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[AB 1](#) **(Brown D) Drought: local governments: fines.**

Current Text: Chaptered: 7/13/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 7/13/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 62, Statutes of 2015.

Is Urgency: N

Location: 7/13/2015-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: The California Constitution requires that the water resources of the state be put to beneficial use to the fullest extent of which they are capable and that the waste or unreasonable use or unreasonable method of use of water be prevented. Existing law, the California Emergency Services Act, sets forth the emergency powers of the Governor under its provisions and empowers the Governor to proclaim a state of emergency for certain conditions, including drought. This bill would prohibit a city, county, or city and county from imposing a fine under any ordinance for a failure to water a lawn or having a brown lawn during a period for which the Governor has issued a proclamation of a state of emergency based on drought conditions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	WATCH				

[AB 149](#) **(Chávez R) Urban water management plans.**

Current Text: Chaptered: 7/6/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 7/6/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 49, Statutes of 2015.

Is Urgency: N

Location: 7/6/2015-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Existing law, the Urban Water Management Planning Act, requires every public and private urban water supplier that directly or indirectly provides water for municipal purposes to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan and to update its plan once every 5 years on or before December 31 in years ending in 5 and zero, except as specified. The act requires an urban water supplier to submit to the Department of Water Resources a copy of its plan no later than 30 days after adoption and requires the department to prepare and submit to the Legislature, on or before December 31, in the years ending in 6 and 1, a report summarizing the status of plans adopted pursuant to the act. The act requires each urban water supplier to update and submit its 2015 plan to the department by July 1, 2016. This bill would require each urban water supplier to update and submit its 2020 plan to the department by July 1, 2021, and would require the department to submit the report to the Legislature for the 2015 plans by July 1, 2017, and the report for the 2020 plans by July 1, 2022.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	WATCH				

[AB 177](#) **(Bonilla D) Professions and vocations: licensing boards.**

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/2/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 10/2/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 428, Statutes of 2015.

Is Urgency: N

Location: 10/2/2015-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: (1) The Professional Engineers Act provides for the licensure and regulation of engineers by the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists. The act requires the board to appoint an executive officer. Existing law repeals the board

and the executive officer position on January 1, 2016. This bill would extend the operation of these provisions to January 1, 2020. The bill, until January 1, 2020, would add as a cause for disciplinary action by the board, as specified, the failure or refusal of a licensee or certificate holder under the act to respond to a written request from a representative of the board to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint against that licensee or certificate holder. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	SUPPORT				

Notes 1: 4/15/15-SUPPORT ltr.-Asm B&P et al
6/15/15-SUPPORT ltr. -Sen. B&P consults.
6/30/15-SUPPORT ltr. Sen. B&P et al
7/17/15-SUPPORT ltr. Sen. Approps. et al

AB 320 **(Wood D) Engineers.**

Current Text: Amended: 7/8/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 8/28/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. on 8/27/2015)

Is Urgency: N

Location: 8/28/2015-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Existing law provides for the licensing and regulation of professional engineers and land surveyors by the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists in the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law prohibits a person from representing himself or herself as an engineer, as described by various titles, unless the person is licensed as an engineer. Existing law makes a violation of those prohibitions a misdemeanor. This bill would additionally prohibit a person from using the title "environmental engineer" unless the person is licensed as an engineer. The bill would provide legislative findings and declarations in support of the licensure of environmental engineers in California. The bill would set forth the intent of the Legislature that the board be responsible for defining environmental engineering through rulemaking and that the board adopt standardized examination materials applicable to environmental engineering, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	WATCH				

AB 349 **(Gonzalez D) Common interest developments: property use and maintenance.**

Current Text: Chaptered: 9/4/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 9/4/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 266, Statutes of 2015.

Is Urgency: Y

Location: 9/4/2015-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: The Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act governs the management and operation of common interest developments. Existing law provides that, unless otherwise provided in the common interest development declaration, the association is responsible for repairing, replacing, or maintaining the common area, other than exclusive use common area, and the owner of each separate interest is responsible for maintaining that separate interest and any exclusive use common area appurtenant to that interest. Existing law makes void and unenforceable any provision of the governing documents or architectural or landscaping guidelines or policies that prohibits use of low water-using plants, or prohibits or restricts compliance with water-efficient landscape

ordinances or regulations on the use of water, as specified. This bill would make void and unenforceable any provision of the governing documents or architectural or landscaping guidelines or policies that prohibits use of artificial turf or any other synthetic surface that resembles grass. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	WATCH				

AB 585 (Melendez R) Outdoor Water Efficiency Act of 2015: personal income tax credits: outdoor water efficiency.

Current Text: Amended: 7/15/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 8/27/2015-In committee: Held under submission.

Is Urgency: N

Location: 8/27/2015-A. APPR.

Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law allows various credits against the taxes imposed by that law. This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, and before January 1, 2021, would allow a credit equal to 25% of the amount paid or incurred by a qualified taxpayer for water-efficiency improvements, as defined, on qualified real property in this state, not to exceed \$2,500 per taxable year, as specified. The bill would limit the cumulative amount of the credit to \$2,500 for each qualified real property for all taxable years. The bill would require a qualified taxpayer to obtain and retain a certification of the water-efficiency improvements from the appropriate regional or local water agency after completion of the improvements and to provide a copy of this certification to the Franchise Tax Board upon request. This bill contains other related provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	WATCH				

AB 603 (Salas D) Income taxes: Every Drop Counts Tax Credit.

Current Text: Amended: 5/21/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 5/28/2015-Joint Rule 62(a), file notice suspended. (Page 1613.) In committee: Held under submission.

Is Urgency: N

Location: 5/27/2015-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law authorize various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws. This bill, under both laws, for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2016, and before January 1, 2021, or an earlier date in the event of a specified occurrence, would allow a credit to a taxpayer participating in a lawn replacement rebate program, as defined, in an amount equal to 25% of the costs paid or incurred by the taxpayer to replace conventional lawn on the qualified taxpayer's property during that taxable year, not to exceed \$1,500, as specified. The bill would make findings and declarations in this regard. This bill contains other related provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	WATCH				

AB 750 (Low D) Business and professions: retired category: licenses.

Current Text: Amended: 4/16/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 5/29/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. on 5/28/2015)

Is Urgency: N

Location: 5/29/2015-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Existing law provides for numerous boards, bureaus, commissions, or programs within the Department of Consumer Affairs that administer the licensing and regulation of various businesses and professions. Existing law authorizes any of the boards, bureaus, commissions, or programs within the department, except as specified, to establish by regulation a system for an inactive category of license for persons who are not actively engaged in the practice of their profession or vocation. Under existing law, the holder of an inactive license is prohibited from engaging in any activity for which a license is required. Existing law defines "board" for these purposes to include, unless expressly provided otherwise, a bureau, commission, committee, department, division, examining committee, program, and agency. This bill would additionally authorize any of the boards, bureaus, commissions, or programs within the department to establish by regulation a system for a retired category of license for persons who are not actively engaged in the practice of their profession or vocation, and would prohibit the holder of a retired license from engaging in any activity for which a license is required, unless regulation specifies the criteria for a retired licensee to practice his or her profession. The bill would authorize a board upon its own determination, and would require a board upon receipt of a complaint from any person, to investigate the actions of any licensee, including, among others, a person with a license that is retired or inactive.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	WATCH				

AB 988 (Stone, Mark D) Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Grants Program.

Current Text: Amended: 6/30/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 8/28/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. on 8/27/2015)

Is Urgency: N

Location: 8/28/2015-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Existing law authorizes the expenditure of state funds for local assistance grants to cities, counties, and districts for the acquisition and development of various park and recreational areas and facilities. Existing law, the State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities Act, requires the Director of Parks and Recreation, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to develop a competitive grant program to assist state parks, state conservancies in existence as of January 1, 2003, urbanized and heavily urbanized local agencies, and community-based organizations within those jurisdictions, to provide outdoor educational opportunities to children. This bill would require the Department of Parks and Recreation to establish, on or before March 30, 2016, an Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Grants Program with the purpose of increasing the ability of underserved and at-risk populations to participate in outdoor recreation and educational experiences by awarding grants to public organizations, nonprofit organizations, or both. The bill would require the director to develop criteria, procedures, and accountability measures as may be necessary to implement the program and to administer the program to ensure that priority is given to underserved populations, as specified. The bill would authorize the director to develop an advisory task force to assist in the development of the program and would require the director to give priority funding to outdoor environmental education and recreation programs that have specified attributes. This bill contains other related provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	WATCH				

AB 1128 (Jones-Sawyer D) Water conservation.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 5/15/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 2/27/2015)

Is Urgency: N

Location: 5/15/2015-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Existing law declares the intent of the Legislature to, among other things, promote urban water conservation standards that are consistent with the California Urban Water Conservation Council's adopted best management practices and specified requirements for demand management. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these findings and declarations.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	WATCH				

AB 1139 (Campos D) Personal income taxes: credit: turf removal.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 5/4/2015-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Is Urgency: N

Location: 4/6/2015-A. REV. & TAX

Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law allows various credits against the taxes imposed by that law. This bill would, for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2015, allow a credit to a taxpayer participating in a lawn replacement program, as defined, in an amount equal to \$2 per square foot of conventional lawn removed from the taxpayer's property, up to \$50,000 per taxable year, as provided. The bill would make findings and declarations in this regard. This bill contains other related provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	WATCH				

AB 1142 (Gray D) Mining and geology: surface mining.

Current Text: Amended: 9/1/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 9/11/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/8/2015)

Is Urgency: N

Location: 9/11/2015-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: The Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 prohibits a person, with exceptions, from conducting surface mining operations unless, among other things, a permit is obtained from, a specified reclamation plan is submitted to and approved by, and financial assurances for reclamation have been approved by the lead agency for the operation of the surface mining operation. This bill would revise and recast provisions of the act related to the approval of reclamation plans and, among other things, would require a reclamation plan filed by an operator of a surface mining operation with a lead agency to include specified reclamation maps; require a lead agency, when submitting a proposed reclamation plan to the Director of Conservation, to incorporate specified items of information and documents in the submitted reclamation plan within certain timeframes; and require the director to take certain actions upon receiving a proposed reclamation plan. By adding to the duties of a local government acting as a lead agency under the act, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	WATCH				

AB 1164 (Gatto D) Water conservation: drought tolerant landscaping.

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/9/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 10/9/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 671, Statutes of 2015.

Is Urgency: Y

Location: 10/9/2015-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Existing law generally authorizes every city and county, including a charter city, in this state to make and enforce within its limits all local, police, sanitary, and other ordinances and regulations that are not in conflict with general laws. This bill would prohibit a city, including a charter city, county, and city and county, from enacting or enforcing any ordinance or regulation that prohibits the installation of drought tolerant landscaping, synthetic grass, or artificial turf on residential property, as specified. The bill would additionally state that this is an issue of statewide concern. This bill contains other related provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	WATCH				

AB 1362 (Gordon D) Local government: assessments, fees, and charges: stormwater definition.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 5/15/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was L. GOV. on 3/23/2015)

Is Urgency: N

Location: 5/15/2015-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Articles XIII C and XIII D of the California Constitution generally require that assessments, fees, and charges be submitted to property owners for approval or rejection after the provision of written notice and the holding of a public hearing. Existing law, the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act (hereafter the Act), prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local jurisdictions to comply with Articles XIII C and XIII D of the California Constitution and defines various terms for these purposes. This bill would define "stormwater" for purposes of the act to mean any system of public improvements or service intended to provide for the quality, conservation, control, or conveyance of waters that land on or drain across the natural or man-made landscape. This bill contains other related provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	WATCH				

SB 8 (Hertzberg D) Taxation.

Current Text: Amended: 2/10/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 5/15/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was G. & F. on 2/19/2015)

Is Urgency: N

Location: 5/15/2015-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: The Sales and Use Tax Law imposes a tax on retailers measured by the gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property sold at retail in this state, or on the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property purchased from a retailer for storage, use, or other consumption in this state. The

Personal Income Tax Law imposes taxes on personal taxable income at specified rates, and the Corporation Tax Law imposes taxes upon, or measured by, corporate income. This bill would state legislative findings regarding the Upward Mobility Act, key provisions of which would expand the application of the Sales and Use Tax law by imposing a tax on specified services, would enhance the state's business climate, would incentivize entrepreneurship and business creation by evaluating the corporate tax, and would examine the impacts of a lower and simpler personal income tax. This bill contains other related provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	OPPOSE				

Notes 1: CALTAX ltr. 4/22/15

SB 47 **(Hill D) Environmental health: synthetic turf.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 5/29/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. on 5/28/2015)

Is Urgency: N

Location: 5/29/2015-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Existing law regulates certain behavior related to recreational activities and public safety, including, among other things, playgrounds and wooden playground equipment. This bill would require the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, by July 1, 2017, in consultation with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, the State Department of Public Health, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control, to prepare and provide to the Legislature and post on the office's Internet Web site a study analyzing synthetic turf, as defined, for potential adverse health impacts. The bill would require the study to include certain information, including a hazard analysis of exposure to the chemicals that may be found in synthetic turf, as provided. The bill would prohibit a public or private school or local government, until January 1, 2018, from installing, or contracting for the installation of, a new field or playground surface made from synthetic turf within the boundaries of a public or private school or public recreational park, unless 3 specified conditions are met, including that the public or private school or local government has obtained at least one estimate from a company that does not use crumb rubber in its turf field and playground products, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	WATCH				

SB 209 **(Pavley D) Surface mining: inspections: financial assurances: reclamation plans.**

Current Text: Amended: 9/4/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 9/11/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/8/2015)

Is Urgency: N

Location: 9/11/2015-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Existing law establishes the Office of Mine Reclamation within the Department of Conservation. Existing law requires the State Mining and Geology Board to impose, by regulation, an annual reporting fee on the operators of all active and idle mining operations. Existing law requires the maximum amount of the annual fee imposed on each mining operation to not exceed \$4,000. Existing law limits the maximum amount of the total revenue generated from the reporting fee to no more than \$3,500,000, as specified. This bill would instead establish the Division of Mines within the department

under the direction of the Supervisor of Mines and Reclamation. The bill also would raise the maximum amount of the annual reporting fee to \$10,000 per mining operation, except as specified. The bill would raise the maximum amount of the total revenue generated from the reporting fee to \$8,000,000, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	SUPPORT				

SB 317 **(De León D) The Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016.**

Current Text: Amended: 5/5/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 9/11/2015-Ordered to inactive file on request of Senator Mitchell.

Is Urgency: Y

Location: 9/11/2015-S. INACTIVE FILE

Summary: Under existing law, various measures have been approved by the voters to provide funds for park, river, and coastal protections and programs. This bill would enact the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016, which, if adopted by the voters at the November 8, 2016, statewide general election, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the total amount of \$2,450,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe neighborhood parks, rivers, and coastal protection program. This bill contains other related provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	SUPPORT				

SB 467 **(Hill D) Professions and vocations.**

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/8/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 10/8/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 656, Statutes of 2015.

Is Urgency: N

Location: 10/8/2015-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards, bureaus, commissions, divisions, and other agencies within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law requires an agency within the department to investigate a consumer accusation or complaint against a licensee and, where appropriate, the agency is authorized to impose disciplinary action against a licensee. Under existing law, an agency within the department may refer a complaint to the Attorney General or Office of Administrative Hearings for further action. This bill would require the Attorney General to submit a report to the department, the Governor, and the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature, on or before January 1, 2018, and on or before January 1 of each subsequent year, that includes specified information regarding the actions taken by the Attorney General pertaining to accusation matters relating to consumer complaints against a person whose profession or vocation is licensed by an agency within the department. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	WATCH				

SB 553 **(Wolk D) Water conservation.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 5/29/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR.

on 5/28/2015)

Is Urgency: N

Location: 5/29/2015-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Existing law requires the Department of General Services to provide planning, acquisition, construction, and maintenance of state buildings and property. Existing law requires the department, in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, and with the concurrence of the Department of Finance, to identify each public building in the department's state property inventory where it is feasible for that building to reduce energy consumption and achieve energy efficiencies, as specified, and to retrofit those buildings, as specified. This bill would require the Department of General Services to identify each public property in the department's state property inventory where it is feasible for water consumption to be reduced and water efficiencies to be achieved through implementation of the relevant recommendations made in the model water efficient landscape ordinance and would require the department to implement the relevant recommendations where feasible, except as specified. This bill contains other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
CC/ASLA	WATCH				

SB 760 **(Mendoza D) Distressed watershed: urban greening.**

Current Text: Amended: 5/11/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 5/29/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. on 5/28/2015)

Is Urgency: N

Location: 5/29/2015-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, approved by the voters as Proposition 1 at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$7,545,000,000 to finance a water quality, supply, and infrastructure improvement program. Proposition 1 makes available \$100,000,000 of the bond proceeds, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for projects to protect and enhance an urban creek and its tributaries that meets certain requirements. This bill would require a public agency receiving an appropriation from the \$100,000,000 to give priority to projects that are located in, or directly adjacent to, a disadvantaged community within a distressed watershed and that may also provide greenspace or other venues for physical activities.

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Total Measures: 21

Total Tracking Forms: 21