



State Legislative Update

September 30, 2024





AB 437 (Jackson D-Riverside) Equity in State Government.

Summary: This bill would require every state agency and department, in carrying out its duties, to consider the use of more inclusive practices to advance equity.

Position: Support

Status: **Did not pass**





AB 637 (Jackson D-Riverside) Zero-emission vehicle fleets.

Summary: This bill allows vehicle fleets renting electric vehicles for at least 260 days per year to count those vehicles towards their compliance with regulations requiring the purchase of zero-emission vehicles.

Position: Support

Status: **Passed; awaiting Governor's approval**



AB 817 (Pacheco D-Downey) Teleconferencing for meetings of subsidiary bodies of local agencies.

Summary: This bill would allow subsidiary bodies of a local agency to teleconference meetings without having to notice and make publicly accessible each teleconference location, or have at least a quorum participate from locations within the boundaries of the agency.

Position: Support

Status: **Did not pass**





AB 1581 (Kalra D-San Jose) The Restoration Management Permit Act.

Summary: This bill would authorize the streamlining of various permitting processes for restoration projects, including select exemptions for prohibitions currently included in the Lake and Streambed Alteration Act.

Position: Support

Status: **Passed; awaiting Governor's approval**



AB 1798 (Papan D-San Mateo) Stormwater Runoff for the Protection of Salmon and Steelhead Trout.

Summary: This bill would develop a formal review process to prevent toxic substances from entering surface waters by advancing a pilot project for bioretention and biofiltration aimed at exploring how to prevent contamination of surface waters.

Position: Support

Status: **Did not pass**



AB 1889 (Friedman D-Burbank) Wildlife and habitat connectivity.

Summary: This bill would require the conservation element of a local general plan to consider the impact of development on the movement of wildlife and habitat connectivity.

Position: Support

Status: **Passed; awaiting Governor's approval**



AB 2091 (Grayson D-Concord) Existing Trails for Nature Access.

Summary: This bill would exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), until January 1, 2030, a change in use approved by a lead agency that is a park district to allow public access exclusively for nonmotorized recreation to preexisting roads, trails, pathways, and disturbed areas.

Position: Sponsored legislation

Status: **Passed; awaiting Governor's approval**



AB 2124 (Davies R-Laguna Niguel) Department of Parks & Recreation Swimming Lesson Vouchers.

Summary: This bill would require the Department of Parks and Recreation to administer the Swimming Lesson Voucher Program to increase water safety by offering vouchers for swimming lessons at no cost to low-income children under the age of four.

Position: Support

Status: **Did not pass**





AB 2285 (Rendon D-Lakewood) 30x30: Urban nature-based solutions projects.

Summary: This bill would direct the Governor's office, state agencies, and the Legislature to aspire to recognize the coequal goals of the state's 30x30 goal and Outdoors for All initiative when distributing resources, and maximize investment in historically underserved urban communities consistent with those initiatives.

Position: Support

Status: **Did not pass**





AB 2330 (Holden D-Pasadena) Streamlining of Routine Vegetation Management.

Summary: This bill proposes a revised review timeline for the taking of endangered, threatened or candidate species within high fire severity zones adjacent to wildland-urban interface fire areas.

Position: Support

Status: **Passed; awaiting Governor's approval**



AB 2440 (Reyes D-San Bernardino) Advancing 30x30 State Investments.

Summary: This bill would require reporting about the ways in which state funding has invested in furthering the goals of 30x30. Information in these reports would include how investments were guided toward conservation, protection of biodiversity and expanding equitable access to open space.

Position: Support

Status: **Passed; awaiting Governor's approval**



AB 2509 (Kalra D-San Jose) Integrated Pest Management.

Summary: This bill defines “Integrated Pest Management” and “invasive species” and requires the Invasive Species Council of California to prioritize the principles of integrated pest management in all of its activities.

Position: Support

Status: **Passed; awaiting Governor’s approval**



AB 2682 (Kalra D-San Jose) Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority.

Summary: This legislation seeks to support the administrative functions of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (SCVOSA) through refined public resources code language. Specifically, this legislation would increase the thresholds related to formal bidding and contracts to improve and expedite service delivery.

Position: Support

Status: **Passed; awaiting Governor's approval**



AB 2869 (Friedman D-Burbank) Trail Access Projects.

Summary: This bill would require the Department of Transportation to mitigate the impact of infrastructure projects which interfere with or eliminate trail access to parks and recreational areas.

Position: Support

Status: **Did not pass**





AB 3023 (Papan D-San Mateo) 30x30 Environmental Protection of Lands and Coastal Waters.

Summary: This bill would require the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force to align watershed restoration plans and initiatives with forest resilience actions as a way to achieve outcomes more aligned with an ecosystem-based approach.

Position: Support

Status: Passed; awaiting Governor's approval



AB 3147 (Garcia D-Coachella) California Trails Conservancy.

Summary: This bill would establish the California Trails Conservancy Program within the CNRA and would establish specific goals and objectives to promote, enhance and expand environmentally sound greenways and trail networks within the State of California.

Position: Support

Status: **Did not pass**





SB 675 (Limón D-Santa Barbara) Prescribed Grazing and Wildfire Resilience.

Summary: This bill directs the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force to develop a strategic action plan to expand the use of prescribed grazing to support the state's efforts to increase the pace and scale of wildfire and forest resilience activities and authorizes grant funding for prescribed grazing projects under the Fire Prevention Grants Program.

Position: Support

Status: **Passed; awaiting Governor's approval**



SB 867 (Allen D-Santa Monica) 2024 Climate Resilience Bond.

Summary: This bill outlines a proposal for a \$10 billion climate resilience bond measure to be placed on the November 2024 general election ballot.

Position: Support

Status: **Chaptered; on November 2024 Ballot as Prop 4**



SB 1029 (Min D-Irvine) Advance Payments for the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program.

Summary: This bill would allow for advanced payments to entities who qualify for Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program grants.

Position: Support

Status: **Did not pass**



SB 1159 (Dodd D-Napa) Expediting Roadside Wildfire Risk Reduction.

Summary: This bill would require the California Natural Resources Agency Secretary to consider providing a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption for roadside projects undertaken for the purpose of wildfire risk reduction.

Position: Support

Status: **Did not pass**





SB 1402 (Min D-Irvine) Activating 30x30 Goals in State Strategic Plans.

Summary: This bill would require all state agencies, departments, boards, offices, commissions and conferences to take 30x30 goals into consideration when adopting, revising or establishing plans, policies and regulations.

Position: Support

Status: **Did not pass**
