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Tuesday, March 19, 2013

8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m.

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LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA MARCH 19, 2013

The Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as information or action items.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

(Hon. Larry McCallon, Chair)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a Public Comment Card to the Assistant prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, provided that the Chair has the discretion to reduce this time limit based upon the number of speakers. The Chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes of February 19, 2013 Meeting **Attachment 1**

ACTION ITEMS

2. SCAG Sponsorships: **Attachment 6**
- 2013 San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) General Assembly, June 20, 2013 (\$2,500);
 - Women in Green Forum, August 28, 2013 (\$1,250);
 - Orange County Housing Trust 7th Annual Housing Summit, May 23, 2013 (\$1,000).
- (Darin Chidsey, Acting Director)*
3. SB 810 (Price): California Transportation Financing Authority: tax credit certificates for exporters and importers: income tax credit - SUPPORT **Attachment 8**
(Darin Chidsey, Acting Director)
4. AB 564 (Mullin): Community Redevelopment: Successor Agencies; **Attachment 10**
AB 1080 (Alejo) Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities - SUPPORT
(Darin Chidsey, Acting Director)
5. AB 690 (Campos): Jobs and Infrastructure Financing Districts: Voter Approval - SUPPORT **Attachment 14**
(Darin Chidsey, Acting Director)

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6. AB 1257 (Bocanegra) – Energy: State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: Natural Gas - SUPPORT **Attachment 16**
(Darin Chidsey, Acting Director)

INFORMATION REVIEW/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. General Assembly Host Committee Report **Oral Report**
(Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair)
8. Pending California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Modernization Legislation **Attachment 18**
(Darin Chidsey, Acting Director)
9. MAP-21 Implementation Legislation Update **Attachment 21**
(Sharon Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director)
10. Federal and State Legislative Update **Oral Update**
(Sharon Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director)
11. Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs Update **Oral Update**
(Darin Chidsey, Acting Director)
12. California Legislative Matrix **Attachment 24**
(Darin Chidsey, Acting Director)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Any Committee member or staff desiring to place items on a future agenda may make such a request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

**LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**February 19, 2013
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AND/OR DISCUSSIONS BY THE LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. AUDIO OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

The Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee held its February 19, 2013 meeting at SCAG's downtown Los Angeles Office.

Members Present

Hon. Bruce Barrows, District 23
Hon. Leslie Daigle, District 15 (Teleconference)
Hon. Gene Daniels, District 24
Hon. Leslie Daigle, District 15 (Teleconference)
Hon. Margaret Finlay, District 35 (Teleconference)
Hon. Larry McCallon, District 7
Hon. Judy Mitchell, District 40 (Teleconference)
Pam O'Connor, District 41
Hon. Greg Pettis, District 2
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, District 1 (Videoconference)
Hon. Alan Wapner, SANBAG (Teleconference)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Larry McCallon at 8:34 a.m. There was a quorum at 8:45am.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Larry McCallon, briefed the Committee on their National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Conference in Washington D.C. The Conference consisted of two days of panel discussions, several keynote speakers from Executive Branch Agencies, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of Transportation (DOT), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Councilmember Pam O'Connor sits on the Board of Directors for SCAG at NARC and reported on two items of interest; 1) the Board decided to hold their next meeting in Santa Monica in October; 2) the discussion on the possible merger of two organizations, the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) and NARC.

Councilmember McCallon also reported meetings with three of the new Congressman representing the SCAG Region; Alan Lowenthal, Raul Ruiz, and Paul Cook. Meeting also took

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place with the Environmental and Public Works (EPW) Committee, and the Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Janice Hahn, who was recently appointed to the House Transportation Infrastructure Committee. Lastly, Chairman McCallon announced a reminder that SCAG and the Southern California Leadership Council (SCLC) is hosting a Legislative Reception in Sacramento where approximately forty (40) Regional Councilmembers, business leaders, and labor representatives will be attending.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes of January 15, 2013 Meeting

A motion was made (Daniels) to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was **SECONDED** (O'Connor) and **APPROVED** by roll call vote (1 Abstention – Barrows).

ACTION ITEMS

2. SCAG Sponsorships & Memberships

Darin Chidsey, Acting Director, introduced the University of Southern California Sol Price School of Public Policy – Executive Education Program (EEP). The EEP is a set of classes designed for local elected officials; mayors, councilmembers, and supervisors that provide an educational forum to learn from USC faculty about regional pressing issues. Mr. Chidsey highlighted Councilmembers McCallon and Pettis' participation in the program and given EEP's direct relevance and tie into the mission of the organization, staff supports and encourages attendance.

The second sponsorship brought forward to the Committee was the renewal of California Contract Cities (CCC) – Bronze Membership. Membership renewal would ensure various entities are working closely together to coordinate the needs of the regional cities. One benefit from this relationship has been the involvement of Executive Director Sam Olivito's participation in SCAG's Global Land Use and Economic Council (GLUE). The sponsorship will allow SCAG to continue the CCC partnership, attend Board of Directors meetings, and will also include recognition in programs and public events.

A motion was made (Mitchell) to recommend approval of the University of Southern California Sol Price School of Public Policy – Executive Education Program sponsorship. Motion was **SECONDED** (Barrows) and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by roll call vote.

A motion was made (Daniels) to recommend approval of the California Contract Cities membership. Motion was **SECONDED** (O'Connor) and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by roll call vote.

3. SB 1 (Steinberg) – Sustainable Communities Investment Authority; SB 33 (Wolk) – Infrastructure Financing Districts; SUPPORT

Darin Chidsey, Acting Director, summarized SB 1 and SB 33 as bills brought to Committee previously, and both are consistent with SCAG's adopted 2013 State & Federal Legislative Priorities. Vetoed by the Governor during the last legislative session, both bills were reintroduced this session. At the February 7, 2013 Regional Council meeting, members directed the LCMC to review these bills for further clarification. For SB 1, clarification in three areas

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included; the authority's eminent domain powers, tax increment approval, and specific usage of increment financing for other budgetary reasons. The Committee had several questions and concerns on SB 1 and requested staff determine whether or not there was an economic impact report, and also review the language and provisions of the bill to address their additional concerns regarding imposition of taxes and wage requirements in charter cities. The Committee requested staff to return with additional information at the next LCMC meeting.

SB 33 which creates infrastructure financing districts was also sent back to the LCMC for review. Without further questions from the Committee, staff recommended a support position.

A motion was made (Barrows) to recommend approval of SB 33 (Wolk). Motion was SECONDED (Mitchell) and APPROVED by roll call vote (1 Abstention – Daigle).

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Video-Conferencing Requirements under the Brown Act

Darin Chidsey, Acting Director, summarized the Regional Council's proposal to allow a video-conferencing pilot program to the Transportation Committee (TC) and advise the TC to discuss and vote on the Regional Council's proposal. The TC discussed the RC's proposal and recommended SCAG consider pursuing legislation that would change the requirements of the Brown Act; to dismiss a required roll call vote for every action item, and would encourage participation from the public. Currently, SCAG's Regional Council policy manual prohibits participation via video conferencing from any regularly scheduled policy committee meetings.

Mr. Chidsey recommended that staff monitor the situation, provide updates, and look for opportunities to partner with other agencies on any legislation that would alter the Brown Act.

Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker recommended to the Committee to reach out to locally elected assembly members, and use the opportunity of attending a Legislative reception in Sacramento to hold informal discussions with legislators about the Brown Act issue.

5. Proposition 39 Summary and Implementation

Darin Chidsey, Acting Director, reported that at the February Energy and Environmental Committee (EEC) meeting, a request was made to refer to the LCMC to review the provisions of the usage of Proposition 39 funds. Proposition 39 required out-of-state businesses to calculate their California income tax liability based on the percentage of their sales in California. The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) expects this new legislation to raise approximately \$1 billion and one requirement in Prop 39 states that new revenues that were generated by changing the taxing provisions, a portion of up to \$550 million will go towards clean energy projects. Mr. Chidsey explained that the discussion at the EEC meeting focused on an opportunity for the funds committed to energy projects at the school level, also become a possibility at the city and county level. The language in all the bills submitted to date are based on directing this funding towards energy upgrades, but also looking for the possibility to broaden the language to apply to cities as a whole.

Councilmember Viegas-Walker also clarified that the EEC's concern was the fact that the Prop 39 language specifically talked about the funding being available for other public facilities, which by definition, would include cities, counties and special districts and yet the enabling

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legislation to focus exclusively on educational related projects. The Councilmember recommended SCAG to get behind monitoring, influencing, and using gentle persuasion to ensure the true intent of the proposition. The recommendation from the Committee is to look to SCAG's partners to see if there is any movement of expanding the allocation plans to cities and counties, and to report back any information of other agencies' actions.

6. Notice of Final Rulemaking for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Streamlining

Darin Chidsey, Acting Director, notified the Committee of the new NEPA requirements which have been lightened to expedite transit projects. Through policy changes in MAP-21 it allowed for the removal of several NEP restrictions, and Project Streamlining was also one of the recommendations made as part of the Breaking down Barriers report. Mr. Chidsey noted that SCAG will continue to work with SCAG's partner implementing agencies to review and define this rule in terms of transit projects in the region moving forward at a quicker pace.

7. Federal and State Legislative Update

Darin Chidsey, Acting Director, briefed the Committee on the highlights of President Barack Obama's State of the Union Address. One major point outlined in the President's address was raising the awareness of structural deficiencies throughout the state of California and the country. The President advocated for freeway and bridge maintenance improvement which has been a priority in SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy (RTP/SCS). As a result, SCAG will be working with its media partners to prepare an editorial piece commending the President for his support.

On state matters, Mr. Chidsey summarized the legislative matrix provided in the LCMC agenda. Since the introduction of bills, staff will bring forth legislation aligned with SCAG's adopted legislative priorities for consideration.

8. Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs Update

None.

9. California Legislative Matrix

Mr. Chidsey referenced the legislative matrix during the federal and state legislative update report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember to attend the Sacramento Legislative Reception being held February 19th-21st, 2013.

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ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee is scheduled for 8:30 am – 10:00 am, Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

Reviewed by:



Darin Chidsey
Acting Director, Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs

REPORT

DATE: March 19, 2013

TO: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

FROM: Darin Chidsey, Acting Director, Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs, (213) 236-1836, chidsey@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: SCAG Sponsorships & Memberships

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Approve up to \$4,750 in sponsorships and memberships for: 1) 2013 San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) General Assembly, June 20, 2013, \$2,500; 2) 2013 Women in Green Forum, August 28, 2013, \$1,250; and 3) Orange County Housing Trust 7th Annual Housing Summit, May 23, 2013, \$1,000.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan: Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; and Goal 2: Obtain Regional Transportation infrastructure Funding and Promote Legislative Solutions for Regional Planning Priorities.

BACKGROUND:

2013 San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) General Assembly, June 20, 2013, \$2,500

San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) will host its 3rd Annual General Assembly on Thursday, June 20, 2013 from 6:00 – 8:30 PM at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario. SCAG has routinely sponsored sub-regional General Assemblies in the past, with sponsorship amounts ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,500. SCAG staff is recommending sponsorship at the Bronze level in the amount of \$2,500, which will include:

- Five (5) tickets to the event;
- Two (2) tickets to the VIP reception before the event;
- Listing as a "Bronze Sponsor" on all printed and electronic marketing materials;
- Listing as a "Bronze Sponsor" on event registration website with link to SCAG website;
- SCAG logo displayed on all event signage and screens and printed in event program; and
- Acknowledgement during event presentation.

Women in Green Forum, August 28, 2013, \$1,250

The Women in Green Forum is a premier conference for professional from all aspects of the environmental industry to discuss clean technology innovations and network. The Forum is the largest international conference for women in environmental careers and brings together environment leaders ranging from corporate sustainability officers to academic research and technology developers. The

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event will offer interactive sessions, career workshops, networking breaks, and a clean vehicle “ride and drive.” The 2013 Forum will comprise of two, one-day events to be held in both Los Angeles, CA and Washington, DC. The Los Angeles event will take place on August 28, 2013 at the Luxe Sunset Boulevard Hotel. The Washington event will take place on September 25, 2013 and will be tentatively held at the Ronald Reagan Building with both the United States Environmental Protection Agency and United States Green Building Council as partners of the event. SCAG staff is recommending an “Eco Exhibitor” sponsorship in the amount of \$1,250, which will include:

- Two (2) full conference registrations for both the Los Angeles and Washington events;
- One (1) table-top display space in conference coffee break and conference welcome lobby, including one (1) six-foot tablet, two (2) chairs, and signage;
- “Eco Exhibitor” recognition on the Women in Green Forum website with SCAG logo and link;
- “Eco Exhibitor” acknowledgement on all signage and email/event marketing (to over 300,000 professionals); and
- Two (2) student scholarship registrations.

Orange County Housing Trust 7th Annual Housing Summit, May 23, 2013, \$1,000

The Orange County Housing Trust’s 7th Annual Orange County Housing Summit will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2013 from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the University of California, Irvine’s Student Center. This year’s Housing Summit will include a housing forecast, exploring whether or not the housing market is recovering. There will be a discussion on housing-related policies under consideration at the federal and state levels, as well as a showcase on the successful policies that have created affordable housing in several different California communities. The keynote address will cover federal housing policies. A discussion on new efforts to bring different stakeholders together to work towards solutions to workforce housing that no single organization or partnership can provide alone will close the program.

SCAG has sponsored this event in the past and is recommending a “Public Sector” Sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000, which will include:

- Two (2) tickets to the event; and
- Recognition through the Housing Summit website, eBlasts, and collateral material.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Up to \$4,750 (these funds are included in the approved FY12/FY13 budget).

Reviewed by:



Acting Director, Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs

Reviewed by:



Chief Financial Officer

REPORT

DATE: March 19, 2013

TO: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

FROM: Darin Chidsey, Acting Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs, (213)-236-1836, chidsey@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: SB 810 (Price): California Transportation Financing Authority: tax credit certificates for exporters and importers: income tax credit - SUPPORT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Support.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This bill is consistent with Board adopted Phase 2 Southern California Job Recovery and Economic Recovery Strategy. The bill provides incentive to invest in Southern California and create jobs. SB 810 would authorize the California Transportation Financing Authority (CTFA) to award tax credit certificates to any qualifying exporters and importers that demonstrate that they have increased their cargo tonnage or value through California ports and airports by specified amounts, had a net increase in qualified full-time employees hired in the state, or have incurred capital costs for a cargo facility in the state. The CTFA would have the authority to issue tax credit certificates for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, and before January 1, 2019. The bill would also authorize the CFTA to impose fees to cover its costs in that regard, with fees to be deposited in the Job & Trade Competitiveness Fee Account. Economic analysis of identical language sponsored by SCAG last year indicated that a tax credit of this type would be revenue neutral to the state over 5 years. The bill is important to address the loss of international trade-related jobs in the Southern California region that are at jeopardy from the expanded investments by East and Gulf Coast Ports due to the expansion of the Panama Canal.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 2: Obtain Regional Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Promote Legislative Solutions for Regional Planning Priorities; Objective b) Identify and support legislative initiatives.

BACKGROUND:

SB 810

Existing law creates the California Transportation Financing Authority with specified powers and duties relative to the financing of transportation projects. This bill would authorize the authority to award tax credit certificates to exporters and importers that demonstrate to the satisfaction of the authority that, during the taxable year, they have increased their cargo tonnage or value through California ports and airports by specified amounts or had a net increase in qualified full-time employees hired in California or have incurred capital costs for a cargo facility in California. The bill would authorize an aggregate \$500,000,000 in tax credit certificates to be awarded by the authority for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, and before January 1, 2019, as provided. Specifically, this bill would:

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- 1) Authorize the Authority to award a tax credit certificate (or certificates) to an exporter or importer that demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Authority that, in a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2014, and before January 1, 2019, it met any of the following requirements:
 - An increase in exports or imports, as specified;
 - Specified export and import levels for ports or airports;
 - A net increase, as specified, in the number of qualified full-time employees hired in California during the taxable year; and
 - Incurred capital costs for a cargo facility constructed in California during the taxable year.
- 2) Require the Authority to develop procedures for awarding credits and administering the program, and to impose fees to cover its costs, with fees to be deposited in the Job & Trade Competitiveness Fee Account;
- 3) Limit the total amount of tax credit certificates to be awarded in each of the five calendar years to \$100 million (with a limit of \$250,000 per year for any exporter or importer), for a total of \$500 million. Any portion of the authorized amount not awarded in a calendar year may be awarded in a future calendar year ending before January 1, 2018.
- 4) Provide a formula for determining the allowable tax credit, based on either tons of exports or imports through a port, value of exports and imports through an airport, or a number of new employees.
- 5) Take effect immediately as a tax levy.

The bill would authorize the authority to impose fees to cover its costs, with fees to be deposited in the Job and Trade Competitiveness Fee Account, which the bill would create in the State Treasury. The bill would authorize the authority to borrow money until the time that sufficient fee revenue is available, with loans made to the authority to be repayable solely from revenues in the account.

This bill is the same as AB 2656 (Calderon), from the 2012 session that cleared the first house but did not pass the Senate during the last week of session. That bill was sponsored by SCAG in partnership with numerous business and labor organizations including the Southern California Leadership Council, Jobs 1st Alliance and the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the LCMC forward a support recommendation to the Regional Council of SB 810, which is consistent with SCAG's board adopted legislative priority to support international trade and ports. Economic analysis of identical language introduced last year indicated that a tax credit of would be revenue neutral to the state over 5 years to both prevent the loss of international trade-related jobs in the Southern California region that are at jeopardy from the expanded investments by East and Gulf Coast Ports and the Panama Canal, as well as to provide tax credit certificates to exporters and importers.

ATTACHMENT:

None.

REPORT

DATE: March 19, 2013

TO: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

FROM: Darin Chidsey, Acting Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs, (213) 236-1836, chidsey@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: AB 564 (Mullin): Community Redevelopment: Successor Agencies; AB 1080 (Alejo) Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities - SUPPORT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Support.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On January 3, 2013, the SCAG Regional Council adopted the agency's 2013 State & Federal Legislative Priorities. On February 7, 2013, adopted the top State Legislative Priorities for the 2013-14 legislative session. AB 564 (Mullin): Community redevelopment: successor agencies; and AB 1080 ((Alejo), with principal coauthors, Assembly Members Mullin and V. Manuel Pérez, and coauthors Assembly Members Brown, Ian Calderon, Perea, Stone, and Williams): Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities, are bills that address dissolution of Redevelopment Agencies (RDAs) in the areas of continuing to meet enforceable obligations of former RDAs and to develop successor entities to carry on local redevelopment investment post-RDAs. Both bills are consistent with SCAG's state legislative priority to support legislation that enhances local financing, economic development & community reinvestment.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 2: Obtain Regional Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Promote Legislative Solutions for Regional Planning Priorities; Objective b) Identify and support legislative initiatives.

BACKGROUND:

AB 564

Existing law dissolved redevelopment agencies and community development agencies, as of February 1, 2012, and provides for the designation of successor agencies. The law requires successor agencies to wind down the affairs of the dissolved redevelopment agencies and to make payments due for enforceable obligations, perform obligations required pursuant to any enforceable obligation, dispose of all assets of the former redevelopment agency, and to remit unencumbered balances of redevelopment agency funds, including housing funds, to the county auditor-controller for distribution to taxing entities. Existing law requires each successor agency to have an oversight board to approve certain actions of the successor agency, including the approval of an enforceable obligation. Existing law requires the Department of Finance to review the actions of an oversight board. Existing law prescribes when an action of an oversight board shall become effective, subject to approval by the Department of Finance.

Existing law also provides that certain loan agreements entered into between a redevelopment agency and the city, county, or city and county that created the redevelopment agency are deemed enforceable

obligations. The law provides that bond proceeds derived from bonds issued by a redevelopment agency on or before December 31, 2012, are to be used for the purposes for which the bonds are sold. Existing law provides that enforceable obligations may be satisfied by the creation of reserves for projects that are the subject of the enforceable obligation, as specified. Existing law provides that an expenditure made pursuant to these provisions constitutes the creation of excess bond proceeds obligations.

This bill would prohibit the Department of Finance from taking any future action to modify the enforceable obligations described above following the effective date of the approval of those enforceable obligations after review by the oversight board and the Department of Finance.

Existing law establishes a Community Redevelopment Property Trust Fund, administered by the successor agency, to serve as the repository of the former redevelopment agency's real properties. Existing law requires the successor agency to prepare a long-range property management plan that addresses the disposition and use of the real properties of the former redevelopment agency. Existing law provides for the transfer of property, and the liquidation of property and the use of proceeds, in a specified manner.

This bill would prohibit the Department of Finance from taking any future action to modify a transfer of property, or the liquidation of property and the use of proceeds, as described above, if the transfer, liquidation, or use of proceeds is consistent with the approved plan of the successor agency.

Discussion

The dissolution of former redevelopment agencies requires "successor agencies" to negotiate a series of complex reviews and audits overseen by the State Department of Finance (DOF). From a successor agency perspective, the DOF process has been uncertain due to changing and inconsistent interpretations of statutory requirements.

Decisions made by the successor agency and oversight boards are regularly reversed by DOF staff, and items approved by DOF on one Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule (ROPS) can be later rejected on another. After a "meet and confer" opportunity with DOF, if there is no agreement or compromise, the only remedy remaining is a lawsuit. As of March, 2013, over 70 lawsuits have been filed. This ROPS cycle must be completed every six months and the possibility of changing DOF interpretation creates uncertainty. Successor agencies that complete required due diligence reviews and make required payments to the county auditor are entitled to a "finding of completion" issued by DOF. Successor agencies may then access three benefits important to affected communities:

- 1) The ability to transfer former redevelopment agency-owned properties to the city or county for redevelopment upon completion of a long term property management plan approved by DOF.
- 2) The ability to repay city loans made to the redevelopment agency.
- 3) The ability to use unspent bond proceeds issued by redevelopment agencies before December 31, 2010.

The repayment of city-agency loans and the expenditure of unspent bond proceeds become "enforceable obligations" after approval by the oversight board. But the statute is silent on the role of DOF. Since all actions of oversight boards can be reviewed and rejected by DOF every six months as part of the ROPS process, there is no clarity that a community can rely on accessing these benefits without future disruption or reversal.

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AB 564 clarifies the statute to reflect legislative intent that successor agencies can rely on access to these benefits over the long term. The bill requires that after the initial approval of oversight board action by the Department of Finance, the successor agency and all other public and private entities may rely with certainty upon that decision.

AB 564 is referred to the Assembly Committees on Local Government and on Housing and Community Development. No hearing is scheduled. The bill is supported by the California League of Cities.

AB 1080

Existing law dissolved redevelopment agencies and community development agencies, as of February 1, 2012, and provides for the designation of successor agencies. The law also provides for various economic development programs that foster community sustainability and community and economic development initiatives throughout the state.

This bill would authorize certain public entities of a community revitalization and investment area, as described, to form a community revitalization plan within a community revitalization and investment authority (authority) to carry out the Community Redevelopment Law in a specified manner. The bill would require the authority to adopt a community revitalization plan for a community Revitalization and investment area and authorize the authority to include in that plan a provision for the receipt of tax increment funds.

Discussion

AB 1080 allows certain “disadvantaged” areas of California to create a new entity called a Community Revitalization Investment Authority (CRIA). A CRIA would invest property tax increment of consenting local agencies (other than schools) and other available funding to improve conditions leading to increased employment opportunities, to reduce high crime rates, to repair deteriorating and inadequate infrastructure, to clean up brownfields and to promote affordable housing.

A CRIA is a public entity created by a city; a county; or by agreement between a city, county and/or special district through a JPA. The governing board is comprised of three locally-elected officials and two public members. The CRIA operates within a Community Revitalization Investment Area characterized by an annual median household income that is less than 80% of the statewide annual median plus other conditions relating to unemployment, crime rates, deteriorated infrastructure and deteriorated commercial or residential structures. The Area may qualify for funding as a “disadvantaged community” as determined by CalEPA and a “disadvantaged community” as defined in SB 244 (Wolk).

The Authority would have limited powers as specifically listed in the legislation including rehabilitating and upgrading inadequate infrastructure; providing funding for affordable housing; providing for seismic retrofits; acquiring property; and issuing bonds.

A CRIA may use tax-increment financing based upon the property tax increment of local jurisdictions (other than schools) with the consent of the local jurisdictions. Consistent with former Redevelopment Law, 20% of funds must be set aside for the development of affordable housing. An agency, or areas covered by an agency, may also benefit via Cap and Trade funds allocated to disadvantaged communities, or federal New Market’s Tax Credits.

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It must adopt a Community Revitalization and Investment Plan that identifies its goals and objectives; describes programs for repair, upgrading or construction of infrastructure, for providing affordable housing, facilitates the economic revitalization of the area, in addition to other information.

The CRIA must hold two public hearings at least 30 days apart before adopting the Plan. Additionally, the legislation requires an agency to hold an annual public hearing to assess progress in Plan implementation and to consider necessary modifications. To ensure accountability of the Authority, provisions of the legislation allow property owners within the Plan Area the opportunity to vote to terminate further activity of the Authority.

AB 1080 is referred to the Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development, and on Local Government. First hearing is scheduled in Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee on April 17, 2013. The League of California Cities supports the bill.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the LCMC forward a support recommendation to the Regional Council recommendation of AB 564 and AB 1080. Both bills provide greater certainty and flexibility to local government in the post-RDA environment, and are consistent with SCAG's board adopted state legislative priority to support legislation that enhances local financing, economic development & community reinvestment opportunities.

ATTACHMENT:

None.

REPORT

DATE: March 19, 2013

TO: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) 

FROM: Darin Chidsey, Acting Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs, (213)-236-1836, chidsey@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: AB 690 (Campos): Jobs and Infrastructure Financing Districts: Voter Approval - SUPPORT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Support.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On January 3, 2013, the SCAG Regional Council adopted the agency's 2013 State & Federal Legislative Priorities. On February 7, 2013, the Regional Council adopted the top State Legislative Priorities for the 2013-14 legislative session. This bill is consistent with Board adopted priorities. President Becerra was requested by the business community to consider support. This bill was discussed with state leaders on a recent visit to Sacramento. AB 690 (Campos): Jobs and Infrastructure Finance Districts: Voter Approval creates Jobs and Infrastructure Finance Districts to utilize tax increment finance pursuant to a locally developed plan to invest in community development with public and private funds and to create jobs. Bill provisions are consistent with SCAG's state legislative priority to support legislation that enhances local financing, economic development & community reinvestment.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 2: Obtain Regional Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Promote Legislative Solutions for Regional Planning Priorities; Objective b) Identify and support legislative initiatives.

BACKGROUND:

AB 690

Existing law authorizes a legislative body to create an infrastructure financing district, adopt an infrastructure financing plan, and issue bonds, for which only the district is liable, to finance specified public facilities upon approval by 2/3 of the voters. Existing law authorizes an infrastructure financing district (IFD) to fund infrastructure projects through tax increment financing, pursuant to the infrastructure financing plan and agreement of affected taxing entities. Additionally, existing law, the Polanco Redevelopment Act, authorizes a redevelopment agency to take any action that the agency determines is necessary and consistent with state and federal laws to remedy or remove a release of hazardous substances on, under, or from property within a project area, whether the agency owns that property or not, subject to specified conditions.

This bill would revise and recast the provisions governing infrastructure financing districts and instead provide for the creation of jobs and infrastructure financing districts (JIDs) with 55% voter approval. The bill would authorize a public financing authority to enter into joint powers agreements with affected taxing entities with regard to non-taxing authority or powers only. Provisions of the bill require JIDs to

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prepare a Job Creation Plan (JCP), and provide for a formula that dictates that for every one million dollars (\$1,000,000) invested, the JID shall create 10 prevailing wage jobs. The plan shall encourage public-private partnerships with employers and developers for property acquisitions, building and tenant improvements, and equipment purchases. The bill would also authorize a district to implement hazardous cleanup pursuant to the Polanco Redevelopment Act.

Discussion

AB 690 developed in partnership with leading business organizations and economists, such as the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) and Larry Kosmont, to allow local governments to use tax increment financing in public-private partnerships to create new jobs. It is designed to expressly create jobs in California through the establishment of Jobs and Infrastructure Districts with a lower, 55% voter threshold. Tax increment financing has shown to be one of the most powerful financing tools available to state and local governments for encouraging economic development. California lost this mechanism when redevelopment was eliminated in 2011. With statewide unemployment at 9.7 percent, AB 690 will directly benefit key job sectors including construction, manufacturing, retail and other industries.

To reduce unemployment, AB 690 introduces a local TIF mechanism (Jobs & Infrastructure Districts - "JIDs") to co-invest in existing or new companies that create 10 new jobs per 1 million invested (this is the same formula used by the Immigrant "Green Card" investment act known as EB 5 that has been used by the Federal government since 1989). This objective measurable requirement of 10 permanent, full-time prevailing wage jobs created for every \$1 million invested is a built-in accountability tool.

Additionally, approximately 85 percent of the state's general fund budget is generated by income tax and sales tax, which are derived from or are directly linked to, employment. Local community investment and redevelopment from tax increment finance seeks to directly stimulate the local economy and create jobs, which will have direct effect upon increasing local sales and income tax receipts. The bill does not raise or establish any new tax; it lowers the vote threshold to make easier the establishment of JIDs, created by the bill not only to spur investment, but also to create jobs, through use of increments of existing tax revenues targeted to local investment and development.

AB 690 is referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Housing and Community Development. No hearing is yet scheduled.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the LCMC forward a support recommendation to the Regional Council of AB 690, which provides greater opportunity and flexibility for local government to establish jobs and infrastructure finance districts to access tax increment financing to spur economic recovery. Bill provisions are consistent with SCAG's board adopted state legislative priority to support legislation that enhances local financing, economic development & community reinvestment opportunities.

ATTACHMENT:

None.

REPORT

DATE: March 19, 2013

TO: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) 

FROM: Darin Chidsey, Acting Director, Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs, (213) 236-1836, chidsey@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: AB 1257 (Bocanegra) – State Energy Resources Conservation & Development – SUPPORT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Support.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

AB 1257 would enact the Natural Gas Act, which would require the California State Energy Resources Conservation & Development Commission to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report containing specified information identifying strategies to maximize the benefits obtained from natural gas as an energy source.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 2: Obtain Regional Transportation infrastructure Funding and Promote Legislative Solutions for Regional Planning Priorities; Objective b) Identify and support legislative initiatives.

BACKGROUND:

AB 1257, introduced on February 22, 2013 by Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra, would enact the Natural Gas Act. If signed into law, the bill would require the California State Energy Resources Conservation & Development Commission (Energy Commission) to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report by January 1, 2015, and every four years thereafter, that identifies strategies to maximize the benefits obtained from using natural gas as an energy source (i.e., environmental and cost benefits to the State). The Energy Commission would be required to identify strategies and options that would:

- Determine how to make best use of natural gas as a transportation fuel, including for the movement of freight, vessels, mass transit, and other commercial and passenger vehicle use, as well as identifying methods to increase the development of natural gas refueling infrastructure.
- Determine the optimal role of natural gas-fired electricity generation as part of a resource portfolio, and the impact of that role on meeting GHG targets.
- Take advantage of natural gas as a low-emission and renewable resource.
- Optimize the advantage of natural gas as a flexible and convenient energy source (e.g., heating, water heating, cooling, cooking, engine operations, etc.), as well as optimizing use in appliances.
- Identify methods by which gas corporations can facilitate implementation of any of the strategies identified in the study.
- Determine the extent to which a long-term policy is needed to ensure adequate infrastructure and storage, and developing strategies for pursuing additional infrastructure development to maintain or enhance pipeline and system reliability.

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- Determine the role natural gas can play in the development of zero net energy buildings.
- Determine how the strategies in the study can facilitate jobs development in the private sector.

The Governor would be required to review the report and, on or before 180 days after receipt of the report, report further to the Legislature the Governor's agreement or disagreement with, and recommended deletions, additions, and modifications to, the policy recommendations contained in that report. The finalized report, as modified by the Governor, will comprise the natural gas policy of the State of California.

AB 1257 was referred to the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources on March 11, 2013. No hearing is yet scheduled.

RECOMMENDATION:

The recently adopted 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy makes multiple mentions on the usage of natural gas in goods movement and building energy use. With an increasing focus on sustainability, as well as the increase in renewable fuels and sustainable technologies in goods movement, transportation, and land use, AB 1257 is consistent with the sustainability goals of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS.

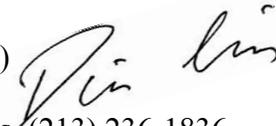
The Gas Company is a sponsor of this bill and is working with Assemblymember Bocanegra. In addition, the Gas Company has asked that SCAG support this bill. The League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties both currently have a "watch" position. SCAG staff is recommending that the LCMC forward a "support" position to the Regional Council.

ATTACHMENT:

None.

REPORT

DATE: March 19, 2013

TO: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) 

FROM: Darin Chidsey, Acting Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs, (213) 236-1836, chidsey@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Pending California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Modernization Legislation

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For information only; no action required

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On February 6, 2013, the SCAG Regional Council adopted top State Legislative Priorities for the 2013-14 legislative session including support of legislation to modernize the CEQA law to expedite project delivery and the creation of jobs without diminishing needed environmental review processes including, for example, concurrent rather than consecutive environmental review and expedited judicial review of challenges to environmental rulings, among others. At the March 7th Regional Council meeting, a report summarizing the more than 2,100 pending bills was distributed with note that the LCMC will begin addressing the bills and forwarding recommendations to the Regional Council. This report summarizes legislative bills that are introduced and address this area of the law. Staff will monitor these and any other related bills as they are amended and move through the legislative process and will forward to the LCMC for its consideration of further action as appropriate.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 2: Obtain Regional Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Promote Legislative Solutions for Regional Planning Priorities; Objective b) Identify and support legislative initiatives.

BACKGROUND:

The following legislative bills have been introduced and address various provisions related to CEQA modernization and process reform. It is expected that many of these bills will be amended and staff will continue to monitor and report back to the LCMC, possibly for LCMC consideration of position and/or advocacy recommendation by the agency. Currently no hearing is scheduled for any of these bills.

SB 436 (Jackson): California Environmental Quality Act: notice.

Location: Senate Committee on Environmental Quality

Summary: Requires a public scoping meeting for transportation projects of state, regional or areawide significance transportation projects; also expands general notice requirements for lead agencies;

SB 617 (Evans): California Environmental Quality Act.

Location: Senate Committee on Environmental Quality

Summary: Increases notice requirements for determinations made under CEQA, eliminates several specific exemptions, and changes the definition of significant impact on environment to include

exposures to an existing or reasonably foreseeable natural hazard or adverse condition. Includes other provisions.

SB 633 (Pavley): CEQA: environmental impact reports.

Location: (Pending Referral)

Summary: Clarifies that a supplemental EIR must be prepared on the basis of new information, that the new information could not have been known by the lead agency or responsible agency at the time the EIR was certified.

SB 731 (Steinberg): CEQA and sustainable communities strategy.

Location: (Pending Referral)

Summary: State the intent of the Legislature to revise CEQA to provide greater certainty for smart infill development, streamline the law for specified projects, and establish a threshold of significance for specified impacts. Further, would provide \$30 million to the Strategic Growth Council for planning incentive grants to local and regional entities to update and implement general plans, sustainable community's strategies, and smart growth plans. NOTE: This bill is the vehicle into which amended provisions arising from the efforts of the statewide CEQA working group will be incorporated. As a leadership bill, it will very likely be the bill that carries substantive changes to CEQA to the Governor.

SB 739 (Calderon): Environmental quality.

Location: (Pending Referral)

Summary: Existing law defines "local agency" for the purposes of CEQA. SB 739 is a spot bill would make a technical, non-substantive change to that definition.

SB 754 (Evans): California Environmental Quality Act.

Location: (Pending Referral)

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exempts certain types of projects from the requirement that a lead agency prepares and certifies the completion of an environmental impact report on projects that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. SB 754 is a spot bill that would make various technical, non-substantive changes in those provisions governing exemptions from CEQA.

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

Location: Senate Committee on Environmental Quality

Summary: For a judicial claim challenging compliance with CEQA, the bill would prohibit a cause of action that (1) alleges noncompliance with CEQA based on any topical area or criteria for which compliance obligations are identified or (2) challenges the environmental document based on noncompliance with CEQA if: (A) the environmental document discloses compliance with applicable environmental law, (B) the project conforms with the use designation, density, or building intensity in an applicable plan, as defined, and (C) the project approval incorporates applicable mitigation requirements into the environmental document.

AB 417 (Frazier): bicycle transportation plan.

Location: Assembly Committee on Natural Resources

Summary: Exempts (until 2018) from CEQA a bicycle transportation plan for an urbanized area and requires the lead agency to file a notice of the determination with OPR and county clerk.

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AB 515 (Dickinson): CEQA: judicial review.

Location: Assembly Judiciary Committee

Summary: Creates at least two CEQA compliance courts with boundaries to be determined by rule of court. Each district would have at least three judges appointed by governor with expertise in CEQA, land use, and environmental laws. Court must issue preliminary decision before oral argument; appeals would be directly to state Supreme Court.

ATTACHMENT:

None.

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DATE: March 19, 2013

TO: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

FROM: Sharon Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director, (213) 236-1992, neely@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: MAP-21 Implementing Legislation

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For information only; no action required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On February 6, 2013, the SCAG Regional Council adopted top State Legislative Priorities for the 2013-14 legislative session. At the March 7th Regional Council meeting, a report summarizing the more than 2,100 hundred pending bills was distributed with note that the LCMC would begin addressing the high priority bills. On March 13th, the Assembly Transportation Budget Subcommittee received testimony and addressed the Administration's proposal for MAP 21 implementation. No action was taken. The Regional Transportation CEO's will discuss this matter at their meeting March 15th. This report summarizes legislative bills that are introduced and address this area of the law. Staff will closely monitor these and any other related bills as they are amended and move through the legislative process and will forward to the LCMC for its consideration of further action as appropriate.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 2: Obtain Regional Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Promote Legislative Solutions for Regional Planning Priorities; Objective b) Identify and support legislative initiatives.

BACKGROUND:

The following state legislative bills have been introduced and address implementation of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, „MAP-21“, federal surface transportation authorization legislation enacted into law last July covering funding for Federal Fiscal Year 13 and 14. Due to the pending federal Department of Transportation guidance on implementation, transportation stakeholders and the State worked out a FY 13 funding distribution agreement ultimately approved by the California Transportation Commission. FY 14 funding distribution is still on the table for discussion amongst the transportation stakeholders. While Federal Department of Transportation (DOT) has issued significant guidance on a number of key programs, there are still pending DOT guidance clarifications anticipated that could affect any pending state legislation noted below. Caltrans continues to hold MAP 21 implementation conference calls. There was a call held last week where a FY 14 funding distribution proposal was introduced by the Administration. If concurrence can be reached amongst all the stakeholders for FY 14 funding distribution that is consistent with MAP 21, it may be unnecessary to introduce further state legislation affecting only FY 14.

Consequently, it is reasonable to expect that the below bills will be amended. Staff will continue to monitor and report back to the LCMC possibly for its consideration of position and/or advocacy recommendation for the agency.

MAP-21 Implementing State Legislation

AB 14: Lowenthal B (D)
TITLE: State Freight Plan

SUMMARY: Requires the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to prepare a state freight plan with specified elements to govern the immediate and long-range planning activities and capital investments of the state with respect to the movement of freight. The bill requires the agency to establish a freight advisory committee and submit a state freight plan to the legislature the following year. AB 14 is referred to Assembly Transportation Committee; hearing is scheduled April 8, 2013. SCAG Board has a "Support in Concept" position. The SCAG Executive Director testified regarding this bill as a hearing last month.

AB 466: Quirk Silva, S (D)
TITLE: Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)

SUMMARY: AB 466 is currently a spot bill. Member staff informs that it will be amended to address apportionment of CMAQ funds. The CMAQ program provides a flexible funding source to help reduce congestion and improve air quality for areas that do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter (nonattainment areas) and for former nonattainment areas that are now in compliance (maintenance areas). Legislation would ensure that the most current factors available at the time of final apportionment by FHWA are used in determining distribution of funds. This bill conforms to MAP 21 language.

AB 528: Lowenthal B (D)
TITLE: State Rail Plan

SUMMARY: Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law that requires the Department of Transportation to prepare a 10-year State Rail Plan biennially for submission to the Legislature, Governor, and specified entities.

SB 403: Canella (D)
TITLE: State Highway Routes

SUMMARY: Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation has full possession and control of the state highway system. Existing law includes specified state highway routes under the jurisdiction of the department. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to amend those provisions of law applicable to state highway routes.

Administration Trailer Bill Proposal – Active Transportation – Language submitted; bill number pending. The bill follows federal law in eliminating in state statute the Transportation Enhancement Program. The Administration trailer bill language intends to consolidate Active transportation programs and provide ease of administration for grant making. The bill creates the active transportation program under the state transportation fund within the State Highway Account. It does so by deleting the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) which is about \$7.2 million/year and Safe Routes to School Program and creating an Active Transportation Program (ATP). The language provides that urban MPOs can allocate 40% of monies to projects it selects; with the California Transportation Commission awarding the remaining 60% of monies competitively to projects - 10% in small and rural regions (less than 200,000)

and 50% on a statewide basis - pursuant to project selection criteria it develops with participation of various agency representatives which include MPOs. This language is different from MAP 21 in that 50% of federal funds distributed to MPO's (rather than 40%). The Administration consolidation proposal puts more funding than federal FY 14 funding into the program (about \$41 m additional for FY 14) so they interpret that they are meeting the federal language for regional distribution. They also indicated that the state funding will be a competitive process as required under MAP 21. The Administration proposes that the California Transportation Commission administer the program and indicated last week that they expected it would take six months or less to develop the guidelines.

Assembly Budget Subcommittee Hearing

On March 13, 2013, the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 for Resources and Transportation held hearing on topics which included the creation of The Transportation Agency, which replaces the Department Business, Transportation and Housing; overview of state transportation funding in 2013; overview of department budgets including Caltrans, the California Transportation Commission, and state transit assistance; extension of the use of state highway funds for general obligation bond interest; implementation of MAP-21; and the Governor's proposed trailer bill language to consolidate five categorical programs into a single "Active Transportation Program."

The Regional Transportation Agency CEO's will discuss the hearing and suggested next steps at their March 15th meeting and staff will provide an oral update at the meeting.

ATTACHMENT:

None.

FINANCE: TAX CREDIT Income Taxes: Credits: Film

<p>AB 3</p> <p>Author Bocanegra</p> <p>Location Assembly</p> <p>Positions</p>	<p>Party D</p> <p>Bill Summary The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law authorize various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws, including a credit against those taxes attributable to the production of a qualified motion picture in California, or, where the qualified motion picture has relocated to California or is an independent film, as provided. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to expand or continue the California Film and Television Tax Credit Program.</p>	<p>Recent Activity Introduced on 12/03/2012.</p>
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ENVIRONMENT Alternative Fuel: Vehicle Technologies: Funding Program

<p>AB 8</p> <p>Author Perea</p> <p>Location Assembly: T, NR</p> <p>Positions</p>	<p>Party D</p> <p>Bill Summary Provides the State Air Resources Board has no authority to enforce any element of its existing clean fuels outlet regulation or other regulation that requires or has the effect of requiring any person to construct, operate, or provide funding for the construction or operation of any publicly available hydrogen fueling station. Requires the public disclosure of the number of vehicles sold or leased. Requires grants and loans for a sufficient hydrogen fueling network. Extends the Carl Moyer Program, and a vehicle registration charge to fund the Carl Moyer Program, to January 1, 2024.</p>	<p>Recent Activity Introduced on 12/03/2012. To Assembly Committees on Transportation and Natural Resources on 01/14/2013. In Transportation: Not heard on 02/04/2013.</p>
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT State Government: Economic Development

<p>AB 9</p> <p>Author Holden</p> <p>Location Assembly: R</p> <p>Positions</p>	<p>Party D</p> <p>Bill Summary Existing law provides for the establishment of various job training and economic development programs, administered by the Employment Development Department and other state agencies. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that promotes job and business growth and encourages economic development.</p>	<p>Recent Activity Introduced on 12/03/2012. To Assembly Committee on Rules on 02/12/2013.</p>
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TRANSPORTATION State Freight Plan

<p>AB 14</p> <p>Author Lowenthal, B.</p> <p>Location Assembly: T</p> <p>Positions</p>	<p>Party D</p> <p>Bill Summary Requires the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to prepare a state freight plan with specified elements to govern the immediate and long-range planning activities and capital investments of the state with respect to the movement of freight. Requires the agency to establish a freight advisory committee.</p>	<p>Recent Activity Introduced on 12/03/2012. To Assembly Committee on Transportation on 01/14/2013.</p>
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GOVERNMENT Sidewalk: Repairs

<p>AB 22</p> <p>Author Blumenfield</p> <p>Location Assembly: LG</p> <p>Positions</p>	<p>Party D</p> <p>Bill Summary Prohibits a city, county, or city and county that has an ordinance in operation that requires it to repair or reconstruct streets, sidewalks, or driveways that have been damaged as a result of tree growth from repealing the ordinance without the concurrence of the local electorate by majority vote.</p>	<p>Recent Activity Introduced on 12/03/2012. To Assembly Committee on Local Government on 01/14/2013.</p>
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Assembly Committees: Accountability & Administrative Review (AAR) | Budget (B) | Housing & Community Development (HCD) | Jobs, Economic Development & The Economy (JEDE) | Local Government (LG) | Natural Resources (NR) | Revenue & Taxation (R&T) | Transportation (T) | Utilities & Commerce (U&C) | Water, Parks & Wildlife (WP&W)
Senate Committees: Business, Professions & Economic Development (BPED) | Education (Ed) | Elections & Constitutional Amendments (E&CA) | Energy, Utilities & Communications (EU&C) | Environmental Quality (EQ) | Governance & Finance (G&F) | Judiciary (J) | Natural Resources & Water (NR&W) | Rules (R) | Transportation & Housing (T&H)

SCAG California Legislative Matrix

March 2013

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development: Enterprise Zones

AB 28

Author
Perez, V.

Party
D

Location
Assembly: JEDE, LG

Positions

Bill Summary

Revises various definitions for purposes of the Enterprise Zone Act and modifies specified requirements for designating and administering enterprise zones, local agency military base recovery areas (LAMBRA) and geographically targeted economic development areas (G-TEDA), collectively. Imposes new requirements on the Department of Housing and Community Development with respect to the enterprise zone program and modifies department and Franchise Tax Board Reporting requirements.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 12/03/2012. To Assembly Committees on Jobs, Economic Development & the Economy and Local Government on 01/14/2013. Author's amendments, re-referred to Jobs, Economic Development & The Economy on 03/04/2013.

FINANCE: TAX CREDIT Community Development Investment Tax Credits

AB 32

Author
Perez, J.

Party
D

Location
Assembly: R&T

Positions

Bill Summary

Amends the Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law that provides a credit for a qualified investment made into a community development financial institution. Increases the limitation on the aggregate amount of qualified investments from \$10,000,000 per year to \$20,000,000 per year.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 12/03/2012. To Assembly Committee on Revenue & Taxation on 01/14/2013. Author's amendments, re-referred to Revenue & Taxation on 03/04/2013.

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Quality Act: Record of Proceedings

AB 37

Author
Perea

Party
D

Location
Assembly: NR

Positions

Bill Summary

Requires the lead agency, at the request of a project applicant, to prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with the preparation of negative declarations, mitigated negative declarations, EIR's, or other environmental documents for specified projects.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 12/03/2012. To Assembly Committee on Natural Resources on 01/14/2013.

PROPOSITION 39 IMPLEMENTATION

Proposition 39: Implementation

AB 39

Author
Skinner

Party
D

Location
Assembly: NR

Positions

Bill Summary

Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to administer grants, no-interest loans, or other financial assistance to an eligible institution, defined as a public school, for the purpose of projects that create jobs by reducing energy demand and consumption at eligible institutions. Requires the computation and record of energy saved. Sets forth the project prioritization requirements for projects funded by the Jobs Creation Fund.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 12/03/2012. To Assembly Committee on Natural Resources on 01/14/2013.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Biennial California Economic Development Strategic Plan

AB 53

Author
Perez, J.

Party
D

Location
Assembly: JEDE

Positions

Bill Summary

Requires the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to lead the preparation of a biennial California Economic Development Strategic Plan. Requires an employer to provide notice of a mass layoff, relocation, or termination of a business to the office and the Employment Development Department to post the notice on its Internet Web site.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 01/07/2013. To Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development & The Economy on 01/18/2013. Amended by author, re-referred to Jobs, Economic Development & The Economy on 02/20/2013.

SCAG California Legislative Matrix

March 2013

TRANSPORTATION State Highway Route 86: Relinquishment

AB 62
Author
Hueso
Location
Assembly: T
Positions

Party
D

Bill Summary

Authorizes the State Transportation Commission to relinquish to the Cities of Brawley, El Centro, and Imperial and the County of Imperial specified portions of State Highway Route 86 under certain conditions. This bill would also redesignate a specified portion of State Highway Route 86 as a part of State Highway Route 78 following relinquishment. This bill would also state the intent of the Legislature that State Highway Route 86 should remain as a future state highway along a new, specified route.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 01/07/2013. To Assembly Committee on Transportation on 01/18/2013.

ENVIRONMENT

Salton Sea Restoration

AB 71
Author
Perez, V.
Location
Assembly: WP&W
Positions

Party
D

Bill Summary

Requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to lead Salton Sea restoration efforts. Requires the secretary to form a technical advisory group to provide guidance about evaluating, developing, or proposing future restoration or economic development activities. Requires the secretary to seek input from the Salton Sea Authority with regard to specified components of the restoration of the Salton Sea.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 01/10/2013. To Assembly Committee on Water, Parks & Wildlife on 01/24/2013.

PROPOSITION 39 IMPLEMENTATION

Proposition 39: Implementation

AB 114
Author
Salas
Location
Assembly: NR, U&C
Positions
League: Watch

Party
D

Bill Summary

Requires the Employment Development Department, using funds made available from the Clean Energy Job Creation Fund, to administer grants, no-interest loans, or other financial assistance for allocation to existing workforce development programs for the purposes of creating green energy jobs. Requires programs to give higher priority to disadvantaged youth and veterans who reside in an economically disadvantaged community or in a community with a high unemployment rate.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 01/14/2013. To Assembly Committees on Natural Resources and Utilities & Commerce on 02/28/2013.

ENVIRONMENT

Environment: Salton Sea: Dust Mitigation

AB 147
Author
Perez, V. M.
Location
Assembly: WPW, NR
Positions

Party
D

Bill Summary

Requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to develop a strategic plan, containing specified elements, to guide the implementation of a project to monitor and mitigate dust pollution created at the Salton Sea as a result of the implementation of the Quantification Settlement Agreement.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 01/18/2013. To Assembly Committees on Water, Parks & Wildlife and Natural Resources on 01/31/2013.

ENVIRONMENT

Renewable Energy: Salton Sea

AB 148
Author
Perez, V.M.
Location
Assembly: NR, WPW
Positions

Party
D

Bill Summary

Requires the Natural Resources Agency to establish a Salton Sea Renewable Energy and Biofuel Research and Development Program in the Salton Sea basin to meet high-priority economic and environmental goals by providing grants to facilitate research and the commercial development of renewable energy and biofuel resources.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 01/18/2013. To Assembly Committees on Natural Resources and Water, Parks & Wildlife on 02/15/2013.

Assembly Committees: Accountability & Administrative Review (AAR) | Budget (B) | Housing & Community Development (HCD) | Jobs, Economic Development & The Economy (JEDE) | Local Government (LG) | Natural Resources (NR) | Revenue & Taxation (R&T) | Transportation (T) | Utilities & Commerce (U&C) | Water, Parks & Wildlife (WP&W)
Senate Committees: Business, Professions & Economic Development (BPED) | Education (Ed) | Elections & Constitutional Amendments (E&CA) | Energy, Utilities & Communications (EU&C) | Environmental Quality (EQ) | Governance & Finance (G&F) | Judiciary (J) | Natural Resources & Water (NR&W) | Rules (R) | Transportation & Housing (T&H)

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ENVIRONMENT Global Warming Solutions act of 2006: Offsets

AB 153

Author
Bonilla

Party
D

Location
Assembly: NR

Positions

Bill Summary

Amends the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt a specified process for the review and consideration of new offset protocols and, commencing in 2014 and continuing thereafter, use that process to review and consider new offset protocols.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 01/18/2013. To Assembly Committee on Natural Resources on 01/31/2013.

INFRASTRUCTURE Infrastructure Financing

FINANCING

AB 164

Author
Wieckowski

Party
D

Location
Assembly: LG

Positions

Bill Summary

Requires a lease agreement between a governmental agency undertaking an infrastructure project and a private entity to include performance bonds as security to ensure the completion of the construction of the facility and payment bonds to secure the payment of claims of laborers, mechanics, and materialmen employed on the work under contract.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 01/23/2013. To Assembly Committee on Local Government on 01/31/2013.

GOVERNMENT: Open and Public Meetings: Televised Meetings

MEETINGS

AB 185

Author
Hernandez, R.

Party
D

Location
Assembly: LG

Positions

Bill Summary

Provides that an audio or video recording of an open and public meeting made at the direction of a local agency may be erased or destroyed 2 years after the recording. Requires a local agency that collects a franchise fee from the holder of a state franchise that provides PEG channels to televise open and public meetings of its legislative body and any of its advisory committees, if financially feasible, and to only use the franchise fees for that purpose.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 01/28/2013. To Assembly Committee on Local Government on 02/07/2013. Author's amendments, re-referred to Local Government on 03/11/2013.

TRANSPORTATION: Counties: Construction Projects: Design-Build

PROJECT DELIVERY

AB 195

Author
Hall

Party
D

Location
Assembly: LG

Positions

Bill Summary

Extends provisions of existing law that authorizes counties to use alternative procedures, known as design-build, for bidding on specified types of construction projects in the county in excess of a specified amount, in accordance with specified procedures, and provides that the procedures include a requirement for contracts awarded after a certain date that a county board of supervisors pay a fee into the State Public Works Enforcement Fund.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 01/28/2013. To Assembly Committee on Local Government on 02/07/2013.

TRANSPORTATION: Vehicles: Length Limitations: Buses: Bicycle Devices

BIKE RACKS

AB 206

Author
Dickinson

Party
D

Location
Assembly: T

Positions

Bill Summary

Authorizes the Sacramento Regional Transit District to install folding devices attached to the front of its buses that are designed and used exclusively for transporting bicycles if the use of the device meets certain requirements, including, but not limited to, that the device does not extend more than 40 inches from the front of the bus when fully deployed, and that the handlebars of the bicycles being transported do not extend more than 46 inches from the front of the bus.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 01/30/2013. To Assembly Committee on Transportation on 02/07/2013.

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INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING

Infrastructure and Revitalization Financing Districts

Bill Summary

Authorizes the creation of an infrastructure and revitalization financing district and the issuance of debt with voter approval. Authorizes the creation of a district for up to 40 years and the issuance of debt with a final maturity date of up to 30 years. Authorizes a district to finance projects in redevelopment project areas and former redevelopment project areas and former military bases.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/04/2013. To Assembly Committee on Local Government on 02/15/2013.

AB 229

Author
Perez, J.

Party
D

Location
Assembly: LG

Positions

INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING

Local Government: Infrastructure Financing Districts

Bill Summary

Authorizes the creation of an infrastructure and revitalization financing district and the issuance of debt with voter approval. Authorizes a district to finance projects in redevelopment project areas and former redevelopment project areas and former military bases if special conditions are met. Authorizes a district to fund various projects, including watershed land used for the collection and treatment of water for urban uses, flood management, open space, habitat restoration and development purposes.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/06/2013. To Assembly Committee on Local Government on 02/15/2013.

AB 243

Author
Dickinson

Party
D

Location
Assembly: LG

Positions

TRANSPORTATION

Vehicles: High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes

Bill Summary

Extends the operation of existing law that authorizes the Department of Transportation to designate certain lanes for the exclusive use of high-occupancy vehicles, which lanes may also be used by certain low-emission or alternative fuel vehicles not carrying the requisite number of passengers otherwise required for the use of an HOV lane.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/07/2013. To Assembly Committee on Transportation on 02/21/2013.

AB 266

Author
Blumenfield

Party
D

Location
Assembly: T

Positions

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Microenterprises: Economic Development

Bill Summary

Revises the definition of a microenterprise. Requires the Workforce Investment Board to assist the Governor by developing specified guidelines for certain high-wage industry sectors and making recommendations on how to target resources to specified high-wage industry sectors, and by recommending policy and providing technical assistance on entrepreneurial training opportunities that could be made available through local workforce investment board programs.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/11/2013. To Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development & The Economy on 02/21/2013.

AB 285

Author
Brown

Party
D

Location
Assembly: JEDE

Positions

INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING

Infrastructure Financing Districts

Bill Summary

Authorizes an infrastructure financing district to utilize the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund portion of incremental tax revenue. Requires a district that proposes to utilize the portion of incremental tax revenue to include that intention in the financing plan, and prior to adopting a resolution authorizing the first debt issuance utilizing the share, obtain and submit an economic analysis to the Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank for review and approval.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/11/2013. To Assembly Committee on Local Government on 02/28/2013.

AB 294

Author
Holden

Party
D

Location
Assembly: LG

Positions

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FINANCE: TAX CREDIT Income Taxes: Hiring Credits: Investment Credits

AB 305

Author

Perez, V.

Party

D

Location

Assembly: R&T, JEDE

Positions

Bill Summary

Amends the Personal Income Tax and the Corporation Tax Law that provides a credit for each full-time employee hired by a qualified employer. Calculates the cut-off date for the hiring credit. Allows a credit, in modified conformity with a federal New Market Tax Credit, in a specified amount for investments in low-income communities.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/12/2013. To Assembly Committees on Revenue & Taxation and Jobs, Economic Development & The Economy on 02/28/2013. Referred to Jobs, Economic Development & The Economy and Revenue & Taxation on 03/04/2013.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AB 311

Author

Perez, V.

Party

D

Location

Assembly: JEDE

Positions

Economic Development Projects

Bill Summary

Authorizes the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank board of directors to enter into development and financing agreements for projects within the California-Mexico border region. Authorizes a binational financing authority to facilitate and support the economic development of communities within the border region.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/12/2013. To Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development & The Economy on 02/28/2013.

PLANNING

AB 325

Author

Alejo

Party

D

Location

Assembly: HCD, LG

Positions

Land Use and Planning: Cause of Actions: Time Limits

Bill Summary

Authorizes notice for an action or proceeding against local zoning and planning decisions of a legislative body to be filed any time within 3 years after a specified action pursuant to existing law.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/13/2013. To Assembly Committees on Housing & Community Development and Local Government on 02/28/2013.

ENVIRONMENT

AB 380

Author

Dickinson

Party

D

Location

Assembly: NR, LG

Positions

California Environmental Quality Act: Notice

Bill Summary

Amends the California Environmental Quality Act. Requires that notices regarding environmental impact reports filed by lead agencies need to be filed with the Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk and posted by that clerk for public review. Provides additional duties regarding that notice by the Office and the county clerk. Provides notice requirements for projects that are determined to be exempted from the Act.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/15/2013. To Assembly Committees on Natural Resources and Local Government on 02/28/2013.

GOVERNMENT

AB 415

Author

Garcia

Party

D

Location

Assembly: U&C, J

Positions

Public Utilities: Public Utilities Act: Violation

Bill Summary

Establishes a reasonable good fault reliance defense to an enforcement action by the Public utilities Commission pursuant to the act or an order, decision, rule, direction, demand, or requirement of the commission. Prohibits the commission from commencing or maintaining an adjudication or other enforcement action or proceeding against an entity if that entity has relied, in good faith, on the advice or direction of the staff of the commission.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/15/2013. To Assembly Committees on Utilities & Commerce and Judiciary on 02/28/2013.

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ENVIRONMENT California Environmental Quality Act

AB 417

Author
Frazier

Location
Assembly: NR

Positions

Bill Summary

Exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act a bicycle transportation plan for an urbanized area. Requires a local agency that determines that the bicycle transportation plan is exempt under this provision and approves or determines to carry out that project, to file notice of the determination with the Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk. Requires the Office of Planning and Research to post specified information on its Internet Web site.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/15/2013. To Assembly Committee on Natural Resources on 03/11/2013.

PLANNING

Sustainable Communities

AB 453

Author
Mullin

Location
Assembly: LG

Positions

Bill Summary

Amends existing law establishing the Strategic Growth Council to manage and award grants and loans to a council of governments, metropolitan planning organizations, regional transportation planning agencies, city, county, or joint powers authorities for the purpose of developing, adopting and implementing a regional plan or other planning instrument to support the planning and development of sustainable communities. Makes a local agency formation commission eligible for the award of financial assistance.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/19/2013. To Assembly Committee on Local Government 02/28/2013.

TRANSPORTATION

Public Transit: Local Transportation Fund

FUNDING

AB 466

Author
Quirk-Silva

Location
Assembly

Positions

Bill Summary

Makes a nonsubstantive change to provisions of existing law providing for the allocation by the designated transportation planning agency of funds in a county's local transportation fund derived from the sales tax to transit operators for public transportation purposes and to cities and counties for street and road purposes.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/19/2013.

TRANSPORTATION

High-Speed Rail

AB 481

Author
Lowenthal, B.

Location
Assembly: T, AAR

Positions

Bill Summary

Enacts exceptions and authorizations relative to real property obtained for high-speed rail purposes by the High-Speed Rail Authority. Enacts new provisions governing acquisition or disposal of right-of-way property by the authority. Requires payments for leases or other conveyances of property controlled by the authority to be deposited with the authority for use in development, improvement, and maintenance of the high-speed rail system.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/19/2013. To Assembly Committees on Transportation and Accountability & Administrative Review on 02/28/2013.

ENVIRONMENT

California Environmental Quality Act: Judicial Review

AB 515

Author
Dickinson

Location
Assembly: NR, J

Positions

Bill Summary

Provides for at least 2 CEQA compliance court districts within the state, with the appropriate boundaries for the districts and locations for seating CEQA compliance courts to be determined by rule of court. Establishes a CEQA compliance court in every district. Requires the Governor to appoint the judges. Requires the selection of a presiding judge for a district. Gives the courts the jurisdiction over actions and proceedings involving the CEQA. Provides appeals are to the Supreme Court.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/20/2013. To Assembly Committees on Natural Resource and Judiciary on 03/04/2013. Referred to Committees on Judiciary and Natural Resources on 03/11/2013. From Judiciary with author's amendments, read second time, re-referred to Judiciary on 03/11/2013.

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TRANSPORTATION State Rail Plan

AB 528

Author
Lowenthal, B.

Location
Assembly

Positions

Party
D

Bill Summary

Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law that requires the Department of Transportation to prepare a 10-year State Rail Plan biennially for submission to the Legislature, Governor, and specified entities.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/20/2013.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AB 564

Author
Mullin

Location
Assembly: LG, HCD

Positions

Party
D

Community Redevelopment: Successor Agencies

Bill Summary

Amends existing law that dissolved redevelopment agencies and community development agencies and provides for the designation of successor agencies.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/20/2013. To Assembly Committees on Local Government and Housing & Community Development on 03/04/2013. Author's amendments, re-referred to Local Government on 03/12/2013.

ENVIRONMENT

Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006

AB 572

Author
Atkins

Location
Assembly: NR

Positions

Party
D

Bill Summary

Amends the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Requires for purposes of determining the viability of incentivizing greenhouse gas emissions reductions through increased energy efficiency, the state Air Resources Board to identify and evaluate the energy efficiency investments of at least one large-scale building development project that the state board determines will likely provide a significant low-cost opportunity for greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/20/2013. To Assembly Committee on Natural Resources on 03/04/2013.

TRANSPORTATION State Highways: Relinquishment

AB 574

Author
Lowenthal, B.

Location
Assembly: T

Positions

Party
D

Bill Summary

Authorizes the California Transportation Commission to relinquish any portion of a state highway or related facility within a county or city to that county or city, subject to an agreement between the Department of Transportation and the local agency, without requiring a legislative enactment deleting the state highway segment from the state highway system.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/20/2013. To Assembly Committee on Transportation on 03/04/2013.

TRANSPORTATION: PROJECT DELIVERY Public Contracts: Design-Build

PROJECT DELIVERY

AB 603

Author
Cooley

Location
Assembly: AAR, LG

Positions

Party
D

Bill Summary

Includes in the definition of a local transportation entity, a city, county, city and county, and a joint powers authority. Applies the specified procedural requirements to the state design-build projects. Authorizes the Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Authority to use design-build procurement.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/20/2013. To Assembly Committees on Accountability & Administrative Review and Local Government on 03/07/2013.

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INFRASTRUCTURE Energy Management Plans for Harbor and Port Districts

FINANCING

AB 628

Author
Gorell

Party
R

Location
Assembly: NR, U&C

Positions

Bill Summary

Requires the Infrastructure Development Bank to fund projects to finance projects to promote economic development in harbor and port districts that are developed pursuant to energy management plan. Requires a harbor or port district to prepare an energy management plan for the district that is intended to reduce air emissions and promote economic development through the addition of new businesses and the retention of existing businesses in the district, in accordance with specified requirements.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/20/2013. To Assembly Committees on Natural Resources and Utilities & Commerce on 03/04/2013.

INFRASTRUCTURE Local Government: Infrastructure Financing Districts

FINANCING

AB 662

Author
Atkins

Party
D

Location
Assembly: LG

Positions

Bill Summary

Amends existing law that authorizes the creation of infrastructure financing districts and prohibits such district from including any portion of a redevelopment project area. Deletes that prohibition on infrastructure financing districts including any portion of a redevelopment project area.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/21/2013. To Assembly Committee on Local Government on 03/04/2013.

ENVIRONMENT: Land Use: Development Project Review

PROJECT EXPEDITING

AB 667

Author
Hernandez, R.

Party
D

Location
Assembly

Positions

Bill Summary

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions of the Permit Streamlining Act requiring the lead agency to approve or disapprove the project within a specified number of days from the date of certification of an environmental impact report, the date of the adoption of a negative declaration, the determination by the lead agency that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/21/2013.

INFRASTRUCTURE Jobs and Infrastructure Financing Districts

FINANCING

AB 690

Author
Campos

Party
D

Location
Assembly: LG, HCD

Positions

Bill Summary

Revises and recasts the provisions governing infrastructure financing districts. Provides for the creation of jobs and infrastructure financing districts with voter approval. Authorizes a public financing authority to enter into joint powers agreements with affected taxing entities with regard to nontaxing authority or powers only.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/21/2013. To Assembly Committees on Local Government and Housing & Community Development on 03/11/2013.

INFRASTRUCTURE California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank

FINANCING

AB 701

Author
Perez, J.

Party
D

Location
Assembly: JEDE

Positions

Bill Summary

Relates to the Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank and board of directors. Adds a Member of the Assembly and a Member of the Senate as advisory members of the board. Requires the bank to serve as the primary state agency for purposes of developing an application for any federal infrastructure bank or financing authority. Incorporates additional changes made by the Governor's Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 2012.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/21/2013. To Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development & The Economy on 03/04/2013.

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PLANNING	Infrastructure Plan: State Planning and Funding	
AB 716	Bill Summary Amends the Infrastructure Planning Act which requires the Governor to submit annually to the Legislature, in conjunction with the Governor's budget, a proposed infrastructure plan. Requires the plan to set out priorities for coordination of investment. Expands the definition of infrastructure to include housing.	Recent Activity Introduced on 02/21/2013. To Assembly Committees on Housing & Community Development and Budget on 03/04/2013.
Author Quirk-Silva	Party D	
Location Assembly: HCD, B		
Positions		

TRANSPORTATION	Public Entity Liability: Bicycles	
AB 738	Bill Summary Provides that a public entity or an employee of a public entity acting within his or her official capacity is not liable for an injury caused to a person riding a bicycle while traveling on a roadway, if the public entity has provided a bike lane on that roadway.	Recent Activity Introduced on 02/21/2013. To Assembly Committees on Judiciary and Local Government on 03/07/2013.
Author Harkey	Party R	
Location Assembly: J, LG		
Positions		

PLANNING: HOUSING ELEMENT	Land Use: Housing Element	
AB 745	Bill Summary Amends the Planning and Zoning Law. Authorizes a city or county to request the appropriate council of governments to adjust a density to be deemed appropriate if it is inconsistent with city's or county's existing density.	Recent Activity Introduced on 02/21/2013. To Assembly Committees on Housing & Community Development and Local Government on 03/04/2013.
Author Levine	Party D	
Location Assembly: HCD, LG		
Positions		

TRANSPORTATION: PROJECT DELIVERY	Public-Private Partnerships	
AB 749	Bill Summary Deletes the reference to the Public Infrastructure Advisory Commission established by the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. Creates a new Public Infrastructure Advisory Commission. Requires the commission to establish best practices for public-private partnerships, and to identify other state departments that would benefit from similar contracting authority.	Recent Activity Introduced on 02/21/2013. To Assembly Committee on Transportation on 03/04/2013.
Author Gorell	Party R	
Location Assembly: T		
Positions		

FINANCE: TAX CREDIT	Income Taxes: Credits: Hiring Full-Time Employees	
AB 825	Bill Summary The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law allow various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws, including a credit for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, in the amount of \$3,000 for each qualified full-time employee hired by a qualified employer. Those laws define "qualified employer" as a taxpayer that employed 20 or fewer employees as of the last day of the preceding taxable year. This bill would, under both laws, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, expand the definition of "qualified employer" to mean a taxpayer that employed 50 or fewer employees as of the last day of the preceding taxable year.	Recent Activity Introduced on 02/21/2013. To Assembly Committee on Revenue & Taxation on 03/04/2013.
Author Medina	Party D	
Location Assembly: R&T		
Positions		

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TRANSPORTATION: Transit Projects: Environmental Review Process

NEPA DELEGATION

AB 863

Author
Torres

Party
D

Location
Assembly: T, NR

Positions

Bill Summary

Authorizes the Department of Transportation to assume responsibilities for federal review and clearance under the National Environmental Policy Act for a transit project that is subject to the act. Provides that the state consents to the jurisdiction of the federal courts in that regard, and provides that the department may not assert immunity from suit under the U.S. Constitution with regard to actions brought relative to those responsibilities under federal law.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/21/2013. To Assembly Committees on Transportation and Natural Resources on 03/04/2013.

ENVIRONMENT

California Environmental Quality Act

AB 953

Author
Ammiano

Party
D

Location
Assembly: NR

Positions

Bill Summary

Amends the California Environmental Quality Act, which defines environment and significant effect on the environment for certain purposes. Revises those definitions. Requires a lead agency to include in an environmental assessment report, a detailed statement on any effects that may result in the locating a proposed project near natural hazards or adverse environmental conditions.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/22/2013. To Assembly Committee on Natural Resources on 03/07/2013.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Revitalization & Investment Authorities

AB 1080

Author
Alejo

Party
D

Location
Assembly: LG, HCD

Positions

Bill Summary

Authorize certain public entities of a community revitalization and investment area to form a community revitalization plan within a community revitalization and investment authority to carry out the Community Redevelopment Law in a specified manner. Requires the authority to adopt a community revitalization plan for a community revitalization and investment area and authorizes the authority to include in that plan a provision for the receipt of tax increment funds.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/22/2013. To Assembly Committees on Local Government and Housing & Community Development on 03/07/2013.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development: Goods-Movement Infrastructure

AB 1081

Author
Medina

Party
D

Location
Assembly: T, JEDE

Positions

Bill Summary

Amends existing law that requires the Governor to submit to the Legislature a proposed infrastructure plan containing specified information concerning infrastructure needed by specified entities and a proposal for funding the needed infrastructure. Requires the plan to include information related to infrastructure identified by state and federal transportation authorities and a recommendation for public sector financing.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/22/2013. To Assembly Committees on Transportation and Jobs, Economic Development & The Economy on 03/07/2013.

PLANNING

Regional Transport Plan: Communities Strategy

AB 1179

Author
Bocanegra

Party
D

Location
Assembly

Positions

Bill Summary

Requires the sustainable communities strategy to identify, in consultation with each local educational agency in the region, future school facilities sites, or existing facilities that may be modernized or expanded.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/22/2013.

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TRANSPORTATION Safe Routes to School Program

AB 1194

Bill Summary

Requires the Safe Routes to School Program to be funded by an annual appropriation in the budget act.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/22/2013. To Assembly Committee on Transportation on 03/07/2013.

Author **Party**

Ammiano D

Location

Assembly: T

Positions

ENERGY

State Energy Resources Conservation & Development

AB 1257

Bill Summary

Enacts the Natural Gas Act. Requires the Energy Commission to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report containing specified information identifying strategies to maximize the benefits obtained from natural gas as an energy source.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/22/2013. To Assembly Committee on Natural Resources on 03/11/2013.

Author **Party**

Bocanegra D

Location

Assembly: NR

Positions

INFRASTRUCTURE Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank

FINANCING

AB 1272

Bill Summary

Revises the definition of economic development facilities to include facilities that are used to provide goods movement and would define goods movement-related infrastructure. Revises the definition of port facilities to specifically reference airports, landports, waterports, and railports. The bill would authorize the bank to join or formally participate in regional, state, national, or international organizations related to infrastructure financing.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/22/2013. To Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development & The Economy on 03/11/2013.

Author **Party**

Medina D

Location

Assembly: JEDE

Positions

TRANSPORTATION Transportation Planning

AB 1290

Bill Summary

Provides for 2 additional voting members of the California Transportation Commission to be appointed by the Legislature. Provides for the Secretary of the Transportation Agency, the Chairperson of the State Air Resources Board, and the Director of Housing and Community Development to serve as ex officio members without a vote. This bill would provide that the commission's Committee on Planning is also responsible for monitoring outcomes from land development and transportation investments in accordance with the sustainable communities strategy required to be adopted by transportation planning agencies as part of the regional transportation plan. This bill would require the annual report to include a summary of the commission's assessment of progress around the state toward state objectives of greenhouse gas emission reductions, from patterns of ongoing land developments and transportation investments. This bill would require the Strategic Growth Council to identify activities, programs, and local assistance funding of its member agencies that have a significant effect on the implementation of sustainable communities strategies. The bill would require each member agency to be notified of those matters, and would require each member agency to report annually to the California Transportation Commission on steps that it has taken to ensure that its policies, activities, programs, and local assistance funding help attain greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, among other things.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/22/2013. To Assembly Committee on Transportation on 03/11/2013.

Author **Party**

Perez, J. D

Location

Assembly: T

Positions

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<p>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>AB 1320</p> <p>Author Bloom</p> <p>Location Assembly</p> <p>Positions</p>	<p>Redevelopment: Successor Agencies</p> <p>Bill Summary Relates to the Community Redevelopment Law. Eliminates the requirement that the successor agency dispose of all remaining assets and terminate its existence. Eliminates the requirement that pass-through payment obligations cease. Eliminates the prohibition on the allocation of property tax to the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust fund for that agency.</p>	<p>Recent Activity Introduced on 02/22/2013.</p>
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<p>ENVIRONMENT: WATER</p> <p>AB 1349</p> <p>Author Gatto</p> <p>Location Assembly</p> <p>Positions</p>	<p>CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund</p> <p>Bill Summary Establishes the CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund for the purpose of water use efficiency projects. Requires moneys in the fund to be used for purposes that include, but are not limited to, at-or-below market interest rate loans.</p>	<p>Recent Activity Introduced on 02/22/2013.</p>
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<p>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>SB 1</p> <p>Author Steinberg</p> <p>Location Senate: T&H</p> <p>Positions</p>	<p>Sustainable Communities Investment Authority</p> <p>Bill Summary Authorizes certain public entities of a Sustainable Communities Investment Area to form a Sustainable Communities Investment Authority to carry out the Community Redevelopment Law. Provides for tax increment funding receipt under certain economic development and planning criteria. Establishes prequalification requirements for receipt of funding. Requires monitoring and enforcement of prevailing wage requirements within the area.</p>	<p>Recent Activity Introduced on 12/03/2012. To Senate Committees on Governance & Finance and Transportation & Housing on 01/10/2013. From Governance & Finance: Do pass (4-2) to Transportation & Housing on 03/13/2013.</p>
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<p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>SB 11</p> <p>Author Pavley</p> <p>Location Senate: T&H, EQ</p> <p>Positions</p>	<p>Alternative Fuel: Vehicle Technologies: Funding Program</p> <p>Bill Summary Provides the State Air Resources Board has no authority to enforce any element of its existing clean fuels outlet regulation or other regulation that requires or has the effect of requiring any person to construct, operate, or provide funding for the construction or operation of any publicly available hydrogen fueling station. Requires the public disclosure of the number of vehicles sold or leased. Requires grants and loans for a sufficient hydrogen fueling network. Extends the Carl Moyer Program, and a vehicle registration charge to fund the Carl Moyer Program, to January 1, 2024.</p>	<p>Recent Activity Introduced on 12/03/2012. To Senate Committees on Transportation & Housing and Environmental Quality on 01/10/2013.</p>
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<p>INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING</p> <p>SB 33</p> <p>Author Wolk</p> <p>Location Senate: A</p> <p>Positions</p>	<p>Infrastructure Financing Districts: Voter Approval</p> <p>Bill Summary Revises provisions governing infrastructure financing districts. Eliminates the requirement of voter approval for creation of the district and for bond issuance, and authorizes the legislative body to create the district subject to specified procedures. Authorizes the creation of such district subject to specified procedures. Authorizes a district to finance specified actions and project. Prohibits the district from providing financial assistance to a vehicle dealer or big box retailer.</p>	<p>Recent Activity Introduced on 12/03/2012. To Senate Committee on Governance & Finance on 01/10/2013. Author's amendments, re-referred to Governance & Finance on 03/06/2013. From Governance & Finance: Do pass (4-1) to Appropriations on 03/13/2013.</p>
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ENVIRONMENT: Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act

WATER

SB 36

Author
Rubio

Party
D

Location
Senate: R

Positions

Bill Summary

Declares the intent of the Legislature to amend the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012 for the purpose of reducing the amount of the bond.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 12/04/2012. To Senate Committee on Rules on 01/10/2013.

PROPOSITION 39 Energy: School Facilities: Energy Efficiency Projects

IMPLEMENTATION

SB 39

Author
De León

Party
D

Location
Senate: Ed, EU&C

Positions

Bill Summary

This bill would enact the Clean Energy Employment and Student Advancement Act of 2013 and would require the Office of Public School Construction to establish a school district assistance program to distribute grants, on a competitive basis, for energy efficiency upgrade projects pursuant to the California Clean Energy Jobs Act. The bill would require the office, upon the approval of the State Allocation Board, to award a school district grants for energy efficiency upgrade projects meeting specified criteria. The bill would require the office to give priority applications meeting specified criteria. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to appropriate moneys to the Office of Public School Construction from the fund for the purposes of awarding energy efficiency grants to the most disadvantaged schools in need of modernization for the purposes of energy efficiency upgrades.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 12/05/2012. To Senate Committees on Education and Energy, Utilities & Communications.

League: Watch

ENVIRONMENT: Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act

WATER

SB 40

Author
Pavley

Party
D

Location
Senate: R, NR&W

Positions

Bill Summary

Changes the name of the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012 to the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014. Declares the intent of the Legislature to amend the act for the purpose of reducing and potentially refocusing the bond.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 12/10/2012. To Senate Committee on Rules on 01/10/2013. Amended by author, read second time, re-referred to Rules on 01/17/2013. Re-referred to Senate Committees on Natural Resources & Water and Rules on 01/31/3013.

TRANSPORTATION California Transportation Commission: Guidelines

SB 110

Author
Steinberg

Party
D

Location
Senate

Positions

Bill Summary

Establishes specified procedures that the Transportation Commission would be required to utilize when it adopts guidelines relative to its programming and allocation policies. Exempts the adoption of those guidelines from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 01/14/2013. To Senate Transportation and Housing Committee (T&H).

ENVIRONMENT Environmental and Land-Use Court

SB 123

Author
Corbett

Party
D

Location
Senate: J

Positions

Bill Summary

Requires a presiding judge of each superior court to establish an environmental and land-use division within the court to process civil proceedings brought pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act or in specified subject areas, including air quality, biological resources, climate change, hazards and hazardous materials, land use planning, and water quality.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 01/18/2013. To Senate Committee on Judiciary on 01/31/2013.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Enterprise Zones: Applications	
SB 133	Bill Summary Provides that, for any application for an enterprise zone designation submitted on or after January 1, 2014, if any portion of the proposed zone is within, or was previously within, the boundaries of a previously designated zone, of if any portions of the proposed zone are within, or previously were within, the boundaries of 2 or more previously designated enterprise zones, the bill prohibits the proposed enterprise zone from exceeding a specified aggregate size.	Recent Activity Introduced on 01/28/2013. To Senate Committee on Transportation & Housing on 02/07/2013.
Author DeSaulnier	Party D	
Location Senate: T&H		
Positions		

TRANSPORTATION	Public Transit	
SB 142	Bill Summary Repeals existing law that provides for creation of one or more special benefit districts within a transit or rapid transit district relative to the issuance of bonds to be repaid through special assessments levied on property within the special benefit district.	Recent Activity Introduced on 01/30/2013. To Senate Committee on Governance & Finance on 02/07/2013.
Author DeSaulnier	Party D	
Location Senate: G&F		
Positions		

ENVIRONMENT	California Environmental Quality Act	
SB 167	Bill Summary Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act that requires a lead agency to prepare an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out that may have a significant effect on the environment.	Recent Activity Introduced on 02/04/2013. To Senate Committee on Rules on 02/14/2013.
Author Gaines	Party R	
Location Senate: R		
Positions		

TRANSPORTATION	Local Transportation Funds: Ventura County	
SB 203	Bill Summary Relates to existing law requiring the expenditure of local transportation funds by specified local governments to be apportioned to urbanized areas of those counties for allocation for public transit purposes and not for street and road purposes. Existing law exempts Ventura County from these provisions and instead authorized the Ventura County Transportation Commission to submit, by December 31, 2011, a report to the Legislature analyzing options for organizing public mass transportation services in the county and for expenditure of revenues in the local transportation fund, along with a recommended legislative proposal. Under existing law, if a legislative proposal was not enacted by the end of the 2011-12 Regular Session of the Legislature, local transportation funds in Ventura County would be required to be available solely for transit purposes beginning July 1, 2014. Repeals the provisions specifically relating to Ventura County and the expenditure of local transportation funds there.	Recent Activity Introduced on 02/07/2013. To Senate Committee on Transportation & Housing on 02/21/2013.
Author Pavley	Party D	
Location Senate: T&H		
Positions		

TRANSPORTATION	State Highway Route 74	
SB 337	Bill Summary Relinquishes to the City of Hemet that portion of State Highway Route 74 located within its city limits or sphere of influence under specified conditions.	Recent Activity Introduced on 02/20/2013. To Senate Committee on Transportation & Housing on 02/28/2013.
Author Emmerson	Party R	
Location Senate: T&H		
Positions		

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GOVERNMENT: Local Agency Meetings: Teleconferencing

MEETINGS

SB 338

Bill Summary

Requires if the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing and a teleconference location is located outside the boundaries of the local agency, that the agenda be posted at that location at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting rather than 72 hours.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/20/2013. To Senate Committee on Governance & Finance on 02/28/2013.

Author
Hill

Party
D

Location
Senate: G&F

Positions

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Redevelopment

SB 341

Bill Summary

Changes provisions relating to the functions to be performed by the entity assuming the housing functions of the former redevelopment agency to instead refer to the housing successor. Provides that funds in the Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund shall be used in accordance with applicable housing-related provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/20/2013. To Senate Committee on Transportation & Housing on 02/28/2013.

Author
DeSaulnier

Party
D

Location
Senate: T&H

Positions

FINANCE: TAX CREDIT Income and Corporation taxes: Credits: Information

SB 365

Bill Summary

Requires any bill that would authorize a personal income or corporation tax credit to contain specified goals and objectives that the tax credit will achieve, detailed performance indicators to measure whether the tax credit is meeting those objectives, and a requirement that the credit cease to be operative by a specified date.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/20/2013. To Senate Committee on Governance & Finance on 02/28/2013.

Author
Wolk

Party
D

Location
Senate: G&F

Positions

ENVIRONMENT

Electric Generating Facilities: Emissions Offsets

SB 389

Bill Summary

Prohibits South Coast Air Quality Management District from charging a fee for the transfer of an emissions offset from the district's internal emissions offset account to offset any emissions increase from the replacement of electric utility steam boilers at electric generating facilities.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/20/2013. To Senate Committee on Environmental Quality on 02/28/2013.

Author
Wright

Party
D

Location
Senate: EQ

Positions

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

California Homes and Jobs Act of 2013

SB 391

Bill Summary

Enacts the California Homes and Jobs Act of 2013. Imposes a fee to be paid at the time of the recording of every real estate instrument, paper, or notice required or permitted by law to be recorded. Requires that revenues sent quarterly to the Department of Housing and Community Development for deposit in the California Homes and Jobs Trust Fund, which the bill would create. Provides that moneys expended for supporting affordable housing, administering housing programs and the cost of periodic audits.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/20/2013. To Senate Committees on Transportation & Housing and Governance & Finance on 02/28/2013.

Author
DeSaulnier

Party
D

Location
Senate: T&H, G&F

Positions

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<p>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>SB 431</p> <p>Author Price</p> <p>Location Senate: R</p> <p>Positions</p>	<p>Party D</p>	<p>Local Government: Economic Development</p> <p>Bill Summary Implements a regional pilot program or programs in low income regions of the state that would encourage the growth of a unique industry not common to that region, and retrain the community through social innovative financing to meet the industry's workforce needs.</p>	<p>Recent Activity Introduced on 02/21/2013. To Senate Committee on Rules on 03/11/2013.</p>
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<p>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>SB 470</p> <p>Author Wright</p> <p>Location Senate: G&F, EQ</p> <p>Positions</p>	<p>Party D</p>	<p>Community Development: Economic Opportunity</p> <p>Bill Summary Provides that before any city or county property acquired in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, for economic opportunity purposes is sold or leased for development, the sale or lease shall first be approved by the legislative body. Authorizes a city, county, or city and county to establish a program under which it loans funds to owners or tenants for the purpose of rehabilitating commercial buildings or structures and to assist with the financing of facilities.</p>	<p>Recent Activity Introduced on 02/21/2013. To Senate Committees on Governance & Finance and Environmental Quality on 03/11/2013.</p>
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<p>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</p> <p>SB 513</p> <p>Author Hancock</p> <p>Location Senate: T&H</p> <p>Positions</p>	<p>Party D</p>	<p>Local Development</p> <p>Bill Summary Relates to the Transit Priority Project Program regarding an infrastructure finance district. Relates to a required percentage of affordable units in rental or owner-occupied housing for low- or moderate-income persons and families. Revises the percentage requirement.</p>	<p>Recent Activity Introduced on 02/21/2013. To Senate Committee on Transportation & Housing on 03/11/2013.</p>
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<p>TRANSPORTATION</p> <p>SB 557</p> <p>Author Hill</p> <p>Location Senate: T&H</p> <p>Positions</p>	<p>Party D</p>	<p>High-Speed Rail</p> <p>Bill Summary Relates to existing law that appropriates specified funds from the High Speed Passenger Train Bond Fund and from federal funds for high-speed rail and connecting rail projects. Adds detail to provisions governing the expenditure of certain of those appropriated funds. Specifies that of the moneys appropriated for early high-speed rail improvement projects in the Budget Act of 2012, a specified amount shall be allocated solely for purposes of specified memoranda of understanding.</p>	<p>Recent Activity Introduced on 02/22/2013. To Senate Committee on Transportation & Housing on 03/11/2013.</p>
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<p>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>SB 592</p> <p>Author Price</p> <p>Location Senate: BPED</p> <p>Positions</p>	<p>Party D</p>	<p>Trade Promotion of California Ports</p> <p>Bill Summary Requires the Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to provide to the Legislature a strategy for promoting trade for California ports that, at a minimum includes specified information, objectives, goals and recommendations. Requires that the strategy be submitted to the Chief Clerk of the Assembly and the Secretary of the Senate, with copies provided to the Speaker of the Assembly, the President pro Tempore of the Senate, and the chairs of specified legislative committees.</p>	<p>Recent Activity Introduced on 02/22/2013. To Senate Committee on Business, Professions & Economic Development on 03/11/2013.</p>
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ENVIRONMENT California Environmental Quality Act

SB 617
Author Evans
Location Senate: EQ
Positions

Party D

Bill Summary
Amends various provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. Requires that notices regarding environmental impact reports filed by lead agencies need to be filed with the Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk and posted by that clerk for public review. Provides additional duties regarding notices by the Office and the clerk. Requires a statement in the report regarding the placement of the project near natural hazards or adverse environment conditions. Repeals specified exemptions.

Recent Activity
Introduced on 02/22/2013. To Senate Committee on Environmental Quality on 03/11/2013.

INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING Infrastructure Financing

SB 628
Author Beall
Location Senate: G&F, T&H
Positions

Party D

Bill Summary
Eliminates the requirement of voter approval for the adoption of an infrastructure financing plan, the creation of an infrastructure financing district, and the issuance of bonds with respect to a transit priority project. Requires a specified percentage of the revenue for increasing, improving, and preserving the supply of lower and moderate-income housing. Provides that income level for continued occupancy. Relates to the approval of such district and its ability to issue bonds.

Recent Activity
Introduced on 02/22/2013. To Senate Committees on Governance & Finance and Transportation & Housing on 03/11/2013.

ENVIRONMENT CEQA: Environmental Impact Reports

SB 633
Author Pavley
Location Senate: R
Positions

Party D

Bill Summary
Amends the California Environmental Quality Act that requires the submission of a subsequent or supplemental environmental impact report when new information which was not known and could not have been known at the time of the original report was certified as complete, becomes available. Requires a subsequent or supplemental environmental impact report if new information that becomes available was not known, and could not have been known by the lead agency or any responsible agency at the time the report was certified as complete.

Recent Activity
Introduced on 02/22/2013. To Senate Committee on Rules on 03/11/2013.

ENVIRONMENT Environment: California Environmental Quality Act

SB 731
Author Steinberg
Location Senate: R
Positions

Party D

Bill Summary
State the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation revising the California Environmental Quality Act to, among other things, provide greater certainty for smart infill development. States the intent of the Legislature to provide funds annually to the Strategic Growth Council for the purposes of providing planning incentive grants to local and regional agencies to update and implement general plans.

Recent Activity
Introduced on 02/22/2013. To Senate Committee on Rules on 03/11/2013.

GOVERNMENT: MPOs Local Planning: Metropolitan Planning Organizations

SB 751
Author Yee
Location Senate: R
Positions

Party D

Bill Summary
Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to ensure transparency in connection with the functioning of metropolitan planning organizations, including, but not limited to, the individual voting records of their members.

Recent Activity
Introduced on 02/22/2013. To Senate Committee on Rules on 03/11/2013.

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ENVIRONMENT California Green Infrastructure Bank Act

SB 798

Author
de Leon
Location
Senate: G&F, R

Positions

Party
D

Bill Summary

Enacts the Green Infrastructure Bank Act. Establishes the Green Infrastructure Bank. Provides for certain loans to a subdivision or local government. Amends an existing law which authorizes the allocation of moneys appropriated from Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions through investments in programs implemented by local and regional agencies and collaboratives and by nonprofit organizations.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/22/2013. To Senate Committees on Governance & Finance and Rules on 03/11/2013.

FINANCE: TAX CREDIT California Transportation Financing Authority

SB 810

Author
Price
Location
Senate: G&F, T&H

Positions

Party
D

Bill Summary

Authorizes the California Transportation Financing Authority to award tax credit certificates to exporters and importers that demonstrate they have increased their cargo tonnage or value through state ports and airports by specified amounts or had a net increase in full-time employees. Amends the Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Income Tax Law. Allows a credit against the taxes imposed by those laws if a taxpayer receives a tax credit certificate.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 02/22/2013. To Senate Committees on Transportation & Housing and Governance & Finance on 03/11/2013.

VOTER THRESHOLD Local Government Transportation Project: Voter Approval

SCA 4

Author
Liu
Location
Senate: G&F, R

Positions

Party
D

Bill Summary

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for local transportation projects requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 12/03/2012. To Senate Committees on Governance & Finance and Rules on 02/14/2013.

FINANCE Initiative Measures: Funding Source

SCA 6

Author
DeSaulnier
Location
Senate: E&CA

Positions

Party
D

Bill Summary

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to prohibit an initiative measure that would result in a net increase in state or local government costs, from being submitted to the electors or having any effect unless and until the Legislative Analyst and the Director of Finance jointly determine that the initiative measure provides for additional revenues in an amount that meets or exceeds the net increase in costs.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 12/03/2012. To Senate Committee on Elections & Constitutional Amendments on 02/07/2013.

VOTER THRESHOLD Transportation Projects: Special Taxes: Voter Approval

SCA 8

Author
Corbett
Location
Senate: G&F, R

Positions

Party
D

Bill Summary

Provides that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for transportation projects requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 12/14/2012. To Senate Committees on Governance & Finance and Rules on 02/14/2013.

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VOTER THRESHOLD Local Government: Economic Development: Special Taxes

SCA 9

Author

Corbett

Location

Senate: G&F, E&CA

Positions

Party

D

Bill Summary

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for community and economic development projects requires the approval of a specified percentage of its voters voting on the proposition.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 12/18/2012. To Senate Committees on Governance & Finance and Elections & Constitutional Amendments on 02/07/2013.

VOTER THRESHOLD Local Government: Special Taxes: Voter Approval

SCA 11

Author

Hancock

Location

Senate: G&F, E&CA

Positions

Party

D

Bill Summary

Makes conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions relative to special taxation. Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 55% of the voters voting on the proposition.

Recent Activity

Introduced on 01/25/2013. To Senate Committees on Governance & Finance and Elections & Constitutional Amendments on 02/07/2013.