



Midpeninsula Regional  
Open Space District

## LEGISLATIVE, FUNDING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

R-15-53

March 17, 2015

### AGENDA ITEM 2

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Proposed Legislation and Issues, including Approval of Appreciation Letter for AB 495

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

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- 1) Receive updates on proposed legislation and issue;
- 2) Recommend the Letter of Appreciation to Assemblyman Gordon regarding AB 495 to the full Board of Directors for approval.

#### SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

The following proposed legislation and issues are of interest to the District and will be discussed by LFPAC.

1. **AB 327 (Gordon D) – Public Works: volunteers.** This legislation would permanently make into law an exemption to allow volunteers to continue on a volunteer basis without an agency being subjected to pay a prevailing wage for duties performed.  
Recommendation: SUPPORT – The General Manager co-signed a letter with partner agencies. (Attachment 1 – currently in draft and awaiting final letter with General Manager's signature and District logo.)
2. **AB 495 (Gordon D) – Regional park and open-space districts: general manager: powers.** This legislation would increase the purchasing authority of the general managers of MROSD and East Bay Regional Park District, with district board approval, from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The District co-sponsored this bill with East Bay Parks. A letter of thanks to Assemblymember Gordon is attached for committee review. (Attachment 2)
3. **ACR 18 (Gordon D-Menlo Park) – Parks Make Life Better! Month.** This measure would recognize the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the health and development of all Californians and would declare the month of July 2015 as "Parks Make Life Better!" Month. Recommendation: SUPPORT
4. **SB 317 (De Leon D) – The Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016.** Last year, Senator Kevin de Leon (D-Los Angeles) introduced the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2014, SB 1086, as a placeholder for a new state park bond. While it passed the Senate Appropriations Committee in May 2014, it stalled as the legislature debated the water bond. On 2/23/2015 Senator de Leon, now Senate President pro Tempore, introduced a similar bill

for 2016. The details of the bill still need to be added. One specific issue of importance for the Bay Area, which may currently have less emphasis for the Pro Tempore, is per capita distribution of funds and the Bay Program of the Coastal Conservancy. The General Manager will provide an update to the Committee about the current status of the District's involvement.

5. **UPDATE: Proposition 1: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.** California voters approved Prop 1 on November 4, 2014, a general obligation bond in the amount of \$7.545 billion. It includes funding for ecosystems and watershed protection and restoration, water supply infrastructure projects, including surface and groundwater storage, and drinking water protection. The bond allocates \$100.5 million to the State Coastal Conservancy to protect and restore California rivers, lakes, streams, and watersheds. The Coastal Conservancy anticipates availability of a portion of the \$100.5 million at the start of the 2015-16 fiscal year, at which time projects will be solicited following established guidelines and will be evaluated and taken to the Coastal Conservancy board for consideration. District Planning Department staff will be submitting comments for grant guidelines at a Coastal Conservancy public meeting in Oakland on March 19, 2015. District Planning Manager Jane Mark will give a brief update on Prop 1 grant opportunities and the District's review of the Program guidelines.

The District is also watching a number of bills which are highlighted in Attachment 3.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

#### **CEQA COMPLIANCE**

This item is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Attachments:

1. Co-signed letter of support for AB327
2. Draft appreciation letter for AB495
3. Legislative Update

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February 27, 2015  
The Honorable Rich Gordon  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 495

Dear Assembly Member Gordon:

On behalf of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for authoring Bill AB 495, which would increase the District's general manager purchasing authority with District Board approval, from \$25,000 to as high as \$50,000.

As you know, the \$25,000 limit has not been changed since 2002, while inflation and local project costs have increased substantially. The District prides itself on adhering to a long standing practice of fiscal responsibility, including efficient administrative processes. This increase in purchasing authority would enable us to save hundreds of hours of staff time and thousands of dollars each year by limiting the time it takes in preparing Board approval reports, while continuing to maintain competitive public contracting procedures in compliance with law and District policy. This time and cost savings means we can dedicate more resources to opening preserves, trails, and other amenities to the public at a much faster pace, offering many more new opportunities for outdoor recreation close to home.

We appreciate your leadership in the California State Assembly and your dedication to and understanding of the need for government agencies to serve the public efficiently. We also thank you for your long standing support to open space and regional parks and trails, adding to the quality of life to the constituents of District 24 and neighboring Districts.

Sincerely,

Pete Siemens

Board President

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February 13, 2015

The Honorable Rich Gordon  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 327 – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Gordon:

We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for Assembly Bill 327, which will permanently allow the continued reliance and use of California's vast pool of volunteers to work on important community, environmental and conservation projects without being subject to the state's prevailing wage laws.

As you well know, volunteerism is a critical component to maintaining vital, healthy and sustainable communities throughout California. Many Californians volunteer their valuable time on community environmental and natural resources projects designed to benefit their local communities and surroundings, such as restoring and enhancing wildlife habitat, building and repairing trails, creating neighbourhood parks, planting community gardens and trees, cleaning up beaches and other waterways, and restoring streams and wetlands. Most of these community projects would simply not occur without the time and dedication given by volunteers.

California's civic history has amply demonstrated time and time again that its residents are eager for volunteer opportunities for themselves and their children. In fact, volunteerism and civic duty has long been a deeply-held value ingrained in the lives of generations of Americans seeking to enrich their lives, their communities, and their environment. Conversely, placing any limits on the ability of people to volunteer their time and services on projects of such intrinsic value to their communities and our natural landscapes makes no practical sense whatsoever and serves no public purpose.

In the more than ten years since the Legislature wisely enacted this volunteer exemption into state law, this statute has proven itself a vital tool in helping to keep Californians from all walks of life, young and old, urban and rural, connected to both their local community and our state's environment and natural resources in a meaningful, productive way. Moreover, these positive attributes have accrued without any evidence of examples of abuse having arisen from this statute's enactment into law. In other words, we now have more than a decade's worth of experience that conclusively shows that the volunteer exemption continues to work as originally intended and works remarkably well.

In closing, we strongly agree with you that the time has come to make this exemption for volunteers a permanent fixture in state law, thereby allowing California to continue to tap into one of our greatest, most robust and economical resources on behalf of community, environmental and conservation stewardship – the generosity of the human spirit.

We are pleased to support Assembly Bill 327 and thank you for carrying this critical measure for maintaining healthy natural and human communities.

Sincerely,

Darla Guenzler  
CA Council of Land Trusts

Rico Mastrodonato  
Trust for Public Land

your name  
your organization



## MROSD Legislative Status Report

### Report Date: 3/4/2015

#### [AB 2](#)

**(Alejo D)** Community revitalization authority.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 12/2/2014-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.

Location: 12/1/2014-A. PRINT

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would authorize certain local agencies to form a community revitalization authority within a community revitalization and investment area, as defined, to carry out provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law in that area for purposes related to, among other things, infrastructure, affordable housing, and economic revitalization, and to provide for the financing of these activities by, among other things, the issuance of bonds serviced by tax increment revenues.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack	Redevelopment	

#### [AB 10](#)

**(Gatto D)** Political Reform Act of 1974: economic interest disclosures.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 1/16/2015-Referred to Com. on E. & R.

Location: 1/16/2015-A. E. & R.

Summary: Would increase the thresholds at which a public official has a disqualifying financial interest in sources of income from \$500 to \$1,000, in investments in business entities from \$2,000 to \$5,000, and in interests in real property from \$2,000 to \$10,000. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

#### [AB 67](#)

**(Gonzalez D)** Double Pay on the Holiday Act of 2015.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/17/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/17/2014

Status: 1/22/2015-Referred to Com. on L. & E.

Location: 1/22/2015-A. L. & E.

Calendar: 3/18/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, ROGER HERNÁNDEZ, Chair

Summary: Would enact the Double Pay on the Holiday Act of 2015 that would require an employer to pay at least 2 times the regular rate of pay to an employee for work on a family holiday as defined. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

#### [AB 83](#)

**(Gatto D)** Information Practices Act of 1977.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/6/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/6/2015

Status: 1/7/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 6.

Location: 1/6/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law, the Information Practices Act of 1977, defines specified terms for its purposes. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 168](#)

([Maienschein](#) R) Local government finance.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/22/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/22/2015

Status: 1/23/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 22.

Location: 1/22/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law requires the county auditor, in the case in which a qualifying city becomes the successor agency to a special district as a result of a merger with that district as described in a specified statute, to additionally allocate to that successor qualifying city that amount of property tax revenue that otherwise would have been allocated to that special district pursuant to general allocation requirements. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the provision pertaining to property tax revenue allocations to a qualifying city that merges with a special district.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 182](#)

([Alejo](#) D) California Voting Rights Act of 2001.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/26/2015

Status: 2/2/2015-Referred to Coms. on E. & R. and JUD.

Location: 2/2/2015-A. E. & R.

Summary: Would provide parallel provisions that prohibit the use of a district-based election in a political subdivision if it would impair the ability of a protected class, as defined, to elect candidates of its choice or otherwise influence the outcome of an election. The bill would require a court to implement specified remedies upon a finding that a district-based election was imposed or applied in a manner that impaired the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or otherwise influence the outcome of an election.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 183](#)

([Waldron](#) R) Local government finance.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/26/2015

Status: 1/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 26.

Location: 1/26/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law requires the county auditor, in the case in which a "qualifying city" becomes the successor agency to a special district as a result of a merger with that district as described in a specified statute, to additionally allocate to that successor qualifying city that amount of property tax revenue that otherwise would have been allocated to that special district pursuant to general allocation requirements. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to the provision pertaining to property tax revenue allocations to a qualifying city that merges with a special district.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 232](#)

([Allen, Travis](#) R) Parks and monuments: operating leases or agreements.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/4/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/4/2015

Status: 2/17/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 2/17/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Current law prohibits the Department of Parks and Recreation from entering into an operating lease or agreement, or amendment, unless one of 2 conditions are met including if, following

enactment of the annual Budget Act, the State Public Works Board determines, among other things, that the proposed lease or agreement, or amendment, could not have been presented to the Legislature for review during the annual budget process, as provided. This bill would authorize the board to review and approve a proposed lease or agreement, or amendment, no earlier than 30 days after it has provided written notification to the chairpersons of those legislative committees, as provided.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 237](#)

**(Daly D)** Local governments: parcel taxes: notice.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/5/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/5/2015

Status: 2/17/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 2/17/2015-A. L. GOV.

Summary: Would require, before the adoption of any new parcel tax, the legislative body of a local agency, as defined, to provide at least 90 days' notice of the vote to enact the proposed parcel tax to the owner of each parcel affected by the tax. This bill would require the notice to include specified information and to be provided to the property owner in a specified manner. This bill would provide that the local agency may recover the reasonable costs of the notice from the proceeds of the parcel tax.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 02/06/2015- WATCH. Comments from Ana Ruiz: Seems like an onerous and costly requirement to place on local agencies. Also, this does not account for other voters who have a right to vote on parcel tax measures who do not own properties and seek to support measures that improve regional quality of life.

[AB 241](#)

**(Gordon D)** Bankruptcy: retired employees: disclosure of names and mailing addresses.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/5/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/5/2015

Status: 2/17/2015-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and P. & C.P.

Location: 2/17/2015-A. L. GOV.

Summary: Would require, notwithstanding any other law and under certain conditions, a local public entity to provide the name and mailing address of each retired employee or his or her beneficiary receiving the retired employee's retirement benefit to any organization that is incorporated and qualified under specific state and federal laws for the purpose of representing retired employees or their beneficiaries as members of the organization in a neutral evaluation process, the declaration of a fiscal emergency and adoption of a resolution, or a bankruptcy proceeding, as specified.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 251](#)

**(Levine D)** Public works: public subsidies.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/9/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/9/2015

Status: 2/17/2015-Referred to Com. on L. & E.

Location: 2/17/2015-A. L. & E.

Calendar: 3/18/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, ROGER HERNÁNDEZ, Chair

Summary: Would provide that a public subsidy is de minimis if it is both less than \$25,000 and less than 1% of the total project cost. The bill would specify that those provisions do not apply to a project that was advertised for bid, or a contract that was awarded, before January 1, 2016.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		



**AB 259**

**(Dababneh D) Personal information: privacy.**

**Current Text: Introduced: 2/9/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)**

**Introduced: 2/9/2015**

**Status: 2/17/2015-Referred to Com. on P. & C.P.**

**Location: 2/17/2015-A. P. & C.P.**

**Summary: Current law requires an agency that owns or licenses computerized data that includes personal information, as defined, to provide notification of any breach in the security of that data to any California resident whose personal information may have been compromised by the breach, as specified. This bill would additionally require an agency, if the agency was the source of the breach and the breach compromised a person's social security number, driver's license number, or California identification card number, to offer to provide the person with identity theft prevention and mitigation services at no cost for not less than 12 months, as specified.**

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**AB 278**

**(Hernández, Roger D) District-based municipal elections.**

**Current Text: Introduced: 2/11/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)**

**Introduced: 2/11/2015**

**Status: 2/23/2015-Referred to Coms. on E. & R. and L. GOV.**

**Location: 2/23/2015-A. E. & R.**

**Summary: Would require the legislative body of a city with a population of 100,000 or more to adopt an ordinance, without submitting the ordinance to the voters of the city for approval, for the election of members of the legislative body by district. This bill would require that the boundary lines of each district be adjusted in accordance with specified provisions of law. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.**

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**AB 283**

**(Dababneh D) Financial affairs.**

**Current Text: Introduced: 2/11/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)**

**Introduced: 2/11/2015**

**Status: 2/23/2015-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and B. & F.**

**Location: 2/23/2015-A. L. GOV.**

**Summary: With respect to investments other than a certificate of deposit, current law limits the percentage of local agency funds that may be invested by any one private sector entity. Current law, on and after January 1, 2017, limits this authority to invest surplus funds to investments in certificates of deposit. This bill would eliminate the limitation that would become operative on January 1, 2017, and thus would indefinitely continue the existing authority for a local agency to invest its surplus funds, in certificates of deposit or in another form of investment.**

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**AB 313**

**(Atkins D) Enhanced infrastructure financing districts.**

**Current Text: Introduced: 2/12/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)**

**Introduced: 2/12/2015**

**Status: 2/23/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.**

**Location: 2/23/2015-A. L. GOV.**

**Summary: Would require, after the adoption of a resolution of intention to establish a proposed district, the legislative body to send a copy of the resolution to the public financing authority. This bill would revise the duties of the public financing authority after the resolution of intention to establish the proposed district has been adopted, so that the public financing authority, instead of the legislative body, will perform the specified duties related to the preparation, proposal, and adoption of the infrastructure financing plan and the adoption of the formation of the district.**

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 02/17/2015-WATCH.

[AB 327](#)

([Gordon D](#)) Public works: volunteers.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/13/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/13/2015

Status: 2/23/2015-Referred to Com. on L. & E.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. L. & E.

Summary: All workers employed on public works projects are required to be paid not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for work, except as specified. Current law governing public works does not apply to specified work performed by a volunteer, a volunteer coordinator, or a member of the California Conservation Corps or a community conservation corps. These provisions are effective only until January 1, 2017, and as of that date are repealed. This bill would delete that repeal date provision, effectively extending those provisions indefinitely. The bill would also delete an obsolete provision.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Support		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 02/17/2015-SUPPORT.

[AB 341](#)

([Achadjian R](#)) Financial affairs: reports.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/13/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/13/2015

Status: 2/23/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. L. GOV.

Summary: Current law requires the officer of each local agency, who has charge of the financial records of the local agency, to furnish to the Controller a report of all the financial transactions of the local agency during the next preceding fiscal year within 90 days of the close of each fiscal year, or within 110 days if the report is furnished in an electronic format. This bill would require the report to contain underlying data from audited financial statements, as specified, if this data is available.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 368](#)

([Steinorth R](#)) Community redevelopment.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2015

Status: 2/18/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.

Location: 2/17/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law relating to redevelopment agencies provides for specified payments with respect to development project areas. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack	Redevelopment	

Notes: 03/04/2015-WATCH.

[AB 385](#)

([Chu D](#)) Local agencies.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2015

Status: 2/19/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.

Location: 2/18/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law defines the term "legislative body" for purposes of laws relating to cities, counties, and other local agencies. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that definition.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 402](#)

**(Dodd D)** Local agency services: contracts.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)  
Introduced: 2/19/2015  
Status: 3/2/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.  
Location: 3/2/2015-A. L. GOV.  
Summary: Would allow a local agency formation commission to authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundaries to support existing or planned uses involving public or private properties, subject to approval at a publicly noticed hearing where the commission makes specified determinations. The bill would also make technical and conforming changes.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 448](#)

**(Brown D)** Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)  
Introduced: 2/23/2015  
Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 26.  
Location: 2/23/2015-A. PRINT  
Summary: Current property tax law requires the county auditor, in each fiscal year, to allocate property tax revenue to local jurisdictions in accordance with specified formulas and procedures, and generally provides that each jurisdiction shall be allocated an amount equal to the total of the amount of revenue allocated to that jurisdiction in the prior fiscal year, subject to certain modifications, and that jurisdiction's portion of the annual tax increment, as defined. This bill would modify these reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2015-16 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 472](#)

**(Harper R)** Public works: prevailing wage: volunteers.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)  
Introduced: 2/23/2015  
Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 26.  
Location: 2/23/2015-A. PRINT  
Summary: Current law generally requires the payment of not less than the prevailing rate of per diem wages for work of a similar character in the locality in which the public work, as defined, is performed by workers employed on public works projects, except for public works projects of \$1,000 or less, or except for any work performed, on or after January 1, 2002, and until January 1, 2017, by a volunteer, a volunteer coordinator, or a member of the California Conservation Corps or a Community Conservation Corps. This bill would make a nonsubstantive, technical change by deleting an obsolete provision.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 495](#)

**(Gordon D)** Regional park and open-space districts: general manager: powers.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)  
Introduced: 2/23/2015  
Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 26.  
Location: 2/23/2015-A. PRINT  
Summary: Would authorize the general managers of the East Bay Regional Park District and the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to bind those districts, with district board approval and in accordance with board policy, for the payment of supplies, materials, labor, or other valuable consideration for any purpose, in amounts not exceeding \$50,000. This bill contains other related provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Co-Sponsor		RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 504](#)

[\(Gonzalez D\)](#) General plans.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 26.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: The Planning and Zoning Law, among other things, requires the legislative body of each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the county or city and of any land outside its boundaries that relates to its planning, and provides for the adoption and administration of zoning laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations by counties and cities. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 537](#)

[\(Allen, Travis R\)](#) Public employees' benefits.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 26.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law permits the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to authorize an employer to participate in the prefunding of health care coverage and other postemployment benefits for annuitants. This bill would prohibit a public agency, state employer, employee organization, or public employee from entering into a memorandum of understanding that provides postemployment health care benefits without a strategy for permanently prefunding members' postemployment health care benefits.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 549](#)

[\(Levine D\)](#) State park system: revenue generation program: reports.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 26.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law establishes the State Park Revenue Incentive Subaccount in the State Parks and Recreation Fund with money available to the department for activities, programs, and projects, as provided, relating to the revenue generation program. Current law requires the money to be spent in a specified way, including 50% of the total amount of revenues deposited into the subaccount generated by a park district to that district, as provided. Current law requires the department to report to the Legislature annually on or before July 1 on the revenue distributed to each park district. This bill would instead require the department to report to the Legislature annually on or before December 31.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 02/26/2015-WATCH per General Manager.

[AB 654](#)

[\(Brown D\)](#) Community redevelopment.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 2/25/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 27.

Location: 2/24/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature that the use of residual revenues, derived from an additional property tax rate approved by the voters of a city, county, city and county, or special district to make payments in support of capital projects and programs related to the State Water Project, be consistent with the use of those revenues approved by the voters of the relevant jurisdiction.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack	Redevelopment	

Notes: 03/04/2015-WATCH.

[AB 707](#)

**(Wood D)** Agricultural land: Williamson Act contracts: cancellation.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 2/26/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 28.

Location: 2/25/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law provides for the procedure to cancel a contract entered into under the provisions of the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 and provides that the landowner and the Department of Conservation may agree on the cancellation value of the land. This bill would repeal the authorization for the landowner and the department to agree on the cancellation value of the land.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 02/26/2015-WATCH; per Mike Williams, MROSD Real Property Manager.

[AB 712](#)

**(Mullin D)** Redevelopment: successor agencies: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 2/26/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 28.

Location: 2/25/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would, commencing July 1, 2016, revise the timeline for the preparation of the required Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule to provide that the successor agency prepare a schedule for a 12-month fiscal period, with the first of these periods beginning July 1, 2016, and would authorize the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule to be amended by the oversight board during a 12-month fiscal period if the amendment is approved at least 90 days before the date of the next property tax distribution.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack	Redevelopment	

Notes: 03/04/2015-WATCH.

[AB 746](#)

**(Ting D)** San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 2/26/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 28.

Location: 2/25/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law establishes the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority as a regional entity with jurisdiction extending throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, and specifies that the authority is responsible for raising and allocating resources for the restoration, enhancement, protection, and enjoyment of wetlands and wildlife habitats in the San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline. Current law further prescribes the membership and functions and duties of the authority. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in those provisions establishing the authority.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 03/04/2015-WATCH.

[AB 806](#)

**(Dodd D)** Redevelopment: successor agencies to redevelopment agencies.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.

Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would authorize a successor agency, if the successor agency has received a finding of completion, to enter into, or amend existing, contracts and agreements, or otherwise administer projects in connection with enforceable obligations, if the contract, agreement, or project will not commit new property tax funds or otherwise adversely affect the flow of specified tax revenues or payments to the taxing agencies, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack	Redevelopment	

Notes: 03/04/2015-WATCH.

[AB 814](#)

**(Daly D)** Local tax payment.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.

Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Whenever an amount of money paid by a person to the state includes a sum that can be identified as intended as payment of a locally administered tax that should have been paid directly to a local government within the state, the state is authorized to pay the amount to the local government and notify the payor of its action. Current law prohibits this procedure from being followed unless the governing body of the local government has, by resolution, agreed with respect to those payments that a timely payment received by the state will be regarded as a timely payment to the local government concerned, as provided. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 843](#)

**(Hadley R)** Public Employees' Retirement System: public information.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.

Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that improves the methods by which the Public Employees' Retirement System delivers information to the public, that more fully reflects the information practices of the system, and that provides for delivery of information that better satisfies the public's need to understand its operations.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 851](#)

**(Mayes R)** Local government: organization: disincorporations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.

Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would, in the case of a disincorporation or reorganization that includes a disincorporation, require the plan for services to include specific provisions, including, among others, an enumeration and description of the services currently provided by the city proposed for disincorporation and an outline of current retirement obligations, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 867](#)

**(Wagner R)** Tax administration: refunds: property tax: state assessment: actions.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.

Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would, notwithstanding existing law regarding the rule of res judicata, where a tax, fee, assessment, surcharge, or other amount levied or collected by the tax agency, which this bill would define to include the board and the Franchise Tax Board, has been determined to have been illegally levied or collected in a final and nonappealable decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, authorize any person who paid that tax, fee, assessment, surcharge, or other amount to file with the tax agency a claim for refund, within one year after the date of the final and nonappealable decision and would require the tax agency to refund the amount so paid.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 874](#)

[\(Rendon D\)](#) Collective bargaining.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.

Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law governs collective bargaining between public employers and recognized employee organizations. Current law generally delegates jurisdiction to the Public Employment Relations Board to resolve disputes and enforce the statutory duties and rights of state, local, and public school employers and employees. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to collective bargaining.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 883](#)

[\(Low D\)](#) Employment: public employee status.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.

Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would prohibit private and public employers from publishing or posting a job advertisement or announcement that states or indicates directly or indirectly that the applicant for employment must not be a current or former public employee. The bill would also prohibit these employers from communicating, directly or indirectly, that an applicant's status as a current or former public employee disqualifies an individual from eligibility for employment or from basing an employment decision on an applicant's current or former employment as a public employee.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 951](#)

[\(Wilk R\)](#) Local agencies.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.

Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law, the Ralph M. Brown Act, requires the legislative body of a local agency to provide the time and place for holding regular meetings of the legislative body. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this law.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 952](#)

[\(Garcia, Cristina D\)](#) Local government: cities: special districts: governing boards: vacancies.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.

Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law requires a school district or community college district governing board, whenever a vacancy occurs or a resignation containing a deferred effective date has been filed with the county superintendent of schools, to either order an election or make a provisional appointment. Current law requires a person appointed to fill a vacancy to hold office only until the next regularly scheduled election for district governing board members that is scheduled 130 or more days after the effective date of the vacancy, at which time an election is required to be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. This bill would require the provisional appointee to serve on the board until the next regularly scheduled election.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 966](#)

**(Baker R)** Public works: prevailing wage.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)  
Introduced: 2/26/2015  
Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.  
Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT  
Summary: Current law requires the Director of Industrial Relations to determine the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in accordance with specified standards. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 988](#)

**(Stone, Mark D)** Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Grants Program.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)  
Introduced: 2/26/2015  
Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.  
Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT  
Summary: Would require the Department of Parks and Recreation to establish, on or before March 30, 2016, an Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Grants Program with the purpose of increasing the ability of underserved and at-risk populations to participate in outdoor recreation and educational experiences by awarding grants to public organizations, nonprofit organizations, or both. This bill contains other related provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 03/04/2015-WATCH.

[AB 992](#)

**(Committee on Public Employees, Retirement, and Soc)** County Employees Retirement Law of 1937: disability retirement: modification of allowance.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)  
Introduced: 2/26/2015  
Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.  
Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT  
Summary: CERL permits a member who is eligible to retire for service to do so when an application for disability retirement is pending and provides that the type of retirement allowance selected at the time of retirement for service is not binding if the member is awarded a disability retirement. This bill would specify that a member who applies for disability and is granted a service retirement pending a determination of disability may change the type of allowance that he or she elected at the time of the service retirement, as specified.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[AB 1009](#)

**(Garcia, Cristina D)** Local government: redevelopment: revenues from property tax override rates.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)  
Introduced: 2/26/2015  
Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.  
Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT  
Summary: Would authorize a city or county that levies a property tax rate, approved by the voters of a city or county to make payments in support of pension programs and levied in addition to the general property tax rate, to make a request to an oversight board to prohibit revenues derived from that property tax rate from being deposited into a Redevelopment Property Tax Fund. This bill would authorize an oversight board to deny this request based on substantial evidence that a former redevelopment agency made a pledge of revenues that specifically included revenues derived from the imposition of that property tax rate.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack	Redevelopment	

Notes: 03/04/2015-WATCH.



[AB 1079](#)

**(Obernolte R)** Successor agencies: due diligence review: finding of completion.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law requires a successor agency to employ a licensed accountant to conduct a due diligence review to determine the unobligated balances of the former redevelopment agency that are available for transfer to taxing entities. Current law requires the Department of Finance to issue a finding of completion to a successor agency that completes the due diligence review and meets other requirements. This bill would provide that the requirements of a due diligence review have been satisfied if specified conditions with respect to a transfer of assets are met, and would provide in that event, that the successor agency is entitled to a finding of completion by the department.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 03/04/2015-WATCH.

[AB 1190](#)

**(Cooley D)** Public employees: retirement: elections.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law vests the management and control of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) in the Board of Administration of the PERS. Existing law provides that the membership of the board includes 6 members elected under the supervision of the board. Existing law requires the board to distribute ballots to each member of the retirement system in advance of each election, the results of which are required to be certified by the Secretary of State. This bill would additionally authorize an entity designated by the Secretary of the State to provide that mandatory certification of election results.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 03/04/2015-WATCH.

[AB 1205](#)

**(Gomez D)** Park access.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law provides various sources of funds for community parks. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to create a park access program to increase access to community parks.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 03/03/2015-WATCH.

[AB 1215](#)

**(Ting D)** Open government.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of state and local government entities be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. Current law also requires that public records be open to inspection at all times during the office hours of a state or local government entity and that every person has a right to inspect any public record, except as specifically provided. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to strengthen the state's commitment to an open and transparent government.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 03/03/2015-WATCH.

[AB 1251](#)

[\(Gomez D\)](#) Greenway Development and Sustainment Act.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law authorizes certain entities and organizations to acquire and hold conservation easements, including a tax exempt nonprofit organization qualified to do business in this state that has as its primary purpose the preservation, protection, or enhancement of land in its natural, scenic, historical, agricultural, forested, or open-space condition or use. This bill would enact the Greenway Development and Sustainment Act and would authorize those tax-exempt nonprofit organizations to acquire and hold a conservation easement if the organizations have as their primary purpose the development of a greenway, as defined.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 03/03/2015-WATCH.

[AB 1260](#)

[\(Thurmond D\)](#) Enhanced infrastructure financing districts: public financing authority.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law authorizes the legislative body of a city or a county to establish an enhanced infrastructure financing district, adopt an infrastructure financing plan, and issue bonds, for which only the district is liable, upon approval by 55% of the voters to finance public capital facilities or other specified projects of communitywide significance. Current law requires the legislative body to establish a public financing authority, defined as the governing board of the enhanced infrastructure financing authority, comprised of members of the legislative body of the participating entities and of the public, as provided. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 03/04/2015-WATCH.

[AB 1268](#)

[\(Allen, Travis R\)](#) Coastal resources: local coastal programs.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: The California Coastal Act of 1976 establishes procedures for the preparation, approval, and certification of local coastal programs. The act requires each local coastal program to contain a specific public access component to ensure that maximum public access to the coast and public recreation areas is provided. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to that public access provision.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 03/04/2015-WATCH.

[AB 1290](#)

[\(Dahle R\)](#) Community redevelopment.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law dissolved redevelopment agencies and community development agencies, as of February 1, 2012, and designates successor agencies, as defined. Current law requires successor agencies to wind down the affairs of the dissolved redevelopment agencies. Current law requires a successor agency to, among other things, continue to make payments due for enforceable obligations, remit

unencumbered balances to the county auditor-controller for distribution, and dispose of assets, as directed. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack	Redevelopment	

Notes: 03/04/2015-WATCH.

[AB 1347](#)

([Chiu](#) D) Public contracts: claims.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would establish, for contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2016, a claim resolution process applicable to all public entity contracts. The bill would define a claim as a contractor's written demand or assertion, including a request for a modification, contract amendment, or change order, seeking an adjustment or interpretation of the terms of the contract documents, payment of money, extension of time, or other relief, including a determination of disputes or matters arising out of, or related to, the contract documents or the performance of work on a public work. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 03/02/2015- WATCH CAREFULLY.

[AB 1412](#)

([Perea](#) D) Redevelopment: successor agencies to redevelopment agencies.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would provide that upon application by the successor agency and approval by the oversight board, loan agreements entered into between the redevelopment agency and the city, county, or city and county that created the redevelopment agency, where the outstanding principal balance of the loan is \$1,250,000 or less, are enforceable obligations if the oversight board finds, among other things, that the loan was for legitimate redevelopment purposes, it was entered into more than 2 years after the creation of the former redevelopment agency and prior to January 1, 2011, and it is the only debt of the former redevelopment agency remaining to be paid on the recognized obligation payment schedule.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack	Redevelopment	

Notes: 03/04/2015-WATCH.

[AB 1462](#)

([Gonzalez](#) D) Local government.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law specifies certain hiring practices and other procedures governing officers and employees of local agencies. Current law prohibits local agencies and districts from requiring that their employees be residents of that jurisdiction. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to this prohibition.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 03/04/2015-WATCH.

[AB 1499](#)

([Gray](#) D) Property tax: revenue allocations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current property tax law generally requires the county auditor, in each fiscal year, to allocate property tax revenues to local jurisdictions in accordance with specified formulas and procedures, and generally requires that each jurisdiction be allocated an amount equal to the total of the amount of revenue allocated to that jurisdiction in the prior fiscal year, subject to certain modifications, and that jurisdiction's portion of the annual tax increment, as defined. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to that provision.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 03/04/2015-WATCH.

[ACA 3](#)

[\(Gallagher R\)](#) Public employees' retirement.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.

Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would require, with respect to any public retirement systems, that any enhancement to a public employee's retirement formula or retirement benefit, adopted on or after the measure's effective date, apply only to service performed on and after the operative date of the enhancement and shall not be applied to any service performed prior to the operative date of the change. The measure would specify how changes in membership classification or changes in employment are to be applied in this context. The measure would provide that specified cost-of-living adjustments are not enhancements of retirement benefits.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[ACR 18](#)

[\(Gordon D\)](#) Parks Make Life Better! Month.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/4/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/4/2015

Status: 2/9/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/9/2015-A. RLS.

Summary: This measure would recognize the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the health and development of all Californians and would declare the month of July 2015 as "Parks Make Life Better!" Month.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Support		RHeim, RNoack		

[SB 3](#)

[\(Leno D\)](#) Minimum wage: adjustment.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 1/15/2015-Referred to Com. on L. & I.R.

Location: 1/15/2015-S. L. & I.R.

Summary: Would increase the minimum wage, on and after January 1, 2016, to not less than \$11 per hour, on and after July 1, 2017, to not less than \$13 per hour. The bill would require the annual automatic adjustment of the minimum wage, commencing January 1, 2019, to maintain employee purchasing power diminished by the rate of inflation during the previous year. The adjustment would be calculated using the California Consumer Price Index, as specified. The bill would prohibit the Industrial Welfare Commission (IWC) from adjusting the minimum wage downward and from adjusting the minimum wage if the average percentage of inflation for the previous year was negative.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**SB 8**

**(Hertzberg D)** Taxation.

Current Text: Amended: 2/10/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amend: 2/10/2015

Status: 2/19/2015-Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

Location: 2/19/2015-S. G. & F.

Summary: Would state legislative findings regarding the Upward Mobility Act, key provisions of which would expand the application of the Sales and Use Tax law by imposing a tax on specified services, would enhance the state's business climate, would incentivize entrepreneurship and business creation by evaluating the corporate tax, and would examine the impacts of a lower and simpler personal income tax. This bill contains other related provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 02/12/2015-WATCH per Shelly Lewis.

**SB 45**

**(Mendoza D)** Economic development.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/12/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/12/2014

Status: 1/15/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 1/15/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law provides for various economic development programs throughout the state that foster community sustainability and community and economic development. Current law also authorizes local agencies to finance the purchase, construction, expansion, improvement, or rehabilitation of certain types of facilities. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would authorize local governmental entities to use tax increment financing for the development of economic planning, infrastructure, and educational facilities.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 02/12/2015-WATCH per Shelly Lewis.

**SB 47**

**(Hill D)** Environmental health: synthetic turf.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/17/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/17/2014

Status: 3/3/2015-Set for hearing March 18.

Location: 1/15/2015-S. E.Q.

Calendar: 3/18/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, WIECKOWSKI, Chair

Summary: Would require the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, by July 1, 2017, in consultation with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, the State Department of Public Health, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control, to prepare and provide to the Legislature and post on the office's Internet Web site a study analyzing synthetic turf, as defined, for potential adverse health impacts. The bill would require the study to include certain information, including a hazard analysis of individual, synergistic, and cumulative exposures to the chemicals that may be found in synthetic turf, as provided.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**SB 116**

**(Vidak R)** Eminent domain proceedings.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/14/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/14/2015

Status: 2/5/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/5/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Under current law, certain government entities are empowered to obtain private property for public use through the power of eminent domain proceedings. Current law requires that eminent domain proceedings commenced by serving the summons by publication include, in addition to the summons, a

description of the property sought to be taken. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 03/04/2015-WATCH.

[SB 201](#)

[\(Wieckowski D\)](#) California Public Records Act.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/10/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/10/2015

Status: 2/19/2015-Referred to Com. on JUD.

Location: 2/19/2015-S. JUD.

Summary: Would require a court, in an action by a third party to enjoin disclosure of a public record or declaratory relief concerning a request to inspect a public record, to apply the provisions of the California Public Records Act as if the action had been initiated by a person requesting disclosure of a public record. The bill would also require the third party seeking an injunction or declaratory relief to provide notice to the person whose request prompted the action at the same time the defendant public agency in the action is served.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch	1	RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 02/11/2015-WATCH. Comments from S. Schaffner: One concern I have about this bill would be if it would end up putting the agency on the line for attorneys fees to the third party seeking to enjoin the disclosure the records. That would create a lose-lose scenario for the agency, no matter what we did. We should watch this one very closely. I'd like to see the analysis when one gets developed.

[SB 204](#)

[\(Pavley D\)](#) State parks.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/11/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/11/2015

Status: 2/19/2015-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Location: 2/19/2015-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Current law establishes the Department of Parks and Recreation and vests the department with the control of the state park system. This bill would require the Department of Parks and Recreation, on or before July 1, 2016, to prepare a report to the Legislature that fully addresses the department's energy costs, projects that could reduce those costs, and potential energy-related infrastructure projects, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[SB 239](#)

[\(Hertzberg D\)](#) Cities and districts: extended services.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2015

Status: 2/26/2015-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

Location: 2/26/2015-S. G. & F.

Summary: Current law requires the executive officer of a local agency formation commission, within 30 days of receipt of a request for approval by a city or district of a contract to extend services outside its jurisdictional boundary, to determine whether the request is complete and acceptable for filing, as specified. This bill would extend the period within which the executive officer is required to make that determination to 45 days.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[SB 258](#)

[\(Bates R\)](#) Local government.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2015

Status: 2/26/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/26/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would protect the right of the public to participate in open deliberations of the legislative bodies of local agencies by clarifying the appropriate use of special meetings.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[SB 272](#)

[\(Hertzberg D\)](#) The California Public Records Act: local agencies: inventory.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2015

Status: 2/20/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 22.

Location: 2/19/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: Would require each local agency, in implementing the California Public Records Act, to conduct an inventory of data gathered by the agency that discloses what data is maintained by the agency, by whom, and with what frequency it is collected. The bill would require the inventory to be available to the public. Because the bill would require local agencies to perform additional duties, it would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 03/04/2015-WATCH.

[SB 292](#)

[\(Pan D\)](#) Public Employees' Retirement System: membership: exclusions.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 26.

Location: 2/23/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: The Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL) creates the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), which provides a defined benefit to its members based on age at retirement, service credit, and final compensation. Current law defines "member" for purposes of PERL and excludes certain people from membership in PERS. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[SB 293](#)

[\(Pan D\)](#) Public employees: retirement.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 26.

Location: 2/23/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: Current law, the Public Employees' Retirement Law establishes the Public Employees' Retirement System for the purpose of providing pension benefits to specified public employees. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to the provision that names that law.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[SB 309](#)

[\(Morrell R\)](#) County employees' retirement: contribution rates.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 26.

Location: 2/23/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: The County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL) authorizes counties to establish retirement systems pursuant to its provisions in order to provide pension benefits to county and district employees. CERL establishes the normal rates of contribution for members based on providing a

specified, average annuity at 60 years of age. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**SB 317**

**(De León D)** The Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 26.

Location: 2/23/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: Under current law, various measures have been approved by the voters to provide funds for park, river, and coastal protections and programs. This bill would enact the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016, which, if adopted by the voters at the November 8, 2016, statewide general election, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an unspecified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe neighborhood parks, rivers, and coastal protection program.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 02/26/2015-WATCH; MROSD will likely Support with Per Capita Amendment but that's later when there is more info.

**SB 330**

**(Mendoza D)** Public officers: contracts: financial interest.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 26.

Location: 2/23/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: Would, on and after January 1, 2017, and notwithstanding any other law, expand specified prohibitions to deem that a public officer who is an elected member of any state or local body, board, or commission has a prohibited financial interest in a contract pursuant to these provisions, if that public officer's spouse, child, parent, sibling, or the spouse of the child, parent, or sibling has a financial interest in any contract made by that public officer in his or her official capacity, or by any body, board, or commission of which that public officer is a member. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**SB 331**

**(Mendoza D)** Local government: transparency.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 26.

Location: 2/23/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: The California Public Records Act requires that the public records of a local agency be open to inspection and provides that every person has a right to inspect any public record, except as specified. The Ralph M. Brown Act requires that all meetings of a legislative body, as defined, of a local agency be open and public and all persons permitted to attend unless a closed session is authorized. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would increase transparency in local government.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

**SB 354**

**(Huff R)** Public Employees' Retirement System.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 2/25/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 27.

Location: 2/24/2015-S. PRINT



Summary: The Public Employees' Retirement Law creates the Public Employees' Retirement System, which provides a defined benefit to its members based on age at retirement, service credit, and final compensation. Current law defines "member" for purposes of that law. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that definition.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[SB 371](#)

([Hancock](#) D) San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 2/25/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 27.

Location: 2/24/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act establishes a governing board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority composed of specified members, including a member who is a resident of the San Francisco Bay area who serves as the chair. This bill would delete the requirement that one member of the board, and the chair, be a resident of the San Francisco Bay area and would instead require that the member be an elected official of a bayside city or county. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[SB 375](#)

([Berryhill](#) R) Public employees' retirement.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 2/25/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 27.

Location: 2/24/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: The Public Employees' Retirement Law governs the rate of employer contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System. The law requires, among other things, that all assets of an employer be used in the determination of the employer contribution rate for the membership comprising the basis of the computation and that those assets held be recognized over the same funding period used to amortize unfunded accrued actuarial obligations, as specified. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[SB 393](#)

([Nguyen](#) R) Local agencies.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 2/26/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 28.

Location: 2/25/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: Current law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, establishes the sole and exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the above-described law.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[SB 415](#)

([Hueso](#) D) Local election dates.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 2/26/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 28.

Location: 2/25/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would prohibit a political subdivision from holding an election on a date other than the date of a statewide direct primary election

or statewide general election if doing so would result in a significant decrease in voter turnout as compared to the voter turnout at a statewide election.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[SB 422](#)

[\(Monning D\)](#) Santa Clara Valley Open-Space District.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 2/26/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 28.

Location: 2/25/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: Would change the name of the Santa Clara County Open-Space Authority to the Santa Clara Valley Open-Space District, and would authorize the district to acquire interests in real property that are either within the district's jurisdiction, part of a single property that is both within and adjacent to the district's jurisdiction, or within a watershed that includes lands within the district's jurisdiction where protection of those watershed lands outside of the district's jurisdiction is necessary to protect conservation values within the district's jurisdiction. The bill would also make related conforming changes.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 02/26/2015-WATCH.

[SB 556](#)

[\(De León D\)](#) Claims against public entities.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 29.

Location: 2/26/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: Current law requires the board, the governing body of the local public entity, the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, the Judicial Council, or the Trustees of the California State University, as appropriate, to grant or deny the application for leave to present a personal injury claim within 45 days after it is presented to the board. This bill would require the board, the governing body of the local public entity, the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, the Judicial Council, or the Trustees of the California State University, as appropriate, to grant or deny the application for leave to present the claim within 45 days after it is received by the board.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD			RHeim, RNoack		

[SB 608](#)

[\(Liu D\)](#) Homelessness.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: Would enact the Right to Rest Act, which would afford persons experiencing homelessness the right to use public space without discrimination based on their housing status. Because the bill would require local agencies to perform additional duties, it would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 03/02/2015-WATCH CAREFULLY.

[SB 658](#)

[\(Hill D\)](#) Automated external defibrillators.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-S. PRINT

**Summary:** Would remove the conditions required for the exemption from civil liability of a person or entity that acquires an AED for emergency use and any person or entity responsible for the site where the AED is located. The bill would require a person or entity that acquires an AED to, among other things, comply with specified regulations for the placement of the device and ensure that the AED is maintained and annually tested. The bill would make related changes.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 03/03/2015-WATCH.

[SB 788](#)

([McGuire](#) D) California Coastal Protection Act of 2015.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-S. PRINT

**Summary:** The California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 1994 authorizes the State Lands Commission to enter into a lease for the extraction of oil or gas from state-owned tide and submerged lands in the California Coastal Sanctuary if the commission determines that the oil or gas deposits are being drained by means of producing wells upon adjacent federal lands and the lease is in the best interest of the state. This bill would enact the California Coastal Protection Act of 2015, which would delete this authorization. The bill would make related legislative findings and declarations.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 03/03/2015-WATCH.

[SB 790](#)

([Allen](#) D) State Coastal Conservancy: state policy.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-S. PRINT

**Summary:** Current law establishes the State Coastal Conservancy, which serves as a repository for coastal lands. Current law finds and declares that the agricultural lands located within the coastal zone contribute substantially to the state and national food supply and are a vital part of the state's economy. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to this declaration.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject	Group
MROSD	Watch		RHeim, RNoack		

Notes: 03/03/2015-WATCH.