

**CALAFCO Daily Legislative Report**  
**as of Thursday, March 11, 2021**

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**[AB 339](#) ([Lee D](#)) **State and local government: open meetings.****

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/28/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 1/28/2021

**Status:** 1/29/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee February 28.

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**Summary:** Current law requires all meetings, as defined, of a house of the Legislature or a committee thereof to be open and public, and requires all persons to be permitted to attend the meetings, except as specified. This bill would require all meetings, including gatherings using teleconference technology, to include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option that provides closed captioning services and requires both a call-in and an internet-based service option to be provided to the public.

**Attachments:**

[AB 339 Fact Sheet](#)

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Other

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill allows for continued remote participant in local (and state) hearings/meetings while adding requirements for both call-in and internet service based options for all public meetings; requires providing closed caption services; and requires agencies to provide language access services.

The bill requires teleconferenced meetings to include an in-person public comment opportunity that creates a place where members of the public can gather at a designated site to give public comment (barring any in-person restrictions). Further, the bill requires the agenda and instructions for accessing the meeting to be translated into all languages for which 5% of the population in the area governed by the local agency is a speaker.

The bill adds requirements for local agencies to employ a sufficient amount of qualified bilingual people to provide translation services during the meeting in the language of the non-English speaking person (consistent with all languages for which 5% of the population in the area governed by the local agency speak).

The bill adds similar requirements for any state legislative body. All of these new requirements are unfunded mandates.

This bill is sponsored by the Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability.

**[AB 361](#) ([Rivas, Robert D](#)) **Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.****

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/1/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/1/2021

**Status:** 2/12/2021-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Summary:** Would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting for the purpose of declaring or ratifying a local emergency, during a declared state or local emergency, as those terms are defined, when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, and during a declared local emergency provided the legislative body makes certain determinations by majority vote.

**Attachments:**

[AB 361 Fact Sheet](#)

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Brown Act

**CALAFCO Comments:** Executive Order No. N-29-20 suspends the Ralph M. Brown Act's requirements for teleconferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic provided that certain requirements are met (noticing, public access, etc.). This bill allows a local agency to conduct meetings using teleconference methods without complying with certain teleconferencing requirements if they are meeting for the purposes of declaring or ratifying a local emergency, during a declared state or local emergency (as defined in statute), when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended certain measures to promote social distancing, and during a declared local emergency provided the legislative body makes certain determinations by majority vote.

The legislative body must give notice of the meeting and post agendas to allow members of the public to access the meeting and address the legislative body, offer public comment, and protect rights of the parties and public appearing before the legislative body. The bill also rescinds the requirement that at least a quorum of the body must meet within the jurisdictional boundaries of the agency under these circumstances when meeting via telecon.

This bill is sponsored by the CA Special Districts Association (CSDA). According to CSDA, amendments are pending that will: address concerns of access mentioned throughout the fact sheet (e.g., call-in or internet-based access), language prohibiting local agencies from requiring that public comments be submitted in advance, adding a 30-day sunset provision, and addressing technological disruptions, limiting the applicability of the bill's provisions to local emergencies proclaimed by counties (i.e., not cities) and technical language about the immediacy of the health threats covered by the bill.

**[AB 703 \(Rubio, Blanca D\) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.](#)**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/16/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/16/2021

**Status:** 2/25/2021-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Summary:** Current law, by Executive Order N-29-20, suspends the Ralph M. Brown Act's requirements for teleconferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic, provided that notice requirements are met, the ability of the public to observe and comment is preserved, as specified, and that a local agency permitting teleconferencing have a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, as specified. This bill would remove the requirements of the act particular to teleconferencing and allow for teleconferencing subject to existing provisions regarding the posting of notice of an agenda and the ability of the public to observe the meeting and provide public comment. The bill would require that, in each instance in which notice of the time of the teleconferenced meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, the local agency also give notice of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment and that the legislative body have and implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests

for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, as provided.

**Position:** Watch  
**Subject:** Brown Act

**AB 1581 (Committee on Local Government) Local government: omnibus.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 3/9/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 3/9/2021

**Status:** 3/10/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee April 9.

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**Summary:** Current law requires a local agency formation commission to develop and determine the sphere of influence of each city and each special district within the county and enact policies designed to promote the logical and orderly development of areas within each sphere. Current law requires the commission, in order to prepare and update spheres of influence in accordance with this requirement, to conduct a service review of the municipal services provided in the county or other appropriate area designated by the commission, as specified. Current law requires the commission to adopt, amend, or revise spheres of influence after a public hearing called and held for that purpose. This bill would revise and recast that provision to provide that the commission is required to adopt, amend, or update spheres of influence after a public hearing called and held for that purpose.

**Position:** Sponsor  
**Subject:** CKH General Procedures

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is the annual ALGC Omnibus bill which CALAFCO sponsors. Sections amended are: 56133(a) and (f); 56325.1 (renumbered to 56331.4); 56427; and 56879(a).

Several other non-substantive amendments to CKH are pending and the bill will be amended to reflect those upon completion of the full stakeholder review process.

**SB 810 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/23/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/23/2021

**Status:** 3/5/2021-Set for hearing March 11.

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**Calendar:**  
3/11/2021 Upon adjournment of Session - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, MCGUIRE, Chair

**Summary:**  
This bill would enact the First Validating Act of 2021, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

**Position:** Watch  
**Subject:** Other  
**CALAFCO Comments:** These are the annual validating Acts.

**SB 811 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/23/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/23/2021

**Status:** 3/5/2021-Set for hearing March 11.

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**Calendar:**

3/11/2021 Upon adjournment of Session - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, MCGUIRE, Chair

**Summary:**

This bill would enact the Second Validating Act of 2021, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Other

**CALAFCO Comments:** These are the annual validating Acts.

**SB 812 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/23/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/23/2021

**Status:** 3/5/2021-Set for hearing March 11.

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**Calendar:**

3/11/2021 Upon adjournment of Session - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, MCGUIRE, Chair

**Summary:**

This bill would enact the Third Validating Act of 2021, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Other

**CALAFCO Comments:** These are the annual validating Acts.

**AB 1195 (Garcia, Cristina D) Southern Los Angeles County Regional Water Agency.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/18/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2021

**Status:** 3/4/2021-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and E.S. & T.M.

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**Summary:** Would create the Southern Los Angeles County Regional Water Agency as a regional water agency serving the drinking water needs of the cities, unincorporated areas, and residents in the communities overlying the Central Basin and West Coast Basin aquifers in southern Los Angeles County.

The bill would require the agency to serve the region as the leader in interagency collaboration on water resource issues and to be governed by a 5-member board of locally elected officials in the agency's jurisdiction, each appointed by a specified state or local entity. The bill would authorize the agency to serve the water needs of its region through specified activities, including, among others, operating public water systems or other water infrastructure and integrating other water systems in the region into its operations, as prescribed.

**Attachments:**

[AB 1195 Fact Sheet](#)

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Water

**CALAFCO Comments:** AB 1195 creates the Southern Los Angeles County Regional Water Agency, intended to provide a framework for regional water collaboration that reduces conflict and provides a public agency that can take over failing water systems. The bill does a number of things including: Authorizes the Regional Agency to do the full range of activities related to water, from operating wholesale and retail public water systems to reducing stormwater pollution and cleaning up groundwater contamination; establishes a board of directors made up of locally elected council members (including COG appointed representatives); and authorizes the Regional Agency to draw revenues from the customers for the public water systems it operates and the services it provides, which may include water rates, charges, fees, or parcel charges. The bill specifies the boundaries of the new Agency, as well as the authority and powers, and governance structure.

In its current form, this is a special legislation Agency with no LAFCo involvement in the formation. CALAFCO and LA LAFCo are working to find out what local entities were involved in the discussions of this legislation and what the intended and unintended impacts/consequences this bill will have.

**[AB 1295](#) ([Muratsuchi D](#)) Residential development agreements: very high fire risk areas.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2021

**Status:** 3/4/2021-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and H. & C.D.

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**Summary:** Current law requires the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to identify areas in the state as very high fire hazard severity zones based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas, as specified, and requires each local agency to designate, by ordinance, the very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction. Current law additionally requires the director to classify lands within state responsibility areas into fire hazard severity zones. This bill, beginning on or after January 1, 2022, would prohibit the legislative body of a city or county from entering into a residential development agreement for property located in a very high fire risk area. The bill would define "very high fire risk area" for these purposes to mean a very high fire hazard severity zone designated by a local agency or a fire hazard severity zone classified by the director.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Growth Management, Planning

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill prohibits a city or county from entering into a residential development agreement for property located within a very high fire risk area as of 1-1-2022.

This bill appears similar to SB 55 (Stern) except: (1) This bill explicitly calls out residential development, whereas SB 55 addresses new development (housing, commercial, retail or industrial) in a very high fire hazard severity zone; and (2) SB 55 adds a state responsibility area.

**SB 55 (Stern D) Very high fire hazard severity zone: state responsibility area: development prohibition.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/7/2020 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Status:** 3/3/2021-Re-referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and HOUSING.

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**Summary:** Would, in furtherance of specified state housing production and wildfire mitigation goals, prohibit the creation or approval of a new development, as defined, in a very high fire hazard severity zone or a state responsibility area. By imposing new duties on local governments with respect to the approval of new developments in very high fire hazard severity zones and state responsibility areas, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**Attachments:**

[SB 55 Fact Sheet](#)

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Growth Management, Planning

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill prohibits the creation or approval of a new development (housing, commercial, retail or industrial) in a very high fire hazard severity zone or a state responsibility area.

This bill appears similar to AB 1295 (Muratsuchi) except this bill appears to be broader in scope in terms of the type of development prohibited and includes a state responsibility area, whereas AB 1295 only addresses residential development in a very high fire risk area.

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**AB 11 (Ward D) Climate change: regional climate change authorities.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 1/21/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Last Amended:** 1/21/2021

**Status:** 1/25/2021-Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

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**Summary:** Would require the Strategic Growth Council, by January 1, 2023, to establish up to 12 regional climate change authorities to coordinate climate adaptation and mitigation activities in their regions, and coordinate with other regional climate adaptation authorities, state agencies, and other relevant stakeholders.

**Attachments:**

[AB 11 Fact Sheet](#)

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Other

**CALAFCO Comments:** As amended on 1/21/21, this bill authorizes/requires the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) to establish up to 12 regional climate change authorities by January 1, 2023, to include local agencies and regional stakeholders. The SGC is required to adopt guidelines that: (1) Define the authority; (2) Include guidelines for establishing an authority via a stakeholder-driven process; (3) Consult with OPR (and other state authorities) in development of the guidelines and award annual grants to authorities.

The bill outlines the regional climate change authorities in summary as: coordination, capacity-building, and technical assistance activities within their boundaries, promote regional alignment and assist local agencies in creating and implementing plans developed pursuant to Section 65302 of the Government Code, other federal or state mandates, and programs designed address climate change impacts and risks. The bill also requires the authority to submit annual reports to the SGC, with the scope of the report outlined in the bill.

**AB 428 (Maves I) Local government planning.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/4/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/4/2021

**Status:** 2/5/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 7.

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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 the logical formation and modification of the boundaries of local agencies. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these findings and declarations.

**Position:** Watch

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is a spot bill.

**AB 473 (Chau D) California Public Records Act.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/8/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/8/2021

**Status:** 2/18/2021-Referred to Com. on JUD.

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**Calendar:**

3/23/2021 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, STONE, Chair

**Summary:**

The California Public Records Act requires state and local agencies to make their records available for public inspection, unless an exemption from disclosure applies. This bill would recodify and reorganize the provisions of the act. The bill would include provisions to govern the effect of recodification and state that the bill is intended to be entirely nonsubstantive in effect. The bill would contain related legislative findings and declarations. The bill would become operative on January 1, 2023.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Public Records Act

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill is a redo of AB 2138 from 2020 that did not move forward. According to the author's office, this bill and AB 474 are part of recommendations from the California Law Revision Commissions to reorganize and restructure the CPRA based on a request by the legislature for them to do that. CALAFCO will keep watch on the bill to ensure there are no substantive changes to the PRA.

**AB 474 (Chau D) California Public Records Act: conforming revisions.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/8/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/8/2021

**Status:** 2/18/2021-Referred to Com. on JUD.

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**Calendar:**

3/23/2021 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, STONE, Chair

**Summary:**

Would enact various conforming and technical changes related to another bill that recodifies and reorganizes the California Public Records Act. The bill would only become operative if the related bill recodifying the act is enacted and becomes operative on January 1, 2023. The bill would also specify that any other bill enacted by the Legislature during the 2021 calendar year that takes effect on or before January 1, 2022, and that affects a provision of this bill shall prevail over this act, except as specified.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Public Records Act

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill is a redo of AB 2438 from 2020 that did not move forward. According to the author's office, this bill and AB 473 are part of recommendations from the California Law Revision Commissions to reorganize and restructure the CPRA based on a request by the legislature for them to do that. CALAFCO will keep watch on the bill to ensure there are no substantive changes to the PRA.

**AB 588 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Local government.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/11/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/11/2021

**Status:** 2/12/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 14.

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**Summary:** Current law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, provides the exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts, except as specified. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to the provision naming the act.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Other

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is a spot bill. According to the author's office there is no current intended use for the bill.

**AB 897 (Mullin D) Office of Planning and Research: regional climate networks: climate adaptation action plans.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/17/2021

**Status:** 2/25/2021-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

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**Summary:** Current law requires, by July 1, 2017, and every 3 years thereafter, the Natural Resources Agency to update, as prescribed, the state's climate adaptation strategy, known as the Safeguarding California Plan. Current law establishes the Office of Planning and Research in state government in the Governor's office. Current law establishes the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program to be administered by the office to coordinate regional and local efforts with state climate adaptation strategies to adapt to the impacts of climate change, as prescribed. This bill would authorize eligible entities, as defined, to establish and participate in a regional climate network, as defined. The bill would require the office to encourage the inclusion of agencies with land use planning authority into regional climate networks.

**Attachments:**

[AB 897 Fact Sheet](#)



**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Climate Change

**CALAFCO Comments:** As introduced, the bill builds on existing programs through OPR by promoting regional collaboration in climate adaptation planning and providing guidance for regions to identify and prioritize projects necessary to respond to the climate vulnerabilities of their region.

The bill requires OPR to develop guidelines (the scope of which are outlined in the bill) for Regional Climate Adaptation Action Plans (RCAAPs) by 7-1-22 through their normal public process. Further the bill requires OPR to make recommendations to the Legislature on potential sources of financial assistance for the creation & implementation of RCAAPs, and ways the state can support the creation and ongoing work of regional climate networks. The bill would allow LAFCOs to be a part of these regional climate networks.

**AB 903 (Frazier D) Los Medanos Community Healthcare District.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/17/2021

**Status:** 2/25/2021-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Summary:** Would require the dissolution of the Los Medanos Community Healthcare District, as specified. The bill would require the County of Contra Costa to be successor of all rights and responsibilities of the district, and require the county to complete a property tax transfer process to ensure the transfer of the district's health-related ad valorem property tax revenues to the county in order to operate the Los Medanos Area Health Plan Grant Program. By requiring a higher level of service from the County of Contra Costa as described above, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**Position:** Watch

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill mandates the dissolution of the Los Medanos Community Healthcare District with the County as the successor agency, effective 2-1-22. The bill requires the County to perform certain acts prior to the dissolution. The LAFCo is not involved in the dissolution as the bill is written. Currently, the district is suing both the Contra Costa LAFCo and the County of Contra Costa after the LAFCo approved the dissolution of the district upon application by the County and the district failed to get enough signatures in the protest process to go to an election.

**AB 959 (Mullin D) Park districts: regulations: nuisances: abatement.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/17/2021

**Status:** 3/4/2021-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Summary:** Current law prescribes procedures, including the election of a board of directors, for the formation of regional park districts, regional park and open-space districts, or regional open-space districts. Current law authorizes 3 or more cities, together with any parcel or parcels of city or county territory, whether in the same or different counties, to organize and incorporate, but requires that all the territory in the proposed district be contiguous. Current law requires the board of directors to superintend, control, and make available to all the inhabitants of the district all public recreation lands and facilities, as provided. Existing law authorizes the board to adopt regulations. Current law provides that a violation of an ordinance, rule, or regulation adopted by the board is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine or imprisonment in the county jail, as provided. This bill would authorize the board of directors to adopt regulations relating to nuisances and establish a procedure for the abatement of the nuisances, including administrative abatement.

**Attachments:**

[AB 959 Fact Sheet](#)

**Position:** Watch

**CALAFCO Comments:** As introduced, this bill gives authority to independent regional park & open space districts governed by PRC 5500 to: (1) Declare by ordinance what constitutes a public nuisance; (2) Abate those public nuisances by either administrative or civil actions; and (3) Ability to recover costs incurred in abating the public nuisance, including attorneys' fees. There are 4 of these independent special districts: (1) Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District; (2) East Bay Regional Park District; (3) Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District; and (4) Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District.

**[AB 975 \(Rivas, Luz D\) Political Reform Act of 1974: statement of economic interests and gifts.](#)**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/18/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2021

**Status:** 3/4/2021-Referred to Com. on ELECTIONS.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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**Summary:** The Political Reform Act of 1974 regulates conflicts of interests of public officials and requires that public officials file, with specified filing officers, periodic statements of economic interests disclosing certain information regarding income, investments, and other financial data. The Fair Political Practices Commission is the filing officer for statewide elected officers and candidates and other specified public officials. If the Commission is the filing officer, the public official generally files with their agency or another person or entity, who then makes a copy and files the original with the Commission. This bill would revise and recast these filing requirements to make various changes, including requiring public officials and candidates for whom the Commission is the filing officer to file their original statements of economic interests electronically with the Commission.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** FPPC

**CALAFCO Comments:** As introduced, this bill makes two notable changes to the current requirements of gift notification and reporting: (1) It increases the period for public officials to reimburse, in full or part, the value of attending an invitation-only event, for purposes of the gift rules, from 30 days from receipt to 30 days following the calendar quarter in which the gift was received; and (2) It reduces the gift notification period for lobbyist employers from 30 days after the end of the calendar quarter in which the gift was provided to 15 days after the calendar quarter. Further it requires the FPPC to have an online filing system and to redact contact information of filers before posting.

**[AB 1246 \(Nguyen R\) Community services districts.](#)**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2021

**Status:** 2/22/2021-Read first time.

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**Summary:** Current law, the Community Services District Law, authorizes the formation of community services districts for various specified purposes, including supplying water, treating sewage, disposing of solid waste, and providing fire protection. The law specifies its relation and effect on certain districts organized pursuant to former laws and to actions taken by them, among other things. This bill would make non-substantive changes to those provisions.

**Position:** Watch

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is a spot bill.

**AB 1250 (Calderon D) Water and sewer system corporations: consolidation of service.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2021

**Status:** 3/4/2021-Referred to Coms. on E.S. & T.M. and U. & E.

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**Calendar:**

4/7/2021 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS, QUIRK, Chair

**Summary:**

The California Safe Drinking Water Act, provides for the operation of public water systems and imposes on the State Water Resources Control Board related regulatory responsibilities and duties. Current law authorizes the state board to order consolidation of public water systems where a public water system or state small water system serving a disadvantaged community consistently fails to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water, as provided. This bill, the Consolidation for Safe Drinking Water Act of 2021, would authorize a water or sewer system corporation to file an application and obtain approval from the commission through an order authorizing the water or sewer system corporation to consolidate with a public water system or state small water system. The bill would require the commission to approve or deny the application within 8 months, except as provided.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Municipal Services, Water

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill creates the Consolidation for Safe Drinking Water Act of 2021. The bill allows a water or sewer corp to file an application with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to approval to consolidate with a public or state small system. The bill requires the PUC to act on the application within 8 months of receipt. If a consolidation is valued at \$5 million or less, the water or sewer corp can file an advise letter and get the PUC approval via resolution. In this instance, the PUC has 120 days to act on the request. The bill also give the PUC authority to designate a different procedure to request consolidation for systems valued less than \$5M.

The bill requires the PUC to prioritize consolidation requests based on compliance records and requires the entity requesting consolidation to conduct a thorough public process.

CALAFCO has requested additional information on this bill from the author's office. There are a multitude of unanswered questions given the language and vagueness of the proposed process.

**AB 1477 (Cervantes D) Mosquito abatement and vector control districts.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2021

**Status:** 2/22/2021-Read first time.

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**Summary:** Current law, the Mosquito Abatement and Vector Control District Law, provides for the establishment of mosquito abatement and vector control districts, to be governed by a board of trustees, appointed as provided. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

**Position:** Watch

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is a spot bill.

**SB 10 (Wiener D) Planning and zoning: housing development: density.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 2/24/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Last Amended:** 2/24/2021

**Status:** 2/24/2021-Set for hearing March 18. From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.

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**Calendar:**

3/18/2021 Upon adjournment of Agriculture Committee - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE HOUSING, WIENER, Chair

**Summary:**

Would, notwithstanding any local restrictions on adopting zoning ordinances, authorize a local government to pass an ordinance to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, at a height specified in the ordinance, if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area, or an urban infill site, as those terms are defined. In this regard, the bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with the Office of Planning and Research, to determine jobs-rich areas and publish a map of those areas every 5 years, commencing January 1, 2023, based on specified criteria. The bill would specify that an ordinance adopted under these provisions, and any resolution adopted to amend the jurisdiction's General Plan to be consistent with that ordinance, is not a project for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Housing

**SB 13 (Dodd D) Local agency services: contracts: Counties of Napa and San Bernardino.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/7/2020 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Status:** 1/28/2021-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

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**Summary:** The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 establishes a pilot program under which the commissions in the Counties of Napa and San Bernardino, upon making specified determinations at a noticed public hearing, may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundary and outside its sphere of influence to support existing or planned uses involving public or private properties, as provided. Current law requires the Napa and San Bernardino commissions to submit a report to the Legislature on their participation in the pilot program, as specified, before January 1, 2020, and repeals the pilot program as of January 1, 2021. This bill would reestablish the pilot program, which would remain in effect until January 1, 2026. The bill would impose a January 1, 2025, deadline for the Napa and San Bernardino commissions to report to the Legislature on the pilot program, and would require the contents of that report to include how many requests for extension of services were received under these provisions.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** CKH General Procedures

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill is the same as SB 799 from 2020 and seeks to re-establish and continue the pilot program for five more years. The program ended as of January 1, 2021 but due to the pandemic, SB 799 from 2020 to extend the sunset was not moved forward in the legislature.

There are amendments pending from the City of St. Helena that as proposed would drastically change the intent of SB 13. CALAFCO is working with the author's office, Napa and San Bernardino LAFcos and the City of St. Helena on those amendments and will carefully watch the bill.

**SB 96 (Dahle R) Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District Fire Department Protection Act of 2021: elections.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/21/2020 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/21/2020

**Status:** 1/28/2021-Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and E. & C.A.

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**Summary:** Would require the El Dorado County elections official, with the assistance of the Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District, to conduct district elections pursuant to the Uniform District Election Law, except as otherwise provided in the bill. The bill, notwithstanding existing law, would provide that voters who are resident registered voters of the district, and voters who are not residents but either own a real property interest in the district or have been designated by the owner of a real property interest to cast the vote for that property, may vote in a district election in the Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District, as specified. The bill would require the designations of voters and authority of legal representatives to be filed with the El Dorado County elections official and the secretary of the Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District and maintained with the list of qualified voters of the district. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Special Districts Governance

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill is the same as SB 1180 from 2020 which did not move through the legislature. It is a local El Dorado County/district bill. This bill does several things. (1) Provides that voters who are resident registered voters of the district, and voters who are not residents but either own a real property interest in the district or have been designated by the owner of a real property interest to cast the vote for that property, may vote in a district election in the Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services. (2) The bill also would authorize a voter who is not a resident of the district but owns a real property interest in the district to designate only one voter to vote on their behalf, regardless of the number of parcels in the district owned by the nonresident voter. (3) This bill would prohibit the Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District from providing any services or facilities except fire protection and medical services, including emergency response and services, as well as parks and recreation services and facilities.

**SB 273 (Hertzberg D) Water quality: municipal wastewater agencies.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/29/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 1/29/2021

**Status:** 3/2/2021-Set for hearing March 11.

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**Calendar:**

3/11/2021 Upon adjournment of Session - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, MCGUIRE, Chair

**Summary:**

Would authorize a municipal wastewater agency, as defined, to enter into agreements with entities responsible for stormwater management for the purpose of managing stormwater and dry weather runoff, to acquire, construct, expand, operate, maintain, and provide facilities for specified purposes relating to managing stormwater and dry weather runoff, and to levy taxes, fees, and charges consistent with the municipal wastewater agency's existing authority in order to fund projects undertaken pursuant to the bill. The bill would require the exercise of any new authority granted under the bill to comply with the Cortese-

Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. To the extent this requirement would impose new duties on local agency formation commissions, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**Attachments:**

[SB 273 Fact Sheet](#)

**Position:** Support

**Subject:** Municipal Services

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill is a redo of SB 1052 from 2020 that was not moved forward because of the pandemic. This bill adds authority to municipal wastewater agencies as outlined in 13911(a) and (b) relating to stormwater runoff and management. The bill authorizes this additional authority while keeping the LAFCo process to activate these latent powers intact.

CALAFCO is requesting an amendment to add a requirement that upon entering into the agreement, the agency has 30 days to file a copy of that agreement or amended agreement with the LAFCo.

**[SB 274 \(Wieckowski D\)](#) Local government meetings: agenda and documents.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/29/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 1/29/2021

**Status:** 2/22/2021-Art. IV. Sec. 8(a) of the Constitution dispensed with. (Ayes 32. Noes 4.) Joint Rule 55 suspended. (Ayes 32. Noes 4.)

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**Calendar:**

3/25/2021 Upon adjournment of Session - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, MCGUIRE, Chair

**Summary:**

The Ralph M. Brown Act, requires meetings of the legislative body of a local agency to be open and public and also requires regular and special meetings of the legislative body to be held within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, with specified exceptions. Current law authorizes a person to request that a copy of an agenda, or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet, of any meeting of a legislative body be mailed to that person. This bill would require a local agency with an internet website, or its designee, to email a copy of, or website link to, the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet if the person requests that the items be delivered by email. If a local agency determines it to be technologically infeasible to send a copy of the documents or a link to a website that contains the documents by mail or by other electronic means, the bill would require the legislative body or its designee to send by mail a copy of the agenda or a website link to the agenda and to mail a copy of all other documents constituting the agenda packet, as specified.

**Attachments:**

[SB 274 Fact Sheet](#)

**Position:** Support

**Subject:** Public Records Act

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill is a modified redo of SB 931 from 2020 that did not move forward because of the pandemic. This bill updates the Government Code to require a public agency to email the agenda or agenda items to anyone who requests it or the link to the website where the documents can be accessed (current law requires the mailing of such documents upon request, this bill adds the option to email if requested).

**SB 403 (Gonzalez D) Drinking water: consolidation.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/12/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/12/2021

**Status:** 3/3/2021-Set for hearing March 15.

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**Calendar:**

3/15/2021 9 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, ALLEN, Chair

**Summary:**

The California Safe Drinking Water Act authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to order consolidation with a receiving water system where a public water system or a state small water system, serving a disadvantaged community, consistently fails to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water or where a disadvantaged community is substantially reliant on domestic wells that consistently fail to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water. This bill would authorize the state board to also order consolidation where a water system serving a disadvantaged community is at risk of failing to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water or where a disadvantaged community is substantially reliant on domestic wells that are at risk of failing to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Disadvantaged Communities, Water

**CALAFCO Comments:** Current law (Health & Safety Code Section 116682) authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) to order consolidation (physical or operational) of a public water system or state small water system serving a disadvantaged community that consistently fails to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water, or a disadvantaged community (in whole or part) that is substantially reliant on domestic wells that consistently fail to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water. This bill would add to that a water system or domestic well(s) that are at risk of failing to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water, as determined by the Board. The bill also requires the Board, before ordering consolidation, to conduct outreach to ratepayers and residents served by the at-risk system and to consider any petition submitted by members of a disadvantaged community being served by the at-risk system.

There appears to be several problems with this bill: (1) The bill does not define "at risk" and there is no definition of "at risk" currently in H&S Code Sec. 116681; (2) There is a lack of consultation with GSAs by the State Board when considering ordering consolidation or extension of service; (3) There is no requirement or even consideration for annexation upon extension of service; and (4) there does not appear to be a limitation of the number of connections or the extent to which the system can be extended.

CALAFCO has reached out to the author's office for more information on the bill. This bill is similar to SB 1280 (Monning) from 2020.

**SB 475 (Cortese D) Transportation planning: sustainable communities strategies.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/10/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/17/2021

**Last Amended:** 3/10/2021

**Status:** 3/10/2021-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

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**Summary:** Would require the State Air Resources Board, on or before June 30, 2023, and in coordination with the California Transportation Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development, to issue new guidelines on sustainable communities strategies and require these guidelines to be updated thereafter at least every 4 years. The bill would delete the provisions related to the Regional Targets Advisory Committee and instead require the State Air Resources Board to appoint, on or before January 31, 2022, the State-Regional Collaborative for Climate, Equity, and Resilience, consisting of representatives of various entities. The bill would require the State-Regional Collaborative for Climate, Equity, and Resilience to develop a quantitative tool for metropolitan planning organizations to use to evaluate a transportation plan's consistency with long-range greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and recommend guidelines for metropolitan planning organizations to use when crafting long-range strategies that integrate state goals related to climate resilience and social equity.

**Position:** Watch

**[SB 499](#) ([Leyva D](#)) **General plan: land use element: uses adversely impacting health outcomes.****

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/17/2021

**Status:** 2/25/2021-Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and E.Q.

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**Summary:** Would prohibit the land use element from designating land uses that have the potential to significantly degrade local air, water, or soil quality or to adversely impact health outcomes in disadvantaged communities to be located, or to materially expand, within or adjacent to a disadvantaged community or a racially and ethnically concentrated area of poverty. By expanding the duties of cities and counties in the administration of their land use planning duties, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**Attachments:**

[SB 499 Fact Sheet](#)

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Disadvantaged Communities

**CALAFCO Comments:** As introduced, this bill would prohibit the land use element of a general plan from designating or expanding land uses that have the potential to significantly degrade local air, water, or soil quality or to adversely impact health outcomes within or adjacent to disadvantaged communities (DACs) or a racially and ethnically concentrated area of poverty.

The sponsor of this bill is the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability.

**[SB 574](#) ([Laird D](#)) **Agricultural preserves: Williamson Act.****

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/4/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2021

**Last Amended:** 3/4/2021

**Status:** 3/5/2021-Set for hearing March 11.

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**Calendar:**

3/11/2021 Upon adjournment of Session - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, MCGUIRE, Chair

**Summary:**

Under the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, the board of supervisors or city council may grant tentative approval for a cancellation by petition of a landowner as to all or any part of land subject to a contract, as specified. Prior to any action by the board or council giving tentative approval to the cancellation



of any contract, the county assessor is required to determine the current fair market value of the land as though it were free of the contractual restriction, and requires the assessor to send the fair market value to the Department of Conservation, hereafter department, at the same time the assessor sends the value to the landowner. Current law provides for a certificate of tentative cancellation upon tentative approval of a petition by a landowner accompanied by a proposal for a specified alternative use of the land, as provided. Current law requires the board of supervisors or city council to provide notice to the department related to cancellation of the contract as well as in other specified instances. This bill would revise and recast these provisions to no longer require the assessor to provide notice to the department and to require the board of supervisors or city council to provide notice to the department if the certificate of tentative cancellation is withdrawn, as specified.

**Position:** Watch

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill narrows the role of Department of Conservation (DOC) in administering the Williamson Act. It does not change other provisions in the Act except for lessening reporting requirements by local governments to the DOC. The bill repeals the ability of the DOC to agree on a cancellation value for contracted land with a landowner, along with the requirement that the department provide a preliminary valuation to the applicable assessor, and repeals the requirement that the DOC approve cancellation of a farmland security contract. The bill also repeals and narrows reporting requirements by requiring the DOC to post all local government reports on Williamson Act lands/contracts on its website rather than create a report and submit to the Legislature. The bill also repeals certain reporting requirements by local governments (cities and counties) to the DOC regarding Williamson Act contracts.

CALAFCO will continue to watch this bill to ensure no detrimental changes are made to the Act through future amendments.

**SB 813 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Controller: local government financial reports.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/23/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/23/2021

**Status:** 3/3/2021-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

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**Summary:** Current law requires the Controller to compile, publish, and make publicly available on the Controller’s website reports of the financial transactions and information on annual compensation of each county, city, and special district within this state. This bill would specify that the reports shall be furnished at the time prescribed by the Controller and would revise the amount of time in which the report is required to be furnished to either 7 months or within the time prescribed by the Controller, whichever is later.

**Position:** Watch

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is the annual Senate Governance & Finance Committee Omnibus bill.

**Total Measures: 32**

**Total Tracking Forms: 32**