



**Government Relations and Public
Affairs Committee**

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Information

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Attachments: Yes

1. Issue:

State Advocacy Update

2. Recommendation:

None, this item is for information only.

3. Background/Analysis:

The second year of this two-year legislative session is in full gear. The deadline to introduce legislation passed in February, with legislators introducing over 4,700 bills this session. Attached is a legislative tracking report, along with SACOG's State Advocacy Principles and SACOG's Advocacy Procedures. Also attached is a summary of the five ballot measures on the June 2018, statewide ballot.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

On March 21, 2018, Senator Toni G. Atkins was sworn in as the new Senate President pro Tempore after being unanimously elected by her colleagues. She replaces Senator Kevin de León, who is termed out of the Senate at the end of this year. She is one of the few legislators to serve as both the Assembly Speaker and Senate leader. Affordable housing is among the new pro Tem's priorities. Last year she authored Senate Bill (SB) 2, the Building Jobs and Homes Act, which established a new funding source for affordable housing.

While a number of significant housing related measures passed in 2017, the Legislature continues to focus on housing policy. As mentioned last month, Legislators have again introduced numerous bills on this issue. Below are summaries of four bills of note that are included in the attached tracking report.

AB 1771 (Bloom)

Makes changes to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process that primarily affect each Council of Government's (COG) methodology for determining housing needs. Emphasized throughout the bill is a requirement that both the allocation plan and the methodology used to develop the plan must further, and not undermine, the intent of the state's stated objectives of the regional housing needs allocation plan, as outlined in current law. The bill expands those stated objectives as they relate to low-wage jobs, low-wage workers, lower-income residents, and increased housing proportionality across all income categories. Finally, the bill makes numerous changes to a COG's development of the methodology and allocation plan as outlined below.

Methodology

- Requires the COG to hold two public hearings on the methodology, instead of one.
- Gives the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) authority to review a COG's draft allocation methodology to determine whether or not the methodology furthers, and does not undermine, the state's stated objectives. This must occur before the COG can adopt the final methodology.
- Modifies the factors a COG must use to develop the methodology, including requiring the COG to consider the relationship between new jobs added at each wage level with the amount of new housing added based on income affordability, the existing and projected demand for housing at each income level, the percentage of households at each income level that are paying more than 30% and more than 50% of their income on rent, and the rate of overcrowding.
- Limits any additional factors a COG may adopt to only those that further the state's stated objectives of the allocation plan.
- Deletes the requirement for the COG to identify any incentives available to local jurisdictions that are willing to accept a higher share than proposed in the draft allocation plan.

Allocation Plan

- Allows housing organizations to challenge the share of the regional housing needs allocated to one or more local jurisdiction. A housing organization is defined as a "nonproject organization whose mission includes providing or advocating for increased access to housing for low-income households."
- Allows requested revisions/challenges by local jurisdictions and housing organizations to be based on the state's stated objectives of the allocation plan, in addition to the methodology's factors.
- Gives HCD new authority, currently held by COGs, to adjudicate disputes over revisions requested by local jurisdictions or housing organizations. Current law outlines a process for a city or county to appeal a COG's decision. The bill moves the appeal process from the COG to HCD.
- Requires that the draft allocation plan include a statement as to how it furthers, and does not undermine, the intent of the state's stated objectives.

AB 3037 (Chiu) - Allows a city or county to create a Redevelopment Housing and Infrastructure Agency (RHIA) to fund affordable housing and infrastructure projects using tax increment financing. RHIA's are a hybrid of former redevelopment agencies (RDAs) and recently enacted tax increment financing authorities, with a number of additional

differences. Similar to RDAs, RHIA's will collect tax increment from all of the affected taxing entities within the boundaries of the agency. They will be allowed to establish pass-through agreements with special districts and the county to reimburse them for the loss of funds, and those that do will receive priority for state approval. RHIA's will be able to fund projects relatively similar to those allowed in an enhanced infrastructure financing district. They will be required to set aside 30 percent of funding for the creation, improvement, and rehabilitation of affordable housing. The RHIA's governing board will include one member from the city or county that established the authority, representation from each affected taxing entity, and two members of the public. The agency will have to be approved by the Department of Finance and undergo a review by the Strategic Growth Council.

SB 827 (Weiner) - Requires cities and counties to provide eligible housing projects with a "transit-rich housing bonus" which exempts the project from various local requirements, including residential density and floor area ratio maximums, minimum parking requirements, and design standards that limit density. The bill also restricts the minimum height a city or county can establish for these projects to 45-85 feet, depending on the street width and the project's proximity to transit. The transit-rich housing bonus applies only to residential development projects located on parcels within a 1/2-mile radius of a major transit stop or a 1/4-mile radius of a high-quality transit corridor. The bill also includes affordability and displacement protections.

AB 828 (Weiner) - Makes changes to the RHNA process that primarily impact each region's housing allocations and more directly dictate how allocations are distributed to individual cities and counties. Specifically, the bill:

- Requires HCD to rollover any unbuilt housing numbers from one RHNA cycle to the next, which will increase regional allocations.
- Prohibits a COG from considering any previous underproduction of housing by a city or county when establishing new housing allocations for the jurisdiction.
- Requires, for cities and counties with a high rate of income growth, a housing needs plan with a high rate of new housing production for households of all incomes, but especially low-income and very low-income households.
- Requires a rapidly increasing housing supply for jurisdictions with median available rent or home prices that exceed levels of affordability for median income households, particularly housing supply for moderate and above-moderate income households.
- Requires Housing Elements to zone for 200% of their housing obligation, rather than the current 100%.
- Requires HCD to complete an audit of unmet housing needs for each region in the state, the results of which must be incorporated into regional allocations for the next cycle and will further increase allocations.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

This item has no direct fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- Attachment A - State Legislative Tracking
- Attachment B - SACOG Advocacy Procedures
- Attachment C - SACOG State Advocacy Principles
- Attachment D - June Ballot Propositions

Bill	Author	Title	Location	Summary
AB 18	Garcia E (D)	Clean Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection Act	Senate Appropriations Committee	Enacts the California Clean Water, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Act, which would authorize the issuance of bonds to finance a clean water, climate, and coastal protection and outdoor access for all program. Provides for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the statewide direct primary election.
AB 33	Quirk (D)	Transportation Electrification	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee	Requires the Public Utilities Corporation to consider authorizing electrical corporations to offer programs and investments that support customers who purchase a used electric vehicle. Requires that the programs and investments be designed to accelerate widespread transportation electrification, achieve ratepayer benefits, reduce dependence on petroleum, meet air quality standards, and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.
AB 87	Ting (D)	Autonomous Vehicles	Senate	Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to adopt application requirements for the testing of autonomous vehicles on public roads without the presence of a driver inside. Requires that the manufacturer certify that the local authorities within the jurisdiction where the autonomous vehicle will be tested have been provided with a written notification. Requires that the manufacturer provide certain law enforcement agencies with a copy of a law enforcement interaction plan.
AB 161	Levine (D)	Department of Finance: Infrastructure Investment	Senate Appropriations Committee	Authorizes the Department of Finance to identify infrastructure projects in the state for which the department will guarantee a rate of return on investment for an investment made in that infrastructure project by the Public Employees' Retirement System.
AB 558	Quirk-Silva (D)	Alternative Fuel Vehicles: Flexible Fuel Vehicles	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	Provides that the Joint Legislative Committee may recommend that the State Air Resources Board provide education and support to local governments regarding specific components of local government climate action plans, such as ensuring the use of E85 in flexible fuel vehicles, expanding infrastructure for zero-emission vehicles, and enabling active transportation. Requires the Board to develop a summary on E85 sales and flexible fuel vehicle registrations.
AB 686	Santiago (D)	Housing Discrimination: Further Fair Housing	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Requires a public agency to administer its programs and activities relating to housing and community development in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing. authorize the Director of Fair Employment and Housing to exercise his or her discretion to investigate, or to bring a civil action, based on a verified complaint that alleges a violation of these provisions. Requires an agency that completes an assessment of fair housing to submit it and post it on its Web site.
AB 829	Chiu (D)	Planning and Zoning: Annual Report	Senate Rules Committee	Amends the Planning and Zoning Law. Requires a certain annual report by planning agencies to include the relationship between jobs and housing, including any imbalance between jobs and housing. Require that this portion of the report include an assessment of any significant increases or decreases in employment since the date of the last annual report.

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AB 943	Santiago (D)	Land Use Regulations: Local Initiatives: Voter Approval	Senate Appropriations Committee	Excludes requirement the proposal and submission to the voters of an ordinance or amendment of an ordinance by the legislative body and the adoption or amendment of a city or county charter. Excludes ordinances to certain lands specified in such general plan. Increases the vote threshold for approval of local ordinances or amendments of ordinances intended to reduce density or stop development or construction of any parcels located less than one mile from a major transit stop within a municipality.
AB 1156	Ting (D)	Planning and Zoning: Housing Element	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Requires the analysis of a housing element to include documentation on the percentage of residents who pay more than 30% and more than 50% of their income towards the cost of housing.
AB 1160	Bonta (D)	Autonomous Vehicles	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Changes the definition of autonomous vehicle to mean any vehicle equipped with autonomous technology that has been integrated into that vehicle or a vehicle that meets specified levels of driving automation.
AB 1250	Jones-Sawyer (D)	Counties: Contracts for Personal Services	Senate Rules Committee	Establishes specific standards for the use of personal services contracts by counties. Requires the county to demonstrate that the proposed contract will result in costs savings to the county and to show that the contract does not cause displacement of county or city workers. Establishes liability provisions for employment law violations and torts committed in the course of providing services under contract. Imposes disclosure requirements on contracts.
AB 1404	Berman (D)	Environmental Quality Act: Categorical Exemption	Senate Appropriations Committee	Revises exemptions from the California Environmental Quality Act to include proposed residential and mixed-use housing projects occurring within an unincorporated area of a county. Requires the Office of Planning and Research to recommend proposed regulatory amendments for the implementation of these provisions. Requires the secretary to certify and adopt the changes.
AB 1423	Chiu (D)	Housing: Annual Reports: Charter Cities	Senate Rules Committee	Requires the planning agency of a city or county to investigate and make recommendations to the legislative body of the city or county regarding means for implementing the general plan or element of the general plan and to provide an annual report to the legislative body, the Office of Planning and Research, and the Department of Housing and Community Development that includes the status of the plan and progress in its implementation and in meeting its share of regional housing needs.
AB 1683	Burke (D)	Transformative Climate Communities Program: Report	Senate Rules Committee	Requires the Strategic Growth Council to submit a specified report on the Transformative Climate Communities Program to the Governor and specified committees of the Legislature.
AB 1745	Ting (D)	Vehicles: Clean Cars 2040 Act	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires all new passenger vehicles to be zero emissions vehicles after a specified date. States that zero emissions vehicles cannot produce exhaust emissions of any criteria pollutant or greenhouse gas under any operational mode or condition. Exempts large commercial vehicles (larger than a specified number of pounds) and does not apply to vehicles owned by people moving into California from other states.

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AB 1755	Steinorth (R)	Bicycle and Pedicab Operation	Assembly Transportation Committee	Subjects a person riding a bicycle on a Class I bikeway or a sidewalk to those rights and requirements of the Vehicle Code that apply if a person is involved in an accident resulting in injury or death of a person other than himself or herself.
AB 1756	Brough (R)	Transportation Funding	Assembly Transportation Committee	Repeals the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 which establishes, among other things, a comprehensive transportation funding program by increasing the motor vehicle fuel (gasoline) tax.
AB 1759	McCarty (D)	General Plans: Housing Element: Production Report	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to review each production report submitted by a city or county in accordance with specified provisions to determine whether that city or county has met the applicable minimum production goal for that reporting period.
AB 1771	Bloom (D)	Planning and Zoning: Regional Housing Needs Assessment	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	Revises the objectives required to be addressed in the regional housing needs allocation plan and additionally require the plan to include an objective to increase access to areas of high opportunity for lower-income residents, while avoiding displacement and affirmatively furthering fair housing. Requires public hearings and comment.
AB 1792	Frazier (D)	Affordable Housing Authorities: Infrastructure	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	Authorizes an affordable housing authority to provide for infrastructure to support the development of affordable housing.
AB 1804	Berman (D)	Environmental Quality Act: Exemption: Infill	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Revises the categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) concerning infill development to include proposed residential and mixed-use housing projects occurring within an unincorporated area of a county.
AB 1866	Fong (R)	Transportation funding	Assembly Transportation Committee	Creates the Traffic Relief and Road Improvement Program to address traffic congestion and deferred maintenance on the state highway system and the local street and road system. Provides for the deposit of various existing sources of revenue in the Traffic Relief and Road Improvement Account as created by this bill in the State Transportation Fund, including specified revenues attributable to sales and use tax on vehicles, from motor vehicle insurance policies, diesel fuel and registration fees.
AB 1901	Oberholte (R)	California Environmental Quality Act: Roadway Projects	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Extends indefinitely the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption for a project or an activity to repair, maintain, or make minor alterations to an existing roadway if the project or activity is carried out by a city or county with a population of less than a specified number of persons to improve public safety and meets other specified requirements.
AB 1905	Grayson (D)	Environmental Quality: Judicial Review: Transportation	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Prohibits a court, in an action or proceeding seeking judicial review under the State Environmental Quality Act, from staying or enjoining a transportation project that would reduce total vehicle miles traveled, that is included in a sustainable communities strategy, and for which an environmental impact report has been certified, unless the court makes specified findings.

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AB 1945	Garcia E (D)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Investment Plan	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Require the state board to work with state agencies administering grant programs that allocate moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to add specified cobenefits, to give specified communities preferential points during grant application scoring, and to allow applicants from the Counties of Imperial and San Diego to include daytime population numbers in grant applications. Requires the Department of Finance to include in the investment plan specified information on the applications received.
AB 1952	Mayes (R)	Social Services: Access to Food	Assembly Human Services Committee	Requires the State Department of Social Services, the State Department of Public Health, the State Department of Education, and the Department of Food and Agriculture, to develop a plan to end campus hunger. Requires the plan to be distributed to the Legislature, and establishes criteria for the plan, including that the plan request the UC Regents, and direct the CSU Trustees to develop systems that allow EBT cards to be used on their respective campuses.
AB 1954	Patterson (R)	Timber Harvest Plans: Exemption: Flammable Materials	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Deletes the inoperative date of an exemption from some or all provisions of the Forest Practices Act of 1973 concerning a person engaged in specified forest management activities.
AB 1956	Limon (D)	Fire Prevention Activities	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Revises the membership and duties of a working group established to identify incentives for landowners to implement prefire activities in state responsibility areas and urban wildland communities. Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to establish a local assistance grant program, funded upon appropriation by the Legislature, for fire prevention activities.
AB 1969	Salas (D)	Transportation Funds: Transit Operators: Fare Revenues	Assembly Transportation Committee	Authorizes an operator that fails to maintain the generally established ratio of fare revenues to operating costs to request an exemption from the California Transportation Commission. Requires the operator to be granted a temporary exemption while the commission reviews the request. Authorizes the commission to grant the operator's request and allow the operator to instead maintain a lower ratio, which would be set by the commission.
AB 2006	Eggman (D)	Agricultural Worker Clean Transportation Program	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Establishes the Agricultural Worker Clean Transportation Investment Program, which would be administered by the State Air Resources Board to fund the deployment of near-zero-emission and zero-emission vehicles used for agricultural vanpools serving disadvantaged or low-income communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
AB 2035	Mullin (D)	Affordable Housing Authorities	Assembly Local Government Committee	Defines authorizing resolution and property tax increment for provisions relating to financing of affordable housing projects. Establishes certain requirements for property tax increment resolutions.
AB 2061	Frazier (D)	Near-Zero Emission and Zero-Emission Vehicles	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Authorizes a near-zero-emission vehicle or a zero-emission vehicle to exceed axle, tandem, gross, or bridge formula weight limits, up to a specified pound maximum, by an amount equal to the difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable to the fueling and propulsion system carried by that vehicle and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling and propulsion system.

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AB 2065	Ting (D)	Local Agencies: Surplus Land	Assembly Local Government Committee	Expands the definition of local agency to include sewer, water, utility, and local and regional park districts, joint powers authorities, successor agencies to former redevelopment agencies, housing authorities, and other political subdivisions of this state and any instrumentality thereof that is empowered to acquire and hold real property, thereby requiring these entities to comply with the requirements for the disposal of surplus land.
AB 2120	Quirk (D)	Fire: Agricultural Burning	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Requires the regulations promulgated by the State Air Resources Board concerning agricultural burning to include a technical discussion of the likely emissions trade-offs of planned prescribed fire or managed wildfire ignitions.
AB 2127	Ting (D)	Electric Vehicle Infrastructure: Assessment and Roadmap	Assembly Communications and Conveyance Committee	Requires the Energy Commission, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board and the PUC, to create a statewide assessment of electric vehicles charging infrastructure needed to support the levels of electric vehicles adoption needed for the state to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030.
AB 2145	Reyes (D)	Vehicular Air Pollution	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Adds, as eligible projects for the Clean Truck, Bus, and Off Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program, those projects that support grid integration and integrated storage solutions and charging management demonstration and analytics.
AB 2162	Chiu (D)	Planning and Zoning: Housing Development	Assembly Local Government Committee	Requires that supportive housing be a use by right in zones where multiple dwelling uses are permitted, including commercial zones, if the proposed housing development meets specified criteria and would require a local government to approve, within specified periods, a supportive housing development that complies with these requirements.
AB 2238	Aguiar-Curry (D)	Change of Organization or Reorganization: Local Agency	Assembly Local Government Committee	Requires the local agency formation commission to consider any relevant hazard mitigation plan or safety element of a general plan, and the extent to which the proposal will affect any land identified as a very high fire hazard severity zone or land determined to be in a state responsibility area.
AB 2267	Wood (D)	California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption	Assembly Rules Committee	Provides that projects for property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster and exempted from certain requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act may be at a higher intensity of use as compared to the property or facilities being replaced.
AB 2279	Fong (R)	Environmental Quality: Judicial Review: Housing Project	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Amends the Environmental Quality Act. Prohibits a court from staying or enjoining a housing project for which an environmental impact report has been certified, unless the court makes specified findings in an action or proceeding seeking judicial review under the Act.
AB 2304	Holden (D)	Transit Pass Programs: Status Report	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires the Department of transportation to submit a report specified committees of the Legislature on the status of transit pass programs statewide.

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AB 2341	Mathis (R)	California Environmental Quality Act	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Specifies that, except as provided, the aesthetic effects of projects meeting certain requirements are not significant effects on the environment for the purposes of California Environmental Quality Act and that the lead agency is not required to evaluate the aesthetic of those projects.
AB 2372	Gloria (D)	Planning and Zoning: Density Bonus	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	Authorizes a city council or county board of supervisors to establish a procedure by ordinance to grant a developer of an eligible housing development a floor area ratio bonus in lieu of a density bonus awarded on the basis of dwelling units per acre. Defines eligible housing development as a development that meets specified criteria related to residential use, location, zoning, and affordability.
AB 2418	Mullin (D)	Transportation: Emerging Technologies: Grant Program	Assembly Transportation Committee	Establishes the Smart City Challenge Grant Program. Enables municipalities to compete for grant funding for emerging transportation technologies to serve their transportation system needs. Specifies certain program goals. Requires the Transportation Commission to form the Smart City Challenge Workgroup. Authorizes the Commission to develop guidelines for the program not subjected to the Administrative Procedure Act.
AB 2433	Salas (D)	Department of Transportation: Voluntary Inspection	Assembly Transportation Committee	Authorizes the Department of Transportation to establish a subaccount of the State Highway Account to accommodate deposits and expenditures of moneys relative to voluntary inspection and testing services.
AB 2447	Reyes (D)	California Environmental Quality Act: Land Use	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Requires the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment by a specific date to publish a list of subject land uses, and a map that identifies disadvantaged communities and areas within 1/2 mile radius of the disadvantaged communities. Requires a lead agency to provide certain notices required by CEQA to owners and occupants of property located within one-half mile of any parcel or parcels, and to any schools located within one mile of any parcel or parcels, involving a subject of land use.
AB 2473	Bonta (D)	Highway Users Tax Account	Assembly Transportation Committee	Makes nonsubstantive changes to provisions of existing law authorizing the Controller to use the funds in the Highway Users Tax Account in the Transportation Tax Fund for cashflow loans to the General Fund.
AB 2518	Aguiar-Curry (D)	Innovative Forest Products and Mass Timber	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, in collaboration with the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, to explore markets, including export markets, for milling, development, and expansion of innovative forest products and mass timber, that require consistence with the state's climate objectives on forest lands.
AB 2551	Wood (D)	Forest and Wildland Health Improvement	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention to establish, implement, and administer the Forest and Wildland Health Improvement and Fire Prevention Program, which is intended to promote forest and wildland health, restoration, and resilience, and improve fire prevention and preparedness throughout the state. Requires the department to take specified actions to improve forest and wildland health and resilience, including evaluating and proposing changes to statewide fire suppression goals.

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AB 2562	Mullin (D)	Department Housing and Community Development Loans	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	Authorizes the Department of Housing and Community Development to reduce the interest rate on any loan issued by the department to a rental housing development to only a rate determined by the department that is sufficient to cover the costs of project monitoring. Revises the requirements for the reduction to instead require that the rate change increase the feasibility of the proposed project and further the goals and purpose of the department and the appropriate loan program.
AB 2615	Carrillo (D)	Department of Transportation: Powers and Duties	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires the Department of Transportation to enter into a memoranda of understanding with all appropriate public agencies, including the Department of Parks and Recreation and any local public entity, for purposes of providing maximum and safe pedestrian access to state and local parks.
AB 2631	Allen T (R)	Planning and Zoning: Affordable Housing	Assembly Local Government Committee	Authorizes a development property to submit an application for a development to be subject to a streamlined, ministerial approval process provided that development meet specified objective planning standards, such as that the development contains fewer than 25 residential units and provides housing for persons and families of low or moderate income.
AB 2645	Patterson (R)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Forestry and Fire	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Appropriates a specified amount from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund annually to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for purposes of fire prevention activities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Appropriates a specified amount from the fund annually to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for state and local healthy forest and fire prevention programs and projects that improve forest health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
AB 2672	Patterson (R)	California Global Warming Solutions Act	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Requires the State Board in consultation with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to annually submit a specified report to the legislature that includes among other things, an estimate of the annual emissions of greenhouse gases associated with wildfires in the state that have burned 10000 acres or more and a direct comparison of that estimate to the emissions of greenhouse gases offset by the state board's applicable regulatory programs.
AB 2734	Frazier (D)	California Transportation Commission	Assembly Transportation Committee	Excludes the California Transportation Commission from the Transportation Agency. Establishes it as an entity in state government, and requires it to act in an independent oversight role.
AB 2753	Friedman (D)	Density Bonuses: Density Bonus Application	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	Requires that if a city or county does not determine whether a density bonus application is complete within a certain number of calendar days after it was submitted, then that application is deemed approved. Requires an applicant who resubmits a density bonus application to make whatever changes are necessary to make the application complete. Authorizes an applicant to appeal that decision first to the planning department of the city or county.

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AB 2797	Bloom (D)	Planning and Zoning: Density Bonus	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	Prohibits any density bonus, incentives or concessions, waivers or reductions of the development standards, and parking ratios from being a basis for finding a project inconsistent with a specified provision of the California Coastal Act of 1976.
AB 2842	Bigelow (R)	Wood Products	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Requires the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to work with state academic institutions and certification organizations to perform additional product testing that accelerates the development, use, or commercialization of new wood products, as provided. Requires the commission to work with local planning offices, developers, and architects to consider the feasibility of expanding the use of wood and mass timber in California buildings.
AB 2849	Stone (D)	Sierra Nevada Conservancy: Watershed Improvement	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Establishes the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program, to be administered by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, to restore the health and resilience of the watersheds and communities of the region, as prescribed.
AB 2851	Grayson (D)	Regional Traffic Signal Optimization Plans	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the State Air Resources Board from a market-based compliance mechanism relative to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Requires each city located within the jurisdiction of a metropolitan planning organization to develop and implement a traffic signal optimization plan. Creates the Traffic Signal Optimization Fund.
AB 2856	Melendez (R)	California Environment Quality Act: Housing	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Prohibits the court, in an action or proceeding brought alleging a violation of the State Environmental Quality Act, from staying or enjoining the siting, construction, or operation of housing development projects, as defined.
AB 2889	Caballero (D)	Timber Harvesting Plans: Harvester's Bill Of Rights	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Requires the department to implement a Timber Harvester's Bill of Rights, to ensure the uniform and efficient implementation of processes and procedures regulating the filing, review, approval, required modification, completion, and appeal of decisions relating to timber harvesting plans, as provided.
AB 2896	Kiley (R)	Fire Prevention: Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Provides that if a person is unable to create the required defensible space because of adjacent state-owned land, the person, or a local agency on behalf of the person, no more than once per year, may file a request to have the state agency that manages the land create a fuel break on the land adjacent to the person's property. Requires the request to be filed with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.
AB 2903	Irwin (D)	Housing Programs: Definitions: Workforce Housing	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	Defines the terms affordable workforce housing and affordable owner-occupied workforce housing for purposes of governing housing and home finance programs, as housing that is affordable to persons and families of low or moderate income.

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AB 2919	Frazier (D)	Transportation: Permits	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the California Coastal Commission, upon receipt of a completed request from the Department of Transportation for a permit for a project, to complete its review of the request no later than two years after receipt.
AB 2922	Gipson (D)	Income Tax Credits: Qualified Developer: Housing	Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee	Allows credit in an amount, determined by the Tax Credit Allocation Committee, that is paid or incurred by a taxpayer to a qualified developer for the development of a qualified project, not to exceed a specified aggregate amount.
AB 2939	Ting (D)	Accessory Dwelling Units	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	Requires the local agency to ministerially approve an application for a building permit to create within a multifamily zone at least one accessory dwelling unit within an existing multifamily structure with at least 5 residential units if specified conditions are met. Prohibits an application ministerially approved pursuant to this provision from having a limit on the number of accessory dwelling units created within the existing residential units or accessory structures or both.
AB 2999	Bonta (D)	Income Taxes: Credits: Affordable Housing	Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee	Allows a credit against the Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law for each taxable year beginning on or after a specified date, in an amount equal to a specified percentage of the amount of cash paid or incurred, or the equivalent value of land or property donated, by an employer during the taxable year for the construction of affordable housing for employees or the investment in an employer-assisted housing program.
AB 3000	Friedman (D)	Land Use: New Housing Development: Parking Requirements	Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee	Prohibits a city, county, or city and county from imposing minimum parking requirements for new housing developments where offstreet parking is permitted.
AB 3023	Medina (D)	California Environmental Quality Act	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Amends the California Environmental Quality Act which requires a lead agency to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project that it proposed to carry out or approve that may have significant effect on the environmental or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. Required lead agencies to post the notices required by CEQA and any environmental review document for a project on their Web site.
AB 3037	Chiu (D)	Community Development Law of 2018	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	Amends the Community Redevelopment Law of 2018 which would authorize a city or county to propose the formation of a redevelopment housing and infrastructure agency by adoption of a resolution of intention that meets specified requirements. Provide that resolution to each affected tax entity.
AB 3059	Bloom (D)	Congestion Pricing Demonstration Pilot Projects	Assembly Transportation Committee	Authorizes 2 congestion pricing demonstration projects in Northern California and 2 in Southern California. Defines congestion pricing to mean the assessment of a charge on motor vehicles using local streets and roads in a participating jurisdiction, which charge could vary based on the time of day or the day of the week.

Bill	Author	Title	Location	Summary
AB 3124	Bloom (D)	Vehicles: Length Limitations: Buses: Bicycles	Assembly Transportation Committee	Amends existing law imposing a limitation on the length of vehicles that may be operated on the highways, with specified exemptions. Relates to an articulated bus or articulated trolley coach equipped with a folding device attached to the front that is designed and used exclusively for transporting bicycles. Increases the lengths in the exemption.
AB 3147	Caballero (D)	Fee Mitigation Act: Housing Developments	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	Prohibits a housing development project from being subject to a fee, charge, dedication, reservation, or other exaction that is more than that in effect at the time that the application for the housing development project is determined to be complete. Prohibits the fact that a land use approval for a housing development project is considered legislative in nature from being construed to limit or narrow the applicability or scope of the bill's provisions.
AB 3194	Daly (D)	Housing Accountability Act: Project Approval	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	Prohibits a housing development project from being found inconsistent, not in compliance, or not in conformity, with the applicable zoning ordinance, and would prohibit a local government from requiring a rezoning of the project site, if the existing zoning ordinance does not allow the maximum residential use, density, and intensity allocable on the site by the land use or housing element of the general plan.
ACA 4	Aguiar-Curry (D)	Local Government Financing: Affordable Housing	Assembly Local Government Committee	Authorizes a local government to impose, extend, or increase a special tax for the purposes of funding the construction, rehabilitation or replacement of public infrastructure or affordable housing, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by a certain percent of voters. Lowers the voter-approval threshold for the incurrence of bonded indebtedness in certain cases.
ACA 11	Caballero (D)	Middle Class Affordable Housing and Shelter: Funding	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	Creates the California Middle Class Affordable Housing and Homeless Shelter Account in the General Fund for the support of local and state programs that assist in the development or acquisition of housing. Requires revenues within the account to be allocated for various existing housing programs, as well as infill infrastructure financing, affordable housing matching grant programs, and affordable senior housing and supportive care campuses, as provided.
ACA 21	Mayes (R)	State Infrastructure: Funding: Investment Fund	Assembly	Amends the California Constitution to create the California Infrastructure Investment Fund in the State Treasury. Requires the Controller to transfer from the General Fund to the California Infrastructure Investment Fund in each fiscal year an amount equal to up to 2.5% of the estimated General Fund revenues for that fiscal year. Requires the amounts in the fund to be allocated for specified infrastructure investments.
SB 49	de Leon (D)	Environmental and Workers' Defense Act	Assembly Rules Committee	Relates to the California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2017. Relates to clean air, drinking water, discharge of pollutants into the atmosphere and waters, and endangered species. Requires specified agencies to take prescribed actions to maintain and enforce standards pertaining to air, water, and protected species. Prohibits a state agency from amending rules to be less stringent in protection of workers' rights and workers' safety than established by federal law.

Bill	Author	Title	Location	Summary
SB 262	Wieckowski (D)	Climate Change: Climate Adaptation: Advisory Council	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Amends an existing law which requires the Office of Planning and Research to establish an advisory council. Specifies that members on the advisory council shall serve staggered terms.
SB 277	Bradford (D)	Land Use: Zoning Regulations	Assembly Inactive File	Authorizes the legislative body of any city or county to adopt ordinances to require, as a condition of development of residential rental units, that the development include a certain percentage of residential rental units affordable to, and occupied by, moderate-income, lower income, very low income, or extremely low income households. Requires the ordinance to provide alternative means of compliance.
SB 414	Vidak (R)	Transportation Bonds: Highway, Street, and Road Project	Senate	Provides that no further bonds shall be sold for high-speed rail purposes pursuant to the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, except as specifically provided with respect to an existing appropriation. Requires the net proceed of the bonds to be made available to the California Transportation Commission for allocation for repair and new construction projects on state highways and freeways.
SB 606	Skinner (D)	Water Management Planning	Assembly Third Reading File	Requires an urban retail water supplier to calculate an urban water use objective and its actual urban water use by specified dates and requires a report. Imposes civil liability for a violation of an order or regulation issued pursuant to certain provisions. Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to issue a regulation or information order requiring a wholesale water supplier, urban retail water supplier, or distributor of a public water supply to provide a monthly report of certain information.
SB 760	Wiener (D)	Bikeways: Design Guides	Assembly	Authorizes a city, county, regional, other local agency, when using alternative minimum safety design criteria for the planning and construction of bikeways, to consider additional design guides, including the Urban Street Design Guide of the National Association of City Transportation Officials. Authorizes a state entity that is responsible for the planning and construction of roadways to consider additional design guides.
SB 802	Skinner (D)	Emerging Vehicle Technology: Advisory Taskforce	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Directs the Office of Planning and Research to convene an Emerging Vehicle Advisory Study Group to review policies regarding new types of motor vehicles, including, but not limited to, autonomous vehicles and shared-use vehicles, and provide recommendations to the Legislature.
SB 827	Wiener (D)	Planning and zoning: transit-rich housing bonus	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Requires a local government to grant a development proponent of a transit-rich housing project a transit-rich housing bonus if that development meets specified planning standards. Defines transit-rich housing. Requires an applicant who receives a transit-rich housing bonus to provide benefits to eligible displaced persons who are displaced persons for moving and related expenses as well as for relocation benefits.

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SB 828	Wiener (D)	Land Use: Housing Element	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Increases the percentage of the need for housing for very low and low-income households that a program for residential development by a local housing element is required to accommodate.
SB 829	Wiener (D)	Housing Act: Agricultural Employee Housing	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Requires a credible housing organization to obtain a permit from an enforcement agency in order to operate or maintain agricultural employee housing by submitting an application to the applicable enforcement agency. Extends provisions by providing that agricultural employee housing operated and maintained by a credible housing organization that obtains a permit be deemed an agricultural land use.
SB 831	Wieckowski (D)	Land use: accessory dwelling units	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Relates to accessory dwelling units in single-family and multi-family residential zones. Deletes the requirement that the area be zoned to allow single-family and multi-family use. Revises standards for local ordinances to include a prohibition on considering the square footage of a proposed accessory dwelling unit when calculating an allowable floor-to-area ratio for the lot.
SB 893	Nguyen (R)	Planning and Zoning: Density Bonus	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Deletes existing law that prohibits, at the request of a developer, a county or county from imposing a vehicular parking ratio in excess of specified ratios on a development that meets specified criteria.
SB 912	Beall (D)	Housing: Homelessness Programs and Affordable Housing	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Allocates a specified sum to the Department of Housing and Community Development. Requires a portion of that sum to be transferred to the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund to assist in the new construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional rental housing for person with certain incomes. Requires the remaining portion to be used to address homelessness and fund certain programs.
SB 922	Nguyen (R)	Surplus State Property: Affordable Student Housing	Senate Governmental Organization Committee	Authorizes the Department of General Services to dispose of surplus state real property located within 2 miles of a campus of the University of California, California State University, or California Community Colleges by first offering the property to a local agency or nonprofit organization for the development of affordable student housing.
SB 936	Allen (D)	Autonomous Vehicles Smart Planning Task Force	Senate Governmental Organization Committee	Requires the Office of Planning and Research to convene an Autonomous Vehicles Smart Planning Task Force, consisting of representatives from the University of California, local government, and specified others. Requires the Task Force to submit recommendations before a certain date to ensure that deployment of autonomous vehicles does not hinder specified state policies.
SB 948	Allen (D)	Environmental Quality Act Community Plans	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	Specifies that a community plan, and the accompanying ordinances meeting specified requirements, are a certified environmental leadership development project qualifying for CEQA streamlining benefits provided by the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act.

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SB 957	Lara (D)	Vehicles: High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Authorizes an identifier to be issued to super-low emissions vehicles (SULEV's), enhanced advanced technology partial zero-emission vehicles (AT PEZEV's) and transitional zero emission vehicles (TZEV's) for a vehicle that had previously been issued an identifier and would make that identifier valid until a specified date the 4th year after the year in which the identifier was issued if the applicant for the identifier has a household income at or below a specified percentage of the statewide median income.
SB 980	Cannella (R)	High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes	Senate Rules Committee	Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law under which the Department of Transportation and local authorities may authorize or permit exclusive or preferential use of highway lanes for high-occupancy vehicles.
SB 1000	Lara (D)	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee	Requires the Energy Commission and State Air Resources Board to develop minimum labeling standards for public electric vehicle charging stations, to develop a cost per vehicle mile driven price metric for charging stations or e-gallon rating, to develop minimum charging speed standards for direct current fast charging stations and for electric vehicle batteries, and to address disproportionate charging station infrastructure. Requires the PUC to develop technologies relating to charging stations.
SB 1014	Skinner (D)	Zero-Emission Vehicles	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee	Requires the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the State Air Resource Board, to establish the California Clean Miles Standard and Incentive Program for zero-emission vehicles, used by participating drivers to provide prearranged transportation services for compensation for a transportation network company with the goal to increase the percentage of passenger miles provided by zero-emissions vehicles used on behalf of transportation network companies.
SB 1015	Allen (D)	California Climate Resiliency Program	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	Establishes the California Climate Resiliency Program to increase resiliency to climate change impacts in urban and rural communities throughout the state and to fund the planning and implementation of projects that improve and enhance developed areas. Requires that the program be developed and implemented by the Wildlife Conservation Board.
SB 1027	Pan (D)	State Employee Survey	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	Amends existing law relating to state agency greenhouse gas emission reduction target goals. Requires an update to a specified voluntary survey on state employee commutes by a certain date and at specified time periods thereafter. Requires calculations for associated greenhouse gas emissions, as specified. Requires the Department of General Services and State Air Resources Board to develop incentives to increase state employee's voluntary participation in the survey.

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SB 1035	Jackson (D)	General plans	Senate Governance and Finance Committee	Requires under the Planning and Zoning Law, after the review and update to address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies, the planning agency to review and, if necessary, revise the safety element upon each revision of the housing element to identify new information relating to flood and fire hazards and climate adaptation and resiliency strategies applicable to the city or county that was not available during the previous revision of the safety element.
SB 1037	Cannella (R)	State Government Finance: Road Maintenance	Senate Rules Committee	Makes nonsubstantive changes to the provisions of the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program requiring the California Transportation Commission to submit a specified report to the Controller, as specified.
SB 1072	Leyva (D)	Regional Climate Collaborative Program: Assistance	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	Establishes the Regional Climate Collaborative Program, to be administered by the Strategic Growth Council to assist under-resourced communities to access statewide public and other grant moneys, as specified, by establishing regional climate grants to collaboratives, as specified.
SB 1079	Monning (D)	Forest Resources: Fire Prevention Grants	Senate Rules Committee	Relates to existing laws authorizing the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to provide grants to entities, including, but not limited to, private or nongovernmental entities, Native American tribes, or local, state, and federal public agencies, for the implementation and administration of projects and programs to improve forest health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Authorizes the Director to authorize advance payments to a nonprofit organization, a special district, or a Native American tribe.
SB 1088	Dodd (D)	Safety, Reliability, and Resiliency Planning	Senate Rules Committee	Requires the Office of Emergency Services to adopt standards for reducing risks from a major event. Requires that those standards include model policies for implementation by local governments regarding defensible space and actions to be undertaken by an electrical or gas corporation, publicly owned electric or gas utility, or a water utility to reduce the risk of fire occurring during such an event. Requires each electrical or gas corporation to prepare a safety, reliability, and resiliency plan.
SB 1111	Beall (D)	Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund: Eligibility	Senate Rules Committee	Amends the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act. Authorizes matching grants to cities and counties, and existing charitable nonprofit organizations that have previously received a matching grant as of a specified date. Authorizes matching grants to to new local housing trusts that provide low income housing assistance and, as of that same date, have not previously received a matching grant.
SB 1119	Newman (D)	Low Carbon Transit Operations Program	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Authorizes a recipient transit agency to satisfy requirements of the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program by expending at least a specified percentage of program funds received on transit fare subsidies, specified transit connections, or technology improvements that reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.
SB 1145	Leyva (D)	Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District: Maintenance	Senate Governance and Finance Committee	Authorizes an infrastructure financing district to finance the ongoing or capitalized costs to maintain public capital facilities financed by the district.

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SB 1184	Pan (D)	Vehicles: Driving Privileges: Vandalism	Senate Rules Committee	Expected to be amended to authorize the City of Sacramento to conduct a shared autonomous vehicle pilot project to test autonomous vehicles. Currently makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions relative to the suspension or delay of a person's driving privilege if that person committed an act of vandalism from the age of 13 or older.
SB 1227	Skinner (D)	Density Bonuses	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Requires a density bonus to be provided to a developer that agrees to construct a housing development in which all units in the development are used for students enrolled full-time at an institution of higher education accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and that a certain percent of the units are used for lower income students and provided at a specified rent level. Prohibits a city from requiring a vehicular parking ratio if a development consists solely of student units.
SB 1251	McGuire (D)	Office of Planning and Research: Housing Elements	Senate Governance and Finance Committee	Requires the Office of Planning and Research to notify a city or county and the Attorney General when the housing element of that city or county has not been revised in accordance with a specified housing element of that city or county established in existing law.
SB 1260	Jackson (D)	Fire Prevention and Protection: Prescribed Burns	Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee	Requires a draft element of, or draft amendment to, the safety element be submitted to each planning agency 180 days prior to a specified prescribed burn event.
SB 1296	Glazer (D)	Department of Housing and Community Development: Local	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Requires the Department of housing and Community Development to collect, publish, and make available a database of fees, as defined, charged by public agencies to new developments by jurisdiction.
SB 1328	Beall (D)	Mileage-Based Road Usage Fee	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Extends the operation of the California Transportation Commission to create a Road Usage Charge (RUC) technical Advisory Committee until a specified date. Requires the technical advisory committee to assess the potential for mileage-based revenue collection for California's roads and highways as an alternative to the gas tax system.
SB 1340	Glazer (D)	California Environmental Quality Act: Housing Projects	Senate Judiciary Committee	Requires the Judicial Council to adopt a rule of court establishing procedures applicable to actions or proceedings seeking judicial review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of a lead agency's action, as specified, for a housing project. Prohibits the court, in an action or proceeding brought alleging a violation of CEQA, from staying or enjoining the siting, construction, or operation of a housing project, except as provided.
SCA 6	Wiener (D)	Local Transportation Measure: Special Taxes: Voter	Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires that the imposition, extension, or increase by a local government of a special tax as may otherwise be authorized by law, whether a sales or transactions and use tax, parcel tax, or other tax for the purpose of providing funding for transportation purposes be submitted to the electorate by ordinance and approved by a certain percentage of the voters voting on the proposition.

SACOG Advocacy Procedures

Purpose of Advocacy Procedures

These procedures ensure that the SACOG Board of Directors provides prior approval of any position on legislation or administrative actions. They also detail the steps board members and staff must follow before communicating a SACOG position when there is insufficient time for full board approval.

The Role of Advocacy Principles

The state and federal advocacy principles adopted annually outline the policy issues for staff to either actively pursue, bring to the board for consideration, or simply track and monitor. The advocacy principles serve as the strategic plan of SACOG's advocacy with both the legislative and executive branches of the state and federal governments.

SACOG board members and staff will make every reasonable effort to seek board approval before any position is communicated as a SACOG position. In addition, staff will utilize email to keep Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee members updated on pending issues of interest to SACOG. However, because time constraints may arise which may make board approval impossible, the following "normal" and "urgency" procedures shall be followed by board members and staff:

Issues Covered by Advocacy Principles

▲ Positions on Legislation/Administrative Actions With Board Approval (Normal)

SACOG board members and staff may communicate a position consistent with the board-approved advocacy principles after seeking approval from the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting.

▲ Positions on Legislation/Administrative Actions Without Board Approval (Urgency)

SACOG board members and staff may communicate a position on specific legislation or administrative actions that have not been approved by the board: 1) if they are consistent with the board-approved advocacy principles; 2) staff reasonably believes that time does not permit board approval; and 3) the issue is critical to the well-being of SACOG or its member jurisdictions. As soon as reasonably possible, the executive director shall email the full board to inform them of the staff action.

Issues Not Covered by Advocacy Principles

▲ New Policy Issues (Normal)

When policy issues outside of the scope of the advocacy principles arise, the executive director or board members may bring these to the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee and then to the board for approval to amend the advocacy principles. Specific legislation or administrative actions may also be brought forward for consideration in tandem. After the board acts, the procedures above apply.

▲ Legislation Without Board Approval (Urgency)

SACOG board members and staff may communicate a position on legislation or administrative actions outside the advocacy principles: 1) if staff reasonably believes that time does not permit board approval, 2) the issue is critical to the well-being of SACOG or its member jurisdictions, and 3) the executive director secures approval from the board chair and the chair of the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee. If the committee chair cannot be reached, the executive director must secure approval from the vice chair. As soon as reasonably possible, the executive director shall email the full board to inform them of staff action.

SACOG State Advocacy Principles

Transportation

1. Make a significant investment in transportation infrastructure. Any funding package should seek to raise at least \$6 billion annually and should remain in place for at least 10 years, or until an alternative method of funding our transportation system is agreed upon.
2. Focus on maintaining and rehabilitating the current transportation system. Repairing California's streets and highways requires major road pavement overlays, fixing unsafe bridges, providing safe access for bicyclists and pedestrians, replacing storm water culverts, as well as operational improvements. Efforts to supply funding for transit in addition to funding for roads should also focus on fixing the system first.
3. Invest a portion of diesel tax and/or cap-and-trade revenue to high-priority goods movement projects. California has a critical need to upgrade the goods movement infrastructure that is essential to our economic well-being. Establishing a framework to make appropriate investments in major goods movement arteries can lay the groundwork for greater investments in the future that will also improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Raise revenues across a broad range of options. Any funding package should move California toward an all-users pay structure in which everyone who benefits from the system contributes to maintaining it – from traditional gasoline-fueled vehicles, to hybrids, alternative fuel and electric vehicles, to commercial vehicles. SACOG supports reasonable increases in:
 - Gasoline and diesel excise taxes.
 - Vehicle registration and vehicle license fees.
 - Dedicating a portion of the cap and trade revenue paid by motorists at the pump to transportation projects that reduce greenhouse emissions.
 - Ensuring existing transportation revenues are invested in transportation-related purposes (i.e., truck weight fees and fuel taxes for off-road vehicles that are currently being diverted into the general fund).
 - User charge for electric and other non-fossil fuel powered vehicles that currently do not contribute to road upkeep.
4. Provide an equal split between state and local projects. We support sharing revenue for roadway maintenance equally (50/50) between the state and cities and counties. Funding to local governments should be provided directly to accelerate projects and ensure maximum accountability.
5. Provide strong accountability requirements to protect the taxpayers' investment. Voters and taxpayers must be assured that all transportation revenues are spent responsibly. Authorizing legislation should:
 - Constitutionally protect transportation revenues for transportation infrastructure only. We strongly support protections that prohibit using transportation dollars for other purposes.
 - Repay existing transportation loans and end ongoing diversions of transportation revenues, including approximately \$850 million in loans to the general fund and the annual loss of approximately \$140 million in off-highway vehicle fuel taxes.
 - Establish performance and accountability criteria to ensure efficient and effective use of all funding. All tax dollars should be spent properly, and recipients of new revenues should be held accountable to the taxpayers, whether at the state or local level.
 - To increase Caltrans effectiveness, provide stronger oversight by the state transportation commission of the programs funded by new revenues and establish an Inspector General office to provide accountability. Reduce Caltrans administrative budgets through efficiency reviews with all savings to be spent on road improvements.

- o Expedite project delivery. More should be done to streamline project delivery, including but not limited to:
 - Establishing timelines for actions required by state agencies and eliminating other permit delays.
 - Increased implementation of alternative delivery systems that encourage more investment from the private sector.
 - Reforms to speed project completion.
6. Provide Consistent Annual Funding Levels. A transportation funding package should contain legislation that will create more consistent revenue projections and allow Caltrans and transportation agencies the certainty they need for longer term planning.

Cap-and-Trade

1. Regions should have a greater say in determining how funds are spent. Regions should be given a greater role in determining how funds are awarded. SACOG and other MPOs have the technical staff to assess the greenhouse gas benefits of projects and also are more familiar with how projects contribute to Sustainable Communities Strategies.
2. Focus more cap-and-trade funds on transportation and housing. There are many more projects that have great greenhouse gas reduction benefits than are being funded. By funding more transportation and housing projects, the state can meet its AB 32 goals, regions can meet their SB 375 goals, and communities will receive the economic benefits of having greater access to jobs and more housing near job centers.
3. The definition of disadvantaged communities should be revisited to ensure that more disadvantaged communities are given an opportunity to compete for funds. The current methodology using CalEnviroScreen underreports where disadvantaged communities actually exist.

Land Use

1. Provide new funding for affordable housing. To address a statewide housing crisis, the state should invest in funding for affordable housing. Any changes in state housing policy should provide new funding to support the construction of affordable housing that is consistent with local general plans, zoning codes and a region's Sustainability Communities Strategy.
2. Provide more flexibility for addressing affordable housing needs. Give jurisdictions flexibility to provide affordable housing that is appropriate for their community, and remove disincentives and regulatory obstacles to providing affordable housing, including devolution of decision making from HCD to regions and local governments.
3. Help local governments and regions use CEQA benefits from Senate Bill 375.
4. Provide additional resources and tools for local governments to preserve farmland and open space through public or private programs.
5. Prevent catastrophic fire and to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of private and public forests.
6. Reform regulations to streamline review and approval of transportation and smart land use projects with low environmental impacts and positive benefits to state regional and local goals.

Propositions on the June Statewide Ballot

Proposition 68 - California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018

This initiative was placed on the ballot last year by the Legislature via SB 5 (de León). It provides a \$4 billion bond for natural resources-related programs, parks, and water-related projects. The funding is allocated as follows:

<u>Natural Resources</u>	
Climate adaptation and resiliency program competitive grants	\$443 million
California River Parkways program grants	\$162 million
Salton Sea restoration, state conservancies, and the Wildlife Conservation Board funding	\$767 million
Coastal, bay, and ocean protection resources	\$175 million
Natural Resources Total	\$1.547 billion

<u>Parks</u>	
Safe neighborhood parks competitive grants	\$725 million
Local park improvement and rehabilitation (per capita grants to local agencies)	\$200 million
City and district parks in urbanized counties	\$15 million
Regional park districts and counties	\$30 million
Local agencies with local revenue measures (per capita grants to local agencies that obtained voter approval for revenue measures between November 1, 2012 and November 30, 2018)	\$40 million
State parks	\$223 million
Nonmotorized infrastructure development and enhancements, including innovative transportation programs that provide new and expanded outdoor experiences to disadvantaged youth	\$30 million
Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris (RZH) Urban Open Space and Recreation Program competitive grants	\$25 million
Parks Total	\$1.283 billion

<u>Water</u>	
Clean drinking water and drought competitive grants	\$250 million
Flood protection and repair	\$550 million
Groundwater recharge and cleanup	\$370 million
Water recycling program grants and loans	\$100 million
Water Total	\$1.27 billion

Proposition 69 - Motor vehicle fees and taxes: restriction on expenditures: appropriations limit

This initiative was placed on the ballot last year by the Legislature via ACA 5 (Frazier). It extends constitutional protections to all new vehicle fee and gasoline and diesel tax revenues generated by SB 1 that are not currently protected. It prohibits the Legislature from borrowing the new revenues or using them for any reason not currently outlined, including prohibiting loaning the funds to the State General Fund or another special fund. This measure was discussed in more detail at the last Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee meeting.

Proposition 70 - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund

This initiative was placed on the ballot last year by the Legislature via ACA 1 (Mayes). It requires that the first appropriation by the Legislature of cap-and-trade revenue collected after January 1, 2024 is subject to a two-thirds vote of the Legislature. Appropriations after the effective date of the two-thirds vote appropriation will return to being subject to a majority vote.

Proposition 71 - Ballot measures: effective date

This initiative was placed on the ballot last year by the Legislature via ACA 17 (Mullin). It provides that unless otherwise specified, an initiative statute, referendum, or constitutional amendment or revision approved by the voters takes effect on the fifth day after the Secretary of State files the statement of the vote, rather than the day after the election, as is current law.

Proposition 72 - Property tax: new construction exclusion: rain water capture system

This initiative was placed on the ballot this year by the Legislature via SCA 9 (Glazer). It provides a new construction exclusion for rain water capture systems for property tax reassessment purposes. Currently, assessors may reappraise property whenever it is purchased, newly constructed, or when ownership changes. There are a number of property improvements that have been excluded from the definition of "newly constructed" and this proposition adds rain water capture systems to that list of exclusions.