

# 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

# **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

**Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee** 

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

California Bureau of Cannabis Control

**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 Board

**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, seismic safety, oil spills, and wildfire
- Animal Control
- Cannabis
- California Environmental Quality Act