

# LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY REPORT



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Control

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A compilation of legislation from the second half of the 2013-2014  
Legislative Session tracked by the Department of Toxic Substances Control

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# Introduction

This report summarizes bills considered by the California State Legislature during the second year of the 2013-2014 Legislative Session that directly or indirectly affect the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

Bills noted as "Chaptered" were passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. Bills noted as "Vetoed" were passed by the Legislature but were rejected by the Governor (veto messages are included at the end of this report). Bills listed as "2-year" were tabled for the first year of the current legislative session, either because they did not meet their deadlines or because the author wants more time to work on them. The 2-year bills may be taken up at the beginning of the next legislative year within the current legislative session.

The report lists the bills in numerical order and by subject area. All signed bills, except for urgency, tax levy, election, and appropriation measures, which take effect upon the date of signing, take effect on January 1, 2015. Occasionally, different legislation amends the same section of law. In most of these instances, the language from the bill that was chaptered last (the higher chapter number) takes precedent and becomes the law.

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# Acronyms

<b>AB</b>	Assembly Bill
<b>ACA</b>	Assembly Constitutional Amendment
<b>ARB</b>	Air Resources Board
<b>APA</b>	Administrative Procedure Act
<b>BDOs</b>	Boards, Departments and Offices within Cal/EPA
<b>BOE</b>	Board of Equalization
<b>Cal/EPA</b>	California Environmental Protection Agency
<b>CalRecycle</b>	California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
<b>CEQA</b>	California Environmental Quality Act
<b>CUPA</b>	Certified Unified Program Agency
<b>DOF</b>	Department of Finance
<b>DGS</b>	Department of General Services
<b>DPH</b>	Department of Public Health
<b>DPR</b>	Department of Pesticide Regulation
<b>DTSC</b>	Department of Toxic Substances Control
<b>EIR</b>	Environmental Impact Report
<b>OAL</b>	Office of Administrative Law
<b>OEHHA</b>	Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
<b>OPR</b>	Office of Planning and Research
<b>PERS</b>	Public Employees' Retirement System
<b>RWQCB</b>	Regional Water Quality Control Board
<b>SB</b>	Senate Bill
<b>SJR</b>	Senate Joint Resolution
<b>SPB</b>	State Personnel Board
<b>State</b>	State of California
<b>SWRCB</b>	State Water Resources Control Board
<b>US EPA</b>	United States Environmental Protection Agency
<b>UST</b>	Underground Storage Tank

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# ASSEMBLY BILLS

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**AB 7 (Wieckowski) Oil and gas: hydraulic fracturing.**

This bill would have required the operator of a well, prior to drilling, re-drilling, or deepening operations, to submit proof to the state Oil and Gas Supervisor that the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) has approved the disposal method and location of wastewater disposal for the well.

**STATUS: *Died on Assembly Floor***

**AB 26 (Bonilla) Construction: prevailing wage.**

This bill was a gut and amend, and originally, would have specified that moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund were public funds, and require they only be available for work at a refinery if the work was related to complying with a market-based compliance mechanism to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. As amended, this bill will revise the definition of "construction" to also include work performed during the post construction phases of construction, including, but not limited to, all cleanup work at the jobsite.

**STATUS: *Chapter 864***

**AB 28 (V. Manuel Pérez) Economic development: enterprise zones.**

This bill would have revised various definitions for purposes of the Enterprise Zone Act and modified specified requirements for designating and administering enterprise zones and geographically-targeted economic development areas, collectively.

**STATUS: *Died on Assembly Desk***

**AB 37 (Perea) Unemployment insurance: Reporting requirements: Status of funds.**

This bill was a gut and amend, and originally, for certain projects and upon a project applicant's request, would have authorized a lead agency to prepare concurrently with the administrative process the record of proceedings that would be used in a judicial challenge to an agency's action or decision under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As amended, this bill would have required the Employment Development Department, whenever the Unemployment Fund indicates a negative balance, to include in the fund status report the estimated cost impact on employers from the changes in a specified federal tax credit, as well as the estimated amount the state is expected to pay in interest charges.

**STATUS: *Died on Senate Floor***

**AB 52 (Gatto) Native Americans: California Environmental Quality Act.**

This bill will specify that a project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, as defined, is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. The bill will require a lead agency to begin consultation with a California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project, if the tribe requested to the lead agency, in writing, to be informed by the lead agency of proposed projects in that geographic area and the tribe requests consultation, prior to determining whether a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, or environmental impact report is required for a project.

**STATUS: *Chapter 532***

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**AB 145 (Perea) State Water Resources Control Board: drinking water.**

This bill would have transferred to the State Water Resources Control Board the various duties and responsibilities imposed on the Department of Public Health (DPH) by the California Safe Drinking Water Act.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Appropriations***

**AB 158 (Levine) Solid waste: single-use carryout bags.**

This bill would have expanded an existing requirement for an operator of a store, which, beginning July 1, 2016, would have included convenience food stores, food marts, and certain other specified stores. The store operator would have been required to establish an at-store recycling program that allows customers to return clean plastic carryout bags to that store for recycling.

**STATUS: *Died on Assembly Floor***

**AB 229 (John A. Pérez) Local government: infrastructure and revitalization financing districts.**

The bill will authorize a revitalization financing district to finance projects in redevelopment project areas, former redevelopment project areas, and former military bases.

**STATUS: *Chapter 775***

**AB 243 (Dickinson) Local government: infrastructure and revitalization financing districts.**

This bill would have authorized the creation of an infrastructure and revitalization financing district, as defined, and the issuance of debt with 55% voter approval. The bill also would have authorized a district to finance projects in redevelopment project areas and former redevelopment project areas and former military bases.

**STATUS: *Died on Senate Desk***

**AB 288 (Levine) California Coastal Commission: meeting notices.**

This bill was a gut and amend, which originally would have required the State Oil and Gas Supervisor to supervise the drilling, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of wells so as to permit the owners or operators of the wells to utilize all safe methods and practices. As amended, this bill will require the California Coastal Commission to make the notice of any public meeting or hearing of the commission available in both English and Spanish, and will authorize the commission also to make the notice available in any other language.

**STATUS: *Chapter 866***

**AB 333 (Wieckowski) Medical waste.**

This bill will specify that the US Department of Transportation has responsibility for the transportation of medical waste on public roads and highways and that the United States Postal Service has responsibility for the transportation of medical waste through the mail. The bill will remove and recast provisions of the Medical Waste Management Act that are inconsistent with that authority.

**STATUS: *Chapter 564***

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**AB 358 (Holden) Lead hazard evaluation.**

This bill would have authorized DPH to update the regulations on lead hazard evaluation methods in order to incorporate the Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing, as published in 2012 by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the recommendations of U.S. EPA for paint test kits for renovation projects.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Appropriations***

**AB 376 (Donnelly) Regulations: notice.**

This bill would have required a state agency enforcing a regulation promulgated on or after January 1, 2014, to notify a business that is required to comply with that regulation of the existence of the regulation 30 days before its effective date.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review***

**AB 380 (Dickinson) Spill response for railroads.**

This bill was a gut and amend, which originally would have required an environmental impact report (EIR) and a mitigated negative declaration on a project to be filed with both the Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk, and to be posted by the county clerk for public review. As amended, this bill will require a rail carrier, as defined, to report specified information regarding the transportation of hazardous materials, beginning no later than January 31, 2015, to the Office of Emergency Services on a quarterly basis. The bill will also require a rail carrier to prospectively estimate and submit to the office notification of the weekly movements of trains through a county, as specified. Finally, the bill requires a rail carrier to update that notification once every 6 months.

**STATUS: *Chapter 533***

**AB 403 (Stone) Solid waste: home-generated sharps.**

This bill would have required a producer of home-generated sharps, or a stewardship organization designated by the producer, to submit a home-generated sharps stewardship plan by April 1, 2015, to CalRecycle.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Appropriations***

**AB 488 (Williams) Recycling: household batteries.**

This bill would have required, by January 1, 2015, a producer or a household battery stewardship organization, on behalf of one or more producers of a household battery, to submit to CalRecycle for review and approval a household battery stewardship plan, which would have been required to include specified elements.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Appropriations***

**AB 515 (Dickinson) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: writ of mandate.**

This bill was a mild gut and amend, which originally would have established a CEQA compliance division of the superior court in a county in which the Attorney General maintains an office and would have vested the division with original jurisdiction over actions of proceedings brought pursuant to CEQA and joined matters related to land use and environmental laws. As amended, this bill would have required the court, if it found that a

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public agency has violated the requirements of the act, to issue an order, in the form of a peremptory writ of mandate, specifying what actions by the public agency are necessary to comply with the requirements of the act. This bill, for a peremptory writ of mandate containing specified mandates, would have expressly authorized the court to require the public agency to prepare and file an initial return of the writ.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Environmental Quality***

**AB 543 (Campos) California Environmental Quality Act: translation.**

This bill would have required the Office of Planning and Research, on or before July 1, 2016, to prepare and develop recommended amendments to the guidelines and the secretary, on or before January 1, 2017, to certify and adopt those amendments to the guidelines to establish criteria for a lead agency to assess the need for translating those notices into non-English languages.

**STATUS: *Vetoed***

**AB 587 (Fox) Economic development: enterprise zones.**

This bill would have made a technical, non-substantive change to the Enterprise Zone Act.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Transportation***

**AB 597 (Dahle) Hazardous materials: chemicals of concern.**

This bill would have prohibited DTSC from taking a regulatory response under the Safer Consumer Products Program until an unspecified number of days after the date that DTSC submitted a notice to the consumer product manufacturer, the consumer product distributor, and the consumer product retailer of the proposed action.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials***

**AB 649 (Nazarian) Oil and gas: hydraulic fracturing.**

This bill would have defined "hydraulic fracturing" in oil and gas operations and prohibited hydraulic fracturing, as well as the use of clean freshwater for purposes of hydraulic fracturing, on any oil or gas well, if the well is located within 4,000 feet from a home, public building, school, surface waters, underground source of drinking water, or any other sensitive human or environmental resource in the state from an aquifer, until the completion of a report, as specified, and a determination is made that hydraulic fracturing can be conducted without a risk to the public health, welfare, environment, or the economy of the state.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Appropriations***

**AB 653 (V. Manuel Pérez) Economic development.**

This bill would have created the California Innovation Hub Program (iHub Program) within GO-Biz to establish regional offices to provide support to assist entrepreneurs for local and in-state job retention, creation, and future expansion. This bill also would have authorized GO-Biz, in collaboration with the Department of General Services, to identify unoccupied and underutilized real property owned or leased by the state, and use that real property to support the iHub Program, as specified.

**STATUS: *Died on Assembly Desk***

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**AB 667 (Hernández, Roger) Land use: development project review: superstores.**

This bill would have required a city, county, or city and county, including a charter city, prior to approving or disapproving a proposed development project that would permit the construction of a superstore retailer, or where a superstore would be the recipient of over \$100,000 in financial assistance, to cause an economic impact report to be prepared, as specified, to be paid for by the project applicant, and that includes specified assessments and projections.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Governance and Finance***

**AB 669 (Stone) Oil and gas: drilling.**

This bill would have required a well operator, prior to drilling, re-drilling, or deepening operations, to submit proof to the state Oil and Gas Supervisor that the applicable regional water quality control board has approved the disposal method and location of wastewater disposal for the well.

**STATUS: *Died on Assembly Floor***

**AB 686 (Quirk) Alcoholic beverages: sales: distilled spirits.**

This bill was a gut and amend, which originally would have required DTSC to develop recommendations for standards and guidelines for the operation of onsite waste management and recycling of hazardous waste at facilities engaged in pharmaceutical manufacturing or pharmaceutical process development. DTSC would have been required to submit a report to the Legislature on those recommendations, including any recommended statutory and regulatory actions needed to assure the safe and efficient management of waste from pharmaceutical manufacturing or pharmaceutical process development activities. As amended, this bill would have authorized distilled spirits manufacturers to sell general merchandise, food, nonalcoholic beverages, and distilled spirits to consumers for consumption on the licensed premises where sold.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Governmental Organization***

**AB 687 (Hernández, Roger) Electricity.**

This bill would have required the Public Utilities Commission, when authorizing additional direct transactions for retail nonresidential end-use customers, to provide the highest priority to acquire electric services from other providers to entities treating and remediating groundwater that a federal, state, or local agency identifies as contaminated if either the treatment or remediation is on a site listed as a Superfund site by U.S. EPA and is located in a disadvantaged community or severely disadvantaged community, as defined, or the entity is a public drinking water system serving a disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged community.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Appropriations***

**AB 756 (Melendez) California Environmental Quality Act: judicial review: public works projects.**

CEQA establishes a procedure for the preparation and certification of the record of proceedings upon the filing of an action or proceeding challenging a lead agency's action on the grounds of noncompliance with CEQA. This bill would have also applied these provisions to a public works project, defined to mean an infrastructure project carried out by the city, county, or state government or contracted out to a private entity by the local or state government.

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**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Judiciary***

**AB 764 (Linder) Human Remains.**

This bill would have, until January 1, 2020, established a pilot program that would have authorized the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau within the Department of Consumer Affairs to issue a limited crematory license to no more than five hydrolysis facilities, subject to specified requirements.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Environmental Quality***

**AB 866 (Linder) Regulations.**

This bill would have defined a “major regulation” as a regulation that the agency determines has an expected economic impact on California business enterprises and individuals in an amount exceeding \$15,000,000.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review***

**AB 887 (Allen) State government: regulations: economic analysis.**

This bill would have made technical, non-substantive changes to the Administrative Procedure Act with respect to the Office of Administrative Law’s review of proposed regulations.

**STATUS: *Died on Assembly Desk***

**AB 905 (Ting) Real property: environmental fee covenants.**

This bill would have provided for the recording of an Environmental Fee Covenant, as specified, among other things, imposed for no more than 50 years in connection with the installation on the property of equipment or improvements that are intended to promote, among other things, energy efficiency and the reduction of the consumption of water or other natural resources.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Judiciary***

**AB 953 (Ammiano) California Environmental Quality Act.**

This bill would have required the lead agency to include in the environmental impact report a detailed statement on any significant effects that may result from locating a proposed project near, or attracting people to, existing or reasonably foreseeable natural hazards or adverse environmental conditions.

**STATUS: *Died on Assembly Floor***

**AB 963 (Levine) State contracts: request for proposal: procedures.**

This bill would have amended the state agency contracting process to require a bidder's record of environmentally preferable purchasing to be a factor in awarding a contract under a request for proposal.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Appropriations***

**AB 965 (Brown) State government: small business certification.**

This bill would have expressed the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would create a statewide small business certification system.

**STATUS: *Died on Assembly Desk***

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**AB 981 (Bloom) Redevelopment dissolution.**

This bill would have authorized a dissolved redevelopment agency to designate the use of, and commit, indebtedness obligation proceeds that were issued prior to June 28, 2011.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Appropriations***

**AB 982 (Williams) Oil and gas: hydraulic fracturing.**

This bill would have defined "hydraulic fracturing" and required any notice of intent to drill, rework, or deepen a well where hydraulic fracturing will occur to include a groundwater monitoring plan for review and approval by the appropriate regional water quality control board.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Appropriations***

**AB 1001 (Gordon) Hazardous materials: packaging: exemptions.**

This bill would have extended an exemption from the Toxics in Packaging Prevention Act, which prohibits the sale or offering for promotional purposes in this state a package or packaging component that includes specified regulated metals. This bill would also have extended this exemption to manufacturers whose products are found to contain specified regulated metals, only if those substances are unintentionally present in the packaging or packaging component due to the use of recycled content, until. Finally, the bill would have required manufacturer or supplier of packaging using this exemption to coordinate with DTSC to develop a study measuring the content and leaching of regulated metals from the packaging seeking the exemption, and to report their findings to DTSC.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Environmental Quality***

**AB 1017 (Gomez) Incoming telephone calls: messages.**

This bill would have modified existing requirements for state agencies to answer incoming telephone calls on any public line, required the state agency to enable a caller to leave a message, and required that the message be returned within three business days, or 72 hours, whichever is earlier.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Business, Professions, and Consumer Protection***

**AB 1022 (Eggman) Electronic waste: CRT glass market development payments.**

This bill would have required CalRecycle, in consultation with DTSC, to make cathode ray tube (CRT) glass market development payments to a CRT glass processor, a CRT glass manufacturer, or an electronic waste recycler, as specified.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Appropriations Suspense File***

**AB 1026 (Quirk) Toxic chemicals: listing.**

This bill would have specified that the substances included in the Proposition 65 list that are identified as hazardous for purposes of the occupational safety and health laws may only be included if there is sufficient evidence that the referenced substance is known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

**STATUS: *Died on Assembly Desk***

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**AB 1043 (Chau) Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006: groundwater contamination.**

This bill will eliminate the requirement to develop and adopt regulations and instead will require that costs subsequently recovered from a party responsible for the contamination, as defined, be repaid to the state board and deposited, and separately accounted for, in the Groundwater Contamination Cleanup Project Fund, which this bill will create in the State Treasury.

**STATUS: *Chapter 349***

**AB 1104 (Salas) California Environmental Quality Act: biogas pipelines: exemption.**

This bill will provide that, for purposes of that exemption, until January 1, 2018, "pipeline" also means a pipeline located in Fresno, Kern, Kings, or Tulare County, that is used to transport biogas, as the bill will define that term, and that meets the existing requirements for the exemption and all local, state, and federal laws.

**STATUS: *Chapter 534***

**AB 1105 (Hueso) Administrative practices.**

This bill would have required an initial statement of reasons for any regulation that is a building standard to include the estimated cost of compliance, the potential benefits of the regulation, and the related assumptions used in determining that estimate.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review***

**AB 1106 (Waldron) Public entities: liability.**

As introduced, this bill was a spot bill on general government practices. As it was gutted and amended, this bill would have specified procedures to follow when an injury occurs in a correctional facility.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Judiciary***

**AB 1190 (Bloom) Hazardous waste: transportation.**

This bill will exempt a generator who is a public utility, local publicly owned utility, or municipal utility district from the limit of 1,600 gallons for the transportation of hazardous wastewater in a single shipment. This bill will also allow the transportation of up to 5,000 gallons of hazardous wastewater from the dewatering of a utility vault in an emergency situation, as defined. Finally, this bill will also prohibit the consolidation of hazardous waste from multiple sites.

**STATUS: *Chapter 793***

**AB 1207 (Brown) Community development.**

This bill would have made technical, non-substantive changes to The Community Redevelopment Law regarding the causes of blight.

**STATUS: *Died on Assembly Desk***

**AB 1210 (Brown) Enterprise zones.**

This bill would have made a technical, non-substantive change to the Enterprise Zone Act, which provides for the designation of zones according to specified criteria, pursuant to which certain entities within each zone may receive regulatory, tax, and other incentives for economic and employment development and private investment.

**STATUS: *Died on Assembly Desk***

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**AB 1212 (Levine) Public contracts: bids: “or equal” materials or service.**

This bill would have prohibited public works contract bid specifications from requiring a bidder to provide data substantiating a request for a substitution of "an equal" item prior to the bid or proposal submission deadline.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review***

**AB 1219 (Morrell) Administrative Procedure Act: adverse economic impact.**

This bill would have made technical, non-substantive changes to the procedure for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of regulations by state agencies.

**STATUS: *Died on Assembly Desk***

**AB 1242 (Melendez) Enterprise zones.**

This bill would have made technical, non-substantive changes to the Enterprise Zone Act, pertaining to economic development areas throughout the state, including enterprise zones, targeted tax areas, local agency military base recovery areas, and manufacturing enhancement areas.

**STATUS: *Died on Assembly Desk***

**AB 1301 (Bloom) Oil and gas: hydraulic fracturing.**

This bill would have defined "hydraulic fracturing" and would prohibit hydraulic fracturing in oil and gas operations until the Legislature enacts subsequent legislation that determines whether and under what conditions hydraulic fracturing may be conducted while protecting the public health and safety and the natural resources of the state.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Appropriations***

**AB 1302 (Hagman) Environmental quality: the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act.**

This bill would have enacted the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act and specified the environmental review required pursuant to CEQA for projects related to specified environmental topical areas.

**STATUS: *Died on Assembly Desk***

**AB 1320 (Bloom) Redevelopment: allocation of property tax: passthrough payments.**

This bill would have provided that a specified amount of ad valorem property tax revenues allocated to a school entity, defined with reference to former passthrough payments made by a redevelopment agency, will not be included as ad valorem property tax revenues counted against the revenue limit for that entity.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Local Government***

**AB 1323 (Mitchell) Oil and gas: hydraulic fracturing.**

This bill would have defined "hydraulic fracturing" in oil and gas operations and prohibited hydraulic fracturing until the date that regulations adopted by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources regulating hydraulic fracturing take effect.

**STATUS: *Died on Assembly Floor***

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**AB 1330 (John A. Pérez) Environmental justice.**

This bill would have required Cal/EPA, on or before January 1, 2015, to establish a list of environmental justice communities identifying the top 15% of communities in the state, based on census tracts, that are disproportionately impacted by environmental hazards. The bill would also have established the Green Zone Trust Fund, into which specified fines and penalties would be paid, to fund Green Zone Environmental Projects that are environmentally beneficial to environmental justice communities.

**STATUS: *Died on Senate Floor***

**AB 1375 (Chau) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: Clean Technology Investment Account.**

This bill would have created the Clean Technology Investment Account within the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and would require the Legislature to annually appropriate moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund into the Clean Technology Investment Account. This bill also would have made those moneys available to the state board for the purposes of accelerating the development, demonstration, and deployment of clean technologies that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and foster job creation in the state.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Appropriations***

**AB 1383 (Hernández, Roger) District-based municipal elections.**

This bill was a gut and amend, which originally would have defined the term "significant noncomplier" and would have required DTSC to develop and maintain a searchable database that contains certain information regarding hazardous waste facilities permits, including information regarding significant noncompliers, for certain hazardous waste facilities. As amended, this bill would have permitted the legislative body of a city to provide by ordinance, without submitting the ordinance to the voters of the city for approval, for the election of members of the legislative body by district if the voters of the city previously rejected such an ordinance, as specified.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Rules Committee***

**AB 1415 (John A. Pérez) Administrative regulations: corrosive prevention and mitigation projects.**

This bill was a gut and amend, which originally would have extended the filing time for a written petition, under the Administrative Procedure Act, to 45 days, rather than 30. As amended, this bill would have required a public entity that awards a contract for construction, alteration, demolition, installation, repair, or maintenance work after January 1, 2017, that is paid for in whole or in part with state funds, to require contractors and subcontractors performing corrosion prevention and mitigation work to comply with specified standards to be adopted by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations in consultation with DTSC.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Rules Committee***

**AB 1612 (Donnelly) State government: regulations.**

This bill would have prohibited the Office of Administrative Law from charging a fee to enable access for individuals with disabilities, as specified, and required that accessibility options advertised to end users of the Internet Web site under the "accessibility" link be made available to the public free of charge.

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**STATUS: *Vetoed***

**AB 1699 (Bloom) Waste management: synthetic plastic microbeads.**

This bill would have prohibited, after January 1, 2019, a person, as defined, from selling or offering for promotional purposes in this state a personal care product containing synthetic plastic microbeads, as specified, unless the personal care product is an over-the-counter drug, and would have prohibited a person, after January 1, 2020, from selling or offering a personal care product containing synthetic plastic microbeads, including a personal care product that is an over-the-counter drug.

**STATUS: *Died on Senate Floor***

**AB 1706 (Jones-Sawyer) State government: Administrative Procedure Act: standardized regulatory impact analyses.**

This bill would have required the standardized regulatory impact analysis reports under the Administrative Procedure Act to include information on the cumulative economic impact of the regulations on businesses within the state.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review***

**AB 1711 (Cooley) Administrative Procedure Act: economic impact: assessment.**

This bill will require an economic impact assessment to be included in the initial statement of reasons for proposing the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation under the Administrative Procedure Act.

**STATUS: *Chapter 779***

**AB 1734 (Jones- Sawyer) Public contracts: small business participation: disabled veterans.**

This bill would have required all state agencies, departments, boards, and commissions to establish and achieve an annual goal of 25% small business participation in state procurements and contracts, to ensure that the state's procurement and contract processes are administered in order to meet or exceed the goal, and to report to the Director of General Services statistics regarding small business participation in the agency's procurements and contracts.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Appropriations***

**AB 1827 (Patterson) State bodies: environmental agencies: administrative and civil penalties.**

This bill would have required an agency, board, commission, department, division, or office within Cal/EPA or the Natural Resources Agency, prior to the imposition of an administrative or civil penalty for a minor violation, to allow a business with 50 or fewer employees an opportunity to cure the violation.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials***

**AB 1966 (Patterson) Hazardous waste: regulations.**

This bill would have required DTSC to update, by June 1, 2015, and periodically thereafter as appropriate, the regulations relating to the use of "Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods," EPA Publication SW-846, as specified.

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**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials***

**AB 2284 (Williams) Recycling: household batteries pilot projects.**

This bill would have required CalRecycle to develop and fund up to three local battery recycling pilot projects, which would have been required to provide data to the department regarding the implementation and outcomes of the pilot projects. CalRecycle would have been required, on or before 6 months after the pilot projects are complete, to review and compile the information collected from the pilot projects, make the information available to local agencies, and develop informational guidelines to assist local governments.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Environmental Quality***

**AB 2312 (Nestande) Metal theft.**

This bill will require a junk dealer or recycler to request to receive theft alert notifications regarding the theft of commodity metals in the junk dealer's or recycler's geographic region from the theft alert system maintained by the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc., unless the institute or its successor requires payment for use of the theft alert system.

**STATUS: *Chapter 608***

**AB 2417 (Nazarian) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: recycled water pipelines.**

This bill would have, until January 1, 2018, additionally exempt from CEQA a project for the construction and installation of a new pipeline or the maintenance, repair, restoration, reconditioning, relocation, replacement, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline, not exceeding 8 miles in length, for the distribution of recycled water within a public street, highway, or right-of-way and would require the lead agency to undertake specified activities, including the filing of a notice of exemption for the project with the Office of Planning and Research and the office of the county clerk of each county in which the project is located.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Environmental Quality***

**AB 2507 (Bocanegra) Public Records Act: exemptions: pending litigation.**

This bill would have clarified that records pertaining to pending litigation to which a public agency is a defendant, including attorney invoices, billing statements, and requests for payment, are exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act until the litigation has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Judiciary***

**AB 2572 (Ting) Environmental justice: reports.**

Current law requires the Secretary for Environmental Protection to, no later than January 1, 2004, and every three years thereafter, prepare and submit to the Governor and the Legislature a report on the implementation of provisions of law relating to environmental justice. The bill would have required the report to identify and evaluate new programs, policies, or activities intended to further promote the achievement of environmental justice.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Natural Resources***

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**AB 2596 (Bonta) Environmental justice.**

This bill would have made a technical, nonsubstantive change to the law requiring Cal/EPA to develop a model environmental justice mission statement for boards, departments, and offices within the agency.

**STATUS: *Died on Assembly Desk***

**AB 2633 (Allen) Recycling: plastic material.**

This bill would have restated the policy goal of the state to provide that not less than 75% of solid waste generated be source reduced, recycled, anaerobically digested, used for electricity generation, or composted by the year 2020, and annually thereafter. The bill would have also required CalRecycle to investigate emerging technologies that convert used plastic products into new plastic feedstock, adopt regulations and protocols by January 1, 2016 that encourage waste-to-energy and waste-to-fuel pyrolysis projects that address the various grades of plastic products that are in landfills, and, beginning January 1, 2016, each year thereafter.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Natural Resources***

**AB 2666 (Daly) Recycling: electronic waste.**

This bill would have revised the definition of "person" under the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 to exclude the United States and its agencies and instrumentalities.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Appropriations***

**AB 2712 (Daly) Hazardous materials: Orange County Water District: groundwater remediation.**

This bill would have required the Orange County Water District to provide notice to the Department and local RWQCB in order to recover costs for cleaning up sites under their jurisdiction. The Orange County Water District would have also been required to meet and confer with any affected agencies and the responsible party, and to comply with the National Contingency Plan.

**STATUS: *Died on Senate Floor***

**AB 2748 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) Hazardous waste: business plans.**

This bill will repeal the requirement that the owner or operator of location that accepts latex paint have such a business plan in order to accept recyclable latex paint.

**STATUS: *Chapter 744***

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**SB 1 (Steinberg) Sustainable Communities Investment Authority.**

This bill would have authorized certain public entities of a Sustainable Communities Investment Area to form a Sustainable Communities Investment Authority to carry out the Community Redevelopment Law in a specified manner.

**STATUS: *Died on Senate Floor***

**SB 34 (Calderon) Greenhouse gas: carbon capture and storage.**

This bill would have, upon the adoption by CARB of a final methodology for carbon capture and storage projects seeking to demonstrate geologic sequestration of greenhouse gases, required DOGGR to regulate carbon dioxide enhanced oil recovery projects that seek to demonstrate carbon sequestration for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

**STATUS: *Died on Senate Desk***

**SB 123 (Corbett) Environmental and land use court.**

This bill would have required the Judicial Council to direct the creation of an environmental and land use division within two or more superior courts within each of the appellate districts of the state to process civil proceedings brought pursuant to CEQA or in specified subject areas, including air quality, biological resources, climate change, hazards and hazardous materials, land use planning, and water quality.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Appropriations***

**SB 133 (DeSaulnier) Redevelopment.**

This bill would have required each redevelopment agency to include additional information relating to any major audit violations, as defined, any corrections to those violations, and planning and general administrative expenses of the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund.

**STATUS: *Vetoed***

**SB 176 (Galgiani) Administrative procedures.**

This bill would have made consultation with interested persons, prior to initiating a formal rulemaking process, mandatory rather than discretionary, for state agencies that adopt regulations.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Appropriations***

**SB 193 (Monning) Hazard evaluation system and information service.**

This bill will provide that when there is new scientific or medical information and the Chief of the Hazard Evaluation System and Information Service (HESIS), in consultation with the Chief of the Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control in the Department of Public Health, makes a specified determination, chemical manufacturers, formulators, suppliers, distributors, importers, and their agents would be required to provide to HESIS the names and addresses of their customers who have purchased specified chemicals or commercial products containing those chemicals, and certain other information related to those shipments, upon written request of HESIS, for every product the final destination of which may be a place of employment in California.

**STATUS: *Chapter 830***

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**SB 228 (Knight) Enterprise zones.**

This bill would have made technical, non-substantive changes to statutes governing Enterprise Zones.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Rules Committee***

**SB 270 (Padilla) Solid waste: single-use carryout bags.**

This bill will, as of July 1, 2015, prohibit stores that have a specified amount of sales in dollars or retail floor space from providing a single-use carryout bag to a customer, with specified exceptions. The bill will also prohibit those stores from selling or distributing a recycled paper bag at the point of sale unless the store makes that bag available for purchase for not less than \$0.10. Finally, the bill will allow those stores, on or after July 1, 2015, to distribute compostable bags at the point of sale only in jurisdictions that meet specified requirements and at a cost of not less than \$0.10.

**STATUS: *Chapter 850***

**SB 339 (Cannella) Taxation: cancellation of indebtedness: mortgage debt forgiveness..**

This bill was a gut and amend (twice). This bill originally would have made technical, non-substantive changes to The Military Base Reuse Authority Act, which authorizes counties and cities to establish a military base reuse authority to prepare, adopt, finance, and implement a plan for the future use and development of the territory occupied by the military base. As amended, this bill would have conformed to the federal American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, which originally extended operations of provisions under the Personal Income Tax Law, and made legislative findings and declarations regarding the public purpose served by the bill.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Rules Committee***

**SB 395 (Jackson) Hazardous waste: wells.**

This bill would have deleted the exclusion of regulated wells from the definition of "injection well," thereby subjecting those wells to the requirements imposed upon injection wells. The bill would also have required a generator of produced water to test the produced water in order to determine whether it is hazardous waste within the meaning of specified provisions.

**STATUS: *Died on Senate Floor***

**SB 405 (Padilla) Solid waste: single-use carryout bags.**

This bill would have required a reusable grocery bag that a store is required to sell on and after July 1, 2016, to meet specified requirements. A violation of that requirement and the requirements that would be imposed upon grocery bag producers to submit certain laboratory test results would have been subject to an administrative civil penalty assessed by CalRecycle.

**STATUS: *Died on Senate Floor***

**SB 412 (Knight) Sales and use taxes: exemption: aerospace products manufacturing: research and development.**

This bill would have exempted from sales and use taxes, from January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2019, the gross receipts from the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption of, qualified tangible personal property purchased for use by a qualified person in the aerospace products and parts manufacturing industry for specified uses, such as recycling.

**STATUS: *Died on Senate Desk***

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**SB 445 (Hill) Underground storage tanks: hazardous substances: petroleum: groundwater and surface water contamination.**

This bill will require the owners or operators of the underground storage tanks operating under current law to permanently close them by December 31, 2025, and will authorize the board to adopt regulations to require the owner or operator to permanently close such an underground storage tank before December 31, 2025, if the underground storage tank poses a high threat to water quality or public health.

**STATUS: *Chapter 547***

**SB 498 (Lara) Solid waste: biomass conversion.**

This bill was a gut and amend, which originally would have excluded from the definition of consumer products, for purposes of DTSC's Safer Consumer Products regulation, a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 14,000 pounds, and that motor vehicle's component or replacement parts. As amended, this bill will revise the definition of the term "biomass conversion" to mean the production of heat, fuels, or electricity by controlled combustion.

**STATUS: *Chapter 746***

**SB 506 (Hill) Railroad Tank Car Hazardous Materials Safety Fund.**

This bill would have imposed a fee in an unspecified amount upon every owner of hazardous material at the time that hazardous material is transported on rail by a tank car in this state. The bill would have also required a railroad to collect the fee from the owner of the hazardous material and to pay the fee to the State Board of Equalization. Finally, the bill would have required every person who operates a railroad that transports hazardous materials by tank car to register with the board and to remit the fees to the board pursuant to the Fee Collection Procedures Law.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Transportation***

**SB 586 (Wyland) Hazardous waste.**

This bill would have made a non-substantive change to provisions regarding DTSC's authorization to administer a state program pursuant to the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Rules Committee***

**SB 617 (Evans) California Environmental Quality Act.**

This bill would have required specified notices pertaining to CEQA to be filed with both the Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk, and to be posted by the county clerk for public review.

**STATUS: *Died on Senate Floor***

**SB 633 (Pavley) State parks.**

This bill was a gut and amend, which originally would have authorized the Office of Planning and Research to draft revisions to the CEQA Guidelines to include a class of projects involving minor, temporary uses of land and public gatherings that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment, and that shall be exempt from CEQA. As amended, this

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bill would have required the Department of Parks and Recreation, on or before July 1, 2015, to prepare a report to the Legislature that fully addresses the department's energy costs, projects that could reduce those costs, and potential energy-related infrastructure projects, as specified.

**STATUS: *Vetoed***

**SB 658 (Correa) Orange County Water District Act: investigation, cleanup, and liability.**

This bill would have specified that a person who is responsible for contamination or pollution, or a threat of contamination or pollution, is not only responsible for reasonable costs actually incurred in cleaning up, containing, or abating the effects of the contamination or pollution, but also to be liable for the costs actually incurred in investigating the contamination or pollution.

**STATUS: *Died on Senate Floor***

**SB 691 (Hancock) Nonvehicular air pollution control: penalties.**

This bill would have made a person who violates the prohibition from discharging from non-vehicular sources air contaminants or other materials that cause injury, or other harm, as specified, liable for a civil penalty of up to \$100,000, as specified, if the violation results from a discharge from a stationary source, as specified, the discharge results in a severe disruption to the community, the discharge contains or includes one or more toxic air contaminants, and 100 or more people are exposed to the discharge . This liability would not have applied if the violation was caused by unforeseen criminal acts, acts of war, acts of terrorism, or civil unrest.

**STATUS: *Died on Assembly Floor***

**SB 712 (Lara) Hazardous waste facility: permitting: interim status.**

This bill will require DTSC, by December 31, 2015, to take a final action on an application for a hazardous waste facility permit that is submitted by a facility operating under a grant of interim status on or before January 1, 1986 (Exide), either by issuing a final permit or a final denial of the application.

**STATUS: *Chapter 833***

**SB 727 (Jackson) Medical waste: pharmaceutical product stewardship program.**

This bill would have required a producer of a pharmaceutical sold in the state, individually or through a stewardship organization, to submit a product stewardship plan that would provide for collection, transportation, and processing of home generated pharmaceutical waste, on or before January 1, 2015, to CalRecycle.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Environmental Quality***

**SB 731 (Steinberg) Environment: California Environmental Quality Act.**

The bill would have required the Office of Planning and Research to prepare and submit to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, and the secretary to certify and adopt, revisions to the guidelines for the implementation of CEQA establishing thresholds of significance for noise and transportation impacts of projects within transit priority areas.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Local Government***

**SB 739 (Calderon) Environmental quality.**

This bill would have made a technical, non-substantive change to the definition of "local

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agency,” for purposes of CEQA.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Rules***

**SB 742 (Nielsen) Defendants.**

This bill was a gut and amend, which originally would have made a technical, non-substantive change to the procedures for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of regulations by state agencies. As amended, this bill would have provided that any person who willfully removes or disables an electronic monitoring or supervising device, including a GPS or other monitoring device, affixed to his or her person or the person of another, as specified, is guilty of a public offense.

**STATUS: *Died on Senate Desk***

**SB 754 (Evans) California Environmental Quality Act.**

This bill would have authorized a person meeting specified requirements to bring an action or proceeding to enforce the implementation of the mitigation measures specified in a reporting and monitoring program adopted pursuant to CEQA, if a project applicant fails to implement those measures.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Appropriations***

**SB 757 (Berryhill) Groundwater management.**

This bill was a gut and amend, which originally would have made conforming changes to authorize a junk dealer or recycler buying newspaper or beverage containers to accept, as valid seller identification, a passport from any country or a Matricula Consular issued by Mexico. As amended, this bill would have stated the policy of the state that groundwater resources be managed responsibly for long-term water supply reliability and multiple economic, social, or environmental benefits for current and future beneficial uses. The bill would have also stated that responsible groundwater management is best achieved locally through the development, implementation, and updating of plans and programs based on the best available science and in consideration of local needs and circumstances.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Rule Committee***

**SB 777 (Hernandez) Horse racing: workers' compensation.**

This bill was a gut and amend, which originally would have required the State Fire Marshal, by January 1, 2015, to establish and have operational regional collection centers for the purpose of receiving seized safe and sane and federally approved fireworks. The bill would also have authorized the State Fire Marshal to permit a state licensed fireworks importer and exporter or wholesaler to purchase any fireworks the State Fire Marshal, DTSC, and a recognized 3rd-party testing entity, as defined, deem to be commercially viable, from the State Fire Marshal. As amended, this bill will reestablish the provisions requiring the deduction of the total amount handled in exotic parimutuel pools of thoroughbred racing to be made by a thoroughbred racing association, and will reestablish those provisions authorizing the deductions to be made for races for quarter horses and other breeds, and for harness races.

**STATUS: *Chapter 6***

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**SB 783 (De León) The California Clean Water, Safe Urban Parks, and Environmental Health Investment Act of 2014.**

This bill would have made specific findings and declarations and declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would improve the economy, the natural environment, and increase and improve access opportunities to physical fitness.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Rules Committee***

**SB 787 (Berryhill) Environmental quality: the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act.**

This bill would have specified the environmental review required pursuant to CEQA for projects related to specified environmental topical areas.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Environmental Quality***

**SB 802 (Evans) Oil and gas: trade secrets.**

This bill would have required the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) within the Department of Conservation to regulate oil and gas operations in conformance with the provisions of the Uniform Trade Secrets Act.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water***

**SB 812 (De León) Hazardous waste.**

This bill would have required the owner or operator of a hazardous waste facility, when pursuing a renewal of the facility's hazardous waste permit, to submit specified parts of the application to DTSC at least two years prior to the expiration date for the current permit. Would require DTSC to approve or deny the application within 36 months of the expiration date for the current permit. Finally, this bill would provide that any facility granted interim permitting status on or after January 1, 2015 could only remain in interim status for five years.

**STATUS: *Vetoed***

**SB 848 (Wolk) Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Supply Act of 2014.**

Current law creates the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would have repealed these provisions.

**STATUS: *Died on Senate Floor***

**SB 916 (Correa) Firearms.**

This bill was a gut and amend, which originally would have required state agencies that procure lubricating oil for state vehicles to purchase biosynthetic lubricating oil that meets specified standards for biodegradability and that has been certified, as specified. As amended, this bill would have allowed a handgun model removed from the roster for any other reason to be reinstated to the roster upon a petition to the Attorney General for reinstatement and successful retesting, as specified.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Public Safety***

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**SB 958 (Gaines) California Environmental Quality Act.**

This bill would have made technical and nonsubstantive changes to the definition of "environmental impact report."

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Rules Committee***

**SB 981 (Huff) Regulations: review process.**

This bill would have required each state agency, under the Administrative Procedure Act, to review each regulation adopted prior to January 1, 2014, and to develop a report with prescribed information to be submitted to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2016.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Governmental Organization***

**SB 1014 (Jackson) Pharmaceutical waste: home generated: collection.**

This bill would have, upon the enactment of federal regulations, required the California State Board of Pharmacy, in consultation with CalRecycle and the State Department of Public Health, to adopt regulations to implement California drug takeback programs for the collection and destruction of home-generated pharmaceutical waste, as defined. The bill also would have provided that the regulations adopted pursuant to these provisions only apply to licensees of the board.

**STATUS: *Died in Assembly Committee on Appropriations***

**SB 1019 (Leno) Upholstered furniture: flame retardant chemicals.**

This bill will require a manufacturer of covered furniture products to disclose whether or not those products contain flame retardant chemicals. Such information will be provided as part of a clear and identifiable product label, which is already required by CA regulations.

**STATUS: *Chapter 862***

**SB 1020 (Monning) Recycling: hazardous waste: photovoltaic panels: collection and recycling programs.**

This bill would have required a photovoltaic panel that is classified as hazardous waste solely because it exhibits the characteristic of toxicity to be considered a universal waste. The bill also would have required DTSC to adopt regulations by January 1, 2016, to allow photovoltaic panels to be managed as universal waste and would require the standards for the management of universal waste photovoltaic panels to be identical to the standards for the management of universal waste electronic devices, except as specified.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Environmental Quality***

**SB 1091 (Galgiani) Administrative procedures: California Regulatory Notice Register: proposed rulemaking activities.**

This bill would have required each state agency to submit a notice to the Office of Administrative Law for publication in the California Regulatory Notice Register of any meeting or hearing that occurs prior to the mailing or posting of the notice of proposed action, for which the agency posts on its Internet Web site a public notice of a meeting or hearing, as provided.

**STATUS: *Died in Senate Committee on Appropriations***

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**SB 1132 (Mitchell) Oil and gas: well stimulation treatments.**

This bill would have revised the definition of "well stimulation treatment." The bill also would have required a scientific study to be conducted and completed no later than June 30, 2016, and to consider additional elements, including, among other things, evaluating various potential direct, indirect, and cumulative health and environmental effects of onshore and offshore well stimulation and well stimulation treatment-related activities, as specified.

**STATUS: *Died on Senate Floor***

**SB 1249 (Hill) Hazardous waste: shredder waste.**

This bill will authorize, until January 1, 2018, DTSC, in consultation with CalRecycle and SWRCB, to adopt regulations establishing alternative management standards (including generation, storage, transportation, and disposal of metal shredder residues) for a metal shredding facility. The bill will also authorize DTSC to collect an annual fee from metal shredding facilities at a rate sufficient to cover the costs of DTSC to implement these provisions.

**STATUS: *Chapter 756***

**SB 1261 (Jackson) Hazardous materials: business plans.**

This bill will require the EPA secretary to specify the hazardous materials inventory required to be submitted by handlers to Certified Unified Program Agencies. The bill will also revise the information required to be included in business plans.

**STATUS: *Chapter 715***

**SB 1337 (DeSaulnier) Reports.**

This bill would have required a state agency to provide a public record within 30 days, except in unusual circumstances. Additionally, it would have required a written report submitted by any state agency to the Legislature, a member of the Legislature, or any state legislative or executive body to include a signed statement by the head of the agency declaring that the factual contents of the written report are true, accurate, and complete to the best of his or her knowledge.

**STATUS: *Vetoed***

**SB 1458 (Committee on Environmental Quality) Hazardous substances.**

This bill reinstates limits on hazardous waste management activities that can be performed in close proximity to homes, schools, hospitals, and day care centers. In order to be consistent with the limits near those sensitive uses, the bill also creates specific limitations on the allowable uses for property where a land use restriction has been recorded due to the presence of, or proximity to, hazardous materials or hazardous waste.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning **Assembly Bill 543** without my signature. This bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to prepare and develop recommended amendments to the CEQA Guidelines that would establish criteria for a lead agency to assess the need for translating certain notices into non-English languages. Translating public notices and other important information is often good practice. In fact, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Government Code Section 11135 require lead agencies to do just that. The High Speed Rail Project and the Bay Delta Conservation Plan are examples of projects where the lead agency determined that translation of environmental review documents was merited. Existing federal and state laws already provide guidance to lead agencies regarding the circumstances which give rise to the need for translating public documents.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning **Assembly Bill 1612** without my signature. As required by current law, the full text of the California Code of Regulations is provided online and free of charge at [ccr.oal.ca.gov](http://ccr.oal.ca.gov). This bill is unnecessary. Any problems with accessibility can be quickly corrected by the Office of Administrative Law, as demonstrated earlier this year.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 133** without my signature. This bill would reform the laws governing use of housing funds by entities statutorily required to set aside tax increment funds to increase, preserve and improve low and moderate income housing. Undoubtedly, ensuring low and moderate income housing funds are expended to provide housing is important, but the simple fact is that the bill's requirements are no longer applicable in the wake of the dissolution of redevelopment agencies. The reforms in this bill can and should be discussed during the development of new economic development programs. Signing this bill would not have the desired outcome sought by the author and sponsors.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 633** without my signature. The Parks Forward Commission, an independent commission appointed in 2013, is charged with conducting a process designed to address the financial, operational, and cultural challenges facing the Department to ensure the system's long-term viability. The final report with recommendations for a long-term plan will be completed this fall. It would be prudent to allow the Department to develop an overall strategic plan before requiring the specific activities called for in this bill. I am directing the Department to work with the author on common proposals that can be implemented in the next fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 812** without my signature. This bill attempts to fix the hazardous waste facility permitting process by establishing a community oversight committee, a three-year timeline for issuing permits, and an amended regulatory process for standardizing permit decisions. The author is seeking transparency and accountability in the Department's permitting process, and rightfully so. The delay and complexity that has plagued the Department's permit process over the last few decades has resulted in an inadequate and unresponsive regulatory program. Unfortunately, there are provisions in the bill that will unintentionally delay the Department's current plan to revise its program and complete its review of expired permits over the next two years. Instead of risking further delay and confusion, I would like to personally work with the author on modifications to the language, including providing the Department the necessary authority and adequate resources to fulfill our shared objectives of improving the performance of this critically important state program.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1337** without my signature. Contrary to its stated purpose, this bill creates new bureaucratic verification requirements that would likely impede communication between the Executive Branch and the Legislature.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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# **SIGNING MESSAGES**