



2017 California Legislative Update: Energy

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AB-397 | Public utilities: facility modernization

- » Requires the Public Utilities Commission to require an electrical or gas corporation to give preference to the modernization of its facilities serving disadvantaged communities if the corporation is authorized to collect ratepayer funds for the modernization of its facilities.

AB-398 | California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: fire prevention fees: sales and use tax manufacturing exemption

- » Extends the applicability of a regulation that establishes a system of market-based declining annual aggregate emissions limits for sources or categories of sources that emit greenhouse gases to December 31, 2030.
- » Requires the State Air Resources Board (ARB) to prepare, approve, and update every 5 years a scoping plan for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

AB-546 | Land use: local ordinances: energy systems

- » Requires cities and counties to make all documentation and forms associated with the permitting of advanced energy storage available on a publicly accessible Internet Web site and allow for the electronic submittal of permit applications and associated documentation.
- » Authorizes the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to provide guidance on energy storage permitting, including streamlining, best practices, and potential factors for consideration by local government in establishing fees for permitting and inspection.

AB-617 | Nonvehicular air pollution: Criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants

- » Requires the State Air Resources Board (ARB) to develop a uniform statewide system of annual reporting of emissions of criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants of stationary sources.
- » Requires ARB to prepare a monitoring plan regarding technologies for monitoring criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants and the need for and benefits of additional community air monitoring systems, and to prepare a statewide strategy to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria pollutants in communities affected by a high cumulative exposure burden.
- » Requires ARB to select locations around the state for the preparation of community emissions reduction programs, and to provide grants to community-based organizations for technical assistance and to support community participation in the programs.

AB-634 | Real property: solar energy systems

- » Prohibits an association from establishing a general policy prohibiting the installation or use of a rooftop solar energy system for household purposes on the roof of the building in which the owner resides, or a garage or carport adjacent to the building that has been assigned to the owner for exclusive use.

AB-1070 | Solar energy systems: contracts: disclosures

- » Require the State Air Resources Board, in collaboration with the Public Utilities Commission to develop and make available on its Internet Web site a disclosure document that provides consumers with accurate, clear, and concise information regarding the installation of a solar energy system.

- » Require the Public Utilities Commission to develop and make available on its Internet Web site standardized inputs and assumptions to be used in the calculation and presentation of electric utility bill savings to consumers that can be expected by using a solar energy system by vendors, installers, or financing entities.

AB-1284 | California Financing Law: Property Assessed Clean Energy program: program administrators

- » Prohibits a program administrator from approving an assessment contract for funding and recordation by a public agency, unless the program administrator makes a reasonable good faith determination that the property owner has a reasonable ability to pay the annual payment obligations for the PACE assessment.
- » Commencing January 1, 2019, requires a program administrator that administers a PACE program on or behalf of a public agency to be licensed by the commissioner under the California Financing Law.
- » Requires program administrators to submit to the commissioner information beneficial to evaluating various aspects of the PACE program to be included in an annual report, and requires program administrators to use a real-time registry or database system for tracking PACE assessments.

AB-1530 | Urban forestry

- » Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention to implement a program in urban forestry to encourage better tree management and planting in urban areas.
- » Requires the department to provide technical assistance to urban areas with respect to the improvement and enhancement of local water capture for urban forest maintenance.

SB-1 | Transportation funding

- » Creates the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program, the Solutions or Congested Corridors Program, and the Advance Mitigation Program.
- » Specifies revenue estimated to be available for allocation under the act to local agencies are estimated over the next 10 years for local street and road maintenance, transit operations and capital, the local partnership program, the Active Transportation Program, and local planning grants.
- » Provides up to \$20 million to local and regional agencies for climate change adaptation planning.

SB-5 | California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018

- » If approved by the voters, authorizes the issuance of bonds in an amount of \$4,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program.

SB-242 | Property Assessed Clean Energy program: program administrator

- » Specifies program administrator requirements prior to executing an assessment contract.
- » Makes it unlawful to commence work under a home improvement contract if the property owner entered into the contract based on the reasonable belief that the work would be covered by the PACE program or if the property owner cancels the PACE financing within the right to cancel period.

SB-338 | Integrated resource plan: peak demand

- » Requires the Public Utilities Commission and the governing boards of local publicly owned electric utilities to consider, as part of the integrated resource plan process, the role of distributed energy resources and other specified energy- and efficiency-related tools, in helping to ensure that each load-serving entity or local publicly owned electric utility meets energy needs and reliability needs while reducing the need for new electricity generation and new transmission in achieving the state's energy goals at the least cost to ratepayers.