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Busy Time at the Capitol!

The Legislature has been busy moving bills to meet the deadline to pass all 2014 bills out of the house of origin by May 9th. APA California has been lobbying a number of high priority bills including:

- 24 hour solar permit approval mandate and limits on inspections (AB 2188 - APA Oppose)
- “By right” urban entrepreneurial gardens (AB 2561 - APA Oppose)
- Simplified measure to reduce late comments on CEQA environmental documents (SB 1451 – APA Support)
- Additional enforcement over massage therapy businesses (AB 1904 – Under review)
- An exemption from 200-year flood protection for urban infill projects that meet current FEMA 100-year protection standards (AB 2108 - APA Support)
- A Subdivision Map Act exemption for coop housing conversions (AB 569 – APA Oppose unless amended)
- Sustainable Farmland Strategy (AB 1961 – APA Support)
- Vehicle Miles Traveled tax study (SB 1077 – APA Support)
- Cap and Trade Funds for planning and other local GHG emission reduction projects (SB 1122 – Support)
- Williamson Act funding (SB 1372 – APA Support)

In addition, the Governor will be releasing his revised budget mid-May in preparation for passing the final budget by June 15th.

To view the full list of hot planning bills, copies of the measures, up-to-the minute status and APA positions, please go to the legislative page on APA California’s website at www.apacalifornia.org.