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## Preface

The 2010 Legislative Summary is intended as a tool to easily access information 2010 energy-related bills. The Summary provides information on energy-related bills that were chaptered or vetoed in 2010, the final year of the 2009-2010 Legislative Session.

The first section details chaptered and vetoed bills that had the most impact upon the programs and operations of the California Energy Commission. Each bill contains a brief abstract that summarizes the bill and its impact. Vetoed legislation also includes the Governor's Veto Message.

The second section details chaptered legislation that does not directly impact the California Energy Commission, but may be of interest to members of the California energy sector.

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## Notice

Summaries of 2010 chaptered and vetoed energy-related bills may be found at [www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html)

## Summary of Energy Related Legislation

### 2010 Chaptered/Vetoed Legislation

	Status	Summary
<p><b>AB 44 (Blakeslee)</b> Chapter 564, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Improvement Act of 1911: contractual assessments.</p>	Chaptered	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law defines “permanently fixed” for purposes of financing distributed electricity generating systems, details optional and mandatory criteria to be included in the electricity system purchase agreement, and sets a 5 percent ceiling criteria on property taxes and assessment for participation in Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>
<p><b>AB 471 (Nava)</b></p> <p>Legal services.</p>	Vetoed	<p><b>Summary:</b> This bill would have made non-substantive technical changes to an assortment of existing statutes relating to the authority of state agencies to retain legal counsel and to use the services of the Attorney General (AG), as well as other statutes relating to the authority of the AG.</p> <p><b>Governor’s Veto Message:</b></p> <p>To the Members of the California State Assembly:</p> <p>I am returning Assembly Bill 471 without my signature. This bill makes technical, non-substantive changes to Government Code provisions concerning the Attorney General's representation of state agencies and its authority to represent the state in certain specified actions. This bill is unnecessary. Moreover, these types of changes should be included in a larger omnibus bill rather than a standalone bill. For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.</p> <p>Sincerely, Arnold Schwarzenegger</p>
<p><b>AB 510 (Skinner)</b> Chapter 6, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Net energy metering.</p>	Chaptered	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law increases the cap on utilities’ purchase of energy from net metering contracts from 2.5% to 5%. The legislation was proposed in order to reach the Administration’s goal of achieving California Solar Initiative (Million Solar Roofs as codified in Senate Bill 1 (Murray), Chapter 132, Statutes of 2006).</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>

<p><b>AB 1106 (Fuentes)</b> Chapter 356, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Alternative and renewable fuel and vehicle technology.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law authorizes the Energy Commission to contract with small business financial development corporations established by the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency to expend funds through the Small Business Loan Guarantee Program for expenditures consistent with the requirements of the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> Immediately</p>
<p><b>AB 1585 (Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review)</b> Chapter 7, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>State government: mandated reports.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> Requires bills introduced or amended in either house of the Legislature requiring a state agency to submit a report on any subject to either house of the Legislature or Legislative Counsel to include a provision repealing or making inoperative the reporting requirement no later than four years after enactment of the bill, beginning January 1, 2010.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> Immediately</p>
<p><b>AB 1693 (Ma)</b> Chapter 145, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Building standards: code adoption cycle.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law maintains the current three-year cycle of the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) adoption process for the Title 24 building code, but changes the current annual update (in each of the two intervening years) to a single update at eighteen months.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> Immediately</p>
<p><b>AB 1809 (Smyth)</b> Chapter 453, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Home inspections: energy audits.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law authorizes a home inspection to be accompanied by a HERS home energy audit.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>
<p><b>AB 1899 (Eng)</b></p> <p>State agencies: information: Internet Web site.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This bill would have required state agencies, the Department of General Services, and the office of the State Chief Information Officer (OCIO) to post specified audits and contracts to the state's Reporting Transparency in Government Internet Web site.</p> <p><b>Governor's Veto Message:</b></p> <p>To the Members of the California State Assembly:</p> <p>I am returning Assembly Bill 1899 without my signature. I strongly support the goal of transparency in government and believe that posting information online is a simple method of achieving this goal and allowing citizens information about how their tax dollars are spent. For that reason I have issued</p>

		<p>executive orders directing posting of this type of material to the Reporting Transparency in Government Web site. As such, this bill is not necessary. For this reason I cannot sign this bill.</p> <p>Sincerely, Arnold Schwarzenegger</p>
<p><b>AB 1947 (Fong and Jones)</b> Chapter 459, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Solar energy.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law allows a local Publicly Owned Utility (POU) to administer a solar initiative program that is exempt from the “same-premises” program requirements.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>
<p><b>AB 1954 (Skinner)</b> Chapter 460, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Electrical transmission: renewable energy resources.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law allows an electrical corporation to recover in retail rates additional costs for renewable energy transmission, if not approved for recovery by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). This law also adds specific criteria that the Energy Commission must use when determining the de minimis quantity of nonrenewable fuel use that can be included in the calculation of renewable energy credits (RECs) for electricity generated by an eligible renewable energy resource for purposes of the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS).</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>
<p><b>AB 2037 (V. Manuel Perez)</b> Chapter 422, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Electricity: air pollution.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law allows a utility to enter into a long-term financial commitment with a new electric generating facility in California or in an airshed shared with California only when the facility uses best available control technology (BACT) standards for air pollution emissions, and, in the case of in-state facilities, when the facility is in compliance with local air district rules and all federal and state laws.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> June 1, 2010</p>
<p><b>AB 2376 (Huffman)</b> Chapter 424, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Fish and wildlife: strategic vision.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to convene a committee to develop and submit to the Governor and Legislature, a strategic vision for the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and the Fish and Game Commission (FGC).</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>
<p><b>AB 2408 (Smyth and Huber)</b></p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law codifies the Governor's Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2009. This restructures all</p>

<p>Chapter 404, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>State government information technology.</p>	<p>state Information Technology (IT) functions into a more centralized organization and requires that all agency/departments, including the California Energy Commission, have a Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Information Security Officer (ISO) responsible for all IT-related functions. Requires the Energy Commission to move its servers to a Tier III data center and move its email systems to a standardized state system.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>
<p><b>AB 2514 (Skinner)</b> Chapter 469, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Energy storage systems.</p>	<p>Chaptered <b>Summary:</b> This law defines and sets requirements for an energy storage system and procurement plan.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>
<p><b>AB 2724 (Blumenfield)</b> Chapter 474, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Renewable energy resources.</p>	<p>Chaptered <b>Summary:</b> This law requires a state agency participating in a feed-in-tariff to consider the total annual amount of kilowatt hours exported to the grid in determining whether the state agency has achieved its policy goals and objectives. In addition, the law expands the size of solar energy systems eligible for funding under the California Solar Initiative (CSI) from 1 megawatt (MW) to 5 MWs for systems owned by, operated by, or on property under the control of a state agency. The expanded funding would be available for state agency systems until the aggregate capacity of all funded state agency systems reached 26 MWs. The law has a two-year sunset provision.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>
<p><b>AB 2738 (Niello)</b> Chapter 398, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Regulations: agency statement of reasons.</p>	<p>Chaptered <b>Summary:</b> This law, effective January 1, 2012 until January 1, 2014, promotes increased transparency by requiring additional justification for adopting prescriptive over performance-based standards for certain types of government regulations such as Title 20 (appliance efficiency) and Title 24 (building efficiency).</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> Immediately</p>
<p><b>AB 2768 (Committee on Utilities and Commerce)</b> Chapter 213, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Vehicles: charter-party carriers: busdrivers.</p>	<p>Chaptered <b>Summary:</b> This bill ensures that specified acts of bus drivers that result in license suspension are reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The law also deletes an obsolete code section and makes technical changes to the Public Resources code relating to appointments to boards, commissions and committees to provide gender-neutral language, changing “chairman” to “chair”.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> Immediately</p>

<p><b>SB 71 (Padilla)</b> Chapter 10, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law expands the authority of the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority (Authority) to provide financial assistance for the procurement of machinery or equipment pertaining to components of alternative energy technologies. The law allows the Authority to finance projects for which the purchase, sale, or lease of tangible property that qualifies for sales and use tax exclusions established by the Board of Equalization.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> Immediately</p>
<p><b>SB 77 (Pavley)</b> Chapter 15, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Energy: Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law establishes a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Reserve Program to help finance efficiency and clean energy projects permanently affixed to real property.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> Immediately</p>
<p><b>SB 675 (Steinberg)</b></p> <p>Partnership academies: Clean Technology and Renewable Energy Job Training, Career Technical Education, and Dropout Prevention Program.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This bill would have allocated funds from the Energy Resource Programs Account (ERPA) to a newly-created California Department of Education (CDE) grant program for creating and maintaining California Partnership Academies (CPA). The partnership academies would focus on employment and a skilled workforce for energy or water conservation, renewable energy, pollution reduction, or similar technologies.</p> <p><b>Governor's Veto Message</b></p> <p>To the Members of the California State Senate:</p> <p>I am returning Senate Bill 675 without my signature. SB 675 would allocate funds from the California Energy Commission's (Commission) Energy Resource Programs Account (ERPA) to the California Department of Education (CDE) for developing and maintaining programs that focus on employment and training for energy or water conservation, renewable energy, pollution reduction, or similar technologies. Throughout my tenure as Governor, I have been a staunch supporter of increasing career-tech education opportunities for our young men and women. I continue to believe that career-tech education has a vital role to play in helping to develop and sustain California's students and our emerging green economy. Nonetheless, given the current uses of the ERPA account at the Commission and the precariously low balance in that fund, this bill would require the Commission to increase the surcharge on electricity users throughout California to pay for its provisions. And even after doing so, the Commission would still be required in the future to cut its core programs to pay for this bill, including those related to power plant licensing, renewable energy facility licensing, and energy efficiency. More importantly, I will not support increasing the surcharge on electricity users to fund a K-12 Education program. To do so would start a dangerous precedent for finding unrelated revenue sources to fund, expand, or create K-12</p>

programs outside of the Proposition 98 guarantee. Additionally, the bill only gives a minor role to the Commission in developing the guidelines for the program. Just as the Commission is not an expert in navigating our state's complex education system, neither are CDE employees proficient in the emerging technologies and future of our green economy. As such, the Commission should be CDE's partner in putting together this program so as to provide our students with the right skills to enter our green economy. If the program included in this bill was wholly funded using Proposition 98 dollars and a greater role was given to the Commission to develop guidelines in cooperation with the Department of Education, I would sign it.

Sincerely,  
Arnold Schwarzenegger

**SB 855 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)**

Chapter 718, Statutes of 2010

Natural Resources.

Chaptered

**Summary:** This Natural Resources Budget Trailer bill contains provisions necessary to implement the 2010-11 Budget. Specifically, this bill would:(1) Codify a four-year, five step process by which participants in the Energy Commission's California Ethanol Producers Incentive Program (CEPIP) must plan, permit, finance, construct and operate modifications to ethanol production facilities in California to reduce carbon intensity value of ethanol fuel; (2) Establish a schedule in which the Energy Commission must submit its AB 118 investment plan to the legislature; (3) Extend the sunset date for the Local Jurisdiction Assistance Account (LJEAA) by five years, to 2016 and the Energy Conservation Assistance Account by two years to 2013; (4) Establish a Clean and Renewable Energy Business Financing Loan Fund and authorize the California Energy Commission to conduct and administer the Clean Energy Business Financing Program; and (5) Increases the minimum and maximum levels for siting applications and compliance fees for the construction of a thermal powerplant or electric transmission line. Additionally, deletes the existing siting application fee exemption for renewable generation, and requires a report to the Legislature by July 1, 2012 on the impact of these changes.

**Effective:** Immediately

**SB 856 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)**

Chapter 719, Statutes of 2010

State Government.

Chaptered

**Summary:** This General Government Budget Trailer bill contains provisions to implement the 2010-11 Budget. Specifically, this bill extends the existing information technology (IT) statutory review, approval, and oversight authority of the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) to include service contract procurements, if the proposed contract contains an IT component that would be subject to oversight by the OCIO if it were a separate IT project.

**Effective:** Immediately

**SB 870 (Ducheny)**

Chaptered

**Summary:** This is the annual state budget that was passed by the legislature to fund the operations of

<p>Chapter 712, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>2010-11 Budget</p>	<p>California state government. The budget includes a repayment extension of a \$35 million previous General Fund loan from the Renewable Resource Technologies Fund (RRTF) to 6/30/2012 from 6/30/2011. Additionally, the budget authorizes the General Fund to borrow an additional \$25 million from the RRTF which is also due for repayment on 6/30/2012.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> Immediately</p>
<p><b>SB 1198 (Huff)</b></p> <p>Chapter 486, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Energy: State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: regulations.</p>	<p>Chaptered <b>Summary:</b> This law prohibits the Energy Commission's adopted regulations regarding television labeling from becoming effective and enforceable until July 1, 2011.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> Immediately</p>
<p><b>SB 1319 (Pavley)</b></p> <p>Chapter 492, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Subdivisions: parcel merger: renewable energy facilities.</p>	<p>Chaptered <b>Summary:</b> This law provides that specified provisions of the Subdivision Map Act do not prohibit a landowner, local agency, or renewable energy corporation from seeking financial assistance from the state to help defray the costs of merging parcels.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> Immediately</p>
<p><b>SB 1340 (Kehoe)</b></p> <p>Chapter 649, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Energy.</p>	<p>Chaptered <b>Summary:</b> This law adds to the list of eligible projects under the Energy Commission's Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP) a program for homeowners to install a residential plug-in electric vehicle (EV) charging station. This law also expands the use of the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority (CAEATFA) Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Reserve program to include electric vehicle charging infrastructure affixed on real property, and sets a 5 percent ceiling criteria on property taxes and assessment for participation in PACE programs.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>
<p><b>SB 1455 (Kehoe)</b></p> <p>Chapter 337, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Plug-in hybrid and electric vehicles: Internet web site.</p>	<p>Chaptered <b>Summary:</b> This law requires the Energy Commission, in consultation with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), to develop and maintain an Internet Web site that contains links to inform consumers considering the purchase of a hybrid or electric vehicle (EV) of the costs and associated charging infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> Immediately</p>

<p><b>SB 1467 (Padilla)</b></p> <p>Public Utilities Commission: reporting.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This bill would have required the Chair of the Energy Commission to appear annually before the Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications and the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce to report on the activities of the Energy Commission. This bill would have repealed and amended several sections of the Public Utilities Code and the Public Resources Code and made other technical and non-substantive changes, which would not have affected the Energy Commission.</p> <p><b>Governor’s Veto Message:</b></p> <p>To the Members of the California State Senate:</p> <p>I am returning Senate Bill 1467 without my signature. In addition to making several non-substantive changes to the Public Utilities Code and the Public Resources Code, this bill requires the Chairperson of the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Commission) to appear annually before the Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications and the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce to report on the activities of the Commission. This bill is unnecessary. During my Administration, the Chairperson of the Commission has always been accessible to the Legislature and, in fact, has appeared on several occasions this year before both committees to report on Energy Commission activities. If the Legislature would like to invite the Chairperson to appear before their committees, they simply need to call. In this bill’s absence, I am ordering DGS to check all phone lines between the Legislature and the Chairperson’s office to make sure they are in good working order.</p> <p>Sincerely, Arnold Schwarzenegger</p>
<p><b>SBx8 34 (Padilla)</b></p> <p>Chapter 9, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Energy: solar thermal and photovoltaic powerplants: siting: California Endangered Species Act: mitigation measures.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law makes several changes to procedures for siting solar thermal and photovoltaic powerplants eligible for federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. Additionally, the law authorizes certain recruitment and retention dollars to be spent for purposes of Energy Commission siting personnel.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> Immediately</p>

## 2010 Chaptered Legislation – Other Bills of Interest

<p><b>AB 153 (Hernandez)</b> Chapter 226, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012: groundwater contamination.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law requires not less than \$100,000,000 to be available for costs associated with projects, programs, or activities that meet the prescribed requirements of the water bond act to be placed on the ballot in 2012.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> Immediately</p>
<p><b>AB 231 (Huber)</b> Chapter 432, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Environment: California Environmental Quality Act: overriding consideration</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law authorizes a lead agency, until January 1, 2016, to incorporate by reference a finding of overriding consideration made in a prior EIR for a later project if specified conditions are met, including that the lead agency determines that the later project's significant impacts on the environment are not greater than or different from those identified in the prior EIR.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> Immediately</p>
<p><b>AB 584 (Huber)</b> Chapter 437, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Neighborhood electric vehicles.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law allows the County of Amador and the cities of Jackson, Sutter Creek and Amador to establish a neighborhood electric vehicle (NEV) transportation plan.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> Immediately</p>
<p><b>AB 1315 (Fuentes)</b> Chapter 358, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Public Utilities Commission</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law requires the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to participate in a proceeding if an incumbent local exchange carrier files a forbearance petition with the Federal Communications Commission, which in this case is a petition to request that the local exchange carrier not be required to provide access to its network to any requesting telecommunications carrier.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>

<p><b>AB 1504 (Skinner)</b> Chapter 534, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Forest resources: carbon sequestration</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in consultation with the Air Resources Board to assess the capacity of its forest and rangeland regulations to meet the state's greenhouse gas reduction goals via carbon dioxide sequestration.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>
<p><b>AB 1507 (Lieu)</b> Chapter 571, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Motor vehicle greenhouse gas emission reduction projects.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law requires the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to revise project guidelines for the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment (Carl Moyer) Program by July 1, 2011, for a project that reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, to allow certain federal and state funds to be used on a project without being factored into cost-effectiveness calculations.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>
<p><b>AB 1659 (Huber)</b> Chapter 666, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>State government: agency repeals.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law establishes a Joint Sunset Review Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of any proposed or existing agency, authority, board, bureau, commission, conservancy, council, department, division, or office of state government for which a date of repeal has been established on or after January 1, 2011.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>
<p><b>AB 1781 (Villines)</b> Chapter 452, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Neighborhood electric vehicles.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> Authorizes the city of Fresno to establish a neighborhood electric vehicle program. This includes allowing the vehicles to operate in designated areas without meeting a minimum speed threshold.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>
<p><b>AB 1846 (V. Manuel Perez)</b> Chapter 195, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Environment: expedited environmental review: climate change regulations.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law requires that an environmental analysis be performed for a rule or regulation that requires the installation of pollution control equipment or a performance standard or treatment requirement adopted pursuant to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. The law authorizes the use of the focused environmental impact report for a project that consists solely of the installation of pollution control equipment or other components that are necessary to complete the installation of that equipment that reduces greenhouse gas emissions in compliance with a rule or regulation adopted pursuant to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>

<p><b>AB 1873 (Huffman)</b> Chapter 583, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) bonds.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law authorizes the Treasurer, upon direction of the Pooled Money Investment Board, the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System, and the State Compensation Insurance Fund to purchase PACE bonds from specified funds.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>
<p><b>AB 2565 (Ammiano)</b> Chapter 210, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Environment: CEQA: lead agency: documents.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law authorizes a public agency to charge and collect a reasonable fee from members of the public for a copy of an environmental document, as defined, that does not exceed the cost of reproducing the environmental document. The law would authorize the public agency to provide the environmental document in an electronic format.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>
<p><b>AJR 26 (Chesbro)</b> Resolution Chapter 114, Filed 2010</p> <p>Climate change.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law requests that the Congress of the United States establish a comprehensive framework, including dedicated funding, for adapting our nation's wildlife, habitats, coasts, watersheds, rivers, and other natural resources and ecosystems to the impacts of climate change.</p>
<p><b>SB 518 (Lowenthal)</b> Chapter 622, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Building standards: graywater.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law requires the Building Standards Commission as part of the next triennial edition of the California Building Standards Code to adopt standards for the construction, installation, or alteration of graywater systems for indoor and outdoor uses in non-residential occupancies.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>
<p><b>SB 535 (Yee)</b> Chapter 215, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Vehicles: high-occupancy vehicle lanes.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law extends the eligibility of vehicles that meet California's super ultra-low emission vehicle (SULEV) standard and the federal inherently low-emission vehicle (ILEV) evaporative emission standard to use high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes beyond the current sunset date of January 1, 2011. The eligibility of electric and gaseous fuel vehicles remains in effect until the Secretary of State receives a specified notice from the Director of Transportation that federal law does not authorize the state to allow the identified vehicles to use HOV lanes regardless of vehicle occupancy. Hybrid vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles that meet specified California emission standards and fuel economy ratings, but do not meet the ILEV evaporative emission standard will retain the sunset date of January 1, 2011.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>

<p><b>SB 1006 (Pavley)</b> Chapter 632, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Climate Change</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law requires the Strategic Growth Council to manage and award revolving loans or grants to a city, county, special district, nonprofit organization, or entity formed under a joint powers agreement. The law would require that these revolving loans or grants be awarded for urban greening plans and projects. This law contains other existing laws.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>
<p><b>SB 1247 (Dutton)</b> Chapter 488, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Renewable energy resources: hydroelectric generation facilities.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This bill defines as Renewables Portfolio Standard eligible incremental increases gained from efficiency improvements at the Rock Creek Powerhouse as long as the efficiency improvements receive approval from the State Water Resources Control Board.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> Immediately</p>
<p><b>SB 1456 (Simitian)</b> Chapter 496, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Environmental quality: cumulative effects and mediation</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law enacts several procedural changes to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Some of these changes will have the end result of requiring project opponents to base CEQA claims on specific objections they made during the public process.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> Immediately</p>
<p><b>SB 1476 (Padilla)</b> Chapter 497, Statutes of 2010</p> <p>Public utilities: customer privacy: advanced metering infrastructure.</p>	<p>Chaptered</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> This law requires an investor-owned utility (IOU) or publicly owned utility (POU) using advanced metering (smart meters) to protect consumers energy usage data from an unauthorized access or disclosure. The law prohibits IOUs and POUs from certain activities. It also deletes a pilot project relating to the relative value to ratepayers of information, rate design, and metering innovations.</p> <p><b>Effective:</b> January 1, 2011</p>