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Legislature Returns for Final Push as the End of Session Approaches

After a month-long summer recess, the Legislature returned on August 14 for the final month of the 2023 Legislative Session. In the final weeks of session, the Legislature turns their attention back to the appropriations committees and their respective house for work on each floor. Bills with a fiscal impact above a specified threshold must clear the Senate/Assembly Appropriations Committee's always anticipated Suspense File, where bills can be held and/or made two-year bills without public discussion. While we have seen high-profile bills held on the Suspense File in the past, nearly all high priority bills that APA California is tracking are continuing to move and will now be considered in both houses for final floor votes before being sent to the Governor for his consideration. This session will end on September 14 and all bills that are sent to the Governor in the final days must be acted on by the Governor by October 14. Bills that do not pass this session and are not held on the Suspense File can still be considered next year.

So What Happened to all the Planning-Related Bills?

2023 has been yet another busy year for planning-related legislation and there's a lot to discuss. For more details, please join us at the APA California Conference in Fresno (or streaming live) on September 17, for the annual Legislative Update Session. We will provide an in-depth recap of the 2023 Legislative Session and look forward to seeing you. While we may not know the Governor's actions on many bills of interest, given that the end of session lines up with this year's conference, we will still have plenty to discuss!

If you're interested in looking up all planning related bills APA California tracked this year, their status, and for more information on positions the Chapter has taken on bills, please visit the [APA California website](#) for a comprehensive list with links to bill language and position letters.