

# **2024 Legislative Session**

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# **About Sierra Club California**

The mission of Sierra Club California is to promote the preservation, restoration, and enjoyment of California's environment, and enable chapters and grassroots activists to speak as one voice to promote California conservation.



#### **Water Conservation Regulations**

- AB 3121 (Hart) Urban Retail Water Suppliers - Conservation Orders
- SB 1110 (Ashby) Urban Retail Water Suppliers - Conservation Orders
- SB 1185 (Niello) Water Conservation -Water Use Objectives
- SB 1330 (Archuleta) Urban Retail Water Supplier - Water Use

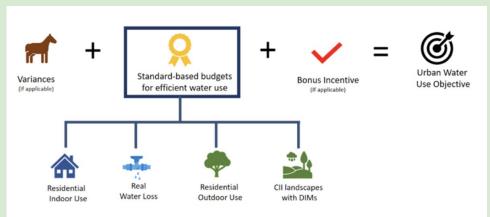


Image Source: State Water Resources Control Board: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/conservation/regs/docs/2024/fact sheetmaking-conservationway-life-revised.pdf



### **Proposition 218**

- **AB 1827 (Papan)** Higher Consumptive Water Use Parcels
- **SB 1255 (Durazo)** Water Rate Assistance
- AB 2257 (Wilson) Property-Related Water and Sewer Fees Remedies
- **SB 1072 (Padilla)** Proposition 218 Remedies

# **Modernizing Water Rights**

• **SB 389 (Allen)** State Water Resources Control Board: Investigation of a Water Right

signed by the Governor in 2023

• **AB 1337 (Wicks)** State Water Resources Control Board: Water Diversion Curtailment

 AB 460 (Bauer-Kahan) State Water Resources Control Board: Water Rights and Usage - Civil Penalties
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Credit: USGS



#### **Groundwater Management and Recharge**

- AB 828 (Connolly) SGMA managed wetlands
- **AB 2079 (Bennett) Groundwater extraction** High Capacity Wells
- AB 2799 (Alanis) SGMA small farms
- **SB 1390 (Caballero) Groundwater Recharge**: floodflows diversion



Credit: Department of Water Resources



# **Cleaning up Water Pollution**

- AB 1851 (Holden) Lead Testing Pilot Program
- **AB 1798 (Papan) SALMON Act:** Saving Aquatic Life from Manufactured Oxidized Nanochemicals Act
- **AB 1597 (Alvarez) Water Quality:** California-Mexico cross-border watersheds



Credit: CA Department of Toxic Substances Control

• SB 1178 (Padilla) California Water Quality and Public Health Protection Act



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#### **Increasing Wildlife Protection and Connectivity**



Credit: USFWS



Credit: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

- SB 1402 (Min) 30x30
- AB 1889 (Friedman) Room to Roam Act
- AB 2320 (Irwin) Wildlife Connectivity and Climate Adaptation Act of 2024
- AB 2196 (Connolly) Beaver Restoration
- **AB 2558 (Hart)** Department of Transportation: Fish Passage
- AB 2875 (Friedman) No Net Loss of Wetlands



#### 2024 State Budget Outcomes

housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

**Salton Sea Management Program** - funding restored

**Filling the Gap of Sackett v. EPA** - new funding

Flood Protection - new funding

# **Habitat Conservation Fund** - ongoing funding preserved

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**Drinking Water and Wastewater** - funding reduced

Water Recycling and Groundwater Cleanup funding reduced

Water Storage - 2025-26 funding reduced

**PFAS Cleanup** - funding reduced

Dam Safety - funding reduced



Source: Office of the Governor: Veto Message for SB 1272