

4 Legislative Report (Positions) as of 5/7/24

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AB 2902	Wood D	Organic waste: reduction regulations: exemptions.	5/1/2024-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE		Current law requires the State Air Resources Board to complete, approve, and implement a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in the state to reduce statewide methane emissions by 40% below 2013 levels by 2030. Current law requires methane emissions reduction goals to include specified targets to reduce the landfill disposal of organics. Current law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in consultation with the state board, to adopt regulations that achieve those targets for reducing organic waste in landfills, as provided. The department's organic waste regulations provide different organic waste procurement targets for local jurisdictions based on population and provide waivers and exemptions from collection and procurement requirements for rural, low-population, and high-elevation jurisdictions. Current law provides that the exemption for rural jurisdictions is valid until December 31, 2026, as specified. This bill would extend the rural jurisdiction exemption until January 1, 2037, except as provided, and would require the department to adopt regulations to establish a process to renew the exemption after that date for periods of up to 10 years. The bill would require, commencing January 1, 2027, those jurisdictions to take specific actions	Support	Letter sent 3/12/24.

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SB 1390	Caballero D	Groundwater recharge: floodflows: diversion.	4/23/2024-S. APPR.	5/13/2024 10 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, CA BALLERO, ANNA, Chair	<p>Current law declares that all water within the state is the property of the people of the state, but the right to the use of the water may be acquired by appropriation in the manner provided by law. Current law requires the appropriation to be for some useful or beneficial purpose. Current law provides, however, that the diversion of floodflows for groundwater recharge does not require an appropriative water right if certain conditions are met, including that a local or regional agency that has adopted a local plan of flood control or has considered flood risks as part of its most recently adopted general plan has given notice, as provided, of imminent risk of flooding and inundation of lands, roads, or structures. Current law also requires the person or entity making the diversion for groundwater recharge purposes to file with the State Water Resources Control Board a final report 15 days after the diversions cease. These requirements apply to diversions commenced before January 1, 2029. This bill would extend the operation of these requirements to diversions commenced before June 1, 2032. The bill would revise, recast, and expand the conditions that are required to be met for the diversion of floodwaters for groundwater recharge that do not require an appropriative water right. The bill would require that a local or regional agency take specified actions, including making a declaration that diversion of floodflows for groundwater recharge from a delineated stretch of waterway within its jurisdiction is in accordance with one of certain enumerated plans relating to flood control or flood risk, as specified, or a county emergency operations plan. The bill would require diversions to cease no</p>	Support	Letter sent 3/12/24.

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					later than 90 days after commencing, unless they are renewed, and would authorize a local or regional agency to renew a diversion for an additional 30 days by notifying the board of its intention to continue diverting 15 days before its expiration.		
SB 1179	Durazo D	Affordable Internet and Net Equality Act of 2024.	2/21/2024-S. G.O.	DEAD 4/25/24 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5).	The Affordable Internet and Net Equality Act of 2024, would require the Department of Technology, in coordination with the Public Utilities Commission and the Department of General Services, to develop and establish the Net Equality Program. The bill would require the state and state agencies to only enter into a procurement contract with an internet service provider offering affordable home internet service to households participating in certain public assistance programs, as specified. The bill would define affordable home internet service to mean internet service costing no more than \$30 per month and that meets specified minimum speed requirements. The bill would require these internet service providers to establish a telephone number to sign up eligible households and would require these providers to advertise the availability of affordable home internet service, among other requirements placed on these providers. This bill contains other related provisions.	Support	Letter sent to author & ASM Human Services 3/12/24.
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Budget Items and Other Issues:

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
BUDGET CalWORKs Program- Oppose Governor Budget Proposed Cuts	2024-25 State Budget: Proposes to eliminate CalWORKs Family Stabilization Program and the CalWORKs Expanded Subsidized Employment Program- cuts total over \$400 million.	3/12/24 letter sent to Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Sub. No. 3 and Assembly Budget Subcommittee 2
BUDGET Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program funding	The HHAP program securing permanent housing and needed services; requesting continued funding in the 2024-25 State Budget.	3/21/24 letter sent to Assembly Budget Subcommittee 5 Chair and Members and Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee 4 Chair and Members.
Federal Funding Request Monterey County Family Justice Center – Support	Monterey County Family Justice Center multiagency center to serve victims of domestic violence, elder abuse, human trafficking, etc.	3/28/24 letter of support from Speaker Robert Rivas and Assemblymember Dawn Addis to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla
Federal Funding Request County of Monterey's Broadway Family Connection Project- Support	County of Monterey's Broadway Family Connection Project represents an important new model for integrative service delivery that will promote family stability and justice throughout the region.	3/28/24 letter of support from Speaker Robert Rivas and Assemblymember Dawn Addis to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla
Federal Funding Request Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement (CRFREE) Project - Support	CRFREE Project, a multi-benefit, green infrastructure project that will recreate hydrological connectivity, restore habitat, and reduce flood hazards in the Carmel River Watershed.	3/28/24 letters of support from Senator John Laird, Speaker Robert Rivas and Assemblymember Dawn Addis to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla
Federal Funding Request Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP)- Support	Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP); the proposed funding will be utilized to replace and rehabilitate essential meters, valves, and supplemental wells vital for supply augmentation.	3/28/24 letters of support from Senator Caballero and Assemblymember Dawn Addis to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla
Federal Funding Request Davis Road Widening and Bridge Replacement Project	Department of Transportation's Rural Surface Transportation Grant program (Rural) for the Davis Road Widening and Bridge Replacement Project improving South Davis Road from Reservation Road to Blanco Road.	4/26/24 letters of support from Senator Caballero and Speaker Robert Rivas to the Office of the Secretary of Transportation

Note: The 35 bills listed below are from 2023.

Measure	Author	Topic	Status	Position
AB 46	Ramos D	Personal income taxes: exclusion: Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act.	8/14/2023-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE	Support
AB 345	Wilson D	Habitat restoration: flood control: advance payments.	10/10/2023-A. CHAPTERED	Support
AB 400	Rubio, Blanca D	Local agency design-build projects: authorization.	9/22/2023-A. CHAPTERED	Support
AB 444	Addis D	California Defense Community Infrastructure Program.	9/1/2023-S. 2 YEAR	Support

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AB 505	Ting D	The Office of Youth and Community Restoration.	10/9/2023-A. CHAPTERED	Oppose
AB 513	Rodriguez D	California Individual Assistance Act.	8/14/2023-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE	Support
AB 557	Hart D	Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.	10/9/2023-A. CHAPTERED	Support
AB 595	Essayli R	Animal shelters: 72-hour public notice: euthanasia: study.	1/18/2024-A. DEAD	Oppose
AB 684	Ta R	County veterans service officers: additional resources.	1/18/2024-A. DEAD	Support
AB 687	Hart D	California Cannabis Authority.	9/1/2023-S. 2 YEAR	Support
AB 817	Pacheco D	Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.	1/25/2024-S. RLS.	Support
AB 876	Rivas, Robert D	Pajaro River Flood Risk Management Project: environmental laws: exemptions.	10/13/2023-A. CHAPTERED	Support
AB 906	Gipson D	Local control funding formula: county offices of education: alternative education grant.	1/12/2024-A. DEAD	Support
AB 930	Friedman D	Local government: Reinvestment in Infrastructure for a Sustainable and Equitable California (RISE) districts.	1/29/2024-S. RLS.	Support
AB 1057	Weber D	California Home Visiting Program.	10/8/2023-A. VETOED	Support
AB 1168	Bennett D	Emergency medical services (EMS): prehospital EMS.	9/14/2023-S. 2 YEAR	Oppose
AB 1217	Gabriel D	Business pandemic relief.	10/9/2023-A. CHAPTERED	Support
AB 1448	Wallis R	Cannabis: enforcement by local jurisdictions.	10/13/2023-A. CHAPTERED	Support
AB 1567	Garcia D	Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Clean Energy, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024.	6/14/2023-S. N.R. & W.	Support
SB 23	Caballero D	Water supply and flood risk reduction projects: expedited permitting.	1/18/2024-S. DEAD	Support
SB 38	Laird D	Battery energy storage facilities: emergency response and emergency action plans.	10/7/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Support
SB 43	Eggman D	Behavioral health.	10/10/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Oppose
SB 227	Durazo D	Unemployment: Excluded Workers Program.	9/1/2023-A. 2 YEAR	Support
SB 304	Laird D	Monterey-Salinas Transit District: public contracting.	7/21/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Support
SB 326	Eggman D	The Behavioral Health Services Act.	10/12/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Oppose Unless Amended
SB 508	Laird D	Cannabis: licenses: California Environmental Quality Act.	9/1/2023-A. 2 YEAR	Support
SB 511	Blakespear D	Greenhouse gas emissions inventories.	9/1/2023-A. 2 YEAR	Support
SB 548	Niello R	Public employees' retirement: joint county and trial court contracts.	10/4/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Support
SB 642	Cortese D	Hazardous materials: enforcement: county counsel.	8/22/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Support
SB 753	Caballero D	Cannabis: water resources.	10/8/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Support
SB 800	Caballero D	Advanced Air Mobility, Zero-Emission, and Electrification Aviation Advisory Panel.	10/7/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Support
SB 820	Alvarado-Gil D	Cannabis: enforcement: seizure of property.	1/29/2024-A. DESK	Support

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SB 867	Allen D	Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, Park Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy Bond Act of 2024.	6/20/2023-A. NAT. RES.	Support
SBX1 2	Skinner D	Energy: transportation fuels: supply and pricing: maximum gross gasoline refining margin.	3/27/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Support
SJR 7	Wahab D	Federal constitutional convention: firearms.	9/21/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Support

**A support position means the County has taken an official support position on the bill and Nossaman is actively advocating to advance the legislation in Committees and with the Administration. This includes meetings with the author, sponsors, and staff, meetings with members, staff and consultants of relevant committees, drafting letters of support, and drafting supportive talking points and any necessary background information, and testifying in hearings.*

**An oppose position means the County has taken an official oppose position on the bill and that Nossaman is actively advocating against the legislation moving any further in the legislative process. This includes meetings with the author, sponsors, and staff, meetings with members, staff and consultants of relevant committees, drafting letters of opposition, drafting talking points and any necessary background information, and testifying in hearings.*

**A support if amended or oppose unless amended position the County has concerns on the bill and Nossaman is actively advocating for a change to the language of a bill in order to gain the County's support, or to remove the County's opposition.*

**A watch position means that the County is not advocating in support or opposition of a bill but may be gathering more information and/or meeting with the author and relevant committees to evaluate potential impacts of the legislation.*