

LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATION UPDATE
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ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLICY ITEMS

GOVERNOR NEWSOM PROPOSED 2020-21 STATE BUDGET

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/01/10/governor-newsom-proposes-2020-21-state-budget/>

Building Reserves and Reducing Liabilities

- Maintain Rainy Day Fund - projected at \$18B
- Maintain, set asides and reserves Safety Net Reserve (\$900M), Public School System Stabilization Account (\$110M), Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties (\$1.6B) with total Reserves at \$21B.

Emergency Response and Effective Government

- Enhances the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's operational capabilities by adding funding for new firefighters, increasing engines, further supports state firefighter health.
- Also increases the use of technology thru Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data to better inform resources management and hazard assessment decisions, and establishes a new Wildfire Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center to analyze data on wildfire risk.

Climate Budget

- Climate budget includes \$12 billion over the next five years. Three key areas of the climate budget are a proposed climate resilience bond, cap-and-trade expenditures to continue the transition to a carbon-neutral economy, and a new Climate Catalyst Fund to promote the deployment of new technologies, especially by small businesses and emerging industries.
- The Climate Catalyst Fund will finance investments in low-carbon transportation, sustainable agriculture and waste diversion through low-interest loans, and proposes to capitalize the Fund with \$1 billion General Fund over the next four years.

Address Affordability Crisis

Confronting Homelessness Crisis

Largest K-12 Education Per-Pupil Expenditure in History

Expanding Access to Higher Education

Reimagining Criminal Justice

Jobs, the Economy and Protecting the Environment

NEW APPOINTMENTS AND POSITIONS

New Positions:

Jason Elliott now serving as senior counselor to the Governor for housing and homelessness

Che Salinas now serving as senior advisor on business and economic development

Angie Wei is now serving as special advisor to the Governor

Promotions: Tracy Arnold and Ben Chida as Chief Deputy Cabinet Secretaries, Kelli Evans as Chief Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary and Stuart Thompson as Chief Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary

DRAFT 2020 WATER RESILIENCY PORTFOLIO <http://waterresilience.ca.gov/>

The California Natural Resources Agency, California Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Food and Agriculture developed the draft to fulfill Governor Gavin Newsom's [April 29 executive order](#) calling for a portfolio of actions to ensure state's long-term water resilience and ecosystem health.

- Prioritize multi-benefit approaches that meet multiple needs at once.
- Utilize natural infrastructure such as forests and floodplains.
- Embrace innovation and new technologies.
- Encourage regional approaches among water users sharing watersheds.
- Incorporate successful approaches from other parts of the world.
- Integrate investments, policies and programs across state government.
- Strengthen partnerships with local, federal and tribal governments, water agencies and irrigation districts, and other stakeholders.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>

Legislature reconvened on January 6, 2020.

Budget

- AB 72 (Committee on Budget) Budget Act of 2018 CHAPTERED
- AB 74 (Ting D) Budget Act of 2019 CHAPTERED
- *AB 100 (Committee on Budget) Drinking Water BUDGET & FR*
- SB 200 (Monning D) Drinking Water CHAPTERED

Bonds

- AB 352 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020
- AB 1298 (Mullin D) Climate Resiliency, Fire Risk Reduction, Recycling, Groundwater and Drinking Water Supply, Clean Beaches, and Jobs Infrastructure Bond Act of 2020
- SB 45 (Allen D) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020
- Voter Initiative - Joe Caves Bond - likely to get signatures needed and be on November 3rd 2020 ballot https://www.oag.ca.gov/system/files/initiatives/pdfs/19-0005%20%28Water%20Bond%29_0.pdf

Bill Status (from 2019)

- **AB 292 (Quirk D) Recycled Water** - raw water and groundwater augmentation 2-YEAR BILL
- **AB 557 (Wood D) Atmospheric Rivers** - research, mitigation, and climate forecasting program APPROPS SUSPENSE
- **AB 638 (Grey D) DWR - water storage** - climate change impacts VETOED
- *AB 658 (Arambula D) Water Rights - water management CHAPTERED*
- AB 756 (Garcia, Cristina D) Public Water Systems - perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances CHAPTERED
- **AB 1204 (Rubio, Blanca D) Public Water Systems** - primary drinking water standards - implementation date 2-YEAR BILL
- **SB 1 (Atkins D) California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2019** VETOED
- *SB 19 (Dodd D) Water Resources - stream gages CHAPTERED*
- *SB 307 (Roth D) Water Conveyance - use of facility with unused capacity CHAPTERED*
- **SB 332 (Hertzberg D) Wastewater Treatment** - recycled water 2-YEAR BILL
- *SB 413 (Rubio D) San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority CHAPTERED*
- **SB 414 (Caballero D) Small System Water Authority Act of 2019** 2-YEAR BILL
- **SB 487 (Caballero D) DWR - aerial snow survey** - VETOED

New Bills

- AB 1839 (Bonta) Climate change - California Green New Deal