The Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources (AENR) Policy Committee is responsible for the review of state and federal legislative proposals, state budget items, regulatory issues, and ballot measures relating to the environment and California’s natural resources. The committee’s wide range of policy issues includes agriculture, air quality, cannabis, water, forestry, mining, endangered species, disasters, energy, parks and recreation, public lands, coastal resources, fish and game, solid waste, and hazardous waste.

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**Primary Legislative Policy Committees**
Senate and Assembly Agriculture Committees
Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees
Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
Assembly Emergency Management
Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee
Assembly Natural Resources Committee
Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee
Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee

**Primary Budget Subcommittees**
Senate Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection and Energy
Assembly Subcommittee No. 3 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and Transportation

**Key State Agencies**
Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
California Air Resource Board
California Coastal Commission
California Energy Commission
California Environmental Protection Agency
California Natural Resources Agency
California Water Commission
CalRecycle
Department of Cannabis Control
Department of Conservation
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Department of Food and Agriculture
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Department of Parks and Recreation
Department of Toxic Substance Control
Department of Water Resources
Office of Emergency Services
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
Public Utilities Commission
State Mining and Geology Board
State Water Resources Control Board
Key CSAC Affiliates
California Agriculture Commissioners and Sealers Association
California Animal Control Directors Association
California Association of Regional Parks and Open Space Administrators
California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health
California County Planning Directors Association
California Emergency Services Association
California Operational Area Coalition
County Building Officials Association of California
County Engineers Association of California (CEAC)

CSAC Internal Working Groups/Task Forces
Resiliency Working Group
Cannabis Working Group
Coastal Counties Caucus

Legislative Responsibilities
- Agriculture: Williamson Act, weights & measures, pesticide use, county fairs, food safety
- Air Quality
- Animal Control
- Cannabis
- Climate Change
- Emergency Management: California Disaster Assistance Act, funding, Stafford Act, regulatory streamlining, public safety power shutoffs, seismic safety, oil spills
- Energy: project siting, renewable energy, conservation, PACE, Community Choice Aggregation
- Environmental Justice
- Fish & Wildlife
- Flood Control
- Forest management
- Natural Resources: mining, open space conservation, coastal and wetlands
- Parks and Recreation
- Solid Waste Management: facilities, recycling, organic waste, extended producer responsibility
- Water: supply and quality issues, Delta, bonds, groundwater, drinking water, conservation
- Wildfire Prevention and Safety