



**Government Relations and Public
Affairs Committee**

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Subject: State Advocacy Update (Est. time: 5 minutes)

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 Legislature is on summer recess until August 6, 2018. Since the Government Relations and Public Affairs Committee's last meeting in June, the Governor signed the state budget for fiscal year 2018-2019. An overview is provided below. Additionally, a legislative update is provided.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

State Budget

On June 27, 2018, the Governor signed his final state budget, totaling \$197.2 billion in total spending, with \$138.7 billion from the General Fund. Items of note are outlined below.

Transportation

The budget provides \$23.2 billion in total transportation related funding. This includes \$4.6 billion in new transportation funding, an approximately 25 percent increase over last year's spending, mainly due to funding from Senate Bill (SB) 1 – the Road Repair and Accountability Act. SB 1 funding will go towards the following programs:

- Local Streets and Roads - \$1.202 billion in proportional funding to cities and counties for local repair projects.
- Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program - \$330 million for transformative transit projects.
- State Transit Assistance - \$405 million for local transit agency operations.
- Local Partnership Program - \$200 million in matching funds to support efforts of cities and counties with voter-approved or imposed fees or taxes dedicated solely to transportation.
- Active Transportation Program - \$100 million to fund bicycle and pedestrian projects.

- Commuter Rail and Intercity Rail - \$43 million for rail operations.
- Local Planning Grants - \$25 million for competitive planning grants.
- State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)/Maintenance - \$1.219 billion to fund state highway rehabilitation.
- Bridges and Culverts - \$400 million to fund repairs and maintenance on the state's bridge and culvert infrastructure.
- Commuter Corridors - \$250 million to fund projects that improve capacity and reduce congestion.
- Trade Corridor Enhancement - \$308 million to fund projects that address bottlenecks and improve throughput on the state's trade corridors.
- Department of Parks and Recreation - \$79 million in revenues from off-highway vehicles and boats.
- Freeway Service Patrol - \$25 million for local transportation agencies to assist stranded motorists on congested freeways.
- Department of Food and Agriculture - \$26 million in revenue from agricultural vehicles.
- Transportation-related CSU and UC Research - \$7 million to fund research to help identify cost-effective materials and methods to improve the benefits of transportation investments.
- Transportation Workforce Development Board - \$5 million to fund workforce training programs.
- Department of Motor Vehicles - \$8 million in administrative costs.

Cap-and-Trade

The budget includes almost \$1.5 billion in discretionary cap-and-trade funded spending. This year's expenditure plan places significant focus on forest health and management, including \$210 million for forest improvement and fire prevention projects. Attachment A provides an overview of the spending plan.

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

California voters passed this bond measure in the June 2018, election. It provides \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for natural resources-related programs, parks, and water-related projects. This year's budget provides \$1.24 billion for the first year of implementation. Below is an outline of the 2018-19 funding:

- Department of Parks and Recreation and Natural Resources Agency - \$503 million for local and regional grant programs for neighborhood parks, greenway trails, and enhancement of natural and cultural resources.
- Department of Parks and Recreation - \$4 million for state park system enhancements.
- Department of Food and Agriculture - \$4 million for deferred maintenance for fairs.
- Multiple departments and conservancies - \$78 million for river recreation, creek, and waterway improvements.
- Natural Resources Agency - \$30 million for Salton Sea restoration.
- Multiple departments and conservancies - \$157 million climate adaptation and resiliency projects.
- State Coastal Conservancy and Ocean Protection Council - \$53 million for coastal protection.
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy and Department of Parks and Recreation - \$45 million towards implementation of the Forest Carbon Plan.
- California Conservation Corp - \$10 million for restoration and rehabilitation projects

and grants to local community conservation corps.

- State Water Board – \$93 million for safe drinking water projects.
- Department of Water Resources and Natural Resources Agency - \$99 million for flood management.
- Department of Water Resources and State Water Board - \$146 million for implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
- Department of Food and Agriculture - \$18 million for the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement program.

Forest Health

The budget includes almost \$100 million for forest health and management programs. In addition to cap-and-trade and Proposition 68 expenditures, the budget allocates \$1.9 million from the Environmental License Plate Fund for grants to local entities to develop and implement watershed improvement plans and \$2.3 million from the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund for multiple programs to encourage markets for wood products.

Flood Control

The budget includes General Fund support for flood control infrastructure, in addition to Proposition 68 allocations:

- Urban Flood Control Projects—\$170 million to support the state cost-share of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' urban flood control projects that will contribute to a 200-year level of flood protection in urban areas of the Central Valley.
- Deferred Maintenance—\$100 million to address deferred maintenance projects on levees.
- Operations and Maintenance—\$25 million to support ongoing levee maintenance.

Compromises Related to the November Ballot

Included in the final budget package were a number of legislative deals intended to keep certain statewide ballot measures off of the November ballot. This includes a bill to prohibit local jurisdictions from levying any new tax, fee, or assessment on groceries and soda for 12 years. As a result, the sponsors of the Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act removed their initiative from the November ballot. This constitution amendment would have required all local taxes to be subject to a two-thirds vote, in addition to new limits on the ability to impose a local fee. It would have also retroactively repealed 25 measures approved in June by local voters.

Legislation

As always, expect significant legislative activity during the month of August leading up to the end of session on August 31, 2018. The Legislature returns from summer recess on August 6, 2018, at which point it will have until August 31, 2018, to conclude all business for the year. The Governor must sign or veto all legislation passed by the Legislature by September 30. Staff will provide an oral report on the status of tracked legislation at the August 6, 2018, committee meeting. Attachment B is the SACOG legislative tracking report.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

This item has no direct fiscal impact

6. This staff report aligns with the following SACOG Work Plan Goals:

3. Assist Economic Development Strategies, 6. Help the Region Advance a Vision for "Next Generation Transit", 7. Deliver Key High-Profile Transportation Projects

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Attachment A 2018-19 Cap-and-Trade Expenditure Plan

Attachment B State Legislative Tracking 8.6.18

2018-19 Cap-and-Trade Expenditure Plan

Discretionary Spending			
Investment Category	Department	Program	Amount (in millions)
Air Toxic and Criteria Air Pollutants	Air Resources Board	AB 617 Community Air Protection Funding for Financial Incentives to Reduce Mobile and Stationary Sources of Criteria Air Pollutants or Toxic Air Contaminants	\$245
		AB 617 Community Air Protection Funding for Local Air District Implementation	\$20
		Technical Assistance to Community Groups in Disadvantaged Communities	\$10
		Climate Change and AB 617 Community Air Protection Funding	\$32.495
Low Carbon Transportation	Air Resources Board	Clean Vehicle Rebate Project	\$200
		Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project	\$125
		Freight Equipment Advanced Demonstration and Pilot Commercial Deployment Project	\$55
		Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program, School Buses, and Transportation Equity Projects	\$75
	Energy Commission	Low-Carbon Fuel Production	\$12.5
Climate Smart Agriculture	Air Resources Board	Agricultural Diesel Engine Replacement and Upgrades	\$112
	Energy Commission	Energy Efficiency Grants and Loans for Food Processors	\$64
		Renewable Energy Projects in the Agriculture Sector	\$4
	Department of Food and Agriculture	Healthy Soils	\$5
Health Forests	CAL FIRE	Healthy Forests and Fire Prevention Programs and Projects that Improve Forest Health and Reduce GHGs Caused by Uncontrolled Wildfires	\$160
		Urban Forestry	\$5
		Forest Carbon Plan: Prescribed Fire and Fuel Reduction	\$30
	Natural Resources Agency	Forest Carbon Plan: Northern, Coastal, and Southern California Regional Forest Health Projects	\$20
	CalOES	Local Fire Response, including procurement and maintenance of fire engines	\$25

Short-Lived Climate Pollutants	Department of Food and Agriculture	Methane Reduction - Dairy Digester Research and Development and Alternative Manure Management	\$99
	Air Resources Board	Woodstove Replacement	\$3
	CalRecycle	Waste Diversion	\$25
Integrated Climate Action: Mitigation and resilience	Strategic Growth Council	Transformative Climate Communities	\$40
		Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (in addition to the continuous appropriation)	\$1.165
	Natural Resources Agency	Urban Greening	\$20
	Multiple Departments	Coastal resilience	\$5
	Department of Fish and Wildlife	Wetlands Restoration	\$5
	Community Services and Development	Low-Income Weatherization	\$10
	California Conservation Corps	Training and Work Program	\$8.513
Climate and Clean Energy Research	Strategic Growth Council	California Climate Change Technology and Solutions Initiative and Technical Assistance	\$20
Total			\$1,465

Continuous Appropriations (based on revenue assumption of \$2.6 billion in 2018-19)			
Department	Program	Amount (in millions)	
High-Speed Rail Authority	High-Speed Rail	\$621	
Strategic Growth Council	Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities	\$497	
Transportation Agency	Transit and Intercity Rail Capital	\$248	
Caltrans	Transit Operations	\$124	
Total			\$1,490

Other Existing Spending Commitments			
Department	Program	Amount (in millions)	
N/A	Manufacturing Sales Tax Exemption Backfill	\$89	
Various	State Administrative Costs	\$49	
CAL FIRE/Conservation Corps	State Responsibility Plan Fire Prevention Activities Backfill	\$28	
Total			\$166

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Bills With a Position

Bill	Author	Title	Location/Status	Summary	SACOG's Position
AB 1771	Bloom (D)	Planning and Zoning: Regional Housing Needs Assessment	Senate Appropriations Committee	Amends the Planning and Zoning Law. Authorizes members of the public to make an electronic request for the proposed methodology that furthers the objectives by a Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan. Authorizes a local government to appeal to the Council of Governments for a revision of the share of the proposed regional housing need. Specifies criteria for the appeal. Requires the local Council of Governments to notify all other governments of all appeals.	Oppose Unless Amended
AB 1952	Mayes (R)	Social Services: Access to Food	Senate Appropriations 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 hunger. Establishes criteria for the plan, including establishing a budget to support local food hub efforts. Requires the Board of Regents and Board of Governors of CCC to develop systems that allow EBT cards to be used on their respective campuses.	Support
AB 2596	Cooley (D)	Economic Development Strategic Action Plan	Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires the office to lead the preparation of a California Economic Development Strategic Action Plan, as specified, to commission a study to identify and evaluate economic development issues, and to create a comprehensive agenda and framework for inclusive statewide and regional economic growth. Authorizes the office to accept nonstate moneys for the purposes of commissioning the study and developing the action plan.	Support
SB 1162	Pan (D)	Capitol Area Planning: Height Limits	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Designates Matsui Alley as the southern boundary of an area with a height limit in the central city of the City of Sacramento.	Support
SB 1184	Pan (D)	Sacramento Shared Autonomous Vehicle Pilot Project	Assembly Transportation Committee/Failed Deadline	Authorizes the City of Sacramento to conduct a shared autonomous vehicle pilot project within a specified location and radius to test autonomous vehicles without drivers, steering wheels, breaks, or accelerators. Requires certification that local law enforcement approves of the testing area and conditions. Exempts specified Department of Motor Vehicles regulations. Allows a manufacturer to receive compensation, but prohibits directly charging a fee to a member of the public to ride in an autonomous vehicle.	Support

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Tracked Legislation

Bill	Author	Title	Location/Status	Summary
AB 87	Ting (D)	Vehicles: Removal: Autonomous Vehicles	Senate Appropriations 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.
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 193	Cervantes (D)	Electric Vehicle Consumer Battery and Fuel Cell	Senate Floor	Requires the state board to establish the Electric Vehicle Consumer Battery and Fuel Cell Assurance Project to provide rebates either for the replacement of or a vehicle service contract, as defined, for a battery, fuel cell, or related components for an eligible used vehicle or for a vehicle service contract to cover unexpected vehicle repairs not covered by the manufacturer's warranty related to unique problems in eligible used vehicles.
AB 558	Quirk-Silva (D)	Alternative Fuel Vehicles: Flexible Fuel Vehicles	Senate Appropriations 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 636	Irwin (D)	Local Streets and Roads: Expenditure Reports	Assembly Floor - Concurrence in Senate Amendments	Amends reporting requirements related to the Highway Users Tax Account. Deletes existing sections to read, require that the Controller publish and make the report publicly available on its Internet Web site in a format that may be printed and downloaded.
AB 686	Santiago (D)	Housing Discrimination: Further Fair Housing	Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires a public agency, as defined, to administer its programs and activities relating to housing and community development in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing, and to not take any action that is materially inconsistent with this obligation. Requires the land inventory to be used to identify sites throughout the community, consistent with the provisions requiring a regional housing needs program, within the housing element to affirmatively further fair housing.
AB 829	Chiu (D)	Local Government: Funding: State-assisted Projects	Senate Floor	Prohibits a local agency from requiring, as a threshold or condition for applying for the award of any funding for a housing development that will also be receiving state assistance, that the development proponent receive a letter of acknowledgment, letter of approval, or similar document from the legislative body of that local agency or from a member of that legislative body.

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AB 939	Low (D)	Taxicab Transportation Services	Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires each applicable permitting entity in which a taxicab company is substantially located to adopt an ordinance or resolution in regards to taxicab transportation service. Provides that it is unlawful to operate a taxicab company without a valid permit to operate issued by each applicable permitting entity in which the taxicab company is substantially located.
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/Failed Deadline	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/Failed Deadline	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/Failed Deadline	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 1445	Reyes (D)	Designated Qualified Opportunity Zones: Property	Senate Floor	Directs a city or county to require a Qualified Opportunity Zone Fund to provide, as part of any transaction for the sale or lease of property owned by the city or county that is located within such a Zone and for use as a qualified opportunity zone business property, a timeline for completion of the investment activity on the property and specified information relating to the development of the property. Requires such information to be posted on the city or county's website.

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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 1755	Steinorth (R)	Bicycle Operation	Governor's Desk	Subjects a person riding a bicycle on a Class I bikeway 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. Provides that violation constitutes a crime.
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 1792	Frazier (D)	Affordable Housing Authorities: Infrastructure	Senate Floor	Authorizes an affordable housing authority to finance water, sewer, or other public infrastructure necessary to support the development of affordable housing.
AB 1804	Berman (D)	Environmental Quality Act: Exemption: Infill	Senate Appropriations 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	Obernolte (R)	California Environmental Quality Act: Roadway Projects	Senate Environmental Quality Committee/Failed Deadline	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, including a requirement that the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use.
AB 1912	Rodriguez (D)	Public Employees' Retirement: Joint Powers Agreements	Senate Appropriations Committee	Eliminates an authorization, and would specify that if an agency established by a joint powers agreement participates in, or contracts with, a public retirement system, member agencies, both current and former to the agreement, would be required, prior to a termination or a decision to dissolve or cease the operations of the agency, to mutually agree as to the apportionment of the agency's retirement obligations among themselves.

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AB 1945	Garcia E (D)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Investment Plan	Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires the State Air Resources Board to work with state agencies administering grant programs that allocate moneys from the fund to give specified communities preferential points during grant application scoring for programs intended to improve air quality and to include a specified application timeline for programs with competitive application processes and to allow applicants from the Counties of Imperial and San Diego to include daytime population numbers in grant applications.
AB 1954	Patterson (R)	Timber Harvest Plans: Exemption: Flammable Materials	Senate Floor	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: Local Assistance Grants	Senate Appropriations Committee	Amends existing law relating to local assistance grant programs for fire prevention activities. Requires the Director of Forestry and Fire Prevention to hold a public workshop to review activities funded by the local assistance grant program and program outcomes, and to discuss and recommend possible program improvements.
AB 1999	Chau (D)	Local Government: Public Broadband Services	Senate Floor	Authorizes a county service area to acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate broadband Internet access services. Requires a county service area that does so to take certain actions regarding the accessing of content on the Internet by end users of that service. Prohibits a local agency that is authorized to engage in the provision of broadband Internet access service in the state from taking certain actions regarding the accessing of content on the Internet by end users.
AB 2006	Eggman (D)	Charge Ahead California Initiative: Vanpool Programs	Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires the state board, in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, air pollution control and air quality management districts, and the public, to require existing agricultural vanpool programs to serve disadvantaged communities and low-income communities, as defined, and to allocate a minimum of 25% of the moneys appropriated for agricultural vanpool programs to those programs servicing low-income communities.
AB 2035	Mullin (D)	Affordable Housing Authorities	Senate Floor	Defines authorizing resolution and property tax increment for provisions relating to financing of affordable housing projects. Establishes certain requirements for property tax increment resolutions. Authorizes the repeal of local entities adopting a resolution allocating other tax revenues to an Authority. Authorizes an Authority to issue bonds in conformity with the Housing Authorities Law.
AB 2061	Frazier (D)	Near Zero Emission and Zero Emission Vehicles	Senate Appropriations Committee	Authorizes a near zero emission vehicle or a zero emission vehicle to exceed the weight limits on the power unit by up to 2,000 pounds. Increases the weight limit to 82,000 pounds for a near-zero-emission or zero-emission vehicle.

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AB 2127	Ting (D)	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure: Assessment	Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires the Energy Commission, working with the State Air Resources Board and the PUC, to prepare and biennially update a statewide assessment of the electric vehicle charging infrastructure needed to support the levels of electric vehicles adoption required for the state to meet its goals of putting a certain number of zero emission vehicles on state roads by a specified year and of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to a certain level. Requires input from stakeholders.
AB 2145	Reyes (D)	Vehicular Air Pollution	Senate 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	Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires that supportive housing be a use by right in zones where multifamily and mixed uses are permitted, including commercial zones permitting multifamily uses, if the proposed housing development meets specified criteria, and would require a local government to approve a supportive housing development that complies with these requirements. Prohibits the local government from imposing any minimum parking requirement for units occupied by supportive housing residents under certain circumstances.
AB 2238	Aguiar-Curry (D)	Local Agency Formation: Fire Hazards: Medical Waste	Senate Appropriations Committee	Amends the Cortese Knox Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act. Requires a local agency formation commission to consider the assessed valuation rather than per capita assessed valuation. Requires the commission to consider information contained in a local hazard mitigation plan, a safety element of a general plan, and any maps that identify land as a very high fire hazard zone or that identify land determined to be in a state responsibility area if it is determined that such information is relevant.
AB 2263	Friedman (D)	Designated Historical Resource	Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires a local agency to provide specified reductions in required parking for certain development projects in which a designated historical resource, as defined in the bill, is being converted or adapted, unless otherwise required by local ordinance.
AB 2267	Wood (D)	Sonoma County Renewal Enterprise District	Senate Appropriations Committee	Exempts from the requirements of CEQA specified actions and approvals taken between January 1, 2019, and January 1, 2024, for the adoption or approval of amendments to the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan for the City of Santa Rosa meeting certain requirements. Exempts from the requirements of CEQA the approval of residential projects that are consistent with the amended Downtown Station Area Specific Plan.
AB 2304	Holden (D)	Reduced Fare Transit Pass Programs: Report	Senate Rules Committee/Failed Deadline	Requests the University of California Institutes of Transportation Studies to prepare and submit a report to the Governor. Specifies committees of the Legislature on or before a specified date, that details the reduced fare transit pass programs in California that are administered by a public transit operator, California college or university, or any other entity.

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AB 2341	Mathis (R)	California Environmental Quality Act	Senate Environmental Quality Committee/Failed Deadline	Specifies that, except as provided, the aesthetic effects of projects meeting certain requirements are not significant effects on the environment for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act and that the lead agency is not required to evaluate the aesthetic of those projects.
AB 2363	Friedman (D)	Vision Zero Task Force	Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires the Secretary of Transportation to establish and convene the Vision Zero Task Force. Requires the Task Force to develop a structured, coordinated process for early engagement of all parties to develop policies to reduce traffic fatalities to zero. Requires the Secretary to prepare and submit a report that includes a detailed analysis of specified issues, including the existing process for establishing speed limits and a recommendation as to whether an alternative method should be considered.
AB 2364	Bloom (D)	Rental Control: Withdraw from Accommodation	Assembly/Failed Deadline	Revises the circumstances under which an owner may be required to offer accommodations to displaced tenants and lessees to eliminate the requirement that the request be made in writing within a certain number of days of notification. Permits an owner to return less than all of the accommodations to the rental market within the items these provisions are not intended to allow.
AB 2372	Gloria (D)	Planning and Zoning: Density Bonus: Floor Area	Senate Floor	Authorizes a City Council or county Board of Supervisors to establish a procedure by ordinance to grant a developer of an eligible housing development, upon request by the developer, 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 relating to residential use, location, zoning, replacement of units, and affordability.
AB 2433	Salas (D)	Department of Transportation: Voluntary Inspection	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee/Failed Deadline	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	Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires a lead agency that is preparing an EIR or a negative declaration to provide certain notices required by CEQA to owners and occupants of property located within 1/2 mile of any parcel or parcels, and to any schools located within one mile of any parcel or parcels, on which is located a project involving a subject land use, as defined, for projects for which environmental review.
AB 2473	Bonta (D)	State Highway Route 185: Relinquishment: San Leandro	Senate Appropriations Committee	Authorizes the State Transportation Commission to relinquish all or a portion of Route 185 in the City of San Leandro to that city.

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AB 2518	Aguiar-Curry (D)	Innovative Forest Products and Mass Timber	Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, in consultation with the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, to identify barriers to in-state production of mass timber, and other innovative forest products and develop solutions that are consistent with the state's climate objectives on forest lands. Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to collaborate on innovative forest products and mass timber workforce training and job creation.
AB 2551	Wood (D)	Forest and Wildland Health Improvement	Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention to establish, implement, and administer the Forest and Wildland Health Improvement and Fire Prevention Program. Provides for and administers programs that are intended to promote forest and wildland health, restoration, and resilience, and improve fire outcomes, prevention, and preparedness throughout the state. Authorizes the Department to enter into an agreement with a person to conduct joint prescribed burning operations, as specified.
AB 2562	Mullin (D)	Department Housing and Community Development Loans	Senate Appropriations Committee	Authorizes each extension of an existing loan, subordination of an existing loan to new debt, or investment of tax credit equity to be made in connection with the combining of multiple sites or collateral as if the existing loan is a new loan. Requires the department to reduce the interest rate if the development will utilize low-income housing tax credits, the department makes a specified determination regarding the loan or the ability of the development to syndicate.
AB 2615	Carrillo (D)	State Highway System: Accessibility for Bicycles	Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires the Department of Transportation to partner with appropriate public agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department of Parks and Recreation, any federal department or agency, and any regional or local public entity, to develop strategies and plans to maximize safe and convenient access for bicycles and pedestrians to federal, state, regional, and local parks adjacent to or connected to the state highway system.
AB 2734	Frazier (D)	California Transportation Commission	Senate Appropriations 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	Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires a city or county to provide the applicant with a determination as to the amount of density bonus and any parking ratios requested by the applicant for which the development is eligible and whether the applicant has provided adequate information to make a determination as to any incentives, concessions, or waivers or reductions development standards requested by the applicant.
AB 2797	Bloom (D)	Planning and Zoning: Density Bonus	Senate	Requires that any density bonus, concessions, incentives, waivers, or reductions of the development standards, and parking ratios to which an applicant is entitled under the Density Bonus Law be permitted in a manner that is consistent with that law and the Coastal Act.

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AB 2806	Obernolte (R)	Vehicles: Electric Charging Station Violations	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee/Failed Deadline	Creates an exception to the provisions authorizing removal of a vehicle from an electric charging space on a public street if the vehicle is not connected for electric charging purposes for a vehicle displaying either a disabled license plate or a disabled placard.
AB 2849	Stone (D)	Sierra Nevada Conservancy: Watershed Improvement	Senate Appropriations Committee	Establishes the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program, to be administered by the Conservancy, to protect, conserve, and restore the health and resilience of the watersheds and communities of the region, as prescribed. Defines tribal organization as an Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, or a tribal agency authorized by a tribe and identified within the most current Federal Register, or listed on the Native American Heritage Commission contact list, or both.
AB 2851	Grayson (D)	Regional Traffic Signal Optimization Plans	Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires each city located within the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to develop and implement a traffic signal optimization plan intended to reduce greenhouse gases and particulate emissions, reduce travel times and the number of stops and fuel use. Requires the Department of Transportation to coordinate with each city with a plan to ensure that any traffic signals owned or operated by the Department are adjusted and maintained properly.
AB 2889	Caballero (D)	Timber Harvesting Plans: Guidance and Assistance	Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to provide guidance and assistance 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. Requires the department to issue guidance.
AB 2890	Ting (D)	Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units	Senate Appropriations Committee	Authorizes a local agency to provide by ordinance for the creation of accessory dwelling units in single-family and multifamily residential zones. Prohibits the imposition of lot coverage standards or requirements on minimum lot size, lot coverage, or floor area ratio. Prohibits an ordinance from establishing size requirements for accessory dwelling units that do not permit a certain minimum square foot unit of at least 16 feet in height to be constructed.
AB 3030	Caballero (D)	California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption	Senate Appropriations Committee	Exempts a project that is financed by a qualified opportunity fund, meeting certain requirements, from CEQA. Requires a lead agency to hold a noticed public hearing on the project before making a determination of exemption. Requires a lead agency, upon exempting and approving a project, to file a specified notice with the Office of Planning and Research.
AB 3124	Bloom (D)	Vehicles: Length Limitations: Buses: Bicycles	Signed into Law	Authorizes an articulated bus or articulated trolley coach that does not exceed a certain length to be equipped with a folding device attached to the front designed and used exclusively for transporting bicycles as long as the device does not extend more than a certain distance from the front of the vehicle. Requires a public agency to establish a route review committee to operate such bus or trolley coach. Requires the committee to make a determination of safe routes for such bus or trolley coach.

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AB 3194	Daly (D)	Housing Accountability Act: Project Approval	Senate Floor	Amends the Housing Accountability Act. Specifies that a proposed housing development project is not inconsistent with the applicable zoning standards and criteria, and would prohibit a local government from requiring a rezoning, if the housing development project is consistent with the objective general plan standards and criteria but the zoning for the project site is inconsistent with 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 Budget Committee	Amends the state Constitution to create the Infrastructure Investment Fund. 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 a certain percentage 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.
SB 262	Wieckowski (D)	Climate Change: Climate Adaptation: Advisory Council	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Amends an existing law which requires the Office of Planning and Research to establish an advisory council. Specifies that members on the council shall serve staggered terms. Recasts the advisory council as the California Council for Adaptation and Resiliency. Transfers the office's functions, regarding the program and the clearinghouse, to the council. Requires the council to take certain actions related to climate adaptation.

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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 481	Pan (D)	Successor Agencies: Assets: Disposal	Assembly Floor	Authorizes the successor agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the County of Sacramento to dispose of a specified property previously used as the San Juan Hotel and Mobile Home Park for an amount less than fair market value, provided that the agency require that the property be used for housing affordable to, and occupied by, persons and families of low or moderate income and very low income and extremely low income households and include an enforceable covenant to that effect.
SB 606	Hertzberg (D)	Water Management Planning	Signed into Law	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. Authorizes the Department of Water Resources to waive these requirements for a maximum number of years. Imposes a civil liability for a violation of an order or regulation. Amends the Urban Water Management Planning Act. Provides certain requirements imposed on urban water suppliers.
SB 760	Wiener (D)	State Highways: Permits: Improvements	Assembly Transportation Committee/Failed Deadline	Prohibits the department from denying an application for a permit solely because the associated work is not to be performed in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the department.
SB 765	Wiener (D)	Planning and Zoning: Streamlined Approval Process	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Provides that the determination of whether an application for a development is subject to the streamlined ministerial approval process is not a project for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act.
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 828	Wiener (D)	Land Use: Housing Element	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Amends the Planning and Zoning Law. Prohibits the prior underproduction of housing in a city or county from the previous cycle and stable population numbers in a city or county from the previous cycle from being used as a justification for a determination or a reduction in the jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need.
SB 831	Wieckowski (D)	Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units	Assembly Local Government Committee/Failed Deadline	Requires the local agency ordinance for the creation of accessory dwelling units to designate areas where accessory dwelling units may be excluded for health and safety purposes. Revises the standards for the local ordinance to delete the authority to include lot coverage standards. Prohibits certain considerations by local agencies when deciding whether or not to approve an application.

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SB 957	Lara (D)	Vehicles: High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Authorizes an identifier for use of HOV lanes to be issued to super low emissions vehicles, enhanced advanced technology partial zero emission vehicles, and transitional zero emission vehicles, for a vehicle that had previously been issued an identifier. Makes that identifier valid until a specified date, if the applicant for the identifier has a household income at or below a specified percentage of the statewide median income.
SB 961	Allen (D)	Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Amends the Planning and Zoning Law. Requires the Office of Planning and Research to complete a study on the effectiveness of tax increment financing tools for increasing housing production, including a comparison of the relative advantages and disadvantages of infrastructure financing districts, enhanced infrastructure financing districts, affordable housing authorities, use of the Neighborhood and Second Neighborhood Infill Finance and Transit Improvements Acts.
SB 1000	Lara (D)	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Requires the Energy Commission and State Air Resources Board to develop minimum charging speed recommendations for direct current fast charging stations and for electric vehicle batteries, and to assess disproportionate charging station infrastructure. Authorizes the Commission to use moneys from the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Fund, as well as other mechanisms, including incentives, to more proportionately deploy new charging station infrastructure.
SB 1014	Skinner (D)	California Clean Miles Standard and Incentive Program	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Requires, by specified date, that the state board establish a baseline for emissions of greenhouse gases for vehicles used on the online-enabled applications or platforms by transportation network companies on a per-passenger-mile basis. Requires the commission to solicit and facilitate pilot program proposals between electrical corporations, zero-emission vehicle charging companies, and transportation network companies to promote the operation and use of zero-emission vehicles by participating drivers.
SB 1015	Allen (D)	State Climate Resiliency Program	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Establishes the Climate Resiliency Program to increase resiliency to climate change impacts in urban and rural communities, 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. Establishes the Climate Change Resiliency Fund. Requires a specified schedule for the allocation of monies. Requires the Board to develop criteria to implement the Program.
SB 1035	Jackson (D)	General Plans	Assembly Floor	Requires the safety element of the Planning and Zoning Law to be reviewed and revised as necessary to address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies. Requires, after these revisions, the planning agency to review and revise the safety element upon each revision of the local hazard mitigation plan at a certain time interval for specified purposes.
SB 1048	Allen (D)	Intercity Rail Services: Feeder Buses	Assembly Rules Committee/Failed Deadline	Repeals provisions authorizing the Department of Transportation to contract with Amtrak to provide intercity rail passenger services and feeder bus services operated in conjunction with the intercity trains.

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SB 1072	Leyva (D)	Regional Climate Collaborative Program	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Establishes a regional climate collaborative program, to be administered by the Strategic Growth Council to assist under-resourced communities, in a region to access statewide public and other grant moneys. Authorizes the council to award specified grants to collaboratives for specified activities.
SB 1079	Monning (D)	Forest Resources: Fire Prevention Grants	Assembly Floor	Relates to existing laws 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 local agency, a special district, or a Native American tribe from the grant awards.
SB 1088	Dodd (D)	Safety, Reliability, and Resiliency Planning	Assembly Rules Committee	Amends the Emergency Services Act. Requires an electrical or gas corporation to submit to the Public Utilities Commission an application for review and approval of a safety, reliability, and resiliency plan on or before a certain date biennially. Amends existing law relating to the Commission's use of a general rate case for a certain number of years to address certain operating costs. Explicitly authorizes the Commission to extend that general rate case cycle.
SB 1119	Beall (D)	Low Carbon Transit Operations Program	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Relates to existing law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the State Air Resources Board as part of a market-based compliance mechanism to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and to be available upon appropriation. Amends to waive the above requirement if the recipient transit agencies expend the funding provided on certain activities.
SB 1145	Leyva (D)	Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District: Maintenance	Assembly Floor	Authorizes an infrastructure financing district to finance the ongoing or capitalized costs to maintain public capital facilities financed in whole or in part by the district. Prohibits the use of proceeds of bonds issued to finance maintenance of any kind.
SB 1227	Skinner (D)	Density Bonuses	Senate Floor	Requires a density bonus to be provided to a developer that agrees to construct a housing development in which all units in the development will be used for students enrolled full time at an institution of higher education accredited by the proper authority, and the developer enters into an agreement with an institution of higher education where a percent of the units are used for lower income students, provided at a specified rent level, and priority is provided for students experiencing homelessness.
SB 1260	Jackson (D)	Fire Prevention and Protection: Prescribed Burns	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Requires a local agency to transmit a copy of their adopted ordinance to the state board within a certain number of days of adoption. Requires a local agency to make a finding that ingress and egress for a subdivision meet regulations regarding road standards for fire equipment access, as provided. Gives the Department the option, if it elects not to purchase insurance, to determine proportionate share of liability, as provided.

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SB 1328	Beall (D)	Mileage-Based Road Usage Fee	Assembly Appropriations 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 continue to assess the potential for mechanisms, including, but not limited to, a mileage-based revenue collection system, to use as alternative methods to the existing gas tax system for generating the revenue necessary to maintain and operate the state's transportation system.
SB 1376	Hill (D)	Transportation Network Companies: Accessibility	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Requires the Public Utilities Commission to develop regulations relating to accessibility for persons with disabilities, including wheelchair users who need a wheelchair accessible vehicle. Requires the Commission to conduct workshops in order to determine community demand, transportation provider supply, and educational outreach objectives. Requires the Commission to require each TNC to be fully accessible to persons with disabilities or be assessed a certain fee.
SB 1403	Lara (D)	Clean Truck, Bus, and Off Road Vehicle Technology	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Requires the State Air Resources Board, when funding a specified class of projects under the Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program, to allocate no less than a certain percent of that available funding to support the early commercial deployment of existing zero- and near-zero-emission heavy-duty truck technology.
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.