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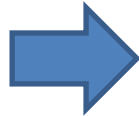
Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee

April 12, 2023

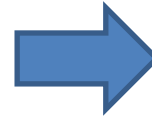
Upcoming Legislative Deadlines

Bills

February 17
Last day for bills to be introduced.



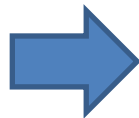
June 2
Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house



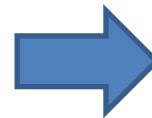
September 14
Last day for bills to be passed (72-hour in-print rule)

Budget

January 10
Budget introduced



May 14
Governor submits May Revision (based on updated fiscal forecast)



June 15th
Budget Bill must be passed by midnight. ... (followed by BB Jr. and Trailer Bills and...)



Key Budget Issues

- **Cuts with More to Come—Triggers**
- **Drought and Flood**
 - Maintains \$8.6 billion funding for levees and flood protection projects but delays \$270 million for watershed resilience to 2024 and eliminates the San Joaquin Valley Flood Plain Restoration (\$40 million).
 - Likely to see more action through spring/summer with emergency funds and actions related to the historic floods and water year.
- **Wildfire: \$2.7 billion with Some Cuts and Delays**
 - The budget maintains most forest health and fire protection but delays critical community resilience centers by a year, and reduces funding for workforce training, monitoring and research.

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Water Update

as of April 12, 2023

- **Executive Orders (Groundwater Recharge, Permitting, Drought)**
 - Emergency actions to move flood waters to groundwater recharge areas
 - Move water to storage/conveyance facilities in-Delta
 - Remove many drought restrictions
- **Water For All Campaign.** CSAC Co-Sponsored bill (SB 366, Caballero) to reform planning for water supply, movement and storage (with water agency partners). *Senate Natural Resources Committee.*
- **CSAC Actions.** Advisory Positions to California Water Commission, Drought Resilience Interagency & Partners Collaborative, California Water Plan, Stream Gage Advisory
- **Flood and Groundwater**
 - Assemblymember Bennett (several Groundwater/SGMA bills) – Groundwater adjudication; drilling moratorium (1% dry well); state policies
 - Stream Gages (Dodd); Expedited permitting for flood/supply projects (Caballero)



Bonds

as of April 12, 2023

- **AB 305 (Villapudua) California Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024**
 - \$3,750,000,000 for flood protection projects, as specified, to be voted on at the November 5, 2024, statewide general election.
- **AB 408 (Wilson) Climate Resilient Farms, Sustainable Healthy Food Access, and Farmworker Protection Bond of 2024**
 - \$3,365,000,000 to finance programs related to agricultural lands, food and fiber infrastructure, climate resilience, agricultural professionals, including farmers, ranchers, and farmworkers, workforce development and training, air quality, tribes, disadvantaged communities, nutrition, food aid, meat processing facilities, and fishing facilities.
- **AB 567 (Garcia) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024**
 - \$15,105,000,000 to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs.
- **SB 638 (Eggman) Climate Resiliency and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024**
 - \$6,000,000,000 for flood protection and climate resiliency projects.
- **SB 867 (Allen) Drought and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, and Park Recreation and Outdoor Access Bond Act of 2023**
 - An unspecified amount to finance projects for drought and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate smart agriculture, and park creation and outdoor access programs.



Bonds

AB 305 (Villapudua) California Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024

\$3,750,000,000:

- ❑ \$1,000,000,000 for multibenefit flood protection projects;
 - A portion to be used for modernizing the designated floodways of the central valley and for the central valley Flood Protection Board to identify and acquire lands and easements to allow floodwaters
- ❑ \$1,000,000,000 for urban flood risk reduction
 - i.e., stormwater capture
- ❑ \$750,000,000 for grants to provide assistance and rehabilitation of eligible high-hazard-potential dams
- ❑ \$500,000,000 for Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta flood management
- ❑ \$500,000,000 for levee rehabilitation and upgrades



Bonds

AB 408 (Wilson) Climate resilient farms, sustainable healthy food access, and farmworker protection bond of 2024

\$3,365,000,000:

Prioritizes projects that:

- Support the needs of community-based organizations and coalitions;
- Invest in holistic community development efforts;
- Build the infrastructure needed to support and bolster socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers;
- Expand and retrofit infrastructure to meet California's climate goals;
- Emphasize partnerships between community-based and other nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, research institutions, and **local governments** to support economic development and climate resilience;
- Support the formation and continued success of cooperatively owned and operated food and agriculture businesses in historically underserved communities;
- Address the needs of historically underserved communities, including food workers;
- Support the health, safety, and financial security of the food and agriculture workforce;
- Accelerate the transition away from synthetic pesticides and fertilizers that degrade soil, air, and water quality and disproportionately harm farmworker communities and communities adjacent to farmland.

At least 40 percent of the moneys are to be allocated to projects that provide direct and meaningful benefits to socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers, disadvantaged communities, and vulnerable populations



Bonds

AB 567 (Garcia) Safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation and workforce development bond act of 2024

\$15,105,000,000 :

- \$2,180,000,000 for wildfire prevention and climate risk reduction;
- \$1,925,000,000 for the protection of coastal lands, bays, and oceans from climate risks;
- \$5,015,000,000 for the protection of California's water supplies from multiyear droughts, reducing flood risk from extreme events, and providing safe drinking water;
- \$1,625,000,000 for the protection of California's wildlife, biodiversity, and fisheries from climate risks;
- \$820,000,000 for protecting farms, ranches, and working lands from the impacts of climate change;
- \$1,740,000,000 for addressing extreme heat, community enhancement, and resiliency;
- \$1,800,000,000 for regional climate resilience projects that address multiple risks.



Bonds

SB 638 (Eggman) Climate Resiliency and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024

\$6,000,000,000 :

- \$2,500,000,000 for the evaluation, repair, rehabilitation, reconstruction, expansion, or replacement of levees, weirs, bypasses, and facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control

- \$500,000,000 for projects in the Delta to increase flood protection and climate resiliency.

- \$1,000,000,000 for costs under The State Water Resources Law of 1945; The Flood Control Law of 1946; The California Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Law;

- \$1,000,000,000 the evaluation, repair, rehabilitation, reconstruction, expansion, or replacement of levees, weirs, bypasses, and facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control

- \$1,000,000,000 replacement, repairs, rehabilitation, improvements, and other dam safety projects at existing dams and associated facilities



Bonds

SB 867 (Allen)

Drought and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, and Park Recreation and Outdoor Access Bond Act of 2023

UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT:

Undesignated dollar amounts for:

- Drought and water resilience programs;
- Wildfire and forest resilience programs;
- Coastal resilience programs;
- Extreme heat mitigation programs;
- Biodiversity protection and nature-based climate solution programs;
- Climate smart agriculture programs;
- Park creation and outdoor access programs;



Hot Bills - Oppose

as of April 12, 2023

- **AB 595 (Essayli) –Animal Euthanasia.** Requires 72 hours public notice before any animal is euthanized. *(Heard on 4/11 in Asm. Business & Professions Cmte)*
- **AB 650 (Arambula) – SJVAPCD Board.** Adds 4 new Governor-appointed members to San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Board. *(Awaiting Hearing)*
- **AB 986 (Arambula) – SJVAPCD Emission Credits.** Would invalidate certain emission reduction credits and set expiration dates for all credits. *(Awaiting Hearing)*



Hot Bills - Support

as of April 12, 2023

- **AB 909 (Hoover) – Co-Disposal.** Would allow Solid Waste Disposal Cleanup program funds to be used for illegally dumped hazardous waste. *(Heard on 3/24 in Asm Natural Resources Cmte)*
- **AB 1111 (Pellerin) – Small Cultivator Events.** Would allow small cannabis cultivators to sell products and licensed events. *(Heard on 4/11 in Asm. Business & Professions Cmte)*
- **AB 1616 (Lackey) – BSCC Cannabis Grants.** Expands eligibility for BSCC illicit cannabis enforcement grants to all jurisdictions, including those with bans. *(Heard on 4/11 in Asm. Business & Professions Cmte)*
- **SB 642 (Cortese) – HazMat Enforcement.** Allows County Counsels to bring action for violation of hazardous materials laws. *(Heard on 4/11 in Sen. Judiciary Cmte)*



Conclusion

If you have any questions or thoughts related to CSAC's work on resiliency, please feel free to contact CSAC staff:

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