Bill	Support/ Oppose	Latest Update	Title	Intent	Analysis	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	
AB 1	WATCH	Apr 12, 201	**Water quality: integrated plan: Salinas Valley**	Appropriates $2,000,000 to the state water quality control board for use by the Greater Monterey County Regional Water Management Group to develop an integrated plan to address the drinking water and wastewater needs of disadvantaged communities in the Salinas Valley whose waters have been affected by waste discharges; 4/3 amendment allows any remaining money from the study to be used for executing the plan or running in-site tests of plan concepts	2/12 Our major concern is the possible impact on water rights. This bill so far is purely concerned with water quality and has a broad support base in environmental, farming and water supply organizations. So far, we find it beneficial, but we will continue to watch it.	Assembly Appropriations	Apr 10, 2013	requires 2/3 vote to pass - in committee, 2/12 passed Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials committee, moved on to Appropriations; 4/3 amended; 4/4 hearing set; 4/9 analysis released; 4/10 referred to Appropriations suspense file	AB-1
AB 8	WATCH	May 13, 201	**Alternative fuel and vehicle technologies: funding programs**	Funds programs to enhance hydrogen fuel networks for vehicles and programs to repower "high-emitting engines" to approved engines; 5/13 amendment moves around the fees authorized by the bill		Assembly Appropriations		requires 2/3 vote to pass - in committee; 4/9 passed Transportation; 4/10 hearing set; 4/24 hearing postponed to 5/6; 5/3 analysis posted; 5/13 amended; 5/6 passed Natural Resources as amended	AB-8
AB 23	SUPPORT	May 2, 2013	**State responsibility areas: fire prevention fees**	repeal the SRA fire prevention fees	There were a large number of loose ends and inequities on 2011's SRA fee legislation, including double-taxation of properties who are served by a local fire district. This bill repeals the fee. Our arguments agains the fee include:* Fees are supposed to be paid for services received. No one to our knowledge has actually received a service for paying this "fee". * The money collected is not being used to exclusively fund fire prevention activities. * Many people who pay this "fee" reside in local fire districts, which provide all of their fire protection and fire prevention services * Local districts provide mutual aid assistance to CalFIRE but do not receive any benefit from the fee for those services * There are large districts that regularly receive mutual aid assistance from CalFIRE for large fire events like Los Angeles County that are NOT paying this fee.	Assembly Appropriations suspense file	May 1, 2013	in committee; 2/11 amended, changes not substantive; 4/1 hearing set; 4/12 analysis posted; passed Natural Resources committee, sent to Appropriations; 4/25 hearing set; 5/1 sent to suspense file	AB-23
AB 37	WATCH	May 2, 2013	**Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings**	Requires the lead agency, at the request of a project applicant, to prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with EIR reports, including negative declarations, mitigated negative declarations, environmental impact reports and other environmental documents. No state reimbursement is required. Sunset clause for January 1, 2017		Assembly Appropriations suspense file		In committee; 3/18 amended; 4/3 hearing set; 4/12 analysis posted, 4/16 passed Natural Resources, sent to Appropriations; 4/25 hearing set; 5/1 referred to suspense file	AB-37
AB 73	WATCH	Mar 14, 201	**2013-14 Budget**	Makes appropriations for support of state government for fiscal year 2013-14.		Assembly Budget		3/14 assigned to committee	AB-73
AB 124	SUPPORT	May 2, 2013	**State responsibility areas: fire prevention fees**	repeal the SRA fire prevention fees	see AB 23	Assembly Appropriations suspense file		in committee; 4/1 hearing set; 4/12 analysis printed; 4/16 passed committee and sent to Appropriations; 4/25 hearing set; 5/1 sent to suspense file	AB-124
AB 153	WATCH	May 15, 201	**California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: offsets**	This bill, if the state Air Resource board uses its authority to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms, would require the state board, on or before January 1, 2014, to adopt a specified process for the review and consideration of new offset protocols and, commencing in 2014 and continuing annually thereafter, use that process to review and consider new offset protocols. - 4/8 amendment prioritizes offset protocols: first priority to the creation of green jobs, second to improving air quality in heavily impacted communities, third to health and environment benefits across the state		Assembly Appropriations suspense file		in committee; 4/3 hearing set; 4/8 amended; 4/9 hearing postponed; passed Natural Resources, sent to Appropriations	AB-153
AB 203	WATCH	May 16, 201	**Coastal resources: coastal development permits: penalties.**	The bill would prohibit the commission, with exceptions, from filing as complete, or acting upon, an application for a coastal development permit for a project on property that is subject to an existing violation case for which a violation notification letter has been sent, or a cease and desist order, restoration order, or notice of violation has been issued or recorded until the violation has been resolved. The bill would authorize the commission to resolve any unresolved dispute between the executive director and an applicant regarding the implementation of the above provision at a noticed hearing. This bill would authorize the commission to file as complete an application for a coastal development permit for development on such a property if the violation is de minimis, as defined. This bill would prohibit the commission from taking action on the application until the de minimis violation has been resolved, as determined by the executive director.	Anything that combines the Coastal Commission and Mark Stone is automatically worrisome.	Assembly floor		3/11 amended; 3/18 hearing date set; 4/2 passed Natural Resources; 4/11 hearing set for Appropriations; 4/17 analysis posted; 4/17 hearing canceled; 4/25 hearing set; 5/1 passed Appropriations, file date 5/6/13; 5/9 amended; Assembly 3d reading, file date 5/20/13	AB-203
AB 245	SUPPORT	Apr 25, 201	**California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: public meetings**	repeals exemption granted to Western Climate Initiative for Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act	WCI desperately needs some sunshine in its proceedings. As it currently stands, the public has no access to how the money be collected from CARB's cap-and-trade scheme is being handled. 4/24 According to the posted analysis, the failure was due to the technical difficulty of imposing open-meeting requirements on conference call meetings. AB 527 and SB 726 also have provisions requiring the Western Climate Initiative, Inc. to follow the Bagley-Keene sunshine law. WCI is theoretically generating a protocol that would fulfill sunshine requirements.	ASM Governmental Organization	4/24/2013;	3/27 hearing set; 4/3 amended; 4/10 hearing postponed; 4/16 new hearing date set; 4/24 failed passage in committee, reconsideration granted	AB-245
AB 278	WATCH	Apr 4, 2013	**California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Low Carbon Fuel Standard**	lists criteria that need to be considered when rating a fuel's "carbon rating"; 4/4 amendment requires board consider "greenhouse gas emissions associated with land use ... including impacts of potential or actual deforestation...	CLFA thinks this needs watched. We need to consider how likely it is that reasonable forecasts can even be produced	Assembly Appropriations	may be heard 3/14/13	2/21 assigned to Natural Resources; 4/3 passed Natural Resources; 4/4 amended	AB-278
AB 284	WATCH	May 15, 201	**Energy: Road to 2050 Board**	forms board to track progress in greenhouse gas emissions reduction. The 4/8 amendment requires hiring an independent research group to formulate the report, specifies the reporting cycle, specifies the metrics to inspect. 4/23 amendment redefines the members of the committee and the tasks of the committee.	The new amendment includes a couple of key concepts that will hopefully root the project to reality. First, it needs to report cost-effectiveness. Cost-effectiveness is one factor that will drive adjustments to the program. There is still no realization that the cost-benefit ratio may be so bad that scrapping the program may be the only viable action, nor is there any understanding that much of the reductions in greenhouse gases may be due to businesses leaving the state and setting up shop elsewhere, which will amount to a net loss to the program due to increased transportation costs of the final product.	Assembly Appropriations		2/21 assigned to Nat Res and U. & C.; 4/1 hearing set; 4/8 amended; 4/17 passed committee, sent to Utilities and Commerce; 4/26 amended, analysis posted; 4/29 passed Utilities and Commerce, sent to Appropriations; 5/15 hearing postponed by committee	AB-284
AB 350	SUPPORT	Apr 29, 201	**Timber harvesting plans: exempt activities**	The bill would increase the size of tree that may be removed within 500' of structure without a THP for the purpose of fire safety; 4/22 reduced maximum size of tree that may be removed from 34 DBH to 28 DBH, which is still bigger than the current 18 DBH limit. The bill also acquired several co-authors	This bill widens the available options of people who are trying to affordably create a fire-safe zone around their houses. Most people will not run into this situation, but for those few who will, it greatly simplifies the process of gaining the necessary permissions to do the clearing. A 28" DBH tree is a marketable size, and the selling its timber could help offset the cost of the clearing.	Assembly Natural Resources Committee		4/3 hearing set; 4/22 amended; 4/26 analysis posted; failed passage in committee, reconsideration granted	AB-350
AB 374	WATCH	Apr 12, 201	**Eminent domain: compensation: loss of goodwill.**	allows a business owner to be also compensated for loss of goodwill in eminent domain takings	The legislative analysis remarks that goodwill takings are already in the law. This change requires documentation that goodwill existed and has been adversely affected by the taking.	Senate Judiciary	Apr 9, 2013	4/3 added to list; 4/8 legislative analysis available; 4/9 passed Judiciary, moved to floor ; 4/11 passed Assembly floor, moved to Senate; 4/25 assigned to Judiciary	AB-374
AB 383	WATCH	Apr 23, 201	**An act to amend Sections 2102...**	This is a massive bureaucracy and procedural bill. There is a section that addresses implementation of the THP process review of AB 1492 - see section 171 of the bill; there is a section for financing habitat restoration for coho, see section 228	a "Maintenance of the Codes" bill; 4/22 amendments do not occur in the sections of interest to CCFA	Senate-awaiting committee assignment	file date 4/8/13	from printer 2/15, not yet assigned to committee; 3/4 assigned to committee; 3/11 hearing date set; 4/3 passed committee, sent to assembly consent calendar; 4/8 Assembly floor vote, all aye except absentees; 4/17 sent to Judiciary; 4/22 amended	AB-383
AB 416	WATCH	May 2, 2013	**California Air Resources Board: Local Emission Reduction Program**	Creates a Local Emission Reduction Program and provides grant money from the general fund for greenhouse gas emission projects and job creation	The offending phrase in section 39680 is: `(8) Prevent conservation of agricultural, forest, and open space lands to uses that result in higher greenhouse gas emissions.` I expect "conservation" should be "conversion" email submitted about this 3/4/13; 3/21 offending phrase edited. - further comments - money from general fund should be used for other purposes first, also concerned about mechanism to be used for preventing conversions.; 4/4 amended to require money be appropriated by legislature	Assembly Appropriations suspense file		from printer 2/19/13, not yet assigned to committee; 3/4 referred to Assembly Natural Resources Committee and Assembly Local Government Committee; 3/19 hearing date set; 3/21 amended; 4/3 passed Natural Resources Committee; 4/4 amended; 4/11 passed Local Government, passed to Appropriations; 4/25 hearing set; referred to suspense file	AB-416
AB 468	WATCH	May 2, 2013	**Insurance: Disaster Management, Preparedness, and Assistance Surcharge**	creates a disaster management fund funded by a surcharge on house insurance, funds may be used by CalFIRE, CalEMA and the National Guard, repeals SRA fee; amendment bumps this up to an urgent bill which will take effect immediately upon passage, it now requires 2/3 to pass.	this is more palatable to Democrats than simply repealing the SRA fee since they get to keep an income stream.; This was elevated to an urgent bill which requires 2/3 to pass. This may have been done to forestall any suits proclaiming it did not meet the requirements of a tax, and to allow it to take effect immediately upon passage to keep the income stream coming.	Assembly Natural Resources		4/9 gut and amend following SB 17's demise in committee; 4/11 bounced from Natural Resources to Rules for clarification of investigations, Rules said Natural Resources and Insurance, returned to Natural Resources; 4/17 hearing set ?; 4/22 hearing marked as set for 4/29, but latest action is hearing cancelation; 4/29 heard, not voted. 5/1 amended	AB-468
AB 497	WATCH - need to assess salmon rules with regard to timber	May 15, 201	**Fish and Wildlife**	adjusts meeting rules and notifications rules for the Fish and Game Commission; 3/21 amendment adds a wildlife resources committee to the commission, adds ability to adopt salmon and groundfish regulations, regulations not subject to Govt Code Sections 11343.4, 11346.1, 11346.4, 11346.8, regulations take effect when filed.	reduces the number of meetings required, the number of meetings required to be outside the Sacramento area, the amount of public notification of meetings and so forth. this appears to make the commission less accessible to the public	Assembly consent calendar, file date 5/20/13		from printer 2/21, not yet assigned to a committee; 3/21 amended; 3/27 hearing set; 4/4 amended; 4/16 analysis posted, passed Water, Parks and Wildlife, sent to Appropriations with recommendation to Consent Calendar; 5/15 passed Appropriations and sent to consent calendar	AB-497
AB 502	WATCH	Apr 30, 201	**Commercial law: secured transactions**	adjusts rules regarding security interests on loans; 5/7 amendment dropped bill from urgent list by making active date 7/1/2014. It appropriates funds from the State's Business Fees fund to implement the bill.	one of the classes of property mentioned as a security interest is standing timber	Assembly Appropriations suspense file		from printer 2/21/13, not yet assigned to committee; 3/21 hearing set; 4/1 amended; 4/3 hearing postponed to 4/16; 4/16 hearing postponed; 2/24 hearing postponed again, analysis posted; passed Judiciary, sent to Appropriations; 5/7 amended	AB-502
AB 504	WATCH	Feb 26, 201	**Fish and Game Commission: salmon and groundfish**	very similar to AB 497	very similar to AB 497		may be heard 3/23/13	from printer 2/21, not yet assigned to a committee	AB-504
AB 515	WATCH WITH GREAT CARE	Apr 24, 201	**Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: judicial review**	establishes separate CEQA court districts for hearing CEQA cases	amendment adds land use and environmental law cases. this is becoming serious.	Assembly Judiciary Committee	4/23/2013, canceled	from printer, may be heard 3./23/12: 3/4 referred to Assembly Natural Resources and Judiciary committees; 3/11 amended; 4/9 hearing set; 4/23 hearing canceled	AB-515
AB 756	WATCH	Apr 24, 201	**Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act**	may be placeholder or may require one lead agency for CEQA bills 3/19 this just came to life. It now relates to processing EIRs for public works projects.	This applies only to public works projects and does not affect the rules regarding private projects.	Assembly Judiciary Committee	4/23/2013 canceled?	from printer 2/22/13, not yet assigned to committee; 3/19 amended and referred to Judiciary and Natural Resources; 4/9 hearing set; 4/11 amended; 4/17 hearing no longer on status, canceled?	AB-756
AB 763	SUPPORT	May 1, 2013	**Aquatic invasive plants: control and eradication**	requires coordination of state and federal agencies to identify top priority invasive aquatic plants and eradicate them; 4/10 amendment adds Food and Agriculture to list of coordinating agencies	anything requiring agency coordination before action is to be applauded	Assembly Appropriations suspense file		from printer 2/22, not yet assigned to committee; 3/18 amended; 3/20 hearing set; 4/10 amended; 4/17 analysis posted, passed Water, Parks and Wildlife, sent to Appropriations with recommendation to Consent Calendar	AB-763
AB 769	WATCH	May 14, 201	**Taxation: deductions: net operating loss carrybacks**	disallows the use of net operating loss carrybacks for individuals and corporations; 4/8 there is a large addition to the bill that requires a justification for tax credits. The report should demonstrate the credit's effectiveness in meeting the public goals which it was designed for. It also advocates for sunset clauses for tax credits; 4/23 a great deal was stricken out, mostly text concerning tax credits and sunset clauses, nothing new added	this may apply to members who are trying to spread their income losses across previous year's statements. As we understand it, most people roll their major income fluctuations forward, but since timber typically has lots of years of losses then one big income year in its normal cycle, it's worth monitoring. 4/8 performance reviews and sunset clauses for tax credits is a sensible action.	Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee		from printer 2/22, not yet assigned to a committee; 3/4 hearing date set; 4/8 amended; 4/10 hearing set; 4/15 hearing postponed; 4/23 amended; 5/13 hearing canceled	AB-769
AB 794	WATCH	Apr 17, 201	**Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: use of landfill and organic waste**	exempts biofuel conversion projects and composting projects from CEQA if they "will result in a net reduction in greenhouse gases"		Assembly Natural Resources Committee	4/15/2013, canceled	from printer 2/22/13, not yet assigned to committee; 4/1 hearing set; 4/9 hearing canceled at request of author	AB-794
AB 818	WATCH	Apr 17, 201	**Air pollution control: penalties**		looks like a bounty-hunting provision to larger cities for prosecuting civil cases of air quality violations	Assembly Judiciary Committee	4/23/2013 postponed	from printer 2/22/13, not yet assigned to committee; 3/7 assigned to Assembly Natural Resources Committee, Assembly Judiciary Committee; 4/3 hearing set; 4/9 hearing date moved; 4/17 hearing postponed; Assembly Rule 96 invoked to put it back to Judiciary and Natural Resources	AB-818
AB 823	OPPOSE	Apr 30, 201	**Environment: agricultural land: mitigation**	requires replacement acreage mitigation for converting ag land to other uses; requires the "*lead agency reviewing a project to require that all feasible mitigation of the identified significant environmental impacts associated with the conversion of agricultural lands be completed by the project applicant, as prescribed, and would require the lead agency to consider the permanent protection or replacement of agricultural land as feasible mitigation for identified significant effects on agricultural land caused by a development project.*"	does not address conversion causal factors - text amendment did not improve the situation; 4/23 amendment still does not really address the causal factors driving conversion, but is not quite as onerous as the original text. The bill now puts the mitigation burden on the reviewing agency instead of the applicant. The applicant must, however, pay for the acquisition of a conservation easement for some land for mitigation purposes.	Assembly Agriculture		from printer 2/22/13, not yet assigned to committee; 3/4 referred to Assembly Natural Resources and Agriculture committees; 3/11 text amended; 3/18 hearing set for 4/1; 3/21 hearing canceled; 4/3 hearing set; 4/15 hearing canceled at request of author; 4/23 amended; 4/29 passed Natural Resources, sent to Agriculture	AB-823
AB 866	SUPPORT	Mar 4, 2013	**Regulations**	makes changes to the regulation creation process aimed at providing a real economic impact study and an attempt to make regulations less burdensome to the regulated	badly needed reform	Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review	may be heard 3/24/13	from printer 2/22/13, not yet assigned to committee	AB-866
AB 875	OPPOSE	Apr 30, 201	**Forest Management**	provides funding from the AB 1492 money pool for pilot projects seeking efficiencies and cost savings in salmon/trout restoration, forest/watershed restoration/ improvement; 4/22 amendment places the amount of money from the pool to be sent to salmon restoration projects at 65%.	The latest amendment to this bill pulls an exorbitant amount of money from the 1492 fund for just the cause of salmon restoration projects. There are a lot of other forest improvement functions that are going to be left hanging.	Assembly Appropriations		read first time 2/25/13; 4/3 hearing set; 4/22 amended; 4/26 analysis posted; 4/29 passed Natural Resources and sent to Appropriations	AB-875
AB 896	WATCH	Apr 30, 201	**Wildlife management areas: mosquito abatement**	provide for mosquito control/abatement while enhancing wildlife habitat	these goals are mutually exclusive, it should be fun to watch how they pull this off	Assembly Appropriations		read first time 2/25/13; 4/4 hearing set; 4/30 passed Water, Parks and Wildlife and sent to Appropriations with recommendation to consent calendar	AB-896
AB 904	SUPPORT: AMENDMENTS URGED	Apr 27, 201	**Forestry: nonindustrial timber management plan**	currently discusses appeal procedures for NTMPs; 4/22 the text has finally emerged. This bill creates Working Forest Management Plans, the big acreage analog to NTMPs.	This bill is generally good but could use some massaging. NTMPs are untouched and the Southern Subdistrict can participate. CCFA shares FLC's concern about the level of inspection. FLC offered another solution: when the RPF and CalFIRE disagree on the level of restocking, the one complaining should do a cruise to determine the correct measurement. If the landowner/RPF is correct, CalFIRE carries the burden of the cruise costs. If CalFIRE is correct, the landowner pays cruise costs + 10%. CCFA believes this plan should also uphold the concept of Safe Harbor. If the land is managed such that a rare/ endangered species colonizes the land, the landowner should be allowed to continue his business as usual, since what he is doing is correct for that creature. CLFA also submitted a list of improvements.	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Apr 29, 2013	read first time 2/25/13; 3/21 amended and referred to Natural Resources; 4/3 hearing set; 4/22 amended; 4/26 analysis posted	AB-904
AB 929	SUPPORT	Apr 30, 201	**State responsibility areas: structures: fees**	bill amended to require a procedure for reimbursing people required to pay an SRA fee who are found not to be within and SRA boundary; 4/22 amended to also require implementation of the reimbursement procedure with a defined schedule		Assembly Natural Resources Committee	4/29/2013 canceled at request of author	read first time 2/25/13; 3/21 amended and referred to Natural Resources; 4/3 hearing set; 4/22 amended	AB-929
AB 953	WATCH	May 15, 201	**California Environmental Quality Act**	adds health and safety of people near or attracted to a project to list of environmental concerns in a CEQA report		Assembly	file date 5/20/13	read first time 2/25/13; 4/3 hearing set; 4/12 analysis posted; 4/15 Natural Resources and sent to Appropriations; 5/3 hearing set; 5/8 passed Appropriations; 5/13 ordered to 3d reading	AB-953
AB 1051	WATCH	May 15, 201	**Housing**	spends greenhouse money to build high-density low-income housing near transit stations, amendment expands scope of bill to also funding various transit projects and energy efficiency projects within low-rent housing - 4/8 amendment requires the Legislature to appropriate the funds for the project. It also adds local parks, urban forestry and protection of open space to the scope of the project. *(7) To the California Natural Resources Agency ____ dollars ($____) for allocation to its departments and state conservancies for the purposes of funding the following projects that show greenhouse gas reductions: urban forestry, local parks, and the protection of open space, including wildlife habitats and working lands.*	it's the greenhouse fund that provides the $$ for these projects, so it leaves the general fund alone. it may increase pressure to force funding into the greenhouse fund. - 4/8 - the mention of open space is tempered by the mention of working lands. We really don't need more pressure from the Open Space Districts. Another thought is that participating in these projects may open a landowner up to a world of nit-picky judgements between the benefit of his green growing plants and the deficits of the machinery used to maintain them and their environment. Who needs another set of reports to file?	Assembly Appropriations suspense file		read first time 2/25/13; 3/21 amended and assigned to Housing and Community Development and Transportation committees; 4/8 amended; 4/17 analysis posted, passed committee, sent to Transportation; 4/17 hearing set; 4/26 analysis posted; 4/29 passed Transportation committee and sent to Appropriations	AB-1051
AB 1097	SUPPORT	May 15, 201	**Fish and Game Commission:Mirage Trail**	declares primary function of CDF&W is to provides services for those who fish or hunt; 5/1 amendment struck all language relating to the purpose to Fish and Wildlife service. The bill now addresses only the Mirage Trail	winding back the clock..., specifies the name change protocol, adds text for when the Mirage trail within the Magnesia Spring Ecological Reserve shall be open to the public; 5/2 CCFA no longer has any interest in this bill.	Senate, awaiting committee assignment		read first time 2/25/13; 3/14 assigned to committee; 4/4 hearing set; 4/30 amended and passed Water, Parks and Wildlife. now on the floor; 5/9 passed Assembly floor	AB-1097
AB 1188	OPPOSE	Mar 21, 201	**Fire Protection: general obligation bonds**	Prop 13 override - "55% of the voters to fund activities involving buildings, facilities, and equipment for the direct and exclusive use of fire, emergency response, police, or sheriff personnel". needs passage of ACA 3 to take effect		Assembly Local Government		3/21 amended	
AB 1213	SUPPORT	May 16, 201	**Bobcat protection act of 2013**	places bobcats into protected status; the 4/25 amendment changes the entire flavor of the bill by now treating bobcats as any other fur-bearing animal, with Fish and Wildlife able to set harvest limits based on populations, and providing a licensing mechanism for the takes.	The new amendment treats the bobcat protection appropriately and we now support the bill.	Assembly Appropriations suspense file		read first time 2/25/13; 3/18 hearing set; 3/19 bill amended; 4/25 amended, hearing set; 4/30 passed Water, Parks and Wildlife, sent to Appropriations	AB-1213
AB 1230	SUPPORT	Apr 23, 201	**Mammals: Use of dogs to pursue bears and bobcats.**	relaxes standard to place or remove species from the California Endangered Species List; amended to tweak rules concerning hunting bears and bobcats back to a more hunting-tolerant stance	last year's prohibition on using dogs to pursue bears and bobcats was an emotional knee-jerk reaction to the mountain lion hunt in Idaho for the head of Fish and Game. This undoes the worst of the silliness.	Assembly Water Parks and Wildlife Committee	4/30/2013, canceled at request of author	read first time 2/25/13; amended 3/13; 4/17 hearing set; 4/23 hearing canceled	AB-1230
AB 1251	WATCH	May 15, 201	**Water quality: stormwater**	reducing stormwater pollutants affordably	benign for now, but may creep out of the road pollutants zone	Assembly Appropriations suspense file		read first time 2/25/13; 3/11 assigned to committee; 4/17 hearing set; 4/30 passed Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials, sent to Appropriations	AB-1251
AB 1295	WATCH	May 9, 2013	**Public utilities: renewable energy**	adjustments and clarifications to tariff for electrical purchases; 4/9 amendment loosens requirements for local publicly owned utilities, much of the rest of the bill was deleted.	There is a small section for energy produced from biomass from fire threat reduction programs - the 3/21 amendment dropped overt mention of biomass from the bill; the 4/23 amendment does not affect forestry concerns	Assembly Appropriations suspense file		read first time 2/25/13; 3/21 amended and assigned to Utilities and Commerce; 4/4 hearing set; 4/9 amended; 4/15 analysis posted, passed Utilities and Commerce, sent to Appropriations; 4/23 amended; 5/2 hearing set	AB-1295
AB 1330	WATCH	May 2, 2013	**Environmental Justice**	requires the Secretary for Environmental Protection to find and address gaps in "environmental justice", 4/9 amendment allows more time for people testifying through a translator to speak.	the whole concept of environmental justice seems squirrelly	Assembly Appropriations suspense file		read first time 2/25/13; 3/19 hearing set; 4/3 passed Natural Resources; 4/8 passed Natural Resources, sent to Appropriations; 4/9 amended; 4/10 referred to Appropriations; 4/25 hearing set; 5/1 sent to suspense file	AB-1330
AB 1331	WATCH	Apr 30, 201	**Water resources: bay-delta sustainability**	4/3 gut and amend action: now extends the life of the district formed under the Storm Water District Act of 1909; 4/23 gut and amend again! The bill now addresses assessing the money needed to be raised via water bonds for a variety of purposes		Assembly Appropriations		read first time 2/25/13; 4/3 amended; 4/23 amended; 4/30 passed Water, Parks and Wildlife, send to Appropriations	AB-1331
AB 1375	WATCH	Apr 30, 201	**California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: Clean Technology Investment Fund**	creates the Clean Technology Investment Fund	oh goody, a new way to spend the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	Assembly Appropriations		read first time 2/25/13; 3/21 amended and assigned to Natural Resources committees; 4/3 hearing date set; 4/23 amended, 4/26 analysis posted; 4/29 passed Natural Resources, sent to Appropriations; 5/15 hearing canceled	AB-1375
ACA 3	OPPOSE	Apr 4, 2013	**Local government financing: public safety services: voter approval**	Prop 13 override - 55% approval for bonds for fire, sheriff, public safety, emergency response, police buildings facilities or equipment	assault on prop 13 provisions	Assembly Local Government		4/4 assigned to Local Government and Appropriations	ACA-3
ACA 8	OPPOSE	Apr 8, 2013	**Local government financing: voter approval**	changes to property tax rule to allow 55% vote for an array of infrastructure improvement bonds and to allow ad valorem tax of more than 1% of the value of the property for facilities for emergency services, transit systems, transportation infrastructure, sewer, water, wastewater, storm drains, public parks and recreation	assault on prop 13 provisions	Assembly Local Government	may be heard 3/16/13	from printer 2/14, not yet assigned to a committee; 4/4 amended	ACA-8
SB 1	WATCH	May 10, 201	**Sustainable Communities Investment Authority**	Redevelopment agencies are back as "Sustainable Communities Investment Authorities" with all the glamour concepts like greenhouse gas reduction goals rolled into them; 4/17 amendment prevents simple rollovers of old redevelopment agency into new Sustainable Community Investment Authority, adds a few more functional requirements, beefs up affordable housing provisions		Senate Appropriations	May 20, 2013	2/28 - committee hearing set for 3/13; 3/7 committee analysis posted; 3/13 committee vote, passed Governance & Finance, referred to Trans and Housing; 4/3 hearing set; 4/15 amended; 4/17 returned to committee; 4/23 passed Transportation and Housing, sent to Appropriations; 5/2 amended, mostly reformatting	SB-1
SB 11	WATCH	May 15, 201	**Alternative fuel and vehicle technologies: funding programs**	Senate analog of AB 8, 4/4 Transportation & Housing analysis reports the bill postpones until 2024 ARB's authority to enforce any of its regulations requiring the construction or operation of public hydrogen fueling station, instead using vehicle registration fees for this purpose; also requires ARB and CEC to update economic analysis of costs of various fuel types; 4/18 amendment adds intelligent transportation systems as eligible project for funding, removes outdated language ; 5/15 minor amendments	some of these funds are going to support immature technologies like hydrogen fueling stations. We do think economic analysis of costs is essential and hope these analyses are not distorted by green-colored glasses.	Senate Appropriations	May 20, 2013	in committee; 2/3 vote required; 3/11 hearing canceled, reassigned to Rules; 3/14 assigned to Env Qual and Transportation and Housing; 3/18 hearing canceled at request of author; 3/19 hearing rescheduled; 4/3 passed Env. Qual. ; 4/4 entered Transportation and Housing, analysis published; 4/10 passed Transportation and Housing, moved to Appropriations; 4/17 status looks like it's on the Senate floor, but I don't see the votes. ; 4/18 amended; 5/15 amended, hearing set for 5/20	SB-11
SB 17	SUPPORT	Apr 18, 201	**State responsibility areas: fire prevention fees**	repeal the SRA fire prevention fees; 4/11 the amendment added a list of coauthors from both the Senate and the Assembly and changed the language to intent language. 4/18 minor wording change	see AB 23	Senate Natural Resources and Water	Apr 9, 2013	in committee; 3/13 hearing set; 4/9 failed passage in committee, reconsideration granted; 4/11 amended; 4/15 withdrawn from Natural Resources and Water and sent to RUles; 4/18 amended	SB-17
SB 34	WATCH	May 17, 201	**Greenhouse gas: carbon capture and storage (OIL GAS AND GEOTHERMAL WELLS)**	Provides regulations concerning the capture and retention of greenhouse gases underground in oil, gas and geothermal wells	so far this is not impacting forestry, except to the extent that development of this scheme might take pressure off forestry to provide the main mechanism for capturing and storing carbon via the Forest Project Protocol	Senate Appropriations	May 23, 2013	2/3 vote required; 4/11 amended; 4/17 analysis posted, passed committee, sent to Natural Resources and Water; 4/19 analysis posted; 4/23 passed Natural Resources and Water, sent to Appropriations; 4/30 amended; 5/3 hearing set	SB-34
SB 65	WATCH	Jan 11, 201	**2013-14 Budget**	Senate analog of budget bill. Makes appropriations for support of state government for fiscal year 2013-14.		Senate Budget and Fiscal Review			SB-65
SB 123	WATCH WITH GREAT CARE	May 17, 201	**Environmental and Land-Use Court**	Creates subdivision in Superior Courts for hearing CEQA cases; 4/4 new amendment adds land-use cases to the CEQA court subdivision; 4/23 amendment adds the date the bill becomes active; 5/2 amendment increases the environmental license plate annual fee by $10 to fund these courts. The nice part about this is that no one is required to have an environmental plate	This is the Senate analog of AB 515. These bills could be very very good, or very very bad, depending on what sort of judge gets placed in these positions. The Senate version does state "*It is important to continue California's commitment to ensuring an unbiased judicial selection process.*" We hope this sentiment carries through when this is implemented and the judges selected understand property rights and business constraints as well as environmental law. We do find funding this subcourt using the fees from environmental license plate fees particularly appropriate, since most of the fuss and bother in this arena comes from the sort of people who buy environmental license plates.	Senate Appropriations	May 23, 2013	4/4 amended; 4/8 hearing set; 4/17 passed committee and sent to Appropriations; 4/23 amended; 5/2 amended, hearing set; 5/13 Placed in suspense file; 5/17 hearing set	SB-123
SB 125	SUPPORT	Apr 24, 201	**State responsibility areas: fire prevention fees**	exempts property owner with a structure from the SRA fee if the property is also within the boundaries of a fire protection district	better than no change, but fee should be repealed altogether	Senate Natural Resources and Water	Apr 23, 2013	2/7 referred to N.R.&W. and RLS; 3/13 hearing set; 3/27 hearing canceled; 4/11 new hearing set; 4/23 failed passage in committee	SB-125
SB 132	OPPOSE	Apr 12, 201	**Mountain lions**	requires non-lethal methods of taking of mountain lions unless reasonable expectation of lion causing immediate death or physical harm; 4/11 amendment removes relocating from list of nonlethal measures, adds a reporting element to the bill	this should be an internal policy direction, not a law	Senate Appropriations		requires 4/5 vote to pass; 3/13 hearing set; 4/9 passed committee; 4/11 amended; 4/22 placed in suspense file	SB-132
SB 147	SUPPORT	Feb 26, 201	**State responsibility areas: fire prevention fees**	exempts property owner from the SRA fee if his income is less than 200% of federal poverty level	we really feel this is not adequate, but will support it as better than nothing.	Senate Natural Resources and Water		2/14 referred to N.R.&W. and RLS	SB-147
SB 167	WATCH	Feb 26, 201	**Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act**	may be placeholder or may require one lead agency for CEQA bills		Senate Rules			SB-167
SB 181	WATCH	May 9, 2013	**Validations**	validates organizations, boundaries, acts, proceedings and bods of state, counties, cities, districts, agencies and entities	non-controversial bookkeeping bill	Assembly Local Government		3/7 Senate committee analysis submitted; passed Governance and Finance, sent to Appropriations; 3/21 hearing set for appropriations committee; 4/8 from committee, to be placed on consent calendar, did not see a vote for Appropriations; 4/11 passed Senate floor, sent to Assembly; 5/9 assigned to Local Government	SB-181
SB 182	WATCH	Feb 26, 201	**Validations**	validates organizations, boundaries, acts, proceedings and bods of state, counties, cities, districts, agencies and entities	non-controversial bookkeeping bill	Senate Governance and Finance			SB-182
SB 183	WATCH	May 9, 2013	**Validations**	validates organizations, boundaries, acts, proceedings and bods of state, counties, cities, districts, agencies and entities	non-controversial bookkeeping bill	Assembly Local Government		3/7 Senate committee analysis submitted; passed committee, 3/14 senate floor analysis file, placed on consent calendar; 3/19 file date; 3/21 sent to assembly, at desk; 5/9 assigned to Local Government	SB-183
SB 273	WATCH	Feb 26, 201	**Farm vehicles: registration exemptions**	exempts mostly offroad farming trucks from registration		-		2/15 from printer, may be acted upon on or after 3/17	SB-273
SB 436	WATCH (do notification changes in EIR affect THPS?)	May 15, 201	**California Environmental Quality Act: notice**	expands notifications and public meeting requirements for EIRs; 4/3 amendment removed many of the new reporting requirements		Senate Appropriations		2/22 from printer; 3/11 assigned to committee; 4/3 amended, hearing set; 4/4 hearing postponed by committee; 4/11 hearing set; 5/1 passed Environmental Quality, sent to Appropriations; 5/3 hearing set; 5/14 ordered to third reading	SB-436
SB 617	WATCH (do notification changes in EIR affect THPS?)	Feb 26, 201	**California Environmental Quality Act**	expands notifications and public meeting requirements for EIRs	very similar to 436 - adds to bureaucracy requirements			read first time 2/25/13	SB-617
SB 621	SUPPORT	Apr 17, 201	**Vehicular air pollution: exemption: low use vehicles: nonprofit organizations**	extends required compliance deadlines for diesel vehicles by 5 years	latest amendment made the bill apply to all in-use diesel vehicles. text looks like a placeholder	Senate Transportation and Housing, Senate Rules	Apr 9, 2013	read first time 2/25/13; 3/11 assigned to committee; 4/3 amended; 4/4 analysis available; 4/10 failed passage in hearing, reconsideration granted	SB-621
SB 633	WATCH	May 10, 201	**CEQA: environmental impact reports**	specifically requires "`that the new information that becomes available was not known and could not have been known by the lead agency or any responsible agency at the time the EIR was certified as complete.`" - 4/3 new amendment allows the definition of a class of projects not needing and EIR to include those that "involve minor temporary uses of land and public gatherings that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment"	makes it easier to require subsequent or supplemental EIRs for incomplete information; This makes one wonder if a "minor temporary use" could include cyclical uses like timber harvests, which have a known impact from previous entries into the property	Senate Appropriations	May 20, 2013	read first time 2/25/13; 3/11 assigned to committee; 4/3 amended; 4/11 amended, hearing set; 5/1 analysis posted, passed Environmental Quality, sent to Appropriations; 5/6 amended; 5/13 hearing set	SB-633
SB 674	WATCH	Mar 11, 201	**Energy: renewable energy**	Analog to AB 1295		Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications		read first time 2/25/13; 3/11 assigned to committee	SB-674
SB 726	Support	May 5, 2013	**California Global Warming Solution Act of 2006: Western Climate Initiative, Inc.**	Adding sunshine and legislative oversight to the Western Climate Initiative	ARB has been running amok for years. It's time to put a leash on their operations.	Senate Appropriations	May 13, 2013	5/5 newly added to monitoring list	SB-726
SB 731	SUPPORT	May 10, 201	**Environment: California Environmental Quality Act and sustainable communities strategy**	makes changes to CEQA to help along "smart infill" projects and to create standards for many contentious points of dispute; 4/23 amendment added a $30 million annual fund for grants for creating sustainable communities; 5/7 amendment appropriates money, adds reporting requirement, permits annual appropriation of $30 million in the Annual Budget Act for grants from xx fund instead of Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Fund	don't care much about the "smart infill" portion, but the standards are badly needed. check out sections c through f of the proposed law	Senate Appropriations	May 20, 2013	read first time 2/25/13; 3/11 assigned to committee; 4/23 amended; 5/1 passed Environmental Quality, sent to Appropriations; 5/7 amended	SB-731
SB 749	TENTATIVE SUPPORT, NEEDS STUDY	Apr 29, 201	**Habitat protection: endangered species**	makes changes to California Endangered Species Act to make endangered species protection and agricultural concerns more compatible. changes endangered species petition process to include public hearings; 4/17 adds amendment that prohibits penalizing a landowner because the water supply goes down due to evaporation or transpiration of naturally growing plants on fallowed fields.	need to study closer, published legislative analysis finds the farm bureau and cattlemens association are in favor of the accidental take and the petition review processes	Senate Appropriations suspense file	Apr 29, 2013	read first time 2/25/13; 3/11 assigned to committee; 3/14 hearing set; 4/1 amended; 4/9 passed Natural Resources and Water and sent to Appropriations; 4/17 amended; 4/19 hearing set; 4/29 analysis posted, placed on Appropriations suspense file	SB-749
SB 754	OPPOSE	May 5, 2013	**California Environmental Quality Act**	various massages to preparing and filing EIRs.	there is a very dangerous provision that allows for a "private right of action to enforce mitigation measures" on a project. This gives the Sierra Club a free pass to sue whenever they don't like things. Another harmful provision states that any previous EIR released more than 7 years prior to the notice of preparation for the current project cannot be be used for "tiering". This does not fit well with a 10 year harvest revisit cycle such as is commonly used in southern subdistrict timber. It also does not allow the project applicant or his consultant to "contract for, direct, or prepare the lead agency's" reports.	Senate floor		5/5 newly added to our tracking	SB-754
SB 787	WATCH	May 2, 2013	**Environmental quality: the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act**	4/18 amendment adds intent language recognizing there is a lot of obstructionism and duplicative effort going on in CEQA and adding protection to projects that meet local zoning and planning criteria and follow existing legal standards	Adjustments to CEQA - not sure what it means yet; 4/18 amendment language is moving in the right direction. initial attempt to stop frivolous harassment suits using CEQA	Senate Environmental Quality		read first time 2/25/13; 3/11 assigned to Senate Environmental Quality and Judicial; 4/2 set hearing; withdrawn from committee and referred to Senate Rules; 4/11 hearing set; 4/18 amended, sent back to Environmental Quality; 4/29 analysis posted; hearing 5/1, failed passage in committee, reconsideration granted; 5/8 failed committee, reconsideration granted	SB-787
SB 798	WATCH	Apr 24, 201	**California Green Infrastructure Bank Act**	provides funding from the California Green Infrastructure Bank for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in a number of venues	One mentioned venue is "`Funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with water use and supply, land and natural resource conservation and management, forestry, and sustainable agriculture.`"	Senate Environmental Quality	4/24/2013; canceled	read first time 2/25/13; 3/11 assigned to committees Senate Governance and Finance, Senate Rules; 3/20 hearing set; 4/17 hearing canceled;	SB-798
SCA 4	OPPOSE		**Local government transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval**	Prop 13 override - 55% approval for bonds for local transportation projects	The only thing keeping taxes in check right now is the 2/3 vote requirement	Senate Governance and Finance		2/14 referred to Governance and Finance Committee and Rules COmmittee; 3/19 amended	SCA-4
SCA 7	OPPOSE		**Local government financing: public libraries: voter approval**	Prop 13 override - 55% approval for bonds for public libraries					SCA-7
SCA 8	OPPOSE		**Transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval**	Prop 13 override - 55% approval for bonds for transportation projects					SCA-8
SCA 11	WATCH								SCA-11