Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources

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