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INTRODUCTION

This publication is a comprehensive summary of bills that the Assembly Natural Resources Committee considered during the 2015 – 2016 legislative years.

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

In general, chaptered legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2017. Bills that contain an urgency clause (not noted in this document) took effect immediately upon the Governor's signature.

The committee uses the following abbreviations throughout this summary:

ARB (Air Resources Board)
CalEPA (California Environmental Protection Agency)
CAL FIRE (Department of Forestry and Fire Protection)
CalRecycle (Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery)
CCC (California Coastal Commission)
CEC (California Energy Commission)
CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act)
CVRP (Clean Vehicle Rebate Project)
DOGGR (Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources)
GGRF (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund)
GHG (greenhouse gas)
IOU (investor-owned utility)
MW (megawatt)
NRA (Natural Resources Agency)
OPC (Ocean Protection Council)
OPR (Office of Planning and Research)
PUC (Public Utilities Commission)
RPS (Renewables Portfolio Standard)
SCC (State Coastal Conservancy)
SGC (Strategic Growth Council)
SLC (State Lands Commission)
SRA (State Responsibility Area)
SWRCB (State Water Resources Control Board)
US EPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency)

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AIR QUALITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

AB 21 (Perea Wood) - ~~California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emissions limit: scoping plan.~~ Medical marijuana: cultivation licenses. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, added "energy efficiency" and "facilitation of the electrification of the transportation sector" to the list of energy-related matters that ARB must consult with other relevant state agencies when preparing the AB 32 scoping plan. Later amended to address regulation of medical marijuana.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 1, Statutes of 2016)

AB 23 (Patterson) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: exemption. Exempts distributors of fuels, including gasoline, diesel, and natural gas, and any other entities that were not covered on January 1, 2013, from the cap-and-trade regulation adopted by the ARB.

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 33 (Quirk) - Electrical corporations: energy storage systems: long duration bulk energy storage resources. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, established the Energy Integration Advisory Council to make recommendations to ARB regarding various strategies necessary for the energy grid to integrate increased renewable energy strategies. Later amended to require the PUC to evaluate and analyze the potential for all types of long duration bulk energy storage resources.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 680, Statutes of 2016)

AB 156 (Perea McCarty) - ~~California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: disadvantaged communities.~~ Ammunition. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, required the GGRF Investment Plan to allocate technical assistance funds to the ARB to assist disadvantaged communities in developing GHG reduction project funding proposals. Later amended to address regulation of purchase and sale of ammunition.

(Status: Held on the Assembly Floor)

AB 197 (E. Garcia) - State Air Resources Board: greenhouse gases. Creates the Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies; requires the ARB to prioritize direct emission reductions and consider social costs when adopting regulations to reduce GHG emissions beyond the 2020 statewide limit; requires ARB to prepare reports on sources of GHGs and other pollutants; establishes six-year terms for voting members of ARB; and, adds two legislators as non-voting members of ARB.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 250, Statutes of 2016)

AB 239 (Gallagher) - Greenhouse gases: regulations. Prohibits the ARB from adopting or amending a regulation pursuant to the California Global Warming Solutions Act.
(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 335 (Patterson) - Air quality: minor violations. Requires the ARB and each local air district to establish a "minor violation" program, where the ARB and the air districts must issue a "notice to comply" for minor violations, as defined, and violators have a right to cure the violation in lieu of facing a penalty or other further enforcement. This bill reestablishes a law that had been in effect from 1997 to 2006.
(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 450 (McCarty) - ~~Greenhouse gas: energy efficiency: financing.~~ Firearms: Concealed Carry License. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, specified that moneys appropriated from the GGRF may be used for implementation of the Property Assessed Clean Energy Reserve Program. Later amended to address concealed firearm licenses.
(Status: Vetoed by Governor, September 26, 2016)

AB 577 (Bonilla) - Biomethane: grant program. Requires the CEC to develop and implement a grant program for projects related to biomethane production.
(Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee)

AB 590 (Dahle) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Establishes the Biomass State Cost Share Account (Account) within the GGRF and requires an unspecified amount to be transferred annually from the GGRF to the Account, to be available upon appropriation to the CEC for purposes of maintaining the current level of biomass power generation in the state and revitalizing currently idle facilities in strategically located regions.
(Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 692 (Quirk) - Low-carbon transportation fuels. Requires each state agency that is a buyer of transportation fuels to buy 3% of "very low carbon transportation fuels," as defined, beginning January 1, 2017, increasing by 1% per year thereafter until 2024.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 588, Statutes of 2015)

AB 720 (Cooley) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms. Revises the cap-and-trade regulation adopted by the ARB to (1) eliminate the limit on GHG emission allowances that may be held by any covered entity ("holding limit") and (2) require the ARB to set a price cap on any allowances auctioned by the ARB.
(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 857 (Perea Cooper) - ~~California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program~~. Firearms: identifying information. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, revised the Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program to require the greater of 50% or \$100 million of the funds appropriated between January 2, 2018 and January 1, 2023 for development of a broad range of medium- and heavy-duty truck technology be allocated instead to support commercial deployment of existing heavy-duty (>26,000 lbs gross vehicle weight rating) truck technology that meets specified low oxides of nitrogen emission standards. Later amended to address identification of firearms.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 60, Statutes of 2016)

AB 1030 (Ridley-Thomas) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Requires state agencies allocating moneys from the GGRF to prioritize projects based on specified employment-related factors.

(Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1179 (Rendon) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: disadvantaged communities: report. Requires the ARB to report on projects funded in or benefiting disadvantaged communities pursuant to SB 535 (de León, Chapter 734, Statutes of 2012).

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1288 (Atkins) - Air resources. Adds two appointments to the ARB to represent environmental justice communities.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 586, Statutes of 2015)

AB 1336 (Salas) - Greenhouse gases: Community Climate Improvement Program. Establishes the Community Climate Improvement Program, administered by the SGC, to provide grants for "multicounty, multi-element" projects to reduce or sequester GHG emissions using funds appropriated from the GGRF.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1482 (Gordon) - Climate adaptation. Requires the NRA to update its climate adaptation strategy, the Safeguarding California Plan (Plan), by July 1, 2017, and every three years thereafter by coordinating adaptation activities among lead state agencies in each sector. This bill also requires the relevant state agencies to maximize specified objectives across sectors to address vulnerabilities identified in the Plan and requires SGC to identify and review activities and funding programs of state agencies that may be coordinated to meet the goals of the strategies and priorities in the Plan.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 603, Statutes of 2015)

AB 1496 (Thurmond) - Methane emissions. Requires the ARB to monitor high-emission methane hot-spots in the state, consult with specified entities to gather information for purposes of carrying out life-cycle GHG emissions analyses of natural gas imports, update relevant policies and programs based on those updated life-cycle analyses, and review scientific information on atmospheric reactivity of methane as a precursor to the formation of photochemical oxidants.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 604, Statutes of 2015)

AB 1501 (Rendon) - Well stimulation treatments: production facilities: emissions. Requires air districts to establish an emission standard for methane from well stimulation treatments and other petroleum extraction facilities. Requires the emission standard to include a permit requirement and consideration of the effect production facilities have on adjacent vulnerable populations. Requires the ARB or a local air district to install monitoring stations near any approved well stimulation site and other petroleum extraction facilities to monitor for 12 different chemicals.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1550 (Gomez) - Greenhouse gases: investment plan: disadvantaged communities. Requires that 25% of the GGRF be spent on projects located within disadvantaged communities, and requires that an additional 5% be spent on projects that benefit low-income households.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 369, Statutes of 2016)

AB 1657 (O'Donnell) - Air pollution: public ports and intermodal terminals. Establishes the Zero- and Near-Zero-Emission Intermodal Terminals Program and the Port Building and Lighting Efficiency Program to fund projects to reduce emissions and increase energy efficiency from freight and public port operations.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1815 (Alejo) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: disadvantaged communities. Requires the GGRF Investment Plan to allocate technical assistance funds to CalEPA to assist disadvantaged and low-income communities in developing GHG reduction project funding proposals. Requires CalEPA to report on all projects funded by the GGRF, as specified.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2181 (Brown) - Public contracts: contract specifications. Requires specified state departments, the University of California, and the California State University to evaluate

GHG emissions impacts of their projects and incorporate GHG emissions considerations into their procurement processes.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2223 (Gray) - Dairy methane reduction. Appropriates \$10 million from the GGRF to CDFA to fund loans for dairy digesters and other dairy methane reduction projects and management practices.

(Status: Held in Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee)

AB 2293 (C. Garcia) – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Green Assistance Program. Creates the Green Assistance Program within CalEPA to provide assistance to small businesses and non-profits.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2343 (C. Garcia) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: study. Requires the Department of Finance to include in its annual report to committees of the Legislature information relating to the economic impacts of GGRF expenditures.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2408 (Eggman) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Directs allocations from the GGRF to "integrated GHG reduction projects" for households in disadvantaged and low-income communities.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2415 (E. Garcia) - California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program. Revises the Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program to require the greater of 50% or \$100 million of the funds allocated each year from 2018 to 2023 for development of a broad range of medium- and heavy-duty truck technology, to be allocated instead to support commercial deployment of existing heavy-duty truck (>26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating) technology that meets specified low oxides of nitrogen emission standards.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2564 (Cooper) - Air Quality Improvement Program: Clean Vehicle Rebate Project. Reforms the CVRP by increasing outreach and rebate levels for low-income Californians. Lowers income limits for CVRP.

(Status: Failed passage in Senate Environmental Quality Committee)

AB 2585 (Williams) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms. Requires the ARB to review any market-based compliance regulation to consider the intended purpose and consistency of requirements aimed to prevent "resource shuffling," as defined, among all fuels subject to that regulation.
(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2653 (E. Garcia) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: report. Requires each state agency that expends moneys from the GGRF to include specified economic information in their annual reports to CalEPA relating to GHG emissions reductions.
(Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 2702 (Atkins) - Greenhouse gases: study. Requires the ARB to conduct a study that outlines best practices and policies for meeting state goals to reduce GHG emissions.
(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2722 (Burke) - Transformative Climate Communities Program. Establishes the Transformative Climate Communities Program in the SGC to fund the development and implementation of neighborhood-level transformative climate community plans.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 371, Statutes of 2016)

AB 2800 (Quirk) - Climate change: infrastructure planning. Establishes a Climate-Safe Infrastructure Working Group to examine how to integrate scientific data concerning projected climate change impacts into state infrastructure engineering.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 580, Statutes of 2016)

ACR 112 (Hadley) - State Air Resources Board. Describes the events that led to the discovery of the Volkswagen defeat devices. Declares that the Legislature thanks the ARB for its exemplary work uncovering the Volkswagen defeat devices.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Res. Chapter 117, Statutes of 2016)

AJR 43 (Williams) - Greenhouse gases: climate change. Urges the United States Congress to enact a tax on carbon-based fossil fuels, as specified.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Res. Chapter 168, Statutes of 2016)

SB 9 (Beall) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program. Modifies the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program to focus on capital rail and transit system improvements that will be "transformative."
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 710, Statutes of 2015)

SB 20 (Pavley) - Low Carbon Fuels Council. Establishes the Low Carbon Fuels Council (Council) and requires the Council to have six members with the Chair of the CEC, or his or her designee, serving as the chair of the Council.
(Status: Held on the Assembly Floor)

SB 32 (Pavley) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Requires the ARB to ensure that statewide GHG emissions are reduced to at least 40% below the 1990 level by 2030.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 249, Statutes of 2016)

SB 189 (Hueso) - Clean Energy and Low-Carbon Economic and Jobs Growth Blue Ribbon Committee. Establishes the Clean Energy and Low-Carbon Economic and Jobs Growth Blue Ribbon Committee within CalEPA to advise state agencies on economic benefits and job growth related to a cleaner, low-carbon economy.
(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 231 (Gaines) - Transportation programs. Specifies that water-borne transit projects (e.g., commuter ferries) are eligible for certain cap-and-trade funding.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 286, Statutes of 2015)

SB 246 (Wieckowski) - Climate change adaptation. Establishes the Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program to be administered by the OPR to coordinate state, regional, and local agency efforts to adapt to the impacts of climate change.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 606, Statutes of 2015)

SB 350 (de León) - Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015. Enacts the "Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015" and establishes targets to increase retail sales of renewable electricity to 50% by 2030, and double the energy efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas end uses by 2030.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015)

SB 367 (Wolk) - Agricultural lands: greenhouse gases. Establishes a \$25 million grant program for projects that reduce GHG emissions from agricultural operations, as specified. Expands and revises the membership and duties of the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Environmental Farming Act Science Advisory Panel to include on-farm practices to reduce GHG emissions and increase carbon storage in soil.
(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 400 (Lara) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Requires the High Speed Rail Authority to fund projects that offset construction impacts of the high speed rail project.
(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 471 (Pavley) - Water, energy, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions: planning. Specifies that reductions of GHG emissions associated with the water sector, including water use, supply, and treatment, are eligible investments from the GGRF. Requires CEC to study water-related energy use in California. Requires SWRCB to develop a grant and loan program to fund projects that result in water-related GHG emission reductions.
(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 970 (Leyva) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: grant program: recyclable materials. Requires CalRecycle to consider various factors when awarding grants for organic waste projects funded by the GGRF.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 365, Statutes of 2016)

SB 1383 (Lara) - Short-lived climate pollutants: methane emissions: dairy and livestock: organic waste: landfills. Requires the ARB to approve and implement the comprehensive short-lived climate pollutant strategy to achieve, from 2013 levels, a 40% reduction in methane, a 40% reduction in hydrofluorocarbon gases, and a 50% reduction in anthropogenic black carbon by 2030. Establishes specific procedures to regulate landfill and dairy sources of methane. Requires the CEC, ARB, and PUC to develop recommendations for development and use of renewable gas, then consider and adopt policies and incentives to increase production and use of renewable gas, including biomethane and biogas, that reduces short-lived climate pollutants in the state.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016)

SB 1386 (Wolk) - Resource conservation: working and natural lands. Declares it to be the policy of the state that the protection and management of natural and working lands is an important strategy in meeting the state's GHG reduction goals. Requires all state agencies, departments, boards, and commissions to consider this policy when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations, expenditures, or grant criteria relating to the protection and management of natural and working lands.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 545, Statutes of 2016)

SB 1387 (de León) - South Coast Air Quality Management District Board. Adds three members to the South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board, as specified, and creates a process by which the ARB is required to review and approve, disapprove, or

amend and approve, any plan for, changes to, or rules implementing a local air district's market-based incentive program.

(Status: Failed passage on Assembly Floor)

SB 1425 (Pavley) - Water-energy nexus registry. Requires the ARB, in consultation with relevant state agencies and The California Climate Action Registry, to develop a registry of GHG emissions resulting from the water-energy nexus.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 596, Statutes of 2016)

SB 1464 (de León) - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: greenhouse gas emissions reduction. Requires that the GGRF Investment Plan include additional assessments and recommended metrics for proposed investments.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 679, Statutes of 2016)

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

AB 291 (Medina) - ~~California Environmental Quality Act: local agencies: notice of determination: water~~. Tribal gaming: compact ratification. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, established alternative procedures for the filing of CEQA notices for multi-county water projects. Later amended to ratify a tribal gaming compact between the State of California and the Barona Band of Mission Indians.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 284, Statutes of 2016)

AB 311 (Gallagher) - Environmental quality: Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. Establishes special administrative and judicial review procedures under CEQA for water storage projects funded by the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1).

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 323 (Olsen) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: roadway improvement. Extends the January 1, 2016 sunset date to January 1, 2020 for an exemption from CEQA for projects to repair, maintain, and make minor alterations to existing roadways, provided the project is carried out by a city or county with a population of less than 100,000, to improve public safety and meets other specified conditions.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 52, Statutes of 2015)

AB 641 (Mayes) - Environmental quality: housing developments. Establishes special judicial review procedures under CEQA for any activity related to the new construction of houses or dwelling units.

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 779 (C. Garcia) - ~~Environmental quality: transit priority areas~~. Local government: financial disclosures. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, delayed the effective date of revised CEQA guidelines to establish criteria for determining the significance of transportation impacts of projects within transit priority areas until July 1, 2017. Later amended to require cities, counties and special districts to compile compensation information about their elected officials and post it on their Web sites.

(Status: Vetoed by Governor, September 24, 2016)

AB 956 (Mathis) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption. Establishes an exemption from CEQA for water recycling projects for specific communities during a drought.

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 1398 (Wilk) - Environmental quality: the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act. Establishes the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act, which would (1) allow an environmental document prepared under CEQA to use standards provided by existing state or federal environmental protection laws as the exclusive means of evaluating and mitigating environmental impacts; and (2) limit the causes of action upon which parties may file suit to enforce CEQA.

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 1500 (Maienschein) - ~~California Environmental Quality Act: priority housing projects: exemption.~~ State highways: relinquishment: Route 75. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, provided that if a local government elects to identify supportive or transitional housing developments in their housing element, the development is allowed as a permitted use without a conditional use or other discretionary permit. Later amended to authorize portions of State Route 75 to be relinquished in San Diego County.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 398, Statutes of 2016)

AB 1569 (Steinorth) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: existing transportation infrastructure. Exempts from CEQA a transportation infrastructure project, if the project is located within an existing right-of-way and does not add additional motor vehicle lanes, except auxiliary lanes.

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 1586 (Mathis) - California Environmental Quality Act: Temperance Flat Reservoir. Generally prohibits a court, in granting relief in an action or proceeding challenging the Temperance Flat Reservoir under CEQA, from staying or enjoining the construction or operation of the project.

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 1589 (Mathis) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: drought mitigation. Exempts from CEQA specified projects to mitigate drought conditions for which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor while the state of emergency is in effect.

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 1647 (Waldron) - Environmental quality: water storage facilities. Exempts from CEQA a project to expand the storage capacity of an existing publicly-owned and operated surface water storage facility by up to 25%, or to replace an existing publicly-owned and operated surface water storage facility, if the public entity makes specified findings.

(Status: Held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 1749 (Mathis) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: City of Porterville. Establishes a temporary CEQA exemption for specified recycled water projects approved during the current drought state of emergency.
(Status: Held on the Senate Floor)

AB 1833 (Linder) - Transportation projects: environmental mitigation. Creates the Advanced Mitigation Program in the Department of Transportation to implement environmental mitigation measures in advance of future transportation projects.
(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1886 (McCarty) - California Environmental Quality Act: transit priority projects. Revises the definition of a "transit priority project" for purposes of qualifying for exemption or abbreviated review under CEQA to permit up to 50% of the parcels within the project to be farther than 1/2 mile from a major transit stop or high-quality transit corridor, as defined.
(Status: Held in Senate Environmental Quality Committee)

AB 2026 (Hadley) - California Environmental Quality Act: judicial challenge: identification of contributors. Requires plaintiffs in CEQA lawsuits to identify every person or entity who contributed, or committed to contribute, \$1,000 or more to support the lawsuit.
(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 2438 (Waldron) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: recycled water pipelines. Establishes an exemption from CEQA for installation of new, and maintenance of existing, recycled water pipelines less than eight miles in length.
(Status: Failed passage in Senate Environmental Quality Committee)

SB 122 (Jackson) - California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings. Authorizes a lead agency, upon a project applicant's request, to prepare the record of proceedings that would be used in a judicial challenge to the agency's action or decision under CEQA concurrently with the administrative process. Requires CEQA documents for projects reviewed by state agencies to be submitted to the OPR, requires OPR to maintain a database of these documents, and requires the database to be available online to the public.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 476, Statutes of 2016)

SB 348 (Galgiani) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: railroad crossings. Extends until 2019 the exemption from CEQA of the closure of a railroad grade crossing by order of the PUC when the PUC has found the crossing to present a threat to public safety.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 143, Statutes of 2015)

SB 734 (Galgiani) - Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011. Extends for two years the expedited CEQA judicial review procedures established by the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 210, Statutes of 2016)

SB 1008 (Lara) - California Environmental Quality Act: Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System: exemption. Extends until January 1, 2020, the CEQA exemption for the design, site acquisition, construction, operation or maintenance of certain structures and equipment of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System, which was enacted in 2012 and sunsets in 2017. Excludes from the exemption projects at fire stations, school sites, and cultural or sacred sites, and imposes new hearing and notice requirements.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 588, Statutes of 2016)

COASTAL

AB 2002 (M. Stone) - Political Reform Act of 1974: California Coastal Commission: communications. Provides that communicating with the CCC in order to influence specified actions can result in a person being considered a “lobbyist” under the Political Reform Act. Prohibits an ex parte communication with a member of the CCC regarding a matter during the 24 hours before that matter will be discussed at a CCC hearing.
(Status: Failed passage on Senate Floor)

AB 2139 (Williams) - Ocean Protection Council: ocean acidification. Authorizes OPC to develop an ocean acidification and hypoxia science task force to ensure that decision making is supported by the best available science. Specifically, this bill, requires, subject to the availability of funding, OPC to take various actions to address and adapt to ocean acidification.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 352, Statutes of 2016)

AB 2171 (Jones) - Coastal resources: development review: appeals. Authorizes any aggrieved person to file an appeal of any appealable action on a Coastal Development Permit or claim for exemption to a superior court instead of the CCC. Limits who may file an appeal to individuals living within 1000 feet of an impacted county.
(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 2616 (Burke) - California Coastal Commission: environmental justice. Specifies that one of the members appointed to the CCC by the Governor is required to work directly with communities in the state that are most burdened by, and vulnerable to, high levels of pollution and issues of environmental justice. Allows CCC to address environmental justice concerns.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 578, Statutes of 2016)

AB 2648 (Jones) - California Coastal Commission: delegation of authority. Authorizes a coastal county to petition a superior court to obtain a writ of mandate requiring CCC regulatory authority to be delegated to the county. Specifies that the county would become the exclusive authority for the enforcement of state and federal coastal laws if the writ of mandate is granted. Allows an aggrieved person to file an appeal of any appealable action on a coastal development permit directly to a superior court in lieu of filing an appeal with the CCC.
(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

SB 788 (McGuire) - California Coastal Protection Act of 2015. Eliminates the exception in the California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 1994 (AB 2444, O'Connell) that allows SLC to issue an offshore oil lease if state oil or gas deposits are being drained by wells on federal lands and the lease is in the best interests of the state.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 900 (Jackson) - State lands: coastal hazard removal and remediation program.

Requires SLC to administer a coastal hazard removal and remediation program.

(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, September 23, 2016)

SB 1190 (Jackson) - California Coastal Commission: ex parte communications: staff communications. Prohibits commissioners at the CCC from conducting ex parte communications on matters within CCC's jurisdiction or unduly influencing a CCC staff report.

(Status: Failed passage on the Assembly Floor)

SB 1363 (Monning) - Ocean Protection Council: Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Reduction Program. Requires, to the extent funds are available, OPC, in consultation with SCC, to establish and administer the Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Reduction Program.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 846, Statutes of 2016)

CONSERVANCIES

AB 392 (Atkins) - San Diego River Conservancy. Eliminates the 2020 sunset date for the San Diego River Conservancy and requires the San Diego River Conservancy to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature on January 1, 2017, and every two years thereafter. (Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 622, Statutes of 2015)

AB 446 (Ridley-Thomas) - Baldwin Hills Conservancy. Extends the sunset date for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to January 1, 2026. (Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 624, Statutes of 2015)

AB 694 (Rendon) - State Coastal Conservancy: low-cost accommodations. Requires the SCC to develop a program to assist private low-cost accommodations to continue to provide low-cost accommodations to the public. Requires the SCC to develop a document with a list of potential low-cost accommodation projects that could be used as options for mitigation when considering coastal development permits. (Status: Failed passage in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 985 (Dahle) - Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Requires that two members of the Senate and two members of the Assembly meet with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and participate in its activities. (Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 89, Statutes of 2015)

AB 1004 (Dahle) - California Tahoe Conservancy. Expands the California Tahoe Conservancy's authorization to lease, rent, sell, exchange, or otherwise transfer real property to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, individuals, corporate entities, or partnerships to promote the state's planning priorities and sustainable communities strategies. (Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 153, Statutes of 2015)

AB 1089 (E. Garcia) - Coachella Mountains Conservancy. Expands the Coachella Mountains Conservancy jurisdiction to include the lands of the cities of Coachella and Indio and expands the membership of the governing board to include representatives from these cities. (Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 228, Statutes of 2015)

AB 1716 (McCarty) - Lower American River Conservancy Program. Requires the Wildlife Conservation Board to implement and administer a Lower American River Conservancy Program to receive and expend moneys for the benefit of the Lower American River, in

consultation with an advisory committee.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 375, Statutes of 2016)

AB 2185 (Gonzalez) - State Coastal Conservancy: low-cost accommodations. Requires the SCC to develop a program to continue to assist providing private low-cost accommodations to the public. Requires the SCC to develop a document with a list of potential low-cost accommodation projects that could be used as options for mitigation when considering coastal development permits.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2189 (Irwin) - Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor: boundary revisions. Expands the geographic scope within which the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy may revise the boundaries of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 263, Statutes of 2016)

AB 2534 (Nazarian) - Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy: working group: Los Angeles River Greenway. Establishes the Los Angeles River Regional Access and Economic Sustainability Working Group to advance the revitalization of the Los Angeles River in the San Fernando Valley.

(Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

SB 355 (Lara) - San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. Increases the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's governing board to 15 voting members and 9 ex officio members and specifies the additional members' qualifications.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 677, Statutes of 2015)

ENERGY

AB 645 (Williams) - Electricity: California Renewables Portfolio Standard. Establishes a RPS target of 50% by 2030, including interim targets of 38% by 2023, and 44% by 2026. (Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 674 (Mullin) - Electricity: distributed generation. Exempts customer load served by "clean distributed energy resources," as defined, from nonbypassable charges imposed on IOU customers, which fund public purpose programs (including low-income assistance and energy efficiency), energy crisis contracts, and nuclear decommissioning costs. (Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1094 (Williams) - Energy usage: plug-in equipment. Requires the CEC, in consultation with the PUC, to conduct an analysis of plug-in equipment energy consumption and develop an implementation plan to achieve specified energy efficiency targets. (Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1144 (Rendon) - California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: renewable energy credits. Revises the RPS product content categories to provide that unbundled renewable energy credits count in category 1 if they are associated with electricity generated by a landfill or digester gas source and used at a publicly-owned wastewater treatment facility put into service on or after January 1, 2016. (Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1637 (Low) - Energy: greenhouse gas reduction. Doubles the annual funding authorization for the Self-Generation Incentive Program, which permits the PUC to collect an additional \$83 million/year from utility customers to fund payments to distributed energy resources until 2019 (\$249 million total). Extends the net energy metering program for fuel cells for five years, increases the individual project cap from one MW to five MWs, increases the statewide cap of 500 MW by subtracting existing facilities, and updates emission standards applicable to each fuel cell participating in net energy metering program for fuel cells. (Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 658, Statutes of 2016)

AB 1937 (Gomez) - Electricity: procurement. Requires an electric IOU that bids for new gas-fired generation resources to consider, and give preference to, bids for resources that are not gas-fired generation resources located in communities that suffer from cumulative pollution burdens and directs the PUC to ensure IOU procurement plans include showings

that the IOU contains this element.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 664, Statutes of 2016)

AB 2543 (Gordon) - State buildings: efficiency. Revises existing energy efficiency planning requirements for state facilities to give CEC lead responsibility, instead of the Department of General Services, and adds consideration of water conservation.

(Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 2630 (Salas) - San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy and Jobs Act. Requires the PUC and the CEC to evaluate, while taking into consideration ratepayer costs and benefits, potential renewable energy projects in the San Joaquin Valley. Requires the PUC and CEC to use the results of the evaluation to recommend to the Independent System Operator an amount of renewable energy production in the San Joaquin Valley that reasonably maximizes, consistent with the state's overall need for renewable energy, the amount of renewable energy produced in the San Joaquin Valley.

(Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 2700 (Salas) - Electrical corporation: California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: procurement plans. Requires the PUC to update the "least-cost, best-fit" criteria used to rank contracts under the RPS to identify the value of maintaining existing baseload resources to achieve the goal of a balanced portfolio of eligible renewable energy resources.

(Status: Held in Senate Energy, Utilities, and Commerce Committee)

AB 2715 (E. Garcia) - Agricultural Working Poor Energy Efficient Housing Program. Establishes the Agricultural Working Poor Energy Efficient Housing Program within the Department of Community Services and Development.

(Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

SB 1207 (Hueso) - Energy: conservation: financial assistance. Extends the sunset on the Energy Conservation Assistance Account program, and makes other technical and clarifying changes to the Public Resources Code relating to the CEC and the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 675, Statutes of 2016)

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

AB 1062 (Bonta) - Environmental Justice Small Grant Program. Specifies that physical projects that improve the environment or the environmental health of a community or that address a specific environmental justice need are eligible for grants awarded from the Environmental Justice Small Grant Program and increases the total grant program to not less than \$5 million annually.

(Status: Held in Senate Environmental Quality Committee)

AB 1071 (Atkins) - Supplemental environmental projects. Requires each board, department, and office within CalEPA to establish a policy on supplemental environmental projects that benefits environmental justice communities.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 585, Statutes of 2015)

AB 1787 (Gomez) - ~~California Environmental Protection Agency: cross-media enforcement unit.~~ Open meetings: public comments: translation. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, required CalEPA's cross-media enforcement unit to prioritize the state's most disadvantaged communities. Later amended to address public comment at open meetings.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 507, Statutes of 2016)

AB 2781 (E. Garcia) - Supplemental environmental projects. Directs 10% of all penalties collected by CalEPA boards, departments, and offices to fund environmental projects in disadvantaged communities.

(Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

SB 398 (Leyva) - Green Assistance Program. Establishes the Green Assistance Program to be administered by the Secretary for Environmental Protection in concert with environmental justice programs.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

AB 203 (Oberholte) - State responsibility areas: fire prevention fees. Extends the deadline to file a petition for redetermination of the SRA fire prevention fee from 30 days to 60 days. (Status: Held on the Assembly Floor)

AB 301 (Bigelow) - State responsibility areas: fire prevention fees. Requires CAL FIRE to notify owners of habitable structures subject to the SRA fire prevention fee that when selling the property, they may negotiate the apportionment of the annual fee with the buyer as one of the terms of the sale. (Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 104, Statutes of 2015)

AB 417 (Dahle) - Forest practices: resource conservation standards. Expands the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's authority to develop alternative stocking standards, when necessary, to include the average residual basal area approach of stocking. (Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 182, Statutes of 2015)

AB 824 (Gatto) - Fire prevention activities. Requires CAL FIRE to report to the Legislature on its coordination and cooperation with the federal government and include a map of the areas of coordination. (Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1202 (Mayes) - Fire prevention fee: fee reduction. Requires the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to reduce the amount of the SRA fire prevention fee by an amount equal to the amount paid to a local fire district for fire prevention. (Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1642 (Oberholte) - State responsibility areas: fire prevention fees. Extends the deadlines to either pay the SRA fire prevention fee or file a petition for redetermination of the fee from 30 days to 60 days. (Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1958 (Wood) - Forestry: timberlands: restoration and conservation forest management activities. Exempts the removal of trees to restore and conserve California black or Oregon white oak woodlands and associated grasslands from being subject to a Timber Harvest Plan. Clarifies that restoration and conservation forest management activities do not require a timber conversion permit. (Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 583, Statutes of 2016)

AB 2029 (Dahle) - Timber harvesting plans: exemptions. Extends the Forest Fire Prevention Pilot Project from January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2021, and expands it by allowing larger trees to be harvested in forest land without a Timber Harvest Plan.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 563, Statutes of 2016)

AB 2146 (Patterson) - Forestry and fire protection: greenhouse gas emissions. Allocates up to \$200 million of cap-and-trade revenues to CAL FIRE, upon appropriation, for activities to reduce GHG emissions caused by uncontrolled forest fires.
(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AJR 18 (Patterson) - Federal Wildfire Disaster Funding Act. Urges the 114th Congress to support H.R. 167, the federal Wildfire Disaster Funding Act, to address wildfire funding.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Res. Chapter 137, Statutes of 2015)

SB 1136 (Morrell) - Fire prevention: state responsibility areas: report. Extends the sunset date and adds additional reporting requirements to the annual report regarding the expenditure of SRA fire fees.
(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 1463 (Moorlach) - Electrical lines: mitigation of wildfire risks. Requires the PUC, in consultation with CAL FIRE, to prioritize areas in which communities are at high risk from the consequences of wildfire, and develop a definition of "enhanced mitigation measures" when determining areas susceptible to wildfires hazards posed by overhead electrical lines and equipment.
(Status: Vetoed by the Governor, September 24, 2016)

SCR 71 (Gaines) - Fireworks Safety Month. Designates June 21, 2015 through July 21, 2015 as Fireworks Safety Month and encourages CAL FIRE and local fire protection agencies to educate the public about the risks of improperly using fireworks, including fireworks that have been approved as safe and sane.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Res. Chapter 158, Statutes of 2015)

MINING

AB 1034 (Oberholte) - Surface mining: reclamation plans: renewable energy generation facility. Requires a lead agency to consider the construction and operation of a renewable energy generation facility on disturbed mined lands to be an interim use and would prohibit a lead agency from requiring an amendment to an approved reclamation plan if specified criteria are met.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 595, Statutes of 2015)

AB 1142 (Gray) - Mining and geology: surface mining. Makes numerous changes to the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act that are all part of the year-long stakeholder process convened by the Governor's office in 2015 to recommend substantive and procedural changes to the state's mining laws.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 7, Statutes of 2016)

AB 1734 (Oberholte) - Mining claims: recording. Deletes the requirement that the recorded mining claim affidavit include the current residential address of the owner of the claim.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 95, Statutes of 2016)

SB 209 (Pavley) - Surface mining: financial assurances: reclamation plans. Makes numerous and significant changes to the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 8, Statutes of 2016)

SB 637 (Allen) - Suction dredge mining: permits. Authorizes the SWRCB or regional water quality control board to adopt waste discharge requirements that address water quality effects of suction dredge mining, and prohibits the Department of Fish and Wildlife from issuing a permit for suction dredge mining until the application is complete and includes all required permits.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 680, Statutes of 2015)

SB 1133 (Wolk) - Cache Creek Resource Management Plan. Eliminates the sunset date of December 31, 2017 for allowing the Cache Creek Resources Management Plan, in conjunction with a site specific plan, to serve as the functional equivalent of a mining reclamation plan.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 235, Statutes of 2016)

SJR 3 (McGuire) - Smith River watershed protection. Urges the President of the United States and Congress to permanently safeguard the currently unprotected North Fork of the

Smith River watershed in Oregon from any mining activities that would have potential impacts on water supplies, economies, or the environment in California's portion of the Smith River watershed.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Res. Chapter 93, Statutes of 2015)

MISCELLANEOUS

AB 142 (Bigelow) - Wild and scenic rivers: Mokelumne River. Requires the Secretary of NRA to conduct a study analyzing the suitability or non-suitability of adding segments of the Mokelumne River and its tributaries to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (System). This bill also specifies what must be considered during the study, requires recommendations on the suitability or nonsuitability of segments for addition to the System, and creates interim protections while the study is being completed and implemented or until December 31, 2021. (Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 661, Statutes of 2015)

AB 300 (Alejo) - Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2016. Establishes an Algal Bloom Task Force to review the risks and negative impacts of toxic algal blooms and make recommendations on funding, prevention, and long-term mitigation. (Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee)

AB 1169 (Gomez) - ~~Strategic Growth Council: state funding signs.~~ Economic development: Capital Access Loan Program. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, required all recipients of SGC or member state agencies' funding for projects in public places to post signs acknowledging the source of funds. Later amended to address economic development. (Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee)

AB 1205 (Gomez) - ~~The California River Revitalization and Greenway Development Act of 2015.~~ Hazardous waste: facilities permitting. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, created the grant program called the California River Revitalization and Greenway Development Act of 2015, and required NRA to administer the program. Later amended to address hazardous waste facilities permitting. (Status: Held in Senate Environmental Quality Committee)

AB 1242 (Gray) - Water quality and storage. Requires the SWRCB, when setting flow requirements for a Water Quality Control Plan, to take into consideration any applicable groundwater sustainability plans if a groundwater basin could be affected and to identify projects for fish recovery that may be undertaken in lieu of instream flows. (Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee)

AB 1323 (Frazier) - Marine debris: removal and disposal. Authorizes a public agency to remove and dispose of marine debris after 10 days if the marine debris is floating, sunk, partially sunk, or beached in or on a public waterway, public beach, or on state tidelands or

submerged lands, as specified.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 645, Statutes of 2015)

SB 1473 (Natural Resources and Water Committee) – California Environmental Quality

Act. Makes procedural and technical changes to the Fish and Game Code and deletes obsolete statutes.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 546, Statutes of 2016)

OIL AND GAS

AB 356 (Williams) - Oil and gas: groundwater monitoring. Requires, prior to submitting a proposal to exempt an aquifer to the US EPA, that DOGGR hold a public hearing and gain concurrence from the SWRCB on the proposal. Requires groundwater monitoring plans for underground injection projects as part of an application for approval of the project or for the annual review of the project.

(Status: Held on the Assembly Floor)

AB 815 (Ridley-Thomas) - Oil spill prevention and response fees: collection. Clarifies who owes and pays the oil spill prevention fee, excludes petroleum products derived from fee-paid crude oil, and deletes unnecessary oil pipeline operator registration requirements.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 108, Statutes of 2015)

AB 864 (Williams) - Oil spill response: environmentally and ecologically sensitive areas. Requires pipelines to have the best available technology to reduce the amount of oil released in an oil spill to protect state waters and wildlife.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 592, Statutes of 2015)

AB 1420 (Salas) - Oil and gas: pipelines. Requires a local health officer to take specified actions when there is a leak in a gas pipeline and requires DOGGR to review its gas pipeline regulations and update them, if needed.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 601, Statutes of 2015)

AB 1490 (Rendon) - Oil and gas: well stimulation treatments: seismic activities. Prohibits well stimulation, and in some cases, wastewater disposal in limited areas that are seismically active or have recently had an earthquake.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1882 (Williams) - Oil and gas: groundwater monitoring. Requires the SWRCB or appropriate regional water quality control board to review and concur with any Underground Injection Control project subject to review or approval. Authorizes the SWRCB or the appropriate regional water quality control board to propose additional requirements for a project, including groundwater monitoring.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1905 (Wilk) - Natural gas injection and storage: study. Requires NRA, on or before July 1, 2017, to complete an independent scientific study on natural gas injection and storage practices and facilities.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2206 (Williams) - Renewable gas. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, requested that the California Council on Science and Technology complete a study analyzing issues relating to minimum heating value and maximum siloxane specifications for biomethane injected into common carrier gas pipelines. Later amended to require the ARB to adopt policies to significantly increase the sustainable production and use of "renewable gas."

(Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee)

AB 2729 (Williams) - Oil and gas: operations. Increases idle oil and gas well fees and indemnity bonds to provide a disincentive for operators to maintain large numbers of idle wells.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 272, Statutes of 2016)

AB 2756 (Thurmond) - Oil and gas operations: enforcement actions. Enhances DOGGR's penalty, shut-in order, and investigation authority. Authorizes DOGGR to permit environmentally beneficial projects in lieu of up to 50% of the amount of a civil penalty.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 274, Statutes of 2016)

AB 2788 (Gatto) - ~~Natural gas storage: emergency regulations.~~ Wireless telecommunications facilities. As approved by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, required DOGGR's emergency regulations related to underground gas storage projects to remain in effect until the regulations are either made permanent, amended, or repealed. Later amended to address telecommunications.

(Status: Held in Senate Energy, Utilities and Commerce Committee)

AB 2912 (Natural Resources Committee) - Oil spills. Makes conforming and other nonsubstantive changes to the Fish and Game Code and the Government Code that provide clean up from recently enacted bills and technical changes.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 209, Statutes of 2016)

SB 248 (Pavley) - Oil and gas. Requires DOGGR to update its regulations, develop a data management system, and enhance required reporting.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

SB 414 (Jackson) - Oil spill response. Makes various changes to the Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act relating to oil spill response.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 609, Statutes of 2015)

SB 887 (Pavley) - Natural gas storage wells. Provides a framework for reforming the oversight of natural gas storage wells. Requires continuous monitoring of natural gas storage wells.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 673, Statutes of 2016)

SB 888 (Allen) - Gas corporations: emergency management: leak mitigation. Establishes the California Office of Emergency Services as the lead agency for emergency response to a leak of natural gas from a natural gas storage facility. Specifies how penalty money assessed against a gas corporation for a gas storage leak should be spent.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 536, Statutes of 2016)

RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE

AB 190 (Harper) - Solid waste: single-use carryout bags. Repeals California's plastic bag law.

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 191 (Harper) - Solid waste: single-use carryout bags. Repeals the 10 cent charge for reusable bags and recycled paper bags required by California's plastic bag law.

(Status: Failed passage in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 199 (Eggman) - Alternative energy: recycled feedstock. Expands the sales and use tax exclusion under California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transported Authority by revising the definition of a "project" to include tangible personal property that primarily processes or uses recycled feedstock.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 768, Statutes of 2015)

AB 385 (Chu) - ~~Solid waste facilities: local enforcement agencies.~~ Daylight Savings Time. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, required the local enforcement agency of any jurisdiction that has a solid waste facility located within one-quarter of a mile of another municipality or municipalities to hold a public meeting at least every six months to report violations, investigations, and remedial actions that have occurred since the previous meeting and to receive information regarding odor and other nuisance impacts of the facility, unless waived in writing by the other municipalities. Later amended to address daylight savings time.

(Status: Failed passage on Senate Floor)

AB 876 (McCarty) - Compostable organics. Requires local governments to include organic waste recycling facilities in the existing planning requirements for countywide solid waste management.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 593, Statutes of 2015)

AB 888 (Bloom) - Waste management: plastic microbeads. Prohibits the sale of personal care products that contain plastic microbeads on and after January 1, 2020.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 594, Statutes of 2015)

AB 901 (Gordon) - Solid waste: reporting requirements: enforcement. Updates, revises, and expands the information recycling and composting operations and facilities are required to submit to CalRecycle.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 746, Statutes of 2015)

AB 997 (T. Allen) - Recycling: plastic material. Revises the state's 75% recycling goal to include waste "used for power generation in dedicated anaerobic digesters as well as in modern landfills capturing methane gas" as recycling. Requires CalRecycle to take specified actions to encourage specified waste to energy and waste to fuel technologies.
(Status: Held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 1005 (Gordon) - California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act: market development payments. Extends the sunset for the Plastic Market Development Payment program from 2017 to 2018.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 442, Statutes of 2016)

AB 1045 (Irwin) - Organic waste: composting. Requires CalEPA to establish policies to encourage recycling of organic waste and coordinate the oversight and regulation of organic waste recycling facilities.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 596, Statutes of 2015)

AB 1063 (Williams) - Solid waste: charges. Requires CalRecycle to hold public hearings and workshops to develop a proposal to revise the state's solid waste tipping fee.
(Status: Held in Senate Environmental Safety Committee)

AB 1103 (Dodd) - Solid waste disposal: self-haulers. Defines "food soiled paper" and "food waste" within the Integrated Waste Management Act.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 443, Statutes of 2016)

AB 1108 (Low) - ~~Beverage containers: recycling.~~ Zero-emission vehicles. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, prohibited certified recycling centers from accepting or paying the California Refund Value to a consumer for more than 50 pounds of aluminum beverage containers or plastic beverage containers or 500 pounds of glass beverage containers during a 24-hour period. Later amended to address zero-emission vehicles.
(Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee)

AB 1136 (Steinorth) - Reusable grocery bag and recycled paper bag: fee: exemptions. Requires stores subject to California's single-use plastic bag ban to give customers over the age of 65 and students at a California college or university recycled paper or reusable bags at no charge.
(Status: Held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee)

AB 1159 (Gordon) - Product stewardship: pilot program: household batteries and home generated sharps waste. Establishes a pilot product stewardship program for the management of medical sharps and household primary batteries.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 1239 (Gordon) - Tire recycling: California tire regulatory fee and waste tire program. Establishes the Tire Recycling Incentive Program Act to provide incentives for tire recycling activities in California. Establishes a new tire regulatory fee, set by CalRecycle, to cover its regulatory costs associated with waste and used tire management.

(Status: Failed passage on the Assembly Floor)

AB 1419 (Eggman) - ~~Recycling centers.~~ Hazardous waste: cathode ray tube glass. As approved by the Natural Resources Committee, authorized CalRecycle to revoke certification of a certified recycling center if it determines that the recycling center is not open during its posted hours on two consecutive inspections, and the recycling center has no reportable volumes for a period of 30 consecutive days. Authorized the holder of a certificate that is revoked to request a hearing to be conducted in the same manner as a hearing for an application that was denied. Later amended to address cathode ray tube glass management.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 445, Statutes of 2016)

AB 1447 (Alejo) - Solid waste: food and beverage packaging. Establishes minimum recycled content standards for polyethylene terephthalate food and beverage packing and expands the recycled content requirement for glass food and beverage containers to containers manufactured out of state.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2396 (McCarty) - Solid waste: annual reports. Requires state agencies to include information relating to commercial recycling and organic waste recycling in their annual reports to CalRecycle.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 466, Statutes of 2016)

AB 2530 (Gordon) - Recycling: beverage containers. Requires a manufacturer of a plastic beverage container, beginning in March 1, 2018, to report the amount of virgin plastic and postconsumer recycled content in plastic used in their beverage containers subject to California Refund Value sold in the state the previous calendar year.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 861, Statutes of 2016)

AB 2576 (Gray) - Recycling: glass container manufacturers: market development payments. Annually appropriates \$20 million from the GGRF to CalRecycle for market

development payments to glass container manufacturers for state-generated cullet that is used for glass manufacturing in the state.

(Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB 2579 (Low) - Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery: waste characterization study. Requires CalRecycle to conduct a study to establish baseline data relating to food service packaging.

(Status: Held in Senate Environmental Quality Committee)

AB 2812 (Gordon) - Solid waste: recycling: state agencies and large state facilities. Requires state agencies to provide and maintain recycling receptacles in state buildings and large state facilities based on standards adopted by CalRecycle.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 530, Statutes of 2016)

SB 662 (Environmental Quality Committee) - Recycling. Committee omnibus bill that makes various changes to the Public Resources Code relating to recycling.

(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 453, Statutes of 2015)

STATE LANDS and TIDELANDS

AB 1274 (M. Stone) - Public lands: geophysical surveys. Authorizes SLC to permit geophysical surveys on state lands, subject to specified conditions and exceptions.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 600, Statutes of 2015)

AB 2797 (Chiu) - City and County of San Francisco: Mission Bay South Project: redevelopment plan. Authorizes the Port of San Francisco to loan specified nontrust lease revenues to cover the infrastructure costs for the development of Seawall Lot 337. Expands the boundaries of Seawall Lot 337 and extends permissible lease periods.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 529, Statutes of 2016)

SB 399 (Hall) - Tidelands and submerged lands: City of Los Angeles. Increases the maximum allowable term for franchises, permits, and leases for the City of Los Angeles' granted tidelands and submerged lands from 50 years to 66 years.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 450, Statutes of 2015)

SB 1172 (Hancock) - Tidelands and submerged lands: City of Albany. Repeals the existing granting statute to the City of Albany to eliminate the requirement that the trust lands be used in a manner consistent with the obsolete Waterfront Plan from 1977. Replaces that outdated granting statute with a new grant of public trust lands that is consistent with the City's current waterfront improvement plans.
(Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 590, Statutes of 2016)

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