

CAL GEO Bill Status Report
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[AB 145](#) **(Galgiani D) High-speed rail.**

Introduced: 1/13/2011

Last Amend: 7/13/2011

Status: 8/25/2011-In committee: Held under submission.

2 Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
	1st House				2nd House							

Summary: Would repeal all of the provisions of the California High-Speed Rail Act. The bill would enact a new California High-Speed Rail Act . The bill would continue the High-Speed Rail Authority in existence with limited responsibilities and would place the authority within the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency . The 5 members of the authority appointed by the Governor would be subject to Senate confirmation, but current members could continue to serve the remainder of their terms. The bill would authorize the authority to appoint an executive director, and would provide for the Governor to appoint up to 6 additional individuals exempt from civil service as authority staff. The bill would require the authority to adopt policies directing the development and implementation of high-speed rail, prepare and adopt a business plan and high-speed train capital program, establish a peer review group, select alignments for the routes of the high-speed train system established by law, adopt criteria for the award of franchises, and set fares or establish guidelines for the setting of fares. The bill would enact other related provisions.

Position **Priority**
Watch

Notes1: 8/28/11 - This bill was held in Appropriations Committee, however the Governor likes this project so the bill will continue to be monitored to see if it will move.

8/19/11-- This bill is now getting the attention of the Governor, he is positive at this point, a lot of work to be done, this bill is in Senate Appropriations and is on the suspense file because of costs. The suspense file will be taken up next thursday and at that time we will know if this bill moves the Senate floor or is a dead bill. I will be at the hearing on Thursday will let you know the outcome.

6/26/11 - This bill will be heard in Senate Transportation and Housing on 6/28/11.

5/31/11 - this bill is on the Assembly Floor and continues to be a very controversial subject.

Notes2:

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Memo

[AB 184](#) **(Swanson D) Contractual assessment programs: seismic safety improvements.**

Introduced: 1/25/2011

Status: 6/20/2011-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 28, Statutes of 2011.

2 Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would enact the Seismic Safety Finance Act, which would expand the provisions of the Improvement Act of 1911 to also authorize contractual assessments to finance the installation of seismic strengthening improvements that are permanently fixed to real property, as specified. The bill would define "public agency," for purposes of financing the installation of seismic strengthening improvements, to mean a city, county, or city and county.

Position **Priority**
Support

Notes1: 6/26/11 - This bill was signed into law - on 6/20/11

5/31/11 -- this bill is moving through the process very quickly and is on the floor of the second house, it can be passed out this week and move to the Governor for signature or veto.

Notes2:

Notes3:

Memo

[AB 209](#) **(Ammiano D) Environment: CEQA: lead agency: documents.**

Introduced: 1/31/2011

Last Amend: 3/31/2011

Status: 8/4/2011-Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 171, Statutes of 2011

2 Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
	1st House				2nd House							

Summary: Would require that an environmental impact report or a negative declaration as defined by CEQA include a description of how the draft environmental impact report or negative declaration can be provided in an electronic format. Because a lead agency would be required to provide this

description in the notice, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position **Priority**
Watch

Notes1: 8/19/11 -- This bill has been signed into law.

5/31/11-- This bill is in the policy committee of the second house.

Notes2:

Notes3:

Memo

[AB 294](#)

(Portantino D) Design-sequencing contracts.

Introduced: 2/9/2011

Last Amend: 5/27/2011

Status: 8/25/2011-Do pass as amended.

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Until January 1, 2010, the Department of Transportation was authorized to conduct a pilot project to let design-sequencing contracts, as defined, for design and construction of not more than 12 transportation projects. These provisions are now repealed. This bill would enact new provisions, authorizing the department to let contracts for construction of not more than 5 transportation projects utilizing the design-sequencing method, to be effective until January 1, 2015. The bill would require the department to use department employees or consultants under contract with the department for these design services. The bill would require the department to compile data on the transportation projects awarded under these provisions and to include that information in a report to the Legislature each year during which the projects are underway, as specified.

Position **Priority**
Oppose

Notes1: 8/28/11 - This bill will move to the Senate Floor.

8/19/11 -- this bill is also on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file and will be heard next Thursday the 25th.

5/31/11 -- This bill passed the Assembly Floor today. This bill was originally opposed by CalGeo, the bill was amended on 5/27/11, please review and let us know if the position of oppose has changed. This bill will now be heard next in the Senate policy committee so any comments should be put in a letter to that committee.

Notes2:

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Memo

[AB 320](#)

(Hill D) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): determination: dispute.

Introduced: 2/9/2011

Last Amend: 6/14/2011

Status: 7/12/2011-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House								

Calendar: 8/29/2011 #180 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS-THIRD READING FILE

Summary: CEQA provides a procedure by which a party may attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the determination, finding, or decision of a public agency on specified grounds and requires that a petitioner or plaintiff name, as a real party in interest, a recipient of an approval that is the subject of an action or proceeding challenging the determination, finding, or decision of a public agency pursuant to CEQA. This bill would require a notice of approval or notice of determination to identify the person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from a public agency or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from a public agency. Because a lead agency would be required to include additional information in the notice of approval or notice of determination, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position **Priority**
Oppose

Notes1: 8/28/11 - This bill can be heard on the Senate Floor within two weeks.

8/19/11 -- This bill is on the Senate Floor and could come up for a vote as soon as next Monday. This bill was amended on 6/14/11.

6/26/11 - This bill will be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee on 6/28/11.

5/31/11 -- This bill has moved to the Senate policy committee and was opposed by CalGeo. It has

been amended so please review and let us know if the position remains opposed.

Notes2:

Notes3:

Memo

[AB 359](#)

(Huffman D) Groundwater management plans.

Introduced: 2/14/2011

Last Amend: 6/30/2011

Status: 8/25/2011-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 6. Noes 3.) (August 25).

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
	1st House				2nd House							

Calendar: 8/29/2011 #21 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS-SECOND READING FILE

Summary: Current law authorizes specified local agencies that provide water service to adopt and implement a groundwater management plan. Current law requires a local agency that elects to develop a groundwater management plan to hold a hearing prior to adopting a resolution of intention to draft a plan and, after the plan is prepared, to hold a 2nd hearing to determine whether to adopt the plan. Current law requires the local agency to publish a specified notice before each of these hearings. Current law requires a local agency to prepare a groundwater management plan within 2 years of the date of the adoption of the resolution of intention. This bill would require the local agency to provide a copy of a resolution of intention to the Department of Water Resources within 30 days of the date of adoption. The bill would authorize any person to request to be placed on a list established by the local agency for purposes of receiving notices regarding plan preparation, meeting announcements, and availability of draft plans, maps, and other relevant documents . The bill would require the local agency to provide each of those interested persons and the department with a specified notice prior to the 2nd hearing to determine whether to adopt the plan. The bill would require, if a groundwater management plan is not adopted within 2 years of the date of the adoption of a resolution of intention and the local agency is operating under a previously adopted groundwater management plan, that the previously adopted plan remain in effect. The bill would require the department to post on its Internet Web site the information the department possesses regarding the local agencies that have jurisdiction to develop groundwater management plans and information regarding groundwater management plans provided by local agencies and specified groundwater monitoring entities . This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position **Priority**
Watch

Notes1: 8/28/11 - this bill can be heard on the Senate Floor with in the next two weeks.

8/16/11 -- this bill is on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file, and will be heard on 8/25/11.

5/26/11 - This bill is going to be heard in Senate Natural Resources and Water on 6/28/11.

5/31/11 - This bill is on the Assembly Floor.

Notes2:

Notes3:

Memo

[AB 551](#)

(Campos D) Public contracts: prevailing wage requirements: violations.

Introduced: 2/16/2011

Last Amend: 8/24/2011

Status: 8/25/2011-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
	1st House				2nd House							

Calendar: 8/29/2011 #312 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS-THIRD READING FILE

Summary: Current law generally requires that not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages, as specified, be paid to workers employed on a public work, as defined. Current law requires a contractor or subcontractor to submit, to the state or political subdivision on whose behalf a public work is being performed, a penalty of not more than \$50 per calendar day, and not less than \$10 per calendar day except in certain cases of a good faith mistake, as provided and determined by the Labor Commissioner, for violations of these prevailing wage provisions. This bill would increase that maximum penalty to \$200 for each calendar day and would increase the minimum penalty except in certain cases of a good faith mistake to no less than \$40 for each calendar day. The bill would also increase the penalty assessed to contractors and subcontractors with prior violations from \$20 to \$80, and from \$30 to \$120 for willful violations. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position **Priority**
Oppose

Notes1: 8/28/11 - This bill can be voted on at any time in the next two weeks. A letter of opposition needs to be drafted and sent to the Governor if the Association is still opposed.

8/19/11-- This bill is on the Senate Floor, it was amended 6/27, please review amendments, CalGeo

had an oppose but I am not sure amendments are sufficient to change position. If not a letter should be sent to the Senate Floor and Governor in opposition

6/26/11 - This bill has passed the policy committee and now will be heard in fiscal committee, no date set. It was amended on 6/15/11, please review.

5/31/11 -- This bill is in the second house in policy committee.

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Memo

[AB 566](#) **(Galgiani D) Resources: surface mining.**

Introduced: 2/16/2011

Last Amend: 6/21/2011

Status: 8/22/2011-Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 10:30 a.m.

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House					2nd House							

Summary: The Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 makes certain findings and declarations regarding surface mining, including the finding that the extraction of minerals is essential to the continued economic well-being of the state and to the needs of the society. This bill would include additional legislative findings, including, among other things, that the state's mineral resources are vital, finite, and important natural resources and the responsible protection and development of these mineral resources is vital to a sustainable California. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position **Priority**
Watch

Notes1: 8/28/11 - this bill can be signed or vetoed by the Governor at any time.

8/19/11 -- This bill has moved to the Governor for action.

6/26/11 - This bill has passed the Senate policy committee and will now be heard in fiscal committee within a month.

5/31/11 -- This bill is in the Senate, it will be heard in policy committee within a month.

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Memo

[AB 880](#) **(V. Manuel Pérez D) Environmental quality: CEQA: expedited environmental review.**

Introduced: 2/17/2011

Last Amend: 5/10/2011

Status: 7/8/2011-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was E.Q. on 6/8/2011)

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House					2nd House							

Summary: Would require that lead agencies, as defined, perform an environmental analysis of the reasonably foreseeable methods of compliance at the time of the adoption of a rule or regulation requiring the installation of pollution control equipment, or compliance with a performance standard or treatment requirement, including a rule or regulation that requires the installation of pollution control equipment or other direct emission reduction, or compliance with a performance standard or treatment requirement adopted pursuant to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position **Priority**
Watch

Notes1: 8/19/11 -- This bill is a two year bill and can be heard again in January.

6/26/11 - This bill will be heard in Senate Environmental Quality committee on 6/27/11.

5/31/11 -- this bill in now in the Senate

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Memo

[AB 1210](#) **(Garrick R) Water quality: stormwater discharge: civil engineering activities.**

Introduced: 2/18/2011

Last Amend: 6/20/2011

Status: 7/8/2011-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was B., P. & E.D. on 6/20/2011)

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Under current law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards prescribe waste discharge requirements for the discharge of stormwater by municipalities and industries in accordance with the federal national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit program. This bill would require all civil engineering activities performed in the preparation of stormwater pollution prevention plans pursuant to a specified general permit for stormwater discharges to be performed under the responsible charge of a licensed civil engineer. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position **Priority**
Support

Notes1: 8/26/11 - This bill is dead but I have been told there is language that will be put into another bill this week which would eliminate the requirement of additional training to perform activities in the preparation of storm water pollution prevention plans (SWPPP) for licensed civil engineers. There is no bill number at this point. I will send the proposed new language in separate e-mail.

8/19/11 -- This bill was held in committee, can come back in January, 2012 unless they put similar language into another bill. Will continue to monitor.

2/19/2011 I-2/18/2011 to: CalGeo

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Memo

[SB 475](#)

(Wright D) Infrastructure financing.

Introduced: 2/17/2011

Last Amend: 6/20/2011

Status: 7/8/2011-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was L. GOV. on 6/29/2011)

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law authorizes a governmental agency, as defined, to solicit proposals and enter into agreements with private entities for the design, construction, or reconstruction by, and lease to, private entities, for specified types of fee-producing infrastructure projects. Current law permits these agreements to provide for infrastructure facilities owned by a governmental entity, but constructed by a private entity, to be leased to or owned by that private entity for a period of up to 35 years, after which time the project would revert to the governmental agency. This bill would authorize a local governmental agency to enter into an agreement with a private entity for financing for specified types of revenue-generating infrastructure projects. The bill would require an agreement entered into under these provisions to include adequate financial resources to perform the agreement, and would additionally permit the agreements to lease or license to, or provide other permitted uses by, the private entity.

Position **Priority**
Support

Notes1: 8/19/11 --This bill is a two year bill and can be heard in January, 2012.

6/26/11 - This bill is set for Assembly Local Government Committee on 6/29/11.

5/31/11 -- This bill has moved to the Assembly

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Memo

[SB 543](#)

(Price D) Business and professions: regulatory boards.

Introduced: 2/17/2011

Last Amend: 8/15/2011

Status: 8/25/2011-Do pass as amended.

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law requires applicants to certain boards to provide a full set of fingerprints for the purpose of conducting criminal history record checks. This bill would make the fingerprinting requirement applicable to the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists. The bill would also make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions to correct references to the names of various boards and would correct references to the name of a specified fund. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position **Priority**
Watch 3

Notes1: 8/28/11 - This bill passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee on 8/25/11 and is now on the Assembly Floor and must be voted on within two weeks. It is very likely to pass and sent to the Governor for signature.

8/19/11 -- This bill is on the Assembly Suspense File and will be heard on 8/25/11. It is likely to be voted out of committee as this bill extends the sunset date of the BPELSG among other changes.

6/26/11 - this bill will be heard in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee on 7/5/11.

5/31/11 -- This bill passed off the Senate Floor today 36-1. One of the key recommendations in this bill is to eliminate the testing of Geophysicists. This will probably be amended out of the bill and the issue of testing for Geophysicists will be analyzed by the BPELSG. This bill would also merge the BGG fund with the BPELSG fund, this has concerns with the BPELSG and may be amended from the bill. This bill is being closely watched. It will now go to the Assembly.

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Total Measures: 12

Total Tracking Forms: 12