

2025 State Legislation

Recommendation for Support Position – May 7, 2025 Legislative Committee

SB 601(Allen D-Santa Monica) Right to Clean Water Act

Key Advocacy Goal:
Extreme Weather
Preparedness

- Restore safeguards for Federal clean water regulations and protections on many streams and wetlands.
- Comprehensively modify California's water quality regulations.
- Require permits for pollution discharges from construction projects and businesses with potential penalties for non-compliance.

**AB 902 (Schultz
D-Burbank)
Connected Communities Act**

Key Advocacy Goal:
Ecosystem Stewardship

- Sponsored by the Center for Biological Diversity and by the Wildlands Network.
- Require regional planning and transportation agencies, such as the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, to prioritize road safety and wildlife connectivity when creating and adopting a regional transportation plan.
- Analyze connectivity areas, permeability and natural landscape areas and consider the impacts of development caused by transportation infrastructure.

AB 1426 (Bauer-Kahan D – San Ramon) Diablo Range Conservation Program

Key Advocacy Goal:
Ecosystem Stewardship

- Sponsored by Save Mount Diablo and administered by WCB. Would protect biological diversity, enhance climate resilience, improve air and water resources, and expand public access to lands.
- Creates a Diablo Range Conservation Fund in the State Treasury and authorizes the board to provide grants.
- Park District Board Members would qualify to serve on the advisory committee of the Diablo Range Conservation Program.

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