

AEP Bill Report 3/21/2014

1 - High

[AB 52](#) **(Gatto D) Native Americans: California Environmental Quality Act.**

Introduced: 12/21/2012

Last Amend: 9/5/2013

Status: 9/13/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was E.Q. on 9/5/2013)

Location: 9/13/2013-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would specify that a project having a potential to cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal resource, as defined, to be a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. The bill would require the implementation, if feasible, of specified mitigation measures if the lead agency determines that a project will have a substantial adverse change on a tribal cultural resource. For a tribal cultural resource that is a sacred place, the bill would prohibit severe or irreparable damage to that resource, or interference with the free expression or exercise of a Native American religion unless a clear and convincing showing that the public interest and necessity so require. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Priority

1 - High

[AB 1104](#) **(Salas D) California Environmental Quality Act: biogas pipelines: exemption.**

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amend: 1/27/2014

Status: 2/6/2014-Referred to Com. on E.Q.

Location: 2/6/2014-S. E.Q.

Summary: CEQA provides some exemptions from its requirements for specified projects, including for a project that consists of the inspection, maintenance, repair, restoration, reconditioning, relocation, replacement, or removal of an existing pipeline, as defined, if specified conditions are met. This bill would provide that, for purposes of that exemption, until January 1, 2018, "pipeline" also means a pipeline located in Fresno, Kern, Kings, or Tulare County, that is used to transport biogas, as the bill would define that term, and that meets the existing requirements for the exemption and all local, state, and federal laws. Because a lead agency would be required to determine the applicability of the exemption, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Priority

1 - High

[AB 1849](#) **(Logue R) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: levees.**

Introduced: 2/19/2014

Status: 2/27/2014-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 2/27/2014-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: Would exempt from the requirements of CEQA, the maintenance, repair, or replacement of an existing levee. Because a lead agency would be required to determine the applicability of this exemption, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Priority

1 - High

[AB 2117](#) **(Achadjian R) Land use: general plan: noise element.**

Introduced: 2/20/2014

Status: 3/6/2014-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 3/6/2014-A. L. GOV.

Calendar: 4/2/2014 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 127 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

Summary: Current law requires the noise element to recognize the guidelines established by the Office of Noise Control and to analyze and quantify, to the extent practicable, as determined by the legislative body, current and projected noise levels for specified sources. This bill would eliminate the requirement that the noise element recognize the guidelines established by the Office of Noise Control.

Priority

1 - High

[AB 2417](#) ([Nazarian D](#)) **Environmental quality.**

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 2/24/2014-Read first time.

Location: 2/21/2014-A. PRINT

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act makes various legislative findings regarding environmental quality. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those legislative findings.

Priority

1 - High

[SB 633](#) ([Pavley D](#)) **CEQA.**

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amend: 8/6/2013

Status: 8/30/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. on 8/6/2013)

Location: 8/30/2013-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would, for purposes of the new information exception to the prohibition on requiring a subsequent or supplemental EIR, specify that the exception applies if new information that becomes available was not known and could not have been known by the lead agency or any responsible agency at the time the EIR was certified as complete. The bill would authorize the office, by July 1, 2015, to draft and transmit to the secretary revisions to the guidelines to include as a categorical exemption projects involving minor temporary uses of land and public gatherings that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Priority

1 - High

[SB 834](#) ([Huff R](#)) **Environmental quality: the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act.**

Introduced: 1/6/2014

Last Amend: 3/20/2014

Status: 3/20/2014-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E.Q.

Location: 3/20/2014-S. E.Q.

Calendar: 4/2/2014 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, HILL, Chair

Summary: Would enact the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act and would specify that the environmental review of projects pursuant to CEQA is required to consider only specified environmental topic areas. The bill would provide that the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act only applies if the lead agency or project applicant has agreed to provide to the public in a readily accessible electronic format an annual compliance report prepared pursuant to the mitigation monitoring and reporting program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Priority

1 - High

[SB 1451](#) ([Hill D](#)) **Environmental quality: mitigation measures.**

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 3/17/2014-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/17/2014-S. RLS.

Summary: Would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, on or before January 1, 2016, and on or before January 1 of each year thereafter, to submit to the Legislature a report on the types and effectiveness of a representative sample of mitigation measures adopted by state and local agencies.

Priority

1 - High

2 - Medium

[AB 515](#) ([Dickinson D](#)) **Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: writ of mandate.**

Introduced: 2/20/2013

Last Amend: 3/17/2014

Status: 3/17/2014-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to

committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on E.Q.

Location: 3/17/2014-S. E.Q.

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act requires the court, if it finds that a public agency has violated the requirements of the act, to issue an order, in the form of a peremptory writ of mandate, specifying what actions by the public agency are necessary to comply with the requirements of the act. This bill would require the peremptory writ of mandate to specify the time by which the public agency is to make an initial return of the peremptory writ of mandate containing specified information. Because a public agency would be required to file an initial return of the peremptory writ of mandate, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Priority

2 - Medium

[AB 543](#) **(Campos D) California Environmental Quality Act: translation.**

Introduced: 2/20/2013

Last Amend: 5/24/2013

Status: 7/12/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10)(SEN). (Last location was E.Q. on 6/13/2013)

Location: 7/12/2013-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would require a lead agency to translate, as specified, certain notices required by the California Environmental Quality Act and a summary of any negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, or environmental impact report when a group of non-English-speaking people, as defined, comprises at least 25% of the population within the lead agency's jurisdiction and the project is proposed to be located at or near an area where the group of non-English-speaking people comprises at least 25% of the residents of that area. By requiring a lead agency to translate these notices and documents, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Priority

2 - Medium

[AB 1961](#) **(Eggman D) Land use: planning: Sustainable Farmland Strategy.**

Introduced: 2/19/2014

Status: 3/3/2014-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and AGRI.

Location: 3/3/2014-A. L. GOV.

Calendar: 4/2/2014 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 127 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

Summary: Would require each county with significant agricultural land resources, as defined, to develop, on or before January 2, 2018, a sustainable farmland strategy. The bill would require the Sustainable Farmland Strategy to include, among other things, a map and inventory of all agriculturally zoned land within the county, a description of the goals, strategies, and related policies and ordinances, to retain agriculturally zoned land where practical and mitigate the loss of agriculturally zoned land to nonagricultural uses or zones, and a page on the county's Internet Web site with the relevant documentation for the goals, strategies, and related policies and ordinances, as specified.

Priority

2 - Medium

[AB 2353](#) **(Waldron R) Environmental quality: environmental impact reports.**

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Last Amend: 3/20/2014

Status: 3/20/2014-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES. Read second time and amended.

Location: 3/20/2014-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act requires the lead agency to determine whether a project may have a significant effect on the environment based on substantial evidence in light of the whole record. The act exempts certain specified projects from its requirements. This bill would exempt a project to expand the storage capacity of a surface water storage facility that meets specified requirements.

Priority

2 - Medium

[AB 2629](#) **(Bloom D) Conservation and mitigation banks: expedited review and approval.**

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 2/24/2014-Read first time.

Location: 2/21/2014-A. PRINT

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact later legislation that would create an expedited review and approval process by the Department of Fish and Wildlife of an entity applying to

the department to establish a conservation bank or mitigation bank for threatened, endangered, or other special status species if that entity already has a federally approved conservation bank or mitigation bank for that species.

Priority

2 - Medium

[SB 674](#) **(Corbett D) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: residential infill projects.**

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amend: 1/6/2014

Status: 1/23/2014-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 1/23/2014-A. DESK

Summary: CEQA defines "residential" to include a use consisting of residential units and primarily neighborhood-serving goods, services, or retail uses that do not exceed 15% of the total floor area of the project. This bill would instead exempt as "residential" a use consisting of residential units and primarily neighborhood-serving goods, services, or retail uses that do not exceed 25% of the total building square footage of the project.

Priority

2 - Medium

[SB 731](#) **(Steinberg D) Environment: California Environmental Quality Act.**

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amend: 9/9/2013

Status: 9/13/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was L. GOV. on 9/11/2013)

Location: 9/13/2013-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would provide that aesthetic and parking impacts of a residential, mixed-use residential, or employment center project, as defined, on an infill site, as defined, within a transit priority area, as defined, shall not be considered significant impacts on the environment. The bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to prepare and submit to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, and the secretary to certify and adopt, revisions to the guidelines for the implementation of CEQA establishing thresholds of significance for noise and transportation impacts of projects within transit priority areas. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Priority

2 - Medium

[SB 1122](#) **(Pavley D) Sustainable communities: Strategic Growth Council.**

Introduced: 2/19/2014

Status: 3/18/2014-Set for hearing April 2.

Location: 2/27/2014-S. E.Q.

Calendar: 4/2/2014 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, HILL, Chair

Summary: Current law establishes the Strategic Growth Council and requires the council to manage and award grants and loans to support the development, adoption, or implementation of a regional plan or other planning instrument consistent with a regional plan that achieve specified objectives, including meeting the goals of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Current law specifies that the financial assistance provided shall be funded by the bond proceeds from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. This bill would additionally require the council to provide financial assistance for those purposes, to be funded from moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, and would additionally require the regional plan or other planning instrument to meet the requirements of an applicable sustainable communities strategy.

Priority

2 - Medium

3 - Low

[AB 380](#) **(Dickinson D) California Environmental Quality Act: notice requirements**

Introduced: 2/14/2013

Last Amend: 5/24/2013

Status: 7/12/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10)(SEN). (Last location was E.Q. on 6/13/2013)

Location: 7/12/2013-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would require an environmental impact report (EIR) and a mitigated negative declaration

on a project to be filed with both the Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk and be posted by the county clerk for public review. The bill would require the county clerk to post the notices within one business day, as defined, of receipt and stamp on the notice on which the notices were actually posted. By expanding the services provided by the lead agency and the county clerk, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Priority

3 - Low

[AB 1331](#) **(Rendon D) Clean, Safe, and Reliable Drinking Water Act of 2014.**

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amend: 3/18/2014

Status: 3/18/2014-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on N.R. & W. Read second time and amended.

Location: 3/18/2014-S. N.R. & W.

Calendar: 3/25/2014 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, PAVLEY, Chair

Summary: Current law, the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would repeal these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Priority

3 - Low

[SB 1](#) **(Steinberg D) Sustainable Communities Investment Authority.**

Introduced: 12/3/2012

Last Amend: 9/3/2013

Status: 9/13/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/12/2013)

Location: 9/13/2013-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would authorize certain public entities of a Sustainable Communities Investment Area to form a Sustainable Communities Investment Authority (authority) to carry out the Community Redevelopment Law in a specified manner. The bill would require the authority to adopt a Sustainable Communities Investment Plan for a Sustainable Communities Investment Area and authorize the authority to include in that plan a provision for the receipt of tax increment funds provided that certain economic development and planning requirements are met. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Priority

3 - Low

[SB 848](#) **(Wolk D) Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Supply Act of 2014.**

Introduced: 1/9/2014

Last Amend: 2/20/2014

Status: 2/26/2014-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2. Page 2831.) (February 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 2/26/2014-S. APPR.

Summary: Current law creates the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would repeal these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Priority

3 - Low

[SB 927](#) **(Cannella R) Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014.**

Introduced: 1/29/2014

Status: 3/18/2014-Set for hearing April 8.

Location: 2/6/2014-S. N.R. & W.

Calendar: 4/8/2014 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, PAVLEY, Chair

Summary: Would rename the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012 as the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014 and make conforming changes. The bill would instead authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9,217,000,000 by reducing the

amount available for projects related to drought relief and water supply reliability, as specified. The bill would remove the authorization for funds to be available for ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects, and would increase the amount of funds available for emergency and urgent actions to ensure safe drinking water supplies in disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas.

Priority

3 - Low

[SB 958](#) **(Gaines R) California Environmental Quality Act.**

Introduced: 2/6/2014

Status: 2/20/2014-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/20/2014-S. RLS.

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report, as defined, on a project that may have a significant effect on the environment, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. This bill would make technical and nonsubstantive changes to the definition of "environmental impact report."

Priority

3 - Low

[SB 1398](#) **(Cannella R) Environmental quality: flood control activities: Salinas River.**

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 3/18/2014-Set for hearing April 8.

Location: 3/17/2014-S. N.R. & W.

Calendar: 4/8/2014 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, PAVLEY, Chair

Summary: Would, for maintenance activities along the Salinas River meeting specified requirements, prohibit the court in such an action from staying or enjoining those maintenance activities unless those activities present an imminent threat to public health and safety or would materially, permanently, and adversely affect unforeseen important Native American artifacts, or unforeseen important historical, archaeological, or ecological values. This bill contains other related provisions.

Priority

3 - Low

4 - Watch

[AB 667](#) **(Hernández, Roger D) Land use: development project review: superstores.**

Introduced: 2/21/2013

Last Amend: 5/20/2013

Status: 7/12/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10)(SEN). (Last location was G. & F. on 6/26/2013)

Location: 7/12/2013-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would require a city, county, or city and county, including a charter city, prior to approving or disapproving a proposed development project that would permit the construction of a superstore retailer, or where a superstore would be the recipient of over \$100,000 in financial assistance, to cause an economic impact report to be prepared, as specified, to be paid for by the project applicant, and that includes specified assessments and projections, including, among other things, an assessment of the effect that the proposed superstore will have on designated economic assistance areas, and an assessment of the effect that the proposed superstore will have on retail operations and employment in the same market area. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Priority

4 - Watch

[AB 2208](#) **(Allen R) California Environmental Quality Act: Southern California International Gateway Project.**

Introduced: 2/20/2014

Status: 2/21/2014-From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.

Location: 2/20/2014-A. PRINT

Summary: Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would facilitate the infrastructure development and implementation of the final environmental impact report, as described, which was prepared for the Southern California International Gateway Project, a proposed project for the construction and installation of various cargo handling and transfer facilities at the Port of Los

Angeles.

Priority

4 - Watch

Total Measures: 25

Total Tracking Forms: 25