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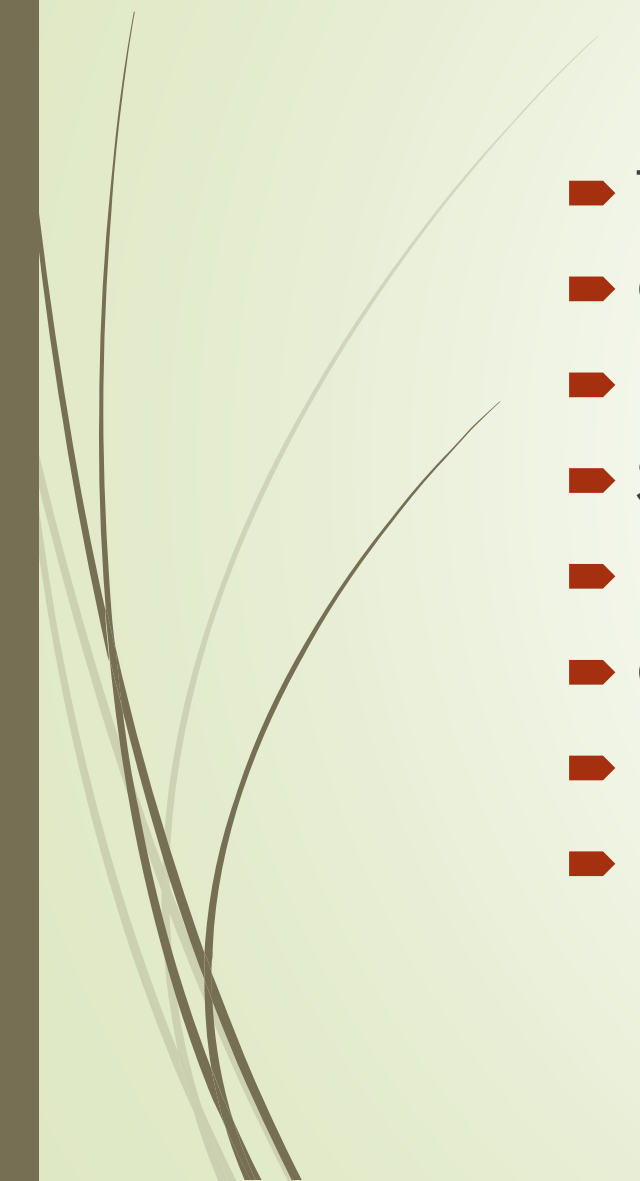
Zone 7 Water Agency

Legislative Committee

September 26, 2024

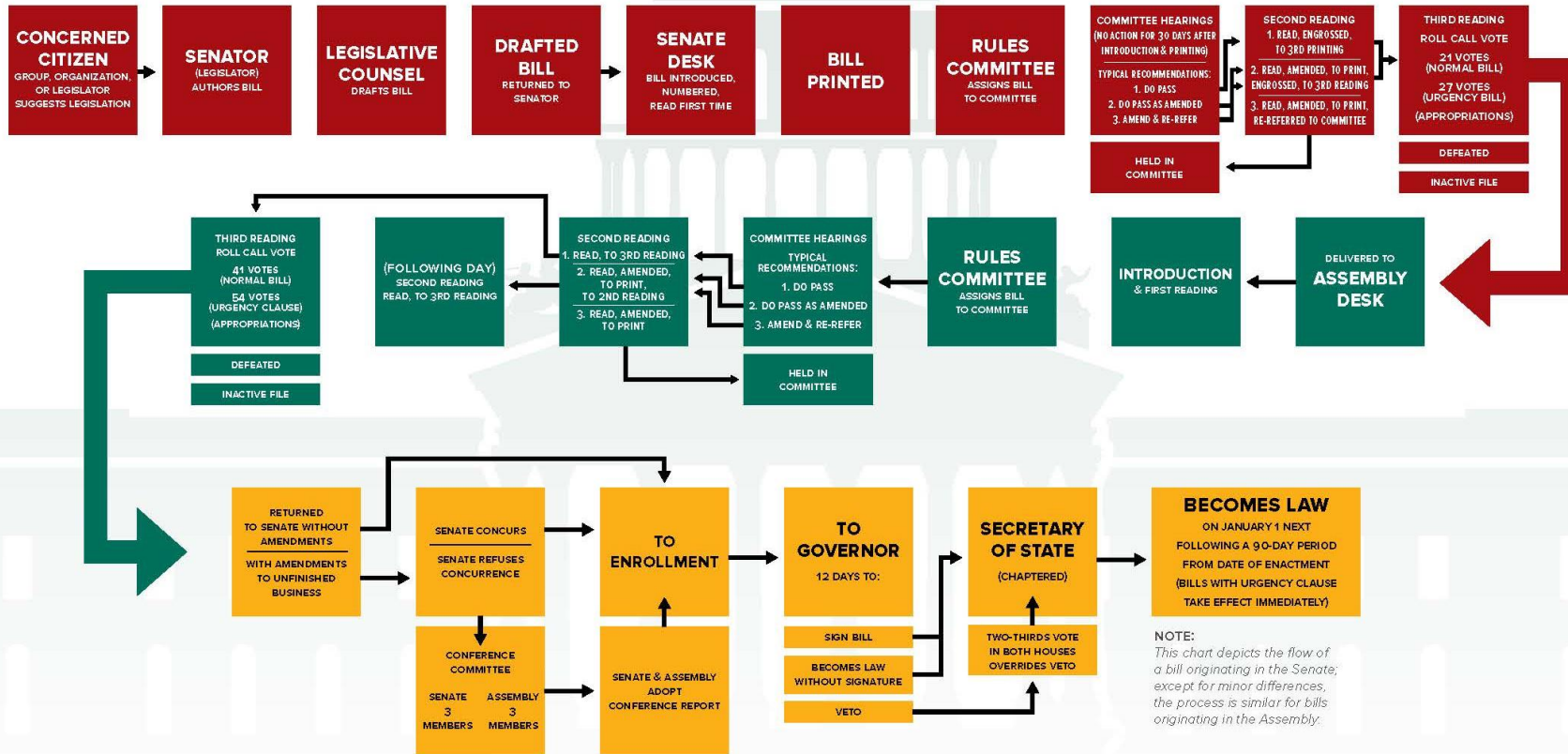


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Legislative Process

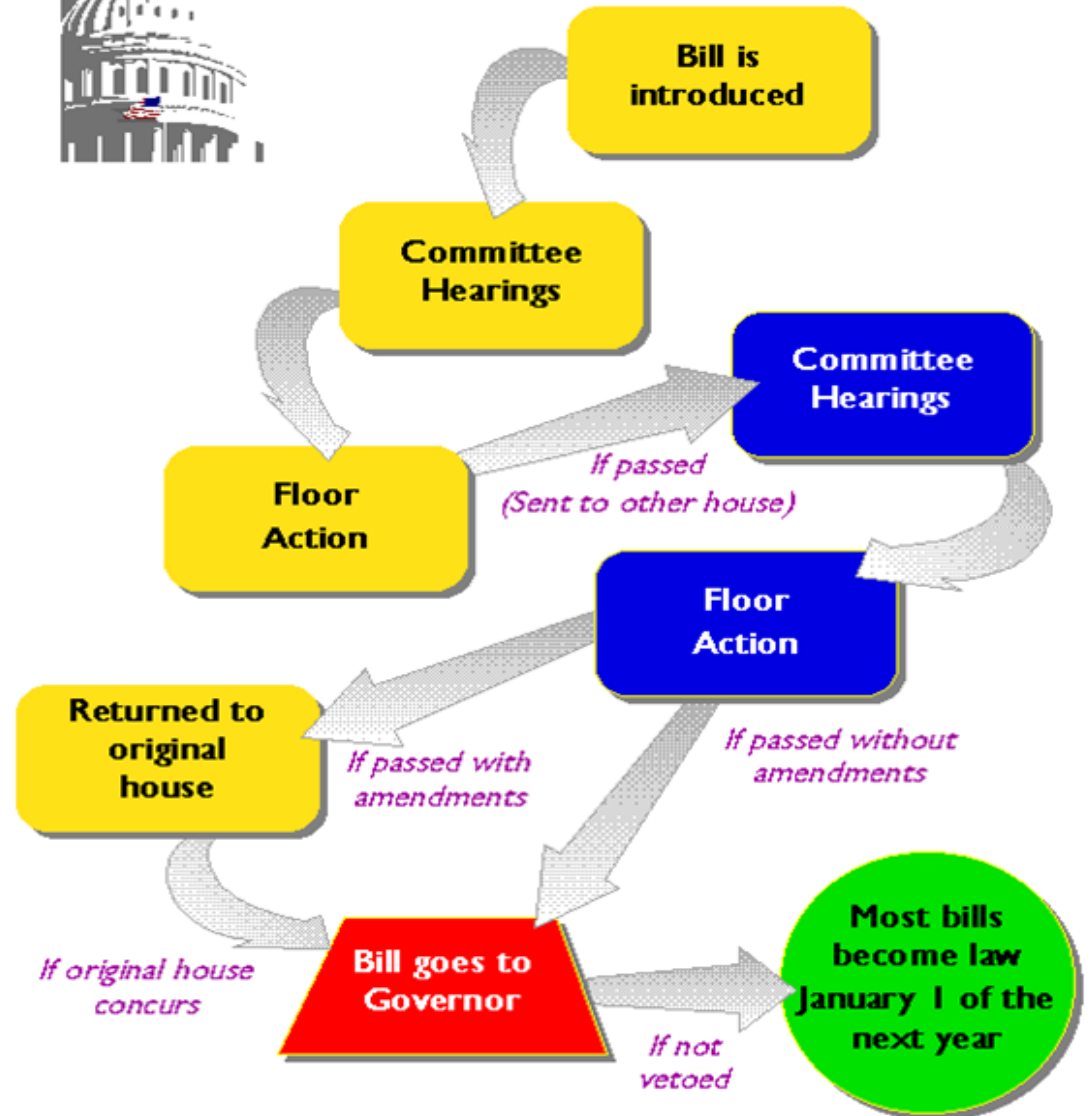
A chart showing the route a bill takes through the California Legislature.



Legislative Process



How a Bill Becomes a Law



Opportunities for Engaging in Legislation

- Suggest needed legislation in advance of session
- Bill Introduction
 - A bill must be in print for 30 days prior to any action being taken, unless a rule waiver is approved.
 - Review and comment on the bill language – this provides an opportunity to communicate with author’s staff to educate them on impacts of their proposal. At any time contact can be made with the author and staff, and other affected parties.
- Amendments
 - An author can amend their bill at almost any time. The Committee hearing the bill can suggest amendments.
 - A position letter to underscore impacts of the bill would be sent to the author, relevant committee and others.
- Committee Hearings
 - Meet with Committee members and staff to educate them, and provide a position letter to underscore impacts of the bill.
 - Attend Policy/Fiscal Committee hearings on the bill – this provides an opportunity to testify at the hearing.
- Floor Action
 - The bill presented on the Floor is reviewed and voted on by all members of that House. Prior to the vote, there is an opportunity for meetings and submittal of position letters.
 - If it passes this stage, the bill is sent to the opposite House for committee hearing/s and the process of communication starts over in that House.
- Concurrence
 - Should the bill be amended in the Second House, the House of Origin must approve those amendments.
 - A Committee hearing may be called to more closely review those amendments. This provides opportunity for meetings, position letters, and public testimony.
- Bill is sent to the governor for their consideration – Last opportunity to influence a bill
 - Contact can be made via calls and letters.



Fiscal & State Budget: Update

- ▶ FY 2024-25 Budget, follow up legislation enacted; no major revisions
- ▶ Mid-year and ongoing adjustments and reductions possible (Department of Finance (“DoF”) & Legislative Analyst’s Office (“LAO”))
- ▶ Governor cited General Fund deficit in his veto message
- ▶ DoF for FY 2025-26 notified departments to avoid new expense and personnel
- ▶ LAO forecasts “deficits persist”; total \$22 billion over next 3 Fiscal Years
- ▶ TGG, Inc. keeps Zone 7 informed, connecting with DoF, LAO, Department of Water Resources, State Water Resources Control Board, and more....

Legislation: Update

- ▶ **AB 460 (Bauer Kahan) – SWRCB: water rights and usage: civil penalties**
Increases the penalties for certain violations of cease and desist orders and curtailment orders issued by the State Water Resources Control Board, among other things.
Status: Chapter 342, Statutes of 2024
- ▶ **AB 2302 (Addis) – Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences**
Recasts existing limits on the number of times members of a legislative body can participate remotely in meetings for just cause or emergency circumstances.
Status: Chapter 389, Statutes of 2024
- ▶ **SB 366 (Caballero) - The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets**
Revises and recasts requirements for the contents of updates to the California Water Plan, requires the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to develop a long-term water supply planning target for 2050, and establishes an interim target of 10 million acre-feet (AF) of additional water by 2040. **Status: Vetoed 9/25**



Legislation Update: Continued

- ▶ **SB 867 (Allen) – Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024.**
\$10 billion bond, includes \$3.8 billion for drought, flood and water supply, among other things.
Status: Signed Into Law: Chapter 83, Statutes of 2024: Proposition 4 on November Ballot

Ballot Measures

November 5, 2024 Ballot Measure numbers have been assigned by the Secretary of State. There are 10 measures in total:

- Proposition 2 – AB 247 (Muratsuchi) – Education facilities bond: K-12 and community colleges.
- Proposition 3 – ACA 5 (Low) – Marriage equality.
- Proposition 4 – SB 867 (Allen) – Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024.
- Proposition 5 – ACA 1 (Aguilar-Curry) – Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure voter approval.
- Proposition 6 – ACA 8 (Wilson) – Prohibits slavery in any form (Clarifies that a prison sentence is not involuntary servitude).
- Proposition 32 – Raises minimum wage to \$18 per hour by 2026 for all employers and thereafter adjusting the rate annually by increases to the cost of living.
- Proposition 33 – Expands local governments' authority to enact rent control on residential property.
- Proposition 34 – Restricts spending by health care providers meeting specified criteria.
- Proposition 35 – Provides permanent funding for Medi-Cal health care services.
- Proposition 36 – Allows felony charges and increases sentences for certain drug and retail theft crimes.



Regulatory Update: 2025 Issues

- ▶ **State Water Resources Control Board**

- ▶ Drinking Water Supply
- ▶ Delta/Riverine Flow
- ▶ Recharge Permitting
- ▶ Recycling Program Development
- ▶ Continued US EPA CWA Funding
- ▶ SGMA GSP Enforcement

- ▶ **Department of Water Resources**

- ▶ Delta Issues
- ▶ Flood/Dam Safety
- ▶ IRWM/Watershed Hub
- ▶ SGMA Implementation
- ▶ Desalination 2.0

- ▶ **SWRCB & DWR**

- ▶ Data & Analytics



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**Thank You and
Here Comes Fall!**

