





Legislative Calendar

- The Legislature returned to Sacramento on January 11, 2021
- First year of a brand new two-year session
 - o Likelihood of a hybrid in-person / virtual model for the 2021 session
- Bill introduction deadline February 19, 2021
- · Last day for any bill to pass is September 10, 2021



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Governor's January Budget

- The Governor's January Budget Proposal proposes expenditures of \$227.2 billion
- \$15.5 billion projected Budget surplus
 - Projected budget deficits beginning in 2022-23
- \$22 billion projected in reserves
- No additional proposed Cap and Trade funding for organics grants programs



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Governor's January Budget

• COVID-19 Relief

- o \$4.4B proposed in emergency response
- o \$2B for coronavirus testing
- o \$473M for contact tracing
- o \$372M for vaccine administration

Economic Recovery

- \circ \$4.5B proposed in economy recovery
- o \$1.1B immediate relief for small businesses
- o \$777M for California Jobs Initiative

Climate Change

- \$1B to support the Forest Management's Task Force's Wildlife and Forest Resilience Action Plan
- o \$248.6M for restoration of natural areas and ecosystems
- o \$6.5M for coastal protection

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California Budget Timeline

- Late January Early May: Budget Subcommittees hold hearings on elements of Governor's January Budget Proposal
- Mid-May: Governor releases May Revise
- Late-May Early-June: Budget Subcommittees meet to consider May Revise proposals and incorporate legislative priorities
- Early-June: Governor and Legislative Leaders finalize budget
- June 15th: Deadline for Legislature to approve final budget
- July 1st: Beginning of 2021-22 Fiscal Year

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2021 Legislation

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Legislative Update			
Bill	Description	OCSD Position	Status
AB 59 (Gabriel)	Would change the statute of limitations for rate protests through judicial proceedings. Would require that fees collected in an excess of the amount needed to provide a service be rebated to ratepayers.	TBD	Introduced. Referred to the Assembly Local Government and Housing and Community Development Committees.
AB 339 (Lee)	Would require a local agency to provide a call-in or internet-based service for public meetings that includes a closed captioning feature. Would also require that local agencies provide translation services at meetings for all languages that are spoken by 5 percent of the local agency's jurisdiction.	TBD	Introduced. Eligible to be heard on February 28.
SB 45 (Portantino)	Would create the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022. \$5.5 billion bond focused on climate resiliency, wildfire prevention, and water supply and quality.	TBD	Introduced. Referred to the Senate Governance and Finance and Natural Resources and Water Committees.
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