



**Summary:** The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 declares the intent of the Legislature that each local agency formation commission establish written policies and procedures. Existing law authorizes a commission, through the adoption of the written policies and procedures, to require lobbying disclosure and reporting requirements for persons who attempt to influence pending decisions by commission members, staff, or consultants. This bill would extend this authority to also permit a commission to require lobbying disclosure and reporting requirements for persons who attempt to influence those who sign petitions or vote in elections called under the act or who otherwise attempt to influence proceedings held under the act.

**CALAFCo Position: Support**  
**Priority: 1**

**[AB 1019\(Blakeslee\)](#) Land use: annexation: housing.**

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**Summary:** The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 authorizes local governments to annex portions of territory to other local governments, as specified. This bill would require, where land proposed for annexation or incorporation to a city includes parcels that have been identified in a county's housing element as designated to meet its regional housing need goal, the maximum number of units that may be constructed on those parcels to be transferred to the annexing or incorporating city as part of its fair share regional housing need, as specified. This bill contains other existing laws.

**CALAFCo Position: Watch**  
**Priority: 1**

**[AB 1262\(Caballero\)](#) Spheres of influence.**

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**Summary:** Existing law requires a commission to develop and determine the sphere of influence of each local governmental agency within the county. Existing law requires, until January 1, 2008, that at least 30 days prior to submitting an application to the commission for a determination of a new sphere of influence or to update an existing sphere of influence for a city, representatives from the city meet with county representatives to discuss the proposed sphere and its boundaries, and to explore methods to reach agreement on the boundaries, development standards, and zoning requirements within the sphere, as specified. If an agreement is reached, it is required to be submitted to the commission, which shall give it great weight in the final determination of the city's sphere of influence. If no agreement is reached, the commission shall consider the applicant city's sphere of influence consistent with specified policies of the commission. This bill would delete the January 1, 2008, limitation provision and make the existing requirements permanent. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**CALAFCo Position: None at this time**  
**Priority: 1**

**[AB 1263\(Caballero\)](#) Local agency formation commissions: statement.**

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**Summary:** Existing law establishes in each county a local agency formation commission. The commission is required to develop and determine the sphere of influence of each local governmental agency within the county and enact policies designed to promote the logical and orderly development of areas within the sphere. Existing law requires the commission to conduct a service review of the municipal services provided in the county or other appropriate area designated by the commission, make specific determinations, and prepare a written statement of those determinations. This bill would revise the determinations a commission is required to make and include in the written statement. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**CALAFCo Position: Sponsor**

**Priority: 1**

**[SB 141\(Committee on Local Government\)](#) Validations.**

**Last Amend:**

**Status:** 02/01/2007-To Com. on L.GOV. Set for hearing March 7.

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**Calendar:** 03/07/07 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Summary:** This bill would enact the First Validating Act of 2007, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill contains other related provisions.

**Attachments:**

[Support Letter](#)

**CALAFCo Position: Support**

**Priority: 1**

**[SB 142\(Committee on Local Government\)](#) Validations.**

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**Calendar:** 03/07/07 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Summary:** This bill would enact the Second Validating Act of 2007, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill contains other related provisions.

**Attachments:**

[Support Letter](#)

**CALAFCo Position: Support**

**Priority: 1**

**[SB 143](#)(Committee on Local Government) Validations.**

**Last Amend:**

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**Calendar:** 03/07/07 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Summary:** This bill would enact the Third Validating Act of 2007, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

**Attachments:**

[Support Letter](#)

**CALAFCo Position: Support**

**Priority: 1**

**[SB 162](#)([Negrete McLeod](#)) Local government: organization.**

**Last Amend:**

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**Calendar:** 03/07/07 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Summary:** Existing law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act, specifies the factors that a local agency formation commission is required to consider in the review of a proposal for a change of organization or reorganization including the comments of any affected local agency and information or comments from the landowner or owners, as specified. This bill would also require a local agency formation commission to consider information or comments from voters or residents of the affected territory and the extent that the proposal will promote environmental justice, as defined, thus creating a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**CALAFCo Position: None at this time**

**Priority: 1**

**[SB 167](#)([Negrete McLeod](#)) General plans: planning grants and incentives.**

**Last Amend:**

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**Calendar:** 03/21/07 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Summary:** The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 allocates \$580,000,000 for revitalizing communities and making them more sustainable and livable by investing in sound land use planning, local parks, and urban greening, and specifically authorizes \$90,000,000 for planning grants and incentives, as specified, to encourage, among other things, the development of specified regional and local land use plans. The act also requires that these funds be made available upon appropriation by the Legislature. This bill would require the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to administer



This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would encourage the preservation of agricultural land and would encourage local governments to enhance, through the local planning process, the recognition of the importance of agricultural production to the state and local economy. This bill contains other existing laws.

**CALAFCo Position: Watch**  
**Priority: 2**

**[AB 224\(Wolk\)](#) Water supply planning.**

**Last Amend:**

**Status:** 02/26/2007-Referred to Coms. on W.,P. & W. and NAT. RES.

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**Summary:** Under existing law, the Department of Water Resources operates the State Water Project, which includes state water facilities, as defined. This bill would require the department, commencing in 2008, and every 2 years thereafter, to prepare and deliver to all State Water Project contractors, all city and county planning departments, and all regional and metropolitan planning departments within the project service area, a report that accurately sets forth, under a range of hydrologic conditions, the then-existing overall delivery capability of the project facilities and the allocation of that capacity to each contractor. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**CALAFCo Position: Watch**  
**Priority: 2**

**[AB 665\(DeSaulnier\)](#) California Growth Management Act.**

**Last Amend:**

**Status:** 02/22/2007-From printer. May be heard in committee March 24.

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**Summary:** The Planning and Zoning Law requires that a general plan consist of a statement of development policies and include a diagram or diagrams and text setting forth objectives, principles, standards, and plan proposals, including, among other things, a land use element, that designates, among other things, the proposed general distribution and general location and extent of the uses of the land for housing, business, industry, open space, and other categories of public and private uses of land. This bill would declare the Legislature's intent to enact legislation to create the California Growth Management Act.

**CALAFCo Position: None at this time**  
**Priority: 2**

**[AB 1259\(Caballero\)](#) City property: City of Soledad.**

**Last Amend:**

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**Summary:** Existing law prohibits a city from entering into a new lease for its annexed property, as defined, to be used as a hotel, motel, or lodging house. This bill would allow the City of Soledad to lease annexed territory for not to exceed 99 years for a hotel, motel, or lodging house, if the



**[AB 5\(Wolk\)](#) Flood Protection: local: central valley: plans.**

**Last Amend:**

**Status:** 02/01/2007-Referred to Coms. on W.,P. & W. and L. GOV.

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**Summary:** Existing law prescribes various responsibilities of state agencies, counties, cities, districts, and landowners with respect to levees. Existing law regulates the inspection, improvement, and maintenance of project and nonproject delta levees, as those terms are defined. Under existing law, the Department of Water Resources and the Reclamation Board administer various flood control programs. This bill would require an unspecified entity to create the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan to address flood protection in the central valley. The bill would authorize local agencies to create a local plan of flood protection meeting the requirements of the bill, and would require priority for state funds to be given to local agencies that have adopted a local plan of flood protection. The bill would create the Local Flood Protection Plan Assistance Fund to, upon appropriation by the Legislature, assist local agencies by awarding grants to those agencies to conduct necessary activities in the development of a local flood protection plan. The bill would prohibit local governments in the central valley from approving new developments within high-risk flood prone areas, unless unspecified conditions are met to ensure appropriate levels of flood protection.

**CALAFCo Position: Watch**

**Priority: 3**

**[AB 27\(Parra\)](#) California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.**

**Last Amend:**

**Status:** 02/01/2007-Referred to Com. on J., E.D. & E.

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**Summary:** Existing law authorizes 2 or more public agencies, including any federal department, state or local agency, to enter into an agreement for the purpose of exercising any power common to the contracting parties for specified purposes, including, acquiring or constructing specified public facilities and improvements. This bill would, from January 1, 2009, to January 1, 2020, create the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, composed of the heads of specified state agencies and departments, local government members and private sector members, subject to specified criteria, to coordinate and improve existing local, state, and federal efforts for the valley to increase the living standards and the overall economic performance of the valley. This bill contains other related provisions.

**CALAFCo Position: Watch**

**Priority: 3**

**[AB 29\(Hancock\)](#) Infill development: incentive grants.**

**Last Amend:**

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**Summary:** Existing law, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,850,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds are required to be used to finance various existing housing programs, capital outlay related to infill development, brownfield cleanup that promotes infill development, and housing-related parks. This bill would require certain of those funds, upon appropriation, to be made available to the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing for distribution to designated councils of governments, as defined, to fund competitive infill incentive grants for local public agencies that meet certain, listed criteria.

**CALAFCo Position: Watch**

**Priority: 3**

**[AB 41\(La Malfa\)](#) Water resources: bond proceeds.**

**Last Amend:**

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**Summary:** The Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006, a bond act approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,090,000,000 for the purposes of financing disaster preparedness and flood prevention projects. The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, an initiative bond act approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,388,000,000 for the purposes of financing a safe drinking, water quality and supply, flood control, and resource protection program. This bill would declare that it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds derived from these bond acts, consistent with the intent of the voters, be expended in the most cost-efficient and effective manner and, to the greatest extent possible, to address this state's critical lack of adequate surface water storage. The bill would make related legislative findings and declarations.

**CALAFCo Position: Placeholder - monitor**

**Priority: 3**

**[AB 67\(Dymally\)](#) State and local agencies: bilingual services.**

**Last Amend:**

**Status:** 02/01/2007-Referred to Com. on P.E.,R. & S.S.

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**Summary:** Existing law requires local and state agencies to provide information regarding public services in a non-English language if a substantial number of the public served by the agency are non-English-speaking people. Existing law also requires state agencies to provide reports to the State Personnel Board regarding the provision of information in a non-English language, subject to certain exceptions by the State Personnel Board. This bill would provide that a person is qualified as a bilingual person, employee, or interpreter for these purposes if the State Personnel

Board has tested and certified the person or approved the testing and certification. The bill would provide that local agencies would have discretion to determine who is qualified to provide information in a non-English language. The bill would also authorize additional grounds for the State Personnel Board to exempt state agencies from the reporting requirements.

**CALAFCo Position: Watch**  
**Priority: 3**

**[AB 162\(Wolk\)](#) Land use: water supply.**

**Last Amend:**

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**Summary:** The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or county general plan to include specified mandatory elements, including a land use element that designates the proposed general distribution and general location and extent of the uses of the land for various purposes and a conservation element that considers, among other things, the effect of development within the jurisdiction, as described in the land use element, on natural resources located on public lands, including military installations, and provides that the conservation element may also cover, among other things, flood control. The bill would require the land use element to identify and annually review those areas covered by the general plan that are subject to flooding as identified by floodplain mapping prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Department of Water Resources and would require, upon the next revision of the housing element, on or after January 1, 2008, the conservation element of the general plan to identify rivers, creeks, streams, flood corridors, riparian habitat, and land that may accommodate floodwater for purposes of groundwater recharge and stormwater management. By imposing new duties on local public officials, the bill would create a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**CALAFCo Position: Watch**  
**Priority: 3**

**[AB 424\(Gaines\)](#) Wetlands mitigation banking: notice.**

**Last Amend:**

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**Summary:** The Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Wetlands Mitigation Bank Act of 1993 authorizes the Department of Fish and Game, until January 1, 2010, to qualify wetland mitigation bank sites, as defined, in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, to create wetlands in areas where wetlands are removed or filled, or where there are discharges into wetlands, under specified federal permits. Other existing law requires the department to establish a database of all existing and operating wetlands mitigation banks that sell credits to the public in the state and to provide a report to the Legislature with a description and the status of each existing wetlands mitigation bank site. This bill would prohibit the department from approving a wetlands mitigation bank, unless the memorandum of understanding or other agreement for the bank site requires that a notice be sent to specified local governmental entities, as appropriate, if the mitigation takes place in the entity's approved sphere of influence.

**CALAFCo Position: Watch**  
**Priority: 3**

**[AB 653\(Maze\)](#) Land use: Williamson Act.**

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**Summary:** Under the Williamson Act, land devoted to certain specified uses may be included within an agricultural preserve, as specified. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

**CALAFCo Position: Watch**

**Priority: 3**

**[AB 723\(DeVore\)](#) California Environmental Quality Act.**

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**Summary:** The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA also generally requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. CEQA provides some exemptions from its requirements for specified projects. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to declare a "CEQA Holiday" exemption for a period of 5 years for the construction of agricultural employee housing, affordable housing, and urban infill housing projects.

**CALAFCo Position: None at this time**

**Priority: 3**

**[AB 842\(Jones\)](#) Regional plans: housing and traffic reduction.**

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**Summary:** The Planning and Zoning Law provides, among other things, that an action or proceeding to encourage or facilitate the development of housing that would increase the community's supply of housing affordable to persons and families with very low, low-, moderate-, or middle- income households must be commenced and the legislative body of the city, county, or city and county served within a year after accrual of the cause of action if it meets certain requirements. This bill would delete an obsolete reference in these provisions and would also declare the Legislature's intent to enact legislation to create eligibility standards for the funds that will be made available from the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 and the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund of 2006, and to require, as one of those standards, that a project be located in a city or county where the council of governments or the county has adopted a regional plan to reduce the vehicle miles traveled per

household and the city or county has amended its general plan to implement the regional plan's goal to reduce vehicle miles traveled per household by the percentage specified in the regional plan.

**CALAFCo Position: None at this time**  
**Priority: 3**

**[SB 5\(Machado\)](#) Flood management.**

**Last Amend:**

**Status:** 01/18/2007-To Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 01/18/2007-S RLS.

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**Summary:** The existing Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006, approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance and sale of bonds in the amount of \$4,090,000,000 for the purposes of financing disaster preparedness and flood prevention projects. That existing act requires the compilation of a state plan of flood control. This bill would make legislative findings and declarations regarding the necessity of developing a comprehensive integrated flood policy and flood management program that addresses all aspects of flood management, clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the state, local flood management agencies, cities and counties, developers, and property owners as part of an integrated flood policy, and integrating the flood-related funding authorized by those bond acts with the integrated flood policy and flood management program. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature to establish and clarify the roles and responsibilities of specified entities for managing flood risk and to invest bond funds made available by the bond acts consistent with those roles and responsibilities. This bill contains other existing laws.

**CALAFCo Position: Placeholder - monitor**  
**Priority: 3**

**[SB 12\(Lowenthal\)](#) Planning and zoning: housing element: Southern California Association of Governments.**

**Last Amend:** 01/29/2007

**Status:** 02/26/2007-To Coms. on H. & C.D. and L. GOV.

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**Calendar:** 03/07/07 9 a.m. - Room 126 ASM HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Summary:** The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or county general plan to include specified mandatory elements, including a housing element that identifies and analyzes existing and projected housing needs and includes a statement of goals, policies, quantified objectives, financial resources, and scheduled programs for the preservation, improvement, and development of housing. This bill, until January 1, 2015, would substantially revise the procedure for the Southern California Association of Governments, or delegate subregion, as applicable, to develop a final allocation plan for distributing the existing and projected regional housing need to cities and counties within the region or subregion. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**CALAFCo Position: Placeholder - monitor**  
**Priority: 3**

**[SB 17\(Florez\)](#) Flood protection.**

**Last Amend:**

**Status:** 01/18/2007-To Com. on N.R. & W.

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**Summary:** Existing law establishes the 7-member Reclamation Board in the Department of Water Resources. Existing law requires the board members to be appointed and to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Existing law prescribes compensation for each board member for time spent attending meetings of the board in the amount of \$100, except as specified. Existing law requires the board to elect one of its members as president. Existing law requires the board to appoint a secretary, who may be a board member, and authorizes the board to appoint a general manager, a chief engineer, and an assistant secretary. Existing law authorizes the board to employ certain other employees. This bill would rename the Reclamation Board the Central Valley Flood Protection Board. The bill would require the board to act independently of the department. The bill would prohibit the department from overturning any action or decision by the board. The bill would increase the membership of the board from 7 to 9 members. The bill would require 7 members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to Senate confirmation, 4 of whom would be required to meet specified eligibility requirements and 3 of whom would be designated as public members. The bill would require one board member to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and one board member to be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and would designate those 2 members as public members. The bill, with a certain exception, would require the board members to serve 4-year terms. The bill would require the board members to receive a salary identical to that received by members of the State Air Resources Board. The bill would require the Governor to select one of the board members as president. The bill would repeal provisions relating to the appointment or employment of specified personnel and, instead, authorize the board to appoint an executive officer and chief engineer and to employ legal counsel and other necessary staff. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**CALAFCo Position: Watch**  
**Priority: 3**

**[SB 144\(Committee on Local Government\)](#) Local Government Omnibus Act of 2007.**

**Last Amend:**

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**Calendar:** 03/21/07 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Summary:** Existing law provides that 3 members of the board of library trustees of a local public library may call a special meeting of that board by written notice served upon each member of the board at least 3 hours before the time specified for the proposed meeting. This bill would delete this provision and instead provide that meetings of the board are governed by the Ralph M. Brown Act. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**CALAFCo Position: None at this time**  
**Priority: 3**

**Note: None of the Senate Omnibus items appear to affect LAFCo.**

**SB 206(Cox) Local government: open-space easements.**

**Last Amend:**

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**Summary:** Existing law, the Open-Space Easement Act of 1974, declares the Legislature's intent to provide a means for a county or city to acquire or approve an open-space easement in perpetuity or for a term of years to preserve and maintain open space. This bill would also state that the Legislature intends that the acquisition or approval of an open-space easement be determined by a county or city to be in its best interests.

**CALAFCo Position: Watch**

**Priority: 3**

**SB 378(Steinberg) Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006.**

**Last Amend:**

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**Summary:** The Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006, which was enacted by the Legislature and approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, authorizes the expenditure of \$4,090,000,000 in bond funds for specified disaster preparedness and flood prevention projects. Those projects include projects for the evaluation, repair, rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement of levees, weirs, bypasses, and facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control; improving or adding facilities to the State Plan of Flood Control to increase levels of flood prevention for urban areas; reducing the risk of levee failure in the delta; and protection, creation, and enhancement of flood protection corridors and bypasses through specified actions. This bill would require expenditures for those projects to be deemed to be in response to an emergency, for purposes of the Public Contract Code, and would require all contracts for those projects to provide for the payment of extra compensation to the contractor, as a bonus for completion prior to the completion date specified by the contract. The bill would require the Department of Water Resources (department), when evaluating levees and facilities pursuant to a specified project, to include an evaluation of the risk of the levees and facilities failing due to a seismic event. In implementing the projects for protection, creation, and enhancement of flood protection corridors and bypasses through specified actions, the bill would require the department to give priority for projects and expenditures that result in a systemwide reduction of flood risks and for projects that address the needs of disadvantaged communities, as the bill would define that term. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**CALAFCo Position: Watch**

**Priority: 3**

**[SB 427\(Harman\)](#) California Environmental Quality Act: short form environmental impact reports.**

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**Summary:** The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. This bill would authorize a lead agency to prepare a short form environmental impact report for a project subject to CEQA if the project meets specified criteria, including that the project is a qualified urban use, is within the area designated in a qualified programmatic plan for the type of proposed development, is consistent with the land use designation for the area and applicable standards of population density and building intensity, provides housing or employment near specified areas, and incorporates specified mitigation measures. The bill would require that a short form environmental impact report include specified information, and comply with specified procedural requirements of CEQA for an environmental impact report.

**CALAFCo Position:** None at this time

**Priority:** 3

**[SB 522\(Dutton\)](#) Infill housing: incentives.**

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**Summary:** Existing law, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,850,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds are required to be used to finance various existing housing programs, capital outlay related to infill development, brownfield cleanup that promotes infill development, and housing-related parks. The act establishes the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund of 2006 in the State Treasury, requires the sum of \$850,000,000 to be deposited in the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account, which the act establishes in the fund, and makes the money in the account available, upon appropriation, for infill incentive grants for capital outlay related to infill housing development and other related infill development, and for brownfield cleanup that promotes infill housing development and other related infill development consistent with regional and local plans, subject to the conditions and criteria that the Legislature may provide in statute. This bill would set forth legislative findings and declarations regarding expenditure of the funds deposited in the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account.

**CALAFCo Position:** None at this time

**Priority:** 3

**[SB 634\(Wiggins\)](#) Land use: Williamson Act: contracts.**

**Last Amend:**

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**Summary:** The Williamson Act authorizes any city or county to enter into a contract with the owner of agricultural land for the purpose of preserving that land in accordance with the conditions established by the act and that contract. This bill would require contracts under the Williamson Act to include a requirement that the land owner provide the local government agency notice, and receive approval from that agency, when the land owner intends to divide ownership of the land, or to construct any structure, road, or any other movement of earth, as specified. This bill would specify that failure to provide the required notice and to receive the required approval would constitute a violation of the Williamson Act, and would impose a civil penalty of the greater of \$2,500 per violation or the difference between the amount assessed under the contract and the amount that the property would be assessed at, if not under the contract, for each day of noncompliance. The bill would also require any penalty or fee that results from failure to comply with the Williamson Act to become a lien against the property under the contract, and would award attorney's fees to the prevailing party in any action to enforce rights or obligations under a Williamson Act contract.

**CALAFCo Position: None at this time**

**Priority: 3**