

LAFCO MEMORANDUM

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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April 7, 2022 (Agenda)

TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Mike Prater
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Receive and File an update from CALAFCO**

This is an Informational Report. No Action is Necessary

DISCUSSION

CALAFCO Quarterly Report - February 2022. This memo provides the CALAFCO Quarterly update. This report is found in Attachment A. It provides a variety of information about CALAFCO, changes at LAFCOs around the State including the announcement of new CALAFCO Executive Director René LaRoche, and a brief legislative update. Please review the report and let us know if you have any questions.

CALAFCO Bulletin on Protest Legislation. CALAFCO initiated a working group of stakeholders in early 2019 as a response to recommendations made from the 2017 Little Hoover Commission Report (*Special Districts: Improving Oversight and Transparency*) This working group discussed the protest process for consolidations and dissolutions of special districts, specifically, the statutes related to LAFCO-initiated protest provisions and the 10% protest threshold while all other initiated actions have a 25% protest threshold. After considerable negotiation, the working group gave consensus on changes to CKH Act. This is now authorized legislation SB 938 (Hertzberg). The overarching goal of these changes is to ensure that LAFCOs have the tools needed to carry out statutory obligations to ensure orderly and functioning local government services and to create greater consistency in the statute.

CALAFCO Board Actions – Strategic Plan 21-22 & Dashboard Review 2021. The Board each year conducts a review of the Association’s objectives as outlined in the Strategic

Plan. The Strategic Plan is the guide for the Board and staff with respect to Association priorities for the year.

CALAFCO Legislative Summary Report – Assembly Local Government Committee’s 2021 Legislative Summary Report. A total of 131 bills were referred to the Local Government Committee in 2021, including 90 Assembly Bills and 41 Senate bills. The Committee heard 91 bills over the course of seven hearings. summary includes a brief description of all bills the Committee heard. This report is attached. It is also posted on the CALAFCO website.

Attachments

Attachment A – February 2022-CALAFCO Quarterly Report

Attachment B – CALAFCO Bulletin on Protest Legislation from 2-2-22

Attachment C – Strategic Plan 21-22 Adopted on 4-30-21 & 2021 Dashboard review Report

Attachment D – ALGC Legislative Summary 2021 Report

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.



News from the Board of Directors **CALAFCO QUARTERLY**

February 2022



Greetings from your CALAFCO Board of Directors and Executive Director. As 2022 is underway, there is a lot going on in Sacramento and in CALAFCO. We are happy to bring you all the latest news of the Association.



CALAFCO BOARD ACTIONS

CALAFCO BOARD SELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At their January 21st meeting the CALAFCO Board of Directors selected **René LaRoche** as the new Executive Director. The Board, along with the CALAFCO Regional Officers, Administrator, Legal Counsel and current Executive Director interviewed two finalists before the Board made the selection. The finalists were recommended by the Board's Recruitment Committee (Mike Kelley, Anita Paque, Bill Connelly, Margie Mohler, Mike McGill, Clark Alsop and Steve Lucas) who interviewed five candidates forwarded by the professional recruiting firm of Koff & Associates before making the recommendation. The new Executive Director serves as a full-time, at-will employee under contract with the Association.



René LaRoche comes to CALAFCO with a diverse background that includes local government and private sector experience, as well as experience serving on Association Boards of Directors. Most recently, as Clerk of Board of Supervisors in Mariposa County since 2012, she serves as part of the executive management team working closely with the elected and appointed officials in the County. Among other things, she develops and administers the department's budget and acts as a liaison for the County with national, state, and local entities. Previously, René served as development and business manager for Runaway Holiday, LLC where she did software and business development, and served as a web developer for Mountain Arts Design.

René earned a Master's Degree in Public Management from Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Las Vegas Nevada. She is past President of the CA Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Association and an Institute Fellow of the CA State Association of Counties. René will be relocating to the Sacramento area and is scheduled to begin full-time on February 28, with a transition overlap with the current Executive Director of several days per week beginning mid-February through mid-March. She is looking forward to meeting LAFCo staff at the March Staff Workshop and connecting with all LAFCo staff and Commissioners in the near future. René can be reached at rlaroc@calafco.org.

NEW BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED

Also during the January 21 meeting, the Board appointed **Derek McGregor**, Orange LAFCo Public Member, to the CALAFCO Board. Derek fills the unexpired term (through October 2022) of former Board Member David West of Imperial LAFCo, who resigned his Board seat late last year.

OTHER RECENT BOARD ACTIONS

The Board met virtually on January 21 and in addition to conducting interviews for a new Executive Director in a lengthy closed session and appointing Derek McGregor to the Board, they also took the following actions:

- ✓ Adopted member LAFCo dues for FY 2022-23 (information distributed to member LAFCo staff on February 1)
- ✓ Conducted the 2021 annual dashboard review of the Strategic Plan
- ✓ Accepted the mid-year financial reports
- ✓ Approved amendments to the final section of the Association's Policies, completing the first ever comprehensive review and update of the Association's Policies
- ✓ Received and filed numerous other reports

Additionally, the Board received a report on the status of the Staff Workshop scheduled for March 23 - 25, 2022. It was reported that registration numbers are currently low, about half of what is normal, and unless facility contractual obligations can be reduced, CALAFCO is on track for a net loss of approx. \$36,000. Staff is working on negotiations with the facility to see what can be done to reduce those obligations.

All CALAFCO Board meeting documents are available for member access on the CALAFCO website.

Welcome to Our Newest Associate Members

CALAFCO is pleased to welcome two new Silver Associate Members.

We welcome ***Sloan Sakai Yeung & Wong, LLP*** as a Silver Associate member. ***Sloan Sakai*** focuses on public agency law, LAFCo law, employment law, and labor/personnel relations. They currently serve as general counsel to Sacramento and Napa LAFCos and have provided special counsel to LAFCos, special districts, cities, and counties throughout California.

To learn more about ***Sloan Sakai***, visit their website at www.sloansakai.com or contact ***DeeAnne Gillick*** at dgillick@sloansakai.com.

Sloan Sakai

Sloan Sakai Yeung & Wong LLP

We also welcome ***Terranomics Consulting (TC)*** as a Silver Associate member. ***TC*** provides consulting services for

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urban and environmental planning, community and economic development, and GIS. More specifically, their primary activities include urban land economics, business geography, market and feasibility studies, housing studies, grant development and air dispersion modeling. For more information about *TC*, contact *Vince Zaragoza* at 661-421-2312 or by email at terrnomics@hotmail.com.

CALAFCO Educational Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING CALAFCO EDUCATIONAL EVENTS!

CALAFCO 2022 STAFF WORKSHOP

Join us **March 23- 25** at the **Hyatt Regency Newport Beach John Wayne Airport** when we get LAFCo staff together for the Workshop. It's been so long since we've gathered in person and the time is finally here! All Workshop details including info about the program, registration and hotel reservations are posted on the CALAFCO website.

Deadline to register for the Workshop is March 9 and hotel reservation cutoff date is February 22.

CALAFCO UNIVERSITY

We are pleased to continue offering webinars at no cost to our members. We **are rescheduling** the webinar originally scheduled for **February 23** on **Best Practices for Hiring in the New World (Post-Pandemic)** to a date in the near future. We will feature a labor/employment law attorney, recruiting firm executive, and an Executive Officer, all of whom will share the myriad of things we need to know as we navigate the new (and wild) labor market seeking the best candidates in this post-pandemic world. Watch for the new date and time of this great webinar coming soon.



Details for all CALAFCO University courses are on the CALAFCO website. We have a webinar on-demand library on the CALAFCO website inside the members section containing 16 webinars. CALAFCO members can access these webinars at any time for free using your member access website login credentials.

CALAFCO Administrative Update

A reminder the **2021 CKH Guides** are now available. You can download an electronic copy from the CALAFCO website or place an order for printed hard copies. You will



find all the details on the CALAFCO website at www.calafco.org.

CALAFCO is also doing the annual update of the **membership directory**, so please be sure to get your information to Jeni Tickler at jtickler@calafco.org.

STATEWIDE DUC MAPPING PROJECT COMPLETE

We are very pleased to report the update of the statewide map of disadvantaged unincorporated communities (DUCs) has been completed. The map will be updated every 5 years pursuant to statute. Further, the statewide map of LAFCos (by county) that links each county to your respective LAFCo website is also updated. CALAFCO is grateful to our Associate Member partner **RSG, Inc.** for undertaking this project. We especially thank **Jim Simon, Wesley Smith, Dianna Dunne-Vecchio** and **Jocelyn Sanchez**. We also thank **Seth Hendrick** of **Matson & Isom Technologies**, our web host, for their assistance with this mapping project.

You can find the DUC map on the [CALAFCO website here](#) and the [LAFCo-link map here](#).

LAFCos in the News

Congratulations to another retiree

After 21 years of serving Napa LAFCo as Commission Clerk, **Kathy Mabry** is retiring. Kathy has served Napa LAFCo with distinction over her long career with many accomplishments. She also served on many CALAFCO event planning teams for Staff Workshops and Conferences. We are grateful for her service and many contributions locally and statewide, and wish Kathy all the best in her retirement.



Los Angeles LAFCo Mourns the Loss of Former Commissioner Richard Close



Commissioner Close served on LA LAFCo from 1996-2021 in the special seat for the San Fernando Valley Area Member. He was a leader for years in the valley secession efforts. He is described by LA LAFCo as "bright, hard-working, and dedicated. He is remembered for his decades-long service to his local community, the San Fernando Valley, and the City of Los Angeles. The whole of Los Angeles County is a better place due, in many ways, to the work that [Commissioner Close] did for LAFCo, where his voice guided so many important decisions." CALAFCO's thoughts are with his family and LA LAFCo.



CALAFCO Legislative Update

January 3, 2022 marked the start of the second year in the 2-year legislative cycle. Once again the year is expected to be wild and unpredictable. The State has a large budget surplus which is creating all kinds of early budget negotiating, as is the influx of Federal money.

Legislators hit the ground running trying to move the large number of left-over 2-year bills through committee to meet deadlines. Looming deadlines left many of those leftover bills from 2021 on the cutting room floor and they are now designated as "dead". Now we will begin to see new bills for 2022 introduced.

For this legislative year the CALAFCO Board has identified several items as priority. First is the annual Omnibus bill which is authored by the Assembly Local Government Committee (ALGC) and sponsored by CALAFCO. Three proposals were approved by the Legislative Committee (Committee) and sent to the ALGC. Those proposals are now going through the broad stakeholder review process that occurs before the bill is introduced.

The second priority is to co-sponsor a legislative proposal with San Diego LAFCo to amend Gov. Code Sec. 56133 to explicitly state that exemptions pursuant to 56133(e) are to be approved by LAFCo. This is being done to curb agency self-exemptions which seem to be a growing problem across the state. For the past four months CALAFCO and San Diego LAFCo have been working on stakeholder outreach and attempting to secure an author. It is likely that CALAFCO will refocus these efforts to 2023. The Board will consider this at their April meeting.

The final priority as identified by the Board is to complete the work of the protest provisions rewrite working group. CALAFCO has been reporting to you for the past several years that we have been actively responding to several recommendations made in the 2017 Little Hoover Commission report (*Special Districts: Improving Oversight and Transparency*). Specifically, to address one of the recommendations, we initiated a working group of stakeholders in early 2019 to discuss the protest process for consolidations and dissolutions of special districts, specifically, the statutes related to LAFCo-initiated protest provisions and the 10% protest threshold while all other initiated actions have a 25% protest threshold.

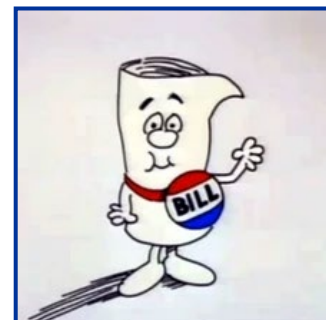
The 18-member working group consists of seven CALAFCO representatives (including CALAFCO/CSDA Board member **Jo MacKenzie**, CALAFCO ED **Pamela Miller**, LAFCo legal counsel **Holly Whatley**, and EOs representing all 4 regions of CALAFCO including **José Henríquez** (Sacramento), **Steve**

Lucas (Butte), **Kai Luoma** (Ventura) and **Paul Novak** (LA); seven CSDA representatives (including one of their lobbyists, legal counsel and five members representing water, fire, resource conservation and community services districts), representatives from the League of CA Cities and from the CA State Association of Counties, as well as the consultants from the Assembly Local Government and Senate Governance & Finance Committees.

We are pleased to report that after three years of work and extensive negotiations, the deliverables of the working group have been completed. The entire working group gave consensus on the redraft of existing scattered protest code sections within CKH into a single code section to simplify the reading of the code section. Further, agreement was reached on specific circumstances in which a LAFCo can initiate dissolution using the 25% protest threshold. The CALAFCO Board and Legislative Committee both unanimously approve and support this legislation and CSDA has also gone on record supporting the concept of the pending legislation.

CALAFCO issued a bulletin on the pending legislation and all deliverables for the working group on February 2, 2022. Senator Hertzberg will author the legislation and our lead co-author is Assemblymember Mayes. For more information on this CALAFCO sponsored legislation (pending bill introduction), please refer to the February 2 bulletin.

All the Legislative Committee meeting documents are located on the CALAFCO website and are available for those with member access. You can also find the CALAFCO tracked legislation on the website. This report is updated daily.





CALAFCO Associate Members' Corner



This section is dedicated to highlighting our Associate Members. The information below is provided to CALAFCO by the Associate member upon joining the Association. All Associate member information can be found in the CALAFCO Member Directory.

Berkson Associates



A Silver Associate member since 2015, **Berkson Associates** provides clear, concise analysis for preparation of governance studies including district formation, consolidation and dissolutions, and has extensive experience completing incorporation studies. Expertise also includes market analysis, public agency budget forecasting and demographic/housing analysis in support of MSRs. Fiscal and financial analysis of water and wastewater systems, including Plans for Service for annexations and formations. For more information, contact **Richard Berkson** at richard@berksonassociates.com. You can also visit their website at www.berksonassociates.com.

Rosenow Spevacek Group, Inc.



A long-time Associate member (both Gold and now Silver), **RSG** performs fiscal and reorganizational studies for LAFcos and applicants with the goal of establishing a factual, transparent and credible basis for their clients to make informed decisions. **RSG** prepared Placer LAFco's comprehensive fiscal analysis for the most recent incorporation proposal in California (Olympic Valley, 2017), preliminary feasibility studies for incorporation in Malaga (Fresno County, 2018), as well as several reorganization proposals and MSRs. To learn more about **RSG**, visit their website at www.webrsg.com or contact **Jim Simon** at jsimon@webrsg.com.

CALAFCO wishes to thank all our Associate Members for your ongoing support and partnership. We look forward to continuing to highlight you in future Quarterly Reports.

Did You Know??



CALAFCO Webinars & Courses Archived
Did you know that all **CALAFCO Webinar recordings** are archived on the CALAFCO website and available at no cost for on-demand viewing? Visit the CALAFCO website in the CALAFCO Webinars section (log in as a member first). **There are 52 CALAFCO U courses archived and 16 webinars are archived and available for on-demand viewing!**

Meeting Documents Online

Did you know that all **CALAFCO Board of Directors and Legislative Committee meeting documents** are online? Visit the Boards & Committees pages in the Members Section of the site. Board documents cover 2008 to present and Legislative Committee documents span 2007 to present.

Career and Consulting Opportunities Posted Online

Did you know that **CALAFCO posts career opportunities for our member LAFcos and Associate Members on our website?** Did you know that **we also post consulting opportunities with our LAFcos for our Associate Members on the website?** Visit the Job Announcements page at <https://calafco.org/resources/job-announcements> for all the latest opportunities.



Mark Your Calendars For These Upcoming CALAFCO Events

- ❖ CALAFCO Leg meeting – 3/11 (virtual)
- ❖ CALAFCO Staff Workshop – 3/23 – 3/25 (Newport Beach)
- ❖ CALAFCO Board of Directors meeting – 4/22 (location TBD)
- ❖ CALAFCO Leg meeting – 4/29 (virtual)

The **CALAFCO 2022 Calendar of Events** can be found on the CALAFCO website.





TO: CALAFCO MEMBER LAFCOS
FROM: CALAFCO & MEMBERS OF THE CALAFCO TEAM OF THE PROTEST PROVISION REWRITE WORKING GROUP
(Pamela Miller, Jo MacKenzie, Holly Whatley, José Henríquez, Steve Lucas, Kai Luoma and Paul Novak)

CALAFCO has been reporting to you for the past several years that we have been actively responding to several recommendations made in the 2017 Little Hoover Commission report (*Special Districts: Improving Oversight and Transparency*). We want to announce the completion of our work relating to the recommendation to ***“convene an advisory committee to review the protest process for consolidations and dissolutions of special districts and to develop legislation to simplify and create consistency in the process”***. CALAFCO initiated a working group of stakeholders in early 2019 to discuss the protest process for consolidations and dissolutions of special districts, specifically, the statutes related to LAFCo-initiated protest provisions and the 10% protest threshold while all other initiated actions have a 25% protest threshold. This disparity makes addressing necessary and appropriate special district consolidations and dissolutions considerably more difficult when initiated by a LAFCo. Further, they serve as a deterrent for LAFCo to initiate action, even if meaningful efficiencies in the provision of public services could be achieved or if a district is failing to meet its statutory requirements.

The 18-member working group consists of seven CALAFCO representatives (including CALAFCO/CSDA Board member Jo MacKenzie, CALAFCO ED Pamela Miller, LAFCo legal counsel Holly Whatley, and EOs representing all 4 regions of CALAFCO including José Henríquez (Sacramento), Steve Lucas (Butte), Kai Luoma (Ventura) and Paul Novak (LA); seven CSDA representatives (including one of their lobbyists, legal counsel and five members representing water, fire, resource conservation and community services districts), representatives from the League of CA Cities and from the CA State Association of Counties, as well as the consultants from the Assembly Local Government and Senate Governance & Finance Committees.

The working group agreed on three main deliverables:

1. Review the protest provisions within the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (CKH) for relevance and delete any obsolete provisions, which was accomplished through AB 1581 (2021).
2. Redraft existing scattered protest code sections within CKH into a single code section to simplify the reading of the code section.
3. Examine the differing protest thresholds relating to LAFCo-initiated actions and all other initiated actions, which proved to be the most challenging of all the goals.

After considerable negotiation, the working group gave consensus on the following changes to CKH:

- ❖ The redrafting of existing protest code sections into one main section to simplify the reading of the section, and to add minor, non-substantive clarifications;
- ❖ Create specific circumstances under which a LAFCo may initiate dissolution of a district with a 25% protest threshold, with determinations documented in a Municipal Service Review and presented at a 21-day noticed public hearing;
- ❖ Allow for a minimum 12-month remediation period for the district with a progress report provided by the district to the LAFCo halfway through the remediation period; and
- ❖ A second 21-day noticed public hearing to determine if the identified issues have been mitigated, which would result in the LAFCo either terminating the dissolution or moving forward with the dissolution using 25% protest threshold under the standard protest hearing process already in statute, with a public notice period of 60 days.

The overarching goal of these changes is to ensure that LAFCos have the tools needed to carry out statutory obligations to ensure orderly and functioning local government services and to create greater consistency in the statute.

Consistent with the CALAFCO Strategic Plan, the CALAFCO Board of Directors and Legislative Committee unanimously support this effort and proceeding with a legislative solution in 2022. We are proud to announce Senator Hertzberg has agreed to author this measure with Assemblymember Mayes as primary co-author. The bill will be introduced shortly and will begin with the redrafting of existing protest code sections into one section. The new process allowing for LAFCo-initiated dissolutions at 25% will be written and amended into the bill as it proceeds through the legislative process.

CALAFCO continues to conduct stakeholder outreach and will be reaching out to you, our member LAFCos, with regular updates on the bill and executing a call for legislative action requesting your support of this critical piece of legislation. Please contact our Executive Director Pamela Miller at pmiller@calafco.org with any questions.

2021 - 2022 Association Strategic Plan

2021 Dashboard Review

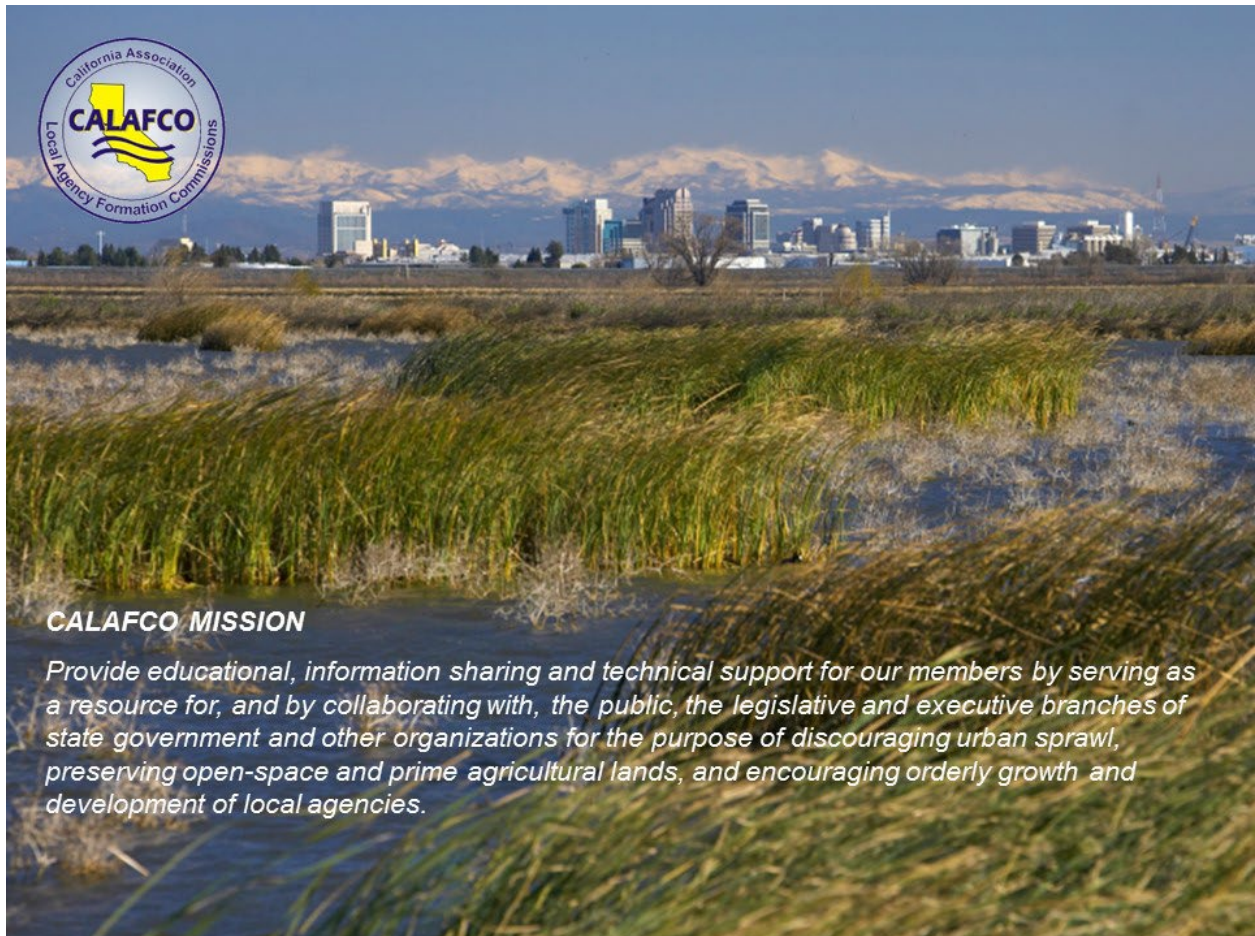


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CALAFCO MISSION

CALAFCO provides educational, information sharing and technical support for its members by serving as a resource for, and by collaborating with, the public, the legislative and executive branches of state government, and other organizations for the purpose of discouraging urban sprawl, preserving open-space and prime agricultural lands, and encouraging orderly growth and development of local agencies.

Reaffirmed by the Board of Directors on 11 January 2017.



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2021 - 2022 Association Strategies and Objectives

2021 Strategic Plan Performance Dashboard Review

- Indicates the objective was fully met in 2021.
 - Indicates the objective was partially met in 2021.
 - Indicates the objective was not met in 2021.
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STRATEGIC AREA ONE

Serve as an educational resource to member LAFCo Commissioners, LAFCo staff, Associate Members, and stakeholders.

We will do this by offering a variety of educational forums, professional development and networking opportunities.

OBJECTIVES

Annual Conference

- 1. Provide an annual conference which includes superior professional development sessions and networking opportunities for all attendees.

The October 2021 Conference was cancelled. Low enrollment caused by the ongoing pandemic and member LAFCo budget cuts would have resulted in a loss of over \$30,000. Consequently, the Board approved the cancellation of the Conference and directed staff to transition program offerings to webinars.

Staff Workshop

- 1. Provide an annual staff workshop which includes superior professional development sessions and networking opportunities for all LAFCo staff and Associate Members.

The March 2021 Workshop was cancelled due to ongoing pandemic restrictions.

CALAFCO University

- 1. Hold University courses as needed throughout the year for staff, commissioners and stakeholders, which are focused on skill and professional development, important and timely topics, and technical issues.

A combination of CALAFCO U courses and special sessions (Conference topics) were held throughout 2021. In total, there were 9 webinars conducted with a total of 497 registered attendees. All of our educational offerings in 2021 were at no cost to the membership and all offered AICP credits.

Association 2021 Dashboard Review

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*Topics included:*

- *Four-session series on Fire & EMS*
- *Fiscal health indicators for cities & districts*
- *Forming a Community Services District*
- *Cyber & infrastructure security*
- *State of the State in terms of extreme weather, fire and water issues*
- *Throw out the historic water framework - what's next for LAFCo*

Other Educational Opportunities

1. **Maintain coaching partnership with Cal-ICMA and offer no cost training and development resources to all member LAFCos through this program.**

There were several webinars presented during the year, all of which were provided to the membership at no cost. The coaching program remains a no-cost resource to all LAFCo staff and commissioners.

2. **Develop other educational opportunities as needed and resources allow.**

As noted above, several sessions planned in the 2021 Conference program were transitioned to a virtual format and offered October through December. (Two additional sessions are scheduled for the first quarter of 2022.) Additionally, CALAFCO hosted regional roundtables for all four regions in December 2021, and several virtual meetings for Executive Officers throughout the year.

STRATEGIC AREA TWO

Focus efforts on Association member relations, development, recognition and communication. Continue development of a strong and sustainable Association.

We will do this by implementing strategies that build stronger member LAFCos and a resilient and sustainable Association. CALAFCO will provide support, resources and timely, value-added communication tools for our LAFCo members and Associate Members.

OBJECTIVES**Member Development and Recognition**

1. **Assist and support all member LAFCos in fulfilling their statutory mission by identifying information, tools and resources they need. Create and distribute tools that do not exist. Update and re-publish or re-distribute those that currently exist.**

CALAFCO continues to host virtual meetings for Executive Officers, offering five (5) this year. Our toll-free conference bridge and Zoom accounts remain available for and are used by our member LAFCos. We continued to provide information about webinars, papers and other resources of interest to members.

Association 2021 Dashboard Review

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This year we partnered with one of our Associate Members (RSG) on the project to update the DUC map on the website as well as add a statewide map linking all 58 LAFCo websites to the map. The project is near completion and the maps should be updated on the website in the first quarter of 2022.

- **2. Conduct study on shared services opportunities among member LAFCos.**
This study was to be rolled into the biennial member LAFCo survey which was not conducted.
- **3. Conduct member LAFCo survey in 2021 and distribute results to all member LAFCos.**
Survey not conducted.
- **4. Keep retired LAFCo personnel and commissioners connected and engaged as valuable resources through the exploration of an Emeritus program.**
CALAFCO staff and regional officers discussed the best way to do this, but other priorities prevented action. However, the ED interviewed several retirees who will be featured in the Special 50th Anniversary Edition of The Sphere.
- **5. Focus efforts to strengthen relations with existing Associate Members by continuing to highlight these efforts in Quarterly Reports, through personal outreach and inclusion in the planning and execution of CALAFCO events.**
CALAFCO continues to have the Associate Members' (AM) Corner in the Quarterly Reports and features several AMs in each edition. AMs were represented on four (4) webinar panels this year, two (2) are scheduled to participate on webinar panels in the first quarter of 2022. Several are participating on the program planning committee for the 2022 staff workshop.
- **6. Survey Associate Members to better understand how CALAFCO can create greater value for them.**
Survey completed and report provided to the Board on July 30. A low number of Associate Members participated (only 30% participation) and staff suggests follow-up is necessary to obtain more valuable information. Given other priorities during the second half of the year, this was not completed and should be considered for action in 2022.
- **7. Revise the Association's Achievement Awards Program and implement in 2021.**
Completed and implemented in 2021.

Association Communication

- **1. Provide a quarterly update to the members in the form of the Quarterly Report.**
Quarterly reports were distributed in February, May, August, and December 2021.
- **2. Provide written annual report to the membership.**
2020 Annual Report published in a new format in February 2021.

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● **3. Maintain Association's list-serves.**

All 8 list serves continue to be updated. In February 2021, staff sent an email to each list serve reminding users the purpose and terms of use for each list serve.

● **4. Provide value-added and timely resources for members through the organization's website, maintaining the site's integrity and increasing its value.**

The website is updated regularly with new and updated information and resources. Several projects were completed or are in progress as noted in strategic area three below.

● **5. CALAFCO Executive Director to meet with LAFCoS as requested/needed.**

ED attended 10 LAFCo meetings during the year.

Association Administration

● **1. Update the Association's Policies and Procedures Manual.**

Project to be completed January 21, 2022. Four of the five Policy Manual sections updated in 2021 with the final section being presented to the Board in January 2022.

● **2. Develop Procedures Manuals for administrative processes, procedures and tasks performed.**

Most of the ED procedures have been documented with the remaining to be done before February 28, 2022. Administrator procedures to be completed in first quarter of 2022.

● **3. Work towards a balanced two-year budget to close the structural deficit without reliance on event net profits.**

Accomplished. On April 30, 2021 the Board adopted the Association's first two-year rolling budget. No event net profits were used to balance the budget, however a portion of the net balance carry-over was used to balance the budget.

STRATEGIC AREA THREE

Serve as an information resource to all Association members, work as a legislative and policy advocate for LAFCo issues and provide information to the Legislature and other stakeholders.

We will do this by supporting and sponsoring research which collaboratively shares the work and data from member LAFCos and serves as a resource to all Association members. The Association will also advocate for legislative needs and positions on behalf of our members, by serving as an objective resource to the Legislature, organizations seeking to improve local government and to state agencies on local government services.



OBJECTIVES

Information Resource

- 1. **Enhance the CALAFCO Library resources for member LAFCos. Develop a more robust database of documents, forms, videos, webinars, training resources and other resources of value on the Association's website for member access.**
This year nine (9) new webinars were added for on-demand viewing. The AG Opinions section was updated. The LAFCo Litigation and Forms Library sections are still a work in progress and should be a priority to complete in 2022.
- 2. **Complete White Papers and Briefs on topics of importance and value to member LAFCos.**
An updated version of The Metamorphosis of Special Districts was published July 2021.
- 3. **Inform and educate external stakeholders by sharing and presenting on the role of LAFCo.**
A LAFCo 101 was presented to Capitol staff through the Assembly Local Government Committee in February, and another LAFCo 101 was presented to the City Clerks Association of California in July. CALAFCO was not invited nor did we submit proposals to participate in any virtual or in-person conference this year. Instead, our educational resources were internally focused to meet the needs of our membership.

Legislative Advocate and Resource

- 1. **Sponsor legislation that helps LAFCos achieve their legislative goals pursuant to the Association's adopted Legislative Priorities and Policies and within resource capabilities.**
Omnibus bill (AB 1581) with 13 items signed into law on June 28, 2021.
- 2. **Facilitate the ongoing work of the Protest Provisions Rewrite Working Group throughout the 2021 - 2022 legislative years.**
Some work was done early in the year with the group giving consensus on the removal of seven (7) obsolete provisions (and placed in the Omnibus bill). Later in the year conversations resumed resulting in CALAFCO's Legislative Committee unanimously supporting moving forward with consolidating and reorganizing existing protest provision language (consensus on the draft given by the full working group) and the proposed process for LAFCo-initiated dissolutions at 25% protest threshold. Work to be completed through legislative action in 2022.
- 3. **Take positions and advocate for those positions on legislation pursuant to the Association's adopted Legislative Priorities and Policies. Encourage member LAFCos to do the same when appropriate.**
In 2021 CALAFCO tracked, engaged in and/or took positions on 33 bills. There were two calls for member legislative action. Our efforts resulted in amendments being taken on several bills that had statewide LAFCo implications.

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As adopted by the CALAFCO Board of Directors on April 30, 2021



- **4. Participate in statewide, regional, and local meetings, symposiums, and other events as appropriate.**

CALAFCO remained a member of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) County Drought Advisory Group (CDAG). The Group's Final Report was issued in March 2021 and is titled: Small Water Systems and Rural Communities Drought and Water Shortage Contingency Planning and Risk Assessment.

- **5. Work with peer Associations as appropriate on legislative matters.**

Done. Where appropriate, CALAFCO took positions on legislation that had broad implications. We worked with other stakeholders on legislation such as the CA Assn. of Sanitation Agencies (CASA), CA Special Districts Assn. (CSDA), CA State Assn. of Counties (CSAC) and Rural Counties Representatives of CA (RCRC). Additionally, CSDA, CSAC and the League are represented on the protest provision rewrite working group.

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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The 2021 legislative year was not as dramatically different from pre-pandemic life as the year prior. However, the California Legislature and the Assembly Local Government Committee were not quite able to “return to normal” as we might have hoped. Committees continued many of the hearing practices that were instituted in 2020, and again saw a reduction in the number of bills we were able to hear compared to pre-COVID years.

A total of 131 bills were referred to the Local Government Committee in 2021, including 90 Assembly Bills and 41 Senate bills. The Committee heard 91 bills over the course of seven hearings. This was a healthy increase over 2020, when the Committee heard only 29 measures in only four hearings. However, it was still down from the 108 measures heard over the course of 10 hearings in 2019.

This summary includes a brief description of all bills the Committee heard, divided into the following categories: Contracting and Procurement; Elections; Energy and Telecommunications; Finance; Governance; Housing and Land Use; Local Agency Formation Commissions; Powers and Duties; Transparency and Accountability; Transportation; Water; and, Wildfires. For quick and easy reference, please see the table of contents in the beginning of this document or the index located at the end.

While the pandemic continued to restrict our opportunities to work on as much legislation as was typical before 2020, the Committee was able to move forward in 2021 to what will hopefully be a return to pre-pandemic levels in the coming year. If you need additional information regarding this summary, please contact the Assembly Local Government Committee at (916) 319-3958.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cecilia M. Aguiar-Curry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping final flourish.

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Assembly Local Government Committee

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Allows the use of design-build for a water conveyance pipeline from the Town of Paradise to the City of Chico, and for the provision of sewer treatment to the Town of Paradise.

Status: Chapter 689, Statutes of 2021

AB-271 (Robert Rivas) - Santa Clara Valley Water District: contracts: best value procurement.

Allows the Santa Clara Valley Water District to award contracts on a best value basis for any construction work to improve the safety of the Leroy Anderson Dam and Reservoir.

Status: Chapter 48, Statutes of 2021

AB-394 (Arambula) - Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District: contracts.

Would have increased the bid threshold from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for contracts entered into by the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District for materials or supplies.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

AB-577 (Gallagher) - County drainage districts: levee districts: reclamation districts.

Would have established or increased bid thresholds for construction contracts for county drainage districts, levee districts, and reclamation districts.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

AB-712 (Calderon) - Local Agency Public Construction Act: change orders: County of Los Angeles.

Temporarily increases the limits that apply to change orders that can be approved pursuant to a delegated authority for specified contracts entered into by Los Angeles County.

Status: Chapter 95, Statutes of 2021

AB-811 (Luz Rivas) - Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: contracting.

Eliminates a required finding and two-thirds vote that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority must make before entering into specified contracts.

Status: Chapter 414, Statutes of 2021

[AB-1592 \(Committee on Local Government\) - Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District: contracts.](#)

Increases Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District's contract bid threshold for the purchase of materials or supplies.

Status: Chapter 32, Statutes of 2021

[SB-333 \(Eggman\) - San Joaquin Regional Transit District: procurement.](#)

Increases the bid threshold for the San Joaquin Regional Transit District's (RTD) purchase of supplies, equipment, and materials, and allows RTD to use best value procurement for these contracts.

Status: Chapter 217, Statutes of 2021

ELECTIONS

[AB-428 \(Mayes\) - Local government: board of supervisors.](#)

Establishes a minimum of two terms for the term limits allowed for a member of a county board of supervisors, and specifies that a county board of supervisors is included in the definition of county officers for whom the board prescribes compensation.

Status: Chapter 462, Statutes of 2021

[AB-1307 \(Cervantes\) - County of Riverside Citizens Redistricting Commission.](#)

Would have created a Citizens Redistricting Commission for the County of Riverside.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Elections

[AB-1546 \(Chau\) - City of Alhambra: charter amendment: Alhambra Unified School District: California Voting Rights Act.](#)

Allows the City of Alhambra to submit a proposal at a special election to remove from the City's charter all references to the Alhambra Unified School District.

Status: Chapter 145, Statutes of 2021

ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

[AB-14 \(Aguiar-Curry\) - Communications: broadband services: California Advanced Services Fund.](#)

Extends the sunset for the California Advanced Services Fund surcharge, allows the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to limit cost-shifts for the surcharge, and authorizes the CPUC to collect specified information about affordable internet plans from internet service providers.

Status: Chapter 658, Statutes of 2021

[AB-537 \(Quirk\) - Communications: wireless telecommunications and broadband facilities.](#)

Makes several changes to existing law that requires an application for a wireless telecommunications facility to be deemed approved.

Status: Chapter 467, Statutes of 2021

[AB-1124 \(Friedman\) - Solar energy systems.](#)

Revises the definition of "solar energy system" as that term is used for the purpose of local permitting of such systems, including the allowable fees a local agency may charge, and clarifies the permit fees local agencies may charge for commercial and residential solar energy systems.

Status: Chapter 235, Statutes of 2021

[AB-1166 \(Grayson\) - Communications: wireless telecommunications facilities.](#)

Would have made several changes to existing law that requires an application for a wireless telecommunications facility to be deemed approved.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

[SB-378 \(Gonzalez\) - Local government: broadband infrastructure development project permit processing: microtrenching permit processing ordinance.](#)

Enacts the Broadband Deployment Acceleration Best Practices Act of 2021 and requires local governments to allow microtrenching for the installation of underground fiber optic equipment.

Status: Chapter 677, Statutes of 2021

[SB-556 \(Dodd\) - Street light poles, traffic signal poles: small wireless facilities attachments.](#)

Would have required street light poles and traffic signal poles owned by a local government or local publicly owned electric utility to be made available for the placement of small wireless facilities, outlined the rates and fees that may be imposed for such use of these poles, and established the processes for reviewing and responding to requests for placing these facilities on these poles.

Status: Vetoed

FINANCE

AB-119 (Salas) - County auditor: direct levies.

Would have required county auditors, or another county officer designated by the county, to make publicly available on their internet websites information about direct levies, as defined, including the range of combined direct levies assessed on real property, as specified.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

AB-336 (Villapudua) - Enhanced infrastructure financing districts: public financing authority: members: joint powers authorities.

Specifies who may serve as a member of the governing body of an enhanced infrastructure financing district's public financing authority.

Status: Chapter 22, Statutes of 2021

AB-460 (Mayes) - Fire protection: residential fire sprinklers: fees.

Would have, among other things, prohibited water-related fees imposed on the owner of residential property from being affected by the installation of a residential fire sprinkler system on that residential property, including those residential fire sprinkler systems mandated by a local jurisdiction or a fire protection district, and would have provided that homes with residential fire sprinklers installed before January 1, 2022, may have their water meter rates reassessed to comply with this prohibition.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

AB-464 (Mullin) - Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts: allowable facilities and projects.

Expands the types of facilities and projects Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts may fund.

Status: Chapter 25, Statutes of 2021

AB-687 (Seyarto) - Joint powers authorities: Riverside County Housing Finance Trust.

Allows Riverside County and specified cities within western Riverside County to create the Western Riverside County Housing Finance Trust.

Status: Chapter 120, Statutes of 2021

AB-726 (Eduardo Garcia) - Capital investment incentive program: qualified manufacturing facility.

Specifies that a business engaged in the manufacturing of fuels, electrical parts, or components used in the field of clean transportation or the production of alternative fuel vehicles or electric vehicles is a qualified manufacturing facility for the purposes of the Capital Investment Incentive program.

Status: Chapter 121, Statutes of 2021

[AB-747 \(Mathis\) - Water treatment facility: State Water Resources Control Board: grant.](#)

Would have appropriated \$20,000,000 from the General Fund to the State Water Resources Control Board for the purpose of improving water treatment, and would have required the Board to grant \$20,000,000 to a specified joint powers authority for a water treatment facility to be operated by the joint powers authority.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials

[AB-758 \(Nazarian\) - Marks-Roos Local Bond Pooling Act of 1985: electric utilities: rate reduction bonds.](#)

Expands the authorization for specified joint powers authorities to issue rate reduction bonds for local publicly owned water utilities to also include publicly-owned electric utilities, and makes other changes to that authorization.

Status: Chapter 233, Statutes of 2021

[AB-922 \(Eduardo Garcia\) - Redevelopment: housing successor: Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund.](#)

Would have expanded the definition of “excess surplus” to also include, for an entity operating as a housing successor agency that owns and operates affordable housing that was transferred to the housing successor agency as a housing asset of the former redevelopment agency, an unencumbered amount in the housing successor’s Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund that exceeds the greater of \$1,000,000 or the aggregate amount deposited into the account during the housing successor’s preceding 8 fiscal years, whichever is greater.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Housing and Community Development

[AB-1013 \(Lackey\) - State mandates: claims.](#)

Would have changed the minimum claim amount for state mandate reimbursement to \$900.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

[AB-1085 \(Bigelow\) - Property tax: revenue allocations: County of Madera.](#)

Would have required the Auditor of the County of Madera to reallocate \$4,627,723 from the County’s Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

[AB-1324 \(Robert Rivas\) - Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Funding Program Act.](#)

Would have established the Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Funding Program, to be administered by the Treasurer’s office.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Housing and Community Development

[AB-1543 \(Bloom\) - Affordable Housing and Community Development Funding Act.](#)

Would have modified the requirement to distribute remaining moneys in the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund by requiring, for the period commencing on January 2, 2025, until the successor is dissolved, that 20% of the amount that would otherwise be allocated to local agencies and school entities that exceeds the amount transferred between January 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025, inclusive, be deposited in the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund if specified conditions are met.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Housing and Community Development

[ACA-1 \(Aguir-Curry\) - Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.](#)

Would have proposed amendments to the California Constitution to allow a city, county, or special district, with 55% voter approval, to incur bonded indebtedness or impose specified special taxes to fund projects for affordable housing, permanent supportive housing, or public infrastructure.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

[SB-323 \(Caballero\) - Local government: water or sewer service: legal actions.](#)

Establishes a 120 day statute of limitations on judicial challenges to water and sewer rates.

Status: Chapter 216, Statutes of 2021

[SB-431 \(Rubio\) - Street lighting systems: City of West Covina.](#)

Authorizes the Landscaping and Lighting District of the City of West Covina to perform maintenance and make improvements pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972.

Status: Chapter 35, Statutes of 2021

[SB-438 \(Laird\) - Redevelopment: enforceable obligations: City of Atascadero.](#)

Would have made specified loan agreements between the City of Atascadero and its former redevelopment agency enforceable obligations.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Appropriations

[SB-476 \(Min\) - California Financing Law: program administrators.](#)

Would have prohibited a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program administrator from executing an assessment contract unless the associated property has undergone an energy audit, as specified, and prohibited a PACE program

administrator from disbursing funds to a PACE solicitor or PACE solicitor agent without specified proof of project completion.

Status: Assembly-Failed Passage in Committee - Local Government

[SB-780 \(Cortese\) - Local finance: public investment authorities.](#)

Makes numerous changes to enhanced infrastructure financing districts and community revitalization infrastructure authorities.

Status: Chapter 391, Statutes of 2021

[SB-810 \(Committee on Governance and Finance\) - Validations.](#)

Validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state government, counties, cities, special districts and school districts, among other public bodies.

Status: Chapter 36, Statutes of 2021

[SB-811 \(Committee on Governance and Finance\) - Validations.](#)

Validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state government, counties, cities, special districts and school districts, among other public bodies.

Status: Chapter 37, Statutes of 2021

[SB-812 \(Committee on Governance and Finance\) - Validations.](#)

Validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state government, counties, cities, special districts and school districts, among other public bodies.

Status: Chapter 38, Statutes of 2021

GOVERNANCE

[AB-336 \(Villapudua\) - Enhanced infrastructure financing districts: public financing authority: members: joint powers authorities.](#)

Specifies who may serve as a member of the governing body of an enhanced infrastructure financing district's public financing authority.

Status: Chapter 22, Statutes of 2021

[AB-428 \(Mayes\) - Local government: board of supervisors.](#)

Establishes a minimum of two terms for the term limits allowed for a member of a county board of supervisors, and specifies that a county board of supervisors is included in the definition of county officers for whom the board prescribes compensation.

Status: Chapter 462, Statutes of 2021

AB-903 (Frazier) - Los Medanos Community Healthcare District.

Would have dissolved the Los Medanos Community Healthcare District and designated the County of Contra Costa as the successor agency to the district.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Governance and Finance

AB-924 (Wicks) - Alameda Health System: hospital authority.

Would have prohibited the existence of up to 3 county employees who were appointed by the board of supervisors simultaneously serving on the governing board of the Alameda Health System from being a basis to determine that the System is not an independent entity or that the System has not obtained the administration, management, and control of the medical center.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

AB-1021 (Mayes) - Imperial Irrigation District.

Would have required the local agency formation commissions in Imperial and Riverside Counties to conduct a study of governance options for the Imperial Irrigation District electrical service area.

Status: Vetoed

AB-1091 (Berman) - Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority: board of directors.

Would have made changes to the Board of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

Status: Assembly - Floor - Inactive File

AB-1196 (Cooley) - Sacramento Regional Transit District: board of directors: voting procedures.

Changes the voting structure of the Sacramento Regional Transit District Board.

Status: Chapter 272, Statutes of 2021

SB-268 (Archuleta) - Parks and recreation: Lower Los Angeles River Recreation and Park District: Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Park District: establishment: board of directors.

Makes changes to the board of directors for the Lower Los Angeles River Recreation and Park District and the Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Park District, and makes additional changes to district formation.

Status: Chapter 761, Statutes of 2021

SB-458 (McGuire) - Military base reuse authority: board of directors.

Would have specified that a majority of the voting members of a Military Base Reuse Authority board constitute a quorum and may act for the authority.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Rules

SB-786 (Becker) - Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Would have made various changes to the Santa Clara Valley Water District Act.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

HOUSING AND LAND USE**AB-59 (Gabriel) - Mitigation Fee Act: fees: notice and timelines.**

Would have made several changes to the Mitigation Fee Act. Specifically, this bill would have increased the number of days local agencies must provide a notice of hearing prior to increasing specified fees from 14 days to 45 days. Additionally, this bill would have limited the evidence a local agency could use to defend a fee in a court action.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

AB-115 (Bloom) - Planning and zoning: commercial zoning: housing development.

Would have made certain affordable housing development projects an authorized use on commercially-zoned land.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

AB-215 (Chiu) - Housing element: regional housing need: relative progress determination.

Increases the enforcement authority of the state Department of Housing and Community Development in relation to violations of state housing law.

Status: Chapter 342, Statutes of 2021

AB-345 (Quirk-Silva) - Accessory dwelling units: separate conveyance.

Requires cities and counties to allow a qualified nonprofit corporation to sell an accessory dwelling unit separately from the primary dwelling unit on the property, and revises the conditions for a tenancy in common agreement entered into pursuant to such a sale.

Status: Chapter 343, Statutes of 2021

AB-571 (Mayes) - Planning and zoning: density bonuses: affordable housing.

Prohibits a local government from charging affordable housing impact fees on certain types of affordable units.

Status: Chapter 346, Statutes of 2021

AB-602 (Grayson) - Development fees: impact fee nexus study.

Adds new requirements to impact fee nexus studies. Requires cities and counties to request certain information from development proponents and requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop a nexus study template.

Status: Chapter 347, Statutes of 2021

AB-605 (Villapudua) - Department of Housing and Community Development: program administration: bonus points: housing element.

Would have created a bonus point system for competitive grants and loans administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development for applicants that meet specified criteria.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Housing and Community Development

AB-617 (Davies) - Planning and zoning: regional housing needs: exchange of allocation.

Would have allowed a city or county to transfer all or a portion of its regional housing need allocation to another city or county.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Housing and Community Development

AB-634 (Carrillo) - Density Bonus Law.

Allows a local government to require an affordability period longer than 55 years for units that qualify a developer for a density bonus, if the local government has an inclusionary housing ordinance that requires a percentage of residential units affordable to lower income households for longer than 55 years. Excludes developments funded using Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

Status: Chapter 348, Statutes of 2021

AB-672 (Cristina Garcia) - Publicly owned golf courses: conversion: affordable housing.

Would have created a grant program administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development to award grants to cities and counties that convert public golf courses into housing.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Housing and Community Development

AB-678 (Grayson) - Housing development projects: fees and exactions cap.

Would have capped fees and exactions a city or county can impose on new housing developments as specified.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

AB-682 (Bloom) - Planning and zoning: cohousing buildings.

Would have required local agencies with a population of more than 400,000 to approve cohousing buildings in areas zoned for multifamily development.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Housing and Community Development

[AB-687 \(Seyarto\) - Joint powers authorities: Riverside County Housing Finance Trust.](#)

Allows Riverside County and specified cities within western Riverside County to create the Western Riverside County Housing Finance Trust.

Status: Chapter 120, Statutes of 2021

[AB-780 \(Ting\) - Local zoning ordinances: school district employee housing.](#)

Would have authorized the governing board of a school district to render a city or county zoning ordinance inapplicable if the school district proposed to use the property to offer school district employee housing.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

[AB-787 \(Gabriel\) - Planning and zoning: housing element: converted affordable housing units.](#)

Authorizes cities and counties to receive credit towards their regional housing need for the conversion of above moderate-income units to moderate-income units.

Status: Chapter 350, Statutes of 2021

[AB-800 \(Gabriel\) - Wildfires: local general plans: safety elements: fire hazard severity zones.](#)

Would have required the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to identify areas of the state as moderate and high fire hazard severity zones and made conforming changes to law governing the review of general plan safety elements and the adoption of tentative or parcel maps in fire hazard zones.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Natural Resources

[AB-803 \(Boerner Horvath\) - Starter Home Revitalization Act of 2021.](#)

Requires cities and counties to allow denser single-family housing development on certain parcels zoned for multifamily housing, as specified.

Status: Chapter 154, Statutes of 2021

[AB-832 \(Bloom\) - City of Los Angeles: transfer of former redevelopment agency land use plans and functions.](#)

Would have made zoning and land use designations adopted in various underlying governing documents by the City of Los Angeles apply when in conflict with any provision of a redevelopment plan. (Subsequently amended to address a subject matter outside of Local Government Committee jurisdiction.)

Status: Chapter 27, Statutes of 2021

AB-916 (Salas) - Zoning: accessory dwelling units: bedroom addition.

Would have increased the maximum height allowed for accessory dwelling units from 16 feet to 18 feet, and prohibited local agencies from holding public hearings as a condition of adding space for additional bedrooms in an existing dwelling.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Housing and Community Development

AB-922 (Eduardo Garcia) - Redevelopment: housing successor: Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund.

Would have expanded the definition of “excess surplus” to also include, for an entity operating as a housing successor agency that owns and operates affordable housing that was transferred to the housing successor agency as a housing asset of the former redevelopment agency, an unencumbered amount in the housing successor’s Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund that exceeds the greater of \$1,000,000 or the aggregate amount deposited into the account during the housing successor’s preceding 8 fiscal years, whichever is greater.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Housing and Community Development

AB-964 (Boerner Horvath) - Rental units: hosting platforms: coastal resources.

Would have prohibited a city or county ordinance, policy, or program that regulates or licenses the rental of residential units for tourist or transient-use occupancy within the coastal zone through a hosting platform from being considered "development" as defined in the California Coastal Act (Coastal Act); would have exempted a city or county from complying with the Coastal Act when enacting or enforcing such an ordinance, policy, or program; and, would have provided that a local coastal program is not required to include such an ordinance, policy, or program.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Natural Resources

AB-970 (McCarty) - Planning and zoning: electric vehicle charging stations: permit application: approval.

Establishes specific time frames in which local agencies must approve permits for electric vehicle charging stations.

Status: Chapter 710, Statutes of 2021

AB-989 (Gabriel) - Housing: local development decisions: appeals.

Would have established an Office of Housing Appeals within the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Status: Senate Floor

AB-1016 (Robert Rivas) - Local planning: streamlined housing development: nonprofit corporations.

Would have created a streamlined development approval process for non-profit housing developments involving less than 25 units.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Housing and Community Development

AB-1029 (Mullin) - Housing elements: prohousing local policies.

Adds preservation of affordable housing units as a pro-housing local policy that the Department of Housing and Community Development may consider in developing a pro-housing designation.

Status: Chapter 353, Statutes of 2021

AB-1075 (Wicks) - Planning and zoning: residential developments.

Would have required local agencies to deem residential developments that meet specified criteria compliant with local zoning.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Housing and Community Development

AB-1124 (Friedman) - Solar energy systems.

Revises the definition of "solar energy system" as that term is used for the purpose of local permitting of such systems, including the allowable fees a local agency may charge, and clarifies the permit fees local agencies may charge for commercial and residential solar energy systems.

Status: Chapter 235, Statutes of 2021

AB-1174 (Grayson) - Planning and zoning: housing: development application modifications, approvals, and subsequent permits.

Makes changes to the streamlined, ministerial housing development approval process created by SB 35 (Wiener, Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017).

Status: Chapter 160, Statutes of 2021

AB-1180 (Mathis) - Local governments: surplus land: tribes.

Expands the definition of "exempt surplus land" to include surplus land that a local agency transfers to a federally recognized California Indian Tribe.

Status: Chapter 62, Statutes of 2021

AB-1271 (Ting) - Surplus land.

Would have expanded the types of land exempt from the Surplus Lands Act (SLA), imposed new procedural requirements on local agencies disposing of surplus land, and made various technical changes to the SLA.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Housing and Community Development

[AB-1295 \(Muratsuchi\) - Residential development agreements: very high fire risk areas.](#)

Would have prohibited the legislative body of a city or county from entering into a residential development agreement for property located within a very high fire risk area.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

[AB-1304 \(Santiago\) - Affirmatively further fair housing: housing element: inventory of land.](#)

Expands the ways in which local agencies must affirmatively further fair housing in their housing elements.

Status: Chapter 357, Statutes of 2021

[AB-1322 \(Bonta\) - Land use: local measures: conflicts.](#)

Would create a process for the governing body of a city or county to seek judicial validation that a local measure approved by the voters is in conflict with state housing law

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

[AB-1324 \(Robert Rivas\) - Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Funding Program Act.](#)

Would have established the Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Funding Program, to be administered by the Treasurer's office.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Housing and Community Development

[AB-1370 \(Quirk-Silva\) - Housing element: annual report: housing units.](#)

Would have required local agencies to report the number of housing units and the number of accessory dwelling units that were approved pursuant to a streamlined development process to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Housing and Community Development

[AB-1398 \(Bloom\) - Planning and zoning: housing element: rezoning of sites: prohousing local policies.](#)

Requires expedited rezoning for local jurisdictions that fail to adopt a legally compliant housing element within 120 days of the statutory deadline.

Status: Chapter 358, Statutes of 2021

[AB-1401 \(Friedman\) - Residential and commercial development: parking requirements.](#)

Would have prohibited local governments from enforcing minimum automobile parking requirements for developments located close to public transit.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

AB-1409 (Levine) - Planning and zoning: general plan: safety element.

Requires the safety element to be reviewed and updated as necessary to identify evacuation locations.

Status: Chapter 481, Statutes of 2021

AB-1445 (Levine) - Planning and zoning: regional housing need allocation: climate change impacts.

Would have required local agencies to consider emergency evacuation route capacity, wildfire risk, sea level rise, and other impacts caused by climate change in the development of their housing element.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Housing and Community Development

AB-1476 (Gray) - Park property: City of Modesto: Beard Brook Park.

Allows the City of Modesto to dispose of specified park property, subject to certain conditions.

Status: Chapter 718, Statutes of 2021

AB-1501 (Santiago) - Planning and zoning: housing development: very low and lower income households.

Would have required the Department of Housing and Community Development to rezone land in specified jurisdictions that fail to rezone their land after adopting their housing element.

Status: Assembly – In Committee Process – Housing and Community Development

AB-1543 (Bloom) - Affordable Housing and Community Development Funding Act.

Would have modified the requirement to distribute remaining moneys in the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund by requiring, for the period commencing on January 2, 2025, until the successor is dissolved, that 20% of the amount that would otherwise be allocated to local agencies and school entities that exceeds the amount transferred between January 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025, inclusive, be deposited in the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund if specified conditions are met.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Housing and Community Development

AB-1547 (Reyes) - Air pollution: warehouse facilities.

Would have required local agencies to impose specified environmental conditions on any warehouse development prior to approving the project.

Status: Assembly – In Committee Process – Natural Resources

AB-1551 (Santiago) - Planning and zoning: housing: adaptive reuse of commercial space.

Would have prohibited a city that has not met its share of the regional housing need from restricting the adaptive reuse of commercial space for residential use, as specified.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Housing and Community Development

SB-8 (Skinner) - Housing Crisis Act of 2019.

Extends the sunset on the Housing Crisis Act of 2019 by five years, clarifies demolition and replacement provisions, and makes other changes.

Status: Chapter 161, Statutes of 2021

SB-9 (Atkins) - Housing development: approvals.

Requires ministerial approval of housing developments with two units (duplexes) and subdivision maps that meet certain conditions, and increases the length of time that local agencies can extend the validity of existing subdivision maps.

Status: Chapter 162, Statutes of 2021

SB-10 (Wiener) - Planning and zoning: housing development: density.

Authorizes a city or county to pass an ordinance that is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act to zone any parcel for up to ten units of residential density if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area or an urban infill site.

Status: Chapter 163, Statutes of 2021

SB-12 (McGuire) - Local government: planning and zoning: wildfires.

Would have imposed additional fire hazard planning responsibilities on local governments, required counties and cities to make specified findings before taking certain development actions in very high fire risk areas, required related fire planning and review by multiple state agencies, and created a grant program for smaller counties and cities to implement the bill's requirements.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Housing and Community Development

SB-60 (Glazer) - Residential short-term rental ordinances: health or safety infractions: maximum fines.

Establishes enhanced fines for violations of short-term rental ordinances.

Status: Chapter 307, Statutes of 2021

SB-290 (Skinner) - Density Bonus Law: qualifications for incentives or concessions: student housing for lower income students: moderate-income persons and families: local government constraints.

Makes various changes to Density Bonus Law including providing additional benefits to housing developments that include low-income rental and for-sale housing units, and moderate-income for-sale housing units.

Status: Chapter 340, Statutes of 2021

[SB-319 \(Melendez\) - Land use: development fees: audit.](#)

Expands the scope of audits local agencies must prepare if they fail to comply with reporting provisions of the Mitigation Fee Act.

Status: Chapter 385, Statutes of 2021

[SB-414 \(Jones\) - Land.](#)

Revises the definition of cadastral surveying; updates how data may be provided for purposes of surveys; makes technical changes to provisions of the Land Surveying Act; and, extends the amount of time allotted to set a hearing to appeal a decision made under the Subdivision Map Act, as specified.

Status: Chapter 106, Statutes of 2021

[SB-466 \(Wieckowski\) - Community development.](#)

Would have allowed the City of Santa Clara to sell or lease specified property for the purpose of economic development.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

[SB-477 \(Wiener\) - General plan: annual report.](#)

Would have added several components to the annual progress report on housing development and land use that cities and counties are required to submit to the Department of Housing and Community Development related to their general plan.

Status: Vetoed

[SB-478 \(Wiener\) - Planning and Zoning Law: housing development projects.](#)

Establishes minimum floor-to-area ratio standards on housing development projects of three to ten units.

Status: Chapter 363, Statutes of 2021

[SB-556 \(Dodd\) - Street light poles, traffic signal poles: small wireless facilities attachments.](#)

Would have required street light poles and traffic signal poles owned by a local government or local publicly owned electric utility to be made available for the placement of small wireless facilities, outlined the rates and fees that may be imposed for such use of these poles, and established the processes for reviewing and responding to requests for placing these facilities on these poles.

Status: Vetoed

[SB-574 \(Laird\) - Agricultural preserves: Williamson Act.](#)

Narrows the role of the Department of Conservation in administering the Williamson Act.

Status: Chapter 644, Statutes of 2021

[SB-719 \(Min\) - Surplus land: exempt surplus land: eligible military base land.](#)

Would have exempt eligible military base land, as defined, from the provisions of the Surplus Land Act.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

[SB-728 \(Hertzberg\) - Density Bonus Law: purchase of density bonus units by nonprofit housing organizations.](#)

Allows a qualified nonprofit housing organization to purchase a for-sale unit under density bonus law.

Status: Chapter 365, Statutes of 2021

[SB-734 \(Hueso\) - Redevelopment agencies: passthrough agreements: modification.](#)

Allows local agencies to modify specified redevelopment passthrough agreements.

Status: Chapter 221, Statutes of 2021

[SB-778 \(Becker\) - Buy Clean California Act: Environmental Product Declarations: concrete.](#)

This bill would have required ministerial approval of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in vacant space of mixed-use buildings, as specified. (Subsequently amended to address a subject matter outside of Local Government Committee jurisdiction).

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Accountability and Administrative Review

[SB-791 \(Cortese\) - California Surplus Land Unit.](#)

Establishes the California Surplus Land Unit within the Department of Housing and Community Development with the primary purpose of facilitating the development and construction of residential housing on local surplus land. (Subsequently amended to address a subject matter outside of Local Government Committee jurisdiction).

Status: Chapter 366, Statutes of 2021

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSIONS

[AB-903 \(Frazier\) - Los Medanos Community Healthcare District.](#)

Would have dissolved the Los Medanos Community Healthcare District and designated the County of Contra Costa as the successor agency to the district.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Governance and Finance

AB-1021 (Mayes) - Imperial Irrigation District.

Would have required the local agency formation commissions in Imperial and Riverside Counties to conduct a study of governance options for the Imperial Irrigation District electrical service area.

Status: Vetoed

AB-1581 (Committee on Local Government) - Local government: omnibus.

Makes several technical, non-controversial changes to the local agency formation commission statutes which govern local government organization and reorganization.

Status: Chapter 31, Statutes of 2021

SB-13 (Dodd) - Local agency services: contracts: Counties of Napa and San Bernardino.

Reestablishes a pilot program for the Napa and San Bernardino Local Agency Formation Commissions, and authorizes the Napa Local Agency Formation Commission to approve specified service extensions.

Status: Chapter 482, Statutes of 2021

POWERS AND DUTIES**AB-414 (Maienschein) - Local government: county regional justice facilities.**

Repeals several obsolete statutes related to court reunification.

Status: Chapter 117, Statutes of 2021

AB-954 (Petrie-Norris) - City of Laguna Woods: leases: fire protection and public safety.

Would have authorized the City of Laguna Woods to lease specified park property to a public agency or joint powers authority for purposes related to fire protection or public safety.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

AB-959 (Mullin) - Park districts: regulations: nuisances: abatement.

Authorizes specified regional park and open-space districts to adopt regulations relating to nuisances and establishes a procedure for the abatement of the nuisance.

Status: Chapter 268, Statutes of 2021

AB-1017 (Quirk-Silva) - Public restrooms: Right to Restrooms Act of 2021.

Would have required each city, county and special district to inventory all public restrooms it owns and maintains, make the inventory available on its website and to agencies and service providers that work directly with homeless populations within the

local government's jurisdiction, and report the information to the Department of Public Health.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

[SB-79 \(Nielsen\) - County road commissioner: Counties of Colusa and Glenn.](#)

Authorizes the Board of Supervisors of the County of Colusa and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Glenn to transfer the duties of the County Road Commissioner to the County Director of the Department of Public Works.

Status: Chapter 33, Statutes of 2021

[SB-427 \(Eggman\) - Water theft: enhanced penalties.](#)

Allows water agencies and districts to adopt an ordinance with enhanced penalties for water theft.

Status: Chapter 137, Statutes of 2021

[SB-712 \(Hueso\) - Local government: California tribes: federal fee-to-trust applications to regain ancestral lands.](#)

Prohibits a local government from adopting or enforcing a resolution or ordinance that would prevent the local government from conducting a fair evaluation of a fee-to-trust application, and requires a local government to take specified actions when it opposes a fee-to-trust application.

Status: Chapter 291, Statutes of 2021

[SB-813 \(Committee on Governance and Finance\) - Local Government Omnibus Act of 2021.](#)

Enacts the Local Government Omnibus Act of 2021, which proposes a number of non-controversial changes to existing laws governing the powers and duties of local agencies.

Status: Chapter 224, Statutes of 2021

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

[AB-119 \(Salas\) - County auditor: direct levies.](#)

Would have required county auditors, or another county officer designated by the county, to make publicly available on their internet websites information about direct levies, as defined, including the range of combined direct levies assessed on real property, as specified.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

AB-339 (Lee) - Local government: open and public meetings.

Would have required, until December 31, 2023, certain city council or county board of supervisors meetings to allow the public to attend and comment via telephone or internet.

Status: Vetoed

AB-361 (Robert Rivas) - Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

Allows, until January 1, 2024, local agencies to use teleconferencing without complying with specified Ralph. M Brown Act restrictions in certain state emergencies, and provides similar authorizations, until January 31, 2022, for state agencies subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act and legislative bodies subject to the Gloria Romero Open Meetings Act of 2000.

Status: Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021

AB-481 (Chiu) - Law enforcement agencies: military equipment: funding, acquisition, and use.

Establishes requirements that must be met before a law enforcement agency may take a number of specified actions related to the acquisition and use of military equipment.

Status: Chapter 406, Statutes of 2021

AB-703 (Blanca Rubio) - Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

Would have eliminated provisions in the Ralph M. Brown Act for teleconferenced meetings that require each teleconference location to be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference location to be accessible to the public.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

AB-799 (Mathis) - Counties: board of supervisors.

Would have required a board of supervisors to publish a fair statement of all its proceedings within 7 days after each session, instead of 10 days pursuant to existing law.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

AB-1053 (Gabriel) - City selection committees: County of Los Angeles: quorum: teleconferencing.

Would have reduced the quorum requirement for specified meetings of the Los Angeles County city selection committee, and would have allowed the committee to conduct any meeting using teleconferencing and electronic means.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

[SB-274 \(Wieckowski\) - Local government meetings: agenda and documents.](#)

Requires local agencies to provide local agency meeting materials by email to persons who request it, if technologically feasible.

Status: Chapter 763, Statutes of 2021

[SB-480 \(Stern\) - Metropolitan Water District of Southern California: rules: inappropriate conduct.](#)

Would have required the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to adopt rules relating to inappropriate conduct by board members, officers, and employees.

Status: Assembly-In Floor Process

TRANSPORTATION

[AB-302 \(Ward\) - San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board: regulation of for-hire vehicle and passenger jitney services.](#)

Expands the ability of the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System to enter into contracts to license or regulate certain services.

Status: Chapter 89, Statutes of 2021

[AB-476 \(Mullin\) - Department of Transportation: state highways: part-time transit lane pilot program.](#)

Would have authorized the Department of Transportation to establish a pilot program to authorize a transit operator or operators to operate transit buses on shoulders of state highways.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Transportation

[AB-773 \(Nazarian\) - Street closures and designations.](#)

Authorizes local authorities to implement a slow streets program to close or limit access to vehicular traffic on certain neighborhood local streets.

Status: Chapter 587, Statutes of 2021

[AB-784 \(Quirk\) - Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District.](#)

Makes numerous changes to the provisions governing the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District.

Status: Chapter 200, Statutes of 2021

[AB-970 \(McCarty\) - Planning and zoning: electric vehicle charging stations: permit application: approval.](#)

Establishes specific time frames in which local agencies must approve permits for electric vehicle charging stations.

Status: Chapter 710, Statutes of 2021

[AB-1091 \(Berman\) - Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority: board of directors.](#)

Would have made changes to the Board of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

Status: Assembly - Floor - Inactive File

[AB-1196 \(Cooley\) - Sacramento Regional Transit District: board of directors: voting procedures.](#)

Changes the voting structure of the Sacramento Regional Transit District Board.

Status: Chapter 272, Statutes of 2021

WATER

[AB-747 \(Mathis\) - Water treatment facility: State Water Resources Control Board: grant.](#)

Would have appropriated \$20,000,000 from the General Fund to the State Water Resources Control Board for the purpose of improving water treatment, and would have required the Board to grant \$20,000,000 to a specified joint powers authority for a water treatment facility to be operated by the joint powers authority.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials

[AB-850 \(Gallagher\) - City property: sale of water utility property.](#)

Extends the deadline for the cities of El Monte, Montebello, and Willows to utilize alternative procedures to sell their public water utilities for consolidation by two years, from 2022 to 2024.

Status: Chapter 705, Statutes of 2021

[AB-1195 \(Cristina Garcia\) - Drinking water.](#)

Would have created the Southern Los Angeles County Human Right to Water Collaboration Act, and required the State Water Resources Control Board to appoint a Commissioner to implement specified programs in southern Los Angeles County.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Environmental Quality

[SB-273 \(Hertzberg\) - Water quality: municipal wastewater agencies.](#)

Authorizes a municipal wastewater agency to enter into agreements with entities responsible for stormwater management for the purpose of managing stormwater and dry weather runoff.

Status: Chapter 241, Statutes of 2021

SB-323 (Caballero) - Local government: water or sewer service: legal actions.

Establishes a 120 day statute of limitations on judicial challenges to water and sewer rates.

Status: Chapter 216, Statutes of 2021

SB-403 (Gonzalez) - Drinking water: consolidation.

Allows the State Water Resources Control Board to order consolidations of at-risk systems and at-risk domestic wells.

Status: Chapter 242, Statutes of 2021

SB-552 (Hertzberg) - Drought planning: small water suppliers: nontransient noncommunity water systems.

Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Water Resources, counties, and small water suppliers to implement various recommendations from the County Drought Advisory Group to increase the drought resiliency of small water suppliers and rural communities.

Status: Chapter 245, Statutes of 2021

SB-786 (Becker) - Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Would have made various changes to the Santa Clara Valley Water District Act.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

WILDFIRES

AB-9 (Wood) - Fire safety: wildfires: fire adapted communities.

Establishes the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program in the Department of Conservation, creates a deputy director of Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation within the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and transfers and delegates certain duties related to fire safety and wildfire prevention from the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Director of CAL FIRE to the State Fire Marshal.

Status: Chapter 225, Statutes of 2021

AB-800 (Gabriel) - Wildfires: local general plans: safety elements: fire hazard severity zones.

Would have required the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to identify areas of the state as moderate and high fire hazard severity zones and made conforming changes to law governing the review of general plan safety elements and the adoption of tentative or parcel maps in fire hazard zones.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Natural Resources

AB-1295 (Muratsuchi) - Residential development agreements: very high fire risk areas.

Would have prohibited the legislative body of a city or county from entering into a residential development agreement for property located within a very high fire risk area.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Local Government

SB-12 (McGuire) - Local government: planning and zoning: wildfires.

Would have imposed additional fire hazard planning responsibilities on local governments, required counties and cities to make specified findings before taking certain development actions in very high fire risk areas, required related fire planning and review by multiple state agencies, and created a grant program for smaller counties and cities to implement the bill's requirements.

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