

**CALAFCO Daily Legislative Report**  
**as of Monday, April 08, 2013**

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

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/19/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2013

**Status:** 4/4/2013-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 1.) (April 3).  
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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.

**Position:** Sponsor

**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.

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

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/21/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2013

**Status:** 3/4/2013-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and HEALTH.

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**Calendar:**

4/17/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

**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. The bill would require that the annual report be made in the context of the assessment. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Support

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

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill requires Health Care Districts 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 743 (Logue R) The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/3/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2013

**Last Amended:** 4/3/2013

**Status:** 4/4/2013-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Calendar:**

4/17/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

**Summary:**

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 authorizes a local agency formation commission to approve, after notice and hearing, a petition for a change of organization or reorganization of a city, if the petition was initiated on or after January 1, 2010, and before January 1, 2014, and waive protest proceedings entirely if certain requirements are met. This provision applies only to territory that does not exceed 150 acres. This Bill would delete the January 1, 2014, date and make conforming changes. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Sponsor

**Subject:** Annexation Proceedings, CKH General Procedures

**CALAFCO Comments:** Removing the arbitrary sunset date restriction on annexing “island areas” would continue to provide a commission, counties and cities a productive tool for implementing more logical boundaries allowing for more efficient municipal services and facilities planning and delivery. As counties and cities undergo updates to their General Plans and other processes, knowing there is the opportunity to consider annexing island areas up to 300 acres in size and without the political and economic risk of a costly protest and election process would provide a clear benefit to the planning process. In addition, with the passage of SB244, when a city proposes to annex an inhabited area of over 10 acres they must study and consider annexation of other areas contiguous to or in the sphere of influence area that may be a “disadvantaged unincorporated community” as defined in the Government Code. It is suggested that having the island area annexation authority may facilitate consideration of such annexation proposals.

**AB 1427 (Committee on Local Government) Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 4/1/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 4/1/2013

**Status:** 4/4/2013-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Summary:**

Current law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (act), provides the sole and exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts. This bill would specify that the definition excludes any independent special district having a legislative body consisting, in whole or in part, of ex officio members who are officers of a county or another local agency or who are appointees of those officers other than those who are appointed to fixed terms. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Sponsor

**Subject:** CKH General Procedures

**CALAFCO Comments:** Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Omnibus bill.

**SB 56 (Roth D) Local government finance: vehicle license fee adjustments.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/4/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/7/2013

**Last Amended:** 3/4/2013

**Status:** 3/19/2013-Set for hearing April 17.

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**Calendar:**

4/17/2013 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

**Summary:**

Would, for the 2013-14 fiscal year, provide for a new vehicle license fee adjustment amount, as specified. This bill would also, for the 2013-14 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, provide 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:** Financial Viability of Agencies, Tax Allocation

**SB 772 (Emmerson R) Drinking water.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Status:** 3/28/2013-Set for hearing April 17.

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**Calendar:**

4/17/2013 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

**Summary:**

Would require the State Department of Public Health or the local health agency, where applicable, annually to provide the address and telephone number for each public water system and state small water system to the Public Utilities Commission and, as prescribed, to a local agency formation commission. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Oppose

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

**CALAFCO Comments:** Requires LAFCOs as part of a MSR, to request information from identified public or private entities that provide wholesale or retail supply of drinking water, including the identification of any retail water suppliers within or contiguous to the responding entity. Further requires LAFCOs to provide a copy of the SOI review for retail private and public water suppliers to the Public Utilities Commission and the state department of Public Health.

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**AB 21 (Alejo D) Safe Drinking Water Small Community Emergency Grant Fund.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 2/14/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 12/3/2012

**Last Amended:** 2/14/2013

**Status:** 2/15/2013-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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**Calendar:**

4/10/2013 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GATTO, Chair

**Summary:**

Would authorize the Department of Public Health to assess a specified annual charge in lieu of interest on loans for water projects made pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and deposit that money into the Safe Drinking Water Small Community Emergency Grant Fund, which the bill would create in the State Treasury. The bill would authorize the department to expend the money for grants for specified water projects that serve disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities, thereby making an appropriation.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Disadvantaged Communities

**[AB 37](#) (Perea D) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/18/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 12/3/2012

**Last Amended:** 3/18/2013

**Status:** 3/19/2013-Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

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**Calendar:**

4/15/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY NATURAL RESOURCES, CHESBRO, Chair

**Summary:**

Would require, until January 1, 2017, for specified projects or upon the request of a project applicant and the consent of the lead agency, that the lead agency among other things, prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with the preparation of negative declarations, mitigated negative declarations, EIRs, or other environmental documents for specified projects. Because the bill would require, for specified projects, a lead agency to prepare the record of proceedings as provided, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** CEQA

**[AB 115](#) (Perea D) Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/14/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/14/2013

**Status:** 3/12/2013-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (March 12). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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**Calendar:**

4/10/2013 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GATTO, Chair

**Summary:**

Would authorize the State Department of Public Health to fund projects, by grant, loan, or a combination of the two, where multiple water systems apply for funding as a single applicant for the purpose of consolidating water systems or extending services to households relying on private wells, as specified.

The bill would authorize funding of a project to benefit a disadvantaged community that is not the applying agency. By authorizing the use of a continuously appropriated fund for new purposes, this bill would make an appropriation. This bill contains other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Water

**[AB 194](#) ([Campos](#) D) Open meetings: protections for public criticism: penalties for violations.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/28/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/28/2013

**Status:** 2/7/2013-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Calendar:**

4/24/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 127 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

**Summary:**

Would make it a misdemeanor for a member of a legislative body, while acting as the chairperson of a legislative body of a local agency, to prohibit public criticism protected under the Ralph M. Brown Act. This bill would authorize a district attorney or any interested person to commence an action for the purpose of obtaining a judicial determination that an action taken by a legislative body of a local agency in violation of the protection for public criticism is null and void, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration

**CALAFCO Comments:** Prohibits legislative body from preventing public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the agency, or ther acts or omissions of the legislative body. Creates new misdemeanor crime.

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

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

**Introduced:** 2/20/2013

**Status:** 3/20/2013-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

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**Calendar:**

4/15/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY NATURAL RESOURCES, CHESBRO, Chair

**Summary:**

Would require a lead agency to translate any notice, document, or executive summary required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) when the impacted community has a substantial number of non-English-speaking people, as specified. By requiring a lead agency to translate these writings, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** CEQA

**[AB 823](#) ([Eggman](#) D) Environment: California Farmland Protection Act.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/11/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2013

**Last Amended:** 3/11/2013

**Status:** 3/21/2013-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

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**Calendar:**

4/15/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY NATURAL RESOURCES, CHESBRO, Chair

**Summary:**

Would enact the California Farmland Protection Act, which would require that an applicant for a project, as defined, that involves the conversion of agricultural land to a permanent or long-term nonagricultural use, including a residential, commercial, civic, industrial, infrastructure, or other similar use, at a minimum, mitigate the identified environmental impacts associated with the conversion of those lands through the permanent protection and conservation of land suitable for agricultural uses, and would require that an adopted mitigation measure providing for the protection of agricultural land meet specified requirements. The act would require the Office of Planning and Research, no later than December 31, 2014, to promulgate regulations covering projects subject to the act. By imposing new duties on a lead agency with regard to the review and approval of the mitigation measures required by the act, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program . This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Ag/Open Space Protection, CEQA

**CALAFCO Comments:** Adds a requirement for lead agencies to require certain mitigation measures for projects that convert ag lands for non-ag land use. These mitigation measures at a minimum require providing replacment acreage in perpetuity to preserve ag land and ensure the sustainability of ag production capacity.

**AB 1235 (Gordon D) Local agencies: financial management training.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Status:** 3/11/2013-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Summary:**

Would require that if a local agency provides any type of compensation, salary, or stipend to, or reimburses the expenses of, a member of the legislative body, all local agency officials, except a member whose term of office ends before January 1, 2015, in local agency service as of January 1, 2014, or thereafter receive training in financial management, as specified. This bill would provide that if any entity develops criteria for the financial management training, then the Treasurer's office and the Controller's office shall be consulted regarding any proposed course content. Because this bill would impose new duties on local governments, it would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration

**CALAFCO Comments:** Requires that if a local agency provides any type of compensation, salary, or stipend to, or reimburses the expenses of, a member of the legislative body, the member shall receive one-4 hour state mandated Financial Management training per term of office. Effective January 1, 2014 for those in office as of that date (whose term of office extends beyond January 1, 2015). Those elected to more than one legislative body may take the training one time and have it apply to all legislative bodies on which they serve. This would apply to a LAFCo Commissioner who receives a stipend or is reimbursed for expenses in the performance of their Commissioner duties.

**AB 1248 (Cooley D) Local agencies: internal control guidelines.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Status:** 3/11/2013-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Calendar:**

4/24/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 127 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

**Summary:**

Would require the Controller, on or before January 1, 2015, to develop internal control guidelines applicable to a local agency, as defined, to prevent and detect financial errors and fraud, based on specified standards and with input from any local agency and organizations representing the interests of local agencies. This bill would require a local agency to comply with the guidelines established by the Controller, starting on January 1, 2016. By mandating local agencies to comply with new internal control guidelines established by the Controller, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** None at this time

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration

**SB 167 (Gaines R) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/4/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/4/2013

**Status:** 2/14/2013-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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**Summary:**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that it proposes to carry out or approve 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. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** CEQA

**SB 181 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/6/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/6/2013

**Status:** 3/22/2013-Set for hearing April 8.

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**Calendar:**

4/8/2013 Anticipated Hearing SENATE APPR., Not in daily file.

**Summary:**

This bill would enact the First Validating Act of 2013, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill contains other related provisions.

**Position:** Support

**CALAFCO Comments:** One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

**[SB 182](#) (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/6/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/6/2013

**Status:** 3/22/2013-Set for hearing April 8.

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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**Calendar:**

4/8/2013 Anticipated Hearing SENATE APPR., Not in daily file.

**Summary:**

This bill would enact the Second Validating Act of 2013, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill contains other related provisions.

**Position:** Support

**CALAFCO Comments:** One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

**[SB 183](#) (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/6/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/6/2013

**Status:** 3/21/2013-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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**Summary:**

This bill would enact the Third Validating Act of 2013, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

**Position:** Support

**CALAFCO Comments:** One of three acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

**[SB 617](#) (Evans D) California Environmental Quality Act.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/1/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Last Amended:** 4/1/2013

**Status:** 4/4/2013-Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 4/4/2013 hearing)

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**Summary:**

Would require specified notices to be filed with both the Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk and be posted by county clerk for public review. The bill would require the county clerk to post the notices within one business day, as defined, of receipt and stamp on the notice the date on which the notices were actually posted. By expanding the services provided by the lead agency and the county clerk, 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:** This bill makes a number of substantive changes including:(1)expanding the definition of “environment” relating to an EIR such that the health and safety of people affected by the physical conditions at the location of a project must also be considered;(2)enhances the definition of “significant effect on the environment” by including exposure of people, either directly or indirectly, to substantial existing or reasonably foreseeable natural hazard or adverse condition of the environment;(3)requires concurrent online filing of notices in a database maintained by the Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and with the office of the County Clerk in which the project is located. Further, any time periods or limitation periods will begin at the time of the later filing of the two offices.(4)Adds to the EIR a requirement to address any significant effects that may result from locating development near, or attracting people to, existing or reasonably foreseeable natural hazards or adverse environmental conditions.

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**[AB 168](#) ([Wilk R](#)) **Local government finance: vehicle license fee revenues: allocations.****

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/24/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/24/2013

**Status:** 1/25/2013-From printer. May be heard in committee February 24.

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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**Summary:**

Under existing law, the Controller is required to allocate vehicle license fee revenues in the Motor Vehicle License Fee Account according to a specified order, with moneys allocated on or after July 1, 2004, but before July 1, 2011, first to the County of Orange, next to each city and county meeting specified criteria, and on or after July 1, 2011, to the Local Law Enforcement Services Account in the Local Revenue Fund, for allocation to cities, counties, and cities and counties. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**[AB 262](#) ([Waldron R](#)) **Local government: organization.****

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/7/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/7/2013

**Status:** 2/8/2013-From printer. May be heard in committee March 10.

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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**Summary:**

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 makes certain findings and declarations relating to local government organization, including, among other things, that it is the policy of the state to encourage orderly growth and development, and recognition that the logical formation and determination of the boundaries of local agencies is an important factor in promoting orderly development, as specified. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**Subject:** CKH General Procedures

**[AB 295](#) ([Salas D](#)) **California Statewide Water Reliability Act of 2014.****

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/19/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/11/2013

**Last Amended:** 3/19/2013

**Status:** 4/1/2013-In committee: Set, first hearing. Further hearing to be set.

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**Summary:**

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

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**Subject:** Water

**[AB 380](#) ([Dickinson](#) D) California Environmental Quality Act: notice requirements**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/14/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/14/2013

**Status:** 4/2/2013-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. (Ayes 6. Noes 2.) (April 1). Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Summary:**

Would require the above mentioned notices to be filed with both the Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk and be posted by county clerk for public review. The bill would require the county clerk to post the notices within one business day, as defined, of receipt and stamp on the notice the date on which the notices were actually posted. The bill would require the county clerk to post the notices for at least 30 days. The bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to post the notices on a publicly available online database established and maintained by the office. The bill would require the office to stamp the notices with the date on which the notices were actually posted for online review and would require the notices to be posted for at least 30 days. The bill would authorize the office to charge an administrative fee not to exceed \$10 per notice filed. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** CEQA

**[AB 495](#) ([Campos](#) D) Community investment.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/21/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/20/2013

**Last Amended:** 3/21/2013

**Status:** 4/4/2013-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

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**Summary:**

Would establish the California Community Investment Initiative within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic development. The initiative would be governed by a 13 member oversight board comprised of 6 citizens appointed by the Governor, 4 members of the Legislature, the Treasurer, the Controller, and the Secretary of the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**Subject:** Disadvantaged Communities

**CALAFCO Comments:** May be a placeholder for legislation related to disadvantaged unincorporated communities.

**[AB 515](#) ([Dickinson](#) D) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: judicial review.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/11/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/20/2013

**Last Amended:** 3/11/2013

**Status:** 3/12/2013-Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

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**Summary:**

Would establish a CEQA compliance division of the superior court in a county in which the Attorney General maintains an office and would vest the division with original jurisdiction over actions of proceedings brought pursuant to CEQA and joined matters related to land use and environmental laws. The bill would require the Judicial Council to adopt rules for establishing, among other things, protocol to govern the administration and efficient operation of the division, so that those judges assigned to the division will be able to hear and quickly resolve those actions or proceedings. This bill contains other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** CEQA

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill calls for the creation of at least 2 CEQA compliance court districts in the state, establishes a CEQA compliance court in each of the districts with at least 3 judges (appointed by the Governor). All CEQA compliance cases are to be heard in only these courts and the appeals handled directly by the Supreme Court. The courts will be required to issue a preliminary decision before the opportunity for oral argument is granted, and if the court finds that a determination of a public agency violated CEQA, the court order must specify what action taken by the public agency was in error.

**[AB 629](#) ([Wilk](#) R) Local government.**

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

**Introduced:** 2/20/2013

**Status:** 2/21/2013-From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
	1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Current law authorizes various local entities to adopt rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of those entities. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would address the effect of the adoption of rules, regulations, ordinances, or requirements by local entities on the public and other local entities within the same jurisdiction.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration

**[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:** 3/11/2013-Referred to Com. on JUD.

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
	1st House				2nd House							

**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:** None at this time

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration

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

**[AB 774](#) (**[Donnelly R](#)**) **County service areas: zone dissolution.****

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/19/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2013

**Last Amended:** 3/19/2013

**Status:** 3/20/2013-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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**Calendar:**

4/17/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

**Summary:**

Would require the county board of supervisors, upon dissolution of a county service area or a specified zone, to post signs indicating which services and facilities are no longer provided within the zone and require the board to provide adequate maintenance to the signs. This bill would provide that, once the signs are posted, the county and the dissolved zone shall not be held liable for death or injury resulting from the termination of services or facilities. This bill would also provide that the county, county service area, and zones would not be responsible for a loss or injury resulting from the failure to provide maintenance of services or facilities if the board is unable to raise revenues.

**Position:** Watch

**[AB 792](#) (**[Mullin D](#)**) **Local government: open meetings.****

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/1/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2013

**Last Amended:** 4/1/2013

**Status:** 4/4/2013-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 8. Noes 1.) (April 3).

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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**Calendar:**

4/8/2013 #5 ASSEMBLY ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE

**Summary:**

The Ralph M. Brown Act requires the legislative body of a local agency to post, at least 72 hours before the meeting, an agenda containing a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at a regular meeting, in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public, and to provide a notice containing similar information with respect to a special meeting at least 24 hours prior to the special meeting. This bill, if the local agency is unable to post the agenda or notice on its Internet Web site because of software or hardware, or network services impairment beyond the local agency's reasonable control, would require the local agency to post the agenda or notice immediately upon resolution of the technological problems. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** None at this time

**Subject:** Public Records Act

**CALAFCO Comments:** Relates to public agencies who post their meeting information on their website pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act. In the instances where they are unable to post the agenda on the website in the prescribed timeframe due to technology difficulties, the agency is required to post the meeting agenda and information on the website as soon as the technological difficulties are resolved.

**[AB 966](#) (Bonta D) Local government.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Status:** 2/25/2013-Read first time.

2Year	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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**Summary:**

Current law generally regulates the governance of cities, counties, and cities and counties. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would amend the Government Code.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**[AB 1237](#) (Garcia D) Local government finance.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/1/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Last Amended:** 4/1/2013

**Status:** 4/3/2013-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

2Year	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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**Calendar:**

4/24/2013 Anticipated Hearing ASSEMBLY L. GOV., Not in daily file.

**Summary:**

Would specifically require the Controller to prescribe uniform accounting procedures for cities, conforming to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, and in consultation with the Committee on City Accounting Procedures, which would be created by the bill. The bill would specify the composition of the committee. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Financial Viability of Agencies

**CALAFCO Comments:** Establishes uniform accounting practices for special districts and cities.

**[AB 1244](#) (Bradford D) Williamson Act.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Status:** 2/25/2013-Read first time.

2Year	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

**Position:** Watch  
**Subject:** Ag Preservation - Williamson

**SB 184 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Local government: omnibus bill.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/6/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/6/2013

**Status:** 3/19/2013-Set for hearing April 17.

2Year	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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**Calendar:**

4/17/2013 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

**Summary:**

Current law, the Public Cemetery District Law, defines the term "family member" for purposes of that law to include, among others, a person's spouse. This bill would additionally include within the definition of "family member" a person's domestic partner, and would define the term "domestic partner," as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position:** None at this time

**SB 268 (Gaines R) Political Reform Act of 1974.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/18/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/13/2013

**Last Amended:** 3/18/2013

**Status:** 3/18/2013-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E. & C.A.

2Year	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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**Calendar:**

4/30/2013 Anticipated Hearing SENATE E. & C.A., Not in daily file.

**Summary:**

The Political Reform Act of 1974 requires candidates and committees to file specified campaign finance reports, including semiannual statements, preelection statements, supplemental preelection statements, and late contribution reports, that include prescribed campaign finance information. This bill would repeal the requirements to file these reports and would, instead, require that a candidate or committee who makes or receives a contribution of \$100 or more to report that contribution to specified filing officers within 24 hours of receiving the contribution. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**SB 298 (Wyland R) Local government: supplemental law enforcement services.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/15/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/15/2013

**Status:** 4/3/2013-Set for hearing April 30.

2Year	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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**Calendar:**

4/30/2013 9 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE PUBLIC SAFETY, HANCOCK, Chair

**Summary:**

Current law provides that a board of supervisors of a county, and a legislative body of a city, may contract to provide supplemental law enforcement services to private individuals or entities at special events or occurrences. This bill would authorize a board of supervisors of a county, and a legislative body of a city, to contract to provide supplemental law enforcement services to a homeowners' association on an occasional or ongoing basis. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position:** None at this time

**CALAFCO Comments:** According to the author, this bill is intended to focus on providing additional law enforcement support relating to vehicle code enforcement and vehicle traffic enforcement on private roads inside gated communities.

**[SB 359](#) ([Corbett D](#)) Environment: CEQA exemption: housing projects.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/1/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/20/2013

**Last Amended:** 4/1/2013

**Status:** 4/3/2013-Re-referred to Com. on E.Q.

2Year	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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**Summary:**

CEQA also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. This bill would instead exempt as "residential" a use consisting of residential units and neighborhood-serving goods, services, or retail uses that do not exceed 25% of the total building square footage of the project. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**Subject:** CEQA

**[SB 436](#) ([Jackson D](#)) California Environmental Quality Act: notice.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/3/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2013

**Last Amended:** 4/3/2013

**Status:** 4/4/2013-Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 4/4/2013 hearing)

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**Summary:**

Would require a lead agency to conduct at least one public scoping meeting for the specified projects and to provide notice to the specified entities of at least one public scoping meeting. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** CEQA

**CALAFCO Comments:** Requires lead agencies to conduct at least one public scoping meeting for proposed projects and increases notification requirements for lead agencies.

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

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/2/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Last Amended:** 4/2/2013

**Status:** 4/3/2013-Re-referred to Com. on E.Q.

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**Summary:**

The California Environmental Quality Act prohibits a lead agency or responsible agency from requiring a subsequent or supplemental environmental impact report (EIR) when an EIR has been prepared for a project pursuant to its provisions, unless one or more of specified events occurs, including, among other things, that new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time the EIR was certified as complete, becomes available. This bill would specifically require that the 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.

**Position:** None at this time

**Subject:** CEQA

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

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Status:** 3/11/2013-Referred to Com. on RLS.

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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**Summary:**

Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation revising CEQA to, among other things, provide greater certainty for smart infill development, streamline the law for specified projects, and establish a threshold of significance for specified impacts. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**Subject:** CEQA

**[SB 739](#) ([Calderon D](#)) Environmental quality.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Status:** 3/11/2013-Referred to Com. on RLS.

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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**Summary:**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that definition. This bill contains other existing laws.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**Subject:** CEQA

**[SCA 11](#) ([Hancock D](#)) Local government: special taxes: voter approval.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/25/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/25/2013

**Status:** 3/21/2013-Set for hearing May 8.



2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
	1st House				2nd House							

**Calendar:**

5/8/2013 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

**Summary:**

The California Constitution conditions the imposition of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 2/3 of the voters of the local government voting on that tax, and prohibits a local government from imposing an ad valorem tax on real property or a transactions tax or sales tax on the sale of real property. This measure would instead 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. The measure would also make conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes.

**Position:** Watch