

**CALAFCO Daily Legislative Report**  
**as of Thursday, March 13, 2014**

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**[AB 453](#) ([Mullin D](#)) Sustainable communities.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 7/3/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2013

**Last Amended:** 7/3/2013

**Status:** 8/30/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/12/2013)

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**Summary:**

The Strategic Growth Council is required to manage and award grants and loans to a council of governments, metropolitan planning organization, regional transportation planning agency, city, county, or joint powers authority for the purpose of developing, adopting, and implementing a regional plan or other planning instrument to support the planning and development of sustainable communities. This bill would make a local agency formation commission eligible for the award of financial assistance for those planning purposes.

**Attachments:**

[CALAFCO Support Letter 03 12 13](#)

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Sustainable Community Plans

**CALAFCO Comments:** This would allow LAFCos to apply directly for grants that support the preparation of sustainable community strategies and other planning efforts. CALAFCO has removed its support of the bill given the nature of the amendment and the potential impact to LAFCos.

**[AB 678](#) ([Gordon D](#)) Health care districts: community health needs assessment.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/15/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2013

**Last Amended:** 4/15/2013

**Status:** 8/30/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/13/2013)

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**Summary:**

Would require that the health care district conduct an assessment, every 5 years, of the community's health needs and provide opportunities for public input. Commencing January 1, 2019, the bill would require the annual reports to address the progress made in meeting the community's health needs in the context of the assessment. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Attachments:**

[CALAFCO Letter of support April 17, 2014](#)

**Position:** Support

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration, Service Reviews/Spheres

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill requires Health Care Districts that do not operate their own hospital facilities to create every 5 years, an assessment of the community health needs with public input. The bill requires LAFCOs to include in a Municipal Service Review (MSR) the Health Care District's 5-year assessment.

**[AB 1521](#) (Fox D) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/16/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/16/2014

**Status:** 2/6/2014-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Summary:**

Beginning with the 2004-05 fiscal year, current law requires that each city, county, and city and county receive additional property tax revenues in the form of a vehicle license fee adjustment amount, as defined, from a vehicle license fee property tax compensation fund that exists in each county treasury. Current law requires that these additional allocations be funded from ad valorem property tax revenues otherwise required to be allocated to educational entities. This bill would modify these reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2014-15 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation.

**Position:** Support

**Subject:** Financial Viability of Agencies, Tax Allocation

**[AB 1527](#) (Perea D) Public water systems: drinking water.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/17/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/17/2014

**Status:** 2/6/2014-Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.

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**Calendar:**

3/25/2014 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS, ALEJO, Chair

**Summary:**

Would require the State Department of Public Health, in administering programs to fund improvements and expansions of small community water systems, and other water systems, as specified, to promote service delivery alternatives that improve efficiency and affordability of infrastructure and service delivery, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Disadvantaged Communities, Municipal Services, Service Reviews/Spheres, Sustainable Community Plans

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill requires funding for construction project feasibility studies to include studies of service delivery alternatives if at least 1 service agency services a disadvantaged community; also requires the DPH to make a determination to include the viability of these service delivery alternatives and to consider LAFCo studies and determinations from the previous 5 years, to consult with LAFCo Executive Officer and consider other applicable local/regional studies related to the delivery of drinking water.

**AB 1729 (Logue R) Local government: agricultural land.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/14/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/14/2014

**Status:** 2/18/2014-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.

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**Summary:**

Current law establishes the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, otherwise known as the Williamson Act, for purposes of preserving agricultural land within the state. Current law authorizes a city or a county, for this purpose, to contract with a landowner to limit the use of agricultural land located in an agricultural preserve designated by the city or county. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the authorization provisions.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Ag Preservation - Williamson

**AB 1961 (Eggman D) Land use: planning: Sustainable Farmland Strategy.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/19/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2014

**Status:** 3/3/2014-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and AGRI.

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**Summary:**

Would require each county with significant agricultural land resources, as defined, to develop, on or before January 2, 2018, a sustainable farmland strategy. The bill would require the Sustainable Farmland Strategy to include, among other things, a map and inventory of all agriculturally zoned land within the county, a description of the goals, strategies, and related policies and ordinances, to retain agriculturally zoned land where practical and mitigate the loss of agriculturally zoned land to nonagricultural uses or zones, and a page on the county's Internet Web site with the relevant documentation for the goals, strategies, and related policies and ordinances, as specified.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Ag/Open Space Protection, LAFCo Administration

**[AB 2156](#) ([Achadjian R](#)) Local agency formation commissions: studies.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/20/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)  
**Introduced:** 2/20/2014  
**Status:** 3/6/2014-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Calendar:**

4/2/2014 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 127 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

**Summary:**

Would include joint powers agencies and joint powers authorities among the entities from which a local agency formation commission is authorized to request land use information, studies, and plans, for purposes of conducting specified studies. The bill would specifically define "joint powers agency" and "joint powers authority" for purposes of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** CKH General Procedures, LAFCo Administration, Municipal Services, Service Reviews/Spheres

**[SB 56](#) ([Roth D](#)) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 6/11/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)  
**Introduced:** 1/7/2013  
**Last Amended:** 6/11/2013  
**Status:** 2/3/2014-Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

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**Summary:**

Beginning with the 2004-05 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, existing law requires that each city, county, and city and county receive additional property tax revenues in the form of a vehicle license fee adjustment amount, as defined, from a Vehicle License Fee Property Tax Compensation Fund that exists in each county treasury. Current law requires that these additional allocations be funded from ad valorem property tax revenues otherwise required to be allocated to educational entities. This bill would modify these reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2013-14 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Attachments:**

[CALAFCO Letter of support April 10, 2013](#)

**Position:** Support

**Subject:** Financial Viability of Agencies, Tax Allocation

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill reinstates revenues through ERAF (backfilled by the state general Fund) for cities incorporating after 2005 and annexations of inhabited territories.

**[SB 69](#) ([Roth D](#)) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 9/12/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/10/2013

**Last Amended:** 9/12/2013

**Status:** 9/13/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was RLS. on 9/12/2013)

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**Summary:**

Would modify specified reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2013-14 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation. This bill would also modify these reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2013-14 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount for certain cities incorporating after a specified date, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Support

**Subject:** Tax Allocation

**[SB 1001](#) ([Knight R](#)) Local government.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/13/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/13/2014

**Status:** 2/27/2014-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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**Summary:**

Current law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, makes certain findings and declarations relating to local government organizations, including, among other things, the encouragement of orderly growth and development, and logical formation and modification of the boundaries of local agencies, as specified. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these findings and declarations.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** CKH General Procedures

**[AB 543](#) ([Campos D](#)) California Environmental Quality Act: translation.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/24/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/20/2013

**Last Amended:** 5/24/2013

**Status:** 7/12/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10)(SEN). (Last location was E.Q. on 6/13/2013)

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**Summary:**

Would require a lead agency to translate, as specified, certain notices required by the California Environmental Quality Act and a summary of any negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, or environmental impact report when a group of non-English-speaking people, as defined, comprises at least 25% of the population within the lead agency's jurisdiction and the project is proposed to be located at or near an area where the group of non-English-speaking people comprises at least 25% of the residents of that area. By requiring a lead agency to translate these notices and documents, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch  
**Subject:** CEQA

**CALAFCO Comments:** As amended, requires a lead agency to translate certain notices, summary of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, or environmental impact report when the impacted community has 25% or more non-English speaking people affected by the project. The requirement is to translate these notices and summaries in the native language of those impacted. This is an unfunded mandate. While LAFCo is not typically the lead agency, there may be an occasion when they are, and this could have significant resource implications.

**[AB 642](#) ([Rendon D](#)) Publication: newspaper of general circulation: Internet Web site.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/20/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/20/2013

**Status:** 1/24/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(2). (Last location was JUD. on 3/11/2013)

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**Summary:**

Current law requires that various types of notices are provided in a newspaper of general circulation. Current law requires a newspaper of general circulation to meet certain criteria, including, among others, that it be published and have a substantial distribution to paid subscribers in the city, district, or judicial district in which it is seeking adjudication. This bill would provide that a newspaper that is available on an Internet Web site may also qualify as a newspaper of general circulation, provided that newspaper meets certain criteria.

**Position:** Watch  
**Subject:** LAFCo Administration

**CALAFCO Comments:** Allows for posting of agendas and meeting material on newspaper websites.

**[AB 677](#) ([Fox D](#)) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 1/6/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2013

**Last Amended:** 1/6/2014

**Status:** 1/17/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(1). (Last location was L. GOV. on 1/7/2014)

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**Summary:**

Would modify specified reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2013-14 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation. This bill would also modify these reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2013-14 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount for certain cities incorporating after a specified date, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Financial Viability of Agencies, Tax Allocation

**[AB 1593](#) ([Dahle R](#)) Public cemetery districts: Auburn Public Cemetery District.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/3/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/3/2014

**Status:** 2/14/2014-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Calendar:**

4/2/2014 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 127 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

**Summary:**

Would authorize the Auburn Public Cemetery District in Placer County to use their cemeteries for up to a total of 400 interments each, not to exceed 40 interments each per calendar year, to inter nonresidents and nonproperty taxpayers, if specified conditions are met. This bill contains other related provisions.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Other

**[AB 2455](#) ([Williams D](#)) The Santa Rita Hills Community Services District.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/10/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2014

**Last Amended:** 3/10/2014

**Status:** 3/11/2014-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Summary:**

The Community Services District Law specifies the procedures for district formation, procedures for the selection of district governing board members, the powers and duties of the board, and the procedures for changing those powers and duties. Current law requires the board of directors of each district to consist of 5 members . This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2035, the board of directors of the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District to consist of 3 members . This bill contains other related provisions.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Special District Principle Acts

**[SB 633](#) (Pavley D) CEQA.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 8/6/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Last Amended:** 8/6/2013

**Status:** 8/30/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. on 8/6/2013)

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**Summary:**

Would, for purposes of the new information exception to the prohibition on requiring a subsequent or supplemental EIR, specify that the exception applies 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 EIR was certified as complete. The bill would authorize the office, by July 1, 2015, to draft and transmit to the secretary revisions to the guidelines to include as a categorical exemption projects involving minor temporary uses of land and public gatherings that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** CEQA

**[SB 731](#) (Steinberg D) Environment: California Environmental Quality Act.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 9/9/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Last Amended:** 9/9/2013

**Status:** 9/13/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was L. GOV. on 9/11/2013)

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**Summary:**

Would provide that aesthetic and parking impacts of a residential, mixed-use residential, or employment center project, as defined, on an infill site, as defined, within a transit priority area, as defined, shall not be considered significant impacts on the environment. The bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to prepare and submit to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, and the secretary to certify and adopt, revisions to the guidelines for the implementation of CEQA establishing thresholds of significance for noise and transportation impacts of projects within transit priority areas. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** CEQA

**[SB 772](#) (Roth D) Drinking water: County Water Company of Riverside water system: liability.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 1/6/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Last Amended:** 1/6/2014

**Status:** 2/3/2014-Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.



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**Summary:**

Would exempt the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and the Eastern Municipal Water District from liability for claims by past or existing County Water Company of Riverside customers or those consuming water provided through the County Water Company of Riverside water system concerning the operation and supply of water from the County Water Company of Riverside water system during the interim operation period, as specified, for any good faith, reasonable effort using ordinary care to assume possession of, and to operate and supply water to , the County Water Company of Riverside water system. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Attachments:**

- [CALAFCO Letter Removing Opposition September 9, 2013](#)
- [CALAFCO Letter of Opposition April 10, 2013](#)

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Water

**CALAFCO Comments:** As amended, this bill would exempt the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and the Eastern Municipal Water District from liability for injuries or damages arising out of the delivery of water to County Water Company of Riverside customers, as specified. As amended this bill no longer references Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCo) to take on the responsibility of monitoring private water companies. As a result of removing any and all references to LAFCo, CALAFCO has removed its opposition to the bill and now has a Watch position.