

2015 Bill Summaries

Sierra Club California policy advocates select the bills that appear on the scorecard. The selection is based on factors that include a bill's overall importance to the state's environmental quality, the precedent it sets for good or bad impacts, and the bill's importance to fulfilling the Club's mission. This year, we scored 12 bills. One, SB 454, did not get off the Senate floor and so is not included in the Assembly scoring. Another, AB 356, failed to get off the Assembly floor and so is not included in the Senate scoring. SB 20's contents were inserted into a budget trailer bill after it left the Senate floor, so SB 20 is not included in the Assembly scoring. AB 1242's contents changed entirely through a gut-and-amend action in the Senate and was not brought to a floor vote, and so is not included in the Senate scoring.

AB 243 (Wood): Establishes new, and expands existing, regulations and programs to reduce environmental impacts of medical marijuana cultivation. **SUPPORT: Signed into law**

AB 356 (Williams): Would have ensured that California protects aquifers by monitoring underground injection of toxic oil waste into aquifers, and by expanding public meetings before injection of waste into potential drinking water sources can occur. **SUPPORT: Failed on Assembly Floor**

AB 693 (Eggman): Creates the Multifamily Affordable Housing Renewables Program, to provide opportunities for everyone to benefit from renewable energy installations. **SUPPORT: Signed into law**

AB 888 (Bloom): Prohibits all plastic microbeads in personal care products and favors environmentally sound alternatives. **SUPPORT: Signed into law**

AB 1071 (Atkins): Closes gaps in existing programs, policies, or activities within the California Environmental Protection Agency that may prevent achievement of environmental justice goals. **SUPPORT: Signed into law**

AB 1242 (Gray): Would have curbed the State Water Resources Control Board's ability to set instream flow requirements necessary to provide water needed for the Delta and environment. **OPPOSE: Passed Assembly; gutted and amended in the Senate and not brought to the floor**

SB 20 (Pavley): Required well completion reports to be made publicly available upon request, to allow for better data collection and science-based management of groundwater. **SUPPORT: Passed Senate; included in budget language**

SB 32 (Pavley): Would have codified the framework for meeting California's climate goals for 2050 and authorized the Air Resources Board to establish interim targets. **SUPPORT: Failed on Assembly Floor**

SB 350 (de León): Sets greenhouse gas reduction goals for 2030 through a 50% increase in renewable energy generation, and a doubling of energy efficiency in existing buildings. Petroleum reduction goals were stripped out in the Assembly. **SUPPORT: Signed into law**

SB 454 (Allen): Would have prevented the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources from allowing illegal injection of oil waste into groundwater. **SUPPORT: Failed on Senate Floor**

SB 660 (Leno): Would have reformed the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) governance structure and closed loopholes that have allowed regulated utilities undue influence at the CPUC. **SUPPORT: Vetoed by Governor**

SB 788 (McGuire): Would have closed a loophole that allows new offshore oil drilling in state waters off the coast of Santa Barbara. **SUPPORT: Failed in Assembly Appropriations Committee**

Now that you know the score, *take action!*

- ◆ Tell your legislators you know the score. Call their district offices and thank them if they scored well, or express disappointment if they didn't. Let them know you care about California's environment. You can find phone numbers for legislators at www.senate.ca.gov or www.assembly.ca.gov.

You can find out who your representatives are at: findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/.

- ◆ Make your voice heard and take action on key legislation when the 2016 legislative session begins by watching for news at: www.sierraclubcalifornia.org.
- ◆ Become a Sierra Club California member and keep up on the latest news at sierraclubcalifornia.org.

Report Card Legend and Notes

- + means pro-environment vote
- means anti-environment vote
- NV- means legislator was present, but chose not to cast a vote in support of a pro-environment bill
- NV+ means legislator was present, but chose not to cast a vote on an anti-environment bill
- E means excused absence (does not count toward total score)

Scores are based on the number of "+" and "NV+" votes cast versus the total number of possible votes (excused absences do not count against a score, but NV- votes do).

ASSEMBLY REPORT CARD	VOTE COUNT	SCORE	SUPPORTED MEASURES										OPPOSED	
			AB 243 Regulate marijuana	AB 356 Groundwater monitoring	AB 693 Affordable renewable energy	AB 888 Ban microbeads	AB 1071 Resources for env justice	SB 32 Climate change goals	SB 350 Energy and climate change	SB 660 PUC reform	SB 788 Close oil loophole	AB 1242 Block Bay Delta sustainability		
Achadjian, Katcho (R-35)	3/9	33%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
Alejo, Luis (D-30)	6/9	67%	+	NV-	+	+	+	+	NV-	-	+	+	+	-
Allen, Travis (R-72)	2/9	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Atkins, Toni (D-78)	8/9	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Baker, Catharine (R-16)	5/9	56%	+	NV-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Bigelow, Frank (R-05)	2/9	22%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Bloom, Richard H. (D-50)	9/9	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV+
Bonilla, Susan (D-14)	6/9	67%	+	NV-	+	+	+	NV-	+	+	+	+	+	-
Bonta, Rob (D-18)	8/9	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Brough, William P. (R-73)	2/9	22%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Brown, Cheryl (D-47)	6/9	67%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Burke, Autumn R. (D-62)	7/9	78%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Calderon, Ian C. (D-57)	6/9	67%	+	NV-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Campos, Nora (D-27)	7/9	78%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Chang, Ling-Ling (R-55)	4/9	44%	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Chau, Ed (D-49)	8/9	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Chávez, Rocky (R-76)	3/7	43%	-	-	-	+	E	+	E	+	+	+	NV+	-
Chiu, David S. (D-17)	8/9	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Chu, Kansen (D-25)	8/9	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Cooley, Ken (D-08)	6/9	67%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Cooper, Jim (D-09)	6/9	67%	+	NV-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Dababneh, Matthew M. (D-45)	8/9	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Dahle, Brian (R-01)	4/10	40%	+	NV-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Daly, Tom F. (D-69)	6/9	67%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-
Dodd, Bill (D-04)	7/9	78%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV-	+	+	+	-
Eggman, Susan Talamantes (D-13)	9/9	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Frazier, Jim L., Jr. (D-11)	5/9	56%	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-
Gaines, Beth (R-06)	2/9	22%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Gallagher, James M. (R-03)	2/9	22%	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Garcia, Cristina (D-58)	8/10	80%	+	NV-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Garcia, Eduardo (D-56)	6/9	67%	+	NV-	+	+	+	+	+	NV-	+	+	+	-
Gatto, Mike (D-43)	7/9	78%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Gipson, Mike A. (D-64)	6/9	67%	+	NV-	+	+	+	+	+	NV-	+	+	+	-
Gomez, Jimmy (D-51)	8/9	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Gonzalez, Lorena (D-80)	7/9	78%	+	NV-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Gordon, Richard S. (D-24)	8/9	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV-	+	+	+	NV+
Gray, Adam (D-21)	5/9	56%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-

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Grove, Shannon L. (R-34)	2/9	22%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Hadley, David (R-66)	6/10	60%	+	NV-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
Harper, Matthew (R-74)	2/10	20%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hernández, Roger (D-48)	6/9	67%	+	NV-	+	+	+	+	NV-	-	+	+	+	-	-
Holden, Chris (D-41)	7/9	78%	+	NV-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Irwin, Jacqui V. (D-44)	7/9	78%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Jones, Brian W. (R-71)	2/9	22%	NV-	NV-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
Jones-Sawyer, Reginald Byron, Sr. (D-59)	8/9	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Kim, Young O. (R-65)	2/9	22%	NV-	-	-	-	NV-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
Lackey, Tom W. (R-36)	4/9	44%	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
Levine, Marc B. (D-10)	9/9	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Linder, Eric F. (R-60)	4/9	44%	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
López, Patty (D-39)	9/9	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Low, Evan (D-28)	6/9	67%	+	NV-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Maienschein, Brian (R-77)	3/9	33%	NV-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
Mathis, Devon J. (R-26)	3/9	33%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
Mayes, Chad J. (R-42)	3/9	33%	NV-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
McCarty, Kevin (D-07)	9/10	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Medina, Jose (D-61)	6/9	67%	+	NV-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Melendez, Melissa (R-67)	2/9	22%	-	-	-	+	+	+	NV-	-	-	+	+	-	-
Mullin, Kevin (D-22)	8/9	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Nazarian, Adrin (D-46)	9/9	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Obermolte, Jay P. (R-33)	3/9	33%	NV-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	NV+	-
O'Donnell, Patrick (D-70)	6/9	67%	+	NV-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Olsen, Kristin M. (R-12)	4/9	44%	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Patterson, Jim (R-23)	3/9	33%	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
Perea, Henry T. (D-31)	6/9	67%	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
Quirk, Bill (D-20)	8/9	89%	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rendon, Anthony, Ph.D. (D-63)	10/10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ridley-Thomas, Sebastian (D-54)	5/9	56%	NV-	-	-	+	+	+	NV-	-	-	+	+	-	-
Rodriguez, Freddie (D-52)	5/9	56%	+	NV-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Salas, Rudy, Jr. (D-32)	6/9	67%	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Santiago, Miguel (D-53)	8/9	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Steinorth, Marc (R-40)	4/9	44%	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Stone, Mark (D-29)	10/10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Thurmond, Tony (D-15)	8/9	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Ting, Philip Y. (D-19)	9/9	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wagner, Donald P. (R-68)	2/9	22%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
Waldron, Marie (R-75)	3/9	33%	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Weber, Shirley N. (D-79)	7/9	78%	+	NV-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Wilk, Scott T. (R-38)	4/9	44%	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Williams, Das G. (D-37)	6/7	86%	E	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Wood, Jim (D-02)	9/10	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-

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			AB 243 Regulate marijuana	AB 693 Affordable renewable energy	AB 888 Ban microbeads	AB 1071 Resources for env justice	SB 32 Climate change goals	SB 350 Energy and climate change	SB 454 Stop oil waste in groundwater	SB 660 PUC reform	SB 788 Close oil loophole	SB 20 Make well reports public			
Allen, Ben (D-26)	10/10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Anderson, Joel (R-38)	2/10	20%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bates, Patricia C. (R-36)	2/10	20%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beall, Jim (D-15)	9/10	90%	+	+	NV-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Berryhill, Tom (R-08)	3/10	30%	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Block, Marty (D-39)	10/10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cannella, Anthony J. (R-12)	3/10	30%	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
de León, Kevin (D-24)	10/10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Fuller, Jean (R-16)	2/10	20%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gaines, Ted (R-01)	2/10	20%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Galgiani, Cathleen (D-05)	5/10	50%	NV-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	NV-	NV-	NV-
Glazer, Steven M. (D-07)	8/10	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hall, Isadore, III (D-35)	9/10	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hancock, Loni (D-09)	10/10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hernandez, Ed, O.D. (D-22)	9/10	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hertzberg, Robert M. (D-18)	9/10	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hill, Jerry (D-13)	10/10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hueso, Ben (D-40)	9/10	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Huff, Bob (R-29)	3/10	30%	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jackson, Hannah-Beth (D-19)	10/10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lara, Ricardo (D-33)	9/10	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Leno, Mark (D-11)	10/10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Leyva, Connie M. (D-20)	9/10	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Liu, Carol (D-25)	10/10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
McGuire, Mike (D-02)	10/10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Mendoza, Tony (D-32)	8/10	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV-
Mitchell, Holly J. (D-30)	10/10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Monning, William W. (D-17)	10/10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Moorthach, John M.W. (R-37)	2/10	20%	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morrell, Mike L. (R-23)	2/10	20%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nguyen, Janet (R-34)	2/10	20%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nielsen, Jim W. (R-04)	2/10	20%	-	-	-	+	-	-	NV-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pan, Richard, M.D. (D-06)	7/10	70%	+	+	NV-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV-
Pavley, Fran (D-27)	10/10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Roth, Richard D. (D-31)	6/10	60%	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Runner, Sharon (R-21)	3/10	30%	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stone, Jeff E. (R-28)	3/10	30%	NV-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vidak, Andy (R-14)	2/10	20%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wickowski, Bob (D-10)	10/10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wolk, Lois (D-03)	10/10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

A NOTE ABOUT VOTING:

In the Senate, a member must be present on the floor at the time a vote for a bill is called. If a member is not present for any reason, including a committee hearing, and the roll is closed, the senator can no longer record a vote on a bill. Senator Beall was absent from the floor, attending a meeting, when the vote was called on SB 888, a bill he intended to support. In the Assembly, Das Williams was granted an excused absence from the floor on the last day of the session, to attend the birth of his daughter. He missed the opportunity to vote for three bills he co-authored (AB 243, AB 693 and SB 350). We suspect this will be part of the birth story his daughter will hear the rest of her life.