

Legislative Update

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Legislative Calendar:

- Apr. 26 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house
- May 3 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house
- May 10 – Last day for policy committees to meet before May 28
- **May 15 – ASCE day at the California Capital**
- May 17 – Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house. Last day for fiscal committees to meet before May 28
- May 20- 24 – Floor Session only. No committees, other than conference or Rules committees, may meet for any purpose.
- May 24 – Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house.
- June 15 – Budget bill must be passed by midnight
- June 27 - Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 5 General Election ballot
- July 3 – Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills. Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided the Budget bill has been passed.

Budget Problem Early Action

With a shortfall estimated at \$38 billion and \$73 billion next year, Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders announced an “[early action plan](#)” to tackle part of that gap before the regular budget process later this spring.

The \$17.3 billion package includes some program cuts but mainly relies on new revenue, internal borrowing and funding delays, and savings shifts. It is expected to be voted on in the Legislature early in April.

Category	Amount
Reductions	\$3.6 billion
Revenue/Borrowing	\$5.2 billion
Delays	\$3.1 billion
Fund Shifts	\$3.4 billion
Deferrals	\$2.1 billion

Note: totals off due to rounding

More [here](#).

Legislation

[AB 1862](#) (Fong Chen R) would remove the expiration date in existing law, meaning that the authorization for A&E professionals to form limited liability partnerships would remain indefinitely. The Assembly Business and Professions Committee will hear the bill on April 23. ASCE: **Support**

[AB 1881](#) (Davies) Authorizes a person with expertise and training in coastal erosion to participate on a scientific panel that advises the California Coastal Commission. The Assembly approved the bill 70-0.

[AB 2114](#) (Irwin D) Current law requires the board of an association of a condominium project to conduct a visual inspection, at least every nine years, of the exterior elevated elements for which the association has maintenance or repair responsibility. Current law requires the inspection to be conducted by a licensed structural engineer or architect. This bill would additionally authorize a licensed civil engineer to perform the inspection. The Assembly Housing Committee approved the bill 9-0. It is now on the Assembly floor. ASCE: **Support**

[AB 2869](#) (Friedman D) requires Caltrans to mitigate the impact of infrastructure projects that interfere with or eliminate trail access to parks and recreational areas by maintaining safe access for users of existing trails or providing alternative safe access to those parks and recreational areas.

[SB 1239](#) (Grove R) Originally, this bill extended the exemption from CEQA for the closure of a railroad grade crossing by order of the PUC if the commission finds the crossing to present a threat to public safety. The bill now requires DGS to require a supplier of zero-emission vehicles purchased for the state vehicle fleet to certify that the raw materials used in the manufacturing of the zero-emission vehicles, including, but not limited to, cobalt and lithium, come from mining operations that are free of child labor.

Appointments by the Governor

To the [Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists](#): **Danny Jimenez**, Sacramento, Democrat, account executive at [Outfront Media](#) since 2024. Salary: \$100 per diem.

To the [Delta Stewardship Council](#): **Gayle Miller**, Sacramento, Democrat, senior counselor on infrastructure and clean energy finance for Gov. Gavin Newsom since 2022; **Daniel Zingale** (reappointed), Sacramento, Democrat, part-time strategic advisor at Sacramento Advocates Inc. since 2022. Salary: \$55,738.

As chief deputy director, [Dept. of Water Resources](#): **Thomas Gibson**, West Sacramento, no party preference, chief counsel at DWR since 2021. Salary: \$209,712.

Also, as chief counsel, [Dept. of Water Resources](#): **Ann Carroll**, Davis, Democrat, deputy general counsel at DWR since 2019. Salary: \$209,712.

As senior counsel on infrastructure, [Office of the Governor](#): **Jamie Callahan**, Sacramento, Democrat, deputy chief of staff in Office of the Governor since November 2023. Salary: \$228,492.

As deputy director for sustainability, [Dept. of Transportation](#): **Eric Sundquist**, Sacramento, Democrat, sustainability advisor at Caltrans since 2021. Salary: \$164,016.

Reports of Interest

The Legislative Analyst's Office released [The 2024-25 Budget: Proposition 2 Debt Payment Proposals](#), where it finds the Governor's proposal to apply a \$1.7 billion payment to CalPERS from the 2023-24 budget toward fulfilling state's 2024-25 obligations under Prop. 2, 2014 initiative that required the state to make additional payments toward reducing state pension plans unfunded liabilities, is **likely unconstitutional** because the proposal appears to violate condition that payments above minimum requirements should "supplement" rather than "supplant" obligations for the fiscal year and following fiscal year; recommends the Legislature explore using Prop. 2 payments to "fund the difference" for CalSTRS' 2024-25 rate for the state, which is "somewhat above the actuarially required contribution," says this option "could be considered a supplemental pension payment" and "achieve about \$1 billion in savings."