



Midpeninsula Regional  
Open Space District

## LEGISLATIVE, FUNDING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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February 19, 2015

### AGENDA ITEM 3

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Informational Report from Ralph Heim, Public Policy Advocates, LLC

#### SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

Ralph Heim of Public Policy Advocates, LLC, the District's legislative consultant in Sacramento, will attend via conference call the February 19, 2015 Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee. He will present a legislative briefing on matters of interest to the District including the State Budget Report. The agenda for his presentation is as follows:

- 1) Legislative role of Public Policy Advocates for the District;
- 2) Review of State Budget (Attachment 1);
- 3) Overview of Prop 1, 2014 Water Bond (Attachment 2);
- 4) Review of Parks Forward Commission Report and Recommendations for the Future of California State Parks;
- 5) Potential for Future of State Parks Bond;
- 6) New State Legislation (Attachment 3)
  - AB 168 (Maienschein R) Local government finance (WATCH)
  - AB 237 (Daly D) Local governments: parcel taxes: notice (WATCH)
  - ACR 18 (Gordon D) Parks Make Life Better! Month (SUPPORT)
  - SB8 (Hertzberg D) Taxation (WATCH)
  - SB45 (Mendoza D) Economic Development (WATCH)
  - SB 201 (Wieckowski D) California Public Records Act (WATCH)
- 7) Committee Discussion

#### FISCAL IMPACT

None

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

#### CEQA COMPLIANCE

This item is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Attachments:

1. State Budget Highlights
2. Implementing 2014 Water Bond Handout

3. Legislative Update

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# Memorandum

DATE: January 19, 2015

MEMO TO: Legislation, Funding and Public Affairs Committee

THROUGH: Stephen E. Abbors, General Manager 

FROM: Shelly Lewis, Public Affairs Manager

SUBJECT: State Budget Highlights

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## SUMMARY

On January 9, 2015, Governor Edmund G. Brown proposed a balanced State Budget. Public Policy Advocates, LLC, the District's legislative consulting firm, pulled the following highlights from the budget that may be of interest to the District. In addition the California Special Districts Association announced highlights of interest to all California Special Districts which is attached.

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### Department of Parks and Recreation

The Budget includes \$571.3 million (\$115.9 million General Fund) and 3,651 positions for the Department.

#### Significant Adjustments:

- **Maintain Services at State Parks**—A one-time increase of \$16.8 million State Parks and Recreation Fund (State Parks Fund) to continue existing service levels throughout the state park system. The 2014 Budget Act also provided a one-time increase to maintain the current level of service at state parks. The Department's significant fund balances in the State Parks Fund have allowed for such one-time increases over the last few years. However, continuing to spend down the Department's fund balance is not a sustainable funding model for the state park system. The newly established transformation team is charged with identifying improvements for the Department's long-term fiscal operations. This funding will provide the transformation team the time to develop solutions and evaluate the recommendations of the Parks Forward Commission.
- **Opening Los Angeles State Historic Park**—An increase of \$1.2 million State Parks Fund to operate the new LA Historic Park in downtown Los Angeles. The construction of the park is scheduled to be completed in fall 2015. The Department is partnering with local non-profit groups to develop the cultural and interpretative experiences at the park. This Historic Park will interpret the stories of the park and surrounding community and their significance to the establishment and growth of Los Angeles. The project promotes and preserves the cultural heritage of the area and maximizes event capacity for revenue-generating special events.

- **Opening New Donner Memorial State Park Interpretive Visitor Center**—An increase of \$424,000 State Parks Fund to operate the new Donner visitor center at Donner State Park. The construction of the facility was funded through Proposition 84 and was completed in April 2014. It is expected that visitation will double at the new center as a result of the new exhibits, expanded interpretive programs, and modern auditorium.

- **Revenue Generation Projects**—An increase of \$435,785 for operational costs associated with revenue generation projects implemented under the revenue generation program established by Chapter 530, Statutes of 2012 (AB 1478). These successful projects at Hearst Castle, Silver Strand State Beach and Columbia State Park generate projected revenue of \$1.3 million.

### **Redevelopment Agencies**

From 2011-12 to 2013-14, approximately \$990 million in property tax revenue has been returned to cities, \$1.3 billion to counties, and \$430 million to special districts. The Budget anticipates that in 2014-15 and 2015-16 combined, cities will receive an additional \$580 million, counties \$660 million, and special districts \$200 million. The Budget anticipates ongoing property tax revenues of more than \$900 million annually will be distributed to cities, counties, and special districts. This is a significant amount of unrestricted funding that can be used by local governments to fund police, fire, and other critical public services.

### **State Mandated Reimbursements**

The Budget continues the suspension of most mandates not related to law enforcement or property taxes.

Significant Adjustments:

- **Status of Trigger Mechanism**—The 2014 Budget Act made a \$100 million repayment on pre-2004 mandate debt owed to counties, cities, and special districts. For the remaining \$800 million pre-2004 mandate debt, the 2014 Budget Act includes a trigger mechanism that will be used if, at the 2015 May Revision, estimated General Fund revenues for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 fiscal years exceed the 2014 May Revision estimate for those same revenues. After satisfying the Proposition 98 guarantee, additional revenues, up to \$800 million, will pay down the remainder of the state's pre-2004 mandate debt. Current estimates indicate that the trigger mechanism will result in a \$533 million payment toward this mandate debt. These funds will provide counties, cities, and special districts with general purpose revenue. It is the Administration's expectation that local governments use these funds for core services such as public safety and improving the implementation of 2011 Realignment.

- **Funded Mandates**—In June 2014, California voters approved Proposition 42 which placed the Public Records Act in the Constitution and removed the state's ongoing responsibility to fund the Public Records Act mandate. The Budget makes a one-time payment of \$9.6 million to fund the back costs local agencies accrued from 2001 to 2013 performing activities under the Public Records Act mandate. The Budget also provides \$218,000 to fund the Accounting for Local Revenue Realignments mandate which involves county administration of funding changes in 2003-2004 that addressed budget shortfalls at that time.

- **Transformation Team**—A two-year funding commitment of \$3 million for a team of experts from both outside and inside the department. The Budget includes an increase of \$936,000 State

Parks Fund and assumes the redirection of resources for the balance. Partners outside of state government with interests in improving the state park system may also provide funding.

- **Deferred Maintenance**—The Budget provides \$125 million General Fund to various state agencies to address critical infrastructure deferred maintenance needs. Of this amount, \$20 million will be allocated to the state park system.

February 10, 2015

# Implementing the 2014 Water Bond

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Presented to:  
Assembly Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife  
Hon. Marc Levine, Chair





## Overview of the 2014 Water Bond (Proposition 1)

<b>Uses of Proposition 1</b>	
<i>(In Millions)</i>	
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Total Allocation</b>
Water storage	\$2,700
Watershed protection and restoration	1,495
Groundwater sustainability	900
Regional water management	810
Water recycling and desalination	725
Drinking water quality	520
Flood protection	395
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,545</b>

- Voters approved Proposition 1 in November 2014. The bond provides \$7.5 billion to fund various water-related projects. Of this total, \$425 million was redirected from unsold bonds previously authorized by voters for resources-related purposes.
- As shown in the figure, the two largest categories of funding included in Proposition 1 are water storage (\$2.7 billion) and watershed protection and restoration (\$1.5 billion).



## Proposition 1 Implementation

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- Water Storage Funds Are Continuously Appropriated.*** Proposition 1 provides a continuous appropriation to the California Water Commission for the \$2.7 billion for water storage. The commission would not have to go through the state budget process to spend these funds.
- Legislature Appropriates Other Bond Funds.*** For other bond allocations, the Legislature will appropriate bond funds to state departments. After receiving appropriations for capital projects, departments have three years to commit funds and two additional years to spend them.
- Departments Select Projects.*** Departments will typically select projects on a competitive basis. The measure prohibits the Legislature from allocating bond funds to specific projects. However, the Legislature can provide some direction on what types of projects or programs departments select. Most funding under the bond (\$5.7 billion) is available only if recipients provide matching funding to support the projects.
- State Sells Bonds.*** The Department of Finance works with departments and the State Treasurer's Office to determine the timing of bond sales. Generally, the state attempts to coordinate timing of bond sales to project needs in order to reduce interest costs.
- State Repays Bonds With Interest.*** The state repays bonds over time with interest. We anticipate that it will cost an average of about \$360 million annually over the next 40 years to repay the new bond authority provided in Proposition 1.



## Governor's Proposal

<b>Governor's 2015-16 Proposals for Proposition 1 Bond Funds</b>	
<i>(In Millions)</i>	
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Proposed for 2015-16</b>
<b>Water Storage</b>	<b>\$3</b>
Water storage projects	\$3
<b>Watershed Protection and Restoration</b>	<b>\$178</b>
Conservancy restoration projects	\$84
Enhanced stream flows	39
Watershed restoration benefiting state and Delta	37
Los Angeles River restoration	19
Urban watersheds	<1
Various state obligations and agreements	—
<b>Groundwater Sustainability</b>	<b>\$22</b>
Groundwater sustainability plans and projects	\$22
Groundwater cleanup projects	1
<b>Regional Water Management</b>	<b>\$57</b>
Integrated Regional Water Management	\$33
Water use efficiency	23
Stormwater management	1
<b>Water Recycling and Desalination</b>	<b>\$137</b>
Water recycling and desalination	\$137
<b>Drinking Water Quality</b>	<b>\$136</b>
Drinking water for disadvantaged communities	\$69
Wastewater treatment in small communities	66
<b>Flood Protection</b>	<b>—</b>
Delta flood protection	—
Statewide flood protection	—
<b>Administration and Oversight<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>\$1</b>
Administration	\$1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$533</b>

<sup>a</sup> Bond does not provide specific allocation for bond administration and oversight. It allows the use of other allocations for this purpose.



## LAO Principles: Furthering State Priorities

### Examples of Priorities and Requirements in Proposition 1

#### Applies to All Allocations

- ✓ Fund high priority public benefits.
- ✓ Prioritize projects that leverage other funds or produce the greatest public benefit.
- ✓ Prioritize projects that employ new or innovative technology or practices.
- ✓ Implement the California Water Action Plan.
- ✓ Have professionals in relevant fields review proposals.

#### Applies to Specific Allocations

- ✓ Implement water storage projects that provide measurable improvements to the Delta and its tributaries.
- ✓ Do not fund watershed protection activities already required by environmental regulations.
- ✓ Do not fund groundwater cleanup where there is a responsible party that could pay.
- ✓ Provide public benefit by improving groundwater storage and groundwater quality.
- ✓ Provide incentives for water agencies to collaborate on regional water management.
- ✓ Prioritize water recycling and desalination projects based on benefits such as increased water supply and water quality.
- ✓ Address the critical and immediate water treatment needs of disadvantaged, rural, or small communities.
- ✓ Implement flood protection projects that provide public safety and environmental benefits.

- Further State Priorities.** Bond funds should further state priorities, including those identified in the bond and other statutes.



## LAO Principles: Funding Cost-Effective Projects for the State

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- ☑ **Funding State-Level Public Benefits.** Since these bonds will be repaid with state tax revenues, funds should be directed to projects that provide benefits to the state as a whole. Also, projects that have clear private beneficiaries who can pay for the projects should not be prioritized for bond funds.
- ☑ **Generating More Benefits Than Would Otherwise Occur.** Bond funds should be targeted to projects that create benefits above and beyond those that would have happened anyway to ensure that bond funds generate *additional* benefits for the state. For example, funding projects designed to allow local agencies to meet existing state or federal regulations should be avoided.
- ☑ **Funding Long-Term Projects.** Projects that generate long-term benefits should generally be prioritized over short-term projects or operational costs so that future taxpayers do not bear the cost of projects that do not benefit them.
- ☑ **Limit Administrative Costs.** Administrative and operational costs should be limited to the extent possible so that more funding can be reserved for infrastructure projects.
- ☑ **Considering Trade-offs.** There are often trade-offs associated with competing goals that should be considered. For example, sometimes funding the most cost-effective projects can conflict with a desire to spend bond funds quickly or assist disadvantaged communities.



## LAO Principles: Ensuring Accountability and Oversight

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- Accountability is important to promote transparency and good outcomes. Accountability requires that information on programs be public, accessible, and timely.
  
- Departments should collect and evaluate data on project outcomes to allow the Legislature and voters to understand what has been achieved with the investment of the bond dollars.



**MROSD Legislative Status Report**  
**Report Date: 2/12/2015**

**AB 2** **(Alejo D) Community revitalization authority.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 12/1/2014

**Status:** 12/2/2014-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.

**Location:** 12/1/2014-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would authorize certain local agencies to form a community revitalization authority within a community revitalization and investment area, as defined, to carry out provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law in that area for purposes related to, among other things, infrastructure, affordable housing, and economic revitalization, and to provide for the financing of these activities by, among other things, the issuance of bonds serviced by tax increment revenues.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**AB 10** **(Gatto D) Political Reform Act of 1974: economic interest disclosures.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 12/1/2014

**Status:** 1/16/2015-Referred to Com. on E. & R.

**Location:** 1/16/2015-A. E. & R.

**Summary:** Would increase the thresholds at which a public official has a disqualifying financial interest in sources of income from \$500 to \$1,000, in investments in business entities from \$2,000 to \$5,000, and in interests in real property from \$2,000 to \$10,000. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**AB 67** **(Gonzalez D) Double Pay on the Holiday Act of 2015.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/17/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 12/17/2014

**Status:** 1/22/2015-Referred to Com. on L. & E.

**Location:** 1/22/2015-A. L. & E.

**Summary:** Would enact the Double Pay on the Holiday Act of 2015 that would require an employer to pay at least 2 times the regular rate of pay to an employee for work on a family holiday as defined. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**AB 83**

**(Gatto D) Information Practices Act of 1977.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/6/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/6/2015

**Status:** 1/7/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 6.

**Location:** 1/6/2015-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Current law, the Information Practices Act of 1977, defines specified terms for its purposes. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**AB 168**

**(Maienschein R) Local government finance.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/22/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/22/2015

**Status:** 1/23/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 22.

**Location:** 1/22/2015-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Current law requires the county auditor, in the case in which a qualifying city becomes the successor agency to a special district as a result of a merger with that district as described in a specified statute, to additionally allocate to that successor qualifying city that amount of property tax revenue that otherwise would have been allocated to that special district pursuant to general allocation requirements. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the provision pertaining to property tax revenue allocations to a qualifying city that merges with a special district.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

**AB 182**

**(Alejo D) California Voting Rights Act of 2001.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/26/2015

**Status:** 2/2/2015-Referred to Coms. on E. & R. and JUD.

**Location:** 2/2/2015-A. E. & R.

**Summary:** Would provide parallel provisions that prohibit the use of a district-based election in a political subdivision if it would impair the ability of a protected class, as defined, to elect candidates of its choice or otherwise influence the outcome of an election. The bill would require a court to implement specified remedies upon a finding that a district-based election was

imposed or applied in a manner that impaired the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or otherwise influence the outcome of an election.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**AB 183** (**Waldron R**) **Local government finance.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/26/2015

**Status:** 1/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 26.

**Location:** 1/26/2015-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Current law requires the county auditor, in the case in which a "qualifying city" becomes the successor agency to a special district as a result of a merger with that district as described in a specified statute, to additionally allocate to that successor qualifying city that amount of property tax revenue that otherwise would have been allocated to that special district pursuant to general allocation requirements. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to the provision pertaining to property tax revenue allocations to a qualifying city that merges with a special district.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**AB 232** (**Allen, Travis R**) **Parks and monuments: operating leases or agreements.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/4/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/4/2015

**Status:** 2/5/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 7.

**Location:** 2/4/2015-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Current law prohibits the Department of Parks and Recreation from entering into an operating lease or agreement, or amendment, unless one of 2 conditions are met including if, following enactment of the annual Budget Act, the State Public Works Board determines, among other things, that the proposed lease or agreement, or amendment, could not have been presented to the Legislature for review during the annual budget process, as provided. This bill would authorize the board to review and approve a proposed lease or agreement, or amendment, no earlier than 30 days after it has provided written notification to the chairpersons of those legislative committees, as provided.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**AB 237** (**Daly D**) **Local governments: parcel taxes: notice.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/5/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/5/2015

**Status:** 2/6/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 8.

**Location:** 2/5/2015-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Would require, before the adoption of any new parcel tax, the legislative body of a local agency, as defined, to provide at least 90 days' notice of the vote to enact the proposed parcel tax to the owner of each parcel affected by the tax. This bill would require the notice to include specified information and to be provided to the property owner in a specified manner. This bill would provide that the local agency may recover the reasonable costs of the notice from the proceeds of the parcel tax.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

**Notes:** 02/06/2015- WATCH. Comments from Ana Ruiz: Seems like an onerous and costly requirement to place on local agencies. Also, this does not account for other voters who have a right to vote on parcel tax measures who do not own properties and seek to support measures that improve regional quality of life.

**AB 241 (Gordon D) Bankruptcy: retired employees: disclosure of names and mailing addresses.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/5/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/5/2015

**Status:** 2/6/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 8.

**Location:** 2/5/2015-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Would require, notwithstanding any other law and under certain conditions, a local public entity to provide the name and mailing address of each retired employee or his or her beneficiary receiving the retired employee's retirement benefit to any organization that is incorporated and qualified under specific state and federal laws for the purpose of representing retired employees or their beneficiaries as members of the organization in a neutral evaluation process, the declaration of a fiscal emergency and adoption of a resolution, or a bankruptcy proceeding, as specified.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**AB 251 (Levine D) Public works: public subsidies.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/9/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/9/2015

**Status:** 2/10/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 12.

**Location:** 2/9/2015-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Would provide that a public subsidy is de minimis if it is both less than \$25,000 and less than 1% of the total project cost. The bill would specify that those provisions do not apply to a project that was advertised for bid, or a contract that was awarded, before January 1, 2016.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**AB 259 (Dababneh D) Personal information: privacy.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/9/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/9/2015

**Status:** 2/10/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 12.

**Location:** 2/9/2015-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Current law requires an agency that owns or licenses computerized data that includes personal information, as defined, to provide notification of any breach in the security of that data to any California resident whose personal information may have been compromised by the breach, as specified. This bill would additionally require an agency, if the agency was the source of the breach and the breach compromised a person's social security number, driver's license number, or California identification card number, to offer to provide the person with identity theft prevention and mitigation services at no cost for not less than 12 months, as specified.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**AB 278** (**Hernández, Roger D**) **District-based municipal elections.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/11/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/11/2015

**Status:** 2/11/2015-Read first time. To print.

**Location:** 2/11/2015-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Would require the legislative body of a city with a population of 100,000 or more to adopt an ordinance, without submitting the ordinance to the voters of the city for approval, for the election of members of the legislative body by district. This bill would require that the boundary lines of each district be adjusted in accordance with specified provisions of law. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**AB 283** (**Dababneh D**) **Financial affairs.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/11/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/11/2015

**Status:** 2/11/2015-Read first time. To print.

**Location:** 2/11/2015-A. PRINT

**Summary:** With respect to investments other than a certificate of deposit, current law limits the percentage of local agency funds that may be invested by any one private sector entity. Current law, on and after January 1, 2017, limits this authority to invest surplus funds to investments in certificates of deposit. This bill would eliminate the limitation that would become operative on January 1, 2017, and thus would indefinitely continue the existing authority for a local agency to invest its surplus funds, in certificates of deposit or in another form of investment.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**ACR 18** (Gordon D) Parks Make Life Better! Month.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/4/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/4/2015

**Status:** 2/9/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 2/9/2015-A. RLS.

**Summary:** This measure would recognize the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the health and development of all Californians and would declare the month of July 2015 as "Parks Make Life Better!" Month.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Support		RHeim, RNoack		

**SB 3** (Leno D) Minimum wage: adjustment.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 12/1/2014

**Status:** 1/15/2015-Referred to Com. on L. & I.R.

**Location:** 1/15/2015-S. L. & I.R.

**Summary:** Would increase the minimum wage, on and after January 1, 2016, to not less than \$11 per hour, on and after July 1, 2017, to not less than \$13 per hour. The bill would require the annual automatic adjustment of the minimum wage, commencing January 1, 2019, to maintain employee purchasing power diminished by the rate of inflation during the previous year. The adjustment would be calculated using the California Consumer Price Index, as specified. The bill would prohibit the Industrial Welfare Commission (IWC) from adjusting the minimum wage downward and from adjusting the minimum wage if the average percentage of inflation for the previous year was negative.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**SB 8** (Hertzberg D) Taxation.

**Current Text:** Amended: 2/10/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 12/1/2014

**Last Amend:** 2/10/2015

**Status:** 2/10/2015-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 2/10/2015-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Would state legislative findings regarding the Upward Mobility Act, key provisions of which would expand the application of the Sales and Use Tax law by imposing a tax on specified services, would enhance the state's business climate, would incentivize entrepreneurship and business creation by evaluating the corporate tax, and would examine the impacts of a lower and simpler personal income tax. This bill contains other related provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

**Notes:** 02/12/2015-WATCH per Shelly Lewis.

**SB 45**

**(Mendoza D) Economic development.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/12/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 12/12/2014

**Status:** 1/15/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 1/15/2015-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Current law provides for various economic development programs throughout the state that foster community sustainability and community and economic development. Current law also authorizes local agencies to finance the purchase, construction, expansion, improvement, or rehabilitation of certain types of facilities. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would authorize local governmental entities to use tax increment financing for the development of economic planning, infrastructure, and educational facilities.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

**Notes:** 02/12/2015-WATCH per Shelly Lewis.

**SB 47**

**(Hill D) Environmental health: synthetic turf.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/17/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 12/17/2014

**Status:** 1/15/2015-Referred to Com. on E.Q.

**Location:** 1/15/2015-S. E.Q.

**Summary:** Would require the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, by July 1, 2017, in consultation with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, the State Department of Public Health, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control, to prepare and provide to the Legislature and post on the office's Internet Web site a study analyzing synthetic turf, as defined, for potential adverse health impacts. The bill would require the study to include certain information, including a hazard analysis of individual, synergistic, and cumulative exposures to the chemicals that may be found in synthetic turf, as provided.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**SB 116**

**(Vidak R) Eminent domain proceedings.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/14/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/14/2015

**Status:** 2/5/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 2/5/2015-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Under current law, certain government entities are empowered to obtain private property for public use through the power of eminent domain proceedings. Current law requires that eminent domain proceedings commenced by serving the summons by publication include, in addition to the summons, a description of the property sought to be taken. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group

**SB 201** **(Wieckowski D) California Public Records Act.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/10/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/10/2015

**Status:** 2/11/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 13.

**Location:** 2/10/2015-S. PRINT

**Summary:** Would require a court, in an action by a third party to enjoin disclosure of a public record or declaratory relief concerning a request to inspect a public record, to apply the provisions of the California Public Records Act as if the action had been initiated by a person requesting disclosure of a public record. The bill would also require the third party seeking an injunction or declaratory relief to provide notice to the person whose request prompted the action at the same time the defendant public agency in the action is served.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch	1	RHeim, RNoack		

**Notes:** 02/11/2015-WATCH. Comments from S. Schaffner: One concern I have about this bill would be if it would end up putting the agency on the line for attorneys fees to the third party seeking to enjoin the disclosure the records. That would create a lose-lose scenario for the agency, no matter what we did. We should watch this one very closely. I'd like to see the analysis when one gets developed.

**SB 204** **(Pavley D) State parks.**

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**Summary:** Current law establishes the Department of Parks and Recreation and vests the department with the control of the state park system. This bill would require the Department of Parks and Recreation, on or before July 1, 2016, to prepare a report to the Legislature that fully addresses the department's energy costs, projects that could reduce those costs, and potential energy-related infrastructure projects, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

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