

FLC – 2021 Key Legislation Update

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AB 267	Valladares	Deletes the sunset date for the CEQA exemptions for prescribed fire, thinning or fuel reduction projects that have been reviewed under NEPA and undertaken on federal lands.	Held In Senate Natural Resources & Water 2-Year Bill	Support
AB 322	Salas	Requires the CEC to consider, in the state's investment planning process for EPIC funding, bioenergy projects for biomass conversion.	In Senate Fiscal Committee	Support
AB 642	Friedman	Incorporates provisions for cultural burning practices, and expands the areas where enhanced fire safety building standards apply	In Senate Fiscal	Watch
AB 431	Patterson	Extends the sunset for the 150-300 defensible space exemption until January 1, 2026.	Senate Floor	Support
AB 792	Flora	Requires prescribed fires initiated at CalFIRE's request, with the consent of the landowner, to be CalFIRE's responsibility regardless of whether you are a nonprofit, public agency or private landowner.	Held in Assembly Fiscal Committee DEAD	Support
AB 926	Mathis	Adds roadside vegetation management and projects to the eligible list of activities for a local assistance grant program.	Held in Assembly Fiscal DEAD	Support
SB 332	Dodd	Provides that a certified burn boss and a private landowner are not liable for fire suppression costs because of a prescribed burn unless it was conducted in a grossly negligent manner.	In Assembly Fiscal	Support
SB 396	Dahle	Revises the requirements for the "fire toolbox" and requires the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (OEIS) to develop standardized content related to procedures which allows utilities to traverse and clear vegetation from private lands in order to maintain operation of electrical transmission or distribution lines.	In Assembly Fiscal	Watch
SB 709	Dahle	Authorizes up to two 2-year extensions for a timber harvest plan approved between January 1, 2014, and December 31, 2015, if specified conditions are met. Urgency clause added requires 2/3 vote.	Assembly Floor	Support
SB 45	Portantino	Enacts a \$5.5 billion bond to finance projects for wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparedness and flood protection.	Senate Floor 2-Year Bill	Watch
SB 63	Stern	Requires the state to identify high and moderate fire hazard severity zones, and expand appropriate building standards to those zones	In Assembly Fiscal	Watch
SB 12	McGuire	Requires cities or counties that contain very high fire risk areas to amend their land use element and prohibits a city or county with a very high fire risk area from entering into a development agreement without meeting specified fire risk standards.	Failed Assembly Housing, reconsideration granted	Concerns

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