



CSDA Year-End Report – October 2019 2019 Legislative Year

ENERGY AND EMISSIONS					
BILL/ AUTHOR	ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	CSDA POSITION	STATUS	COST/COST- SAVINGS
AB 56 (E. Garcia)	Electricity: Procurement by the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority	As amended 7/3/19: Allows the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission (CEC) to establish the California Clean Electricity Authority (Authority). The Authority will procure resources with the intent of assisting with the timely achievement of the state's clean energy goals and addressing shortfalls identified in the integrated resource planning of load serving entities (LSEs) and publicly owned utilities (POUs), among other objectives. The bill was amended to exclude local publicly owned utilities.	Neutral	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
ENVIRONMENT					
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AB 394 (Oberholte)	California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption: Fire Escape Routes	As amended 9/6/19: Would have exempted from CEQA projects that the lead agency determines that the primary purpose of the project is fire safety egress. AB 394 would have required the lead agency to hold a noticed public meeting to hear and respond to public comments before determining that a project is exempt. Additionally, the bill would have required the lead agency to file a notice of exemption with the Office of Planning and Research and with the clerk of the county in which the project will be located. June 13 amendments required that if the project involves substantial tree removal, the entity carrying out the project shall have a registered professional forester or the forester's designee on site during the implementation of the project to assist with resource identification and protection.	Support	Vetoed	Potential cost savings resulting from reduced regulatory burdens
AB 782 (Berman)	CEQA Exemption: Transfers of Property Used to Preserve Open Space	As chaptered 8/30/19: Provides a statutory exemption from CEQA for the transfer of ownership, or funding thereof, of property by a public agency in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources making it easier for districts to preserve open space, including through conservation easements.	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact

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AJR 8 (Quirk)	Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 Funding	As chaptered 7/18/19: Urges the United States Congress to specifically add California to the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 and to authorize an appropriation of \$4,000,000 to help the state implement a nutria eradication program.	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
SB 210 (Leyva)	Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program	As chaptered 9/20/19: Directs the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to work in coordination with multiple state agencies in order to develop and implement a Heavy-Duty Inspection and Maintenance Program for non-gasoline, heavy-duty, on-road trucks. Moved to “concerns” after many amendments by the author.	Concerns	Signed into Law	Likely costs for fees, penalties and compliance
SB 487 (Caballero)	Sierra Nevada and Cascade Range and the Klamath-Trinity Mountains Aerial Snow Survey	As amended 6/11/19: Requires the Department of Water Resources (DWR), upon appropriation, to conduct aerial surveys of the snowpack to support runoff volume forecasts for California’s watersheds.	Support	Vetoed	No direct fiscal impact
SB 785 (Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee)	Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee Omnibus	As chaptered 10/2/19: Makes various consensus or technical and clarifying changes to the statute(s) affecting the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC), the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), and the State Lands Commission (SLC), among others. Notably, it extends the sunset for the prohibition of possessing, importing, shipping, or transporting in quagga or zebra mussels.	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
FORMATION AND REORGANIZATION					
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AB 600 (Chu)	Local Government: Organization: Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities	As chaptered 10/8/19: Previously included a host of unfeasible and unfunded mandates on special districts regarding neighboring disadvantaged communities. After dramatic amendments, CSDA took a neutral position. As chaptered, the measure now makes clarifications to existing law regarding the annexation of territories greater than 10 acres and the extensions of services to adjacent disadvantaged communities.	Neutral	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact

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AB 854 (Mayes)	Imperial Irrigation District: Retail Electric Service	As introduced 2/20/19: Reconstitutes the board of directors of the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) against the will of IID. This bill changes the board from a five-member board to an 11-member board with six of the members being from Riverside County. Riverside County currently has no representation on the IID board of directors, because while IID provides power to the residents of Riverside County, they are outside their service area, which is allowed by Water Code Sections 22115 and 22120.	Oppose	2-Year Bill	Potential financial impact to Imperial Irrigation District
GOVERNANCE					
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AB 220 (Bonta)	Authorized Uses of Campaign Funds: Childcare Costs	As chaptered 9/30/19: Eliminates an impediment for people considering running for office by allowing campaign funds to be used to cover the costs of childcare in order to allow more parents to run for office.	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
AB 225 (Brough)	Authorized Uses of Campaign Funds: Childcare Costs	As introduced 1/16/19: Eliminates an impediment for people considering running for office by allowing campaign funds to be used to cover the costs of childcare in order to allow more parents to run for office.	Support	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
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AB 315 (C. Garcia)	Local Government: Lobbying Associations: Expenditure of Public Funds	As amended 7/5/19: Limits the associations of local agencies or districts from using funds paid from local agencies for purposes that are not for lobbying the Legislature or Congress or strictly educational activities. The bill also requires the associations to disclose funds expended for educational activities and lobbying activities.	Oppose	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
AB 510 (Cooley)	Local Agency Video Data Storage Requirement Relief	As introduced 2/13/19: This CSDA-sponsored bill allows special districts, cities, and counties to adopt record retention policies for routine video monitoring recordings as well as radio and telephone recordings that differ from the current standard of 1-year for video recordings and 100-days for radio and telephone recordings. If an agency does not adopt their own policies, then the current standard applies. This change in law allows agencies to save money on unnecessary data storage costs.	Sponsor	2-Year Bill	Significant cost savings for districts utilizing video monitoring

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AB 654 (Rubio)	Local Agency Collaborative Data Sharing	As introduced 2/15/19: This CSDA-sponsored bill creates a new exemption to the California Public Records Act whereby a local agency may disclose specific customer information to another governmental agency for scientific, educational, or other research purposes, and that the requesting agency agrees to maintain it as confidential.	Sponsor	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
AB 844 (Irwin)	Independent Commission Review of State-Mandated Hospital Services and Activities	As amended 3/5/19: Establishes an independent, nonpartisan body to advise the Governor and Legislature on the financial impact of proposed mandated hospital services and activities.	Support	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
AB 849 (Bonta)	Fair And Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities And Political Subdivisions (FAIR MAPS) Act	As chaptered 10/8/19: Imposes new redistricting requirements on cities and counties that include meeting requirements, posting requirements and translation services. Previous versions of the bill included special districts in the new requirements.	Neutral	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
AB 992 (Mullin)	Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Social Media	As amended 4/22/19: Excludes posting comments, expressing position, and liking comments on social media from the Brown Act, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body of the local agency.	Support	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
AB 1043 (Irwin)	Authorized Uses of Campaign Funds: Cybersecurity Costs	As chaptered 7/1/19: Allows candidates and elected officials for state and local offices to expend campaign funds for cybersecurity purposes for their personal and campaign devices.	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
AB 1184 (Gloria)	Local Agency Email Retention Mandate	As amended 8/30/19: Requires public agencies to keep all emails related to the public's business for two years. Current law authorizes cities, counties, and special districts to destroy or to dispose of duplicate records that are less than two years old when they are no longer required.	Oppose	Vetoed	Significant costs related to data storage and time reviewing emails when responding to public records requests
AB 1251 (Santiago)	Civil Procedure: Writs of Mandate	As amended 9/4/19: Gutted-and-amended from a bill related to writs of mandate regarding public agency employment issues, previously amended to remove CSDA's opposition; this is now a bill related to city and county planning and zoning requirements.	Neutral	Senate Rules Committee	No direct fiscal impact

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AB 1415 (Friedman)	Department of Water Resources: Reporting Requirements: Civil Penalties	<p>As amended 5/24/19: Requires the Department of Water Resources (the Department) to impose a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 on any entity that fails to file with the department a report or plan by the deadline required. The reports subject to penalty include:</p> <p>(1) A report that summarizes aggregated farm-gate delivery data.</p> <p>(2) A water loss audit report, and accompanying information.</p> <p>(3) An urban water management plan or plan update.</p> <p>(4) A report on the implementation and enforcement of the model water efficient landscape ordinance, or a locally modified water efficient landscape ordinance that is at least as effective in conserving water.</p> <p>Additional penalties may apply for continued failure to file report. The Department has discretion to reduce or waive penalty.</p>	Oppose	2-Year Bill	Potential costs based on failure to file specified reports in a timely manner
AB 1471 (Gray)	Reimbursement to an Underprivileged or Disadvantaged Local Agency for Preventable Lost Revenue	<p>As amended 3/14/19: Provides that the Commission on State Mandates should approve test claims for reimbursement to an underprivileged or disadvantaged local agency for preventable lost revenue sustained as a result of the delayed implementation of a state action.</p>	Support	2-Year Bill	Potential cost savings to districts that file preventable loss claims
AB 1637 (Smith)	Streamlined Unclaimed Property Law	<p>As chaptered 9/20/19: Allows the State Controller to transfer unclaimed property reported in the name of a state or local agency to that agency without the need for the agency to file a claim.</p>	Support	Signed into Law	Potential minor cost savings to districts by streamlining the unclaimed property recovery process
ACR 89 (Cooley)	Special Districts Week	<p>As chaptered 8/15/19: Proclaims September 22, 2019, to September 28, 2019, to be Special Districts Week (coinciding with the 50th anniversary of CSDA) and extols the history and virtues of special districts.</p>	Sponsor	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact

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SB 241 (Moorchach)	Personal Income Tax: California Voluntary Contribution Program	As amended 4/29/19: This bill, which previously negatively affected Joint Powers Agreements, was gutted-and-amended to deal with voluntary tax check-offs on personal income tax returns.	Neutral	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
SB 268 (Wiener)	Ballot Measures: Local Taxes: Tax Rate Information	As amended 9/3/19: Changes election law to address the impacts of AB 195 (Oberholte, 2017), which required detailed financial reporting requirements on proposed bonds and taxes to be placed on the ballot. This bill will instead require a measure that imposes or increases tiered tax rates, authorizes the issuance of bonds, or imposes a tax with a rate structure that cannot be accurately included in the ballot label, to include the words "See voter guide for information" in the ballot label. This would enable local tax mechanisms to provide enhanced information in the voter information guide rather than on the 75-word ballot label.	Support	Vetoed	Increases the likelihood of districts passing bond and tax measures
SB 287 (Nielsen)	Commission on State Mandates: Test Claims: Filing Date	As introduced 2/13/19: A CSDA-sponsored bill, this would align the test claim filing period at the Commission on State Mandates (COSM) with the fiscal year rather than the calendar year. Recent regulatory changes at the COSM were changed to have the test claim filing deadline to track with the calendar year to align with the Government Code, even though the filing time that tracked with the fiscal year had been out of compliance with the Government code for over a decade. The change resulted in a six-month reduction in filing time for agencies to submit an accurate claim to the COSM. This bill changes the Government Code so that claims shall be filed not later than 12 months following the effective date of a statute or executive order, or within 12 months of incurring increased costs as a result of a statute or executive order – whichever is later. For purposes of filing a test claim based on the date of incurring increased costs, "within 12 months" means by June 30 of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which increased costs were first incurred by the test claimant. By changing the Government Code the COSM will need to change their regulations as well.	Sponsor	2-Year Bill	Increases the likelihood of submitted test claims being approved as a result of more accurate claims being submitted due to the increased time provided by the bill
SBs 379, 380, and 381 (Senate Governance and Finance Committee)	Validation Acts of 2019	As chaptered 7/10/19: Enacts the Validating Acts of 2019, which legally confirm the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of government agencies, protecting investors from minor errors.	Support	Signed into Law	Protects special districts from potential litigation

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SB 387 (Wilk)	Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency: Board of Directors	As chaptered 9/27/19: Allows the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Authority to eliminate a board position if there is a vacancy prior to the next election. It also establishes a methodology to fairly establish which seats get 2- and 4-year terms if this authority is exercised. This bill is sponsored by the Santa Clarita Valley Water Authority.	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
SB 413 (Rubio)	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority: Board Terms	As chaptered 9/27/19: Shifts the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (SGBWQA) board election schedule to odd-numbered years. The bill also reduces unnecessary staff work and expenses for the SGBWQA by consolidating two duplicative reports into a single report that the Authority would deliver annually to the State Water Resources Control Board and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. The new report would continue to include all of the information currently being unnecessarily duplicated in two reports.	Support	Signed into Law	Potential cost savings for San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority
SB 518 (Wieckowski)	Civil Actions: Postoffer Costs: Settlement Offers	As amended 6/20/19: Eliminates the negative impacts for plaintiffs involved in a California Public Records Act (CPRA) lawsuit that do not accept the terms of a pre-trial settlement offer, and do not prevail in court at a level greater than the pre-trial offer (CPC 998).	Oppose	Vetoed	Potentially increased CPRA litigation costs
SB 615 (Hueso)	Public Records: Meet-and-Confer Requirement	As introduced 2/22/19: Requires California Public Records Act requestors to meet-and-confer with the agency they are requesting records from to try to resolve disputes prior to filing litigation.	Support	2-Year Bill	Potential reduced CPRA litigation costs
SB 749 (Durazo)	California Public Records Act: Trade Secrets	As amended 9/10/14: Provides that records relating to wages, benefits, working hours, and other employment terms and conditions of employees working for a private industry employer pursuant to a contract with a state or local agency shall not be deemed to be trade secrets under the California Public Records Act. This bill was amended to remove a section that was related to Reverse Public Records Act actions.	Neutral	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact

HEALTH AND SAFETY					
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AB 35 (Kalra)	Worker Safety: Blood Lead Levels: Reporting	As chaptered 10/10/19: Similar to AB 2963 (Kalra) from last year which was vetoed by the Governor, this bill requires the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to report to the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) any instance where a worker's blood lead level is at or above 20 micrograms per deciliter. The bill also requires any citations and fines imposed by Cal/OSHA following completed investigations to be made publicly available on an annual basis per existing California law.	Oppose	Signed into Law	Potential new fines for violation of employee lead level exposure
AB 320 (Quirk)	California Mosquito Surveillance and Research Program	As chaptered 10/2/19: Sponsored by the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California, this bill creates the California Mosquito Surveillance and Research Program, to be administered by the University of California.	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
AB 367 (Flora)	Presence at Care Facilities: Conviction of Crimes	As introduced 2/4/19: Prohibits people convicted of pimping or identity theft from working at a residential care facility.	Support	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
AB 1079 (Santiago)	Telecommunications: Privacy Protections	As chaptered 10/2/19: Current law authorizes phone companies to share contact information of their customers, without consent, for 911 and other emergency services. This bill allows for the sharing of that customer information, without consent, for testing of 911 and other emergency services.	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
AB 1215 (Ting)	Law Enforcement: Facial Recognition and Other Biometric Surveillance	As chaptered 10/8/19: Temporarily bans law enforcement agencies and officials from using, installing, or activating facial recognition and biometric scanners in body cameras until January 1, 2023.	Oppose	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
AB 1231 (Boerner Horvath)	Local Agency Contracts for Ground Emergency Transport: Response Time Requirements	As introduced 2/21/19: Requires response time requirements in any contract for ground emergency medical transportation entered into, amended, or renewed, by a state or local entity on and after January 1, 2020, to be consistent with performance standards established by the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch. Currently, standards vary and response time requirements are included in contracts. However, the required times vary greatly depending on whether the service is located in a rural or urban community.	Oppose	2-Year Bill	Potential significant cost increase for emergency medical transportation providers to meet higher standard of service

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AB 1416 (Cooley)	California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018: Exemption for Government Agencies	As amended 5/6/19: Cleanup legislation related to the Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 to ensure public agencies are able to share personal information of their constituents with contracted providers as necessary to provide governmental functions.	Support	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
AB 1699 (Levine)	Internet Throttling Prohibition: Local Agency Emergency Responders	As chaptered 10/2/19: Prohibits a mobile telecommunications service provider from throttling or otherwise failing to provide adequate or necessary telecommunications service to its public safety customer accounts during a state of emergency.	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
AB 1705 (Bonta)	Public Provider Intergovernmental Transfer Program	As chaptered 10/7/19: Requires a new Medi-Cal Public Provider Intergovernmental Transfer Program (PPIGT) for public ground emergency medical transportation providers (public ambulance providers) that would provide additional payments to these providers in fee-for-service (FFS) Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal managed care (MCMC) plans. Replaces the existing certified public expenditures program used to fund FFS public ground providers with the new intergovernmental transfer (IGT)-funded program. Exempts public ambulance providers from the current Quality Assurance Fee (QAF) and the resulting Medi-Cal add on payments resulting from revenue from the QAF. Requires implementation of the new program to be on July 1, 2021.	Support	Signed into Law	Potential cost savings for emergency medical transportation service providers
SB 231 (Galgiani)	Definition of “Local Emergency”	As introduced 2/7/19: Authorizes a port district to proclaim a local emergency. The bill would also revise the definition of a local emergency to include conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of that district.	Support	2-Year Bill	Speeds access to emergency funds
HUMAN RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL					
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AB 9 (Reyes)	Failure to Pay Wages: Penalties	As chaptered 10/10/19: Similar to AB 1870 (Reyes) that was vetoed by the Governor in 2018, this bill extends the statute of limitations for filing a Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) claim with an employer from one to three years.	Oppose unless Amended	Signed into Law	Increased exposure to FEHA litigation

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AB 33 (Bonta)	CalPERS Divestment: Private Prison Companies	As introduced 12/3/18: Directs CalPERS to divest from private prisons by July 1, 2020.	Oppose	2-Year Bill	Potential increased pension costs at CalPERS to make up for divestment losses
AB 51 (Gonzalez)	California Fair Employment and Housing Act: Prohibition of Waivers	As chaptered 10/10/19: Similar to AB 3080 (Gonzalez, 2018), which CSDA opposed in a coalition with the California Chamber of Commerce, this bill prohibits an employer from requiring any applicant for employment or prospective employment, or any employee, to waive any right, forum, or procedure for a violation of any provision of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act or the Labor Code, as a condition of employment, continued employment, or the receipt of any employment-related benefit (agree to arbitration).	Oppose	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
AB 170 (Gonzalez)	Employment: Sexual Harassment: Liability	As chaptered 10/2/19: This bill started out as sexual harassment liability bill that applied to businesses and public agencies. CSDA went "neutral" on the bill when it was amended to no longer apply to public agencies. The bill was later gutted-and-amended into a Dynamex-related bill providing an exemption from the new ABC test for newspapers.	Neutral	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
AB 171 (Gonzalez)	Employment: Sexual Harassment	As amended 7/3/19: This bill was a portion of AB 3081 (Gonzalez, 2018), which CSDA opposed. This bill would establish a rebuttable presumption, that if within 90 days of filing a sexual harassment claim, that an employee is fired, demoted, suspends, or in any other way discriminates against an employee, that the actions taken by the employer were in retaliation of the claim and would be subject to litigation.	Oppose	Vetoed	Potential increased litigation related to sexual harassment claims
AB 314 (Bonta)	Public Employment: Labor Relations: Release Time	As amended 9/6/19: Similar to AB 2154 (Bonta, 2018), which CSDA opposed, this bill circumvents the memorandum of understanding (MOU) process at the local level by providing employee union representatives with paid release time to investigate potential or existing grievances, attend employee orientations, and testify before the governing body of the local agency, as well as preparation time for those activities. Suggested Amendment: remove the provisions of the bill related to leave for employee orientations.	Oppose unless Amended	Vetoed	Potential increased employment costs for employers with represented employees

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AB 316 (Ramos)	Medi-Cal: Benefits: Beneficiaries with Special Dental Care Needs	As amended 4/4/19: Increases the Medi-Cal reimbursement rate for doctors treating Medi-Cal beneficiaries with special dental care needs. This payment is an adjustment to cover the extra time needed to render dental services to a Medi-Cal beneficiary with special dental care needs.	Support	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
AB 329 (Rodriguez)	Hospitals: Assaults and Batteries	As amended 6/17/19: Creates a penalty enhancement for assaults that take place on public or private hospital property, similar to the enhancements for assaults on park and school property.	Support	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
AB 333 (Eggman)	Whistleblower Protection: County Patients' Rights Advocates	As chaptered 10/2/19: Extends whistleblower protections to individuals and entities that have contracts with the state or local government to oversee compliance with patients' rights in county mental health treatment facilities. The bill also provides a private right of action for the enforcement of those protections if necessary. Prior to the amendments this bill is similar to AB 2317 (Eggman, 2018), which CSDA opposed, that extends whistleblower protections afforded to employees to independent contractors and contracted entities working for state and local government who are tasked with receiving and investigating complaints from, facilities, services, and programs operated by state and local government.	Neutral	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
AB 403 (Kalra)	Division of Labor Standards Enforcement: Complaint Filing Deadline Extension	As amended 5/16/19: Extends the statute of limitations for an employee to file a discrimination or wrongful termination suit with the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement from six months to three years.	Oppose	Vetoed	Potentially increased litigation costs

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AB 418 (Kalra)	Evidentiary Privileges: Union Agent-Represented Worker Privilege	<p>As amended 6/21/19: Expands the current evidentiary privilege against disclosure of communications to also include union agent-represented worker communications. The evidentiary privilege is by design narrow in scope to protect the confidentiality and integrity of relationships, both professional and familiar in nature, where highly sensitive and deeply personal information is exchanged. Examples include spousal privilege, confidential marital communications privilege, physician-patient privilege, psychotherapist-patient privilege, clergyman-penitent privilege, sexual assault counselor-victim privilege, domestic violence counselor-victim privilege, and human trafficking caseworker-victim privilege as well as attorney-client privilege.</p> <p>This bill is almost identical to AB 729 (Hernandez, 2014), which was vetoed by the governor with the following veto message: "I am returning Assembly Bill 729 without my signature. This bill would establish an evidentiary privilege to prohibit the disclosure of confidential communications between represented employees and their union agents. I don't believe it is appropriate to put communications with a union agent on equal footing with communications with one's spouse, priest, physician or attorney."</p>	Oppose	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
AB 457 (Quirk)	Occupational Safety and Health: Lead: Permissible Exposure Levels	As amended 5/13/19: The Division of Occupational Safety and Health in the Department of Industrial Relations (Cal-OSHA) is currently going through the regulatory process of updating employee lead level regulations. This bill sets a deadline for completion of that update process for February 1, 2020.	Oppose unless Amended	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
AB 555 (Gonzalez)	Paid Sick Leave Accrual Method Modification	As amended 4/29/19: Amends the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act to extend the number of paid sick days employers are required to provide from 3 days to 5 days.	Oppose unless Amended	2-Year Bill	Increased employment costs for employers providing the minimum required paid sick time

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AB 628 (Bonta)	Employment: Victims of Sexual Harassment: Protections	As amended 5/16/19: Current law allows employees that are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking to take time off to access related services or counseling, without fear of retaliation from their employers (25 or more employees). This bill, similar to AB 2366 (Bonta, 2018) would have allowed this time off for victims of sexual harassment and immediate family members of victims of sexual harassment.	Oppose	2-Year Bill	Increased employer costs related to loss time
AB 673 (Carrillo)	Failure to Pay Wages: Penalties	As chaptered 10/10/19: This bill was amended from allowing an employee to directly bring a civil suit against an employer for failure to pay wages, to now allowing the Office of the Labor Commissioner to bring the civil suit. The affected employee may also enforce civil penalties for late payment of wages through the Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) but cannot also recover statutory penalties for the same violation. CalChamber and other employer groups all removed their opposition.	Neutral	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
AB 749 (Stone)	Employment Dispute Settlements: Prohibition on Postemployment Restrictions	As chaptered 10/12/19: Prohibits a settlement agreement in an employment dispute from containing a provision prohibiting, preventing, or otherwise restricting a settling party that is an aggrieved person from working for the employer against which the aggrieved person has filed a claim, or any parent company, subsidiary, division, affiliate, or contractor of the employer.	Oppose	Signed into Law	Increased sexual harassment litigation costs
AB 882 (McCarty)	Termination of Employment: Drug Testing: Medication- Assisted Treatment	As introduced 2/20/19: Prohibits an employer, regardless of the number of employees, from firing an employee for testing positive for a drug that is being used as a medical-assisted treatment, under the care of a physician or licensed treatment program.	Oppose	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
AB 890 (Wood)	Nurse Practitioners: Scope of Practice: Unsupervised Practice	As amended 4/22/19: This priority legislation for the Association of California Healthcare Districts expands the scope of practice for nurse practitioners, allowing them to practice and provide services to the full extent of their education and training, without supervision by a physician. These services, including diagnosing patients, performing therapeutic procedures, prescribing medications and devices, are already being provided to patients throughout the state. This change in law will allow hospitals to fill critical workforce gaps.	Support	2-Year Bill	Potential cost savings for healthcare districts

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AB 931 (Boerner Horvath)	Local Boards and Commissions: Female Representation	As chaptered 10/12/19: By January 1, 2030, cities with a population of 50,000 or more, may not appoint members of nonsalaried, nonelected boards or commissions consisting of 5 or more members such that 60% of the board or commission's membership comprises individuals of the same gender identity. The bill would also prohibit a board or commission with 4 or fewer nonelected and nonsalaried members from being comprised exclusively of people with the same gender identity.	Neutral	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
AB 932 (Low)	Workers' Compensation: Off- duty Firefighters	As introduced 2/20/19: Retroactive to 2017, this bill makes off-duty, out-of-state firefighters eligible for workers' compensation benefits if they claim they were injured while performing activities for the protection or preservation of life or property. Suggested amendments: Similar to what was included in the language for peace officers in 2018, this bill should be amended to make it permissible for an employer to provide workers' compensation benefits, at its discretion or in accordance with written policies adopted by resolution of the governing body.	Oppose unless Amended	2-Year Bill	Potential significant increased workers' compensation costs for firefighter employers
AB 1066 (Gonzalez)	Unemployment Insurance: Trade Disputes: Eligibility for Benefits	As amended 8/30/19: Allows union employees to begin collecting unemployment benefits after three weeks of a trade dispute.	Oppose	2-Year Bill	Potentially significant increases in unemployment insurance costs
AB 1107 (Chu)	Independent Medical Review: Delayed or Denied Treatment	As amended 4/22/19: Deletes a provision of law that states an independent medical review (IMR) decision that medical treatment ordered or requested by a treating physician is appropriate is not conclusive evidence that treatment was unreasonably delayed or denied. The current version of this bill is not intended to be the final version. The author has indicated that this bill is intended to encourage dialog between stakeholders on how to improve the IMR process and limit delays in care.	Oppose	2-Year Bill	Would result in increased workers' compensation costs
AB 1116 (Grayson)	Firefighters: Peer Support	As chaptered 10/1/19: Enacts the California Firefighter Peer Support and Crisis Referral Services Act authorizing the state or any local or regional public fire agency to establish a Peer Support and Crisis Referral Program (Peer Support Program).	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact

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AB 1117 (Grayson)	Peace Officers: Peer Support	As chaptered 10/8/19: Enacts the Law Enforcement Peer Support and Crisis Referral Services Program authorizing a local or regional law enforcement agency to establish a peer support and crisis referral program (Peer Support Program).	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
AB 1212 (Levine)	Public Pension Systems: Investments in California Infrastructure Projects	As amended 8/12/19: Requires the State's Department of Transportation and the Department of Water Resources to produce a list of priority infrastructure projects for funding consideration by public pension retirement boards and to provide it to them. The bill would require the agencies to provide further project information to a board upon request.	Support	Vetoed	No direct fiscal impact
AB 1224 (Gray)	Disability Insurance: Paid Family Leave Program	As amended 4/22/19: Current law allows an employee with more than 12 months of service with the employer, who has at least 1,250 hours of service with the employer during the previous 12-month period, upon request, to take up to 12 weeks of parental leave to bond with a new child within one year of the child's birth, adoption, or foster care placement. This bill expands paid family leave (PFL) benefits by allowing two six-week PFL claims per year.	Oppose	2-Year Bill	Unknown employer costs related to a new limited leave program; costs likely minimal
AB 1320 (Nazarian)	CalPERS and CalSTRS: Divestment: Republic of Turkey	As chaptered 10/2/19: This is a pension system divestment bill that requires CalPERS and CalSTRS to divest from Turkey should the federal government place certain sanctions on Turkey.	Oppose	Signed into Law	Minor costs for CalPERS employers related to this small divestment bill
AB 1332 (Bonta)	Sanctuary State Contracting and Investment Act	<p>As amended 4/29/19: Prohibits any public agency from entering into a contract with or investing in a contractor that also contracts with a federal immigration agency with any data broker, extreme vetting, or detention facilities services, unless the public agency has made a finding that no reasonable alternative exists. The bill is aimed at non-assistance with the federal government's immigration policies and practices.</p> <p>This bill would result in public agencies not being able to contract with companies such as Microsoft and Westlaw and agencies would need to divest from them as well.</p>	Oppose	2-Year Bill	Significant employer costs

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AB 1400 (Kamlager- Dove)	Employment Safety: Firefighting Equipment: Carcinogen Exposure Risk	As chaptered 10/10/19: This bill has been gutted-and-amended to be a Cal/OSHA safety bill and not a workers' comp presumption bill. Previously this bill would have, for workers' compensation purposes, added fire personnel, not just firefighters, to the presumption for firefighters that the cancer arose out of, and in the course of, employment. The bill establishes a study that will focus on the potential dangers and adverse health risks, if any, to personal working on and repairing firefighting vehicles.	Neutral	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
AB 1478 (Carrillo)	Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004: Private Civil Actions	As amended 9/6/19: Allows an employee to bring a civil suit against their employer or former employer for violation of various workplace discrimination and retaliation laws which cover employees for taking time of work to serve on a jury and allow employees time off to handle domestic violence, sexual harassment, stalking, and other protected leaves.	Oppose	Vetoed	Potentially increased employer litigation costs
AB 1631 (Gray)	Fire Protection: Volunteer Firefighters: Training	As introduced 2/22/19: Requires the State Fire Marshal to provide weekend and evening training classes year-round to volunteer fire departments and those fire departments consisting of a combination of volunteer, partly paid, or fully paid members. The bill would also authorize firefighters to receive 100% reimbursement from the State Fire Marshal for attending training classes at a local community college if the State Fire Marshal is unable to provide training classes.	Support	2-Year Bill	Potential cost savings for firefighter employers
SB 142 (Wiener)	Employees: Lactation Accommodation	As chaptered 10/10/19: Requires all employers to provide lactation rooms for their employees use with numerous specific requirements.	Oppose	Signed into Law	Potential costs related to providing additional lactation accommodation facilities
SB 266 (Leyva)	Public Employees' Retirement System: Disallowed Compensation: Benefit Adjustments	As amended 9/3/19: Requires employers who entered into a MOU with an employee bargaining unit, and if what was agreed upon in the MOU that was considered pensionable compensation for the employees is ultimately determined by the pension system to not qualify as a pensionable benefit, and the employee retires, then the employer would make direct payments to the retiree in amount disallowed by the pension system.	Oppose	2-Year Bill	Potentially significant increased costs for CalPERS employers

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SB 341 (Morrell)	Public Employment and Retirement: Calculation of Liabilities	As introduced 2/19/19: Existing law requires CalPERS and CalSTRS to annually report on investment returns and assumptions to the Legislature. This bill requires additional reporting by requiring CalPERS to report a calculation of liabilities based on a discount rate equal to the yield on a 10-year United States Treasury note in the year prior to the report. The bill would also require CalSTRS to provide a description of the discount rate the board uses for reporting liabilities, a calculation of liabilities based on a discount rate that is 2% below the long-term rate of return assumed by the board, and a calculation of liabilities based on a discount rate equal to the yield on a 10-year United States Treasury note in the year prior to the report.	Oppose	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
SB 416 (Hueso)	Employment: Workers' Compensation: Eligible Employees	As amended 9/5/19: Expands the rebuttable presumption for workers' compensation purposes from police officers and firefighters to all peace officers, regardless of position. Opposed by the California Coalition on Workers' Compensation.	Oppose	2-Year Bill	Increased workers' compensation costs for employers of peace officers
SB 542 (Stern)	State and Local Firefighting Personnel: Injuries: Definition	As chaptered 10/1/19: This bill, retroactive to 2017, applies a workers' compensation rebuttable presumption that PTSD suffered by a police officer or firefighter is a work-related injury.	Oppose	Signed into Law	Increased workers' compensation costs for employers of peace officers and firefighters
SB 567 (Caballero)	Acute Care Hospital Employees: Injuries: Definition	As introduced 2/22/19: Creates rebuttable presumptions that a hospital employee who provides direct patient care in an acute care hospital that suffers an infectious disease, develops cancer, musculoskeletal injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder, and/or respiratory diseases to have arose out of and in the course of the employment. Of note, this is the first time a rebuttable presumption would be applied to a non-public employee.	Oppose	2-Year Bill	Increased workers' compensation costs for hospital employers

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SB 731 (Bradford)	Workers' Compensation: Apportionment	<p>As introduced 2/22/19: Prohibits consideration of race, religious creed, color, national origin, age, gender, marital status, sex, sexual identity, sexual orientation, or genetic characteristics, for the purposes of apportionment of permanent disability.</p> <p>Suggested amendments: Insert language previously included in SB 899 (Pan, 2018) to further clarify existing law, which prohibits discrimination in providing workers' compensation benefits. The language would ensure that any apportionment that involves race, religious creed, color, national origin, age, gender, marital status, sex, sexual identity, sexual orientation, or genetic characteristics is not done on those bases, considering what someone may have, but rather on specific diagnosable pathology or factors they actually have.</p>	Support if Amended	2-Year Bill	Potential increased workers' compensation costs if it is not amended
SB 778 (Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee)	Employers: Sexual Harassment Training: Requirements	<p>As chaptered 8/30/19: Fixes drafting errors in SB 1343 (Mitchell, 2018), related to required sexual harassment prevention training. Under SB 1343, as interpreted by the Department of Fair Employment and Housing, employees that receive sexual harassment prevention training in 2019, would be required to also receive the training in 2020. However, the intent of the legislation was to allow employees to receive the training every two years. SB 778 corrects the drafting error to allow employees receiving training in 2019 to not be required to receive the training again until 2021. This bill includes an urgency clause and will become effective as soon as it is signed by the governor.</p>	Support	Signed into Law	Potential one- time cost saving for a delay in implementation of sexual harassment training requirements
PARKS, CEMETERIES AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT					
BILL/ AUTHOR	ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	CSDA POSITION	STATUS	COST/COST- SAVINGS
AB 948 (Kalra)	Coyote Valley Conservation Program	<p>As chaptered 9/27/19: Allows the Santa Clara Valley Open-Space Authority (the Authority) to establish and administer the Coyote Valley Conservation Program to address the resource and recreational goals of the Coyote Valley. The bill allows the Authority to collaborate with state, regional and local partners to help achieve the specified goals of the program. The bill specifies the powers and duties of the Authority.</p>	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact to any agency other than the Authority

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AB 1111 (Friedman)	Office of Outdoor Recreation	As amended 8/12/19: Establishes the Office of Outdoor Recreation in the Office of the Governor. Requires the office to support the outdoor recreation economy and work toward equitable access to outdoor areas of the state. Requires the office to create an advisory committee. Authorizes the office to receive assistance and funds from public and private sources, and deposit those funds in to the California Outdoor Recreation Account, which the bill would create.	Support	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
ACR 69 (E. Garcia)	"Parks Make Life Better!" Month	As chaptered 6/6/19: Recognizes the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the health, wellness, development, inspiration, and safety of all Californians and would declare the month of July 2019 as "Parks Make Life Better!" Month.	Support	Chaptered	No direct fiscal impact
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES					
BILL/ AUTHOR	ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	CSDA POSITION	STATUS	COST/COST- SAVINGS
AB 68 (Ting)	Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)	As chaptered 10/9/19: Establishes restrictions on what limitations local agencies can place in an ordinance on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), including limitations on minimum lot size, lot coverage, and floor area ratio. Requires local agencies to ministerially approve permits for new ADUs within 60 days instead of 120 days. The author accepted amendments to the bill removing ambiguous language that would have expanded limitations on ADUs that are "substantially within" an existing home, which would have the effect of expanding the exemption previously established in 2016 under SB 1069 (Wieckowski).	Neutral	Signed into Law	Potential increased costs due to proliferation of ADUs
AB 707 (Kalra)	Santa Clara Valley Water District: Contracts	As chaptered 9/6/19: Increases, from \$25,000 to \$50,000, the formal bidding threshold for the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water). Requires any improvement or unit of work not performed by district personnel and estimated by the engineer to cost in excess of \$50,000 to be done by contract pursuant to Valley Water's formal competitive bidding process. Allows the district's Board, by action in an open meeting, to increase the amount referenced above, not to exceed an amount equal to 2% of the amount in effect when the action is taken, multiplied by the number of years following the operative date of the last adjustment.	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact for any district other than Santa Clara Valley Water District

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AB 1486 (Ting)	Surplus Land	As chaptered 10/9/19: Requires special districts to offer the right of first refusal to schools, affordable housing developers, and park agencies before conducting any formal or informal negotiations to dispose of surplus land. Additionally, the definition of surplus land is expanded to include more types of district land, with specific uses prohibited. The bill imposes a new process to notify the Department of Housing and Community Development before a district may dispose of surplus land. The bill creates a new penalty for failure to follow the Surplus Lands Act, although it includes a "safe harbor" provision. AB 1486 was amended to remove the applicability of the Surplus Land Act to leases and other conveyances of surplus land.	Neutral	Signed into Law	Increased costs due to revised reporting requirements and new process for disposing surplus land
AB 1736 (Daly)	Local Agency Public Construction Act: Notification Requirements	As amended 7/3/19: As introduced, this bill would have required state and local agencies to post public works contracts to their internet websites within 24 hours of finalization. The bill has since been amended to require a local agency to create and maintain a policy for notifying a successful bidder and the unsuccessful bidders of the selection and approval of the bid within a "reasonable" time frame. This policy is required to be distributed with any RFPs. Many of the measure's requirements can be satisfied by simply posting the information on their website, if the agency has a website.	Neutral	Vetoed	Potential costs for creating policy and updating forms
AB 1752 (Petrie-Norris)	South Coast Water District: Doheny Ocean Desalination Project	As chaptered 10/3/19: Authorizes the South Coast Water District to contract for the Doheny Ocean Desalination Project to help meet the water supply reliability needs of southern California. The bill would also require the district to utilize a skilled and trained workforce in accordance with existing procedures.	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
SB 4 (McGuire)	Housing	As amended 4/10/19: As originally introduced this bill contained a package of laws aimed to reduce local discretion for permitting infill housing development. Relevant to special districts, SB 4 included a ban on impact fees, except connection and capacity charges for sewer, water, and electrical infrastructure, for "neighborhood multifamily" developments. The bill defines neighborhood multifamily developments to include up to a four-unit building in urban communities or up to a duplex in non-urban communities. SB 4 would have prevented park and fire districts from collecting impact fees on these developments. Fortunately, amendments were taken in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee to remove the fee prohibition in the bill until the Department of Housing and Community Development can complete a study this summer.	Neutral	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact

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SB 13 (Wieckowski)	ADUs	As chaptered 9/6/19: Updates the state laws around the development of ADUs. Eliminates impact fees for an ADU less than 750 square feet, and reduces the impact fees for an ADU larger than 750 square feet.	Oppose	Signed into Law	Potentially significant costs to parks, fire, libraries, CSDs and others should ADUs become prolific
SB 190 (Dodd)	Fire Safety: Building Standards: Defensible Space Program	As chaptered 10/2/19: Requires the State Fire Marshal (SFM) to develop a model defensible space program, as specified and would require the SFM to develop a Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Fire Safety Building Standards Compliance training manual.	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
REVENUE					
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AB 11 (Chiu)	Community Redevelopment Law of 2019	As amended 4/11/19: Authorizes a city or county to create an affordable housing and infrastructure agency, subject to approval by the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). Such agencies would be allowed to utilize tax increment financing. Amendments created a tax passthrough that keeps district revenues whole.	Neutral	2-Year Bill	No direct costs
AB 41 (Gallagher)	Disaster Relief: Camp Fire	As introduced 12/3/18: Requires the State of California to fully reimburse local agencies for eligible costs incurred as a result of the Camp Fire that started on November 8, 2018 in the County of Butte.	Support	2-Year Bill	Significant fiscal assistance for districts affected by the Camp Fire

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AB 83 (Assembly Budget Committee)	CalPERS Supplemental Pension Payment Program	<p>As amended 6/11/19: Among other provisions, this trailer bill includes provisions related to Social Security Administration fee and penalties and Paid Family Leave extension.</p> <p>SSA: CalPERS will begin assessing two types of administrative fees to recover its annual expenses related to their administering on behalf of the state the Social Security Administration Program: (1) annual maintenance fees charged to all Social Security-covered public employers ranging from \$200/year for employers with four or less employees to \$2,500/year for employers with 1,000 or more employees; and (2) one-time assessments between \$600 and \$700 to establish or modify an existing contract with the Social Security Administration. Additionally, SB 83 will increase the penalties for not paying the fees from 7% to 50%.</p> <p>Paid Family Leave: Extends the duration of Paid Family Leave benefits from 6 weeks to 8 weeks beginning July 1, 2020 and reduces the reserve requirement for the Disability Insurance Fund from 45 percent to 30 percent beginning July 1, 2019. Adopts intent language to convene a task force to develop a proposal by November 2019 to extend the duration of Paid Family Leave benefits to six months by 2021-22, for parents to care for and bond with their newborn or newly adopted child. The proposal will also address job protections for workers and the goal of providing a 90 percent wage replacement rate for low-wage workers utilizing the Paid Family Leave program to bond with a child.</p>	Oppose	2-Year Bill	Increased costs between \$250-\$2500 annually for employers whose employees are in the Social Security system
AB 209 (Limón)	Outdoor Equity Grants Program	<p>As chaptered 10/9/19: Requires the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to establish an Outdoor Equity Grants program. The program is intended to increase the ability of underserved and at-risk populations to participate in outdoor environmental education experiences at state parks and other public lands.</p>	Support	Signed into Law	Potential grant funds for specific programs in out years

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AB 217 (E. Garcia)	Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund	As amended 6/13/19: Prior to being gutted-and-amended into a bill with a new author related to income tax credits, AB 217 would have created the Safe Drinking Water for All Act, which would have established a Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (the Fund) with the goal of providing a source of funding to secure access to safe drinking water for all Californians, while also ensuring long-term sustainability of drinking water systems. It would have imposed several fees on agricultural activities and created a trust fund using investments from the state General Fund that together would have provided the source of revenue to the Fund.	Neutral	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
AB 247 (Dahle)	Disaster Relief: Carr and Klamathon Fires	As introduced 1/22/19: Requires the State of California to fully reimburse local agencies for eligible costs incurred as a result of the Carr and Klamathon Fires of 2018, as specified	Support	2-Year Bill	Significant fiscal assistance for districts affected by the Klamathon Fires
AB 255 (Limón)	Coastal Resources: Oil Spills: Grants: Eligibility	As chaptered 7/12/19: Clarifies that Native American tribes and other public entities are also eligible to receive grants through the Office of Spill Prevention and Response's local government grants program for oil spill response equipment.	Support	Signed into Law	No cost; potential improved access to certain grants

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AB 402 (Quirk)	Subsidies: Local Primacy Agencies	<p>As amended 6/18/19: Creates an opt-in program, administered by the State Water Resources Control Board, to fund regulatory oversight of small public drinking water systems in Local Primacy Agency (LPA) counties. The funding stabilization program created by the bill is intended to be funded allowing LPAs to delegate their authority to collect fees on small public water systems to the State Water Board. Unfortunately, the bill was previously written to allow the State Water Board to collect this fee from all public water systems, expanding their fee authority.</p> <p>This bill has been significantly amended to remove CSDA's opposition. The amendments are a substantial improvement from the previous text of the bill. They substantially reduce the overall cost of the program by limiting the LPAs eligible to participate. They clarify that the intent of the program is to assist LPAs where oversight costs have outpaced the revenue collected from fees on public water systems within a LPAs jurisdiction. LPA participation in consolidation efforts is mandatory. While this program will likely lead to fee increases for all public water systems, it is important to acknowledge rates will still increase if LPAs are to return their authority to the State Water Board—a likely prospect without this program.</p>	Neutral	2-Year Bill	Potential costs to public water systems to fund program
AB 556 (Carrillo)	Natural Resources Agency: Community Access Program: Grant Program	As amended 8/30/19: Requires the California Natural Resources Agency to implement a community access program fostering admittance to natural or cultural resources, community education, or recreational amenities, with a focus on low-income and disadvantaged communities.	Support	Vetoed	Potential access to grants for specific programs in out years
AB 557 (Wood)	Atmospheric Rivers: Research, Mitigation, and Climate Forecasting Program	As introduced 2/13/19: Appropriates \$9,250,000 from the General Fund to the Atmospheric Rivers: Research, Mitigation, and Climate Forecasting Program in the Department of Water Resources. The program is charged with conducting research relating to improving the accuracy of forecasting atmospheric river events and the causes and impacts that climate change has on atmospheric rivers, and shall take all actions within its existing authority to operate reservoirs in a manner that improves flood protection in the state and to operate flood control and water storage facilities to capture water generated by atmospheric rivers, thereby increasing water supply, hydropower availability, and the reliability of water resources in the state.	Support	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact

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AB 570 (Aguiar-Curry)	Local Government Investment Act	As amended 3/25/19: Allows the proposed parcel taxes in ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) to exempt certain individuals, specifically individuals over the age of 65, those on SSI for a disability (regardless of age), or those on SSI (regardless of age) whose income does not exceed specified requirements. The application of these exemptions would be up to the taxing entity proposing the parcel tax.	Support	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
AB 689 (McCarty)	Municipal Utility District Act: Nonstock Security	As chaptered 9/5/19: Authorizes a pilot project for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) to acquire nonstock security in private entities.	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact to any district other than SMUD, potentially
AB 1253 (Rivas)	LAFCO Grant Program	As introduced 2/21/19: Requires the Strategic Growth Council to establish a local agency formation commissions grant program for the payment of costs associated with initiating and completing certain actions, subject to an appropriation. The program provisions have a five-year sunset, lapsing at the start of 2026.	Support	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
AB 1775 (Reyes)	Local Planning: Environmental Justice Goals: Notification: Department of Justice	As amended 4/9/19: Would have expanded the definition of a “fee” for the purposes of Fee Mitigation Act by eliminating existing exclusions to the act, such as the Quimby fees for parks. This measure was gutted-and-amended on April 9 and now puts new requirements on cities and counties related to environmental justice.	Neutral	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry)	New 55% Vote Threshold for Public Infrastructure and Affordable Housing	As amended 3/18/19: Provides for a new 55% voter threshold for local agencies to pass special taxes for certain infrastructure and housing projects. It also provides the same threshold for local governments to pass general obligation bonds for the same infrastructure and housing projects. There are strict accountability measures attached to these new mechanisms. CSDA requested that special districts be added to the bond portion and submitted draft amendments which were accepted and incorporated into the measure.	Support	2-Year Bill	Potentially significant revenue increase opportunities

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SB 15 (Portantino)	Local-State Sustainable Investment Program	<p>As amended 4/24/19: Would have required a county auditor to decrease the amount of ad valorem property tax revenue that is allocated to the county Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) to instead be allocated to RDA the successor agencies for affordable housing.</p> <p>This bill was amended April 8 to create the Local-State Sustainable Investment Program. Special districts can participate indirectly by way of membership in a joint powers authority or enhanced infrastructure finance district and by committing revenues voluntarily, including tax increment financing revenue(s), in order to gain access to ERAF dollars for certain housing and infrastructure projects.</p>		Neutral	2-Year Bill	No costs; potential revenue opportunities in some cases
SB 83 (Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee)	CalPERS Supplemental Pension Payment Program	<p>As chaptered 6/27/19: Amongst other provisions, the trailer bill includes provisions related to Social Security Administration fee and penalties and Paid Family Leave extension.</p> <p>SSA: CalPERS will begin assessing two types of administrative fees to recover its annual expenses related to their administering on behalf of the state the Social Security Administration Program: (1) annual maintenance fees charged to all Social Security-covered public employers ranging from \$200/year for employers with four or less employees to \$2,500/year for employers with 1,000 or more employees; and (2) one-time assessments between \$600 and \$700 to establish or modify an existing contract with the Social Security Administration. Additionally, SB 83 will increase the penalties for not paying the fees from 7% to 50%.</p> <p>Paid Family Leave: Extends the duration of Paid Family Leave benefits from 6 weeks to 8 weeks beginning July 1, 2020 and reduces the reserve requirement for the Disability Insurance Fund from 45 percent to 30 percent beginning July 1, 2019. Adopts intent language to convene a task force to develop a proposal by November 2019 to extend the duration of Paid Family Leave benefits to six months by 2021-22, for parents to care for and bond with their newborn or newly adopted child. The proposal will also address job protections for workers and the goal of providing a 90 percent wage replacement rate for low-wage workers utilizing the Paid Family Leave program to bond with a child.</p>		Oppose	Signed into Law	Increased costs between \$250- \$2500 annually for employers whose employees are in the Social Security system

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SB 128 (Beall)	Santa Clara and Monterey Counties: Best Value Construction Contracting for Counties Pilot Program	As chaptered 10/3/19: This measure would have removed the requirement that Enhanced Infrastructure Finance Districts (EIFDs) go to the voters to bond against their tax increment. The current threshold is 55 percent. Instead there is a public protest process regarding the agency's financing plan that could overturn the plan (50+1 of affected adults protesting) or force an election (25% of affected adults protesting). The measure might have ended up being duplicative of the Governor's plan to incentivize use of EIFDs rather than use traditional RDAs to fund housing programs and projects. This bill has subsequently been gutted-and-amended, and no longer deals with EIFDs.	Neutral	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
SB 532 (Portantino)	Redevelopment: City of Glendale: Bond Proceeds: Affordable Housing	As amended 9/5/19: This bill would have authorized all redevelopment successor agencies to use their remaining bond proceeds for affordable housing, instead of cancelling/defeating outstanding bonds. The author agreed in the Senate Governance and Finance committee to limit the measure to only the city of Glendale, further providing that bond proceeds spent on affordable housing be committed only to those projects where 100% of the units are classified as affordable housing, and included other narrowing and limiting changes.	Neutral	Vetoed	No known costs
SCA 3 (Hill)	Property Taxation: Change in Ownership: Inheritance Exclusion	As introduced 12/4/18: The California Constitution specifies certain transfers of real property that are not deemed to be a "purchase" or "change in ownership" of a property for the purpose of reassessment of property value and therefore ad valorem property tax. These exceptions include the transfer of a principal residence to children or grandchildren up to the first \$1,000,000 of value. SCA 3 would limit this exclusion to those properties that the recipient uses as their actual principal residence, potentially dramatically increasing local property tax revenues. The LAO has estimated the total revenue to be \$1.5 billion annually	Support	2-Year Bill	Likely significant revenue increase

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SCA 4 (Galgiani)	Property Tax Postponement	<p>As introduced 2/25/19: Limits the exclusion for the purchase or transfer of a principal residence between parents and their children and between grandparents and their grandchild or grandchildren to only those instances in which the residence continues as the principal residence of the transferee, resulting in some increased revenues.</p> <p>This amendment would also allow the base year value of property eligible for the homeowner's exemption of any person who is severely disabled or over 55 years of age to be transferred to any replacement dwelling, regardless of the number of prior transfers or the value of the replacement property or whether the replacement property is located within the same county. These provisions would likely result in diminished property tax revenues.</p>	Oppose	2-Year Bill	Likely significant revenue gains from one provision with likely significant revenue losses from the other
WATER, CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE					
BILL/ AUTHOR	ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	CSDA POSITION	STATUS	COST/COST- SAVINGS
AB 231 (Mathis)	CEQA: Exemption: Recycled Water	<p>As introduced 1/17/19: Exempts a project from CEQA to construct or expand a recycled water pipeline to mitigate drought conditions when a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the governor.</p> <p>Under AB 231, an exempted project would have to be located on or adjacent to a critically over-drafted groundwater basin or a project where the construction impacts are fully mitigated and does not affect wetlands or sensitive habitat.</p>	Support	2-Year Bill	Potential cost savings for drought mitigation projects in the event of an emergency declaration
AB 292 (Quirk)	Definition: Indirect Potable Reuse for Groundwater Recharge: Groundwater Augmentation	<p>As amended 6/20/19: Updates the definition of potable reuse of recycled water by including raw water augmentation, treated drinking water augmentation, groundwater augmentation, or reservoir water augmentation within the definition of recycled water and deletes direct and indirect potable reuse. California is a world leader in potable reuse, using highly purified recycled water for drinking water purposes. Potable reuse is currently used for groundwater recharge of drinking water supplies in many places in California and it will soon be used to augment surface water reservoirs that store drinking water supplies.</p>	Support	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
AB 405 (Rubio)	Sales and Use Taxes: Exemption: Water Treatment Chemicals	<p>As amended 4/25/19: Provides, until January 1, 2025, a sales and use tax (SUT) exemption for chemicals and other agents used by a city, county, public utility or sanitation district to treat water, recycled water or wastewater. This SUT exemption is available regardless of whether those chemicals or agents become a component of water and whether the treatment takes place before or after delivery to consumers.</p>	Support	2-Year Bill	Cost savings for public utility and sanitation districts

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AB 508 (Chu)	Consolidation and Extension of Service: Domestic Wells	As chaptered 9/27/19: Establishes a deadline of July 1, 2020, for the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to adopt a policy for members of a disadvantaged community to petition the SWRCB to consider ordering a consolidation, and updates the law allowing extension of service to a community with a failing domestic well.	Concerns	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
AB 533 (Holden)	Income Taxes: Exclusion: Turf Removal Water Conservation Program	As amended 4/4/19: Extends the sunset date for a gross income exclusion for amounts received from a local water agency or supplier as part of a turf removal water conservation program. Currently, financial incentives on energy conservations are tax-exempt. This brings greater parity to encourage participation and public support for programs that fundamentally change long-standing water-use practices.	Support	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
AB 1180 (Friedman)	Updates: State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Non-potable Recycled Water Regulations	As chaptered 10/2/19: Requires the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to update, by January 1, 2023, the uniform statewide criteria for nonpotable recycled water uses established in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact
AB 1204 (Rubio)	Public Water Systems: Primary Drinking Water Standards: Implementation Date	As introduced 2/21/19: Requires the adoption or amendment of a primary drinking water standard for a contaminant in drinking water not regulated by a federal primary drinking water standard or that is more stringent than a federal primary drinking water standard to take effect 3 years after the date on which the state board adopts or amends the primary drinking water standard. The bill also authorizes the state board to delay the effective date of the primary drinking water standard adoption or amendment by no more than 2 additional years as necessary for capital improvements to comply with a maximum contaminant level or treatment technique.	Support	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact
AB 1588 (Gloria)	Drinking Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Programs	As chaptered 10/11/19: Establishes equivalence between specified military classifications and wastewater/drinking water treatment system operators relative to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) licensing requirements. Adds an active or former member of the US military with water treatment or distribution operator experience to the advisory committee on operator certificate program regulations.	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact

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AB 1672 (Bloom)	Solid Waste: Non-Flushable Wipes	As amended 4/25/19: Establishes performance and labeling standards for flushable wipes and provides for the imposition of civil penalties on parties failing to conform to those standards. When wet wipes products are flushed into the sewer system, they can cause significant issues for private property owners, sewer collection systems, and wastewater treatment plants. Wet products that do not break down can catch on tree roots or other obstructions in residential sewer laterals and cause costly and dangerous backups for property owners. Wet wipes have been shown to cause significant damage to residential septic systems, resulting in expensive repairs and remediation for homeowners. AB 1672 presents a straightforward solution to helping combat the aforementioned problems caused by improperly flushing wet wipes. The bill prescribes clear and consistent consumer messaging for these products that indicates to consumers that either a wipe is “flushable,” or it is not. Under the provisions of AB 1672, wipes can be labeled as “flushable” if they do not cause harm to the sewer system, meaning that manufacturers can demonstrate that their wipes break down in the sewer system like dry toilet paper. For all other wipes that are not intended to be flushed, they must be conspicuously marked with “Do Not Flush” labeling. This measure is sponsored by the California Association of Sanitation Agencies.	Support	2-Year Bill	Potential cost savings for sanitary districts resulting reduced damage to equipment from flushable wipes
SB 1 (Atkins)	California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2019	As amended 9/10/19: Enacts the California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2019 (Act) with the purpose of ensuring that protections afforded to Californians under federal environmental and labor laws and regulations as of January 2017 remain in place in the event that the federal executive branch weakens or repeals any of those federal laws or regulations. This measure threatens the Voluntary Agreements and the prospect of a more collaborative approach to water management in the Sacramento and San Joaquin watershed.	Oppose	Vetoed	Potentially significant costs for water districts with interests in the San Joaquin watershed
SB 134 (Hertzberg)	Water Conservation: Water Losses: Enforcement	As chaptered 8/30/19: Prohibits the State Water Board from issuing an information order, written notice, or conservation order to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective if the board determines the urban retail water supplier is not meeting its urban water use objective solely because the volume of water loss exceeds the urban retail water supplier’s standard for water loss and the board is taking enforcement action against the urban retail water supplier for not meeting the performance standards for the volume of water losses.	Support	Signed into Law	No direct fiscal impact

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SB 307 (Roth)	Water Conveyance: Use of Facility with Unused Capacity	<p>As chaptered 7/31/19: Prohibits a transferor of water from using a water conveyance facility that has unused capacity to transfer water from a groundwater basin unless the State Lands Commission, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, finds that the transfer of the water will not adversely affect the natural or cultural resources, including groundwater resources or habitat, of those federal and state lands.</p> <p>For this prohibition to apply, the groundwater basin must underlie desert lands that are in the vicinity of a national monument, a national preserve, a national park, a state or federal wilderness area, or state lands.</p> <p>“Desert lands” are defined as the portion of California located south of Interstate 15, east of State Highway 247, north of State Highway 62, west of Interstate 95, and west of the Nevada state line between Interstate 95 and Interstate 15. The only known project that this bill would affect is the Cadiz Water Project. This bill is substantially similar to AB 1000 (Friedman) of 2017, a bill that CSDA opposed, which died on the Assembly Floor.</p>	Oppose	Signed into Law	Impacts the Cadiz Water Project only
SB 332 (Hertzberg)	Wastewater Treatment: Recycled Water	As amended 4/30/19: Declares that the discharge of treated wastewater from ocean outfalls is a waste and unreasonable use of water. The bill requires each wastewater treatment facility and affiliated water suppliers that discharge to the ocean outfall to reduce the facility’s annual flow by at least 50% by January 1, 2030, and by at least 95% by January 1, 2040. The bill would subject the owner or operator of a wastewater treatment facility, as well as the affiliated water suppliers, to a civil penalty of \$2,000 per acre-foot of water above the required reduction for the failure to meet these deadlines.	Oppose	2-Year Bill	Potential infrastructure costs to wastewater facilities
SB 414 (Caballero)	Small System Water Authority Act of 2019	As amended 6/25/19: Creates the Small System Water Authority Act, which would allow county local agency formation commissions, in concert with the State Water Resources Board, to consolidate clusters of small water systems that have chronically failed to provide safe and affordable drinking to their customers. These small, failing systems would be reformed into a single Small System Water Authority, benefiting from economies of scale and improved governance and accountability.	Support	2-Year Bill	No direct fiscal impact

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SB 669 (Caballero)	Safe Drinking Water Fund	As introduced 2/22/19: Creates the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund to fund projects that expand access to safe drinking water in disadvantaged communities around the state. SB 669 proposes to fund these projects with interest generated by the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, which would also be created by the bill. At this time, SB 669 does not specify the initial investment in the fund.	Support	2-Year Bill	<i>Cost savings for infrastructure improvements to drinking water systems in disadvantaged communities</i>