

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD 2016



CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

CLCV's 42nd annual Scorecard, rating the environmental performance of California's elected officials for the 2015 legislative year

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WHO ARE MY LEGISLATORS?

If you received this *Scorecard* at your voting address, please refer to the line above your address on the back cover:

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YOUR NAME
YOUR ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP

The legislators who represented you in 2015, when the scores in this *Scorecard* were compiled, are listed above your name. Find their scores in the chart on the following pages. Find out more about your legislators at ecovote.org/legislators or take action at act.ecovote.org.

THANK YOU TO OUR LAWMAKERS WHO SCORED 100% IN 2015:

STATE SENATORS

Ben Allen	Jerry Hill	Mike McGuire
Marty Block	Hannah-Beth Jackson	Bob Wieckowski
Kevin de León	Mark Leno	Lois Wolk
Loni Hancock	Carol Liu	

ASSEMBLYMEMBERS

Toni Atkins	Susan Eggman	Anthony Rendon
Richard Bloom	Jimmy Gomez	Miguel Santiago
Rob Bonta	Reggie Jones-Sawyer	Mark Stone
Ed Chau	Marc Levine	Tony Thurmond
David Chiu	Patty Lopez	Phil Ting
Kansen Chu	Kevin McCarty	Das Williams
Matt Dababneh	Kevin Mullin	Jim Wood

& GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN

KEY:



PRO-ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION:
a "YES" VOTE or a SIGNATURE



ANTI-ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION:
DID NOT VOTE



ANTI-ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION:
a "NO" VOTE or a VETO



EXCUSED: Absent due to illness or family leave; not counted positively or negatively

CLCV supported all of the 2015 bills listed in this *Scorecard*. Each action taken by lawmakers represents either the pro- or anti-environmental position as determined by CLCV. When a legislator does not take a position on a bill by not voting, that has the same effect as voting no, so it is counted negatively toward that legislator's score.

GOVERNOR & SENATE SCORECARD 2015

Governor / State Senator	Party-District	2015 Score	Lifetime Score	AB 96	AB 356	AB 693	AB 744	AB 888	AB 1288	AB 1461	AB 1496	SB 32	SB 185	SB 248	SB 350	SB 454	SB 788
Brown, Jerry	D	100%	87%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Allen, Ben	D-26	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Anderson, Joel	R-38	0%	7%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Bates, Patricia	R-36	0%	2%	✗	✗	✗	✗	NV	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Beall, Jim	D-15	92%	97%	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Berryhill, Tom	R-8	0%	13%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Block, Marty	D-39	100%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cannella, Anthony	R-12	15%	20%	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
de León, Kevin	D-24	100%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fuller, Jean	R-16	0%	9%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Gaines, Ted	R-1	0%	6%	✗	✗	✗	✗	NV	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Galgiani, Cathleen	D-5	54%	56%	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	NV	✗	✓	✗	✓	NV	NV	
Glazer, Steve	D-7	85%	85%	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV
Hall, Isadore	D-35	92%	80%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓
Hancock, Loni	D-9	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hernández, Ed	D-22	85%	82%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	
Hertzberg, Bob	D-18	85%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	NV	✓	
Hill, Jerry	D-13	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hueso, Ben	D-40	92%	90%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV
Huff, Bob	R-29	8%	7%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Jackson, Hannah-Beth	D-19	100%	99%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lara, Ricardo	D-33	92%	89%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓
Leno, Mark	D-11	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Leyva, Connie	D-20	85%	85%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	
Liu, Carol	D-25	100%	94%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McGuire, Mike	D-2	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mendoza, Tony	D-32	85%	83%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	
Mitchell, Holly	D-30	85%	92%	NV	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monning, Bill	D-17	92%	99%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Moorlach, John	R-37	0%	0%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Morrell, Mike	R-23	0%	8%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Nguyen, Janet	R-34	0%	0%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Nielsen, Jim	R-4	0%	32%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	NV	NV	✗	✗	✗	✗	
Pan, Richard	D-6	85%	84%	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓
Pavley, Fran	D-27	92%	97%	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Roth, Richard	D-31	69%	78%	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓
Runner, Sharon	R-21	0%	4%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Stone, Jeff	R-28	8%	8%	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Vidak, Andy	R-14	0%	11%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Wieckowski, Bob	D-10	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wolk, Lois	D-3	100%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

FAILED ON ASSEMBLY FLOOR

ASSEMBLY SCORECARD 2015

Assemblymember	Party-District	2015 Score	Lifetime Score	AB 96	AB 356	AB 693	AB 744	AB 888	AB 1288	AB 1467	AB 1496	SB 32	SB 185	SB 248	SB 350	SB 454	SB 788
Achadjian, Katcho	R-35	9%	26%	NV	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Alejo, Luis	D-30	82%	86%	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓		✓		
Allen, Travis	R-72	9%	12%	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Atkins, Toni	D-78	100%	99%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Baker, Catharine	R-16	27%	27%	NV	NV	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X		✓		
Bigelow, Frank	R-5	0%	11%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Bloom, Richard	D-50	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Bonilla, Susan	D-14	91%	79%	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Bonta, Rob	D-18	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Brough, William	R-73	0%	0%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Brown, Cheryl	D-47	73%	74%	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV		✓		
Burke, Autumn	D-62	91%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓		✓		
Calderon, Ian	D-57	82%	85%	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓		✓		
Campos, Nora	D-27	91%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓		✓		
Chang, Ling Ling	R-55	9%	9%	NV	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Chau, Ed	D-49	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Chávez, Rocky	R-76	0%	11%	X	X	X	X	—	X	X	X	—	X		X		
Chiu, David	D-17	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Chu, Kansen	D-25	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Cooley, Ken	D-8	82%	70%	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓		✓		
Cooper, Jim	D-9	73%	73%	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	X		✓		
Dababneh, Matt	D-45	100%	94%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Dahle, Brian	R-1	9%	16%	X	NV	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Daly, Tom	D-69	73%	65%	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	NV		✓		
Dodd, Bill	D-4	91%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓		✓		
Eggman, Susan	D-13	100%	86%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Frazier, Jim	D-11	64%	61%	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓		✓		
Gaines, Beth	R-6	0%	11%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Gallagher, James	R-3	0%	0%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Garcia, Cristina	D-58	91%	90%	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Garcia, Eduardo	D-56	82%	82%	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓		✓		
Gatto, Mike	D-43	91%	91%	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Gipson, Mike	D-64	82%	82%	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓		✓		
Gomez, Jimmy	D-51	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Gonzalez, Lorena	D-80	91%	92%	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Gordon, Rich	D-24	91%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓		✓		
Gray, Adam	D-21	64%	55%	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X		X		
Grove, Shannon	R-34	0%	13%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Hadley, David	R-66	45%	45%	✓	NV	X	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	X	X		✓		
Harper, Matthew	R-74	0%	0%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		

HELD IN ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS

FAILED ON SENATE FLOOR

HELD IN ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS

KEY: VOTED "YES" (GOOD) VOTED "NO" (BAD) DID NOT VOTE (BAD) EXCUSED

Assemblymember	Party-District	2015 Score	Lifetime Score	AB 96	AB 356	AB 693	AB 744	AB 888	AB 1288	AB 1467	AB 1496	SB 32	SB 185	SB 248	SB 350	SB 454	SB 788
Hernández, Roger	D-48	82%	75%														
Holden, Chris	D-41	91%	95%														
Irwin, Jacqui	D-44	82%	82%														
Jones, Brian	R-71	0%	9%														
Jones-Sawyer, Reggie	D-59	100%	96%														
Kim, Young	R-65	0%	0%														
Lackey, Tom	R-36	45%	45%														
Levine, Marc	D-10	100%	97%														
Linder, Eric	R-60	18%	24%														
López, Patty	D-39	100%	100%														
Low, Evan	D-28	82%	82%														
Maienschein, Brian	R-77	27%	31%														
Mathis, Devon	R-26	9%	9%														
Mayer, Chad	R-42	9%	9%														
McCarty, Kevin	D-7	100%	100%														
Medina, Jose	D-61	82%	73%														
Melendez, Melissa	R-67	0%	11%														
Mullin, Kevin	D-22	100%	100%														
Nazarian, Adrin	D-46	91%	97%														
O'Donnell, Patrick	D-70	82%	82%														
Oberholte, Jay	R-33	18%	18%														
Olsen, Kristin	R-12	9%	15%														
Patterson, Jim	R-23	9%	18%														
Perea, Henry	D-31	82%	70%														
Quirk, Bill	D-20	91%	88%														
Rendon, Anthony	D-63	100%	100%														
Ridley-Thomas, Sebastian	D-54	73%	70%														
Rodriguez, Freddie	D-52	73%	74%														
Salas, Rudy	D-32	82%	64%														
Santiago, Miguel	D-53	100%	100%														
Steinorth, Marc	R-40	27%	27%														
Stone, Mark	D-29	100%	100%														
Thurmond, Tony	D-15	100%	100%														
Ting, Phil	D-19	100%	100%														
Wagner, Donald	R-68	0%	9%														
Waldron, Marie	R-75	0%	13%														
Weber, Shirley	D-79	91%	93%														
Wilk, Scott	R-38	9%	17%														
Williams, Das	D-37	100%	98%														
Wood, Jim	D-2	100%	100%														

HELD IN ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS

FAILED ON SENATE FLOOR

HELD IN ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS

2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 19 Last day for new bills to be introduced in the California State Legislature

MAY 23 Last day to register to vote in the June 7th Primary Election (for more details, visit ecovote.org/register)

JUNE 7 State and Presidential Primary Election

JUNE 15 State budget deadline

AUGUST 31 Last day for the Legislature to pass bills

SEPTEMBER 30 Governor's deadline to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature

OCTOBER 24 Last day to register to vote in the November 8th General Election

NOVEMBER 8 State and Presidential General Election

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elections,
legislation,
and more!

Dear Conservation Voter,

California made environmental history in 2015, and we're gearing up to do it again in 2016. California's legislature passed and Governor Jerry Brown signed bills that will increase the state's use of clean, renewable energy to 50% by the year 2030, more equitably distribute the benefits of clean energy to low-income families, reduce plastic waste in our waterways, automatically register millions more voters, and end California's illegal ivory trade, among other important bills. But our victory was incomplete. The powerful oil industry spent a record-breaking \$22 million lobbying against environmental bills, ultimately convincing too many lawmakers to put the brakes on proposals to protect our air, water, coast, and most vulnerable communities from pollution.

Our *California Environmental Scorecard* is the definitive record of how the state legislature and Governor Jerry Brown performed on the most important environmental proposals in 2015. Please use it to know the score and take action.

One of the most important actions each of us can take this year is to vote. In 2016, Californians will cast their votes for a new President, a new United States Senator, and candidates for other important state legislative races. As always, it's CLCV's goal to elect environmental leaders who listen to their constituents—not big polluters. Thanks to you, California is the nation's environmental leader. We intend to keep it that way.

We do this work to protect the California we love—not just for ourselves, but for future generations. I hope that our children will be able to tell their grandchildren that Californians made a difference. That we were able to come together to create sustainable and healthy communities for our families, to protect and preserve the landscapes that inspire us, and to include all of California's diverse voices in this vision. I hope they will be proud of us.

To continue that progress, we must elect candidates with the will and know-how—and the heart—to pass the laws that keep us leading the way. We have to set even bolder targets in order to curb dangerous carbon pollution, and in order to make the California dream a reality for more of our neighbors.

I'm so grateful that you are a part of our movement, and that we can continue to count on you to be a champion for our environment.

Sincerely,



Sarah Rose, CLCV CEO

A photograph of two young children, a girl and a boy, sitting on a forest floor. They are wearing bright, colorful jackets (one pink, one green) and appear to be engaged in an activity with a string or stick. The background is a lush, green forest with trees and foliage.

Bill Descriptions

AB 96 Ivory Ban

Author: Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins

AB 96 will close the enforcement loophole in California's decades-old elephant ivory sales ban and will prohibit the trade in rhinoceros horns. African elephants and rhinos are being slaughtered at an unprecedented rate—approximately 96 elephants every day—and could be driven to extinction by poaching, fueled increasingly by terrorist groups raising millions of dollars from selling poached tusks and horns. California is the second largest ivory retail market in the country and demand in California is contributing to poaching and terrorism in Africa.

**Passed Senate 26-13; Passed Assembly 54-21;
Signed by Governor Brown**

AB 356 Oil & Gas Groundwater Monitoring

Author: Assemblymember Das Williams

The Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) improperly permitted over 2,500 wells to inject toxic chemicals and other fluids from oil and gas extraction operations into federally protected potential sources of drinking water. AB 356 would have required the State Water Board to vet DOGGR's aquifer exemptions and injection projects to ensure that sources of drinking water are protected.

Failed Assembly 28-33

AB 693 Multifamily Affordable Housing Solar Program

Author: Assemblymember Susan Talamantes Eggman

AB 693 will create a new program, called Solar CARE, that dedicates \$100 million per year to low-income tenants of multifamily affordable housing projects for on-site solar installations. Low-income communities are often last to benefit from green technologies. AB 693 helps lower energy bills for low-income families with free solar energy, in addition to promoting local jobs, renewable energy, and cleaner air for the state.

**Passed Assembly 51-28; Passed Senate 26-14;
Signed by Governor Brown**

AB 744 Reducing Parking Minimum Requirements

Author: Assemblymember Ed Chau

AB 744 will help achieve the state's climate goals and improve housing affordability by reducing parking regulations for special needs, senior, and transit-oriented affordable housing. Excessive parking requirements encourage driving, reinforce sprawl, and increase housing costs. Parking is expensive to build and takes up valuable space which could be used to house people, not cars.

**Passed Senate 22-15; Passed Assembly 54-25;
Signed by Governor Brown**

Bill Descriptions, continued

AB 888 Removing Ugly Plastics from Beauty Products

Author: Assemblymember Richard Bloom

Synthetic plastic microbeads are in hundreds of personal care products including toothpaste and body wash, are not biodegradable, and absorb toxins. They are not recovered in traditional wastewater treatment plants and are becoming pervasive in our waterways and ocean. Fish and other marine life consume them; toxins then accumulate up the food chain and pose a health threat to people and wildlife. AB 888 will phase out the use of plastic microbeads in personal care products in favor of the many available biodegradable alternatives.

Passed Senate 24-14; Passed Assembly 64-12; Signed by Governor Brown

AB 1288 Environmental Justice Representation on ARB

Author: Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins

AB 1288 will expand the California Air Resources Board (ARB) by adding two seats for people who work with low-income communities and communities of color, with the goal of adding an environmental justice perspective. The actions of the ARB impact the environment, health, and well-being of all Californians; their actions are particularly significant for low-income communities and communities of color, who are disproportionately exposed to polluted air.

Passed Assembly 52-26; Passed Senate 28-10; Signed by Governor Brown

AB 1461 Automatic Voter Registration

Author: Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez

AB 1461, the New Motor Voter Act, will automatically register to vote eligible voters who obtain or update a driver's license or state ID. More than 6.5 million Californians—mostly young people—are currently eligible to vote, but not registered. AB 1461 will bring more Californians into the democratic process and will empower more voters to hold elected officials accountable.

Passed Senate 25-15; Passed Assembly 52-26; Signed by Governor Brown

AB 1496 Reducing Methane Emissions

Author: Assemblymember Tony Thurmond

Methane is an extremely potent greenhouse gas that occurs both naturally and through human activity, in about equal measures. Notable sources include agriculture and fossil fuel extraction. AB 1496 will direct the California Air Resources Board (ARB), in consultation with California local air districts, to develop a program that would measure, monitor, regulate, and ultimately reduce methane emissions statewide.

Passed Senate 25-14; Passed Assembly 57-22; Signed by Governor Brown

SB 32 Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Author: State Senator Fran Pavley

SB 32 would have set greenhouse gas reduction limits of 40 percent below 1990 levels in 2030 and 80 percent below 1990 levels in 2050, consistent with the level of reductions that climate scientists warn will be required to avoid catastrophic climate disruptions.

Passed Senate 24-15; Failed Assembly 30-35

SB 185 Coal Divestment

Author: State Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León

SB 185 will require California's public pension funds, the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS), to divest from holdings in thermal coal. Divestment from coal—America's dirtiest energy source—is part of the state's broader efforts to decarbonize the California economy and transition to clean, renewable energy resources. California is the first state in the nation to pass a measure of this kind.

**Passed Senate 24-14; Passed Assembly 43-27;
Signed by Governor Brown**

SB 248 Oil and Gas Extraction Chemicals: Underground Injection

Author: State Senator Fran Pavley

SB 248 would have prohibited the disposal of oil and gas wastewater into unlined pits that threaten groundwater. It would also have required that only chemicals with complete health and safety data could be used in oil and gas extraction methods that require underground injection, and that their identities and properties would be publicly disclosed.

Passed Senate 22-18; Held in Assembly Suspense

SB 350 Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015

Author: State Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León

SB 350 will mandate an increase of California's renewable energy use to 50% by 2030 and a doubling of energy efficiency over that same timeline. SB 350 is a climate change bill of historic proportions with aggressive targets. However, the bill was stripped of a provision to cut California's petroleum usage by 50% in the next 15 years

due to pressure from the oil industry, which spent many millions of dollars on a deceptive lobbying and media campaign, and, ultimately, the work of a group of oil industry-friendly Assembly Democrats.

**Passed Senate 26-14; Passed Assembly 52-27;
Signed by Governor Brown**

SB 454 Protecting Drinking Water from Oil & Gas

Author: State Senator Ben Allen

Currently, California's Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) issues permits for oil and gas injection wells. If a well is judged not to threaten drinking water, an aquifer exemption is granted, subject to final U.S. EPA review. SB 454 would have protected groundwater by requiring the State Water Board to also review aquifer exemption applications in response to revelations that more than 2,500 wells were improperly permitted by DOGGR.

Failed Senate 17-17

SB 788 Oil & Gas Coastal Sanctuaries

Author: State Senator Mike McGuire

SB 788, the California Coastal Protection Act of 2015, would have provided permanent protection for a State Marine Protected Area near the Santa Barbara Channel from repeated attempts to extract oil.

**Passed Senate 24-15; Held in Assembly
Appropriations**



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