegal waste tire facilities and waste tire haulers; (2) streamlines the hearing process against noncompliant waste tire facilities or haulers by authorizing the department to utilize informal administrative hearings; (3) defines "tire broker," and requires tire brokers to register to transport tires in or through the state, and to submit periodic reports on the quantity of tires they deliver to end users in California and tires for export from California.

AB 1669 (Perea D) Groundwater: Nitrate at Risk Area Fund.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Created the Nitrate at Risk Area Fund, administered by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), funds which upon appropriation, would be used to pay for solutions for disadvantaged communities suffering from nitrate-contaminated groundwater. Required the Department of Public Health, working with the SWRCB, to designate such areas by using existing data on public water systems.

AB 1701 (Wieckowski D) Underground storage tanks: local agencies.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 536, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to establish a program for certifying cities and counties to oversee the cleanup of leaking underground storage tanks and (2) prohibits cities and counties, beginning July 1, 2013, from overseeing the cleanup of leaking underground storage tanks, unless they have been certified by the

State Water Board. Requires the State Water Board to reassign underground storage tank cleanup cases from uncertified agencies to the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board or to a certified agency for oversight of cleanup operations.

[AB 1702](#) (Logue R) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

Location: Held at Assembly Desk.

Summary: Made technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions of the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

[AB 1704](#) (Huffman D) Hazardous waste: coal tar.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Prohibited, effective January 1, 2013, the sale of coal tar pavement products and, effective July 1, 2013, the application of a coal tar pavement product on a driveway, parking area, airport runway or playground. Authorized the Department of Toxic Substances Control to enforce the prohibition on sale and application of coal tar pavement products and cleanup of illegal applications.

[AB 1706](#) (Eng D) Vehicles: transit bus weight.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 771, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Exempts transit buses procured through a solicitation process before January 1, 2013, from the State's statutory weight limit. Additionally, the bill allows publicly owned or operated transit systems to procure and operate, between January 1, 2013, and January 1, 2015, a bus whose weight exceeds 20,500 pounds on a single axle if certain conditions are met. Finally, it requires the Air Resources Board, along with other State agencies, to consider vehicle weight impacts, and the ability of vehicle manufacturers or vehicle operators to comply with laws limiting the weight of vehicles, in developing regulations that affect transit buses.

[AB 1715](#) (Smyth R) Underground storage tanks: tank case closure.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 237, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: This bill would restrict the authority of state and local agencies that are responsible for overseeing the cleanup of leaking underground storage tanks. Specifically, the bill would prohibit these agencies from imposing new regulatory requirements, or taking new enforcement actions on cases where the State Water Resources Control Board's staff has recommended to the Board that the case be closed, until such time as the Board has acted on the staff's recommendation.

[AB 1721](#) (Donnelly R) Air pollution: violations.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Required the California Air Resources Board and the air districts to issue a warning for the first violation of any toxic air contaminant law, except for violations that cause actual injury.

[AB 1750](#) (Solorio D) Rainwater Capture Act of 2012.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 537, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Enacts the Rainwater Capture Act of 2012, which would provide that use of rainwater collected from rooftops does not require a water right permit from the state board.

[AB 1771](#) (Valadao R) Renewable energy resources: hydroelectric generation.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Revised the definition of an eligible renewable energy resource for the purposes of the California renewables portfolio standard program to include a hydroelectric generation facility of any size.

AB 1834 (Brownley D) Recycling: reusable bags.

Location: Placed in Senate Inactive File.

Summary: Revised the term "reusable bag" to require the bag to meet specified requirements concerning lifetime use, volume, content, labeling, and washability, and would require the operator of a store to make reusable bags available to customers after July 1, 2013. It deleted the prohibition on a city, county, or other local public agency from taking specified regulatory actions with regard to plastic carryout bags.

AB 1836 (Fletcher I) Air Quality Improvement Program.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Rules Committee.

Summary: Made technical, nonsubstantive changes to current law establishing the Air Quality Improvement Program, administered by the State Air Resources Board.

AB 1860 (Fletcher I) Water: regional water quality control boards.

Location: Held in Assembly Print.

Summary: Made technical, nonsubstantive changes to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act which provides for the regional administration of water quality laws.

AB 1868 (Pan D) Renewable energy resources.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Utilities and Commerce Committee.

Summary: Recasted the requirement that the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) adopt banking rules and expanded the banking rules to authorize excess procurement accumulated through December 31, 2010, to be applied to subsequent compliance periods if specified conditions are met. Required the governing board of a local publicly owned electric utility to adopt rules for banking in the same manner as the recast and expanded rules adopted by the PUC for retail sellers.

AB 1900 (Gatto D) Renewable energy resources: biomethane.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 602, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Requires OEHHA, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, and the California Environmental Protection Agency, to compile a list of constituents of concern that could pose risks to human health and that are found in biogas at concentrations that significantly exceed the concentrations of those constituents in natural gas. Requires OEHHA to determine the health protective levels for that list.

AB 1906 (Nestande R) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: utilities.

Location: Died without a hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Required any investor-owned utility and any publicly owned utility that is subject to The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 to use any proceeds it obtains from the monetization of any greenhouse gas emission allowances for the benefit of ratepayers to reduce rates that are above the cost of service.

AB 1910 (Ma D) Portable internal combustion engines: registration program.

Location: Died in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Changed the definition of "fixed location," for the purposes of the Portable Equipment Registration Program from "any single site" at a facility to "any single point" within a facility. Preempted air districts from requiring permits regardless of whether the portable equipment replaces or supplements an ongoing primary activity at a facility.

[AB 1914](#) ([Garrick R](#)) Agency reports.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Required each state or local agency that is required to submit one or more reports to the Legislature to submit, by April 1 of each year, a list of all reports the agency has not yet submitted to the Legislature along with a status summary for each report, explaining why any overdue report has not yet been submitted and a compliance plan.

[AB 1922](#) ([Lara D](#)) Heavy-duty vehicles: smoke emissions

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 242, Statutes of 2012.)

Summary: Requires owners of two or more heavy-duty motor vehicles to comply with the requirements of Air Resources Board's Periodic Smoke Inspection Program on or before December 31st of each calendar year, instead of within the 12-month inspection cycle required by existing regulation.

[AB 1933](#) ([Gordon D](#)) Beverage containers: handling fees: enforcement.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 540, Statutes of 2012.)

Summary: Reduces the load limit threshold that triggers the reporting requirements applicable to persons importing out-of-state beverage container material, and adds additional elements to the reporting requirements and enforcement provisions. Establishes the handling fee per container rate that was in effect July 1, 2011, and continues that rate through March 1, 2013.

[AB 1959](#) ([Williams D](#)) Building standards: green building standards: toxic air contaminants.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Required the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Building Standards Commission to consider adopting standards for indoor air pollutants in residential buildings and in nonresidential buildings, respectively, as part of the next triennial edition of the California Green Buildings Standards Code.

[AB 1969](#) ([Gaines, Beth R](#)) Regulations: filing.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Business Professions and Consumer Protection Committee.

Summary: Prohibited the office from transmitting any regulation to the Secretary of State for filing that it receives between January 1, 2013, and January 1, 2015, inclusive, until after January 1, 2015. Exempted from the requirements of this bill a regulation proposed by a public safety or public health agency or department.

[AB 1975](#) ([Halderman R](#)) Medical marijuana: pesticide regulation.

Location: Held in Assembly Print.

Summary: Stated the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require the Department of Pesticide Regulation to develop guidelines to enforce state pesticide regulations on medical marijuana cultivation.

[AB 1982](#) ([Gorell R](#)) Regulations: effective date: legislative review.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Required the Office of Administrative Law to submit to the Legislature for review a copy of each major regulation that it submits to the Secretary of State. Extended the time period that a regulation becomes effective after being filed with the Secretary of State from 30 days to 90 days.

[AB 2005](#) ([Garrick R](#)) Oil spills: nontank vessels: contingency plans and financial responsibility.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 543, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Requires, until January 1, 2014, the owner or operator of a nontank vessel within a specific range of gross tonnage that is not used for commercial purposes to submit evidence of financial responsibility, payment of the nontank vessel fee, graywater information, sewage information, and other vessel information at least 96 hours prior to the vessel's arrival in the marine waters of the state, and to submit other required documents within 14 days after the arrival of the vessel.

AB 2011 (Gatto D) CalConserve Water Conservation Retrofit Program.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Allocated \$50 million from the prospective Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012 to establish CalConserve, a program by which the Department of Water Resources would provide grants to local agencies for the implementation of local and regional water conservation revolving loan programs that help customers carry out water use efficiency retrofit projects.

AB 2012 (John A. Perez D) Economic Development

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 294, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Amends the California Trade and Investment Act to require that the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) serve as the state agency primarily responsible for international trade and investment activities in the State. The bill also amends the Public Resources Code pertaining to the California Environmental Protection Agency's environmental permitting assistance center known as the California Government On-Line to Desktops" (CALGOLD). The new language transfers CALGOLD to the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.

AB 2024 (Mendoza D) Vehicular air pollution: exemption: low-use vehicles: nonprofit organizations.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Stated the intent of the Legislature that the Air Resources Board define "low-use vehicle," for purposes of tax-exempt churches and religious organizations, to mean a large, mainly diesel-powered vehicle that will be operated less than 5,000 miles per year within California.

AB 2056 (Chesbro D) Drinking water: point-of-use treatments.

Location: Failed Passage in Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Summary: Required the Department of Public Health to allow public water systems serving 20 or less residential connections to continue the use of point-of-use treatment beyond the 3 year maximum. This bill would authorize the applicant to use available census tract data to demonstrate median household income if the department requires a demonstration of economic feasibility for public water systems serving 20 or less residential connections.

AB 2063 (Alejo D) Ex parte communications.

Location: Failed Passage in Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Summary: Provided that an otherwise prohibited ex parte communication is permissible if the State Water Resources Control Board or regional water board member fully discloses the communication, and the communication is in regard to waste discharge requirements, water quality certifications, or conditional waivers of waste discharge requirements.

AB 2090 (Berryhill, Bill R) Regulations.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Defined a major regulation as a regulation that the Office of Administrative Law determines has an expected economic impact on California business enterprises

and individuals in an amount exceeding \$15,000,000.

AB 2091 (Berryhill, Bill R) Regulations: new or emerging technology.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee.

Summary: Required state agencies proposing to adopt, amend or repeal an administrative regulation requiring the use of a new or emerging technology or equipment to determine if that technology is available and effective for at least two years.

AB 2117 (Gorell R) Waste discharge requirements: stormwater.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

Summary: Required the state Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with affected stakeholders, to prepare a comprehensive statewide stormwater plan, as prescribed, and submit the plan to the Legislature, by January 1, 2015, subject to agreement by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to provide grant money to cover the costs of preparing the plan.

AB 2135 (Blumenfield D) Building standards: solar distributed generation technology on residential and commercial property.

Location: Failed Passage in Senate Governmental Organization Committee.

Summary: Required the California Building Standard Commission, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the State Fire Marshal to cooperate in developing a guidebook to assist local agencies in implementing building standards and permitting processes for solar distributed generation technology on residential and commercial property and post the guidebook on their respective Internet Web sites. Provided that a city, county, city and county, or charter city that adopts the policies from the guidebook may receive a preference or priority related to grant funds from the California Energy Commission or the State Air Resources Board.

AB 2157 (Mansoor R) Drinking water act.

Location: Held in Assembly Print.

Summary: Made technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions of the California Safe Drinking Water Act.

AB 2163 (Knight R) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: judicial review.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Required a residential, retail, commercial, sports, cultural, entertainment, or recreation use project that qualifies for these alternative processes to be designed to meet or exceed the standards for the CalGreen Tier 1 building as provided in the California Green Building Standard.

AB 2166 (Feuer D) Hazardous materials: chemicals of concern.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee.

Summary: Deleted obsolete provisions in current law that requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to adopt regulations to establish a process to identify and prioritize chemicals or chemical ingredients in consumer products.

AB 2196 (Chesbro D) Renewable energy resources.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 605, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Required biomethane from contracts purchased on March 29, 2012, and thereafter by a power plant to meet the same procurement categories established by

SBX1 2 (Simitian, Chapter 1, Statutes of 2011) and to demonstrate a direct environmental benefit to California in order to be eligible under Renewable Portfolio Standards. The bill establishes that biomethane contracted before March 29, 2012, is grandfathered from the new requirements.

AB 2200 (Ma D) Vehicles: high-occupancy vehicle lanes.

Location: Vetoed by the Governor

Summary: Suspended until January 1, 2020, the hours of operation for highway lanes designated for high-occupancy vehicles along Interstate 80 in the Bay Area in the morning reverse-commute direction.

AB 2205 (Perez, V. Manual) Hazardous waste: ores and minerals: geothermal waste

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 253, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Specifies that hazardous waste produced in connection with the extraction of commercial substances from geothermal waste is not subject to permitting requirements by the Department of Toxic Substances Control.

AB 2208 (Perea D) Water quality.

Location: Held in Senate Rules Committee.

Summary: Extended the sunset date, from 2014 to 2019, of the State Water Resources Control Board's authorization to collect a charge on specified loans that provide revenue to the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Small Community Grant Fund.

AB 2213 (Donnelly R) Government reorganization: realignment or closure.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee.

Summary: Established the Bureaucracy Realignment and Closure Commission in state government with a specified membership. Beginning on January 1, 2014, the Controller, the Director of Finance, the Legislative Analyst, and the Milton Marks "Little Hoover" Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy would be required to develop recommendations for the closure or realignment of state bureaucracies for consideration by the commission.

AB 2226 (Hueso D) Agency proceedings: evidence: presumption.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Judiciary Committee.

Summary: Provided that, in any proceeding before a state agency, city, county, or city and county, the presumption relating to beneficial ownership provided in the Evidence Code shall apply if title to, or ownership of, property is in question. This presumption provides that the owner of legal title to property is presumed to be the owner of the full beneficial title, unless rebutted by clear and convincing evidence.

AB 2230 (Gatto D) Recycled water: car washes.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 545, Statutes of 2012.)

Summary: Requires an in-bay car wash, or a conveyor car wash, permitted and constructed after January 1, 2014, to either install, use, and maintain a water recycling system, as defined, that recycles and reuses at least 60% of the wash and rinse water, or to use recycled water provided by a water supplier for at least 60% of its wash and rinse water.

AB 2238 (Perea D) Public water systems: drinking water.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Authorized the Department of Public Health to expend the moneys from the Emergency Clean Water Grant Fund if the Department determines that a public health emergency has occurred and would list the provision of interim water treatment as one of the listed specified actions for which the Department may provide payment. Limited the provision of an alternative water supply to \$50,000 per public water system per public health emergency.

AB 2249 (Buchanan D) Solar Water Heating and Efficiency Act of 2007.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 607, Statutes of 2012)

Summary: Expands the definition of a solar water heating system and revises exclusions from the definition of a solar water heating system. Deletes the requirement that the Public Utilities Commission evaluate data available from a specified pilot program before it makes a specified determination to design and implement a program of incentives for the installation of 200,000 solar water heating systems in homes and business throughout the state by 2017.

AB 2289 (Jeffries R) Vehicles: specially constructed vehicles: emission control inspection.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

Summary: Revised procedures for registration of specially constructed passenger vehicles by requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to maintain a list, on its website, of applicants above the annual limit and consider the applications for registration in the order they were received. It must register these excess vehicle applications with the emission requirement of the year in which the application was previously submitted, and reject an application for a specially constructed vehicle if the applicant has another pending application.

AB 2311 (Atkins D) Stormwater Resource Planning Act.

Location: Held in Assembly Print.

Summary: Made technical, nonsubstantive changes to the Stormwater Resource Planning Act which authorizes a city, county, or special district to develop, jointly or individually, a stormwater resource plan.

AB 2321 (Smyth R) Plastic packaging containers: compostable.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Defined the term "compostable rigid plastic packaging container" as a rigid plastic packaging container that is labeled with the term "compostable" and is in compliance with those labeling requirements.

AB 2334 (Fong D) California Water Plan: drinking water and wastewater services.

Location: Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

Summary: Required the department of Water Resources to include an analysis of water affordability and possible mechanisms to address the lack of affordability of drinking water and wastewater services in updates of the California Water Plan.

AB 2336 (Mansoor R) Plastic products: labeling.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Prohibited a manufacturer from selling a plastic product that does not meet certain labeling requirements. Deleted the authority of a city or county to impose a civil penalty for a violation of those provisions. Prohibited a civil penalty or other liability from being assessed, and would prohibit an action to enforce the labeling requirements from being commenced, continued, or maintained, unless the action is preceded by a written notice and the person is given an opportunity of not less than 30 days to remedy the violation.

[AB 2339](#) ([Williams D](#)) Energy: geothermal technologies.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 608, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Requires the California Energy Commission (CEC), in consultation with the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC), State Air Resources Board (ARB), cities, counties, special districts, and other stakeholders, to evaluate policies to overcome barriers to the use of geothermal heat pump and geothermal ground loop technologies by July 1, 2013.

[AB 2347](#) ([Achadjian R](#)) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emission reduction measures.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Amended the definition of leakage contained in the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, to include a shift in jobs from within the state to locations outside of the state.

[AB 2380](#) ([Huber D](#)) State government: agency repeals.

Location: 4/27/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Required eligible agencies for which a repeal date on state government reports has been established on or after January 1, 2011, to submit a report to the Joint Sunset Review Committee on or before December 1, two years prior to the year the agency is set to be repealed.

[AB 2390](#) ([Chesbro D](#)) Electricity: biomass: incentive programs.

Location: Held on Suspense in Senate Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Required the Energy Commission, in consultation with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, to establish an incentive program to compensate producers and collectors of biomass material associated with forest fuel reduction and fire prevention activities that are delivered to eligible biomass facilities.

[AB 2398](#) ([Hueso D](#)) Water recycling.

Location: 7/6/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Made major changes to the state's regulation of the use of recycled water. Deleted much of the existing statutory and regulatory language governing recycled water, and the Water Recycling Act of 2012 (WRA) and consolidated similar, and in some cases identical, provisions into the WRA which is a new division of the Water Code. Provided monitoring and enforcement authority to the Department of Public Health and State Water Resources Control Board as well as fee authority to cover their permitting costs.

[AB 2404](#) ([Fuentes D](#)) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Local Emission Reduction Program.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Created the Local Emission Reduction Program, funded by cap-and-trade auction proceeds, and administered by the Strategic Growth Council, to award monies to local government entities, consistent with locally adopted Greenhouse Gas emission reduction plans. The bill directs ARB to establish the program and, along with the Strategic Growth Council, certify locally adopted GHG reduction plans.

[AB 2405](#) ([Blumenfield D](#)) Vehicles: high-occupancy toll lanes.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 674, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Exempts qualifying clean alternative fuel vehicles from toll charges imposed on single-occupant vehicles in high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes, unless prohibited by federal law.

[AB 2412](#) (Swanson D) Air Quality Improvement Program.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Transportation Committee.

Summary: Changes The Air Resources Board's required biennial report evaluating the implementation of the Air Quality Improvement Fund to an annual basis and eliminates the sunset date for the reporting.

[AB 2446](#) (Perea D) Environmental quality: notices.

Location: 4/27/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Required the lead agency in a CEQA review to provide a notice of completion of an EIR to every person who has filed a written request for notices, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program. Required the State Clearinghouse to provide, upon request, a notice to the legislator determining the necessity for an EIR.

[AB 2450](#) (Hall D) Electric Program Investment Charge: Clean Vehicle Rebate Project program.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Established the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project Fund in the State Treasury and required the Public Utilities Commission to allocate not less than \$15,000,000 from the moneys collected pursuant to the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) to the fund. Authorized the State Air Resources Board, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to use moneys in the fund for distribution as rebates pursuant to the program criteria established pursuant to the state board's Clean Vehicle Rebate Project program.

[AB 2457](#) (Valadao R) Solid waste: vehicles: appliances.

Location: 5/25/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Required the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), by March 31, 2013, to establish a working group to conduct a study of whether end-of-life vehicles and appliances are being managed in compliance with law. Required the working group, by October 31, 2014, to prepare and submit to the director a report of its findings, make recommendations to address the findings and post the report on its Internet Website. Repealed the provision on January 1, 2018.

[AB 2463](#) (Buchanan D) Toxic chemicals: exposure.

Location: 5/11/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: This bill would have made technical, nonsubstantive changes to the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65).

[AB 2499](#) (Conway R) Heavy-duty vehicles: smoke emissions.

Location: Held in Assembly Rules Committee.

Summary: Made a technical, nonsubstantive revision to the requirement that the State Air Resources Board adopt regulations that require that heavy-duty diesel motor vehicles subject to the above-described requirements utilize emission control equipment and alternative fuels.

[AB 2505](#) (Ma D) Motor vehicle replacement parts.

Location: 5/25/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Required that the use of nonoriginal equipment manufacturer certified aftermarket crash parts, including the name of the certifying entity, also be identified on the written estimate and invoice.

[AB 2506](#) (V. Manuel Pérez D) State government.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee.

Summary: The bill would authorize the policy committee to either make recommendations to the agency or to send the action to the floor of either house, which could reject the regulatory action by a resolution.

[AB 2529](#) (Wieckowski D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: electrical corporations.

Location: Held in Senate Rules Committee.

Summary: Required electric utilities, with Public Utilities Commission (PUC) oversight, to credit auction revenues they receive from the sale of freely allocated cap-and-trade allowances, back to utility customers in proportion to the increase in the customers' electricity costs due to the cap-and-trade program.

[AB 2563](#) (Smyth R) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: offsets.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Required the Air Resources Board, on or before January 1, 2013, to adopt a process for the review and consideration of new compliance offset protocols under California's Cap-and-Trade regulation. Specified that the process shall include an annual review schedule, an online tracking system, an assigned point of contact at ARB for entities wishing to submit protocol ideas, an explanation of review and consideration procedures and the criteria that will be used to evaluate proposed protocols.

[AB 2577](#) (Galgiani D) Environmental quality: public comments.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Summary: Specified that the lead agency does not have a duty to consider, evaluate, or respond to comments received after the expiration of the public review period. Provided these comments are not a part of the record of proceedings for the EIR, negative declaration, or mitigated negative declaration.

[AB 2581](#) (Conway R) Vehicles: high-occupancy vehicle lanes.

Location: Held at Assembly Desk.

Summary: Made technical and nonsubstantive changes to provisions in the Vehicle Code allowing certain advanced technology vehicles to access high-occupancy vehicle lanes regardless of occupancy.

[AB 2595](#) (Hall D) Desalination.

Location: 8/17/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Required the council to report to the Legislature, by December 31, 2014, on opportunities for improving the current statewide permitting processes for seawater desalination facilities and to recommend potential administrative and legislative actions for improving the permitting process while maintaining current regulatory protections. The bill would require the chair of the council to select a member of the council to be the chair of the Seawater Desalination Permit Improvement Task Force. Required the chair of the task force to convene the Seawater Desalination Permit Improvement Task Force to review the current permitting processes required by all state regulatory agencies for the planning, design, construction, monitoring, and operation of seawater desalination facilities, to identify opportunities for improving the permitting process, and to advise the council in making the report.

[AB 2605](#) (Cedillo D) Air pollution control: penalties.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Judiciary Committee.

Summary: Allowed a city attorney of any city having a population in excess of 750,000 with a fulltime prosecutor to recover civil penalties from specified air pollution violations.

AB 2624 (Smyth R) Sustainable communities.

Location: Held on Suspense in Senate Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Current law establishes the Strategic Growth Council and appropriated \$500,000 from the funding provided by the initiative to the Natural Resources Agency to support the council and its activities. The council is required to manage and award grants and loans to a council of governments, metropolitan planning organization, regional transportation planning agency, city, county, or joint powers authority for the purpose of developing, adopting, and implementing a regional plan or other planning instrument to support the planning and development of sustainable communities. Made a local agency formation commission eligible for the award of financial assistance for those planning purposes.

AB 2628 (Morrell R) Energy: energy efficient materials: incentives.

Location: 5/11/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Stated the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation providing for incentives for the purchase of energy efficient materials manufactured in California.

AB 2631 (Fletcher I) Vehicles: offstreet parking: electric vehicles.

Location: Held in Assembly Rules Committee.

Summary: Made technical, nonsubstantive, changes to legislative findings and declarations regarding electric vehicle offstreet parking renewable energy resources.

AB 2632 (Fletcher I)

Location: 5/11/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Made a technical, nonsubstantive revision to the procurement requirements applicable to retail sellers in the Renewables Portfolio Standard Program (RPS program).

AB 2640 (Blumenfield D) Information Practices Act of 1977: disclosure of security breach.

Location: 5/11/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Made technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions of the Information Practices Act of 1977.

AB 2644 (Butler D) Building standards: electric vehicle charging stations.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.

Summary: Required the California Building Standards Commission to adopt standards for construction, installation, and alteration of EV charging stations in designs for single family residential property.

AB 2670 (Chesbro D) Solid waste: recycling: diversion: green materials.

Location: 8/23/2012-S. E.Q.

Summary: Required the Department Resources Recycling and Recovery to adopt regulations to provide that, on and after January 1, 2020, the use of green material as alternative daily cover or alternative intermediate cover does not constitute diversion through recycling and would be considered disposal for purposes of the act.

ABX1 2 (Logue R) State Air Resources Board: alternative actions to assessing penalties.

Location: 9/12/2011-A. DEAD

Summary: Authorized the Air Resources Board, in lieu of assessing penalties for a violation of an air pollution control law administered by the state board, to require a person who has violated that law to spend an amount equivalent to the amount that would have been assessed for the violation toward actions to comply with the air pollution

control law that was violated or toward a supplemental environmental project, as defined.

ABX1 3 **(Logue R) Regulations: 5-year review and report.**

Location: 9/12/2011-A. DEAD

Summary: Required the Office of Administrative Law to require a state agency to review and report on regulations that it adopts or amends on and after January 1, 2012 and to make the review and report available on the office's Internet Web site.

ABX1 4 **(Logue R) Regulations: effective date.**

Location: 9/12/2011-A. DEAD

Summary: Required that a regulation or an order of repeal of a regulation become effective, instead, on January 1 next following a 90-day period after the date it is filed with the Secretary of State, except as provided.

ABX1 5 **(Logue R) Regulations: legislative notice.**

Location: 9/12/2011-A. DEAD

Summary: Required that the notice of proposed action also be submitted to the Legislature if it includes particular information relating to economic and cost impacts of the regulation on businesses and private persons.

ABX1 6 **(Logue R) Regulations: economic impacts review.**

Location: 9/12/2011-A. DEAD

Summary: Required, instead of authorizing, the Department of Finance (DOF) to review determinations, estimates, statements, and findings for content relating to the impact of proposed regulations. Required the DOF if it determines that an agency's determinations, estimates, statements, or findings are erroneous or otherwise inconsistent with the prescribed guidelines, criteria, or formats, to submit its determinations to the agency in the form of public comment to be considered by the agency.

ABX1 7 **(Logue R) General Fund: fines.**

Location: 9/12/2011-A. DEAD

Summary: Allowed aerodynamic devices, as defined for heavy-duty trucks, to extend no more than three inches on either side beyond the current vehicle width limit, if the device does not limit the vehicle's "swept width" and turning radius.

SB 12 **(Corbett D) Vehicles: aerodynamic devices.**

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 727, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Current law provides that the total outside width of any vehicle or its load shall not exceed 102 inches, except door handles, hinges, cable cinchers, chain binders, and holders for the display of placards warning of hazardous materials may extend 3 inches on each side of the vehicle. This bill would also allow aerodynamic devices, as defined, to extend 3 inches on each side of a tractor-trailer vehicle.

SB 23 **(Simitian D) Energy: renewable energy resources.**

Location: Held at Assembly Desk.

Summary: Existing law created the California renewables portfolio standard program (RPS program) and the Renewable Energy Resources Program to increase the amount of electricity generated per year from eligible renewable energy resources. This bill extended the compliance date for these corresponding reporting and regulatory requirements

SB 34 **(Simitian D) California Water Resources Investment Act of 2011.**

Location: 1/31/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Enacted the California Water Resources Investment Act of 2011 to finance a water resources investment program. Imposed on each retail water supplier in the state an annual charge based on the volume of water provided in its service area that is provided for nonagricultural uses and an annual charge based on each acre of land within its service area that is irrigated for agricultural purposes. Required the State Board of Equalization to collect the charges from retail water suppliers in accordance with the Fee Collection Procedures Law, and authorized the State Board of Equalization and the Department of Water Resources to adopt and enforce regulations for the administration and enforcement of the charges and related requirements as emergency regulations.

SB 52 (Steinberg D) Environmental quality: jobs and economic improvement.

Location: Failed Passage in Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy Committee.

Summary: Required that a project result in a minimum investment of \$100,000,000 spent on planning, design, and construction of the project. Required a lead agency to place the highest priority on feasible measures that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions on the project site and in the neighboring communities of the project site, in order to maximize public health, environmental, and employment benefits.

SB 71 (Leno D) State agencies: boards, commissions, and reports.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 728, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Eliminates or streamlines more than 200 state agency reporting requirements and eliminates various boards and committees.

SB 96 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Budget Act of 2011.

Location: 6/28/2011-A. DEAD

Summary: Amended the Budget Act of 2011 to require the Director of Finance to forecast General Fund revenues for the 2011-12 fiscal year by December 15, 2011, and to determine whether that revenue forecast or the Legislative Analyst's November 2011 General Fund revenue forecast is higher. Required the Director of Finance to make reductions to specified items of appropriation if the higher revenue forecast is less than \$87,452,500,000 and to make additional reductions to specified items of appropriation if the higher revenue forecast is less than \$86,452,500,000.

SB 103 (Liu D) State government: meetings.

Location: 8/17/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Authorized a state body, to the extent practicable, to conduct teleconference meetings.

SB 147 (Leno D) Furniture: flammability standards.

Location: 1/13/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Required the Bureau of Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation, on or before March 1, 2013, to modify the requirements applicable to that flame retardance test regarding residential upholstered furniture to include a smolder flammability test to provide an alternative method of compliance that can be met without the use of fire retardants and does not compromise public safety.

SB 153 (Strickland R) State boards: salaries prohibition.

Location: Failed Passage in Senate Governmental Organization Committee.

Summary: Prohibited members appointed to the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board, Public Employment Relations Board, and the State Water Resources Control Board from receiving a salary, but authorized these members to receive a specified per diem payment.

- [SB 175](#) (Corbett D) Public contracts: bid preferences: solar photovoltaic system.**
Location: 7/6/2012-A. DEAD
Summary: Required a state agency that accepts bids or proposals for a contract for the purchase or installation of a solar photovoltaic system, as defined, to provide a 5% preference to a business that certifies that all of the solar panels installed as part of the solar photovoltaic system have been manufactured or assembled in California.
- [SB 178](#) (Simitian D) Hazardous materials: green chemistry.**
Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee.
Summary: Authorized the Green Ribbon Science Panel to form subgroups to consider and report to the full panel and the Department of Toxic Substance Control on specific priority topics identified by the Department. Limited the total meetings held by all subgroups to not more than 10 during a fiscal year and would require that meetings conducted by a subgroup be held in a cost-effective manner to minimize the costs incurred by the meetings.
- [SB 195](#) (Cannella R) Environmental quality: CEQA.**
Location: 1/13/2012-S. DEAD
Summary: Provided that impacts, potential impacts, or cumulative impacts on the environment of a project that is subject to an environmental regulation are deemed to be insignificant for the purposes of CEQA unless a preponderance of evidence demonstrates that the specific impact, potential impact, or cumulative impact is significant after giving full effect to the environmental regulation.
- [SB 234](#) (Hancock D) Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program.**
Location: Vetoed by the Governor.
Summary: Required ARB to reimburse eligible project costs on a quarterly basis for shore power electrification projects that are in substantial compliance with milestones identified in program guidelines. Authorized ARB to withhold 10 percent of the reimbursable costs until the project is demonstrated to be powering a vessel docked at berth.
- [SB 236](#) (Anderson R) California Public Records Act.**
Location: Held in Senate Rules Committee.
Summary: Made technical, nonsubstantive changes to the California Public Records Act.
- [SB 237](#) (Wolk D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: agriculture.**
Location: Held on Suspense in Senate Appropriations Committee.
Summary: Codified eligibility criteria for distributing potential Cap-and-Trade program auction revenue to the agricultural sector. Tasked an unspecified agency with administering the funds, and created the California Agricultural Climate Benefits Advisory Committee to provide input to the administering agency.
- [SB 241](#) (Cannella R) Environment: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).**
Location: 1/13/2012-S. DEAD
Summary: Under CEQA, enacted the CEQA Litigation Protection Pilot Program of 2011 that prohibited court review of a lead agency's certification of an EIR or adoption of a mitigated negative declaration, as well as a lead or responsible agency's project approval, for 125 projects that are selected by the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BT&H) over a five-year period. For a project to qualify for the exemption, the lead agency must certify to BT&H that there is an expectation that an EIR will be certified for the project within 12 months.

- [SB 246](#) (De León D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: offsets.**
Location: Held on Suspense in Senate Appropriations.
Summary: Required ARB to: (1) control the eligibility of offsets used to comply with a market based compliance system; (2) investigate any third-party claims about an offset before it is credited in the program; (3) ensure that offsets do not have a significant adverse impact on human health or the environment; and, (4) make certain that the offsets are permanently retired and that the emission reductions associated with the offsets are not claimed by another party.
- [SB 297](#) (Cannella R) Renewable energy resources: hydroelectric generation.**
Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Energy Committee.
Summary: Revised the definition of an eligible renewable energy resource to include a hydroelectric generation facility of any size, and removed other restrictions regarding which hydroelectric generation facilities meet the definition of an eligible renewable energy resource.
- [SB 324](#) (Cannella R) Beverage container recycling.**
Location: 1/20/2012-S. DEAD
Summary: Under current law, the Division of Recycling within the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery administers the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act. This bill would make a conforming change to the act's statement of legislative intent with regard to that authority.
- [SB 353](#) (Blakeslee R) Regulations: economic analysis.**
Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Governmental Organization Committee.
Summary: Provided that the activities of the Office of Administrative Law in reviewing and approving regulations, and amendments or repeal of regulations, as prescribed, be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
- [SB 354](#) (Blakeslee R) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).**
Location: 1/20/2012-S. DEAD
Summary: Made technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions of the CEQA.
- [SB 357](#) (Dutton R) State Air Resources Board: regulations: obsolete equipment.**
Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.
Summary: Required the Air Resources Board (ARB) to include an estimate of the revenue lost or gained to the State of any new, revised, or repealed rule relating to diesel-fueled, heavy-duty on-road or off-road motor vehicles that would make a piece of equipment obsolete if the asset had any remaining depreciable life. Required the Franchise Tax Board to provide ARB with the average tax rate used to calculate the loss or gain in State revenue.
- [SB 358](#) (Cannella R) Income taxes: gross income: exclusion: depreciation deduction: air quality funds.**
Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Governance and Finance Committee.
Summary: Excludes grants or funds from the Air Resources Board, an air pollution control district, or an air quality management district, from an entity's gross income for purposes of computing taxes.
- [SB 366](#) (Calderon D) Regulations: agency review.**
Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Governmental Organization Committee.
Summary: Required each State agency to review its regulations to identify duplicative, overlapping, inconsistent, or outdated provisions and repeal or amend identified

regulations. Create a Streamlined Permit Review Team charged with improving the efficiency of the State permitting process for development projects.

SB 394 (DeSaulnier D) Healthy Schools Act of 2012.

Location: 1/20/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Enacted the Healthy Schools Act of 2012. Prohibited the indoor and outdoor use of pesticides on a school site, unless a local public health officer determines that a public health emergency exists requiring emergency application of a pesticide.

SB 396 (Huff R) Regulations: review process.

Location: 1/13/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Required each agency to review each regulation adopted prior to January 1, 2011, and to develop a report with prescribed information that would be submitted to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2013. Required each agency, on or before January 1, 2018, and at least every 5 years thereafter, to conduct additional reviews of regulations that have been in effect for at least 20 years, and to submit an annual report to the Legislature that identifies the regulations reviewed during that year and the associated findings.

SB 400 (Dutton R) Regulations: impact on businesses.

Location: Failed Passage in Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Summary: Required state agencies proposing regulations to prepare economic, regulatory, and alternative assessments. The bill requires the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), or a contracted external party, to review all such assessments that identify costs of \$100 million or more within 30 days. The bill directs OAL to reject a regulation if OAL determines that the economic assessment was not based on sound economic knowledge, methods, and practices, and the submitting agency did not revise the assessment to address the identified deficiencies. Also see AB 1037 (Pérez, V.), AB 1504 (Morrell), AB 2090 (Berryhill, B.), SB 353 (Blakeslee), SB 560 (Wright), and SB 639 (Cannella).

SB 401 (Fuller R) Regulations: repeal provisions.

Location: Held on Suspense in Senate Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Prohibited the Office of Administrative Law from approving a proposed regulation unless it contains repeal provisions. Authorized an agency, in the year prior to a regulation's scheduled repeal, to amend the regulation to extend the repeal date, as specified, after complying with certain public hearing requirements.

SB 419 (Simitian D) Solid waste: home-generated sharps.

Location: Vetoed by the Governor

Summary: Required the plan for the safe disposal of medication for self-injection at home to be submitted in an electronic format as prescribed by the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery. Required the manufacturer to post and maintain a copy of the plan in a readily accessible location on its Internet Website.

SB 440 (Vargas D) Public resources: power facility and site certification: geothermal powerplants.

Location: 1/20/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Authorized a county that has in effect an equivalent certification program to the Warren-Alquist State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Act, approved by the commission, to site a geothermal powerplant of up to 100 megawatts under its program.

SB 455 (Pavley D) Forestry: timberlands: conversion mitigation.

Location: Died on Assembly Inactive File.

Summary: Required timberland conversion permits to contain mitigation for environmental impacts to wildlife, habitat values, and forest type, as well as for the loss of carbon sequestration. The bill also requires the Board of Forestry to develop guidelines for mitigation of timberland conversion that are consistent with ARB's greenhouse gas methodologies, and to submit the guidelines to ARB at a public hearing.

SB 494 (Fuller R) California regional water quality control boards: perchloroethylene.

Location: 1/20/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, the 9 California regional water quality control boards are among the principal state agencies that carry out responsibilities relating to water quality. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would transfer responsibility for the investigation and remediation of perchloroethylene contamination to the regional boards.

SB 515 (Corbett D) Recycling: product stewardship: batteries: universal waste management facilities.

Location: 1/20/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Allowed a registered hazardous waste transporter to elect to submit a household battery stewardship plan to the department of Recycling, on behalf of one or more producers and would require a hazardous waste transporter making that election to comply with the provisions of the bill applicable to a household battery stewardship organization. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

SB 519 (La Malfa R) Smog check: visual inspection.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

Summary: Exempted a service technician from performing an under-the-hood visual inspection as part of a smog check.

SB 535 (De León D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 830, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Directs Cal/EPA to identify disadvantaged communities for investment opportunities of Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds, subject to specified criteria. Requires the Department of Finance to allocate, in the investment plan it develops pursuant to AB 1532 (Pérez), a minimum of 25 percent of available monies to projects that benefit disadvantaged communities, and a minimum of 10 percent to projects located within such communities.

SB 553 (Fuller R) Regulations: effective date.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Governmental Organization Committee.

Summary: Required that a regulation or an order of repeal of a regulation that has been identified by the agency as having, or as being reasonably likely to have, an adverse economic impact of at least \$10 million generally become effective 180 days, instead of 30 days, after the date it is filed with the Secretary of State.

SB 560 (Wright D) Regulations: small businesses.

Location: Failed Passage in Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Summary: Required every state agency to prepare and submit a specified notice of the proposed action and make certain information available to the public in "plain English," a statement of reasons for proposing the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation and evidence to support a determination that the action will not have a significant

adverse economic impact on business. The statement of reasons must include reasonable alternatives to the regulation and the agency's reasons for rejecting those alternatives, as well as alternatives to the regulation that would lessen any adverse impact on small businesses.

SB 568 **(Lowenthal D) Recycling: polystyrene food containers.**

Location: 8/31/2012-S. THIRD READING

Summary: Prohibited a food vendor from dispensing prepared food to a customer in a polystyrene foam food container after January 1, 2016, (July 1, 2017, for school districts) unless the local government or school district adopts a recycling program that can recycle at least 60% of its polystyrene foam food containers.

SB 571 **(Wolk D) California Water Commission: California Water Plan: water resources investment.**

Location: 1/20/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Provided for the organization of the California Water Commission as a separate agency in state government, instead of as an agency within the Department of Water Resources. Revised provisions relating to the Commission's selection of a chairperson and executive officer, employment of staff, and delegation of its functions.

SB 589 **(Lowenthal D) Recycling: household mercury-containing lamps.**

Location: 7/6/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Required a manufacturer of household mercury-containing lamps, on or before April 1, 2013, individually or through a stewardship organization, to prepare and submit to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery for approval, a household mercury-containing lamp stewardship plan to establish a recovery program for the management of end-of-life household mercury-containing lamps. Constituted a change in state statute that would have resulted in a taxpayer paying a higher tax and thus would have required passage by 2/3 of each house of the Legislature.

SB 591 **(Gaines R) Administrative regulations: reductions.**

Location: 1/13/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Required the office the Office of Administrative Law to review a proposed regulation for burden.

SB 617 (Calderon R) **State government: financial and administrative accountability**

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 496, Statutes of 2011)

Summary: Revises various provisions of the act with respect to the duties of the Office of Administrative Law and state agencies in the adoption, amendment, or repeal of regulations. Requires each state agency to prepare a standardized regulatory impact analysis with respect to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a major regulation that is proposed on or after November 1, 2013. Requires that the agency submit the analysis to the Department of Finance for review and comments.

SB 624 **(Harman R) Emissions of greenhouse gases: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.**

Location: 1/20/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Made technical, nonsubstantive changes to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

SB 633 **(Huff R) Bonds: fine for unauthorized use.**

Location: 7/6/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Incorporated into the State General Obligation Bond Law a provision that provides that if the Department of Finance determines that funds from a bond act are expended for a purpose not authorized by the bond act, and the entity that is authorized to allocate funds from the sale of bonds does not take the corrective action or measure prescribed by the department within 60 days of receiving notice of the corrective action or measure from the department, then the Department of Finance may prohibit the entity that was responsible for the unauthorized use from allocating any additional funds from the sale of those bonds. Applied only to the allocation of funds that are authorized under a bond act that is adopted on or after January 1, 2013.

SB 639 (Cannella R) Regulations: economic impact analysis.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Summary: Requires the California Environmental Protection Agency and its Boards, Departments and Offices, along with the Division of Occupational Safety, to perform an economic analysis, as specified, on proposed regulations. The bill requires the agency to contract with an external independent entity to either prepare the economic analysis on a proposed regulation or to peer review the economic analysis prepared by the agency.

SB 643 (Correa D) Administrative procedures.

Location: 8/17/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Required that if a proposed regulation impacts housing, the initial statement of reasons include the estimated cost and benefits of compliance and the related assumptions used in determining that estimate.

SB 654 (Steinberg D) Redevelopment.

Location: 7/6/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Revised the definition of the term "enforceable obligation" and modified provisions relating to the transfer of housing funds and responsibilities associated with dissolved redevelopment agencies. Provided that any amounts on deposit in the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund of a dissolved redevelopment agency be transferred to specified entities.

SB 669 (Rubio D) Greenhouse gas reduction: carbon sequestration.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Energy Committee.

Summary: Required ARB to develop an accounting protocol for sequestered carbon dioxide and to oversee the air quality portion of a CEQA review of carbon capture and storage projects. Designated CEC as the lead agency for CEQA reviews, and directs CEC to coordinate the development of performance standards for carbon capture and storage sites. Allowed electrical utilities to set rates to recover the cost of acquiring power generated by new technology from zero- or low-carbon resources if approved by CPUC.

SB 682 (Rubio D) Public resources: oil and gas: underground injection of gas.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Natural Resource Committee.

Summary: Authorized the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources to permit the underground injection of a natural hydrocarbon gas and establish standards for this process. An earlier version of the bill required ARB, if it developed an assessment of the extent and magnitude of potential greenhouse gas reductions associated with the use of waste or stranded gas for electricity generation, to provide a copy of the assessment to the Legislature.

SB 688 (Wright D) Regulations: legislative approval.

Location: Failed Passage in Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Summary: Required a state agency proposing a regulation to prepare an estimate of the

cumulative statewide cost impacts for affected businesses. If the estimated cumulative statewide cost impact exceeds \$10 million, required that the agency notify specified committees of the Legislature. Required that such a regulation not take effect until January 1 of the year following the date that the regulation is filed with the Secretary of State.

- [SB 711](#) (Rubio D) Public resources: oil and gas: underground injection of gas.**
Location: Died without a Hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.
Summary: Revised the definition of wells to include wells used for the purpose of disposing of waste fluids brought to the surface in connection with conventional oil or gas production and that may be commingled with wastewater from gas plants that are an integral part of the operation.
- [SB 735](#) (Price D) Environmental quality: CEQA: judicial review: procedures.**
Location: 1/13/2012-S. DEAD
Summary: Existing law requires a court to commence a hearing of an action or proceeding brought to challenge an agency action on the grounds of noncompliance with CEQA within one year of the date of the filing of the action or proceeding. This bill would require the hearing to commence within 9 months of the date of the filing.
- [SB 758](#) (Fuller R) Recycling: tires.**
Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Environmental Quality Committee.
Summary: Reduced the current air pollution/waste management fee charged on the purchase of a new tire from \$1.75 per tire to \$1.15 per tire until January 1, 2015. Maintains the 75 cents-per-tire fee that will be charged thereafter.
- [SB 763](#) (Steinberg D) Environmental protection: California Performance Plus Program.**
Location: Held on Suspense in Senate Appropriations Committee.
Summary: Required the Secretary for Environmental Protection to develop guidelines for a voluntary state program offering incentives to businesses that voluntarily develop and follow a comprehensive program to enhance their environmental performance beyond what is required by law. The bill creates the annual Governor's Performance Plus Awards for businesses that demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to the environment.
- [SB 785](#) (Dutton R) Environmental quality CEQA: compliance: environmentally mandated projects.**
Location: Held in Senate Rules Committee.
Summary: Made a technical, nonsubstantive change in those provisions relating to the requirements imposed on a lead agency for the compliance project under CEQA.
- [SB 800](#) (Hancock D) Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Emission Offset Program Fund.**
Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Environmental Quality Committee.
Summary: Created the Voluntary Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Offset Program Fund to receive contributions from public and private sources interested in offsetting their carbon footprint. The funds would have been used for a variety of projects, including ones that meet protocols established by ARB to reduce GHG emissions.
- [SB 832](#) (Strickland R) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.**
Location: 1/20/2012-S. DEAD
Summary: Made a technical, nonsubstantive change to a provision of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.
- [SB 846](#) (Berryhill R) The California Water Plan: water data.**

Location: 8/17/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Required the Department of Water Resources to include in the 5-year California Water Plan an assessment of the state's water data system and prescribe requirements relating to the contents and conduct of the assessment.

[SB 854](#) ([Blakeslee](#) R) Renewable energy resources.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Energy Committee.

Summary: Required electrical corporations and publically owned utilities to achieve a 40 percent Renewable Portfolio Standard obligation by 2027 that can be met with different types of renewable energy credits.

[SB 862](#) ([Lowenthal](#) D) Southern California Goods Movement Authority.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

Summary: Established the Southern California Goods Movement Authority to leverage funding for the implementation of goods movement projects that would reduce congestion, expedite the transfer of goods through Southern California, and reduce air pollution.

[SB 864](#) ([Fuller](#) R) Emissions of greenhouse gases: market-based compliance mechanisms.

Location: Held in Senate Rules Committee.

Summary: Made technical, nonsubstantive changes to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 regarding market-based compliance strategies to reduce greenhouse gas.

[SB 881](#) ([Corbett](#) D) Land use planning: renewable energy projects: siting.

Location: Held on Suspense in Senate Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Required Office of Planning and Research to compile information relevant to the siting and permitting of renewable energy projects and post that information on the Internet.

[SB 898](#) ([Steinberg](#) D) Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program.

Location: Held in Senate Rules Committee.

Summary: Specified that an existing ARB report on the distribution of Carl Moyer Program funds be made available to the public at least annually.

[SB 904](#) ([Yee](#) D) Cal/EPA Organization Spot Bill.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Summary: Made a statutory change consistent with the Governor's Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1991. Identifies the boards, departments, and offices within Cal/EPA.

[SB 915](#) ([Calderon](#) D) Recycling: plastic bags.

Location: 1/13/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Required plastic bag use to be reduced by an unspecified percent by an unspecified year. Established a mandatory level of recycled content in plastic bags according to a specified schedule. Required the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to establish a working group of stakeholders to develop strategies for increasing the recycling of plastic bags and develop suggestions for funding increased consumer awareness.

[SB 935](#) (Committee on Environmental Quality) Ballast water.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 550, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Defines and refers to "biofouling" instead of "hull fouling" as the attachment or

association of marine organisms to the "wetted," as defined, instead of "submerged" portion of a vessel or its appurtenances, including, but not limited to, sea chests, propellers, anchors, and associated chains. The bill, instead, would require the master, owner, operator, or person in charge of a vessel arriving at a California port or place to remove biofouling organisms from the hull, piping, propellers, sea chests, and other wetted portions of a vessel on a regular basis.

SB 953 (Strickland R) Government reorganization: realignment or closure.

Location: 5/25/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Required that certain state agencies report to the Governor and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by April 1 of each year on the steps being taken to develop and adopt a strategic plan. Established the Bureaucracy Realignment and Closure Commission in state government. Required beginning on January 1, 2013, the Controller, the Director of Finance, the Legislative Analyst, the Legislative Counsel, and the Milton Marks "Little Hoover" Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy develop recommendations for the closure or realignment of state bureaucracies for consideration by the Commission.

SB 964 (Wright D) Administrative Procedure Act: State Water Resources Control Board and California regional water quality control boards.

Location: 4/27/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Provided that the exemption for the adoption of regulations for the issuance, denial, or revocation of specified waste discharge requirements and permits shall not apply to any general permits or waivers issued under state law or the federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, thereby requiring the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards to comply with provisions that require the adoption of regulations under those circumstances.

SB 965 (Wright D) State and local government.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 551, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Allows ex parte communications with members of the Water Boards with respect to the adoption, modification or rescission of waste discharge requirements, conditional waivers of waste discharge requirements and conditions of water quality certification that apply generally to broad classes of dischargers (referred to as "general permits"). Requires the Water Boards to make their meeting agenda notices available in both Spanish and English and requires all state agencies that place time limits on oral comments under the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act to provide additional time for testimony for people who use an interpreter.

SB 971 (Cannella R) Renewable energy resources.

Location: Failed Passage in Senate Energy Committee.

Summary: Revised the Renewable Portfolio Standards program so that the specified minimum quantities of electricity products required to be procured are based upon a percentage of the utility's net program retail sales of electricity in California. Defined "net program retail sales" of electricity as being the total retail sales of electricity by the retail seller or local publicly owned electric utility within California, minus those retail sales where the load was met by noneligible hydroelectric generation.

SB 972 (Simitian D) Environmental Quality: California Environmental Quality Act: scoping meeting and notice of completion

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 218, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Recasts and expands notification requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in minor ways. Adds a public agency that has filed a written request for notice of a scoping meeting to the list of entities that a lead agency

must notify of such a meeting. Requires a notice of preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR) be provided by the State Clearinghouse to any legislator in whose district the project has an environmental impact, if the legislator requests the notice and the clearinghouse has received it.

[SB 973](#) ([Vargas](#) D) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: limited duration events.

Location: 7/6/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Allows a lead agency to grant a categorical California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption for an annual firework display subject to limitations. The bill also authorizes the Office of Planning and Research to evaluate issues related to events that include fireworks displays to assist local agencies to mitigate impacts and develop ordinances.

[SB 975](#) ([Wright](#) D) Professions and vocations: regulatory authority.

Location: Vetoed by the Governor

Summary: Established the California Architects Board and the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists as the sole and exclusive entities authorized to license and regulate the practice of professions and vocations regulated by these licensing boards. Would have prohibited any State or local governments from imposing any education, training, certification, or licensing requirement upon those professions and vocations.

[SB 984](#) ([Simitian](#) D) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings.

Location: Died without a Hearing on Senate Concurrence.

Summary: Required, until January 1, 2016, the lead agency, at the request of a project applicant for specified projects, to prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with the preparation of negative declarations, mitigated negative declarations, EIRs or other environmental documents for specified projects. Required, for a lead agency that is a state agency, the consent of the state agency for the concurrent preparation of the record of proceedings.

[SB 1061](#) ([Walters](#) R) Professional engineers.

Location: 4/27/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Prohibited the practice of agricultural, chemical, control system, fire protection, industrial, metallurgical, nuclear, petroleum, and traffic engineering by any person who has not passed a specified examination and who is not appropriately licensed by the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors in the Department of Consumer Affairs board in the particular discipline. Authorized any licensed engineer to practice engineering work in any of those fields in which he or she is competent and proficient.

[SB 1066](#) ([Lieu](#) D) Coastal resources: climate change.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 611, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Authorized the conservancy to address the impacts and potential impacts of climate change on resources within its jurisdiction, giving priority to projects that maximize public benefits.

[SB 1076](#) ([Emmerson](#) R) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: tire inflation regulation.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 329, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Codifies the existing accuracy specification for tire pressure gauges under the Air Resources Board's regulation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles operating with underinflated tires. Exempts automotive service providers from checking and inflating a vehicle tire if the tire is determined to be unsafe in accordance with standard industry practices, consistent with the existing regulation, but would omit the consideration of age when determining whether it is unsafe to inflate the tire. This bill would sunset on January 1, 2018.

SB 1085 (La Malfa R) The State Water Resources Law of 1945.

Location: 5/11/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the State Water Resources Law of 1945.

SB 1099 (Wright D) Regulations

Location: Chaptered (Chapter 295, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Revises the dates that a regulation or order of repeal is effective and requires within 15 days of the Office of Administrative Law filing a state agency's regulation with the Secretary of State to post the regulation on the Internet Website in an easily marked and identifiable location.

SB 1118 (Hancock D) Solid waste: used mattresses: recycling and recovery.

Location: 8/31/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Required a manufacturer of mattresses sold in this state, individually, collectively, or through a stewardship organization, to provide an interim plan to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery by April 1, 2013, in an electronic format that ensures that the manufacturer will be responsible for the collection and recycling of used mattresses generated by consumers. Required a manufacturer to implement the interim plan by July 1, 2013, and to continue implementation until a stewardship plan is approved, conditionally approved, or disapproved by the Department.

SB 1119 (Berryhill R) Pesticides: violations: civil penalties.

Location: 4/27/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Provided that if the county agricultural commissioner determines that a conflict-of-interest exists, another commissioner designated by the Director of Pesticide Regulation may levy a civil penalty pursuant to these provisions.

SB 1122 (Rubio D) Energy: renewable bioenergy projects.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 612, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Requires the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to direct the State's electrical corporations to collectively procure and provide a feed-in-tariff for at least 250 megawatts of generating capacity from generators of bioenergy that begin operation on or after June 1, 2013. Allocates the amount of megawatts eligible for different bioenergy project categories, including biogas from wastewater treatment, municipal organic waste diversion, food processing, dairy and other agricultural bioenergy, as well as bioenergy from byproducts of sustainable forest management. Allows the PUC to review the category allocations specified in the bill, and reallocate them if needed. Requires the PUC to consult with a number of State agencies, including the Air Resources Board, in its evaluation and reallocation of the number of megawatts eligible for each category under the program.

SB 1127 (Vargas D) Volatile organic compounds: consumer products.

Location: Failed Passage in Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Summary: Required the South Coast Air Quality Management District to amend Rule 1144 Metalworking Fluids and Direct Contact Lubricants to exempt consumer products regulated by the Air Resources Board. The bill was a special interest bill sponsored by the WD-40 Company with the purpose of excluding WD-40 from the South Coast Air Quality regulation.

SB 1128 (Padilla D) Energy: alternative energy financing.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 677, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Revises and recasts the provisions of the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority to update and streamline the code, and extend financing authority to provide sales and use tax exclusion for projects that promote the utilization of advanced manufacturing. Revises definitions for “advanced transportation technologies” and “alternative (energy) sources” for all Authority financing programs, including the sales and use tax exclusion. The Air Resources Board would be required to advise the Authority as to whether certain projects applying for financial assistance are required to be undertaken pursuant to law, regulation, or other existing requirement.

SB 1130 (De León D) Energy: energy assessment: nonresidential buildings: financing.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Enacted the Nonresidential Building Energy Retrofit Financing Act of 2012 and required the Energy Commission to establish the Nonresidential Building Energy Retrofit Financing Program and to hire a third-party administrator by July 1, 2013, to develop and operate the program to provide financial assistance, through authorizing the issuance of, among other things, revenue bonds, to owners of eligible nonresidential buildings for implementing energy improvements for their properties. Required the State Board of Equalization to collect installment payments from owners of eligible properties whose applications have been approved by the commission.

SB 1132 (Walters R) Public Employees' Retirement System.

Location: 5/11/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to the Public Employees' Retirement Law.

SB 1139 (Rubio D) Greenhouse gas: carbon capture and storage.

Location: Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Required the Air Resources Board, by January 1, 2016, working in consultation with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission (CEC), to adopt a quantification methodology for carbon capture and storage projects. Requires the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), following ARB's adoption of the methodology described above, to regulate injection of CO₂ for EOR for a project seeking to demonstrate simultaneous geologic sequestration of greenhouse gases. Required DOGGR and ARB to use a coordinated and comprehensive regulatory approach, which included both entities overseeing short-term and long-term monitoring and verification of greenhouse gas sequestration following an EOR operation.

SB 1155 (Cannella R) Vehicles: combination length.

Location: 6/18/2012-S. T. & H.

Summary: Exempted from the length limitation, until January 1, 2018, a combination of

vehicles coupled together, including attachments not more than 75 feet in total length.

SB 1159 (Calderon D) Plastic bag: labeling.

Location: 4/27/2012-S. E.Q.

Summary: Enacted the Plastic Bag Reduction and Recycling Act of 2012 and prohibited the operator of a supermarket on and after July 1, 2013, from distributing a plastic carryout bag to a customer unless the plastic carryout bag displayed the phrase "Please Recycle This Bag." Authorized the city attorney or district attorney to bring an action against the operator of the supermarket convicted of violating this requirement for the recovery of the costs of the enforcement action.

SB 1189 (Hancock D) The Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century: project funding.

Location: Held on Suspense in Senate Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Appropriated \$523,400,000 from the High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Fund to the Department of Transportation for allocation by the California Transportation Commission.

SB 1214 (Cannella R) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: judicial review.

Location: 5/11/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Required a judicial proceeding challenging a project, except for a high-speed rail project, located in a distressed county, to be filed with the Court of Appeal with geographic jurisdiction over the project.

SB 1219 (Wolk D) Recycling: plastic bags.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 384, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Extends the sunset date for the At-Store Recycling Program from January 1, 2013 to January 1, 2020, and repeals the provision prohibiting local governments from passing ordinances that impose a fee on single-use plastic carryout bags.

SB 1224 (La Malfa R) Smog check: biennial inspection: exemption.

Location: Failed Passage in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

Summary: Exempted all motor vehicles prior to the 1981 model-year from being inspected biennially upon renewal of registration.

SB 1230 (Wright D) Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board: emissions control.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee.

Summary: Required the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board to adopt standards designed to ensure the safety of the operator in the installation, use, and operation of a verified diesel emission control strategy, required by a regulation adopted by the State Air Resources Board to be installed on an on-road heavy-duty diesel-fueled motor vehicle. Prohibited the State Air Resources Board from requiring a fleet owner, to install a verified diesel emission control strategy until 6 months after the adoption of the standards.

SB 1251 (Evans D) Ocean Protection Council: Aquatic Invasive Species Working Group.

Location: 5/25/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Required the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to appoint a member of the Council or its executive director to chair the working group, comprised of specified members appointed by the Secretary. Prescribed the functions and duties of the working group with regard to the management of aquatic invasive species within different regions of the state.

SB 1257 (Hernandez D) Utility user tax: exemption: public transit vehicles

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 213, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: This bill would prohibit local governments from charging a utility user tax on the electricity that electric public transit buses consume, provided the electricity is separately metered. The bill is intended to reduce costs associated with deploying electric transit buses and create a level playing field for transit buses that use alternative fuels.

SB 1283 (Alquist D) San Francisco Bay Area Sea Level Rise Planning Act.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

Summary: Established the San Francisco Bay Area Sea Level Rise Planning Act, which would authorize a regional sea level rise management group, or local government agency to prepare and adopt an integrated sea level rise management plan for the San Francisco Bay area. Required a state agency that elects to develop an integrated sea level management plan to include specified criteria in that plan, and to prioritize funding for the plan.

SB 1306 (Blakeslee R) State Water Resources Control Board.

Location: 7/6/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Added the adoption of general permit application requirements for stormwater discharges by the state board and added a conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements from irrigated lands adopted by a regional water quality control board to the definition of rule and required these provisions to apply only when fees are available to cover the state board's or a regional board's costs of complying with these provisions. Required a scientific peer review to be done on the scientific basis or scientific portion of an adopted rule.

SB 1327 (Cannella R) State government: business information: Internet Web site.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 763, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Requires the Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to ensure that the office's Internet Web site contains information to assist an individual with the licensing, permitting, and registration requirements necessary to start a business. Requires a state agency that the Governor determines has licensing authority to provide accurate updated information about its licensing requirements, and prohibits a state agency from using this Internet Website as the exclusive source of licensing information for the public. Authorizes the Governor to impose a reasonable fee, not to exceed the actual cost to provide the service, upon users of the Internet Website.

SB 1335 (Pavley D) Redevelopment: brownfield sites.

Location: 5/25/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Authorized a successor agency to retain property obtained by the former redevelopment agency for specified remediation or removal purposes of the release of hazardous substances, at a brownfield site using available financing, funds, and grants, subject to approval of the oversight board pursuant to specified procedures. Upon completion of remediation, required the successor agency to dispose of the property pursuant to current asset disposition provisions.

SB 1337 (DeSaulnier D) Zone 7 Water Agency Act.

Location: 5/25/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Amended the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act to exclude the territory of the newly created Zone 7 Water Agency from the District's jurisdiction. Deleted those provisions that applied solely to Zone 7.

SB 1339 (Yee D) Commute benefit policies.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 871, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Authorizes, until January 1, 2017, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to jointly adopt an ordinance that requires employers with 50 or more employees located within the two agencies' common area of jurisdiction to offer employees commute benefits, which include: (1) a pretax set-aside from employee's wages to cover transit, vanpool, or bicycle commuting costs, (2) an employer-provided subsidy to offset public transit or vanpooling costs, (3) employer-provided transportation (e.g., vanpooling) at little or no cost to employees, and (4) an approved alternative benefit.

SB 1340 (La Malfa R) Appropriation of water: Sewerage Commission Oroville.

Location: Vetoed by the Governor

Summary: This bill would authorize the Sewerage Commission Oroville to apply to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for a permit to appropriate water from the Feather River, in an amount up to the amount of treated wastewater that it discharges into the Feather River. The bill would allow the Commission to sell or use the appropriated water for any beneficial purpose. This bill also would require the State Water Board to submit a report to the Legislature, by July 1, 2013, on the potential cumulative effects of granting appropriations as authorized by this bill and two existing sections of the Water Code.

SB 1354 (Dutton R) California Environmental Quality Act: project.

Location: 5/11/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change in the provisions defining a project under the California Environmental Quality Act.

SB 1360 (Simitian D) Vessels

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 279, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Eliminates the January 1, 2014 sunset date of provisions of the California Clean Coast Act that (1) prohibit large passenger vessels (i.e. "cruise ships") from discharging sewage into the marine waters of the State, and (2) require large passenger vessels that do discharge sewage into the marine waters of the State to notify the California Emergency Management Agency immediately, but not longer than 30 minutes, after discovering the sewage release.

SB 1380 (Rubio D) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: bicycle transportation plan.

Location: Died on Assembly Inactive File.

Summary: Exempted from CEQA until January 1, 2018, a bicycle transportation plan for an urbanized area and required a local agency that determines that the bicycle transportation plan is exempt under this provision and approves or determines to carry out that project, to file notice of the determination with the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the county clerk.

SB 1387 (Emmerson R) Metal theft.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 656, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Prohibits any junk dealer or recycler from possessing a reasonably recognizable, disassembled, or inoperative fire hydrant or fire department connection, including, but not limited to, bronze or brass fittings or parts, a manhole cover or lid, or any part of that cover or lid, or a backflow device and connections to that device, that was

owned by a public agency, city, county, city and county, special district, or private utility, without a written certification on the letterhead of the entity that owns or previously owned the material that the entity has sold or is offering the material for sale, and that the person possessing the certificate and identified in the certificate is authorized to negotiate the sale of the material. Requires a junk dealer or recycler who unknowingly takes possession of prohibited material as part of a load of otherwise nonprohibited materials without written certification to notify the appropriate law enforcement agency, as defined, by the end of the next business day upon discovery of the prohibited material.

SB 1427 (De León D) State contracts: electronic goods: bid preference for refurbished electronics.

Location: 8/17/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Required a state agency that accepts bids or proposals for a contract for electronic goods to provide a preference of 5%, to a company that offers to fulfill the contract only with refurbished electronics. Specified that the maximum preference under this bill and all laws is a cumulative 15% or \$100,000.

SB 1455 (Kehoe D) Alternative and vehicle technologies: funding programs.

Location: Failed Passage on Senate Floor Concurrence.

Summary: Extended various fees and surcharges related to the clean air, fuel, tire recycling, and vehicle programs of the Air Resources Board (ARB), the California Energy Commission (CEC), the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), and the State Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) until December 1, 2023. Prohibited ARB from moving forward with implementation of the Clean Fuels Outlet regulation, and instead directed funds from the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Fund for the construction and operation of a hydrogen fueling network in California. Required CEC and ARB to report on the status of the state's alternative transportation fuel use in the Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR).

SB 1460 (Yee D) Automotive repair: replacement parts.

Location: 4/27/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Required an automotive repair dealer or insurer who uses or directs the use of replacement crash parts, to follow specified procedures when using replacement crash parts and to expressly notify the automobile owner regarding the use of specific categories of crash parts in making the repairs, and to provide disclosures as to the warranty for those parts.

SB 1468 (Calderon D) Fireworks.

Location: 8/17/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Authorized the sale of specified fireworks between Christmas and New Year's Day in 2014-15 and 2015-16, would permit limited recovery of specified costs by local governments, and would provide for a two-year fireworks data collection effort to be funded by voluntary contributions from the fireworks industry. The State Fire Marshal would deposit in the Fireworks Special Data Collection Fund, which the bill would create as a continuously appropriated special fund in the State Treasury.

SB 1484 (Pavley D) California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank: clean energy technology.

Location: 7/6/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Established the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.

SB 1485 (Kehoe D) Fuel taxes: blended fuels.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 493, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: Makes the provision requiring reimbursement and repayment of the motor vehicle fuel tax applicable to any person who buys and uses tax-paid motor vehicle fuel for the purpose of producing a blended fuel that will be used to operate motor vehicles upon the public highways of the state that is taxed under the Use Fuel Tax Law, if the person has submitted or submits the refund application request on or after January 1, 2011, and can show that the applicable California use fuel tax has been paid on the blended fuel produced by the person.

SB 1493 (Cannella R) Renewable energy resources: local publicly owned electric utilities.

Location: 5/11/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Provided that the electricity purchased from an electric generation facility counts toward meeting the local publicly owned electric utility's renewables portfolio standard annual procurement targets. Moved this requirement to that portion of the Public Utilities Code concerning the California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

SB 1496 (Simitian D) Energy: State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: natural gas.

Location: 8/17/2012-A. DEAD

Summary: Required the Energy Commission, beginning on January 1, 2013, as a component of the integrated energy policy report, to conduct a study of the effect of liquefied natural gas imports and exports on the state's energy demand.

SB 1507 (Fuller R) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: tractor-trailers: exemption.

Location: Failed Passage in Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Summary: Made legislative findings relating to the heavy duty vehicle regulation, the economic analysis prepared during the rulemaking, and the assumptions made in calculating the cost, cost-savings, and greenhouse gas reductions. Required that any rule or regulation applying to owners or drivers of heavy-duty tractors or the 53-foot or longer trailers they pull pursuant to the California Global Warming Solutions Act to include exemptions for a tractor-trailer combination.

SB 1512 (Cannella R) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: litigation.

Location: 5/11/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SB 1519 (Fuller R) Desert View Water District-Bighorn Mountains Water Agency consolidation.

Location: 5/11/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Made a technical, nonsubstantive change to the provisions of the Desert View Water District-Bighorn Mountains Water Agency Consolidation Law.

SB 1520 (Calderon D) State government: administrative efficiency.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 766, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: The Administrative Procedure Act requires an agency to file with the Office of Administrative Law, when it files the notice of proposed action, an initial statement of reasons that includes the standardized economic impact analysis for each major regulation proposed on or after January 1, 2013. Changes this date to November 1, 2013.

SB 1535 (Padilla D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: water industry study.

Location: Died without a hearing in Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Summary: Prohibited any authority being conferred on the Air Resources Board to impose any regulatory obligations on publicly owned water utilities for purposes of greenhouse gas emissions related to electricity imported for the publicly owned water utility's own use for the sole purpose of obtaining, transporting, and distributing water to its service area from an out-of-state water source unless the state board allocates to publicly owned water utilities allowances, credits, or other forms of price mitigation received by publicly owned electric utilities.

SB 1541 (La Malfa R) Timber harvesting plans.

Location: Chaptered (Chapter Number 312, Statutes of 2012).

Summary: This bill would eliminate the January 1, 2013, termination date for the exemption to the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 which prohibits a person from conducting timber operations unless a timber harvesting plan prepared by a registered professional forester has been submitted to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to cut only those trees that eliminate the vertical continuity of vegetative fuels and the horizontal continuity of tree crowns to reduce the rate of fire spread.

SB 1547 (Simitian D) Recycling: beverage containers: enforcement.

Location: 9/29/2012 Vetoed

Summary: Made minor changes regarding the commingled rate surveys the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) conducts to determine a commingled rate for payment on empty beverage containers. Was intended to ensure CalRecycle excludes all materials not eligible for redemption value when conducting the surveys.

SB 1565 (Strickland R) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Location: 5/11/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Made technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SB 1566 (Negrete McLeod D) Vehicle license fees: allocation.

Location: 5/25/2012-S. DEAD

Summary: Required, on and after July 1, 2012, that revenues in the Transportation Tax Fund be distributed first to each city that was incorporated from an unincorporated territory after August 5, 2004, in an amount determined pursuant to a specified formula, second to each city that was incorporated before August 5, 2004, in an amount determined pursuant to a specified formula, and third to the Local Law Enforcement Services Account in the Local Revenue Fund 2011, for allocation to cities, counties, and cities and counties .

SB 1572 (Pavley D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: AB 32 Investment Fund.

Location: Died without a hearing on Assembly Floor.

Summary: Appropriated a portion of moneys collected by the state board and derived from the auction or sale of allowances in the 2012-13 fiscal year from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the Air Resources Board (ARB) to fund prescribed projects that meet certain goals relating to greenhouse gas emissions reductions by December 31, 2013. Required ARB, the Strategic Growth Council, and the California Pollution Control Financing Authority to adopt regulations, and authorize those entities to adopt emergency regulations, for the purposes of funding eligible projects. Required the California Pollution Control Financing Authority and the Strategic Growth Council to prepare and submit annual reports to the Legislature until January 1, 2017.

SBX1 28 (Padilla D) Clean Energy Jobs and Investment Act.

Location: 8/29/2011-S. DEAD

Summary: Extended the requirement to collect the public goods charge January 1, 2020, and increased the amount of funds the PUC would require the electrical corporations to collect through the public goods charge.

SBX1 29 (Steinberg D) Energy: energy efficiency programs.

Location: 8/29/2011-S. DEAD

Summary: Required the PUC to fund mechanisms to finance comprehensive energy efficiency retrofits of specified building sectors.

SCR 76 (Emmerson R) Vehicular air pollution: school buses.

Location: Died without a Hearing in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

Summary: Urged the State Air Resources Board (ARB) to exempt school buses from a specified regulation until there is full funding available through the Lower-Emission School Bus Program. Urged the ARB to focus all its efforts on using funds from the Lower-Emission School Bus Program in addition to obtaining new funding to replace the oldest school buses that do not have seat belts and do not have any emissions controls to limit the dangerous diesel particulate matter and oxides of nitrogen.

SJR 8 (Leno D) Hazardous flame retardants.

Location: 7/5/2012-A. E.S. & T.M.

Summary: Urged the federal government's process of identifying alternatives to flame retardants to include the design of products that do not require the use of flame retardants, the U.S. Congress to enact the Safe Chemicals Act to restrict flame retardants that pose health risks, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to establish health and safety standards for flame retardant chemicals and the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission to adopt specified non-toxic furniture smolder prevention rules.



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AB	Assembly Bill
AJR	Assembly Joint Resolution
ACR	Assembly Concurrent Resolution
ARB	Air Resources Board
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
BT&H	Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency
Cal/EPA	California Environmental Protection Agency
CBSC	California Building Standards Commission
CEC	California Energy Commission
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CIWMB	California Integrated Waste Management Board
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
CUPA	Certified Unified Program Agency
DFA	Department of Food and Agriculture
DMV	Department of Motor Vehicles
DPR	Department of Pesticide Regulation
DTSC	Department of Toxic Substances Control
DWR	Department of Water Resources
EEl	Education and the Environment Initiative
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
ERC	Emission Reduction Credit
EVR	Enhanced Vapor Recovery
FY	Fiscal Year
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GMERP	Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program
MMP	Mandatory Minimum Penalty
OEHHA	Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
RPS	Renewable Portfolio Standard
RUST	Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks
SB	Senate Bill
SCAQMD	South Coast Air Quality Management District
SCR	Senate Concurrent Resolution
SJR	Senate Joint Resolution
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
U.S. EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
UST	Underground Storage Tank