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# **AB 437 (Jackson D- Riverside) State Government Chief Equity Officer**

- Establishes the position of Chief Equity Officer to improve equity and inclusion across state agencies.
- Aims to share best practices across the state, an opportunity to learn together with the Park District's Equity Officer.
- Aligns with the legislative advocacy goal of green jobs.



# **AB 637 (Jackson D- Riverside) Zero Emissions Vehicle Rental Program**

- Authorizes rental of zero-emission vehicles for state fleet requirements, allowing testing of vehicles before larger investments.
- Focuses on cost savings and informed decision-making for public agencies.
- Aligns with the legislative advocacy goal of climate-friendly transportation.

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

- Develops a review process to prevent toxic substances from entering surface waters.
- Advances a pilot project for bioretention and biofiltration to prevent contamination of surface waters.
- Aligns with the legislative advocacy goal of ecosystem stewardship.



# **AB 1889 (Friedman D- Burbank) Wildlife Connectivity Elements in General Plans**

- Requires cities and counties to include wildlife connectivity elements in their general plans.
- Aims to enhance understanding of habitat and biodiversity needs in a changing climate.
- Aligns with the legislative advocacy goal of ecosystem stewardship.



# **AB 2124 (Davies R- Laguna Niguel) Outdoor Swim Lessons**

- Establishes a program to increase access to outdoor swimming lessons for underserved populations.
- Focuses on outdoor locations like parks to align with the Department of Parks and Recreation's outdoor education goals.
- Aligns with the legislative advocacy goal of community health.



# **AB 2285 (Rendon D- Lakewood) 30x30 Urban Nature-Based Investments**

- Encourages sufficient funding allocations to urban areas for nature-based projects on degraded lands.
- Supports environmental conservation, protection of biodiversity, and expansion of outdoor access in alignment with 30x30 goals.
- Aligns with the legislative advocacy goal of community health.



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

- Proposes a revised review timeline for vegetation management of the taking of endangered, threatened or candidate species within in high fire severity zones.
- Aims to streamline applications for critically needed wildfire mitigation work.
- Aligns with the legislative advocacy goal of wildfire resilience.





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

- Requires reporting on state funding invested in furthering the goals of 30x30.
- Emphasizes conservation, protection of biodiversity, and equitable access to open space in the reports.
- Aligns with the legislative advocacy goal of ecosystem stewardship.



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

- Requires the Invasive Species Council of California to prioritize integrated pest management.
- Defines integrated pest management as a sustainable approach combining various tools to minimize risks.
- Aligns with the legislative advocacy goal of ecosystem stewardship.



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

- Supports administrative functions of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority through refined public resources code language.
- Increases thresholds related to formal bidding and contracts to improve service delivery.
- Aligns with the legislative advocacy goal of community health.



# **AB 2869 (Friedman D -Burbank) Trail Access Projects**

- Requires the Department of Transportation to mitigate the impact of infrastructure projects on trails to parks and open spaces.
- Aims to establish required mitigation projects for alternative safe access to parks and recreational areas for impacted routes.
- Aligns with the legislative advocacy goal of climate-friendly transportation.



# **ACA 16 (Bryan D-Los Angeles) The Right to Clean Air, Water, and a Healthy Environment**

- Proposes the California Constitution declare the right to clean air, water, and a healthy environment.
- Codifies the importance of the Park District's work in supporting healthy communities.
- Aligns with the legislative advocacy goal of community health.





## **SB 925 (Wiener D-San Francisco) Regional Transportation Measure**

- Proposes a revenue measure for transportation-related investment in the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Likely includes active transportation investments for which the Park District could qualify.
- Aligns with the legislative advocacy goal of climate-friendly transportation.



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

- Allows advanced payments to entities qualifying for Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program grants.
- Expands opportunities for collaborative project work with non-profit and other partners.
- Aligns with the legislative advocacy goal of wildfire resilience.



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

- Requires the California Natural Resources Agency Secretary to consider CEQA exemptions for roadside wildfire mitigation projects.
- Aims to expedite wildfire risk reduction projects.
- Aligns with the legislative advocacy goal of wildfire resilience.



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

- Requires state agencies to consider 30x30 goals in adopting, revising, or establishing plans, policies, and regulations.
- Formalizes goals within state-level strategic planning documents.
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