Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources

The Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources (AENR) Policy Committee is responsible for the review of state budget items and ballot measures, and state/federal legislative and regulatory proposals that affect agriculture, the environment and natural resources.

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

**Primary Budget Subcommittees**
- Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee and Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation
- Assembly Budget Committee and Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation

**Key State Agencies**
- California Environmental Protection Agency
- CalRecycle
- State Water Resources Control Board
- California Air Resource Board
- Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
- California Natural Resources Agency
- Department of Parks and Recreation
- Department of Water Resources
- Department of Conservation
- State Mining and Geology Board
- Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
- Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
- Department of Food and Agriculture
- Office of Emergency Services
- California Energy Commission
- Public Utilities Commission

**Key CSAC Affiliates**
- County Engineers Association of California (CEAC)
- California County Planning Directors Association
- California Agriculture Commissioners and Sealers Association
Key CSAC Affiliates (continued)
California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health
California Operational Area Coalition
California Emergency Services Association
California Animal Control Directors Association
California Association of Regional Parks and Open Space Administrators
County Building Officials Association of California

CSAC Internal Working Groups/Task Forces
CSAC Resiliency Advisory Committee
CSAC Cannabis Working Group
CSAC/RCRC Groundwater Management Working Group

Legislative Responsibilities
- Agriculture: Williamson Act, commissioners/weights & measures, pesticide use, county fairs and food safety
- Natural Resources: water, including supply and quality issues, Delta, bonds, groundwater, drinking water, and conservation; fish & wildlife, including California Endangered Species Act; forest management, air resources, mining, open space conservation, coastal and wetlands
- Fire Safety: state and federal funding and land use
- Energy: facility/transmission line siting, renewable energy, conservation, PACE, and Community Choice Aggregation
- Climate Change: sea level rise and coastal climate issues, Cap & Trade, AB 32 Scoping Plan updates/implementation, and adaptation
- Flood Control/Stormwater: land use, state and federal funding and regulatory streamlining
- Parks and Recreation: land use and funding
- Environmental Justice: CalEnviroScreen Tool, disadvantaged communities
- Solid Waste Management: facilities, recycling, conversion technology, and extended producer responsibility
- Emergency Management: California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA), Federal Stafford Act, state and federal funding, regulatory streamlining, public safety power shutdowns, seismic safety and oil spills
- Animal Control
- Cannabis
- California Environmental Quality Act