



# Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources

*The Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources (AENR) Policy Committee is responsible for the review of state and federal legislative proposals, state budget items, regulatory issues, and ballot measures relating to the environment and California's natural resources. The committee's wide range of policy issues includes agriculture, air quality, cannabis, water, forestry, mining, endangered species, disasters, energy, parks and recreation, public lands, coastal resources, fish and game, solid waste, and hazardous waste.*

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**Primary Legislative Policy Committees**

Senate and Assembly Agriculture Committees  
Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees  
Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee  
Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee  
Assembly Emergency Management  
Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee  
Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee  
Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee

**Primary Budget Subcommittees**

Senate Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection and Energy  
Assembly Subcommittee No. 3 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and Transportation

**Key State Agencies**

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection  
California Air Resource Board  
California Coastal Commission  
California Energy Commission  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
California Natural Resources Agency  
California Water Commission  
CalRecycle  
Department of Cannabis Control  
Department of Conservation  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Department of Food and Agriculture  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Department of Toxic Substance Control  
Department of Water Resources  
Office of Emergency Services  
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment  
Public Utilities Commission  
State Mining and Geology Board  
State Water Resources Control Board

**Key CSAC Affiliates**

California Agriculture Commissioners and Sealers Association  
California Animal Control Directors Association  
California Association of Regional Parks and Open Space Administrators  
California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health  
California County Planning Directors Association  
California Emergency Services Association  
California Operational Area Coalition  
County Building Officials Association of California  
County Engineers Association of California (CEAC)

**CSAC Internal Working Groups/Task Forces**

Resiliency Working Group  
Cannabis Working Group  
Coastal Counties Caucus

**Legislative Responsibilities**

- Agriculture: Williamson Act, weights & measures, pesticide use, county fairs, food safety
- Air Quality
- Animal Control
- Cannabis
- Climate Change
- Emergency Management: California Disaster Assistance Act, funding, Stafford Act, regulatory streamlining, public safety power shutoffs, seismic safety, oil spills
- Energy: project siting, renewable energy, conservation, PACE, Community Choice Aggregation
- Environmental Justice
- Fish & Wildlife
- Flood Control
- Forest management
- Natural Resources: mining, open space conservation, coastal and wetlands
- Parks and Recreation
- Solid Waste Management: facilities, recycling, organic waste, extended producer responsibility
- Water: supply and quality issues, Delta, bonds, groundwater, drinking water, conservation
- Wildfire Prevention and Safety