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Happy New Year! The Legislature returned on January 3 to start the 2022 Legislative Session, which is the second of the two-year session. The Legislature is hitting the ground running by moving several two-year bills out of their respective house by the end of the month. In addition, the bill introduction deadline is February 18 and as always, we expect to see several bills introduced this year that will be of interest to planners. It's expected that the budget and proposed legislation will deal with issues related to housing, homelessness, climate change, infrastructure and COVID-19 impacts and mitigation, among other priority issues.

2022-2023 Proposed Budget Released

On January 10, the Governor released his 2022-2023 budget proposal. California will have an estimated \$286.4 billion budget that anticipates a \$45.7 billion surplus. To read more, please view the Governor's full [Budget Summary](#). The "California Blueprint" has five main objectives: Fighting COVID-19, combating the climate crisis, confronting homelessness, tackling the cost of living and keep streets safe. Of interest to planners, the 2022-2023 budget proposes:

- \$2 billion in new housing related grants and tax credits
- \$2 billion to combat the homelessness crisis
- \$22 billion related to several climate, water and wildfire initiatives

Over the next few months, draft budget trailer bill language to implement specifics in the proposed budget will be published online and budget subcommittees will begin to hold hearings on these proposals. The Governor will offer a revision to the proposed budget in mid-May and then the final budget must be passed by June 15. Budget trailer bills must be passed by the end of session on August 31.

Join the APA California Legislative Review Team

The APA California Legislative Review Team will be meeting on March 10 to review all planning-related bills introduced by the bill introduction deadline.

If you would like to join the Legislative Review Team for the 2022 Legislative Session, please fill out the registration [form](#). The APA California Legislative Review Team is open to all current APA California members. The Legislative Review Team helps to provide expertise and professional opinions to the APA California Vice President for Policy & Legislation and Chapter lobbyist to help shape APA California positions on planning topics and specific proposals in the California State Legislature and state agency regulations. In addition to solicitations for feedback and information, Review Team members will receive periodic emails with updates and information about legislative development.

Stay Connected on APA California Legislative Activities

Members are encouraged to visit the APA California website's [legislative page](#) for up-to-date information related to Chapter legislative activities, which include:

- APA California position letters submitted to the Legislature
- APA California's "hot bill" list with up-to-date information on all legislation APA California is tracking
- Tools and resources to get involved and support the Chapter's advocacy efforts as well as at the Section level
- APA National's legislative program tools and information
- Amicus Curiae Committee briefs