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## INTRODUCTION

This publication is a compilation of bills that were passed by the Legislature during the 2015 session and sent to the Governor's Office for consideration, and that pertain to local and regional governance. This publication is intended to be comprehensive, but is not exhaustive of all bills that may be relevant to local and regional government.

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## **SCHOOL FINANCING & BUDGET**

### **AB 158 O'Donnell – School finance: The John B. Mockler School Finance Act.**

Requires that the provisions of law defining the terms and methods for calculating the minimum guaranteed level of funding for K-14 districts be known and cited as, the "John B. Mockler School Finance Act." *Repeals and Amends Section 41200 of the Education Code.*

### **AB 215 Alejo – Local agency employment contracts: maximum cash settlement.**

Reduces the maximum cash settlement that may be paid to a school district superintendent upon termination from 18 times of that employee's monthly salary to 12 times of that employee's monthly salary. This bill also prohibits a cash settlement in the case of a termination in which the school district believes and subsequently confirms that the superintendent has engaged in fraud, misappropriation of funds, or other illegal fiscal practices. *Amends Section 53260 of the Government Code.*

### **AB 496 Rendon – Pupil nutrition: fresh drinking water: funding.**

Requires the California Department of Education to consult with the State Department of Health, Department of Water Resources, and the State Water Resources Control Board to identify available sources of funding to fund school water quality and infrastructure. Requires the California Department of Education to post the information collected on its website. Authorizes the California Department of Education to allocate funds to school districts for the purpose of complying with the requirement for schools to provide access to free, fresh drinking water at meal time. *Adds Section 38086.1 to the Education Code.*

### **AB 566 O'Donnell – School facilities: leasing property: construction contracts.**

Requires school districts entering into specified school building lease contracts to use a skilled and trained workforce. *Amends Sections 17406, 17407 of, and adds Section 17407.5 to the Education Code and amends Section 20111.6 of the Public Contract Code.*

### **AB 715 Daly – Residential development: school facilities fees.**

Specifies that for the purpose of calculating developer fees levied by school districts for the construction or reconstruction of school facilities, a walkway that is not considered "assessable space" can be covered or uncovered. *Amends Section 85995 of the Government Code.*

### **SB 78 Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Education finance: local control funding formula.**

Appropriates \$5.9 billion for the purpose of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), and repeals and revises numerous provisions of the Education Code to conform to the adoption of the LCFF. *Amends and repeals several sections of the Education Code.*

### **SB 148 McGuire – School districts: reorganization: local control funding formula.**

Updates statutory provisions and financial calculations regarding school district reorganization to reflect the state funding transition from revenue limit funding to the local control funding formula. *Amends, adds to, and repeals several sections of the Education Code.*

**SB 222 Block – Local agencies: school bonds: general obligation bonds: statutory lien.**

Specifies that general obligation bonds issued and sold by local governments, including school districts, are secured by a statutory lien. *Amends Section 15251 of the Education Code and adds Article 5.5 to the Government Code.*

**SB 371 Hancock – School districts: special taxes.**

Clarifies that a school district may exempt from special taxes any of the specified categories of individuals and is not required, but may, provide this exemption to all of these persons. *Amends Section 50079 of the Government Code.*

**SB 416 Huff – Public schools: elementary and secondary education.**

Repeals numerous provisions of the Education Code for categorical programs that are considered obsolete or unnecessary in light of the passage of recent Local Control Funding Formula legislation. *Amends, repeals and adds several sections of the Education Code.*

**SB 436 Committee on Education – Omnibus bill.**

Makes technical, non-controversial revisions to numerous provisions of the Education Code. *Amends and repeals several sections of the Education Code.*

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCING AND OMNIBUS MEASURES**

**AB 2 Alejo – Economic Development**

Allows specified disadvantaged areas of California to create a new entity called a Community Revitalization Investment Authority (CIRA). The CIRA utilizes property taxes and other available funding to improve employment opportunities, reduce crime, clean up hazardous waste sites and promote affordable housing. *Adds Division 4 to the Government Code.*

**AB 681 Ting – State Board of Equalization: surveys: assessment procedures and practices: county assessor.**

Makes specified changes to survey requirements applicable to the Board of Equalization (BOE) in determining the adequacy of the procedures and practices employed by the county assessors in their valuation of property. *Amends Section 15645 and amends, repeals, and adds Section 15643 to the Government Code.*

**AB 778 Maienschein – Fees: military service records.**

This bill allows county recorders to provide certified copies of military discharge documents, when those documents are requested using any of the following methods: (1) In writing (mail); (2) facsimile machine (fax); (3) digitized image (email). *Amends Section 6107 of the Government Code.*

**AB 1191 Nazarian – Quimby Act: fees.**

Allows the City of Los Angeles to spend proceeds from accrued interest on fee revenues collected pursuant to the Quimby Act for specified purposes. *Amends, repeals, and adds Section 66477 of the Government Code.*

**AB 1534 Committee on Revenue and Taxation – Assessment analyst: certification.**

Bars assessors' employees from making decisions regarding changes of ownership without holding a valid assessment analyst certificate; and specifies the certificate training program. *Amends and renumbers Section 674 and adds Article 8.5 (commencing with Section 674) to Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.*

**SB 63 Hall III – Seaport infrastructure financing districts.**

Authorizes cities and counties to establish Seaport Infrastructure Financing Districts *Amends and adds a number of Sections to the Government Code and adds Section 1699 and Chapter 3 of the Harbors and Navigation Code.*

**SB 107 Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Local Government.**

Includes provisions that will streamline the current redevelopment agency dissolution process, enhance affordable housing by providing increased statewide funding and improving transparency, and expand the type of loans for which cities and counties can seek reimbursement. *Amends and adds a number of sections to, the Health and Safety Code and the Revenue and Taxation Code.*

**SB 513 Beall – Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program: fees.**

Updates the Carl Moyer Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Moyer Program) and local incentive programs (AB 923 Program). *Amends and repeals several sections of the Health and Safety Code.*

**SB 533 Pan – Cities and counties: sales and use tax agreements**

Revises existing law, which prohibits a local agency from entering into an agreement that would result in the payment, transfer, diversion, or rebate of Bradley-Burns local tax proceeds to a retailer if the agreement results in a reduction of revenue that is received by another local agency. *Repeals and adds Section 53084.5 of the Government Code.*

**SB 803 Committee on Governance and Finance – Property taxation.**

Makes several changes to property tax administration law. *Makes several changes in several provisions of state law.*

**AB 1532 Committee on Local Government – Local government: omnibus.**

Makes several technical changes to laws affecting local government organization and reorganization. *Makes several changes in several provisions of the Government Code.*

**SB 184 Committee on Governance and Finance – Local government: omnibus bill.**

Makes non-controversial, technical changes to sections of law relating to local government. *Amends multiple sections of the Government Code, Public Contract Code, and Streets and Highways Code.*

**ELECTIONS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**AB 277 Hernandez – California Voting Rights Act of 2001**

This bill provides that the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 applies to charter cities, charter counties, and charter cities and counties. *Amends Section 14026 of the Elections Code.*

**AB 363 Steinorth – Closing of the polls.**

Authorizes county elections officials, on Election Day, to begin accounting and processing polling place ballots during the day, instead of waiting until the closing of the polls, as specified. *Amends Sections 14405, 14420, 14421 of, and adds Section 14422 to the Elections Code.*

**AB 952 Garcia – Local government: vacancies.**

Provides an alternative procedure for filling a vacancy on a city council that occurs in the first half of the term of office. *Amends Section 36512 of the Government Code.*

**AB 1461 Gonzalez – Voter registration: California New Motor Voter Program.**

Provides for every person who has a driver's license or state identification card and who is eligible to register to vote to be registered to vote, unless that person opts out, as specified. *Amends Sections 2100 and 2102 of, and adds Chapter 4.5 to the Elections Code.*

**SB 365 Pavley – Vote by mail ballot drop-off locations.**

Authorizes county elections officials to establish vote by mail ballot drop-off locations, as specified. Requires the Secretary of State, by January 1, 2017, to promulgate regulations establishing best practices for security measures and procedures that a county elections official may use if establishing one or more VBM ballot drop-off locations. *Amends Section 3017 of, and add Section 3025 to, the Elections Code.*

**SB 366 Nguyen – Ballot materials: translations.**

Expands the pool of qualified translators and interpreters available to county elections officials for translating voting materials, as specified. *Amends Sections 13307 and 14111 of the Elections Code.*

**SB 415 Hueso – Voter participation.**

Prohibits a local government, beginning January 1, 2018, from holding an election on any date other than a statewide election date if doing so in the past has resulted in turnout that is at least 25 percent below the average turnout in that jurisdiction in the last four statewide general elections, as specified. *Adds Chapter 1.7 to Division 14 of the Election Code.*

**SB 439 Allen – Election procedures.**

Permits county elections officials to offer conditional voter registration and provisional voting at satellite offices during the entire 14 days immediately preceding Election Day and establishes criteria for the certification and use of ballot on demand printing systems and electronic poll books. *Amends and adds several sections of the Election Code.*

**SB 493 Cannella – Elections in cities: by or from districts.**

Permits cities with populations fewer than 100,000, which elects its city council at-large to enact an ordinance switching its election method to by-district without submitting the change to voters for approval. *Adds Section 34886 to the Government Code.*

**SB 704 Gaines – Public officers and employees: conflict of interest: contracts.**

Adds the interest of an owner or partner of a firm who serves on an unelected board or commission to a contracting agency to the list of "remote interest" exceptions to Government Code Section 1090. Also, includes in the definition of "remote interest" the interest of a planner employed by a consulting engineering, architectural, or planning firm. *Amends Section 1091 of the Government Code.*

**SCHOOLS & STUDENT SAFETY AND HEALTH**

**AB 30 Alejo – School or athletic team names: California Racial Mascots Act.**

Establishes the California Racial Mascots Act and prohibits, beginning January 1, 2017, all public schools from using the term "Redskins" for school or athletic team names, mascots, or nicknames. *Adds Article 3.5 to the Education Code.*

**AB 288 Holden – Public schools: College and Career Access Pathways partnership**

Authorizes the governing board of a community college district to enter into a College and Career Access Pathways partnership with the governing board of a school district, in its immediate service area, with the goal of developing seamless pathways from high school to California Community Colleges in order to offer or expand dual enrollment opportunities for students who may not be college bound or who are underrepresented in higher education; and, outlines the conditions that must be met prior to the adoption of the CCAP agreement. *Adds and repeals Section 76004 to the Education Code.*

**AB 302 Garcia – Pupil services: lactation accommodations.**

Requires that schools provide reasonable accommodations to breastfeeding students on school campuses. *Adds Section 222 to the Education Code.*

**AB 306 Hadley – Public schools: attendance alternatives: children of military personnel.**

Prohibits a school district of residence from prohibiting the transfer of a pupil who is a child of an active military duty parent to a school in any school district, if the school district to which the parents of the pupil apply approves the application for transfer. Defines "active military duty" to mean full-time military duty status in the active uniformed service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and the State Reserve on active duty orders pursuant to United States Code Title 10, Sections 1209 and 1211. *Amends Sections 48300 and 48301 of the Education Code.*

**AB 331 Levine – School district governing boards: reduction of membership.**

Authorizes a county committee on school district organization to decrease the membership of a school district's governing board from five to three if the district's average daily attendance during the preceding year was less than 300. *Amends Section 5109 of the Education Code.*

**AB 379 Gordon – Foster youth: homeless children or youth: complaint of noncompliance: exemption from local graduation requirements.**

Makes complaints alleging violations of certain educational rights afforded to students in foster care and students who are homeless subject to the Uniform Complaint Procedures. *Amends several Sections of the Education Code.*

**AB 496 Rendon – Pupil nutrition: fresh drinking water: funding.**

Requires the California Department of Education to consult with the State Department of Health, Department of Water Resources, and the State Water Resources Control Board to identify available sources of funding to fund school water quality and infrastructure. Requires the California Department of Education to post the information collected on its website. Authorizes the California Department of Education to allocate funds to school districts for the purpose of complying with the requirement for schools to provide access to free, fresh drinking water at meal time. *Adds Section 38086.1 to the Education Code.*

**AB 767 Santiago – Community colleges: emergency preparedness standards.**

Requires the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to review and update its emergency preparedness standards in consultation with the Office of Emergency Services by January 1, 2017. *Amends Section 71095 of the Education Code.*

**AB 881 Garcia – Pupils: grounds for suspension and expulsion: bullying.**

This bill expands the definition of “bullying by an electronic act,” from the “creation and transmission” of a communication to the “creation or transmission” of a communication by means of an electronic device. *Amends Section 48900 of the Education Code.*

**AB 913 Santiago – Student safety.**

Provides for changes to the written jurisdictional agreements between postsecondary educational institutions and local law enforcement. Specifically, this bill requires governing boards of postsecondary institutions to update their existing written jurisdictional agreements with local law enforcement for investigation of Part 1 violent crimes to include sexual assaults and hate crimes by July 1, 2016, and requires agreements to be reviewed, and updated if necessary, every five years. *Amends Section 67381 and adds Section 67381.1 to the Education Code.*

**AB 949 Gonzalez – Physical education: competition cheer.**

Requires the California Interscholastic Federation to develop guidelines, procedures, and safety standards to classify competition cheer as an interscholastic sport. *Adds Section 33353.7 to the Education Code.*

**AB 1101 Bonilla – Pupil school enrollment: residency requirements: policy on investigations.**

Requires a school district that elects to undertake an investigation to determine whether a pupil meets residency requirements to adopt a policy regarding the investigation of a pupil before investigating any pupils. *Adds Section 48204.2 to the Education Code.*

**SB 111 Fuller – School facilities: military installations.**

Expresses the intent of the Legislature that assistance be provided to school districts in the 2015-16 Fiscal Year to meet the matching share requirement of a school construction grant made by the Office of Economic Adjustment of the federal Department of Defense to construct, renovate, repair, or expand elementary and secondary public schools located on military installations. Requires the Department of Finance to explore options on how best to assist school districts in meeting the matching share requirement of the federal school construction grant. Requires the options to include, but not necessarily be limited to, making low-interest loans available to school districts through the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank. *Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 447, Statutes of 2015.*

**SB 242 Monning – School security: surplus military equipment**

Requires a school district’s police department to obtain approval from its governing board prior to receiving federal surplus military equipment. *Adds Section 38004.5 to the Education Code.*

**SB 277 Pan – Public health: vaccinations.**

This bill eliminates the personal belief exemption from the requirement that children receive vaccines for certain infectious diseases prior to being admitted to any public or private elementary or secondary school or day care center. *Amends and repeals several sections of the Health and Safety Code.*

**SB 707 Wolk – Firearms: gun-free school zone**

Allows a person holding a valid license to carry a concealed firearm to carry a firearm in an area that is within 1,000 feet of, but not on the grounds of, a public or private school providing instruction in kindergarten or grades 1 to 12, and deletes the exemption that allows a person holding a valid license to carry a concealed firearm to possess a firearm on the campus of a university or college. *Amends Sections 626.9 and 30310 of the Penal Code.*

## **GROUNDWATER & AGRICULTURE**

### **AB 617 Perea – Groundwater**

Modifies the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act to incorporate groundwater planning into regional planning, allow public-private partnerships, provide recourse for Groundwater Sustainability Agencies if state agencies are acting inconsistent to an adopted Groundwater Sustainability Plan, add the Public Utilities Commission to the list of entities receiving notice, as specified, and make other clarifying and technical changes. *Amends and adds several sections of the Water Code.*

### **AB 707 Wood – Agricultural land: Williamson Act contracts: cancellation.**

Requires the Department of Conservation to provide a preliminary valuation of the Williamson Act contract land to the county assessor and the city council or board of supervisors at least 60 days prior to the effective date of the agreed upon cancellation valuation if the contract includes additional local cancellation fees. *Amends Section 51203 of the Government Code.*

### **AB 939 Salas Jr. – Groundwater sustainability agencies.**

Clarifies deadlines under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for a Groundwater Sustainability Agency to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan in those cases where a groundwater basin is reprioritized by the Department of Water Resources from low or very low to high or medium priority. Extends, from 10 days to 20 days, the review period during which data used for setting fees under SGMA is publicly available. *Amends Section 10722.4 and 10730 of the Water Code.*

### **AB 1390 Alejo – Groundwater: comprehensive adjudication.**

Creates special procedures for the comprehensive determination of rights to extract groundwater in a basin. Furthermore, this bill clarifies provisions governing determining groundwater rights; such as those regarding scope of action, notice and service, basin boundaries, stays, and judgments. *Adds Chapter 7 to the Code of Civil Procedures.*

### **SB 13 Pavley – Groundwater.**

Makes numerous technical and clarifying amendments to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and related sections of the Water Code. *Amends multiple Sections of the Water Code.*

### **SB 226 Pavley – Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater adjudication.**

Integrates and streamlines the groundwater adjudication process for groundwater basins that are subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), primarily by adding a new chapter to SGMA. *Adds Section 837.5 to the Code of Civil Procedures amends and adds a number of sections of the Water Code.*

## **DROUGHT & WATER MANAGEMENT**

### **AB 1 Brown – Drought: local governments: fines.**

Prohibits a city or county from imposing a fine for a brown lawn or failure to water a lawn during a period for which the Governor has issued a state of emergency due to drought conditions. *Adds Section 8627.7 to the Government Code.*

### **AB 149 Chávez – Urban water management plans.**

Extends the due date for the 2020 Urban Water Management Plans from December 31, 2020 to July 1, 2021, in order to allow water agencies to incorporate into their UWMPs the information that, separately, they must provide by December 31, 2020, regarding compliance with achieving the mandatory statewide goal of a 20% reduction in urban per capita water use from November 2009 levels. *Amends Sections 10621 and 10644 of the Water Code.*

**AB 656 Garcia – Joint powers agreements: mutual water companies.**

Allows a mutual water company and a public agency to enter into a joint powers agreement (JPA) for the provision of insurance and risk-pooling. *Amends Sections 990.8 and 6525 of the Government Code.*

**AB 1077 Holden – Mutual water companies: open meetings.**

Makes a number of changes to revise and recast the Mutual Water Company Open Meeting Act. Allows a mutual water company Board to use teleconferencing to provide any eligible person access to a Board meeting who otherwise would be denied attendance in person because the person failed to provide 24 hours advance written notice, or because the number of eligible persons who provided notice of attendance exceeds the room capacity of the meeting, and requires a Board to provide an eligible person attending a meeting by teleconference an electronic copy or photocopy of all documents to be discussed at the meeting before the meeting begins. *Amends Section 14305 of the Corporations Code.*

**AB 1164 Gatto – Water conservation: drought tolerant landscaping.**

Prohibits cities and counties from enacting or enforcing any ordinance or regulation that prohibits the installation of drought tolerant landscaping, synthetic grass or artificial turf on residential property. Contains an urgency clause and specifies the facts constituting necessity. *Adds Section 53087.7 to the Government Code.*

**AB 1323 Frazier Jr. – Marine debris: removal and disposal.**

Authorizes a public agency to remove and dispose of marine debris after 10 days if the marine debris is floating, sunk, partially sunk, or beached in or on a public waterway, public beach, or on state tidelands or submerged lands, as specified. *Adds Article 3 of Division 3 of the Harbors and Navigation Code.*

**AB 1531 Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials – State Water Resources Control Board.**

Expands the definition of “public agency” to include a municipality, as defined in the federal act. The bill extends the authorization to borrow money and incur indebtedness to cities, counties, and special districts that provide or intend to provide water treatment facilities or services and for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund or the California Safe Drinking Water Act.

Requires certain funds, appropriated and available for grants and loans for public water system infrastructure improvements and related actions, as specified, to be available for deposit in the revolving fund for the purpose of providing the state share needed to leverage federal funds to assist communities in providing safe drinking water. *Amends a number of sections of the Government Code, the Health and Safety Code, and the Water Code, and makes an appropriation therefor.*

**SB 208 Lara – Integrated regional water management plans: grants: advanced payment.**

Allows the Department of Water Resources, under specified conditions, to provide advance funding of Integrated Regional Water Management Plan grants where the project proponent is a nonprofit organization or a disadvantaged community, or the project benefits a disadvantaged community. *Adds and repeals Chapter 7 of the Water Code.*

**SB 555 Wolk – Urban retail water suppliers: water loss management.**

Requires each urban retail water supplier, on or before October 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, to submit annual water loss audit reports to the Department of Water Resources as specified and requires DWR to post such WLAs and provide technical assistance. Adds a requirement that the State Water Resources Control Board provide up to \$400,000 for validation assistance for urban retail water suppliers; and makes a number of clarifying changes. *Adds Section 10608.34 to the Water Code.*

**SB 664 Hertzberg – Water: urban water management planning.**

Requires an urban water supplier to include a seismic risk assessment and mitigation plan for their water system in their urban water management plan. *Adds Section 10632.5 to the Water Code.*

**CLIMATE CHANGE**

**AB 1482 Gordon – Climate adaptation.**

Requires the California Natural Resources Agency to update its climate adaptation strategy, the Safeguarding California Plan, by July 1, 2017, and every three years thereafter by coordinating adaptation activities among lead state agencies in each sector. This bill also requires the relevant state agencies to maximize specified objectives across sectors to address vulnerabilities identified in the Plan and requires the Strategic Growth Council to identify and review activities and funding programs of state agencies that may be coordinated to meet the goals of the strategies and priorities in the Plan. *Amends Section 75125, and adds Part 3.7 to the Public Resources Code.*

**SB 350 de León - Establishes Energy efficiency and renewable energy goals.**

Enacts the "Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015" and establishes targets to increase retail sales of renewable electricity to 50% by 2030, and double the energy efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas end uses by 2030. *Amends and adds multiple sections to the Health and Safety Code, Labor Code, Public Resources Code, and Public Utilities Code.*

**GENERAL PLANS**

**AB 644 Wood – Land use: general plan: safety element: fire hazard impacts.**

Removes the requirement that a county make specified findings pursuant to the Subdivision Map Act for an area located in a state responsibility area or a very high fire hazard severity zone, in certain instances. *Amends Section 66474.02 of the Government Code.*

**SB 246 Wieckowski – Climate change adaptation.**

Establishes the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (Program) through the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to coordinate regional and local adaptation efforts with state climate adaptation strategies. Furthermore, this bill establishes the Program within OPR to coordinate among local, regional, and state adaptation efforts and to aid the Office of Emergency Services in reviewing and updating the Adaptation Planning Guide, including the goals and information specified. The amendments also establish an advisory council to support the Program goals, including the listed areas of expertise, establish a clearinghouse of climate adaptation resources, and remove the provision to regularly update the Safeguarding California Plan. *Amends Section 75123 of, and adds Part 4.5 of the Public Resources Code.*

**SB 350 de León - Establishes Energy efficiency and renewable energy goals.**

Enacts the "Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015" and establishes targets to increase retail sales of renewable electricity to 50% by 2030, and double the energy efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas end uses by 2030. *Amends and adds multiple sections to the Health and Safety Code, Labor Code, Public Resources Code, and Public Utilities Code.*

**SB 379 Jackson – Land use: general plan: safety element.**

Requires cities and counties to review and update their general plans' safety elements to address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies applicable to the city or county. Local officials must act either the next time they revise their local hazard mitigation plans on or after January 1, 2017, or, if a local agency has not adopted a hazard mitigation plan, on or before January 1, 2022. *Amends Section 65302 of the Government Code.*

**PLANNING & LAND USE**

**AB 2 Alejo – Economic Development**

Allows specified disadvantaged areas of California to create a new entity called a Community Revitalization Investment Authority (CIRA). The CIRA utilizes property taxes and other available funding to improve employment opportunities, reduce crime, clean up hazardous waste sites and promote affordable housing. *Adds Division 4 to the Government Code.*

**AB 57 Quirk – Telecommunications: wireless telecommunication facilities.**

Requires a collocation or siting application for a wireless telecommunications facility to be deemed approved, if specified conditions are met, and applies these provisions to all counties and cities, including charter cities. *Adds Section 65964.1 to the Government Code.*

**AB 189 Bloom – Arts Council: cultural districts.**

Requires the California Arts Council to establish criteria and guidelines for, and to certify, "state-designated cultural districts", as defined. *Adds Chapter 9.2 of the Government Code.*

**AB 744 Chau – Planning and zoning: density bonuses.**

Requires a local government, upon the request of a developer that receives a density bonus, to reduce the minimum parking requirements for a housing development, if it meets specified criteria. *Amends Section 65915 of the Government Code.*

**AB 747 Eggman – Planning and land use: Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley.**

Allows a city or county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley to approve discretionary permits or other discretionary entitlements for projects located within a flood hazard zone except those that would result in either the construction of a new building or construction that would result in an increase in allowed occupancy for an existing building. *Amends Section 65962 of the Government Code.*

**AB 851 Mayes – Local government: organization: disincorporations.**

Makes changes to the city disincorporation process in the Cortese-Knox Hertzberg Act. *Amends, adds, and repeals multiple sections of the Revenue and Taxation Code.*

**AB 1119 Rendon – Public utilities: municipal corporations: rights of way.**

Provides that a county has the right to require an agreement on the terms and conditions for a proposed utility infrastructure project that is owned, constructed and operated by a municipal corporation within unincorporated county territory. *Amends Sections 10103 and 10104 of, and repeals Section 10105 of the Public Utilities Code.*

**AB 1236 Chiu – Local ordinances: electric vehicle charging stations.**

Requires counties and cities, including charter cities, to create an expedited permitting and inspection process for electric vehicle charging stations with an effective date of September 30, 2016. *Adds Section 65850.7 to the Government Code.*

**AB 1251 Gomez – Greenway Development and Sustainment Act.**

Enacts the Greenway Development and Sustainment Act. States findings and declarations regarding development of greenways along urban waterways. Creates a new real property interest known as a greenway easement, defined as an interest in real property voluntarily created and freely transferable in whole or in part, for the purpose of developing greenways adjacent to urban waterways, by any lawful method for the transfer of interests in real property in the state. *Adds Chapter 4.5 of the Civil Code, amends Section 65560 of the Government Code, and amends 402.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.*

**AB 1303 Gray – Subdivision Map Act: map expiration dates.**

Provides an automatic 24-month extension for unexpired subdivision maps approved after January 1, 2000, in jurisdictions that meet specified criteria. *Amends Section 65961 and adds Section 66452.25 to the Government Code.*

## **TRANSPORTATION SAFETY**

**AB 28 Chu – Bicycle safety: rear lights.**

Authorizes bicycles to have a solid or flashing red light with a built-in reflector on the rear in place of the required red reflector. *Amends Section 21201 of the Vehicle Code.*

**AB 53 Garcia – Vehicles: child safety seats.**

This bill establishes requirements for securing children under the age of 2 in rear-facing child seats in vehicles. *Amends, repeals, and adds Section 27360 of the Vehicle Code.*

**AB 198 Frazier Jr. – Vehicles: tow truck assistance.**

Enables an authorized tow truck operator to use the center median or right shoulder of a highway in the event of an emergency that requires the immediate removal of traffic impediments, if specific conditions are met. *Adds Section 21719 to the Vehicle Code.*

**AB 604 Olsen – Electrically motorized boards.**

Defines "electrically motorized board," restricts their operation on public facilities, requires boards to be equipped with safety equipment, and authorizes cities and counties to further regulate their use. *Amends, adds, and repeals several Sections of the Vehicle Code.*

**AB 638 Frazier – Vessels: Personal flotation devices.**

Prohibits a person from operating a motorboat, sailboat, or vessel of any length unless every person on board under the age of 13 is wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) while the vessel is underway. *Amends Section 658.3 of the Harbors and Navigation Code.*

**AB 863 Dodd – Modified limousines: passenger safety.**

Makes several technical changes to emergency exit requirements for modified limousines. Furthermore, extends the implementation date for the California Highway Patrol’s limousine inspection program to July 1, 2017. *Amends Sections 27375 and 34500.4 of the Vehicle Code.*

**AB 1096 Chiu – Vehicles: electric bicycles.**

Defines various classes of electric bicycles and establishes parameters for their operation in California. *Amends Sections 406, 2113, 21207.5, and 24016 of, and adds Sections 312.5 and 21213 to the Vehicle Code.*

**AB 1222 Nazarian – Tow trucks.**

Adds provisions to curb “bandit towing” practices. *Amends Section 22513 of, and add Section 22513.1 to the Vehicle Code.*

**SB 413 Wieckowski – Public transit: prohibited conduct.**

Adds violations to the list of activities that are infractions related to transit operators, as well as includes minors as potential violators of all existing infractions. *Amends Section 640 of the Penal Code and amends Section 99580 of the Public Utilities Code.*

**SB 508 Beall – Transportation funds: transit operators: pedestrian safety.**

Makes a number of changes to performance metrics tied to state grants for transit operators. *Amends several Sections of the Public Utilities Code.*

**SB 516 Fuller – Transportation: motorist aid services.**

Authorizes funds which have been used to pay for the operation of freeway call boxes to also be used for transportation demand management services, intelligent transportation systems and safety-related hazard and obstruction removal. *Amends Sections 2550 and 2557 of the Streets and Highways Code.*

**SB 530 Pan – Pedicabs.**

Expands the definition of pedicab to include a device which is primarily pedal-powered, has a seating capacity of not more than 15 passengers, and cannot travel faster than 15 miles per hour. This type of pedicab must be equipped with basic safety equipment including seat belts, seat backs, brakes, reflectors, headlights, and grab rails, and must be operated by a 21-year-old adult with a valid California driver’s license. Existing devices have until January 1, 2017, to retrofit with this equipment. This type of pedicab must be authorized by local ordinance and cannot operate on a road with a speed limit greater than 30 mph. Any accidents must be reported to the California Highway Patrol. *Amends Sections 467.5 and 23229 of, adds Article 4.5, and repeals Section 21215.2 of the Vehicle Code.*

**PUBLIC TRANSIT & TRANSPORTATION**

**AB 40 Ting – Toll bridges: pedestrian and bicycles**

Prohibits the imposition of tolls on pedestrians and bicyclists on toll bridges. *Adds and Repeals Sections 27567, 30114, and 30814 of the Streets and Highways Code.*

**AB 95 Committee on Budget – Transportation**

Makes statutory changes related to transportation that are necessary to implement the 2015-16 budget package. *Amends several sections of the Streets and Highways Code and Vehicle Code.*

**AB 157 Levine – Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.**

Authorizes an environmental review to be completed concurrent with design work for a project to open a third lane in each direction on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, under certain conditions. *Adds Section 30910.7 to the Streets and Highways Code.*

**AB 194 Frazier Jr. – High-occupancy toll lanes.**

Extends indefinitely the California Transportation Commission's authority to authorize regional transportation agencies to develop and operate high-occupancy toll lanes and expands the authority to include other toll facilities; adds similar authority for the CTC to authorize the California Department of Transportation to develop toll facilities. *Amends Section 149.7 and adds Section 149.12 to the Streets and Highways Code.*

**AB 451 Bonilla – Private parking facilities.**

Allows cities or counties to authorize, via ordinance or resolution, operators of privately owned and maintained off-street parking facilities to regulate unauthorized parking in their facilities. *Amends Section 21107.8 of the Vehicle Code.*

**AB 1015 Bloom – Parking: car share vehicles.**

Allows local governments to designate parking spaces for the exclusive or non-exclusive use of a car-sharing or ride-sharing program. *Amends Section 22507.1 of the Vehicle Code.*

**AB 1151 Santiago – Parking violations: penalties.**

Authorizes a local government to allow a person to agree to pay parking citations in installments at any stage of the administrative hearing process. *Amends Sections 40204 and 40215 of the Vehicle Code.*

**AB 1250 Bloom – Vehicles: buses: axle weight.**

Exempts transit buses procured through a solicitation process that was issued before January 1, 2016, from the statutory weight limit of 20,500 pounds on any one axle of a transit bus. Further establishes a declining curb weight per axle requirements for transit buses, as specified. *Amends Section 35554 of the Vehicle Code.*

**SB 231 Gaines –Transportation programs.**

Specifies that water-borne transit projects (e.g. commuter ferries) are eligible for cap-and-trade funding under the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program and the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program. *Amends Sections 75212 and 75230 of the Public Resources Code.*

**SB 491 Committee on Transportation and Housing – Transportation: omnibus bill.**

Makes non-controversial, technical changes to sections of law relating to transportation. *Makes several changes in several provisions of state law.*

## **CEQA & EXEMPTIONS**

### **AB 323 Olsen – California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: roadway improvement.**

Extends the January 1, 2016 sunset date to January 1, 2020, on an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act for projects to repair, maintain, and make minor alterations to existing roadways under specified conditions. *Amends Section 21090.37 of the Public Resources Code.*

### **SB 348 Galgiani – California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: railroad crossings.**

Extends until 2019 the exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act of the closure of a railroad grade crossing by order of the Public Utilities Commission when the PUC has found the crossing to present a threat to public safety. *Amends Sections 21080.13 and 21080.14 of the Public Resources Code.*

## **HOUSING & PROPERTY USE**

### **AB 349 Gonzalez – Common interest developments: property use and maintenance.**

Makes the governing documents, architectural or landscaping guidelines, or policies of a common interest development void and unenforceable if they prohibit the use of artificial turf or any other synthetic surface that resembles grass. Prohibits a CID from requiring an owner of a separate interest to remove or reverse water-efficient landscaping measures, installed in response to a declaration of a state of emergency, upon the conclusion of the state of emergency. *Amends Section 4735 of the Civil Code.*

### **AB 418 Chiu – Tenancy: termination: victims of violent crime.**

Extends indefinitely the authorization to use documentation from a qualified third party based on information received by that third party while acting in his or her professional capacity, as specified, to support a notice to terminate a tenancy when the tenant or a household member becomes the victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, or abuse of an elder or dependent adult. This bill reduces from 30 to 14 days the obligation of a tenant who becomes a victim, as specified, to pay rent after providing the landlord with notice to terminate the tenancy, and states that thereafter the tenant shall be released from any rent payment obligation under their lease or rental agreement without penalty. *Amends and repeals Section 1946.7 of the Civil Code.*

### **AB 571 Brown – Property taxation: property statement: change in ownership statement: penalty.**

Revises the "reasonable cause" standard for abating penalties related to late-filed "change in ownership" statements and property statements. *Amends Sections 463 and 483 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.*

### **AB 661 Mathis – Counties: recording: real estate instruments.**

Clarifies an exemption in current law from fees that counties can place on certain recorded real estate documents to fund real estate fraud prevention and enforcement. *Amends Section 27388 of the Government Code.*

**AB 668 Gomez – Property taxation: assessment: affordable housing.**

Requires county assessors to consider a recorded contract with a tax-exempt nonprofit corporation when valuing property for property tax assessment purposes, as specified. *Amends Section 402.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.*

**AB 693 Talamantes-Eggman – Multifamily Affordable Housing Solar Roofs Program.**

Creates a Multifamily Affordable Housing Solar Roofs Program to provide financial incentives for qualified solar installations at multifamily affordable housing properties funded from investor-owned utility's greenhouse gas allowances. Allocates up to \$100 million or 10% of available funding from utility GHG allowances that are reserved for clean energy and energy efficiency projects and extends funding for the program until 2026. *Amends Section 748.5, and adds Chapter 9.5 of the Public Utilities Code.*

**AB 786 Levine – Common interest developments: property use and maintenance.**

Clarifies that a homeowners association may only impose a fine or assessment against a homeowner for reducing or eliminating the watering of vegetation or lawns during a drought where, prior to the imposition of a fine or assessment, the homeowner receives recycled water from a retail water supplier and fails to use that recycled water for landscaping irrigation. *Amends Section 4735 of the Civil Code.*

**AB 1403 Maienschein – Housing: joint powers agreement.**

Allows one or more private, non-profit 501(c) (3) corporations that provide services to homeless persons for the prevention of homelessness to form a joint powers agency, or enter into a joint powers agreement, with one or more public agencies. *Amends Sections 65582 and 65583, and adds and repeals Section 6538 of the Government Code.*

**AB 1448 Lopez – Personal energy conservation: real property restrictions.**

Permits tenants, as well as owners in a homeowners association, to use clotheslines and drying racks if a number of conditions are met. Makes void and unenforceable any provision in HOA governing documents that effectively prohibits or unreasonably restricts an owner's ability to use a clothesline or drying rack in the owner's backyard. Specifies that nothing in this provision shall prevent the HOA from establishing reasonable rules and restrictions governing clotheslines or drying racks. *Adds sections 1940.20 and 4750.10 to the Civil Code.*

**SB 328 Hueso – Landlords: notice of pesticide use.**

Eliminates the Annual Tax for the first three taxable years for a limited liability company that is a new veteran-owned small business, and eliminates the minimum franchise tax for a corporation that is a new veteran-owned small business for its second and third taxable years. *Amends Sections 17941 and 23152 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.*

**SB 419 McGuire – Mobilehomes: homeowners: sale.**

Amends the Mobilehome Residency Law to authorize the seller of a mobilehome to display a "for sale" sign of a generally accepted yardarm type design or L-frame design, to allow for the display of an "open house" sign and the holding of an open house in accordance with park rules, to require the management of a mobilehome park, upon request, to provide in writing the information and standards management will use to review a prospective homeowner, and to specify that park management may withhold approval of a prospective homeowner for reasons based upon fraud, deceit, or concealment of material facts. *Amends, repeals, and adds Sections 798.70, 798.71, and 798.74 of the Civil Code.*

**SB 582 Hall III – Electrified fences.**

Authorizes an owner of real property to install and operate an electrified fence on his or her property if the property is not in a residential zone, the fence meets specified requirements, and a local ordinance does not prohibit its installation and operation. *Adds Section 835 to the Civil Code and amends Sections 17151 and 17152 of the Food and Agriculture Code.*

**SB 655 Mitchell – Housing standards: mold.**

Adds visible mold growth, as determined by a health officer or a code enforcement officer, excluding the presence of mold that is minor and found on surfaces that can accumulate moisture as part of their properly functioning and intended use, to a list of substandard housing conditions. *Adds Section 1941.7 to the Civil Code, and amends Sections 17920 and 17920.3 of the Health and Safety Code.*

**UTILITIES AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

**AB 301 Bigelow – State responsibility areas: fire prevention fees.**

Requires Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to notify owners of habitable structures subject to the state responsibility area fire prevention fee that when selling the property, they may negotiate the apportionment of the annual fee with the buyer as one of the terms of the sale. *Amends Section 4213.2 and adds Section 4213.2 to the Public Resources Code.*

**AB 327 Gordon – Public works: volunteers.**

Extends the sunset date on the exemption that allows volunteers to perform work on public works projects and not be paid the prevailing wage, as would otherwise be required. *Amends Section 1720.4 of the Labor Code.*

**AB 402 Dodd –Local agency services: contracts.**

Establishes a pilot program, until January 1, 2021, for Napa and San Bernardino local agency formation commissions to authorize a city or district to extend services outside of boundaries for additional purposes beyond responding to a threat to public health or safety. *Amends Section 56133 and adds and repeals Section 56133.5 of the Government Code.*

**AB 643 Nazarian – Emergency services: Silver Alerts.**

Allows the California Highway Patrol (CHP), upon activation of a Silver Alert, to communicate the Alert on highway changeable message signs under certain conditions. *Amends Section 8594.10 of the Government Code.*

**AB 896 Wagner –Counties: search or rescue: costs.**

Allows counties to seek reimbursement from residents age 16 or older for search or rescue costs under specified conditions. *Adds Sections 26614.6 and 26614.7 to the Government Code.*

**AB 1008 Quirk – Public utilities: sale of hydrogen to public as a motor vehicle fuel.**

Provides that the ownership or operation of a facility that sells hydrogen at retail to the public for use only as a motor vehicle fuel does not make the corporation or person a public utility solely because of that ownership, operation, or sale. *Amends Section 216 of the Public Utilities Code.*

**AB 1119 Rendon – Public utilities: municipal corporations: rights of way.**

Provides that a county has the right to require an agreement on the terms and conditions for a proposed utility infrastructure project that is owned, constructed and operated by a municipal corporation within unincorporated county territory. *Amends Sections 10103 and 10104 of, and repeals Section 10105 of the Public Utilities Code.*

**SB 188 Hancock – Municipal Utility District: utility charges: delinquencies.**

Makes permanent provisions of law that authorize a municipal utility district to file a lien on real property for unpaid water and sewer utility charges rendered to a lessee, tenant, or subtenant, which may be collected on the tax roll in the same manner as property taxes. *Amends and repeals Section 12811.1 of the Public Utilities Code.*

**SB 239 Hertzberg – Local services: contracts: fire protection services.**

Requires a local agency formation commission to review a contract or agreement for new or extended fire service outside of a public agency's jurisdictional boundaries. *Amends Section 56017.2 and 56133, and adds Section 56134 to the Government Code.*

**SB 385 Hueso – Primary drinking water standards: hexavalent chromium: compliance plan.**

Allows the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to grant a public water system additional time to meet the drinking water standard for hexavalent chromium by approving a compliance plan. *Adds and repeals Section 116431 of the Health and Safety Code.*

**PUBLIC PROCESS & OPEN GOVERNMENT**

**AB 169 Maienschein – Local government: public records: Internet.**

Requires local agencies to use specified open data standards if they maintain an Internet Resource that is described or titled as "open data" and if they choose to post public records on that Internet Resource. *Adds Section 6253.10 to the Government Code.*

**AB 279 Dodd – Tax administration: disclosure of information: Franchise Tax Board and cities and counties.**

This bill extends the state-local tax information sharing program (program) to counties, and to a city and county. *Amends Section 19551.1 and 19551.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.*

**AB 389 Chau – Hospitals: language assistance services.**

Requires general acute care hospitals to post their language assistance policies on their websites in English and up to five of the other languages most commonly spoken in the hospital's service area. Furthermore, this bill requires the Department of Public Health to post each hospital's language assistance policy its Web site. *Amends Section 1259 of the Health and Safety Code.*

**AB 503 Rodriguez – Emergency medical services.**

Allows a health facility to release patient-identifiable medical information to an emergency medical services (EMS) provider and to a local emergency medical services agency (LEMSA) when specific data elements are requested for the purpose of quality assessment and improvement. Authorizes the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) to

develop minimum standards for the implementation of this data collection system. *Adds Section 1797.122 to the Health and Safety Code.*

**AB 622 Hernández – Employment: E-Verify system: unlawful business practices.**

Enacts provisions of law related to the use of the federal electronic employment verification system known as E-Verify. *Adds Section 2184 to the Labor Code.*

**AB 823 Bigelow – Counties: ordinances.**

Removes a requirement that a copy of the full text of proposed ordinances, proposed amendments to existing ordinances, adopted ordinances and adopted amendments to existing ordinances be posted in the office of the clerk of the board of supervisors. *Amends Section 25124 of the Government Code.*

**AB 1077 Holden – Mutual water companies: open meetings.**

Makes a number of changes to revise and recast the Mutual Water Company Open Meeting Act. Allows a mutual water company Board to use teleconferencing to provide any eligible person access to a Board meeting who otherwise would be denied attendance in person because the person failed to provide 24 hours advance written notice, or because the number of eligible persons who provided notice of attendance exceeds the room capacity of the meeting, and requires a Board to provide an eligible person attending a meeting by teleconference an electronic copy or photocopy of all documents to be discussed at the meeting before the meeting begins. *Amends Section 14305 of the Corporations Code.*

**AB 1267 Bloom – Lawsuits, liens, and other encumbrances.**

Prohibits a person from filing or recording a lawsuit, lien, or other encumbrance against any person or entity, knowing that it is false, with the intent to harass the person or entity or, in the case of a public officer or employee, to influence or hinder the person in discharging his or her official duties. This bill authorizes a court to issue a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 for violating the prohibition, and allows any person or entity subject to a lien or other encumbrance filed or recorded in violation of the prohibition to petition the superior court for an order directing the claimant to show cause why the lien or other encumbrance should not be stricken and other relief should not be granted. *Amends, adds, and repeals multiple sections of the Code of Civil Procedure and the Government Code.*

**SB 34 Hill – Automated license plate recognition systems: use of data.**

Establishes regulations on the privacy and usage of automatic license plate recognition data and expands the meaning of “personal information” to include information or data collected through the use or operation of an ALPR system. *Amends Sections 1798.29 and 1798.92 of, and adds Title 1.81.23 of Division 3 of the Civil Code.*

**SB 272 Hertzberg – The California Public Records Act: local agencies: inventory.**

Requires local governments, with specified exceptions, to catalog, and make publicly available, information about their data systems. Also, excludes local education agencies from this bill’s requirements, modify the definition of “enterprise system,” specify a schedule by which local agencies must complete and update catalogues of their data systems, and provide local agencies with an alternative to publicly disclosing specified information in cases when public disclosure would not serve the public interest. *Adds Section 6270.5 to the Government Code.*

**SB 331 Mendoza – Public contracts: local agencies: negotiations.**

Requires counties and cities that have adopted a civic openness in negotiating ordinance, as defined, to comply with specified disclosure requirements relating to contract negotiations with private entities. *Adds Chapter 4.5 of the Public Contract Code.*

## **FOOD POLICY**

### **AB 143 Wood – Food facilities**

Expands the types of pre-packaged foods a wine tasting facility can offer while still being exempt from requirements governing food facilities, providing parity between exemptions that exist for beer tasting facilities and wine tasting facilities. *Amends Sections 113755, 113789, 114276, and 114289 of the Health and Safety Code.*

### **AB 226 Atkins – Retail food safety: fishermen's markets.**

Defines and creates a framework for a "fishermen's market" as a type of nonpermanent food facility that meets specific requirements. *Amends and adds a number of sections to the Health and Safety Code.*

### **AB 234 Gordon – Food: sale.**

Revises provisions of law governing community food producers or gleaners by allowing them to sell whole uncut fruits or vegetables, or unrefrigerated shell eggs, directly to a permitted food facility, not just a restaurant, and limits the ability of a local environmental health officer to require community food producers or gleaners to register with the local enforcement entity only if the food producers or gleaners do not meet certain conditions. *Amends Sections 113789 and 114376 of the Health and Safety Code.*

### **AB 1295 Levine – Craft distillers: licenses.**

Creates a new "craft distiller's license" in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act with specified privileges and limited to persons who manufacture less than 100,000 gallons of distilled spirits annually, exclusive of brandy production. This bill also modifies an existing provision of law that currently allows distillers to offer six, one-quarter ounce tastings, per individual/per day, to instead permit distillers to combine the current limitation into one single 1.5 ounce tasting that may also include a non-alcoholic mixer. *Amends Sections 23363.1, 23771, and 23772 of, and add Article 6 to the Business and Professions Code.*

## **PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH**

### **AB 81 Wood – Hospitals: seismic safety.**

Permits a hospital in the City of Willits to request an eight month deadline extension of a seismic safety requirement that hospitals be rebuilt or retrofitted to be capable of withstanding an earthquake, which it is currently required to meet by January 1, 2015, so that this hospital could have until September 1, 2015, to meet this seismic safety requirement. *Amends Section 130060 of the Health and Safety Code.*

### **AB 216 Garcia – Product sales to minors: vapor products.**

Makes it unlawful for a person to sell or otherwise furnish any device intended to deliver a non-nicotine product in a vapor state, to be directly inhaled by the user, to a person under 18 years of age or under 21 years of age, as specified. Specifies that a violation of the provisions in this bill is an infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500, \$1,000, or \$1,500 for a first, second, and third or subsequent violation, respectively. *Adds Chapter 5 to the Health and Safety Code.*

**AB 1146 Jones – Skateboard parks.**

Expands local government immunity from liability for injuries to recreational users of public skateboard parks to include riders of wheeled recreational devices other than skateboards, as provided. *Amends, repeals, and adds Section 115800 of the Health and Safety Code.*

**AB 1149 Wood – Public health emergencies: funding.**

Adds trade associations to the list of entities that are eligible to receive federal funding, that has been allocated to the Department of Public Health for public health preparedness and response. *Amends Section 101315 of the Health and Safety Code.*

**SB 277 Pan – Public health: vaccinations.**

This bill eliminates the personal belief exemption from the requirement that children receive vaccines for certain infectious diseases prior to being admitted to any public or private elementary or secondary school or day care center. *Amends and repeals several sections of the Health and Safety Code.*

**SB 385 Hueso – Primary drinking water standards: hexavalent chromium: compliance plan.**

Allows the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to grant a public water system additional time to meet the drinking water standard for hexavalent chromium by approving a compliance plan. *Adds and repeals Section 116431 of the Health and Safety Code.*

**SB 485 Hernandez – County of Los Angeles: sanitation districts.**

Authorizes the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts to divert, manage, treat, and discharge storm water and dry weather runoff, as well as make beneficial use of the water. Furthermore, requires a sanitation district to consult with water masters, water replenishment districts, and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District prior to initiating a storm water or dry weather runoff project. *Adds Section 4730.68 to the Health and Safety Code.*

**SB 612 Jackson – Hazardous materials.**

Modifies the statute related to Certified Unified Program Agencies administration to clarify the provisions of the Health and Safety Code related to Certified Unified Program Agencies to provide consistent interpretation of the statute statewide. *Amends a number of Sections and adds Section 25158.1 to the Health and Safety Code.*

**SB 792 Mendoza – Day care facilities: immunizations: exemptions.**

Prohibits, commencing September 1, 2016, a person from being employed or volunteering at a day care center or a day care home if he or she has not been immunized against influenza, pertussis, and measles. *Amends Section 1597.055 and 1597.54 and adds Sections 1596.7995 and 1597.622 to the Health and Safety Code.*

**SB 804 Committee on Health – Public health.**

Makes a number of technical and clarifying changes to existing law and other substantive changes. *Amends, adds and repeals several sections of the Health and Safety Code and the Welfare and Institutions Code.*

## **WASTE & RECYCLING**

### **AB 876 McCarty – Compostable organics.**

Requires local governments to include organic waste recycling facilities in the existing planning requirements for countywide solid waste management. Commencing August 1, 2017, requires counties or regional agencies to include in its annual report to Cal Recycle, 15-year estimates of organic waste generated, additional organic waste recycling facility capacity, and areas identified as locations for new or expanded organic waste recycling facilities. *Adds Section 41821.4 to the Public Resources Code.*

### **AB 901 Gordon – Solid waste: reporting requirements: enforcement.**

Updates, revises, and expands the information recycling and composting operations and facilities are required to submit to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery. *Amends Section 41821.5, amends, renumbers, and adds Section 41821.6, and adds Sections 41821.7 and 41821.8 to the Public Resources Code.*

### **SB 162 Galgiani – Treated wood waste.**

Extends the sunset date that allows treated wood waste to be disposed of in a Class II or III landfill so long as alternative management standards, established by the Department of Toxic Substances Control are maintained to January 1, 2020. *Amends Section 25150.7 of the Health and Safety Code.*

### **SB 225 Wieckowski – Medical waste.**

Makes various technical changes to the Medical Waste Management Act. *Amends several sections of the Health and Safety Code.*

### **SB 489 Monning – Hazardous waste: photovoltaic modules.**

Authorizes photovoltaic modules (known as solar panels) to be managed as universal waste. *Adds Article 17 of the Health and Safety Code.*

### **SB 662 Committee on Environmental Quality – Recycling**

Extends the use of the Recycling Market Development Revolving Loan Subaccount to include payments to local governments for the promotion of a recycling market development zone. Changes the annual reporting date for the architectural paint extended producer responsibility collection program from September 1 to November 1, beginning in 2016. *Amends Sections 42023.1 and 48705 of the Public Resources Code.*

### **SB 673 Lara – Hazardous waste.**

This bill revises the Department of Toxic Substances Control's permitting process and public participation requirements for hazardous waste facilities. *Adds Sections 25200.21 and 25200.23 to the Health and Safety Code.*

## **PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION**

### **AB 662 Bonilla – Public accommodation: disabled adults: changing facilities.**

Requires a person, private firm, organization, or corporation that owns or manages a commercial place of public amusement to install and maintain at least one adult changing station for persons with a physical disability, as specified. *Adds Section 19952.5 to the Health and Safety Code.*

**AB 1230 Gomez – California Americans With Disabilities Small Business Capital Access Loan Program.**

Establishes the California Americans with Disabilities Act Small Business Capital Access Loan Program to provide loans to small businesses so they can comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. *Adds Section 44559.13 to the Health and Safety Code.*

**NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

**SB 549 Hall III (D-Compton) – Charitable raffles.**

Authorizes an eligible organization, as defined, to conduct a 50/50 raffle for the purpose of directly supporting a specified beneficial or charitable purpose in California, or financially supporting another private, nonprofit, eligible organization. *Adds and repeals Section 320.6 of the Penal Code.*

**CONTRACTS**

**AB 495 Gordon – Regional park and open-space districts: general manager: powers.**

Increases, from \$25,000 to \$50,000, the maximum value of contracts which two regional park and open space districts may enter into without using a formal bid process. *Amends Section 5549 of the Public Resources Code.*

**AB 1358 Dababneh – School facilities: design-build contracts.**

Repeals the existing provisions authorizing and governing the design-build procurement process for school districts on July 1, 2016. Authorizes a school district, with approval of its governing board, to procure design-build contracts for school construction projects in excess of \$1 million, and award the contract through the low bid or the best value method for bid requests issued on or after July 1, 2016. *Adds Section 17250.55 and Chapter 2.5 of the Education Code, and repeals Section 4 of Chapter 421 of the Statutes of 2001.*

**SB 762 Wolk – Competitive bidding: best value: pilot program: design-build.**

Allows seven specified counties to award construction contracts through a “best value” procurement process and modifies the definitions of “best value” in statutes allowing the state and local government officials to use the design-build contracting method for some public works. *Amends Sections 10187.5 and 22161 of, and adds and repeals Article 3.7 of the Public Contract Code.*

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

**AB 243 Wood – Medical marijuana**

Establishes a regulatory program for the cultivation of medical cannabis, as part of the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA). *Adds several sections to multiple sections of code.*

**AB 266 Bonta – Medical Marijuana**

Establishes a comprehensive licensing and regulatory framework for the cultivation, manufacture, transportation, storage, distribution, and sale of medical marijuana to be administered by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Department of Food and Agriculture, and Department of Public Health, as specified. *Amends and adds several sections to multiple sections of code.*

**SB 303 Hueso – Controlled substances: destruction of seized marijuana.**

Allows, in the case of growing or harvested marijuana, a law enforcement agency to destroy without a court order that amount in excess of 2 pounds, or the amount of marijuana a medical marijuana patient or designated caregiver is authorized to possess by ordinance in the city or county where the marijuana was seized, whichever is greater. *Amends Section 11479 of the Health and Safety Code.*

**SB 643 McGuire – Medical marijuana.**

Establishes a comprehensive licensing and regulatory framework for the cultivation, manufacture, transportation, storage, distribution, and sale of medical cannabis to be administered by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Department of Food and Agriculture, and Department of Public Health, as specified. *Amends and adds several sections of the Business and Professions Code.*

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