




DATE: July 25, 2018

MEMO TO: MROSD Board of Directors

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FROM: Joshua Hugg, Governmental Affairs Specialist

SUBJECT: State Legislative Update

SUMMARY

Periodically, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's (District) Board of Directors (Board) will receive a State of California Legislative Session briefing regarding recent legislative developments. Staff and the District's legislative consultants, Public Policy Advocates (PPA) and Environment and Energy Consultants (EEC), last provided a legislative update to the Board on June 13, 2018, shortly after surviving bills crossed out of their respective houses of origin. Since then, the State has signed into law the \$201 billion fiscal year 2018-19 budget (www.ebudget.ca.gov) and agreed on the allocation of approximately \$1.6 billion in Cap and Trade funds.

Staff and the District's legislative consultants also continue to utilize the Board-approved 2018 Legislative Program to communicate District positions on bills, budget recommendations, and other legislative items to the respective authors and/or legislative committees as appropriate. In addition, staff fields time-sensitive requests from partners, and monitors evolving pieces of legislation in accordance with Board Policy 1.11. Please refer to Attachment 2 for a snapshot on the status of priority bills as of July 20, 2018.

State of California Upcoming Legislative Calendar

The State Legislature is currently in the middle of its summer recess, which ends August 5. Key deadlines are as follows (see Attachment 1 for full calendar):

July 7 – August 5	Summer Recess (following passage of Budget Bill)
August 17	Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills
August 24	Last day to amend bills on the floor
August 31	Last day for each house to pass bills, except bills that take effect immediately or bills in Extraordinary Session. Final Recess begins upon adjournment.
September 30	Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before September 1.
November 6	General Election
December 3	Convening of the 2019-20 Regular Session

BACKGROUND

Updates from Environment and Energy Consulting:

Cap-and-Trade/Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund

The Legislature passed the 2018-19 Cap-and-Trade Expenditure Plan earlier this summer, which contains \$1.4 billion in investments in clean transportation and energy, short-lived climate pollutant reduction technologies, natural resources, and climate change technology solutions research. Of the natural resources investments, the Legislature allocated the following:

- \$160M to healthy and resilient forest projects;
- \$30M to prescribed fire and fuel reduction;
- \$5M to local fire response;
- \$5M to urban forestry projects;
- \$5M to coastal resilience;
- \$5M to wetlands restoration; and
- \$20M to urban greening.

California Budget/Prop 68

The Legislature passed the 2018-19 budget in June, containing over \$1 billion in Prop 68 investments, along with additional investments in natural resources and water. Most notably, the Legislature allocated \$10 million from the General Fund to help purchase land with important conservation and habitat value from the San Jose Water Company.

- **California Wildlife Corridor Working Group (WCWG):** MROSD is an active member of the WCWG. The group successfully advocated for a \$10 million 2018-19 Prop 68 allocation that the Governor approved in the final budget. The group is now compiling existing and potential corridor projects that could benefit from this first tranche of Prop 68 wildlife corridor funds, as well as future allocations. This compilation of projects may provide some basic information for the Wildlife Conservation Board and other agencies to use in developing the Prop 68 program guidelines, as well as provide merits for future allocations.

Water Legislation:

- **AB 2551 (Wood D)** Forest and Wildland Health Improvement and Fire Prevention Program: joint prescribed burning operations: watersheds.
District Position: Support
Status: Pending in Senate Appropriations Committee
- **SB 881 (Wieckowski D)** Flood control: County of Santa Clara: South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project
District Position: Support
Status: Pending in Assembly Appropriations Committee
- **SB 919 (Dodd D)** Water resources: stream gages.
District Position: Support
Status: Pending in Assembly Appropriations Committee

- **SB 1301 (Beall D)** State permitting: environment: processing procedures: dam safety or flood risk reduction project.
District Position: Support
Status: Pending in Assembly Appropriations Committee
- **Meral Bond (Proposition 3)**
 - The “Meral Bond” is a citizens’ initiative bond measure containing \$8.875B for water projects.
 - As of June 28, the Meral Bond is now known as Proposition 3 for the General Election ballot in November.

Updates from Public Policy Advocates (PPA):

Wildfire Prevention and Preparedness Update:

The major recent development was the formation of a joint legislative Conference Committee to focus on prevention, mitigation, and preparedness policies to strengthen the response to year-round wildfire danger in California. Senate Bill 901 (Dodd) has been amended to articulate various objectives to address before the Legislature adjourns on August 31. SB 901 will receive an informational hearing on Wednesday, July 25 at 10:30 a.m., which is two weeks before the Legislature reconvenes on August 6. Please use the links below to review the Conference Committee webpage and Agenda for this hearing. The inverse condemnation law, which imposes a strict liability standard on utility companies in wildfire settings, will also be analyzed by the committee. Attached please find a joint letter sent to the conferees co-signed by the League of California Cities, CSAC and the urban and rural county organizations (Attachment 1). PPA has been active in articulating the need to synchronize any modifications to state law with the various prevention and mitigation programs that have had a substantial positive impact on the local level.

- Link: [SB 901 \(Dodd\)](#)
- Link: Conference Committee [Webpage](#)
- Link: 07/25/2018 Hearing [Agenda](#)

Pension Reform:

PPA provided an update on the recent conference call and nothing has really changed. Significant pension reform, beyond what Governor Brown accomplished early in his second stint as Governor, is not on the current horizon and will remain an issue requiring legislative attention in 2019.

Redevelopment Revival:

As reported earlier, two measures were introduced this session to begin the debate over whether a new and improved Redevelopment Agency Law could be constructed to fund infrastructure and affordable housing programs. [Assembly Bill 3037 \(Chiu\)](#) and [Assembly Bill 1778 \(Holden\)](#) were the lead bills and both are dead for this session. Although Governor Brown remains adamantly opposed to reinstating redevelopment agencies, a new group of legislators are hoping to lay the foundation for a politically feasible legislative approach to present to the next Governor next year.

Other Legislative Items:

- [Assembly Bill 1838 \(Committee on Budget\)](#) was enacted to provide for a 13 year moratorium on local governments imposing taxes on sugared beverages. The bill was passed to stave off an Initiative from being placed on the November Ballot funded by the beverage manufacturers, which would have raised the vote on all local tax ordinances to a 2/3 supermajority vote.
- [Assembly Bill 2329 \(Oberholte\)](#) would increase the amount of compensation board members of special districts can receive per month. The bill has passed the Senate Governance and Finance Committee with a few changes. As amended, the bill will allow open space districts like the District to increase to six meetings per month for which board members can be compensated and to increase, by ordinance, the amount of compensation received for attending meetings of the board by up to 5% annually. AB 2329 passed the Senate shortly before the Summer Break and will be taken up by the Assembly for concurrence in Senate amendments when the Legislature returns in August.



July 10, 2018

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Re: Wildfire Preparedness & Response Conference Committee

Dear Governor Brown and Conference Committee Members:

As we enter full force into another wildfire season, we appreciate your focus on wildfire preparedness with the establishment of a Wildfire Preparedness and Response Conference Committee. Local governments across California have long been at the forefront of this issue with the trends of increasing wildfire severity and our growing tree mortality crisis in California. Cities and counties across the state have been impacted by wildfire and are responding, adapting and becoming more resilient to these disasters through enhanced planning and emergency preparedness efforts.

Our organizations strongly support the call to action to strengthen our fire prevention activities and become more resilient as a state to the increased threat of wildfire. We stand ready to work the Legislature and the Administration to address the root causes of the growing threat of catastrophic wildfire. We strongly support the Governor's May 2018 Executive Order to combat dangerous tree mortality, increase the ability of our forests to capture carbon, and systematically improve forest management. Climate change alone is not causing these fires, and we strongly believe that we are not helpless to change the intensity of these events and become more resilient to them.

We are encouraged to see this Committee focused on how utilities can also strengthen policies to protect against wildfire and other natural disasters, including updating and enhancing policies around

vegetation management, infrastructure maintenance and resiliency, and safety and emergency preparedness plans. However, we must express our strong concerns about potential efforts to revise constitutional protections under the “inverse condemnation” laws and long-standing liability statutes related to the causes of wildfires.

For decades, local governments could rely on the law and the courts to make cities and counties, and their constituents and businesses, whole after a disaster caused by a utility. Inverse condemnation is protected by our state’s constitution as the flip side of eminent domain, the process by which a government agency can take property for public benefit as long as the property owner is adequately compensated. The inverse means that if property is damaged by a public benefit (i.e. providing electricity), damages can be sought and awarded. The power of eminent domain, along with the potential for inverse condemnation damages, has been extended by the courts and subsequently the Legislature to private utilities. Thus, a utility can’t enjoy the power of eminent domain without also bearing the risk of liability in inverse condemnation if its actions damage property.

This legal standard is critically important for several reasons. First, we believe inverse condemnation works to provide a strong incentive for utilities to take action and invest in critical safety and resiliency measures to protect the ratepayers and residents of the areas we collectively serve. Second, local governments and private citizens use inverse condemnation as a legal standing to bring large, well-funded utilities to the table to settle for damages rather than languish in court under negligence suits. Utilities can be held liable under negligence claims, and often are. However, as result of the standing under inverse condemnation liability applicable to wildfires started by utility companies, utilities are more likely to settle large fire-related litigation rather than seek a judgment in court. We strongly believe our liability laws level the playing field, bringing billion-dollar companies to the table with less-powerful victims.

Furthermore, the utilities describe inverse condemnation as “no-fault” liability. This is not the case. If a utility’s equipment was the cause of a fire, liability can be assigned under inverse condemnation even if the utility acted reasonably and prudently. However, that liability can be transferred to their rate payers if the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) determines that the utility did, in fact, act reasonably. Thus, this legal tool provides a strong incentive for utilities to invest in safety while still providing them the ability to spread the cost to rate payers.

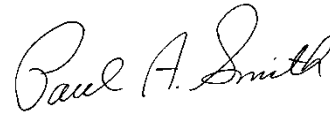
Even if changes to inverse condemnation are not retroactive, we strongly believe that any prospective changes to liability laws undertaken in response to one set of fires will have a lasting impact on current and future events and our ability to be made whole after disasters. CAL Fire officials have determined that 16 of the 2017 fires were caused by utility equipment, and 11 of those cases have been referred to prosecutors for criminal investigation. We, therefore, believe it is highly inappropriate to suggest changes to liability laws without first fully examining safety requirements and standards. **We strongly urge you to resist the request to change the rules for the utilities.**

Local governments stand ready to partner with the Administration and this Committee to reduce the risk of wildfire and establish policies that improve the safety of our communities. We look forward to working with you on the critical issue.

Sincerely,



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AB 1945	Garcia, Eduardo D	Climate	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: investment plan.	6/25/2018-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	6/25/2018-S. APPR.	Would require the State Air Resources Board to work with state agencies administering grant programs that allocate moneys from the fund to give specified communities preferential points during grant application scoring for programs intended to improve air quality and to include a specified application timeline for programs with competitive application processes and to allow applicants from the Counties of Imperial and San Diego to include daytime population numbers in grant applications.	Watch	2
SB 1015	Allen D	Climate	California Climate Resiliency Program.	6/26/2018-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 6.) (June 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	6/26/2018-A. APPR.	Would establish the California Climate Resiliency Program to increase resiliency to climate change impacts in urban and rural communities throughout the state and to fund the planning and implementation of projects that improve and enhance the climate change resiliency of natural systems, natural and working lands, and developed areas. The bill would require that the program be developed and implemented by the Wildlife Conservation Board, in coordination with any participating state conservancies, as defined.	Support	2
SB 262	Wieckowski D	Climate	Climate change: climate adaptation: advisory council.	6/27/2018-June 27 set for first hearing. Placed on APPR. suspense file.	6/27/2018-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE	Current law requires the Office of Planning and Research to administer the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program. Current law requires the office, in coordination with appropriate entities, to establish a clearinghouse for climate adaptation information for use by state, regional, and local entities. Current law requires the office to establish an advisory council, comprised of members for a range of disciplines, to support the office's goals to facilitate coordination among state, regional, and local agency efforts to adapt to the impacts of climate change. This bill would recast the advisory council as the California Council for Adaptation and Resiliency.	Support	2
SB 881	Wieckowski D	Climate	Flood control: County of Santa Clara: South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project.	6/28/2018-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 10. Noes 0.) (June 28). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	6/28/2018-A. APPR.	Would authorize the state to provide subvention funds to the Santa Clara Valley Water District for the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project for flood control in areas along the south San Francisco Bay in the County of Santa Clara, as described, at an estimated cost to the state of the sum that may be appropriated for state cooperation by the Legislature upon the recommendation and advice of the Department of Water Resources and upon a determination by the department that the project meets specified financial aid requirements. The bill would provide that the state assumes no liability for damages that may result from the project by authorizing the provision of subvention funds, or by the appropriation of those subvention funds, as specified.	Support	2

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AB 2534	Limón D	Education	Parks: environmental education: grant program.	7/3/2018-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	6/26/2018-S. APPR.	Would require the Director of Parks and Recreation, on or before May 1, 2019, to establish the Outdoor Equity Grants Program, to increase the ability of underserved and at-risk populations to participate in outdoor environmental educational experiences at state parks and other public lands where outdoor environmental education programs take place. The bill would require the director to, among other things, give priority for funding to outdoor environmental education programs that primarily provide outreach to and serve students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, foster youth, or pupils of limited English proficiency, as provided.	Watch	2
SB 1072	Leyva D	Equity	Regional Climate Collaborative Program: technical assistance.	7/2/2018-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	6/26/2018-A. APPR.	Would, until October 1, 2029, establish a regional climate collaborative program, to be administered by the Strategic Growth Council, to assist under-resourced communities, as defined, in a region to access statewide public and other grant moneys, as specified, for climate mitigation and adaptation projects by establishing collaboratives, as specified. The bill would authorize the council to award specified grants to collaboratives for specified activities.	Support in Concept	2
AB 1800	Levine D	Fire	Fire insurance: indemnity.	7/2/2018-Ordered to inactive file at the request of Senator Glazer.	7/2/2018-S. INACTIVE FILE	Current law defines the measure of indemnity for a loss under an open fire insurance policy and specifies time limits under which an insured must collect the full replacement cost of the loss. Current law prohibits, in the event of a total loss of the insured structure, a fire insurance policy issued or delivered in the state from limiting or denying payment of the replacement cost of property if the insured decides to rebuild or replace the property at a location other than the insured premises. Current law requires the measure of indemnity to be based upon the replacement cost of the insured property and prohibits it from being based upon the cost to repair, rebuild, or replace at a location other than the insured premises. This bill would instead prohibit, in the event of a total loss of an insured structure, a fire insurance policy issued or delivered in this state from containing a provision that limits or denies, on the basis that the insured has decided to rebuild at a new location or to purchase an already built home at a new location, payment of the building code upgrade cost or the replacement cost, including any extended replacement cost coverage, to the extent those costs are otherwise covered by the terms of the policy or any policy endorsement.	Support	2

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AB 1954	Patterson R	Fire	Timber harvest plans: exemption: reducing flammable materials.	7/3/2018-Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar.	7/2/2018-S. CONSENT CALENDAR	The Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practices Act of 1973 authorizes the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to exempt from some or all of those provisions of the act a person engaging in specified forest management activities, including a person engaged in forest management whose activities are limited to the cutting or removal of trees on the person's property in compliance with existing laws relating to defensible space, as provided, and requires the board to adopt regulations to implement this exemption no later than January 1, 2016. Current law makes the above exemption inoperative 3 years after the effective date of regulations adopted by the board or no later than January 1, 2019. This bill would extend the inoperative date to January 1, 2022, and would delete the reporting requirement.	Support	2
AB 2091	Grayson D	Fire	Fire prevention: prescribed burns: insurance pool.	7/3/2018-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	6/26/2018-S. APPR.	Current law establishes in the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection consisting of specified members who are selected and approved for appointment on the basis of their educational and professional qualifications and their general knowledge of, interest in, and experience with, among other things, forest management practices. This bill would rename the board the State Board of Forestry and Fire Prevention and Protection.	Support	2
AB 2551	Wood D	Fire	Forest and Wildland Health Improvement and Fire Prevention Program: joint prescribed burning operations: watersheds.	7/3/2018-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	7/3/2018-S. APPR.	Would require the Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention to establish, implement, and administer the Forest and Wildland Health Improvement and Fire Prevention Program, as prescribed. The bill would require the department to take specified actions to implement and administer programs that are intended to promote forest and wildland health, restoration, and resilience, and improve fire outcomes, prevention, and preparedness throughout the state. The bill would also require the department, to the extent feasible, to collaborate with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to utilize correctional officers and conservation crews for vegetation management and fire prevention activities.	Support	2

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SB 1079	Monning D	Fire	Forest resources: fire prevention grants: advance payments.	7/2/2018-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.	7/2/2018-A. THIRD READING	Current law authorizes the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to provide grants to entities, including, but not limited to, private or nongovernmental entities, Native American tribes, or local, state, and federal public agencies, for the implementation and administration of projects and programs to improve forest health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Budget Act of 2017 appropriated moneys to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for purposes of providing local assistance grants, grants to fire safe councils, and grants to qualified nonprofit organizations with a demonstrated ability to satisfactorily plan, implement, and complete a fire prevention project for these same purposes, as provided. This bill would, until January 1, 2024, authorize the director to authorize advance payments to a nonprofit organization, a local agency, a special district, a private forest landowner, or a Native American tribe from the grant awards specified above.	Support	2
SB 1260	Jackson D	Fire	Fire prevention and protection: prescribed burns.	7/2/2018-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	6/27/2018-A. APPR.	Current law requires a local agency to designate, by ordinance, very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction, as provided in connection with a state program for fire prevention. This bill would require the local agency to transmit a copy of the adopted ordinance to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection within 30 days of adoption. By imposing a new duty on a local agency, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	Watch	2
AB 1918	Garcia, Eduardo D	Public Access	Office of Sustainable Outdoor Recreation.	7/2/2018-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	6/26/2018-S. APPR.	Current law establishes in the Natural Resources Agency the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake, for the purposes of discussion, reviewing research, planning, and providing oversight regarding the health of Clear Lake. This bill would establish in the agency the Office of Sustainable Outdoor Recreation. The bill would require the office to undertake certain activities, including supporting the outdoor recreation economy of the state by engaging in specified activities. The bill would also require the office to create an advisory committee to provide advice, expertise, support, and service to the office.	Support	2
AB 2615	Carrillo D	Public Access	State highway system: parks and recreation: accessibility for bicycles and pedestrians.	6/25/2018-In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.	6/25/2018-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE	Would, to the extent possible, and where feasible, require the Department of Transportation to partner with appropriate public agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department of Parks and Recreation, any federal department or agency, and any regional or local public entity, to develop strategies and plans to maximize safe and convenient access for bicycles and pedestrians to federal, state, regional, and local parks adjacent to or connected to the state highway system.	Support/Coalition	2

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AB 2137	Mayes R	Special District	Regional park and open-space districts: general manager: powers.	6/19/2018-Read second time and amended. Ordered to third reading.	6/19/2018-S. THIRD READING	Current law generally authorizes the general manager of any park or open-space district, with district board approval, to bind the district, in accordance with board policy, and without advertising, for the payment for supplies, materials, labor, or other valuable consideration for any purpose in amounts not exceeding \$25,000. However, current law grants that authority to the general managers of the East Bay Regional Park District, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, and the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District with respect to the payment of amounts not exceeding \$50,000. This bill would instead make \$50,000 the limit by which the general manager of any park or open space district, with district board approval, may bind the district, in accordance with board policy that has been adopted in an open meeting, and without advertising, for the payment for supplies, materials, labor, or other valuable consideration for any purpose.	Watch	2
AB 2329	Oberholte R	Special District	Special districts: board of directors: compensation.	7/5/2018-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Concurrence in Senate amendments pending. May be considered on or after August 3 pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.	7/5/2018-A. CONCURRENCE	Current law authorizes the board of trustees of a public cemetery district to approve an ordinance or resolution to compensate its members no more than \$100 to attend a board meeting, for no more than 4 meetings per month, and authorizes a public cemetery district board of trustees to increase that compensation by no more than 5% annually. This bill would authorize a public cemetery district board of trustees to compensate its members for no more than 6 meetings in a calendar month.	Support	2
SB 929	McGuire D	Special District	Special districts: Internet Web sites.	7/2/2018-From consent calendar on motion of Assembly Member Calderon.	6/27/2018-A. THIRD READING	The California Public Records Act requires a local agency to make public records available for inspection and allows a local agency to comply by posting the record on its Internet Web site and directing a member of the public to the Web site, as specified. This bill would, beginning on January 1, 2020, require every independent special district to maintain an Internet Web site that clearly lists contact information for the special district, except as provided. Because this bill would require local agencies to provide a new service, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	Support	2
AB 2470	Grayson D	Stewardship	Invasive Species Council of California: Invasive Species Advisory Committee.	6/19/2018-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 4. Noes 0.) (June 19). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	6/19/2018-S. APPR.	Would establish the Invasive Species Council of California, with a prescribed membership, to help coordinate a comprehensive effort to prevent the introduction of invasive species in the state and to provide for the control or eradication of invasive species already established in the state, as specified. This bill would establish the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee, with a prescribed membership, to advise the council on a broad array of issues related to preventing the introduction of invasive species and providing for their control or eradication, as well as minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause, as specified.	Support	2

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AB 2805	Bigelow R	Stewardship	Wild pigs: validations.	6/28/2018-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	6/26/2018-S. APPR.	Current law requires a person to procure, as specified, either a hunting license and a wild pig tag or a depredation permit in order to take a wild pig. However, current law provides that any wild pig that is encountered while in the act of inflicting injury to, or damaging or destroying, or threatening to immediately damage or destroy, land or other property may be taken immediately by the owner or the owner's employee or agent, as specified. Under current law, a violation of the Fish and Game Code is a crime. This bill would revise and recast the provisions applicable to wild pigs by, among other things, specifying that the wild pig is not a game mammal or nongame mammal.	Support	2
SB 835	Glazer D	Stewardship	Parks: smoking ban.	6/27/2018-June 27 set for first hearing. Placed on APPR. suspense file.	6/27/2018-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE	Current law makes it an infraction punishable by a fine of \$250 for a person to smoke a cigarette, cigar, or other tobacco-related product within 25 feet of a playground or tot lot sandbox area. This bill would make it an infraction punishable by a fine of up to \$25 for a person to smoke, as defined, in a unit of the state park system or to dispose of used cigar or cigarette waste in a unit of the state park system. The bill would establish a state-mandated local program by creating a new crime.	Support	2
SB 919	Dodd D	Stewardship	Water resources: stream gages.	6/27/2018-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	6/27/2018-A. APPR.	Would require the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to develop a plan to deploy a network of stream gages that includes a determination of funding needs and opportunities for modernizing and reactivating existing gages and deploying new gages, as specified. The bill would require the department and the board, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Conservation, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, interested stakeholders, and, to the extent they wish to consult, local agencies, to develop the plan to address significant gaps in information necessary for water management and the conservation of freshwater species.	Support	2