



## APA CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE JULY 2023

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### **Legislature Breaks for Summer Recess**

After several weeks of policy committee hearings, the Legislature has adjourned for their summer recess. Nearly all high priority bills that APA California is tracking are continuing to move and will be considered in the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees upon the Legislature's return in August.

While most planning related bills we've reported on are still moving, AB 1176 (Zbur), which, as amended, would have required local governments to either update the General Plan or create a separate plan to address decarbonization strategies at the local level, was recently made a two-year bill. As noted last month, APA California worked with the author to address several concerns and will continue to monitor this bill if it moves in 2024.

APA California is still tracking nearly [400 bills](#), has taken [positions](#) on several high priority bills, and continues to provide technical feedback on many other issues before the Legislature. When the Legislature returns from summer recess on August 14, they will have one month left to complete their work and send all bills to the Governor for his consideration. Session will end on September 14.

### **2023-2024 Budget**

The 2023-2024 budget passed after ongoing negotiations between the Legislature and the Governor and the main budget bill, [SB 101](#) (Skinner), was signed on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The \$310 billion spending plan addresses core priorities and covers a \$30 billion-plus deficit, without touching key reserves.

As part of the budget, an agreement was made related to public transit, which will provide \$5.1 billion in emergency relief to support California's public transit systems, in addition to new accountability measures to ensure long term sustainability. In addition to funding for transit, the budget also allocates another \$1 billion for a fifth round of the state's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention program (HHAP). This too will come with new accountability measures. This funding is in addition to prior year commitments to affordable housing production, preservation, and infrastructure funding.

### **Governor's Infrastructure Package**

In addition to the budget, the Legislature and Governor also reached an agreement on the Governor's proposal to provide streamlining opportunities for clean infrastructure and energy projects throughout the state. As shared last month, the Governor signed an [Executive Order](#) to create an *Infrastructure Strike Team* to work with state and local agencies to facilitate planning and development of these projects and proposed several budget trailer bills. And after weeks of negotiations on trailer bill language, the Governor and Legislature agreed on the following bills related to the infrastructure package:

- [SB 145](#) – Caltrans Advanced Mitigation and I-15 Wildlife Crossings (Newman)
- [SB 146](#) – Progressive Design Build, Job Order Contracting, NEPA Assignment (Gonzalez and Friedman)
- [SB 147](#) – Fully Protected Species (Ashby)
- [SB 149](#) – Expedited Judicial Review, Administrative Record Reform (Caballero and Becker)
- [SB 150](#) – Equity (Durazo, Smallwood Cuevas, Gonzalez, Cortese, and L. Rivas)