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Agenda Item: 6b
Meeting Date: June 27, 2024

Legislative Update





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AB 174 (Committee on Budget) Public resources: California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions: native fish and wildlife: Capitol Annex.

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Current Text: Amended: 6/22/2024 PDF HTML

Last Amend: 6/22/2024

Status: 6/22/2024-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on B. & F.R.

Location: 4/12/2023-S. BUDGET & F.R.

Brief Summary: Current law, until January 1, 2025, exempts from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) projects that conserve, restore, protect, or enhance, and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife and the habitat upon which they depend and projects that restore or provide habitat for California native fish and wildlife, as provided. Current law requires a lead agency to obtain the concurrence of the Director of Fish and Wildlife for the exemption determination. Current law requires the lead agency to file a notice of exemption within 48 hours of making a determination that a project is exempt from CEQA with the Office of Planning and Research and requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to post the director's concurrence on its internet website. This bill would extend the above-described exemption from the requirements of CEQA by 5 years to instead be until January 1, 2030. By extending the duties of the lead agency in implementing the exemption, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

AB 1924 (Nguyen) Sacramento Regional Transit District.

[AB 1924 \(Nguyen, Stephanie D \) Sacramento Regional Transit District.](#) +  

Current Text: Enrollment: 6/20/2024 PDF HTML

Last Amend: 5/13/2024

Status: 6/20/2024-Senate amendments concurred in. To Engrossing and Enrolling. (Ayes 66. Noes 0.).

Location: 6/20/2024-A. ENROLLMENT

Brief Summary: The Sacramento Regional Transit District Act provides for the formation of the Sacramento Regional Transit District, with specified powers and duties related to providing public transit services. The act authorizes the district to comprise the Cities of Citrus Heights, Davis, Elk Grove, Folsom, Rancho Cordova, Roseville, Sacramento, West Sacramento, and Woodland, the territory of the County of Sacramento that is the same area as the urban service area of the county, and other specified portions of the County of Yolo, provided those cities and counties have agreed to annexation by the district, as specified. This bill would authorize the district to also comprise the Cities of Galt and Isleton, and the unincorporated portions of the County of Sacramento where the county has declared a need for the district to operate, provided the cities and county agree to annexation, as specified.

SB 366 (Caballero) The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets.

[SB 366 \(Caballero D \) The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets.](#) +  

Current Text: Amended: 6/13/2024 PDF HTML

Last Amend: 6/13/2024

Status: 6/25/2024-From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (June 25).

Location: 6/25/2024-A. APPR.




Brief Summary: Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as “The California Water Plan.” Current law requires the department to include a discussion of various strategies in the plan update, including, but not limited to, strategies relating to the development of new water storage facilities, water conservation, water recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, water transfers, and alternative pricing policies that may be pursued in order to meet the future needs of the state. Current law requires the department to establish an advisory committee to assist the department in updating the plan. This bill would revise and recast certain provisions regarding The California Water Plan to, among other things, require the department to instead establish a stakeholder advisory committee and to expand the membership of the committee to include tribes, labor, and environmental justice interests. The bill would require the department to coordinate with the California Water Commission, the State Water Resources Control Board, other state and federal agencies as appropriate, and the stakeholder advisory committee to develop a comprehensive plan for addressing the state’s water needs and meeting specified long-term water supply targets established by the bill for purposes of The California Water Plan. The bill would require the plan to provide recommendations and strategies to ensure enough water supply for all designated beneficial uses.

2024 Budget Deal and Climate Bond

- **\$297.9 billion total, \$211.5 billion General Fund**
 - Agreement on education, corrections, and healthcare, among other issues
 - Agree to work on legislation to require “set-aside” of portion of future surpluses
- **Of note:**
 - 7.95% reduction across all departments
 - Vacant position sweep
- **Climate Bond**
 - No agreement yet
 - July 3 deadline to get on the ballot



H.R. 7719 (Garamendi) Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Removal Act of 2024

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| Federal offense for abandoning vessels |  | H.R. 7659 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passed House |
| Require federal auctioned vessels to hold liability insurance and prove financial resources |  | H.R. 8070 National Defense Authorization Act of 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passed House |
| Allow US Army Corps of Engineers to remove any abandoned vessel, owner liable for costs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$10 million yearly appropriation through 2029 |  | H.R. 8812 Water Resources Development Act of 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Just introduced in the House |

Main bill is still in House committee

H.R. 8308 (Harder) Nutria Eradication and Control Reauthorization Act of 2024

Prior Legislation

- Original Bill (2003): Chesapeake Bay and Louisiana
- 2019: **Expands to “any state** that has demonstrated a need,” **sunset at FY2025**

Nutrias in the Delta and Central Valley

- Recorded almost exclusively in San Joaquin Valley – although found in Delta

Concerns

- Risks from burrowing to both levees and other flood protection measures, habitat loss

H.R. 8308 would renew **sunset to FY2030**



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