

CCASLA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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Happy summer members! As we emerge from the omnipresent gray skies of spring, I want to extend heartfelt thanks and admiration to my CCASLA colleague DJ Taylor. DJ's off to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to continue his landscape practice and be a fly-fishing guide.

Okay, maybe the last part is an exaggeration. Anyway, I wanted to recognize DJ with one last hurrah for all his contributions to San Diego ASLA, and all the projects in San Diego he's touched. With DJ's departure from the CCASLA board, I have stepped into the President's roll and would like to welcome Marty Schmidt (Environs Land+Water), who has served in the past as a CCASLA director, to help fill the San Diego chapter vacancy.

The four California chapter members of the California Council of ASLA (CCASLA) have been actively monitoring legislation that would impact our profession this session. Of highlight is AB 1573(Friedman) - Water conservation and landscape design model ordinance – although the bill has laudable aspects to increase bio-diversity, this bill would impose mandates to provide a minimum 75% native plants on all commercial

landscape projects, forbid spray irrigation and all non-functional turf. CCASLA's position on this bill is currently 'opposed unless amended'.

Our board and member chapters have been in active dialogue with the bill's author to offer amendments for consideration that would promote more thoughtful, and data-driven policy recommendations. To date, CCASLA's recommendations are under consideration to affect the final round of amendments for the bill.

The CCASLA board and member chapters are continuing outreach efforts to meet with local, state and federal representatives to advocate on issues for all landscape architects in promoting the health, safety and well-being of the general public. CCASLA is working with our legislative advocates in Sacramento to assist in determining what position to take on Assembly Bills (AB) and Senate Bills (SB) that affect the profession of Landscape Architecture in California. Please reach out to me (Phil@lightfootpg.com) or Marty Schmidt (Marty@environs.us) if you have any questions or topical issues CCASLA should consider.

CURRENTLY MONITORED BILLS

BILL#	SUBJECT	POSITION	STATUS
AB 45 (Boerner)	Coastal Developmt Permits:Blue Carbon Demo Projects	Watch	Sen NR&W 6/27
AB 57 (Kalra)	Pocket Forest Initiative	Watch	Sen NR&W 6/27
AB 334 (Rubio)	Public Contracts: Conflicts of Interest	Watch	Sen Judiciary
AB 342 (Valencia)	CA Architects Board: Licensee demographic Info	Support	Sen Approp 7/3
AB 363 (Bauer-Kahan)	Pesticides: Neonicotinoids: Eval for Non-Ag Use	Watch	Senate EQ
AB 400 (Rubio)	Local Agency Design Build Projects: Authorization	Watch	Sen Approp 7/3
AB 411 (Bennett)	Transportation: Trails	Watch	Asm WPW 4/18
AB 527 (Calderon)	Urban Forestry: School Greening Projects: Grants	Support	Sen NR&W 6/27
AB 824 (Calderon)	Highway Greening: Statewide Strategic Plan	Watch	Sen Trans 6/27
AB 882 (Davies)	Coastal Resources: Climate Ready Program	Watch	Sen NR&W 7/10
AB 883 (Mathis)	Business Licenses: Dept of Defense SkillBridge Project	Support	Sen M & VA
AB 996 (Low)	DCA: Continuing Education: Conflict of Interest Policy	Watch	Sen Approp 7/3
AB 1041 (Ramos)	Wildlife: White Sage: Taking and Possession	Watch	Asm WPW
AB 1572 (Friedman)	Prohibit Potable Water Use on Nonfunctional Turf	Watch	Sen NR&W 7/3
AB 1573 (Friedman)	Landscape Design Model ordinance	Oppose-UA	Sen NR&W 6/19
AB 1694 (Bonta)	Regional Park/Open Space Districts: Mgmt Powers	Watch	Asm Local Govt
ACR 49 (Berman)	Annual California Native Plant Month in April	Watch	Chaptered
SB 337 (Min)	Environmental Protection: Biodiversity & Conserv	Watch	Asm Approp
SB 372 (Menjivar)	DCA: Licensee&Registrant Records: Name/Gender Chg	Watch	Asm Judic 6/27
SB 414 (Allan)	Drought-Tolerant Landscaping:Local Incentive:AstroTurf	Watch	Asm Approp 6/20
SB 416 (Laird)	State Agencies:Building&Renovation Projects: LEED	Support	Asm Approp 6/21
SB 527 (Menjivar)	School Facilities – School Extreme Heat Action Plan	Watch	Assembly Ed
SB 539 (Stern)	Sepulveda Basin: Nature-Based Solutions/Planning	Watch	AsmNatRes 6/26
SB 617 (Newman)	Public Contracts: Progressive Local Design Build	Watch	Asm Approp 6/21
SB 676 (Allen)	Local ordinances®s: drought-tolerant landscaping	Watch	Asm LGov 7/12
SB 706 (Caballero)	Public Contracts: Progressive Design Build: Local	Support	Asm Approp 6/21
SB 802 (Roth)	Licensing Boards: Disqualification: Criminal Conviction	Watch	Asm B&P 7/11