



AENR Legislative Update

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2026 Bills: Jordan Wells, AENR Legislative Advocate

Solid Waste & Recycling:

- **AB 1812 (Aguiar-Curry)** Solid waste: compostable products: regulations. – **SUPPORT**
- **AB 2462 (Pellerin)** Unsafe products: disposal: penalties. – **CO-SPONSOR**

Wildfire:

- **AB 1699 (Rogers)** Good Fire Act: Prescribed Fire Liability Pilot Program: burn bosses: California Environmental Quality Act. – **SUPPORT**
- **AB 2410 (Ellis)** Wildfire safety: fuels reduction projects: California Environmental Quality Act: California Coastal Act. – **SUPPORT**

Energy:

- **AB 1761 (Rodriguez)** Electricity: calculation methodology: data disclosure. – **SUPPORT**
- **SB 1138 (Padilla)** Load-serving entities: resource adequacy requirements. – **SUPPORT**

Coastal: **2254 (Addis)** Coastal resources: monarch butterfly habitat. – **OPPOSE**

Other: Natural Catastrophe Resiliency Study (SB 254 Report), utility wildfire liability. – **ENGAGED**

2026 Bills: Charles Delgado, AENR Legislative Advocate

- **AB 35 (Alvarez)** Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act: exemption: program guidelines and selection criteria. – **SUPPORT**
- **AB 1754 (Pacheco)** State general obligation bonds: requirements. – **OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED**
- **AB 2051 (Wicks)** Public resources: Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group. – **SUPPORT**
- **AB 2469 (Papan)** Data centers: water use disclosures. – **OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED**
- **SB 601 (Allen)** Water: waste discharge. – **OPPOSE**

Tribal Bills

- **AB 1881 (Ramos)** California Indian Freedom Act of 2026. - **OPPOSE**
- **AB 2218 (Kalra)** Water policy: California Native American Tribes. – **OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED**
- **SB 1326 (Wahab)** CEQA: tribal cultural resources: mitigation measures. – **OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED**

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF)

- 9/19/26: AB 1207 (Irwin) & SB 840 (Limón) signed into law
 - Cap & Invest Program reauthorized until 2045
 - GGRF tiered Expenditure Plan
- CA Air Resources Board (CARB) Regulations
 - 4/16/26: Draft Regulations proposed amendments
 - Budget Subcommittee hearings
 - CSAC & CalCities Letter of Concern
 - 5/28/26: CARB Meeting

2026-27 Cap-and-Invest Expenditure Plan					
(Dollars in Millions)					
Tier	Program	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Tier 1 Appropriations	Manufacturing Tax Credit	\$159	\$163	\$168	\$174
	State Operations	\$120	\$124	\$127	\$131
	State Responsibility Area Fee Backfill	\$88	\$88	\$88	\$88
	Legislative Counsel Climate Bureau	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3
Tier 2 Appropriations	High Speed Rail Authority	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
	\$1 billion reserved for discretionary appropriations:				
	- CAL FIRE General Fund Shift ^{1/}	\$750	\$500	\$500	\$0
	- SB 840 Commitments	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0
	- Remaining Amount Available for Tier 2 Discretionary Funding	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Tier 3 Appropriations^{2/}	Affordable Housing	\$396	\$435	\$475	\$516
	Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program	\$283	\$311	\$339	\$369
	Community Air Protection	\$177	\$194	\$212	\$231
	Sustainable Communities and Agricultural Land Conservation	\$170	\$186	\$204	\$221
	Low Carbon Transit Operations Program	\$141	\$155	\$170	\$184
	Healthy and Resilient Forests	\$141	\$155	\$170	\$184
	Safe & Affordable Drinking Water Program	\$92	\$101	\$110	\$120

^{1/} Remaining \$500 million for the CAL FIRE General Fund shift in 2026-27 is funded with additional discretionary funding from interest earnings.

^{2/} Tier 3 funding is based on auction proceeds estimates which are based on recent auction results. This scenario is presented as an example only and should not be considered as a market price forecast.



THANK YOU

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