

EXHIBIT 23-A

Measure	Author	Topic	Location	Brief Summary	Notes
<u>AB 67</u>	<u>Petrie-Norris D</u>	Sea level rise: working group: economic analysis.	5/12/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE HELD	Would require a state agency to take into account the current and future impacts of sea level rise based on projections provided by the Ocean Protection Council when planning, designing, building, operating, maintaining, and investing in infrastructure located in the coastal zone, within the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, or otherwise vulnerable to flooding from sea level rise or storm surges, or when otherwise approving the allocation of state funds, including, but not limited to, bonds, grants, and loans, for those purposes. The bill would provide that new or expanded infrastructure built pursuant to the above-described provision shall only qualify for state funds if the project is not anticipated to be vulnerable to sea level rise risks during the life of that project.	CA Coastkeeper Alliance (SPONSOR) TWO-YEAR FOLLOW
<u>AB 125</u>	<u>Rivas, Robert D</u>	Equitable Economic Recovery, Healthy Food Access, Climate Resilient Farms, and Worker Protection Bond Act of 2022.	4/15/2021-A. NAT. RES.	Proposes the Equitable Economic Recovery, Healthy Food Access, Climate Resilient Farms, and Worker Protection Bond Act of 2021 (EER Bond) authorizes \$3.302 billion in general obligation bonds. The EER Bond would finance a variety of projects that focus on improving Agriculture resilience and sustainability, protecting the health of farmworkers, expanding health food access and combating hunger, improving regional food economies, supporting Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) planning, aid in pest management, reduce food waste and improve state and county fairgrounds.	TWO-YEAR SUPPORT IF REQUESTED
<u>AB 252</u>	<u>Rivas, Robert D</u>	Department of Conservation: Multibenefit Land Repurposing Incentive Program: administration.	8/16 – Referred to Sen Approps *Amended 8/16	This bill would require the Department of Conservation to establish and administer a grant program named the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Incentive Program for purposes of assisting groundwater sustainability agencies in critically overdrafted basins in achieving their groundwater sustainability goal by providing grants to public and private agencies and entities for projects and programs that reduce groundwater use by creating incentives to repurpose irrigated agricultural land for new uses that both reduce groundwater use and provide some other measurable benefits to the environment or broader community	SUPPORT **MPMWD Letter Sent
<u>AB 303</u>	<u>Rivas, Robert D</u>	Aquaculture: mariculture	4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR	Would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife, in collaboration with the California Coastal Commission, to, by January 1, 2024, create a pilot	TWO-YEAR

		production and restoration: pilot program.		program in state waters to test alternative shellfish and seaweed mariculture production and restoration strategies. The bill would require the department to designate tracts for shellfish and seaweed mariculture production and restoration as part of the pilot program, as specified. The bill would authorize an applicant with a proposed shellfish, seaweed, or shellfish and seaweed mariculture production and restoration project to apply for a lease of any pilot program tract, or a portion thereof. The bill would require the State Lands Commission or the Fish and Game Commission, or both, if applicable to approve, deny, or return for revision a lease application within 4 months.	FOLLOW
<u>AB 315</u>	<u>Stone D</u>	Voluntary stream restoration property owner liability: indemnification.	8/16/2021-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE	This bill provides indemnity and limited liability protections for property owners who voluntarily permit a government-funded streambed restoration project to take place on their property.	ACWA, Land Trust, Realtors Support **MPWMD Letter Sent - SUPPORT
<u>AB 336</u>	<u>Villapudua D</u>	Enhanced infrastructure financing districts: public financing authority: members: joint powers authorities.	CHAPTERED	Specifies who may serve as a member of the governing body of an enhanced infrastructure financing district's (EIFD's) public financing authority Provides that notwithstanding any other law, any member of the legislative body of a participating affected taxing entity who serves as a member of the PFA of an EIFD, may also serve as a member of the governing body of an agency formed pursuant to an agreement for the joint exercise of power that the participating affected taxing entity has entered into in accordance with the Joint Exercise of Powers Act.	FOLLOW
<u>AB 361</u>	<u>Rivas, Robert D</u>	Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.	7/15/21 – S. Third Reading *Amended 7/6	This bill, until January 1, 2024, 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 during a declared state of emergency, as that term is defined, when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing during a proclaimed state of emergency held for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and during a proclaimed state of emergency when the legislative body has determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, as provided.	CA Special District Assoc. Sponsor; CMUA, cities, water agencies, CSAC, ACWA support ACLU and random non-profits oppose **MPWMD

					Letter Sent - SUPPORT
<u>AB 377</u>	<u>Rivas, Robert D</u>	Water quality: impaired waters.	5/19/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE	This bill requires the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and regional boards, by January 1, 2025, to evaluate impaired state surface waters and report to the Legislature a plan to bring all water segments into attainment by January 1, 2050. This bill requires the plan to include total maximum daily load (tmdl) compliance schedules as they existed on January 1, 2021, and prohibits the report from extending the existing compliance schedules. The report is required to be updated with progress summaries every five years until January 1, 2050.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For discussion TWO-YEAR FOLLOW
<u>AB 473</u>	<u>Chau D</u>	California Public Records Act.	8/16/2021-S. SECOND READING	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.	FOLLOW
<u>AB 754</u>	<u>Mathis R</u>	Sustainable groundwater management: groundwater sustainability plan.	FAILED DEADLINE.	The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to designate a high- or medium-priority basin as a probationary basin if the basin is not entirely covered by an adopted groundwater sustainability plan or plans or a department-approved alternative by the applicable deadline. The act authorizes the board to adopt an interim plan for a probationary basin, as specified. This bill would authorize the department to extend the deadline for a high- or medium-priority basin not subject to critical conditions of overdraft to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated plans by up to 180 days after January 31, 2022, upon request of a local agency or groundwater sustainability agency in the basin for an extension of a specified period of time. The bill would require a request to be submitted by January 3, 2022, and to be responded to by the department by January 10, 2022.	Rural County Reps Support The Nature Conservancy, Loc. Gov Commission, Sierra Club and Audubon Oppose TWO-YEAR FOLLOW
<u>AB 819</u>	<u>Levine D</u>	California Environmental Quality Act: notices and documents: electronic filing and posting.	CHAPTERED	This bill requires California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) notices and environmental review documents to be filed electronically and posted online. **Codifies Governor's earlier Executive Order	CA Chamber; ACWA Support OPPOSE AND REVISIT IN 3 WEEKS

<p><u>AB 1058</u></p>	<p><u>Garcia,</u> <u>Cristina D</u></p>	<p>Water corporations: bill payment options.</p>	<p>6/22/2021- S. THIRD READING</p>	<p>This bill authorizes a water corporation with more than 10,000 service connections to recover in rates the transaction costs relating to all payment options, including credit cards, debit cards and prepaid cards. The bill prohibits such a water corporation from recovering such transaction costs from customers participating in a water rate relief program for low-income ratepayers authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).</p> <p>By making these changes, this bill expands and makes permanent authority statute gave to large water corporations to conduct pilot programs to assess water customer interest and use of bill payment options, including credit cards, debit cards and prepaid cards.</p> <p>Three large water corporations—California American Water Company, Golden State Water Company and Great Oaks Water Company—undertook pilot programs to waive card-related transaction fees between January and July of 2019. The CPUC, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, forewent certain pilot program data and released its report early, in January 2021. However, the report included data that shows every type of transaction—mail transactions, in-person transactions, online transactions, automatic clearing house (ACH) transactions, and card-based transactions—impose costs on a water corporation; yet, CPUC rules allow a water corporation to recover through its rates cost associated with every type of transaction, except costs associated with card-based transactions. In addition, the policy committee analysis of this bill presented data from the CPUC showing low-income water corporations customers utilized card payments about as frequently as other water corporation customers.</p> <p>Given these facts—that all transaction types impose costs on a water corporation, yet CPUC rules allow the corporation to socialize through rates all transaction costs except for card-based transaction costs; and that low-income customers use cards to make payments at about the rate as do other water corporation customers—there seems little rationale to prevent large water corporations from recovering card-based transaction costs in rates. As the author states:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Current law is impeding the payment of utility bills by electronic payment at a time when more consumers are utilizing electronic payments as their primary method of paying recurring bills. Paying</p>	<p>CA Water Assoc, CA Water Service Support</p> <p>FOLLOW</p>
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				recurring bills online by electronic payment has become a matter of convenience for customers throughout California, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.	
<u>AB 1164</u>	<u>Flora R</u>	Dams and reservoirs: exclusions.	7/14/21 – FAILED DEADLINE	Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to adopt, by regulation, a schedule of fees to cover the department’s costs in carrying out the supervision of dam safety. Current law excludes certain obstructions from being considered a dam, including a barrier that is not across a stream channel, watercourse, or natural drainage area and that has the principal purpose of impounding water for agricultural use. This bill would specify that the exclusion from being considered a dam for a barrier that is not across a stream channel, watercourse, or natural drainage area and that has the principal purpose of impounding water for agricultural use applies only to a barrier owned or operated by a private entity. The bill would provide that a barrier owned or operated by a public entity that is not across a stream channel, watercourse, or natural drainage area and that has the principal purpose of impounding water for agricultural use shall not be considered a dam only if certain criteria are met, including, among other criteria, that the operator provides to the county office of emergency management a structural failure plan.	ACWA and various Central Valley Water Agencies/Districts Support TWO-YEAR FOLLOW
<u>AB 1250</u>	<u>Calderon D</u>	Water and sewer system corporations: consolidation of service.	8/16/2021-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE	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 Public Utilities Commission through an order authorizing the water or sewer system corporation to consolidate with a small community water system or state small water identified as failing or at risk of failing by the state board.	CA Water Assoc Sponsor; ACWA Support FOLLOW
<u>AB 1500</u>	<u>Garcia, Eduardo D</u>	Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development	5/19/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE	Would enact the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$7,080,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs.	SUPPORT **MPWMD Logo sent to ACWA

		Bond Act of 2022.			
<u>SB 45</u>	<u>Portantino D</u>	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022.	5/3/2021-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE	Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,595,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.	SUPPORT **MPWMD Logo sent to ACWA
<u>SB 83</u>	<u>Allen D</u>	Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Program.	7/7/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE *Amended 6/29	SB 83 creates a revolving loan fund within the State Coastal Conservancy to provide low-interest loans to local governments. The loans would be used to buy properties that will be threatened in the next one or two decades, allowing the owners to sell while the property still has value. The local government can then rent out the property, repay the loan, and potentially earn additional revenue. Once the property is at risk of flooding from the rising sea, the property can be demolished without taxpayers bearing the cost.	Sierra Club, Nature Conservancy, Surfrider Foundation Support FOLLOW
<u>SB 222</u>	<u>Dodd D</u>	Water Rate Assistance Program.	8/19/2021-A. APPR.	This bill would establish the Water Rate Assistance Fund in the State Treasury to help provide water affordability assistance, for both drinking water and wastewater services, to low-income ratepayers and ratepayers experiencing economic hardship in California. The bill would require the Department of Community Services and Development to develop and administer the Water Rate Assistance Program established by the bill.	Coastkeeper, Sierra Club, League of Voters, broad enviro groups Support ACWA, CMUA, Special Districts, And about 15 water districts Oppose FOLLOW
<u>SB 273</u>	<u>Hertzberg D</u>	Water quality: municipal wastewater agencies.	7/8/2021-A. THIRD READING	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	ACWA, CMUA, Coastkeeper, Stormwater Quality Assoc Support

				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.	FOLLOW FOR PWM PURPOSES
<u>SB 274</u>	<u>Wieckowski D</u>	Local government meetings: agenda and documents.	7/8/2021-A. THIRD READING	<p>This bill requires each local agency to provide the agenda packet of any meeting of its legislative body by email to persons who request it, if technologically feasible. Specifically, this bill:</p> <p>1) Requires, if a local agency has an internet website, the legislative body 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 a person requests that the item or items be delivered by email.</p> <p>2) Requires, if the local agency determines it is technologically infeasible to comply with the requirements described above, the legislative body or its designee to send by mail a copy of the agenda or a website link to the agenda and mail a copy of all other documents constituting the agenda packet in accordance with the mailing requirements established pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act).</p>	ACWA, CMUA, AFL-CIO Support FOLLOW
<u>SB 323</u>	<u>Caballero D</u>	Local government: water or sewer service: legal actions.	5/13/2021-A. L. GOV.	Current law prohibits a local agency from imposing fees for specified purposes, including fees for water or sewer connections, as defined, that exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing the service for which the fee is charged, unless voter approval is obtained. Current law provides that a local agency levying a new a water or sewer connection fee or increasing a fee must do so by ordinance or resolution. Current law requires, for specified fees, including water or sewer connection fees, any judicial action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul an ordinance, resolution, or motion adopting a new fee or service charge or modifying an existing fee or service charge to be commenced within 120 days of the effective date of the ordinance, resolution, or motion according to specified procedures for validation proceedings. This bill would apply the same judicial action procedure and timelines, as stated above, to ordinances,	ACWA Sponsored *Logo sent to ACWA for coalition letter SUPPORT

				resolutions, or motions adopting, modifying, or amending water or sewer service fees or charges adopted after January 1, 2022, except as provided.	
<u>SB 351</u>	<u>Caballero D</u>	Water Innovation Act of 2021.	5/10/2021-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE HELD	Current law establishes the State Water Resources Control Board for the purposes of providing for the orderly and efficient administration of the water resources of the state. This bill, the Water Innovation Act of 2021, would create the Office of Water Innovation at the California Water Commission for the furtherance of new technologies and other innovative approaches in the water sector. The bill would require the office, by December 31, 2023, to take specified measures to advance innovation in the water sector. The bill would make findings and declarations regarding the need for water innovation.	ACWA, CMUA, Sanitation Agencies Assoc. Support TWO-YEAR FOLLOW
<u>SB 403</u>	<u>Gonzalez D</u>	Drinking water: consolidation.	7/14/2021-A. APPROPS – SUSPENSE FILE *Amended 7/5	This bill authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to order the consolidation of at-risk water systems and at-risk domestic wells. Specifically, this bill: 1) Defines "at-risk domestic wells" as domestic wells that serve a disadvantaged community and are at risk of consistently failing to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water, as determined by the State Water Board, as provided. 2) Defines "at-risk water system" as a water system that meets all the following conditions: a) The water system is either a public water system with 3,300 or fewer connections or a state small water system. b) The system serves a disadvantaged community. c) The system is at risk of consistently failing to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water, as determined by the State Water Board, as provided. 3) Requires the State Water Board to follow a specified process for public outreach to determine community support for consolidation and to allow the proposed received and subsumed water systems opportunities for input. 4) Requires a finding that a disadvantaged community, in whole or in part, is substantially reliant on at-risk domestic wells to be based on specified maps and inspection or testing of the domestic wells. 5) Authorizes the State Water Board to prioritize consolidation of an at-risk water system that has historically been overburdened by pollution and industrial development or faced other environmental justice hurdles.	Enviro groups, Western Center on Law & Poverty Support ACWA (OUA), Special Districts Oppose OPPOSE

<u>SB 427</u>	<u>Eggman D</u>	Water theft: enhanced penalties.	CHAPTERED.	Would authorize the legislative body of a local agency, as defined, that provides water service to adopt an ordinance that prohibits water theft, as defined, subject to an administrative fine or penalty in excess of the limitations above, as specified. The bill would require the local agency to adopt an ordinance that sets forth the administrative procedures governing the imposition, enforcement, collection, and administrative review of the administrative fines or penalties for water theft and to establish a process for granting a hardship waiver to reduce the amount of the fine, as specified.	ACWA, Regional Water Authority Support MPWMD Letter Sent - SUPPORT
<u>SB 463</u>	<u>Dahle R</u>	Water: landowner right to modify, repair, or replace jointly used conduits.	7/14/2021-A. W.,P. & W. – FAILED DEADLINE	Would authorize a landowner to, where a conduit is constructed across or buried beneath the lands of 2 or more landowners, modify, repair, or replace, as defined, the conduit on or beneath their land if the modification, repair, or replacement is made in a manner that does not impede the flow of the water to any other property receiving a benefit of the conduit or, otherwise injure any person using or interested in the conduit.	TWO-YEAR FOLLOW
<u>SB 520</u>	<u>Wilk R</u>	Water resources: permit to appropriate: application procedure: mining use.	7/14/2021-A. W.,P. & W. – FAILED DEADLINE	Current law requires the State Water Resources Control Board to issue and deliver a notice of an application as soon as practicable after the receipt of an application for a permit to appropriate water that conforms to the law. Current law allows interested persons to file a written protest with regard to an application to appropriate water and requires the protestant to set forth the objections to the application. Current law declares that no hearing is necessary to issue a permit in connection with an unprotested application, or if the undisputed facts support the issuance of the permit and there is no disputed issue of material fact, unless the board elects to hold a hearing. This bill, if the board has not rendered a final determination on an application for a permit to appropriate water for a beneficial use or uses that include mining use within 30 years from the date the application was filed, would require the board to issue a new notice and provide an opportunity for protests before rendering a final determination, with specified exceptions.	TWO-YEAR FOLLOW
<u>SB 526</u>	<u>Min D</u>	Community water systems: lead user service lines.	4/30/2021-S. 2 YEAR	Current law requires, by July 1, 2020, a community water system with known lead user service lines in use in its distribution system to provide a timeline for replacement of those lines to the State Water Resources Control Board. Current law requires the state board to review and approve an established timeline, and requires, if the state board fails to act within 30 days of the submission of the timeline, the timeline to be deemed approved. Current law authorizes the state board to enforce these requirements, as specified, and a violation is considered a violation of the California Safe Drinking Water Act,	TWO-YEAR FOLLOW

				subjecting the violator to specified civil and criminal penalties. This bill would, until January 1, 2025, require a community water system to remove or replace the full lead user service line, if the community water system disturbs, removes, or replaces a portion thereof. The bill would apply the above-described enforcement provisions to a violation of the requirements of the bill, thereby creating a state-mandated local program by expanding the scope of crimes under the California Safe Drinking Water Act.	
<u>SB 552</u>	<u>Hertzberg D</u>	Drought planning: small water suppliers: nontransient noncommunity water systems.	8/16/2021-S. APPR. HEARING POSTPONED	Would require small water suppliers, as defined, and nontransient noncommunity water systems that are schools, no later than December 31, 2022, to develop and submit to the Division of Drinking Water for the State Water Resources Control Board an Emergency Response Plan that includes specified drought-planning elements. The bill would require these water systems to report specified water supply condition information to the state board through the state board's Electronic Annual Reporting System, and to include water system risk and water shortage information in the water systems' consumer confidence reports, as provided.	FOLLOW
<u>SB 708</u>	<u>Melendez R</u>	Water shortage emergencies: declarations: deenergization events.	CHAPTERED	Would authorize a public water supplier to declare a water shortage emergency condition without holding a public hearing in the event of a deenergization event, as defined.	FOLLOW



MPWMD Legislative Tracker

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Overview

The following legislative tracker provides the status of legislation introduced in the 117th Congress pertaining to water issues. Each of the bill numbers is hyperlinked to the bill text, FiscalNote (FN) Outlook information and other related details.

The FN Outlook on the right side of each bill provides the legislation's pre-Floor (left) and Floor (right) likelihood of passing. The percentages shown are the status of the bill in the Chamber where it is currently under consideration (this is shown under 'Status'). The pre-Floor score is defined as the bill's likelihood of passing after it has been introduced but while it is being considered in that chamber's committees - before it has moved to the Floor for a vote.

Bills of Interest (21)

Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
HR 535	Referred To The Committee On Oversight And Reform And In Addition To The Committee On Financial Services For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2021 01 28	In House	7.8% 74.6%
Title Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act	Primary Sponsors John Garamendi	Bill Summary: This bill would make special districts eligible for direct federal financial assistance in the future, along with state, county, and local governments that are also subject to the same oversight requirements. The legislation would also provide special districts access to the Federal Reserve's Municipal Liquidity Facility, which provides states, counties, and cities federally guaranteed bridge financing to offset unexpected short-term revenue shortfalls caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.	Introduction Date: 2021-01-28
HR 616	Referred To The Subcommittee On Environment And Climate Change 2021 02 02	In House	11.0% 82.3%
Title Emergency Water is a Human Right Act	Primary Sponsors Rashida Tlaib	Bill Summary: This bill prohibits water shutoffs during the COVID-19 emergency period, and provides drinking and waste water assistance to households.	Introduction Date: 2021-01-28

Bill Number

HR 737

Last Action

Referred To The Subcommittee On Water
Oceans And Wildlife 2021 02 23

Status

In House

FN Outlook

11.1%

81.0%

Title

RENEW WIIN Act

Primary Sponsors

David Valadao

Bill Summary: This bill extends the authorities under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act of 2016 (WIIN Act) providing operational flexibility, drought relief, and other benefits to the State of California.

Introduction Date: 2021-02-02

Bill Number

HR 866

Last Action

Referred To The Subcommittee On Water
Oceans And Wildlife 2021 03 03

Status

In House

FN Outlook

7.8%

76.7%

Title

FISH Act

Primary Sponsors

Ken Calvert

Bill Summary: This bill amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to vest in the Secretary of the Interior functions under that Act with respect to species of fish that spawn in fresh or estuarine waters and migrate to ocean waters, and species of fish that spawn in ocean waters and migrate to fresh waters.

Introduction Date: 2021-02-05

Bill Number

HR 1015

Last Action

Referred To The Subcommittee On Water
Oceans And Wildlife 2021 03 15

Status

In House

FN Outlook

13.1%

71.2%

Title

Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act

Primary Sponsors

Grace Napolitano

Bill Summary: This bill makes permanent, and otherwise revises, the Bureau of Reclamation's grant program for the funding of water recycling and reuse projects. Specifically, the bill removes priority under the program for projects in areas that, in the preceding four-year period, have been (1) identified as experiencing severe, extreme, or exceptional drought; or (2) designated as a disaster area by a state. Additionally, the bill increases through FY2025 the authorization of appropriations for the program and otherwise revises provisions related to program funding.

Introduction Date: 2021-02-11

Bill Number
HR 1563

Last Action
Referred To The Committee On Natural Resources And In Addition To The Committee On Science Space And Technology For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2021 03 03

Status
In House

FN Outlook
11.1% 67.3%

Title

To extend the authorities under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act of 2016 providing operational flexibility, drought relief, and other benefits to the State of California.

Bill Summary: This bill extends the authorities under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act of 2016 providing operational flexibility, drought relief, and other benefits to the State of California.

Introduction Date: 2021-03-03

Primary Sponsors

Mike Garcia

Bill Number
HR 1915

Last Action
Placed On The Union Calendar Calendar No 48 2021 06 22

Status
In House

FN Outlook
24.4% 81.5%

Title

Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021

Bill Summary: This bill amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize certain water pollution control programs, and for other purposes.

Introduction Date: 2021-03-16

Primary Sponsors

Peter DeFazio

Bill Number
HR 2241

Last Action
Referred To The Subcommittee On Conservation And Forestry 2021 06 15

Status
In House

FN Outlook
10.9% 78.5%

Title

Civilian Climate Corps Act of 2021

Bill Summary: This bill directs the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a Civilian Climate Corps, and for other purposes. The legislation provides a multi-billion dollar fund to establish the 21st century civilian climate corps, in addition to funding wildfire mitigation and adaptation efforts and investing in the outdoor recreation economy.

Introduction Date: 2021-03-26

Primary Sponsors

Joe Neguse

Bill Number
HR 2979

Last Action
Referred To The Subcommittee On Water Resources And Environment 2021 05 05

Status
In House

FN Outlook
6.5% 70.1%

Title

To amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 with respect to the final maturity date of certain loans, and for other purposes.

Bill Summary: This bill amends the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 with respect to the final maturity date of certain loans, and for other purposes.

Introduction Date: 2021-05-04

Primary Sponsors

John Garamendi

Bill Number

HR 3023

Last Action

Sponsor Introductory Remarks On Measure Cr
H 2345 2021 05 14

Status

In House

FN Outlook

5.4%

65.7%

Title

Restoring WIFIA Eligibility Act

Bill Summary: This bill amends the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 with respect to budgetary treatment of certain amounts of financial assistance, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Jim Costa

Introduction Date: 2021-05-07

Bill Number

HR 3404

Last Action

Referred To The Subcommittee On Water
Resources And Environment 2021 05 21

Status

In House

FN Outlook

10.9%

73.4%

Title

FUTURE Western Water Infrastructure and Drought Resiliency Act

Bill Summary: This bill includes major investments to provide drought preparedness and improve water supply reliability to the Nation. It also includes provisions for ecosystem restoration and protection, water job training and education, improved technology and data, and infrastructure development.

Primary Sponsors

Jared Huffman

Introduction Date: 2021-05-20

Bill Number

HR 3684

Last Action

Message On Senate Action Sent To The House
2021 08 16

Status

Passed Senate

FN Outlook

27.1%

78.0%

Title

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Bill Summary: The INVEST in America Act is a comprehensive surface transportation bill that would modernize roads, bridges, transit, rail and more. The legislation totals around \$1.2 trillion, with roughly \$550 billion constituting new federal spending. The legislation includes \$110 billion in new spending for roads and bridges; \$73 billion for power grid upgrades; \$66 billion for passenger and freight rail; \$65 billion for broadband expansion; \$55 billion for water infrastructure; \$50 billion for resiliency and western water storage; \$39 billion for public transit; \$25 billion for airports; \$17 billion for ports and waterways; \$15 billion for electric vehicles; \$11 billion for road safety; and \$1 billion for a new "Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program."

Primary Sponsors

Peter DeFazio

Introduction Date: 2021-06-04

Bill Number
HR 4018

Last Action
Sponsor Introductory Remarks On Measure Cr
H 3093 2021 06 24

Status
In House

FN Outlook
7.7% 68.4%

Title
NEED Water Act

Primary Sponsors
David Valadao

Bill Summary: This bill provides emergency drought relief for the Central Valley. The legislation would protect water currently in the Central Valley Project system for human needs and reduce regulatory burdens in order to lessen the negative impacts of the drought on Central Valley residents. The bill would also extend the California provisions of the WIIN Act.

Introduction Date: 2021-06-17

Bill Number
HR 4099

Last Action
Subcommittee Hearings Held 2021 06 29

Status
In House

FN Outlook
12.9% 70.0%

Title
Large-Scale Water Recycling Project Investment Act

Primary Sponsors
Grace Napolitano

Bill Summary: This bill directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish a grant program to provide grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities for large-scale water recycling and reuse projects.

Introduction Date: 2021-06-23

Bill Number
HR 4712

Last Action
Referred To The Committee On Natural
Resources And In Addition To The Committee
On Science Space And Technology For A Period
To Be Subsequently Determined By The
Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of
Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction
Of The Committee Concerned 2021 07 27

Status
In House

FN Outlook
7.7% 66.5%

Title
Desalination Development Act

Primary Sponsors
Mike Levin

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes \$260 million over the next five years for desalination projects and creates new environmental safeguards for the funded projects. This bill directs the Bureau of Reclamation to submit project funding recommendations to Congress based on specific criteria, prioritizing projects that benefit drought-stricken communities. The legislation would also require projects to comply with all state environmental laws, maximize the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency, and reduce reliance on imported water supplies from imperiled ecosystems.

Introduction Date: 2021-07-27

Bill Number

S 29

Last Action

Read Twice And Referred To The Committee
On Environment And Public Works 2021 01 22

Status

In Senate

FN Outlook

4.6%

54.9%

Title

Local Water Protection Act

Primary Sponsors

Amy Klobuchar

Bill Summary: This bill reauthorizes through FY2025 programs within the Environmental Protection Agency that award grants to states for managing nonpoint source water pollution or protecting groundwater quality. Water pollution from nonpoint sources is caused by precipitation picking up pollution as it moves over or through the ground.

Introduction Date: 2021-01-22

Bill Number

S 91

Last Action

Read Twice And Referred To The Committee
On Finance 2021 01 28

Status

In Senate

FN Outlook

3.9%

57.6%

Title

Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act

Primary Sponsors

Kyrsten Sinema

Bill Summary: This bill would make special districts eligible for direct federal financial assistance in the future, along with state, county, and local governments that are also subject to the same oversight requirements. The legislation would also provide special districts access to the Federal Reserve's Municipal Liquidity Facility, which provides states, counties, and cities federally guaranteed bridge financing to offset unexpected short-term revenue shortfalls caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Introduction Date: 2021-01-28

Bill Number

S 914

Last Action

By Senator Carper From Committee On
Environment And Public Works Filed Written
Report Report No 117 20 2021 05 10

Status

In House

FN Outlook

84.0%

85.6%

Title

Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors

Tammy Duckworth

Bill Summary: This bill amends the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize programs under those Acts. Specifically, it supports programs to provide safe drinking water or treat wastewater, such as sewer overflows or stormwater.

Introduction Date: 2021-03-23

Bill Number

S 953

Last Action

Read Twice And Referred To The Committee
On Energy And Natural Resources 2021 03 24

Status

In Senate

FN Outlook

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Title

Water for Conservation and Farming Act

Primary Sponsors

Ron Wyden

Bill Summary: This bill establishes a funding source for certain water resources development projects in western states. The bill also reauthorizes and expands existing water resources development programs, as well as establishes new programs. Specifically, the bill establishes the Bureau of Reclamation Infrastructure Fund to fund water-related programs, including water reclamation and reuse projects, dam safety projects, and the WaterSMART program (which provides assistance to eligible government entities to increase water supply). The bill also reauthorizes through FY2028 the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation program (which funds fish passage projects in certain areas that drain into the Pacific Ocean). The bill also establishes new programs directed at western states to provide assistance to agricultural producers to create and maintain waterbird and shorebird habitats, award grants to eligible government entities and nonprofit conservation organizations for habitat restoration projects that improve watershed health, and prepare plans to sustain the survival of critically important fisheries during periods of drought.

Introduction Date: 2021-03-24

Bill Number

S 1057

Last Action

Read Twice And Referred To The Committee
On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021
03 25

Status

In Senate

FN Outlook

2.3%

79.8%

Title

Civilian Climate Corps Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors

Chris Coons

Bill Summary: This bill directs the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a Civilian Climate Corps, and for other purposes. This bill directs the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a Civilian Climate Corps, and for other purposes. The legislation provides a multi-billion dollar fund to establish the 21st century civilian climate corps, in addition to funding wildfire mitigation and adaptation efforts and investing in the outdoor recreation economy.

Introduction Date: 2021-03-25

Bill Number

S 2334

Last Action

Read Twice And Referred To The Committee
On Energy And Natural Resources 2021 07 13

Status

In Senate

FN Outlook

2.1%

76.0%

Title

Large Scale Water Recycling Project and Drought Resiliency Investment Act

Primary Sponsors

Catherine Cortez Masto

Bill Summary: This bill directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish a grant program to provide grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities for large-scale water recycling and reuse projects, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make certain modifications to the Cooperative Watershed Management Program, to provide emergency drought funding, and for other purposes.

Introduction Date: 2021-07-13

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September 15, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom [leg.unit@gov.ca.gov]
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) – Support

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District urges you to sign Assembly Bill 361 into law. AB 361 will allow local agencies such as ours to safely meet remotely during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; by enshrining these provisions in statute, this bill ensures that local agencies would continue to be able to remain safe in future emergencies that threaten public health.

AB 361 includes important safeguards that ensure public agency transparency and public access. We have found that the convenience of remote meetings has actually increased our public attendance and participation during the pandemic.


This bill would specifically prohibit local agencies from requiring members of the public to submit their comments in advance, guaranteeing that the public has the opportunity to observe and offer comment in real time during the meeting.

AB 361 includes language that requires local agencies to refrain from taking action on agenda items when there is a disruption which prevents the agency from broadcasting the meeting, or in the event of a disruption within the local agency's control which prevents members of the public from submitting public comments. In this way, AB 361 clarifies and reinforces existing law within the Brown Act concerning public access to meetings, ensuring that the public is not prevented from offering comment as a result of circumstances beyond its control.

For these reasons, our District respectfully requests your signature on Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas). Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

We thank you for taking the time to examine these issues.

Sincerely,


David Stoldt
General Manager
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

cc: VIA EMAIL
The Honorable Robert Rivas [Julio.MendezVargas@asm.ca.gov]
California Special Districts Association [advocacy@csda.net]

