

AEG Legislative Status Report
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[AB 78](#)

(Mathis R) Groundwater basins.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/5/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/5/2015

Status: 1/6/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 5.

Location: 1/5/2015-A. PRINT

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Summary: Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to categorize each basin or subbasin as high-, medium-, low-, or very low priority and to establish ground water the initial priority for each basin no later than January 31, 2015. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

Position Priority

Watch

Notes1: 1/6/2015 I-1/5/2015 to: AEG

1/27/2015 AEG Sac Section Changed position from pending to Watch

[AB 153](#)

(Bigelow R) Integrated regional water management planning.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/15/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/15/2015

Status: 1/16/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 15.

Location: 1/15/2015-A. PRINT

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Summary: Current law authorizes a regional water management group to prepare and adopt an integrated regional water management plan with specified components. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.

Position Priority

Watch

Notes1: 1/16/2015 I-1/15/2015 to: AEG

1/27/2015 AEG Sac Section changed position from Pending to Watch.

[AB 177](#)

(Bonilla D) Professions and vocations: licensing boards: authority: extension.

Current Text: Amended: 3/3/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/26/2015

Last Amend: 3/3/2015

Status: 3/4/2015-Re-referred to Com. on B. & P.

Location: 3/4/2015-A. B.&P.

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Calendar: 4/28/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS, BONILLA, Chair

Summary: Current law provides for the licensure and regulation of architects and landscape architects by the California Architects Board, which consists of 10 members, in the Department of Consumer Affairs. Current law establishes, within the jurisdiction of the board, the Landscape Architects Technical Committee for the purpose of, among other things, assisting the board in the examination of candidates for a landscape architect's license. Under current law, these provisions are repealed on January 1, 2016. This bill would extend the operation of these provisions until January 1, 2020.

Position Priority

Watch

Notes1: 1/27/2015 I-1/26/2015 to: AEG

1/27/2015 Judy added Bill as a Watch

[AB 320](#)

(Wood D) Engineers.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/13/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/13/2015

Status: 2/23/2015-Referred to Com. on B. & P.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. B.&P.

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Calendar: 4/21/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS, BONILLA, Chair

Summary: Would prohibit a person from using the title "environmental engineer" unless the person is licensed as an engineer. The bill would provide legislative findings and declarations in support of the licensure of environmental engineers in California. The bill would set forth the intent of the Legislature that the board be responsible for defining environmental engineering through rulemaking and that the board adopt standardized examination materials applicable to environmental engineering, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position **Priority**
Watch HOT

Notes1: 2/14/2015 I-2/13/2015 to: AEG

Notes2: Per email dated March 5, 2015 from William A. Fraser, he said "AB 320 is already on our watch list. I would like to give this a high priority. There are concerns that creation of the Environmental Engineer title act could impact the geologic profession. I would like to hear more from AEG membership about this concern and the need to take a stronger position".

3/28/15- There has been a lot of discussion about this bill. Judy has contacted both the Business and Professions committee to schedule a time to meet with them on this bill, Garry and or Bill will be attending with Judy. A time will also be set up to meet with the Author's office who has told Judy that there are other groups raising concerns regarding this bill. Judy will keep you informed of developments.

AB 617

(Perea D) Groundwater.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 4/6/2015-Re-referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 4/6/2015-A. *UNKNOWN

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Calendar: 4/14/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 9 A.M.: GROUNDWATER BILLS ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS, AND WILDLIFE SPECIAL ORDER, LEVINE, Chair

Summary: Would authorize a combination of one or more local agencies and one or more mutual water companies to enter into an agreement to form a groundwater sustainability agency and would authorize a groundwater sustainability agency formed by a joint powers agreement to exercise the powers granted in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Position **Priority**
Watch

Notes1: 2/28/2015 I-2/24/2015 to: AEG

Notes2: Bill Fraser on March 10, 2015 asked this bill to be added to watch list.

3/28/15- This bill has been amended and is scheduled to be heard in committee on 4/14/15.

SB 13

(Pavley D) Groundwater.

Current Text: Amended: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amend: 2/24/2015

Status: 4/2/2015-Set for hearing April 13.

Location: 3/24/2015-S. APPR.

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Calendar: 4/13/2015 Anticipated Hearing SENATE APPR., Not in daily file.

Summary: Would specify that the State Water Resources Control Board is authorized to designate a high- or medium-priority basin as a probationary basin. This bill would provide a local agency or groundwater sustainability agency 90 or 180 days, as prescribed, to remedy certain deficiencies that caused the board to designate the basin as a probationary basin. This bill would authorize the board to develop an interim plan for certain probationary basins one year after the designation of the basin as a probationary basin. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position **Priority**
Watch

Notes1: 1/5/2015 I-12/1/2014 to: AEG

1/27/2015 AEG Sac Section changed position from Pending to Watch

Notes2: 3/28/15 - This bill passed out of the Natural Resources and Water Committee on a 8-1 vote of 3/14. It will now go to Appropriations committee for consideration.

[SB 37](#)

(Nielsen R) Water: floods.

Current Text: Amended: 2/12/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amend: 2/12/2015

Status: 4/2/2015-Set for hearing April 13.

Location: 3/24/2015-S. APPR.

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Calendar: 4/13/2015 Anticipated Hearing SENATE APPR., Not in daily file.

Summary: Would authorize the Department of Water Resources to provide reimbursement to funding recipients that execute a funding agreement under the Urban Flood Risk Reduction Projects program for expenditures associated with continued funding of a project initiated under the Early Implementation Project program and incurred after July 1, 2014, and before issuance of a funding commitment, or amendment or execution of the funding agreement, but no later than December 31, 2015. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position **Priority**
Watch

Notes1: 1/5/2015 I-12/1/2014 to: AEG

1/27/2015 AEG Sac Section moved bill from Pending to Watch

Notes2: 3/28/14 - This bill passed out of the Natural Resources and Water Committee on 3/24/15 on a 9-0 vote, it will now go the Senate Appropriation Committe for consideration.

[SB 69](#)

(Leno D) Budget Act of 2015.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/9/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/9/2015

Status: 1/12/2015-Read first time.

Location: 1/9/2015-S. BUDGET & F.R.

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Summary: This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2015-16 fiscal year. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position **Priority**
Watch Medium

Notes1: 1/14/2015 I-1/9/2015 to: AEG

1/14/2015 - Judy changed position from Pending to Watch

[SB 113](#)

(Galgiani D) Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/13/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/13/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-March 24 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 2/5/2015-S. N.R. & W.

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Summary: The Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 authorizes bonds in the amount of \$4,090,000,000 for the purposes of financing disaster preparedness and flood prevention projects. Funds provided by the act are only available for appropriation until July 1, 2016, and at that time the amount of indebtedness authorized by the act is reduced by the amount of funds that have not been appropriated. This bill would remove the restriction that the funds are available for appropriation only until July 1, 2016.

Position **Priority**
Watch

Notes1: 1/14/2015 I-1/13/2015 to: AEG

1/27/2015 AEG Sac Section moved bill from Pending to Watch

[SB 119](#)

(Hill D) Protection of subsurface installations.

Current Text: Amended: 4/6/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/14/2015

Last Amend: 4/6/2015

Status: 4/8/2015-Set for hearing April 14.

Location: 4/6/2015-S. G.O.

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Calendar: 4/14/2015 9:30 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNMENTAL

ORGANIZATION, HALL, Chair

Summary: Would require the Contractors' State License Board to adopt a program to enforce violations of provisions relating to excavation. The bill would authorize the board to require a contractor to undergo training, levy a fine, and suspend a contractor's license for a violation. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position **Priority**
Watch

Notes1: 1/15/2015 I-1/14/2015 to: AEG
1/27/2015 AEG Sac Section moved bill from Pending to Watch

SB 144 **(Pan D) Water development projects: Sacramento-San Joaquin watersheds.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/6/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/27/2015

Last Amend: 4/6/2015

Status: 4/6/2015-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/6/2015-S. APPR.

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Calendar: 4/13/2015 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, LARA, Chair

Summary: Current law provides for state cooperation with the federal government in the construction of specified flood control projects. Current law adopts and authorizes federally adopted and approved projects, including a 200-year level of flood protection in the Natomas Basin, in areas within the City of Sacramento and the Counties of Sacramento and Sutter. This bill would describe the Natomas Basin flood protection project as further modified by a specified report adopted by Congress. The bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes.

Position **Priority**
Watch

Notes1: 1/28/2015 I-1/27/2015 to: AEG
Notes2: 3/28/15 - The bill passed the Natural Resources and Water committee - 9-0 on March 24, 2015. It will now go the Appropriations committee for consideration.

SB 284 **(Cannella R) Engineering and land surveying: limited liability partnerships.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2015

Status: 3/24/2015-Set for hearing April 20.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. B., P. & E.D.

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Calendar: 4/20/2015 1 p.m. and upon adjournment of Floor Session - Room 3191 SENATE BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HILL, Chair

Summary: Current law, until January 1, 2016, provides that engineers or land surveyors are not prohibited from practicing or offering to practice, within the scope of their licensure, as a limited liability partnership if specified requirements are met, including, among others, that any offer, promotion, or advertisement by the business that contains the name of any individual in the business must clearly and specifically designate the license or registration discipline of the individual named. Current law repeals these provisions on January 1, 2016. This bill would delete the repeal provisions, thereby extending the operation of those provisions indefinitely.

Position **Priority**
Watch

Notes1: 2/23/2015 I-2/19/2015 to: AEG
Notes2: 3/28/14 - this bill will be heard in Senate Business and Profession Committee on April 20th.

Total Measures: 12
Total Tracking Forms: 12