

# 2013-2014

# CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

## A Clean Water Perspective on the 2013-2014 Legislature

The 2013-2014 session had an uncertain start as 38 freshman legislators took office, but ended on a high note as many Clean Water priorities — including a first-in-the-nation statewide ban on



plastic bags and historic groundwater legislation — were adopted by an increasingly effective Legislature.

Six of 2013's freshmen legislators — Assembly members Bloom, Chau, Gomez, Nazarian, Rendon and Stone — became

Clean Water Champions in their first term, with Richard Bloom, Anthony Rendon and Mark Stone also authoring Clean Water Action priority bills. Revised and extended term limits approved by the voters in 2012 (Proposition 28) mean that we can look forward to working with these champions of clean water for several more years. Term limits in place prior to 2012 required legislators to shuttle between the two houses in order to serve their 14 year term. Now, while members are limited to 12

years in the Legislature, they are able to serve their term in the same seat.

Clean Water Action's 2013-2014 session priorities were to:

- Promote wiser use of increasingly limited water resources;
- Protect and empower communities that have been disproportionately impacted by pollution;
- Promote the public's "right-to-know" about information that can impact their health and their consumer choices, including chemicals in everyday products;
- Reduce plastic pollution in the marine environment;
- Address the impacts of oil and gas exploration on public health and the environment.

Clean Water Action scored votes on 20 bills that highlighted these priorities. In order to be considered for the scorecard, the bills needed to receive a floor vote in at least one of the two houses of the Legislature and a position of support or oppose by Clean Water Action.

Eleven of our priority bills reached the Governor's desk. The Governor agreed with Clean Water Action in signing nine of those bills, giving him a solid "B".

*This year, 32 Legislators scored at least 90% on our Clean Water Scorecard:*

### ASSEMBLY CHAMPIONS

Tom Ammiano*	Adrin Nazarian
Speaker Toni Atkins	<i>Speaker Emeritus</i>
Richard Bloom	John Perez
Nora Campos	Anthony Rendon
Ed Chau	Nancy Skinner*
Matt Dababneh	Mark Stone
Paul Fong	Phil Ting
Mike Gatto*	Das Williams
Jimmy Gomez*	Mariko Yamada
Bonnie Lowenthal	

### SENATE CHAMPIONS

Jim Beall	Holly Mitchell
Ellen Corbett	William Monning
Mark DeSaulnier	Alex Padilla
Loni Hancock*	Fran Pavley*
Hannah-Beth Jackson	<i>President</i>
Mark Leno	<i>Pro Tem Emeritus</i>
Ted Lieu	Darrell Steinberg
Carol Liu	Lois Wolk

*\*indicates a 100% voting record*

# About Clean Water Action's Priorities

## Water

The increasingly severe drought played a large role in the Legislature in this session. With precipitation throughout the state well below average, the issue of better managing and reusing our existing supplies took center stage.

**Water Bond:** In 2013, the Legislature began hearings to move forward with a water bond to address some of our most critical water needs. By early 2014, legislators had introduced more than a dozen versions of water bond legislation. In August, the Governor and Legislative leadership agreed to a \$7.5 billion water bond (**AB 1471, Rendon**).

**Groundwater Legislation:** As groundwater overdraft reached record levels and farmers and rural residents found their wells going dry, the state's historic failure to manage groundwater supplies was finally addressed. The Legislature and the Administration worked together to develop the first comprehensive groundwater regulation in the state's history. Two companion bills (**AB 1739, Dickinson; SB 1168, Pavley**) set requirements and deadlines for local management of the state's most heavily used groundwater basins.

Finally, coastal protection continued to be a lightning rod in the Legislature. A 2013 bill (**AB 976, Atkins**) that would have granted the Coastal Commission the enforcement authority enjoyed by other state agencies failed to pass. Fortunately, the requirements of the bill were included as part of the trailer language in the 2014–2015 budget, giving the Commission the ability to act on its own power to enforce its mission.

## Environmental Justice

Environmental Justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Unfortunately, some

## Reading the Scorecard

Legislators who voted on the bills in this Scorecard consistent with Clean Water Action's position were graded as follows:

90–100%	=	A
80–89%	=	B
70–79%	=	C
55–69%	=	D
0–54%	=	F

Votes that agreed with our position are marked with a "+" sign, and those opposed with a "-". A legislator whose absence was noted in the Daily Journal was listed as excused, and their absence was not counted against them. On the other hand, if a legislator was present at the Capitol but chose not to cast a vote (listed as "NV" in the scorecard) it was counted as a "no" vote. Most bills are voted on twice in their house of origin (due to amendments in the second house); this scorecard uses the final vote in each house.

Several legislators left office or were elected by special election mid-term. If a legislator was not seated at the time of a vote, the relevant box is left blank and that bill is not used to calculate their score.

Some legislators were seated for fewer than 5 votes, which we considered insufficient to constitute a record. In these cases, we gave the legislator a score of incomplete (INC).

The author of each bill is noted in the matrix next to his or her vote.

communities suffer disproportionate impacts of pollution. Clean Water Action works with affected communities to address those impacts.

The 2013–2014 legislative session kicked off with the release of two groundbreaking reports from the State Water Board identifying the extent of groundwater contamination in the state. Several bills were introduced to address core issues of funding and access. **AB 21 (Alejo)** establishes an emergency fund, using an existing funding stream, to address urgent needs for communities who have lost their water supplies due to drought or contamination. Continuing concerns about the effectiveness of

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<i>CWA POSITION:</i>		<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>SUPPORT</i>		
<b>ASSEMBLY</b>											
Achadjian	R 35	NV	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	33% F
Alejo	D 30	NV	+	NV	NV	+ (author)	+	+	+	+	66% D
Allen	R 72	-	+	-	-	+	NV	-	-	-	16% F
Ammiano	D 17	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Atkins	D 78	+ (author)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94% A
Bigelow	R 5	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	16% F
Bloom	D 50	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94% A
Blumenfield*	D 45						+				INC
Bocanegra	D 39	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	72% C
Bonilla	D 14	NV	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	55% D
Bonta	D 18	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88% B
Bradford	D 62	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	77% C
Brown	D 47	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	61% D
Buchanan	D 16	NV	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	NV	72% C
Calderon, Ian	D 57	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	77% C
Campos	D 27	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94% A
Chau	D 49	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94% A
Chavez	R 76	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	11% F
Chesbro	D 2	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88% B
Conway	R 26	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	22% F
Cooley	D 8	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	50% F
Dababneh*	D 45		+	+	+			+	+	+	91% A
Dahle	R 1	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	NV	27% F
Daly	D 69	-	+	NV	NV	+	+	+	+	NV	44% F
Dickinson	D 7	+	+	+ (author)	+	+	NV	+	+	+	88% B
Donnelly	R 33	-	-	-	-	NV	-	-	-	-	0% F
Eggman	D 13	NV	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	55% D
Fong	D 28	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94% A
Fox	D 36	NV	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	33% F
Frazier	D 11	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	55% D
Gaines, Beth	R 6	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	16% F
Garcia	D 58	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	77% C
Gatto	D 43	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Gomez	D 51	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Gonzalez	D 80	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83% B
Gordon	D 24	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88% B
Gorell	R 44	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	NV	-	33% F
Gray	D 21	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	NV	33% F
Grove	R 34	-	+	-	-	+	NV	-	-	-	11% F
Hagman	R 55	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	27% F
Hall	D 64	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	72% C
Harkey	R 73	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	Absent	13% F
Hernandez, R.	D 48	NV	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	64% D
Holden	D 41	+	+	+	+	+	Excused	+	+	+	86% B
Jones	R 71	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	16% F
Jones-Sawyer	D 59	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83% B
Levine	D 10	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88% B
Linder	R 60	-	+	-	NV	+	-	+	-	-	27% F
Logue	R 3	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	16% F
Lowenthal, B.	D 70	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	94% A
Maienschein	R 77	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	27% F
Mansoor	R 74	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	16% F
Medina	D 61	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	61% D
Melendez	R 67	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	27% F
Mitchell*	D 54	+				+	+				95% A
Morrell*	R 40	-				+	-				25% F
Mullin	D 22	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88% B
Muratsuchi	D 66	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	88% B
Nazarian	D 46	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94% A
Nestande	R 42	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	44% F
Olsen	R 12	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	22% F
Pan	D 9	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	72% C
Patterson	R 23	-	+	Excused	Excused	+	-	-	-	-	12% F

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<b>ASSEMBLY</b>											
Perea	D 31	NV	+	-	-	+	+ (author)	+	+	NV	33% F
Perez, John A.	D 53	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94% A
Perez, V.M.	D 56	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	76% C
Quirk	D 20	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	77% C
Quirk-Silva	D 65	-	+	NV	NV	+	+	+	+	-	38% F
Rendon	D 63	+	+ (author)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94% A
Ridley-Thomas*	D 54		+	+	+			+	+	+	75% C
Rodriguez*	D 52		+	+	+			+	+	NV	66% D
Salas	D 32	-	+	-	-	+	+	+ (author)	+	+	38% F
Skinner	D 15	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Stone	D 29	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94% A
Ting	D 19	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94% A
Wagner	R 68	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	16% F
Waldron	R 75	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	16% F
Weber	D 79	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	77% C
Wieckowski	D 25	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88% B
Wilk	R 38	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	22% F
Williams	D 37	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94% A
Yamada	D 04	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+ (author)	+	94% A
<b>SENATE</b>											
Anderson	R 36	-	+	+	+	+		-		-	33% F
Beall	D 15	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	93% A
Berryhill	R 14	-	+	-	-	+		+		-	33% F
Block	D 39	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	80% B
Calderon, Ron*	D 30	-				+					INC
Cannella	R 12	-	+	-	-	+		+		-	33% F
Corbett	D 10	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	93% A
Correa	D 34	NV	+	+	+	+		+		+	56% D
De León	D 22	+	+	+	+	NV		+		+ (author)	80% B
DeSaulnier	D 7	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	93% A
Emmerson*	R 23	-				+					INC
Evans	D 2	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	81% B
Fuller	R 18	-	+	-	-	+		+		-	27% F
Gaines, Ted	R 1	-	+	-	-	+		+		-	33% F
Galgiani	D 5	-	+	-	NV	+		+		+	40% F
Hancock	D 9	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	100% A
Hernandez, Ed	D 24	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	73% C
Hill	D 13	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	80% B
Hueso	D 40	-	+	+	+	+		+		+	80% B
Huff	R 29	-	+	-	-	+		+		-	27% F
Jackson	D 19	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	93% A
Knight	R 21	-	+	-	-	+		+		-	27% F
Lara	D 33	+	+	+	NV	+		+		+	80% B
Leno	D 11	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	93% A
Lieu	D 28	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	93% A
Liu	D 25	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	93% A
Mitchell*	D 26		+	+	+	+		+		+	95% A
Monning	D 17	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	93% A
Morrell*	R 23		+	-	-	+		+		-	25% F
Nielsen	R 4	-	+	-	-	+		+		-	20% F
Padilla	D 20	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	93% A
Pavley	D 27	+	+	+	+ (author)	+		+		+	100% A
Price*	D 26							+			INC
Roth	D 31	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	66% D
Steinberg	D 6	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	93% A
Torres	D 32	-	+	+	+	+		+		NV	60% D
Vidak	R 16	-	+	-	-	+		+		-	33% F
Walters	R 37	-	+	-	-	+		Excused		-	25% F
Wolk	D 3	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	93% A
Wright*	D 35	-									INC
Wyland	R 38	-	+	+	+	+		-		-	40% F
Yee*	D 8	+									INC
<b>OUTCOME:</b>		<b>FAILED IN ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>SIGNED</b>	<b>SIGNED</b>	<b>SIGNED</b>	<b>SIGNED</b>	<b>FAILED IN SENATE</b>	<b>SIGNED</b>	<b>FAILED IN SENATE</b>	<b>VETOED</b>	

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<i>CWA POSITION:</i>		<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>OPPOSE</i>	<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>SUPPORT</i>	
<b>ASSEMBLY</b>													
Achadjian	R 35	-	+		+	-	-	-	-	-		+	33% F
Alejo	D 30	+	+		+	+	-	+	NV	NV		+	66% D
Allen	R 72	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-		+	16% F
Ammiano	D 17	+	+		+	+	NV	+	+	+		+	100% A
Atkins	D 78	+	+		+	+	-	+	+	+		+	94% A
Bigelow	R 5	-	NV		-	-	-	-	-	-		+	16% F
Bloom	D 50	+	+		+ (author)	+	-	+	+	+		+	94% A
Blumenfeld*	D 45							+					INC
Bocanegra	D 39	+	+		+	+	-	NV	NV	-		+	72% C
Bonilla	D 14	-	+		NV	+	-	NV	-	-		+	55% D
Bonta	D 18	+	+		+	+	-	+	NV	+		+	88% B
Bradford	D 62	+	+		+	+	-	NV	NV	NV		+	77% C
Brown	D 47	NV	+		+	NV	-	-	-	NV		+	61% D
Buchanan	D 16	+	+		+	+	-	+	NV	+		+	72% C
Calderon, Ian	D 57	+	+		+	+	-	NV	NV	NV		+	77% C
Campos	D 27	+	+		+	+	-	+	+	+		+	94% A
Chau	D 49	+	+		+	+	-	+	+	+		+	94% A
Chavez	R 76	-	NV		-	-	-	-	-	-		-	11% F
Chesbro	D 2	+	+		+	+	-	+	+	+		+	88% B
Conway	R 26	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-		+	22% F
Cooley	D 8	-	+		+	-	-	NV	NV	-		+	50% F
Dababneh*	D 45		+		+	+	-			+		+	91% A
Dahle	R 1	-	+		NV	-	-	-	-	-		+	27% F
Daly	D 69	+	NV		NV	+	-	NV	-	NV		+	44% F
Dickinson	D 7	+	+		+	+	-	+	+	+		+	88% B
Donnelly	R 33	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-		-	0% F
Eggman	D 13	NV	+		+	NV	-	+	-	NV		+	55% D
Fong	D 28	+	+		+	+	-	+	+	+		+	94% A
Fox	D 36	NV	+		NV	-	-	-	-	-		-	33% F
Frazier	D 11	-	+		+	-	-	-	-	-		+	55% D
Gaines, Beth	R 6	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-		+	16% F
Garcia	D 58	+	+		+	+	-	NV	NV	+		+	77% C
Gatto	D 43	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+		+	100% A
Gomez	D 51	+	+		+	+	Excused	+	+	+		+	100% A
Gonzalez	D 80	+	+		+	+	-	+	NV	-		+	83% A
Gordon	D 24	+	+		+	+	-	+	+	+		+	88% B
Gorell	R 44	+	+		NV	-	-	-	-	-		+	33% F
Gray	D 21	-	-		NV	-	-	-	-	-		+	33% F
Grove	R 34	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-		-	11% F
Hagman	R 55	-	+		-	-	-	-	-	-		+	27% F
Hall	D 64	+	+		+	NV	-	NV	NV	NV		+	72% C
Harkey	R 73	-	Absent		Excused	-	-	-	-	-		Absent	13% F
Hernandez, R.	D 48	+	+		Excused	+	-	NV	NV	NV		+	64% D
Holden	D 41	+	+		+	+	-	Excused	Excused	NV		+	86% B
Jones	R 71	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-		+	16% F
Jones-Sawyer	D 59	+	+		+	+	-	+	NV	NV		+	83% B
Levine	D 10	+	+		+	+	-	+	+	+		+	88% B
Linder	R 60	-	+		NV	-	-	-	-	-		+	27% F
Logue	R 3	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-		+	16% F
Lowenthal, B.	D 70	+	+		+	+	NV	+	+	+		+	94% A
Maienschein	R 77	-	+		+	-	-	-	-	-		+	27% F
Mansoor	R 74	-	-		NV	-	-	-	-	-		+	16% F
Medina	D 61	NV	+		NV	+	-	-	-	-		+	61% D
Melendez	R 67	-	+		-	-	-	-	-	-		+	27% F
Mitchell*	D 54	+						+	+ (author)				95% A
Morrell*	R 40	-						-					25% F
Mullin	D 22	+	+		+	+	-	+	NV	+		+	88% B
Muratsuchi	D 66	+	+		+	+	-	+	+	+		+	88% B
Nazarian	D 46	+	+		+	+	-	+	+	+		+	94% A
Nestande	R 42	-	-		+	-	-	-	-	-		+	44% F
Olsen	R 12	-	NV		NV	-	-	-	-	-		+	22% F
Pan	D 9	+	+		NV	+	-	NV	NV	+		+	72% C
Patterson	R 23	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-		-	12% F

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<b>CWA POSITION:</b>		<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>		
<b>ASSEMBLY</b>														
Perea	D 31	NV	-		NV	-	-	-	-	-		+	33% F	
Perez, John A.	D 53	+	+		+	+	-	+	+	+		+	94% A	
Perez, V.M.	D 56	+	+		Excused	+	-	NV	-	+		+	76% C	
Quirk	D 20	+	+		+	+	-	NV	NV	NV		+	77% C	
Quirk-Silva	D 65	+	-		NV	-	-	NV	NV	-		+	38% F	
Rendon	D 63	+ (author)	+		+	+	-	+	+	+		+	94% A	
Ridley-Thomas*	D 54		-		+	+	-			-		+	75% C	
Rodriguez*	D 52		+		NV	+	-			NV		+	66% D	
Salas	D 32	-	+		NV	-	-	-	-	-		-	38% F	
Skinner	D 15	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+		+	100% A	
Stone	D 29	+	+		+	+	-	+ (co-author)	+	+		+	94% A	
Ting	D 19	+	+		+	+	-	+	+	+		+	94% A	
Wagner	R 68	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-		+	16% F	
Waldron	R 75	-	-		NV	-	-	-	-	-		+	16% F	
Weber	D 79	+	NV		+	+	-	+	-	NV		+	77% C	
Wieckowski	D 25	+	+		+	+	NV	NV	NV	+		+	88% B	
Wilk	R 38	-	-		+	-	-	-	-	-		+	22% F	
Williams	D 37	+	+		+	+	-	+ (co-author)	+	+		+	94% A	
Yamada	D 04	+	+		+	+	-	+	+	+		+	94% A	
<b>SENATE</b>														
Anderson	R 36	-	-	-	-	-	-					-	+	33% F
Beall	D 15	+	+	+	+	+	-					+	+	93% A
Berryhill	R 14	-	+	-	-	-	-					-	+	33% F
Block	D 39	+	+	-	+	+	-					NV	+	80% B
Calderon, Ron*	D 30	+												INC
Cannella	R 12	-	+	-	-	-	-					-	+	33% F
Corbett	D 10	+	+	+	+	+	-					+	+	93% A
Correa	D 34	-	+	NV	-	-	-					-	+	56% D
De León	D 22	+	NV	+	+	+	NV					+	NV	80% B
DeSaulnier	D 7	+	+	+	+	+	-					+	+	93% A
Emmerson*	R 23	-												INC
Evans	D 2	+	NV	+ (author)	+	+	-					+	NV	81% B
Fuller	R 18	-	+	-	-	-	-					-	NV	27% F
Gaines, Ted	R 1	-	+	-	-	-	-					-	+	33% F
Galgiani	D 5	NV	+	-	-	-	-					-	+	40% F
Hancock	D 9	+	+	+	+	+	Excused					+	+	100% A
Hernandez, Ed	D 24	+	+	-	NV	+	-					-	+	73% C
Hill	D 13	+	+	-	+	+	-					NV	+	80% B
Hueso	D 40	+	+	+	+	+	-					NV	+	80% B
Huff	R 29	-	-	-	-	-	-					-	+	27% F
Jackson	D 19	+	+	+	+	+	-					+	+	93% A
Knight	R 21	-	-	-	-	-	-					-	+	27% F
Lara	D 33	+	+	+	+	+	- (author)					NV	+	80% B
Leno	D 11	+	+ (author)	+	+	+	-					+	+	93% A
Lieu	D 28	+	+	+	+	+	-					+	+	93% A
Liu	D 25	+	+	+	+	+	-					+	+	93% A
Mitchell*	D 26		+	+	+	+	-					+ (author)	+	95% A
Monning	D 17	+	+	+	+	+	-					+	+	93% A
Morrell*	R 23		-	-	-	-	-					-	+	25% F
Nielsen	R 4	-	NV	-	-	-	-					-	NV	20% F
Padilla	D 20	+	+	+	+	+	-					+	+	93% A
Pavley	D 27	+	+	+	+	+	NV					+	+ (author)	100% A
Price*	D 26													INC
Roth	D 31	-	+	NV	NV	+	-					NV	+	66% D
Steinberg	D 6	+	+	+	+	+	-					+	+	93% A
Torres	D 32	+	+	+	-	-	-					-	+	60% D
Vidak	R 16	-	+	-	-	-	-					-	+	33% F
Walters	R 37	-	-	-	Excused	-	Excused					-	+	25% F
Wolk	D 3	+	+	+	+	+	-					+	+	93% A
Wright*	D 35	-												INC
Wyland	R 38	-	+	-	-	-	-					-	+	40% F
Yee*	D 8	+												INC
<b>OUTCOME:</b>		<b>SIGNED</b>	<b>SIGNED</b>	<b>FAILED IN SENATE</b>	<b>FAILED IN SENATE</b>	<b>SIGNED</b>	<b>SIGNED</b>	<b>FAILED IN ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>FAILED IN ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>FAILED IN SENATE</b>	<b>FAILED IN SENATE</b>	<b>SIGNED</b>		

\* Members with an asterisk did not serve a complete term in office; votes for which they were not in office are left blank.

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the drinking water program led to a proposal (**AB 145, Perea**) to move it from the Department of Public Health to the State Water Board, which is already responsible for regulating water quality in the state and which is governed by a public board. While the bill failed, the Governor agreed with the proposal and the move was made in the budget. In 2014, **AB 1249 (Salas)** reformed a key funding program to ensure that it prioritizes solutions for communities with contaminated water supplies. The issue of water affordability would have been addressed through a study bill (**AB 1434, Yamada**) that failed to pass the Senate. **SB 812 (DeLéon)**, authored by the new President pro tem of the Senate, would have reformed the Department of Toxic Substances Control, the state entity charged with regulating hazardous materials and waste. Currently, nearly a quarter of hazardous waste facilities in California are operating on expired permits, while those living in nearby neighborhoods suffer the harmful effects of their toxic emissions. SB 812 passed the state Legislature, but was vetoed by the Governor, who promised to reform the agency.

## Chemical Policy

### Promoting Transparency

The extent to which people and the environment are exposed to toxic chemicals in everyday products continues to be a secret because the presence of these chemicals is hidden, often intentionally, from consumers, employers, and even the government. These “trade secrets” make it impossible for consumers to choose safer products, obstruct regulations that are meant to protect human health and the environment, and hinder public agencies in their efforts to eradicate or control sources of pollution. Keeping toxic ingredients secret is a priority for many in the business sector. Despite industry push-back, the public’s right to know resonates on both sides of the aisle and a number of bills received bipartisan support and the Governor’s signature.

Several bills were introduced to increase public information about chemicals used in everyday products. The most significant was **SB 1019 (Leno)** which requires labeling of furniture containing flame retardant chemicals. These chemicals, which provide little to no fire safety benefit, can cause cancer, reproductive harm, and other serious health effects, especially among firefighters. In addition, the chemicals pollute air, water, and wildlife, even in regions as remote as the Arctic. Less successful was **SB 1381 (Evans)**, which would have given consumers the right to know if their food contains genetically modified organisms (GMOs). Unfortunately, it failed to pass its first vote in the Senate. Given the wide public support for

GMO labeling, this issue is likely to come back to the Legislature in the next session.

In many cases, there is enough information to act expeditiously to remove toxic chemicals from products. That was the case with **AB 711 (Rendon)**, which bans the use of lead in ammunition. More than 500 scientific studies published since 1898 have documented more than 130 species of wildlife worldwide that are negatively affected by lead ammunition. With less toxic alternatives available for hunters, this ban was a relatively easy sell to the Legislature.

### Preventing Plastic Pollution

Clean Water Action is committed to reducing the amount of single-use products and plastics that are literally trashing the marine environment. This year, three bills best reflect our commitment to rethinking our disposable society.

The passage of **SB 270 (Padilla)** was truly the result of grassroots engagement. Several futile attempts to pass statewide plastic bag bans fueled dozens of local efforts, eventually leading to 121 local bag bans throughout California. This grassroots support signaled to a majority of legislators that this was something their constituents wanted.



Less successful was **AB 1699 (Bloom)**, a bill that bans the sale of “rinsable” personal care products, such as soaps, facial scrubs, and toothpaste, that contain plastic microbeads. These products contribute more than 38 tons of plastic pollution to California waters each year. While the bill passed the State Assembly, heavy industry lobbying stalled its passage in the Senate, where the bill failed by one vote. The Legislature also adopted **SB 498 (Lara)**, a bill opposed by Clean Water Action that allows incineration of waste to bypass a permitting process and get credited as a form of renewable energy. Despite significant concerns that these facilities could increase (not reduce) carbon emissions and also emit dioxins, smog, hazardous ash and persistent bioaccumulative chemicals, the Governor signed this bill into law.

### Oil Drilling and Fracking

Despite strong public support for a halt to hydraulic fracturing, the Legislature has now failed for three straight years to pass any bills putting a moratorium on fracking in the state. The failure of the Legislature to act in the interest of Californians’ health and water supply is a testament to the immense influence and deep pockets of

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the oil industry in Sacramento. The oil lobby is the largest spender in the Capitol. Big Oil has spent \$143.3 million on political candidates and campaigns in California — nearly \$10 million per year and more than any other corporate lobby — over the past fifteen years. Despite the power of the oil and gas lobby, we have found that concerns about water quality can trump their lobbying abilities, as we saw in the passage of two regulatory bills, **SB 4** and **SB 1281**.

In 2013, Legislators introduced 11 bills dealing with fracking, including three moratorium proposals, introduced by Assembly Members Mitchell, Bloom and Nazarian. Clean Water supported a number of these bills, including **AB 669 (Stone/Williams)** dealing with groundwater monitoring and waste discharge from oil operations (it failed on the Assembly Floor), and **AB 1323 (Mitchell)** one of the three fracking moratorium proposals. The rest of the bills failed in committee and never had floor votes.

The one successful bill in 2013 — **SB 4 (Senator Fran Pavley)** — required the state to regulate all forms of well stimulation for the first time in its history. Unfortu-

nately, last minute poison pill amendments threatening the applicability of California's Environmental Quality Act for fracking operations caused CWA and other environmental groups to drop their support, so that bill is not part of the attached scorecard. Fortunately, we were successful in helping to fix some of the biggest problems with the bill in the 2014 budget trailer process, and **SB 4** has increased transparency about where and when fracking takes place and what chemicals are used and it requires groundwater monitoring and the state must study the environmental and public health impacts.

In 2014, the Legislature once again failed to pass a moratorium, although Senator Mitchell's **SB 1132** advanced to the Senate Floor and fell just a few votes short of passage. **SB 1096 (Jackson)**, which would have closed a loophole to protect marine protected areas of the Santa Barbara coast from oil drilling, failed on the Assembly floor. With bipartisan support, the Legislature did pass **SB 1281 (Pavley)**, which requires the oil industry to report about water use and wastewater disposal.

*To find the specific language and legislative history of any bill introduced in the California Legislature, go to: [www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html)*



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