



Bill Number(s)	Sponsor(s)	Bill Title	Summary	Position	Status
H.R. 94	Andy Biggs (R-AZ-05)	American Sovereignty and Species Protection Act	H.R. 94 would prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from listing a species as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act if the species is not native to the United States.	MONITOR	Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources (1/09/2023)
H.R. 186	McClintock (R-CA-05)	Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act	To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing.	SUPPORT	Introduced and referred to House Committee on Natural Resources (1/09/2023)
H.R. 189	McClintock (R-CA-05)	Action Versus No Action Act	H.R. 189 would mandate that an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act specific to federal actions on forest management can only consider alternative actions of “forest management activity” and “no action.”	MONITOR	Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Agriculture (1/09/2023)
H.R. 289	LaMalfa (R-CA-01)	Protect Our Water Rights Act	To update requirements for the operation of the Central Valley Project and Klamath River Basin Reclamation Project by the Bureau of Reclamation.	MONITOR	Introduced and referred to House Committee on Natural Resources (1/11/2023)
H.R. 250	Garamendi (D-CA-8)	Clean Water SRF Parity Act	To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make certain projects and activities eligible for financial assistance under a State water pollution control revolving fund.	MONITOR	Introduced and referred to House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure (1/10/2023)



H.R. 215	Valadao (R-CA-22)	WATER for California Act	Reauthorizes the successful surface water storage project program and coordinated operations of the CVP and SWP established by the WIIN Act, Provides eligibility for funding for the Shasta Enlargement Project, and promotes water conveyance through the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.	MONITOR	Introduced and referred to House Committee on Natural Resources (1/09/2023)
S. 63	Barrasso (R-WY)	Water Rights Protection Act of 2023	Prohibits the Department of the Interior and Agriculture from mandating water users transfer water rights to the U.S., or purchase water rights in the name of the U.S. as a condition of any permit, lease, or other use agreement. Also recognizes state water law and requires coordination with the states.	MONITOR	Introduced in the Senate (1/25/2023)
H.R. 178	Levin (D-CA-49)	Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act of 2023	Requires the Department of the Interior to establish priority areas on its land for geothermal, solar, and wind energy projects. The bill also establishes the Renewable Energy Resource Conservation Fund to make funds available to federal, state, and tribal agencies for distribution in regions in which renewable energy projects are located on federal land for (1) restoring and protecting natural water bodies and fish and wildlife habitat and corridors, and (2) preserving and improving recreational access to federal land and water in an affected region.	MONITOR	Introduced in the House. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture (1/9/2023)
H.R. 565	Neguse (D-CO-2)	Land Restoration and Resiliency Act of 2023	Directs the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to enter into cooperative agreements with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to establish the	MONITOR	Introduced in the House. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources (Subcommittee



			<p>Community Resilience and Restoration Fund at the foundation, for purposes including to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improve community safety in the face of climactic extremes through conservation and protection of restoration and resilience lands; - protect, conserve, and restore restoration and resilience lands in order to help communities respond and adapt to natural threats, including wildfire, drought, extreme heat, and other threats posed or exacerbated by the impacts of global climate; and - protect and enhance the biodiversity of wildlife populations across restoration and resilience lands. 		<p>on Water, Wildlife, Fisheries) (1/26/2023)</p>
H.R. 872	Calvert (R-CA-41)	FISH Act	<p>Gives the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) the sole authority to protect endangered or threatened species that are anadromous species (species of fish that spawn in fresh or estuarine waters and that migrate to ocean waters) or catadromous species (species of fish that spawn in ocean waters and migrate to fresh or estuarine waters). Currently, the FWS shares this authority with the National Marine Fisheries Service.</p>	SUPPORT	<p>Introduced in the House. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources (Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, Fisheries) (2/09/2023)</p>
H.R. 1430	Valadao (R-CA-22)	Determination of NEPA Adequacy	<p>Directs the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use certain previously completed environmental assessments and environmental impact statements to satisfy the</p>	MONITOR	<p>Introduced in the House. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and to Ag (3/07/2023)</p>



		Streamlining Act	review requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes.		
H.R. 2419	Costa (D-CA-21)	To provide financial assistance for projects to address certain subsidence impacts in the State of California, and for other purposes.		SUPPORT/SPONSOR	Introduced in the House. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources (3/30/2023)



1. Tracked State Legislation

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AB 30	Ward	Atmospheric Rivers: Research, Mitigation, and Climate Forecasting Program	The bill would require the department to research, develop, and implement new observations, prediction models, novel forecasting methods, and tailored decision support systems to improve predictions of atmospheric rivers and their impacts on water supply, flooding, post-wildfire debris flows, and environmental conditions. The bill would also require the department to take all actions within its existing authority to operate reservoirs in a manner that improves flood protection in the state and to reoperate flood control and water storage facilities to capture water generated by atmospheric rivers	Support	Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (March 14). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
AB 62	Mathis	Statewide water storage: expansion	This bill would establish a statewide goal to increase above- and below-ground water storage capacity by a total of 3,700,000 acre-feet by the year 2030 and a total of 4,000,000 acre-feet by the year 2040. The bill would require the state board, in consultation with the Department of Water Resources, to design and implement measures to increase statewide water storage to achieve the statewide goal. The bill would require the state board, beginning July 1, 2027, and on or before July 1 every 2 years thereafter until January 1, 2043, in consultation with the department, to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature on the progress made in designing and implementing measures to achieve the statewide goal	Favor	Referred to Com. on W., P., & W

SB 23	Caballero	Water supply and flood risk reduction projects: expedited permitting	This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to expedite the regulatory permitting process for water supply and flood risk reduction projects, as provided.	Support	Re-referred to Coms. on N.R. & W. and E.Q.
SB 361	Dodd	Water Resources: Stream Gages	This bill would require the Department of Water Resources and the board, upon appropriation of funds by the Legislature, to reactivate, upgrade, and install new stream gages, as provided. The bill would require the department and board to use the recommendations and data provided in the California Stream Gaging Prioritization Plan 2022 to complete specified actions by 2030. The bill would require the data from all stream gages operating with any public money to be published as provisional data within 10 days of collection and made publicly available on the state's open water data platforms.	Favor	Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.
AB 422	Alanis	Natural Resources Agency: statewide water storage: tracking	This bill would require the Natural Resources Agency, on or before June 1, 2024, to post on its publicly available internet website information tracking the progress to increase statewide water storage, and to keep that information updated.	Recommend Favor	Referred to Com. on W., P., & W
AB 460	Bauer-Kahan	State Water Resources Control Board: interim relief	his bill would authorize the board to issue, on its own motion or upon the petition of an interested party, an interim relief order in appropriate circumstances to implement or enforce these and related provisions of law. The bill would provide that a person or entity that violates any interim relief order issued by the board would be liable to the board for a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$10,000 for each day in which a violation occurs and \$5,000 for each	Recommend Oppose	Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and JUD.

			acre-foot of water diverted in violation of the interim relief order. The bill would require these funds to be deposited in the Water Rights Fund		
AB 557		Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences	This bill would extend the teleconferencing provisions when a declared state of emergency is in effect, or in other situations related to public health, as specified, indefinitely. The bill would also extend the period for a legislative body to make the above-described findings related to a continuing state of emergency and social distancing to not later than 45 days after the first teleconferenced meeting, and every 45 days thereafter, in order to continue to meet under the abbreviated teleconferencing procedures.	Recommend Favor	Referred to L. Gov.
AB 676	Bennett	Water: general state policy.	This bill would instead declare that the use of water for health and safety purposes is the highest use of water.	Recommend Oppose	Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and E.S. & T.M.
AB 735	Berman	Workforce Development: Utility Careers	This bill would establish the High Road Utility Careers (HRUC) program, to be administered by the board, to connect existing resources with individuals interested in careers in the utility sector and ensure a continued reliable workforce for California utilities.	Recommend Favor	Referred to L. & E.
AB 1337	Wicks	State Water Resources Control Board: water shortage enforcement.	This bill would authorize the water board to adopt regulations for various water conservation purposes, including, but not limited to, to prevent the waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion of water, and to implement these regulations through orders curtailing the diversion or use of water under any claim of right. The bill would require the board to	Recommend Oppose	Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and JUD.

			provide notice and an opportunity to be heard before issuing an order, except where an opportunity to be heard before the issuance of an order would be impractical given the likelihood of harm to the purposes of the various water conservation regulations.		
SB 366	Caballero	The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets	This bill would make legislative findings and declarations and state the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that modernizes the California Water Plan, including the establishment of long-term water supply targets.	Recommend Support	Referred to Com. on RLS
SB 389	Allen	State Water Resources Control Board: determination of water right.	This bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to investigate the diversion and use of water from a stream system to determine whether the diversion and use are based upon appropriation, riparian right, or other basis of right, as specified.	Recommend Oppose	Referred to Com. on N.R. & W
AB 66	Mathis	Natural Resources Agency: water storage projects: permit approval	This bill would require the Natural Resources Agency, and each department, board, conservancy, and commission within the agency, to approve the necessary permits for specified projects within 180 days from receiving a permit application and would deem those permits approved if approval does not occur within this time period.	Monitor	Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.
AB 234	Bauer-Kahan	Microparticles.	This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would prohibit the sale in this state of rinse-off cosmetics, detergents, waxes, and polishes that contain intentionally added synthetic polymer microparticles, including products identified in the synthetic polymer microparticle	Monitor	From printer. May be heard in committee February 12

			Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) restrictions adopted by the European Union (EU) .		
AB 249	Holden	Water: schoolsites: lead testing: conservation	This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board to allocate \$10,000,000 each fiscal year for the years 2024 to 2027, inclusive, from the funds the board receives from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, to the extent allowed under federal law, to pay for drinking water testing, drinking water filters, and related training for school personnel at schoolsites, as specified	Monitor	From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on ED. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (March 14). Re-referred to Com. on ED.
AB 277	Rodriguez		This bill would require the office and the department to jointly establish and lead the Extreme Weather Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center for the purpose of collecting, assessing, and analyzing extreme weather data and atmospheric conditions, as specified. The bill would require that the center be composed of representatives from specified organizations and would authorize the office and the department to invite other organizations to designate additional representatives, as specified.	Monitor	Referred to Coms. on E.M. and W., P., & W.
AB 279	Rubio	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority: annual pumping right assessment.	This bill would increase the maximum allowable annual pumping right assessment to \$20 per acre-foot.	Monitor	Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
AB 297	Fong	Wildfires: local assistance grant	This bill would extend the director's authority to authorize advance payments from a grant program award to January 1, 2034	Monitor	Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

		program: advance payments			
AB 305	Villapudua	California Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024	This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation for a flood protection general obligation bond act, in an unspecified amount, that would be known as the California Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024, and would be submitted to the voters at the next general election.	Monitor	From printer. May be heard in committee February 26
AB 334	Rubio	Public contracts: conflicts of interest	This bill would establish that an independent contractor, who meets specified requirements, is not an officer for purposes of being subject to the prohibition on being financially interested in a contract	Monitor	In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author
AB 338	Aguiar-Curry	Public works: definition	This bill would, commencing January 1, 2025, expand the definition of "public works" to include fuel reduction work done under contract and paid for in whole or in part out of public funds performed as part of a fire mitigation project, as specified. The bill would limit those provisions to work that falls within an apprenticeship occupation in the building and construction trades for which an apprenticeship program has been approved and to contracts in excess of \$100,000.	Monitor	Referred to Com. on L. & E.
AB 340	Fong	California Environmental Quality Act: grounds for noncompliance	This bill would require the alleged grounds for noncompliance with CEQA presented to the public agency in writing be presented at least 10 days before the public hearing on the project before the issuance of the notice of determination. T	Monitor	Referred to Coms. on NAT. RES. and JUD.

AB 345	Wilson	Habitat restoration: flood control: advance payments	This bill would authorize the department or the board to provide advance payments, as defined, to local agencies for projects that restore habitat for threatened and endangered species under state or federal law or improve flood protection, as provided.	Monitor	Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W., P., & W. Read second time and amended.
AB 396	Fong	Dams	Spot bill relating to the construction and operation of dams.	Monitor	Introduced. To print.
AB 560	Bennett	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater adjudication.	This bill would require the court to refer the proposed judgment to the board for an advisory determination as to whether the proposed judgment will substantially impair the ability of a groundwater sustainability agency, the board, or the department to achieve sustainable groundwater management. The bill would require the board to consult with the department before making its determination.	Monitor	Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and JUD.
AB 625	Aguiar- Curry	Forest Biomass Waste Utilization Program.	This bill would establish the Forest Waste Biomass Utilization Program to be administered by the state board's Joint Institute for Wood Products Innovation to develop an implementation plan to meet the goals and recommendations of, and the comprehensive framework to align with the state's wood utilization policies and priorities and focused market strategy of, specified statewide forest management plans, and to develop a workforce training program to complement the workforce needs associated with the implementation plan.	Monitor	Referred to Coms. on U. & E. and NAT. RES
AB 664	Lee	California Safe Drinking Water Act: domestic wells	This bill would require any domestic well owner within the consolidation or extended service area that does not provide written consent to ensure that tenants of	Monitor	From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.)

			rental properties served solely by that domestic well have access to safe drinking water until consent is provided. To the extent that knowingly violating an order of the board to provide safe drinking water from a domestic well would expand the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program		(March 14). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
AB 682	Mathis	State Water Resources Control Board: online search tool: funding applications.	This bill would require, by January 1, 2025, the state board to update the state board's online search tool for funding applications to include a description of the additional information the state board needs from a water system to continue processing the water system's application and the date the state board expects to complete its reviews and award funding, among other information, as specified.	Monitor	From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on E.S. & T.M. Read second time and amended.
AB 753	Papan	State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account: annual proceed transfers.	This bill would create within the Waste Discharge Permit Fund the Waterway Recovery Account, and would annually transfer from the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account, excluding administratively imposed civil liabilities that include a supplemental environmental project in connection with a monetary penalty, 50% of the annual proceeds to the Waterway Recovery Account. The bill would provide that moneys in the account created by the bill are continuously appropriated to the state board without regard to fiscal years to expend for the following purposes: for restoration projects that improve water quality standards, as specified; for the Clean Water Team Citizen Monitoring Program, to increase water quality monitoring;	Monitor	Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.

AB 754	Papan	Water management planning: automatic conservation plan.	This bill would additionally require an urban water management plan, if a reservoir is identified as an existing or planned source of water available to the supplier, to include specified information related to water storage and conservation, including, among other things, a target water supply storage curve, calculated as provided, and an automatic conservation plan that would be implemented when the reservoir storage level falls below the target water supply storage curve. The bill would require the automatic conservation plan to contain specified information regarding, among other things, response actions to be taken when water storage falls to specified storage levels.	Monitor	From printer. May be heard in committee March 16
AB 759	Grayson	Sanitary districts.	This bill would instead authorize funds to be expended in a manner prescribed by the board.	Monitor	Referred to Com. on L. GOV.
AB 779	Wilson	Groundwater: adjudication	This bill would require the plaintiff and defendant involved in an adjudication to forward all relevant pleading and briefing materials to the Department of Water Resources after a decision has been rendered by the court. The bill would require the department to post the documents on its internet website in the interest of transparency and accessibility, as specified. The bill would require the court to invite a representative from the department or the State Water Resources Control Board to provide technical assistance or expert testimony on the amount of water in the basin subject to adjudication, equitable and sustainable pumping allocations for the basin, and sustainable groundwater management best	Monitor	Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and JUD.

			practices and recommendations. The bill would require the court to take into account the needs of small farmers and disadvantaged communities, as those terms are defined, when entering a judgment.		
AB 805	Arambula	Drinking water: consolidation.	This bill would authorize the state board, if sufficient funds are available, to order consolidation of sewer service along with an order of consolidation of drinking water systems when both of the receiving and subsumed water systems provide sewer service and after the state board engages in certain activities, including, but not limited to, consulting with the relevant regional water board and the receiving water system and conducting outreach to ratepayers and residents served by the receiving and subsumed water systems, as provided.	Monitor	Re-referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.
AB 809	Bennett	Salmonid populations: California Monitoring Program Fund.	This bill would require the department to establish the California Monitoring Program to collect comprehensive data on coastal and inland salmonid populations, in coordination with relevant federal and state agencies, to inform salmon and steelhead recovery, conservation, and management activities.	Monitor	Referred to Com. on W., P., & W
AB 828	Connolly	Sustainable groundwater management: state agencies.	This bill would add various defined terms for purposes of the act, including the term "managed wetland."	Monitor	Re-referred to Com. on W., P., & W.
AB 830	Soria	Lake and streambed alteration agreements: exemptions.	This bill would additionally exempt from these provisions the temporary operation of existing infrastructure or temporary pumps being used to divert flood stage and monitor stage flows, as	Monitor	: From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W., P.,

			identified by the California Nevada River Forecast Center, to beneficial groundwater recharge necessary to protect downstream life and property.		& W. Read second time and amended
AB 838	Connolly	California Water Affordability and Infrastructure Transparency Act of 2023.	This bill would require, on January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, public water systems to provide specified information and data related to customer water bills and efforts to replace aging infrastructure to the state board.	Monitor	Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.
AB 896	Aguiar-Curry	Flood control: City of Woodland: Lower Cache Creek.	This bill would specifically adopt and approve the Lower Cache Creek Flood Risk Management Project, as provided. The bill would also authorize the state to provide funds, up to 99% of the costs, as specified, for the project for flood control on the Lower Cache Creek in the County of Yolo, and would authorize the City of Woodland to receive funds for these purposes under specified conditions. T	Monitor	From printer. May be heard in committee March 17
AB 923	Bauer-Kahan	Flood plain restoration projects: Central Valley: study	This bill would require the department, in coordination with the board, to undertake a study to identify and assess barriers to the implementation of flood plain restoration projects that provide increased flood risk reduction and groundwater recharge benefits. The bill would also require the department and the board to conduct broad stakeholder outreach to inform the study	Monitor	Referred to Com. on W., P., & W
AB 967	Flora	California Safe Drinking Water Act: definitions.	Spot bill relating to drinking water.	Monitor	From printer. May be heard in committee March 17
AB 1024	Aguiar-Curry	Water rights: small irrigation use: lake or	This bill would require the board to give priority to adopting, on or before June 30, 2027, except as	Monitor	Referred to Com. on W., P., & W

		streambed alteration agreements	provided, general conditions that permit a registrant to store water for small irrigation use during times of high streamflow in exchange for the registrant reducing diversions during periods of low streamflow, as specified. The bill would require that the actions of the board under these provisions be deemed an action taken for the protection of the environment for purposes of specified California Environmental Quality Act guidelines, if those actions do not result in the relaxation of streamflow standards.		
AB 1072	Wicks	Water use efficiency.	Spot bill relating to water efficiency.	Monitor	From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.
AB 1152	Patterson	California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: recycled water	This bill would exempt from CEQA a project to construct or expand a recycled water pipeline for the purpose of mitigating drought conditions for which a state of emergency was proclaimed by the Governor if the project meets specified criteria. Because a lead agency would be required to determine if a project qualifies for this exemption, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would also exempt from CEQA the development and approval of building standards by state agencies for recycled water systems	Monitor	From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.
AB 1196	Villapudua	Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.	Spot bill relating to Prop 1.	Monitor	From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.

AB 1205	Bauer-Kahan	Water: permits and licenses: temporary changes: water or water rights transfers.	Spot bill relating to water rights.	Monitor	From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.
AB 1211	Mathis	Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: internet website information: updates.	Existing law requires the board, at least once every 2 years, to post information on its internet website regarding implementation of the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law and expenditures from the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. This bill would make it annually.	Monitor	Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.
AB 1272	Wood	State Water Resources Control Board: drought planning.	The bill would require the state board to establish a program, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, to adopt principles and guidelines for diversion and use of water in coastal watersheds, as specified, during times of water shortage for drought preparedness and climate resiliency. The bill would require that the principles and guidelines provide for the development of watershed-level plans to support public trust uses, public health and safety, and the human right to water in times of water shortage, among other things. The bill also would require the state board, prior to adopting those principles and guidelines, to allow for public comment and hearing, as provided.	Monitor	From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.
AB 1469	Kalra	Santa Clara Valley Water District	This bill would make legislative findings and declarations concerning water use, including that the use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf is wasteful and incompatible with state policy relating to climate change, water conservation, and reduced reliance on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta	Monitor	From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on H. &

			ecosystem. The bill would direct all appropriate state agencies to encourage and support the elimination of irrigation of nonfunctional turf with potable water.		C.D. Read second time and amended
AB 1488	Wallis	California Environmental Quality Act: water conveyance or storage projects: judicial review.	This bill would require the Judicial Council to adopt rules of court applicable to actions or proceedings brought to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the certification or adoption of an environmental impact report for water conveyance or storage projects, as defined, or the granting of project approvals, including any appeals to the court of appeal or the Supreme Court, to be resolved, to the extent feasible, within 270 days of the filing of the certified record of proceedings with the court to an action or proceeding seeking judicial review of the lead agency's action related to those projects.	Monitor	Referred to Coms. on NAT. RES. and JUD
AB 1563	Bennett	Groundwater sustainability agency: groundwater extraction permit: verification.	This bill would instead require a county to forward permit requests for the construction of new groundwater wells, the enlarging of existing groundwater wells, and the reactivation of abandoned groundwater wells to the groundwater sustainability agency before permit approval.	Monitor	Referred to Com. on W., P., & W
AB 1567	Garcia	Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce	This bill would enact the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2023, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$15,105,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought	Monitor	Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and NAT. RES.

		Development Bond Act of 2023.	preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs.		
AB 1572	Friedman	Potable water: nonfunctional turf.	This bill would prohibit the use of potable water, as defined, for the irrigation of nonfunctional turf located on commercial, industrial, municipal, institutional, and multifamily residential properties, as specified. The bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish, no later than July 1, 2025, specified compliance, certification, and reporting requirements.	Monitor	Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.
AB 1573	Friedman	Water conservation: landscape plants: nonfunctional turf	Existing law provides various findings and declarations of the Legislature related to sustainable water use and demand reduction. Existing law imposes various water use reduction requirements that apply to urban retail water suppliers, including a requirement that the state achieve a 20% reduction in urban per capita water use by December 31, 2020. Existing law sets forth the definitions for those provisions. This bill would additionally define "nonfunctional turf" for purposes of those provisions to mean turf that is solely ornamental and not regularly used for human recreational purposes or for civic or community events, as specified.	Monitor	Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.
AB 1597	Alvarez	Water quality: California-Mexico cross-border rivers.	This bill would make \$50,000,000 available from the General Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or another statute, to the NADBank for loans, grants, and direct expenditures to address water quality problems arising in the California-Mexico cross-border rivers.	Monitor	Referred to Coms. on E.S. & T.M. and JUD.

AB 1628	McKinnor	Microfiber Filtration	This bill would require, on and after January 1, 2029, all new washing machines sold for residential, commercial, and state use in California contain a microfiber filtration system with an unspecified filtration rate or an unspecified mesh size. The bill would also include legislative findings and declarations.	Monitor	Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.
AB 1631	Schiavo	Water resources: permit to appropriate: application procedure: mining use.	This bill, if the board has not rendered a final determination on an application for a permit to appropriate water for a beneficial use or uses that include mining use within 30 years from the date the application was filed, would require the board to issue a new notice and provide an opportunity for protests before rendering a final determination, with specified exceptions	Monitor	Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.
AB 1648	Bains	Water: Colorado River conservation.	This bill would state that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would prohibit the City and County of Los Angeles from achieving federally mandated conservation of Colorado River water supplies by increasing water imports from other regions, including the San Joaquin Valley.	Monitor	From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.
AB 1736	Carrillo	Sustainable groundwater management: basin boundaries	This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in the provisions relating to groundwater basin boundaries.	Monitor	From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.
SB 3	Dodd	Discontinuation of residential water	This bill would expand the scope of the Water Shutoff Protection Act by requiring that it instead apply to a community water system, defined to have the same	Monitor	Referred to Com. on E., U. & C

		service: community water system	meaning as existing law. The bill would require a community water system that supplies water to 200 service connections or fewer to comply with the act's provisions on and after August 1, 2024.		
SB 39	Laird	Sierra Nevada Conservancy: Sierra Nevada Region: subregions: climate resilience and equity	This bill would revise and recast the definition of "subregion." The bill would require the conservancy to support efforts that advance climate resilience and equity. The bill would also revise certain legislative findings related to the conservancy and make nonsubstantive and conforming changes.	Monitor	Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.
SB 48	Becker	Water and Energy Savings Act	This bill would require the Energy Commission and the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board, Public Utilities Commission, and Department of Housing and Community Development, on or before July 1, 2026, to jointly develop a strategy for using the energy and water usage data described above to track and manage the energy and water usage and emissions of greenhouse gases of covered buildings in order to achieve the state's goals, targets, and standards related to energy and water usage and emissions of greenhouse gases of covered buildings	Monitor	March 21 hearing postponed by committee.
SB 66	Hurtado	Water: Predictive Models and Data Collection	This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to ensure that reliable predictive models and data collection systems are used to properly forecast and allocate surface water.	Monitor	Referred to Com. on RLS.
SB 69	Cortese	California Environmental Quality Act: Judicial and	This bill would make conforming and nonsubstantive changes to other CEQA provisions.	Monitor	Referred to Coms. on E.Q. and JUD.

Administrative Proceedings					
SB 231	Hurtado	Drought Modeling	This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to require the Department of Water Resources to modify its predictive models as necessary to account for California's persistent drought.	Monitor	Referred to Com. on RLS.
SB 265	Hurtado	Cybersecurity Preparedness: Critical Infrastructure Sectors	This bill would require Cal OES to direct Cal-CSIC to prepare, and Cal OES to submit to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2025, a strategic, multiyear outreach plan to assist critical infrastructure sectors, as defined, in their efforts to improve cybersecurity and an evaluation of options for providing grants or alternative forms of funding to, and potential voluntary actions that do not require funding and that assist, that sector in their efforts to improve cybersecurity preparedness. The bill would make related findings and declarations.	Monitor	From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (March 14). Re-referred to Com. on APPR
SB 315	Hurtado	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act	This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that would assist groundwater sustainability agencies in fostering discussions among diverse water management interests and local agencies as they strive to implement the act.	Monitor	Referred to Com. on RLS.
SB 411	Portantino	Open meetings: teleconferences: bodies with appointed membership	This bill would authorize a legislative body to use alternate teleconferencing provisions similar to the emergency provisions indefinitely and without regard to a state of emergency. The bill would alternatively define "legislative body" for this purpose to mean a board, commission, or advisory body of a local agency,	Monitor	Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and JUD

			the membership of which board, commission, or advisory body is appointed and which board, commission, or advisory body is otherwise subject to the act.		
SB 414	Allen	Drought-tolerant landscaping: local incentive programs: synthetic grass: artificial turf.	This bill would prohibit a city, including a charter city, county, city and county, or special district, from issuing a rebate, voucher, or other financial incentive for the use of synthetic grass or artificial turf that contains contaminants, including zinc, plastic, or perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) . By establishing new requirements for local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated program.	Monitor	Set for hearing March 29.
SB 550	Grove	Water Markets	This bill would require, on or before January 1, 2025, the Legislative Analyst, in collaboration with the other state agencies, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report analyzing the water market, including background information regarding the sale of water and water rights, trends in the water market, barriers to entering the water market or effectively trading in the market, and proposals for improving the regulatory framework to make the water market more market friendly and to encourage growth.	Monitor	Referred to Com. on N.R. & W
SB 638	Eggman	Climate Resiliency and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024.	The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, approved by the voters as Proposition 68 at the June 5, 2018, statewide primary direct election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a drought, water,	Monitor	Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W

			parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program.		
SB 651	Grove	Water storage and recharge: California Environmental Quality Act: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009: exemptions	This bill would make it the policy of this state that, to help advance groundwater recharge projects, and to demonstrate the feasibility of projects that can use available high water flows to recharge local groundwater while minimizing flood risks, the state board and the regional water quality control boards prioritize water right permits, water quality certifications, waste discharge requirements, and conditional waivers of waste discharge requirements to accelerate approvals for projects that enhance the ability of a local or state agency to capture high precipitation events for local storage or recharge, consistent with water right priorities and protections for fish and wildlife.	Monitor	From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 19.
SB 687	Eggman	Water Quality Control Plans	Spot bill relating to water quality control plans.	Monitor	From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 19.
SB 737	Hurtado	Groundwater: Recharge	This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to capture floodwater to recharge groundwater basins and to require the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board to work together to expedite the regulatory steps necessary to store significant rainfall and excess water underground, while still ensuring protections for the environment and other water users as required by state law	Monitor	From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 20.

SB 745	Cortese	The Drought-Resistant Buildings Act	This bill would require the building standards commission to develop and propose mandatory building standards to reduce the designed potable water demand of new buildings by 25% from current mandatory design requirements and to minimize the use of potable water for nonpotable uses.	Monitor	Referred to Com. on HOUSING.
SB 753	Caballero	Cannabis: water resources	This bill would add to the above-described conditions planting, cultivating, harvesting, drying, or processing marijuana that results in substantial environmental harm to surface or groundwater. The bill would, notwithstanding these provisions, make it a crime for a person 18 years of age or older to plant, cultivate, harvest, dry, or process more than 50 living cannabis plants, or any part thereof, except as specified, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for up to 6 months or by a fine of not more than \$500, or both, or be charged with a felony.	Monitor	From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on PUB S
SB 756	Laird	Water: unlicensed cannabis cultivation site: procedure	This bill would authorize the board, in conducting an investigation or proceeding for these purposes, to inspect the property or facilities of any person or entity to ascertain certain purposes are being met or compliance with specified requirements. The bill would authorize the board, if consent is denied for an inspection, to obtain an inspection warrant, as specified, or in the event of an emergency affecting public health and safety, to conduct an inspection without consent or a warrant. The bill would authorize the board to conduct an investigation into an unlicensed cannabis cultivation site, as specified	Monitor	Referred to Coms. on N.R. & W. and JUD.

SB 861	Dahle	California Environmental Quality Act: water conveyance or storage projects: judicial review	This bill would require the Judicial Council to adopt rules of court applicable to actions or proceedings brought to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the certification or adoption of an environmental impact report for water conveyance or storage projects, as defined, or the granting of project approvals, including any appeals to the court of appeal or the Supreme Court, to be resolved, to the extent feasible, within 270 days of the filing of the certified record of proceedings with the court.	Monitor	From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 20.
SB 865	Laird	Municipal water districts: automatic exclusion of cities.	Existing law authorizes a governing body of a municipal water district to adopt an ordinance excluding any territory annexed to a metropolitan water district organized under the Metropolitan Water District Act, if the territory is annexed prior to the effective date of the formation of the municipal water district. Existing law requires the Secretary of State to issue a certificate reciting the passage of the ordinance and the exclusion of the area from the municipal water district within 10 days of receiving a certified copy of the ordinance. This bill would extend the number of days the Secretary of State has to issue a certificate to 14 days	Monitor	Referred to Com. on GOV. & F
SB 867	Allen	Drought and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and	The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, approved by the voters as Proposition 68 at the June 5, 2018, statewide primary election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,100,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to		Set for hearing March 28.

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