



## Bill Report for the California Council of the American Society of Landscape Architects

### [AB 30](#)

**Amended: 1/24/2022**

**Outdoor access to nature: environmental equity.** Would declare that it is the established policy of the state that all Californians have safe and affordable access to nature and access to the benefits of nature, among other things. The bill would require all relevant state agencies, including the Natural Resources Agency, state departments, including the Department of Transportation, and their respective departments, boards, and commissions to incorporate this state policy when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations, and grant criteria, or making expenditures, pertinent to the uses of outdoor access to nature, as provided.

### [AB 646](#)

**Amended: 1/24/2022**

**Department of Consumer Affairs: boards: expunged convictions.** Current law establishes the Department of Consumer Affairs, which is composed of various boards, and authorizes a board to suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued. The Medical Practice Act provides for the licensure and regulation of the practice of medicine by the Medical Board of California and requires the board to post certain historical information on current and former licensees, including felony and certain misdemeanor convictions. Current law requires the Medical Board of California, upon receipt of a certified copy of an expungement order from a current or former licensee, to post notification of the expungement order and the date thereof on its internet website. This bill would require a board within the department that has posted on its online license search system that a person's license was revoked because the person was convicted of a crime, within 90 days of receiving an expungement order for the underlying offense from the person, if the person reapplies for licensure or is relicensed, to post notification of the expungement order and the date thereof on its online license search system.

### [AB 672](#)

**Amended: 1/13/2022**

**Publicly owned golf courses: conversion: affordable housing.** Current law establishes the Department of Housing and Community Development and requires it to, among other things, administer various programs intended to fund the acquisition of property to develop or preserve affordable housing. This bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require the department to administer a program to provide incentives in the form of grants to local agencies that enter into a development agreement to convert a golf course owned by the local agency into housing and publicly accessible open space, as specified.

### [AB 902](#)

**Amended: 1/13/2022**

**School facilities: alternative design-build contracts.** Would authorize, until January 1, 2029, a school district that has an average daily attendance of over 50,000 pupils, with the approval of the governing board of the school district, to procure alternative design-build contracts for public works projects in excess of \$10,000,000, awarding the contract to either the low bid or the best value, as provided. The bill would define "alternative design-build" as a project delivery process in which both the design and construction of a project are procured from a single design-build entity based on its proposed design cost, general conditions, overhead, and profit as a component of the project price. The bill would require specified information to be verified under penalty of perjury.

### [AB 1445](#)

**Amended: 1/3/2022**

**Planning and zoning: regional housing need allocation: climate change impacts.** Would, commencing January 1, 2025, require that a council of governments, a delegate subregion, or the Department of Housing and Community Development, as

applicable, additionally consider among these factors emergency evacuation route capacity, wildfire risk, sea level rise, and other impacts caused by climate change.

### [AB 1727](#)

**Amended: 3/21/2022**

**Public works: fees: small business.** Current law generally requires a contractor or subcontractor to be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations to be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or engage in the performance of any public work contract. Current law requires a contractor or subcontractor to meet specific conditions to qualify for this registration, including, among other things, to pay a \$400 application fee to qualify for registration and to pay an annual renewal fee. This bill would reduce the application and annual renewal fee for a small business, as defined, to \$200. The bill would prohibit the application and renewal fee for a contractor or subcontractor that does not qualify as a small business from being increased to support the above-described fee decrease.

### [AB 1902 \(Aguiar-Curry\)](#)

**Introduced: 2/9/2022**

**Resource conservation: resource conservation districts.** Existing law establishes the Department of Conservation and requires it to provide soil conservation advisory services to local governments, land owners, farmers and ranchers, resource conservation districts, and the general public, as provided. This bill would delete this provision.

### [AB 1910 \(C. Garcia\)](#)

**Introduced: 2/9/2022**

**Publicly owned golf courses: conversion: affordable housing.** Would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer a program to provide incentives in the form of grants to local agencies that enter into a development agreement to convert a golf course owned by the local agency into housing and publicly accessible open space, as specified. This bill would require the department to award funding in accordance with the number of affordable units a local agency proposes to construct.

### [AB 2142 \(Gabriel\)](#)

**Introduced: 2/15/22**

#### **Income Tax Exclusion: Turf Replacement**

Allows, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, and before January 1, 2027, a gross income exclusion for any amount received as a rebate, voucher, or other financial incentive issued by a local water agency or supplier for participation in a turf replacement water conservation program. Rebates, vouchers, or other financial incentives issued by local water agencies or suppliers have been an effective tool in advancing efficiency and water management objectives statewide, and individual consumers and businesses should not be taxed for providing this statewide benefit.

### [AB 2146 \(Bauer-Kahan\)](#)

**Amended: 3/29/2022**

**Neonicotinoid pesticides: prohibited nonagricultural use.** Would prohibit, beginning January 1, 2024, the sale, possession, or use of neonicotinoid pesticides, as defined, except for use on an agricultural commodity, as defined. The bill would authorize the Director of Pesticide Regulation, in consultation with the Department of Food and Agriculture, to authorize, by written order, the sale, possession, or use of these prohibited pesticides if the director finds that it would address a valid environmental emergency and there are no other, less harmful alternatives, as specified. The bill would provide that these provisions do not apply to specified products and applications of these pesticides. Because a violation of these provisions and the regulations adopted pursuant to these provisions would be a misdemeanor, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program

### [AB 2238 \(Rivas\)](#)

**Amended: 3/23/2022**

**Extreme heat: statewide extreme heat ranking system.** Current law requires the California Environmental Protection Agency to address heat and heat reduction by, among other things, identifying the extent and severity of the urban heat island effect for cities to set quantifiable goals for heat reduction. This bill would require the agency, by January 1, 2024, to develop a statewide extreme heat ranking system in coordination with Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP) and the Department of Insurance, as provided. The bill would also require the department, by January 1, 2024, to submit a study of the insured and uninsured costs related to past extreme heat events to the appropriate

legislative policy and budget committees, the agency, and ICARP. The bill would require ICARP to develop a public communication plan for the statewide extreme heat ranking system, recommend partnerships with, and develop statewide guidance for, local and tribal governments in the preparation and planning for extreme heat events, and recommend heat adaptation measures, as specified.

#### [AB 2362](#) (Mullin)

**Introduced: 2/16/2022**

**Ecosystem restoration and climate adaptation projects: permitting.** Existing law requires the Natural Resources Agency, by July 1, 2017, and every 3 years thereafter, to update the state's climate adaptation strategy to identify vulnerabilities to climate change by sectors and priority actions needed to reduce the risks in those sectors. Existing law requires the agency to explore, and authorizes the agency to implement, options within the agency's jurisdiction to establish a more coordinated and efficient regulatory review and permitting process for coastal adaptation projects that use natural infrastructure. This bill would require the agency, on or before July 1, 2023, and in consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Food and Agriculture, and the California Environmental Protection Agency, to establish an interagency working group to accelerate and streamline permitting for ecosystem restoration and climate adaptation projects. The bill would require the interagency working group to develop resources for permit applicants and permittees that include, but are not limited to, a unified, online permit application process for existing and proposed projects that includes all appropriate state agencies with regulatory authority over ecosystem restoration and climate adaptation projects. The bill would require the agency, on or before July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, to submit to the relevant policy committees of the Legislature, and post on the agency's internet website, a report that includes, among other information, the number of ecosystem restoration and climate adaptation project permit applicants and permittees assisted by the interagency working group.

#### [AB 2575](#) (Carrillo)

**Introduced: 2/18/2022**

**Special Occupancy Parks Act: lots.** Current law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt regulations to govern the construction, maintenance, occupancy, and use of special occupancy parks, as defined, and lots within the parks. Current law requires the regulations to establish standards and requirements that protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the occupants and residents of parks. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to those provisions.

#### [AB 2757](#) (Dahle)

**Introduced: 2/18/2022**

**Wildlife resources: natural community conservation plans: public review.** The Natural Community Conservation Planning Act authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife to enter into agreements with any person or public entity for the purpose of preparing a natural community conservation plan, in cooperation with a local agency that has land use permit authority over the activities proposed to be addressed in the plan, to provide comprehensive management and conservation of multiple wildlife species. Current law requires the department to establish a process for public participation throughout plan development and review, and requires this process to include a requirement that draft documents associated with a natural community conservation plan that are being considered for adoption by the plan lead agency are available for public review and comment for at least 60 days before the adoption of that draft document, and preliminary public review documents are made available by the plan lead agency at least 10 working days before any public hearing addressing these documents. This bill would also require draft documents associated with a natural community conservation plan and preliminary public review documents to be posted on the plan lead agency's internet website within the timeframes described above.

#### [AB 2789](#) (Mullin)

**Introduced: 2/18/2022**

**Competitive bidding: design-build and best value construction contracting.** Current law authorizes, until January 1, 2023, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and the Santa Clara Valley Open-Space Authority to use the design-build process for the construction of facilities or other buildings in those entities, as specified. This bill would repeal the January 1, 2023, sunset date, thereby indefinitely extending the authority of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and the Santa Clara Valley Open-Space Authority to use the design-build process for the construction of facilities or other buildings in those entities, as specified. The bill would also authorize the East Bay Regional Park District to use the design-build process for the construction of facilities or other buildings in that district.

#### [AB 2805](#) (Bauer-Kahan)

**Introduced: 2/18/2022**

**Department of Fish and Game: advance mitigation and regional conservation investment strategies.** Current law authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife, or any other public agency, to propose a regional conservation investment strategy, to be developed in consultation with applicable local agencies that have land use authority, for the purpose of informing science-based nonbinding and voluntary conservation actions and habitat enhancement actions that would advance the conservation of focal species and provide voluntary nonbinding guidance for various activities. Current law authorizes the department to approve a regional conservation investment strategy only if one or more state agencies request approval of the strategy through a letter sent to the Director of Fish and Wildlife, as prescribed. Current law requires the strategy to contain specified information and authorizes inclusion of a regional conservation assessment proposed by the department or any other public agency, and approved by the department, in the strategy. Current law authorizes the department to approve a regional conservation investment strategy or amended strategy for an initial period of up to 10 years after a public meeting and a public comment period regarding the proposed strategy or amended strategy have been held and after it finds that the strategy meets certain requirements. This bill would authorize the department, any other public agency, or federally recognized tribe to propose a regional conservation investment strategy, as provided.

[AB 2897](#) (O'Donnell)

**Introduced: 2/18/2022**

**San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy: territory: Dominguez Channel watershed and Santa Catalina Island.** Current law establishes the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy in the Natural Resources Agency and prescribes the functions and duties of the conservancy with regard to the protection, preservation, and enhancement of specified areas of the Counties of Los Angeles and Orange located along the San Gabriel River and the lower Los Angeles River and tributaries along those rivers. Current law, defines "territory", for purposes of those provisions. This bill would additionally include the Dominguez Channel watershed and Santa Catalina Island, as described, within that definition of territory, and would make various related changes to the boundaries of that territory.

[AB 2944](#) (Petrie-Norris)

**Introduced: 2/18/2022**

**Greenhouse gases: carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration.** Would express the intent of the Legislature to enact later legislation that would streamline the process to obtain a permit for building carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects in order to help meet the state's climate change goals and would make related findings and declarations.

[ACR 109](#)

**Amended: 1/12/2022**

**Extreme heat: state response.** Would declare the California Legislature's recognition of the threat that extreme heat poses to our communities and calls on the state's agencies and departments to take immediate action to prepare and protect our communities from its impacts.

[SB 905](#) (Skinner)

**Introduced: 2/2/2022**

**Natural Resources Agency: Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy.** Current law requires, no later than July 1, 2023, the Natural Resources Agency, in coordination with certain state agencies, to establish the Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy. This bill would require the Natural Resources Agency, in coordination with those agencies, to update the strategy every 4 years.

[SB 989](#) (Hertzberg)

**Amended: 3/9/2022**

**Climate Change Preparedness, Resiliency, and Jobs for Communities Program: climate-beneficial projects: grant funding.** Would establish the Climate Change Preparedness, Resiliency, and Jobs for Communities Program, to be administered by the Strategic Growth Council, and would require the council to fund grants to develop and implement multi-benefit, community-level, climate-beneficial projects to support community and landscape resiliency and workforce development. The bill would require the council to award competitive grants to eligible entities, as defined, through an application process, as provided. The bill would require the council, on or before July 1, 2023, to develop guidelines to implement the program and criteria to select projects eligible for grant funding that include, at a minimum, specified information related to community resiliency grants, landscape resiliency grants, and climate and career pathways grants.

[SB 1077](#) (Bates)

**Amended: 3/23/2022**

**Coastal resources: Climate Ready Program: grants: nonnative and invasive plants: removal and restoration.** As part of the Climate Ready Program, existing law authorizes the State Coastal Conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations for specified activities, including those that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Current law requires the conservancy, in awarding the grants, to prioritize projects that maximize public benefits and that accomplish certain things, including that the project reduces emissions of greenhouse gases, reduces hazards to harbors and ports, preserves and enhance coastal wetlands and natural lands, conserves biodiversity, and provides recreational opportunities. This bill would specifically authorize the conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations that increase resilience of habitat and natural lands. The bill would require the conservancy, in awarding grants, as part of the prioritization of projects described above, to include those projects that accomplish the removal of nonnative and invasive plants from coastal features, habitats, and ecosystems, and their replacement with native species.

#### [SB 1214 \(Jones\)](#)

**Amended: 3/24/2022**

**Planning and zoning: local planning.** The bill would authorize a planning agency to maintain official copies of architectural drawings with protected information submitted to the agency, subject to specified restrictions. The bill would also authorize a planning agency to take specified actions regarding these architectural drawings. The bill would also authorize a planning agency to provide a copy of or post a site plan or massing diagram, as defined, on the internet and allow the site plan or massing diagram to be copied. This bill contains other existing laws.

#### [SB 1237](#)

**Introduced: 2/17/2022**

**Licenses: military service.** Current law provides for the regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs and for the licensure or registration of individuals in that regard. This bill would require the boards to waive the renewal fee of any licensee or registrant who is called to active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces or the California National Guard if the licensee or registrant is stationed outside of California.

#### [SB 1310 \(Jones\)](#)

**Introduced: 2/18/2022**

**Professions and vocations: consumer complaints.** Current law establishes the Department of Consumer Affairs under the direction of the Director of Consumer Affairs and requires the director to receive complaints from consumers concerning prescribed matters, including violations of California law governing businesses and professions licensed by any agency of the department, and promulgated regulations. Current law requires the director, through the Division of Investigation, to implement complaint prioritization guidelines for boards within the department to utilize in prioritizing their respective complaint and investigative workloads. Current law requires the director to amend the guidelines to include the category of "allegations of serious harm to a minor" under the "urgent" or "highest priority" level on or before July 1, 2019. This bill would require the director to post these guidelines on the department's internet website and periodically amend this material. The bill would remove the obsolete provision requiring the director to amend the guidelines to include the category described above under the "urgent" or "highest priority" level.

#### [SB 1365 \(Leyva\)](#)

**Introduced: 2/18/2022**

**Licensing boards: procedures.** Current law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Current law authorizes a board to deny, suspend, or revoke a license on the grounds that the applicant or licensee has been subject to formal discipline, as specified, or convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the application is made, as specified. This bill would require each board within the department to publicly post on its internet website a list of criteria used to evaluate applicants with criminal convictions so that potential applicants for licensure may be better informed about their possibilities of gaining licensure before investing time and resources into education, training, and application fees.

#### [SB 1443 \(Roth\)](#)

**Introduced: 2/18/2022**

**The Department of Consumer Affairs.** The Department of Consumer Affairs is comprised of various boards, bureaus, commissions, committees, and similarly constituted agencies that license and regulate the practice of various professions and vocations. This bill would continue in existence several of these boards, bureaus, and commissions, including the Dental Board of California, the California Board of Accountancy, and the California Architects Board, among others, until January 1, 2025, and make related conforming changes. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.