

Final Status Report on Major Business Bills

The following list summarizes the final status of priority bills for the California Chamber of Commerce that were sent to the Governor this year.

At the federal level, the CalChamber-supported free trade agreements and a CalChamber-opposed act limiting free

speech were still pending in Congress and therefore are not listed below.

On October 22, the CalChamber will publish a record of legislators' votes on key bills affecting the California business climate. Generally, the bills selected for the vote record have

appeared in one of the status reports.

Bills signed by the Governor will become law on January 1, 2011. Urgency measures went into effect immediately upon being signed.

Status of bills as of September 30, 2010.

Subject — CalChamber Position	Status
Agriculture and Natural Resources	
Pest Eradication in Schools. SB 1157 (DeSaulnier; D-Concord) Increases taxes on chemicals categorized as pesticides to fund programs that promote non-chemical means of pest eradication in schools. Oppose.	Vetoed
California Endangered Species Act Experimental Populations. SB 1349 (Cogdill; R-Modesto) Conforms state law to federal law regarding experimental populations of endangered species. Support.	Signed—Chapter 291
Endangered Species. SB 1303 (Wolk; D-Davis) Aids agricultural production by eliminating the sunset provision allowing accidental take of an endangered species during normal agricultural practices. Support.	Signed—Chapter 290
Ag Commodity Valuations. SB 1338 (Harman; R-Huntington Beach) Deters theft of certain agricultural commodities by setting their value at wholesale price which increases the crime to grand theft. Support.	Signed—Chapter 694
Timber Harvest Plan. AB 2163 (Mendoza; D-Norwalk) Reduces costs to forestry companies by extending the lifespan of current timber harvest plans. Allows forestry companies flexibility to sell timber when the market improves. Support.	Signed—Chapter 376 Urgency
Recasts the Rigs to Reef Program. AB 2503 (J. Pérez; D-Los Angeles) Reduces costs to oil companies by leaving underwater decommissioned oil rigs in place to provide habitat for sea life. Support.	Signed—Chapter 687
Coastal Development Permits. AB 291 (Saldaña; D-San Diego) Before amendments, would have halted development in the coastal zone by refusing to grant permits to anyone who has any outstanding unresolved violations on property before the Coastal Commission and presumed guilt until innocence was proven. Neutral.	Signed—Chapter 565
Banking/Finance	
Deficiency Judgments. SB 1178 (Corbett; D-San Leandro) Promotes an increasing practice of borrowers who strategically default despite having the financial capacity to pay their mortgage, which will further delay economic recovery as excess inventory will depress property values and contribute to blighted communities. Oppose Unless Amended.	Vetoed
California Financial Literacy Fund. AB 2457 (Salas; D-Chula Vista) Establishes a financial literacy fund for public-private partnering to enhance financial literacy of California residents, potentially averting future financial problems for many of California's families. Support.	Vetoed
Climate Change	
Climate Change Tax Increase. AB 1405 (De León; D-Los Angeles) Increases costs and discourages job growth by granting the Air Resources Board broad authority to implement unlimited fees and taxes with little or no oversight. Oppose/ Job Killer .	Vetoed

<p>Expedited Environmental Review. AB 1846 (V. M. Pérez; D-Coachella) Streamlines the California Environmental Quality Act approval process for certain projects by allowing industries subject to compliance with greenhouse gas regulations under AB 32 to go through an expedited environmental review through a focused environmental impact report. Support/Job Creator.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 195</p>
<p>Climate Change Adaptation Strategies: Sustainable Communities. SB 1006 (Pavley; D-Agoura Hills) Before amendments, would have fostered a no-growth mentality by prematurely providing data to local government and regional agencies on climate change adaptation strategies that could become the de facto blueprint for the planning and development of sustainable communities. Now expands eligibility of financial assistance (Proposition 84 funds) to include Joint Power Authorities and special districts as entities eligible for Strategic Growth Council Funding. No Position.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 632</p>
<p>Increases Energy Efficiency. AB 1873 (Huffman; D-San Rafael) Makes it more attractive for local governments to offer Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs and lower the interest rate of loans to home and business owners for energy and water efficiency improvements. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 583</p>

Education

<p>Race to the Top. SBX5 4 (Romero; D-East Los Angeles) In combination with SBX5 1, places California in the best position to meet federal Race to the Top competitive grant requirements and secure up to \$700 million in federal funding by making comprehensive changes to the state’s education system in the areas of teacher and administrator evaluation, school reform, parental empowerment, and content standards. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 3</p>
<p>Race to the Top. SBX5 1 (Steinberg; D-Sacramento) In combination with SBX5 4, places California in the best position to meet federal Race to the Top competitive grant requirements and secure up to \$700 million in federal funding by making comprehensive changes to the state’s education system in the areas of teacher and administrator evaluations, school reform, parental empowerment, and content standards. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 2</p>
<p>Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act. SB 1440 (Padilla; D-Pacoima) Will help employers identify highly qualified individuals in the workforce, and increase the number of students who go on to obtain a four-year degree by requiring California Community Colleges to offer an associate’s degree for transfer. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 428</p>

Energy

<p>Supports Construction of Vital Projects. SBX8 34 (Padilla; D-Pacoima) Ensures the expedited permitting of environmentally sound solar thermal and photovoltaic power plants, enabling them to qualify for grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Support/Job Creator.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 9 Urgency</p>
<p>Green Energy. AB 222 (Adams; R-Hesperia) Before amendments, would have encouraged new investment and job creation by allowing conversion of solid waste to energy at a biorefinery to count toward meeting the state’s renewable energy goals. As first amended was a Solid Waste Definitions bill that provided little to no benefit to the state’s environmental and energy goals. Amended again to deal with child care. No Position/Former Job Creator.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 431</p>
<p>Streamlining Energy Oversight. AB 2769 (Committee on Utilities and Commerce) Provides oversight and accountability by requiring President of Public Utilities Commission to appear before Legislature to provide a full report and update of the commission’s annual work plan. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 477</p>

Environmental Regulation

<p>Commercial Recycling. AB 737 (Chesbro; D-North Coast) Prejudges the work product of an existing regulatory process by imposing its own, less effective commercial recycling mandate on California businesses. By imposing its mandate only upon the private sector rather than including the public sector as CalRecycle has proposed, the bill would hinder the state’s ability to meet its recycling goals and put greater economic and regulatory burdens on California businesses. Oppose/Former Job Killer.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p>Air Pollution Penalties. SB 1433 (Leno; D-San Francisco) Increases air pollution penalties by automatically adjusting them for inflation, which reduces the likelihood that periodic, comprehensive reviews of such laws will be conducted by the Legislature. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>

<p>Air Discharges. SB 1224 (Wright; D-Inglewood) Helps businesses comply with environmental regulations by providing a new level of consistency to California’s odor nuisance law. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 411</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Health</h2>	
<p>Unrestrained Government Control. AB 1602 (J. Pérez; D-Los Angeles) AB 1602, together with SB 900, prematurely creates overly broad and expansive governance and guidelines without oversight for the state health benefit exchange, which could lead to unnecessary cost increases and limited choice for employers. Oppose/Job Killer.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 655</p>
<p>Unrestrained Government Control. SB 900 (Alquist; D-Santa Clara) SB 900, together with AB 1602, prematurely creates overly broad and expansive governance and guidelines without oversight for the state health benefit exchange, which could lead to unnecessary cost increases and limited choice for employers. Oppose/Job Killer.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 659</p>
<p>Health Insurance Litigation. AB 2470 (De La Torre; D-South Gate) Before amendments, would have driven up the cost of health care premiums and gone beyond federal health care reform by establishing litigation as the only meaningful approach to resolving disputes over canceled coverage. After amendments, conforms California rescission rules to federal requirements. No Position.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 658</p>
<p>Health Care Coverage. SB 890 (Alquist; D-Santa Clara) Before amendments, would have imposed new restrictions on health care coverage plans, increasing health care premiums and limiting choice, resulting in more people becoming uninsured. No Position</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p>Increased Costs. SB 961 (Wright; D-Inglewood) Increases health care premiums by limiting co-payments for one type of pharmaceutical: orally administered anti-cancer medications. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p>Increased Costs. SB 220 (Yee; D-San Francisco) Increases health care premiums by requiring health plans and insurers to cover counseling, prescriptions and over-the-counter treatments for smoking cessation. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p>Increased Costs: Mandated Expanded Mental Health Coverage. AB 1600 (Beall; D-San Jose) Increases health care premiums by mandating that health plans and insurers provide parity coverage for an expanded list of mental health disorders. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p>Increased Costs: Mandated Maternity Services Benefits Coverage. AB 1825 (De La Torre; D-South Gate) Increases health insurance premiums and increases the ranks of the uninsured by mandating that all health insurance policies provide maternity coverage. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Housing and Land Use</h2>	
<p>Building Standards. AB 1693 (Ma; D-San Francisco) Raises compliance levels for state building codes and reduces cost to state when adopting new codes by increasing amount of time available for education and training for new building standards prior to those standards taking effect. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 145</p>
<p>Building Standards. AB 2670 (J. Pérez; D-Los Angeles) Establishes a State Capitol Sustainability Task Force that uses a private building standard rather than using the state’s own groundbreaking mandatory standards, the California Green Building Code (CALGreen). Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p>Building Standards. SB 518 (A. Lowenthal; D-Long Beach) Provides an alternative method for reducing water consumption in non-residential buildings, thus providing the building industry with increased design flexibility in meeting the mandatory provisions of the state’s green building standards (CALGreen). Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 622</p>
<p>Housing Elements. AB 602 (Feuer; D-Los Angeles) Before amendments, would have threatened construction industry jobs by eliminating the statute of limitations in actions challenging the sufficiency of a housing element, allowing for challenges to be brought years after a housing element is adopted. Now makes changes regarding when a housing element can be challenged in court. No Position.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Industrial Safety and Health</h2>	
<p>Unjustified Citations. AB 2774 (Swanson; D-Alameda) Before amendments, included overly expansive definition that would have led to an increase in “serious” Cal/OSHA citations that are now and should continue to be classified as “general.” A serious citation carries significant financial implications for employers so therefore should be issued only where warranted. No Position Due to Amendments.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 692</p>

International Relations/Trade	
Human Trafficking. SB 657 (Steinberg; D-Sacramento) Inappropriately creates a situation where companies are publicly identified for “failing” to address issues they are powerless to address. Oppose.	Signed—Chapter 556
Slave and Sweat-Free Code of Conduct. SB 1231 (Corbett; D-San Leandro) Creates a costly, unreasonable burden on companies that contract with the state by requiring them to track the entire supply chain of manufactured products and certify that their products were not produced using forced labor. Authorizes non-profits to investigate these companies to ensure compliance, and could exclude certain products even if they were not produced using forced labor. Would raise the cost of products, and increase litigation, thereby raising costs to taxpayers. Oppose.	Vetoed
Posting Requirements. SB 1230 (DeSaulnier; D-Concord) Codifies into state law the name and contact information of a non-profit organization dealing with human trafficking, irrespective of possible future changes, and creates a new burden on employers by requiring them to post information regarding human trafficking and phone numbers to call to report cases. Oppose.	Vetoed
Public Contracts and Investment Activities. AB 1650 (Feuer; D-Los Angeles) Before amendments would have resulted in California state and local governments being unable to access financial markets by requiring financial institutions that wish to contract with government to certify they are not engaged in the energy sector in Iran, yet providing no workable process by which to accomplish this certification. Now establishes a workable process for those companies bidding on state or local government contracts. Provides that companies be notified and permits them to comment if the state lists them as having such involvement. Includes a statute of limitations for penalties and reinforces that the bill does not authorize a private right of action. Neutral.	Signed—Chapter 573
State Point of Contact. AB 2443 (V. M. Pérez; D-Coachella) Requires state point of contact to share executive branch correspondence with U.S. Trade Representative with Legislature. Amendments will ensure correspondence to Legislature is given after the fact, to ensure Governor is not hampered by the Legislature on trade issues. No Position.	Vetoed
U.S.-Colombia Free Trade Agreement (FTA). AJR 27 (Torrice; D-Fremont) Assembly Joint Resolution opposing U.S.-Colombia FTA would cast FTA/Colombia in unproductive light if it were to pass. Colombia is important trading partner and partner in stopping drug trafficking. Oppose.	Resolution Chapter 145
Labor and Employment	
Increased Agricultural Costs. SB 1474 (Steinberg; D-Sacramento) Designed to increase union representation of agricultural employees even when it is against the will of employees by undermining the process that now guarantees, through secret-ballot elections, a fair vote and the expression of agricultural employees’ true sentiments on the selection of a collective bargaining representative. This act will hurt California’s businesses by driving up costs, making employers less competitive in a global market. Oppose/ Job Killer.	Vetoed
Expanded Employer Liability. AB 482 (Mendoza; D-Norwalk) Increases exposure to liability for hiring decisions by unduly restricting the ability of employers to base employment decisions on the evaluation of all legally available information, including consumer credit reports. Oppose/ Job Killer.	Vetoed
Expanded Employer Liability. AB 2187 (Arambula; I-Fresno) Creates a significant disincentive to locate jobs and operations in California by potentially criminalizing almost any legitimate wage dispute with a terminated employee that takes longer than 90 days to resolve. Oppose/ Job Killer.	Vetoed
Harms California Farms and Farm Workers. SB 1121 (Florez; D-Shafter) Places farms at a competitive disadvantage, increases cost of doing business for California farmers, and reduces available resources to invest in workers and farms by removing overtime exemption for agricultural employees. Oppose/ Job Killer.	Vetoed
Increased Penalties. AB 1881 (Monning; D-Carmel) Unreasonably expands employer liability by doubling liquidated damages in minimum wage claims in court. Oppose.	Vetoed
Expansion of Leave Requirements. AB 2340 (Monning; D-Carmel) Potentially makes the management of overlapping leave requests unfeasible or unfair and could create staffing shortages that temporarily halt operations by requiring every employer to provide every employee with up to three days of unpaid bereavement leave per year. Oppose.	Vetoed

<p>Expansion of Leave Requirements. SB 1304 (DeSaulnier; D-Concord) Potentially makes the management of overlapping leave requests unfeasible or unfair and creates staffing shortages that temporarily halt operations by requiring employers to provide paid leave of up to 30 days for organ donations and five days for bone marrow donations. Oppose.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 646</p>
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Legal Reform and Protection

<p>Undermines Judicial Discretion. AB 2773 (Swanson; D-Alameda) Unreasonably increases business litigation costs by limiting judicial discretion to reduce or deny exorbitant legal fees in fair employment and housing cases. Oppose/Job Killer.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
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<p>Interferes with Contractual Agreements. AB 1680 (Saldaña; D-San Diego) Burdens businesses with unnecessary litigation costs and slows down resolution of disputes by presumptively invalidating arbitration agreements in an otherwise voluntary contract if the underlying claim involves a possible hate crime. Oppose/Job Killer.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
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<p>Business to Business Contract Rights. AB 2490 (Jones; D-Sacramento) Before amendments, would have limited the freedom of sophisticated businesses to include forum-selection and choice-of-law provisions in contracts governing workers’ compensation claims. As amended, requires that agreements governing disputes between employers whose principal place of business is California and their workers’ compensation insurance carriers, over claims arising in California, be resolved in California according to California law unless otherwise agreed to by the parties at the time of the original contract establishing insurance coverage; and that this provision must be filed with the insurance commissioner. No Position.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
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<p>Expedited Jury Trials. AB 2284 (Evans; D-Santa Rosa) Establishes a new alternative to full-length jury trials, allowing individuals/organizations in California to resolve disputes efficiently and effectively, improving state’s legal climate and encouraging companies to expand/invest here. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 674</p>
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Other/Miscellaneous

<p>Restricts Business Options. SB 967 (Correa; D-Santa Ana) Limits choice and drives up prices for consumers and for state and local government by providing a preference to bidders who commit that 90 percent of the work will be performed by California employees. Oppose/Job Killer.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
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<p>Food Safety Training. SB 602 (Padilla; D-Pacoima) Industry-supported regulation requiring food handlers in restaurants to be trained and certified in basic food safety. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 309 Urgency</p>
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Privacy and Confidentiality

<p>Gift Certificates: Redemption. SB 885 (Corbett; D-San Leandro) Before amendments, would have imposed new burdensome and infeasible regulations on businesses that provide gift cards to consumers. Neutral.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
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<p>Victim’s Compensation. SB 1087 (Alquist; D-Santa Clara) Requires persons convicted of identity theft to pay restitution to victims for cost of credit monitoring for a reasonable time and for economic losses. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 107</p>
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<p>Disclosures Requirement. SB 909 (Wright; D-Inglewood) Before amendments, would have imposed additional requirements on investigative consumer reporting agencies compiling information derived overseas or reports being transmitted overseas. Now requires agencies to disclose on primary Internet website that some information may be handled overseas. Neutral.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 481</p>
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Taxation

<p>Discourages Investment. SB 1272 (Wolk; D-Davis) Creates uncertainty for California employers making long-term investment decisions by requiring all future-enacted investment incentives to sunset after seven years. Oppose/Job Killer.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
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<p>New Tax Penalty. SBX8 32 (Wolk; D-Davis) Reduces complexity and waste in tax reporting and administration by conforming many California tax provisions to recent changes in federal tax law, but is harmful to the business community because it also includes a harsh, unfair new penalty on taxpayers. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
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<p>Simplifies Tax Code/Federal Conformity. SB 401 (Wolk; D-Davis) Reduces complexity and waste in tax reporting and administration by conforming many California tax provisions to recent changes in federal tax law and includes a conformity provision that gives financial relief to troubled borrowers by excluding debt forgiven by a lender from a borrower's taxable income. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 14</p>
<p>Stigmatizes Employers Using Tax Incentives. AB 2666 (Skinner; D-Berkeley) Stigmatizes California employers for taking advantage of investment incentives by requiring the Franchise Tax Board to provide private tax information in a searchable online database for the largest 250 publicly traded corporations that claim these incentives. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p>Taxpayer Protection in Board of Equalization Proceedings. AB 2195 (Silva; R-Huntington Beach) Increases burden of proof for Board of Equalization to clear and convincing evidence standard for intent to evade fraud penalties. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 168</p>
<p>Equitable Administration of Interest by Board of Equalization. SB 1028 (Correa; D-Santa Ana) Provides taxpayer fairness by allowing Board of Equalization to compute interest due on a monthly basis when equitable. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 316</p>
<p>Tourism</p>	
<p>Increases Construction Jobs. SB 1192 (Oropeza; D-Long Beach) Creates construction jobs building travel infrastructure and creates a better travel environment for state business and tourism. Support/ Job Creator.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 642</p>
<p>Increases Business Liability. AB 1652 (Jones; D-Sacramento) Before amendments, would have placed substantial burdens on California ski resorts and opened them up to significant increased liability by requiring them to make their safety plans available to the public or publish them on the resort's website. No Position.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p>Legal Burden for Rental Car Companies. AB 2059 (C. Calderon; D-Montebello) Before amendments, would have required car rental companies to accept service of process for international renters who purchase supplemental liability coverage, and to notify them of service at the rental company's expense. As amended, requires car rental companies to accept service of process for international renters who purchase supplemental liability coverage, and to notify them of service. Neutral.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p>Transportation and Infrastructure</p>	
<p>Increased Construction Jobs. AB 2098 (Miller; R-Corona) Authorizes Riverside County Transportation Commission to use design-build to construct a portion of State Highway 91, thus putting more jobs on the ground more quickly. Support/Job Creator.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 250 Urgency</p>
<p>Protectionist Language in High-Speed Rail Authority. AB 619 (Blumenfield; D-San Fernando Valley) Increases the cost of the high-speed rail system and chances for delays by requiring companies bidding for contracts to acknowledge they were not involved in the deportation of concentration camp victims during World War II. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p>County Design-Build. SB 879 (Cox; R-Fair Oaks) Makes local public works projects more efficient, less costly, and puts jobs on the ground more quickly by extending the sunset for design-build authorization for counties. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 629</p>
<p>Equipment Performance Standards. AB 2738 (Niello; R-Fair Oaks) Directs state regulators to set performance standards rather than mandate the use of specific technologies, equipment, actions or procedures. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 398 Urgency</p>
<p>Gas Tax Swap. ABX8 6 (Committee on Budget) Authorization for metropolitan planning organizations to raise taxes and suspension of unitary tax credit and NOL tax credit has been removed. Increases diesel sales tax on some industries. Oppose.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 11</p>
<p>Engineering Firms. SB 1008 (Padilla; D-Pacoima) Allows engineering and land surveying firms to organize as a limited liability partnership (LLP). This gives them more flexibility to grow and to create more specialty partnerships that will boost project delivery options. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 634 Urgency</p>
<p>Continuation of C-17 Production. SJR 29 (Wright; D-Inglewood) Urges U.S. government to extend C-17 production in Long Beach. Support.</p>	<p>Resolution Chapter 138</p>

<p>National Freight Policy. SJR 33 (A. Lowenthal; D-Long Beach) Urges the U.S. Congress to create a national freight policy as a component of the next federal transportation bill, which will promote improved investment in the national and international supply chains. Support.</p>	<p>Resolution Chapter 100</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Unemployment Insurance</h2>	
<p>California Training Benefits Program. AB 2058 (Block; D-San Diego) Before amendments, broadly expanded unemployment insurance benefits for enrollment in any training or education without requiring a connection to employment upon completion. Now streamlines the delivery of unemployment insurance benefits to individuals who qualify for the California Training Benefits Program. No Position.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 591</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Water Supply and Quality</h2>	
<p>Mandatory Minimum Penalties. SB 1284 (Ducheny; D-San Diego) Disallows compounding mandatory penalties for violations that are non-threatening like failing to report that a facility had no discharge under its permit unless the water board has given notice of the violation. Sponsor/Co-Sponsor.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 645</p>
<p>Property Rights. AB 2304 (Huffman; D-San Rafael) Potentially abrogates private property rights by altering and expanding groundwater recharge definitions and requirements surrounding recharge areas. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p>California Water Commission. Terms. AB 1260 (Fuller; R-Bakersfield) Updates obsolete terms of appointments for commissioners. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 125</p>
<p>Water Bond. AB 1265 (Caballero; D-Salinas) Places the water bond on the November 2012 ballot. Allows Joint Power Authorities to include non-governmental entities in their membership but bars for-profit entities membership. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 126 Urgency</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Workers' Compensation</h2>	
<p>Workers' Compensation Apportionment. SB 145 (DeSaulnier; D-Concord) Erodes recent workers' compensation reforms and leads to higher premiums for California employers by undercutting fair and reasonable provisions in current law that protect an employer from paying for disability that was not caused by a workplace accident. Oppose/Job Killer.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p>Utilization Review. AB 933 (Fong; D-Cupertino) Increases the cost of performing utilization review (UR) on medical treatment requests by requiring all doctors who make UR decisions to be licensed in California. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p>Increased Workers' Compensation Costs. AB 2253 (Coto; D-San Jose) Drives up workers' compensation costs for public sector employers and creates pressure to apply similar presumptions to the private sector by giving public safety employees an extended timeframe to file for the cancer presumption from 60 months, or five years, to 120 months, or 10 years, after the termination of employment. Oppose.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 672</p>
<p>Workers' Compensation Coverage. SB 1254 (Leno; D-San Francisco) Authorizes the state to issue stop order to a contractor that does not have workers' compensation coverage. Support.</p>	<p>Signed—Chapter 643</p>
<p>Streamlined Medicare Claims Resolution. AJR 42 (Solorio; D-Anaheim) Allows parties to more quickly settle claims involving Medicare beneficiaries by providing them important information about potential Medicare Secondary Payer claims, and allowing them to more quickly, and with finality, settle claims they may have against third parties. Support.</p>	<p>Resolution Chapter 92</p>