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PCL INSIDER: News from the Capitol

Legislative Update: A "Suspenseful" Week

We are fast approaching the halfway point of the legislative process: bills must pass their house of origin by the end of May. This means that Assembly bills need to pass an Assembly Floor vote, and Senate bills similarly need the approval of the Senate. This week has been particularly busy with packed-agenda Appropriations Committee hearings in both houses, as the Legislature decides which fiscal bills will move forward. Tomorrow, they will be reevaluating the Suspense File – bills that would have a fiscal impact and have been set aside for review en masse.

Many environmental bills are awaiting a verdict in the Suspense File, including PCL-supported water bond proposal <u>SB 848</u> (Wolk), stormwater resource planning bill <u>SB 985</u> (Pavley), and Urban Water Management Plan update bill <u>SB 1420</u> (Wolk) – as well as fracking moratorium <u>SB 1132</u> (Mitchell & Leno), Charge Ahead electric vehicles bill <u>SB 1275</u> (De Leon), genetically engineered food labeling bill <u>SB 1381</u> (Evans), and a number of other environmental priorities.

On the flip side, several environmentally-damaging bills are also waiting on Appropriations Committee decisions, and we're hoping they don't move forward. Notably, this includes PCL-opposed water bond bills <u>AB 2686</u> (Perea, Bigelow, Gray, & Salas) and <u>AB 2043</u> (Bigelow & Conway).

Stay tuned for updates on how you can help next week!

Invitation to Southern California Stormwater Meeting

Join PCL at an upcoming **Southern California Stormwater Meeting** on **Friday, June 13th**, 9am until noon, at the headquarters of the Southern California Association of Governments in Los Angeles. This will be a problem solving session that will focus on developing practical strategies for overcoming the biggest challenges to stormwater capture. For more information and to register, please click here.

Summer Internships Still Available!

PCL is still seeking energetic, passionate interns for three positions. We are recruiting a **Development Intern** to assist with prospective donor research, event planning, grant research, and more. We are also looking for an intern to assist with the development of our **50/50 Project** as we approach the 50th anniversary of PCL and PCL Foundation. The

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project will explore the past 50 years of environmental policy and outline a vision for California's environment 50 years in the future. In addition, we are seeking a **Land Use Intern**, who will assist with the development of our Transportation & Land Use Reform Project. This project will identify ways to promote sustainable land use and transportation patterns that will reduce GHGs and create more livable communities. We will be considering applications on a rolling basis, so apply **now**! For a full description and application information, please click here.







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