

2015–2016 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

Clean Water Champions in the 2015-2016 Legislature

Oil industry groups spent over \$22 million in 2015, or \$60,000 a day, and \$127 million over the last ten years lobbying the state capitol against climate change and oil and gas reform measures. Add in another \$4.3 million spent in 2015 from the Chamber of Commerce and major funds spent by chemical, pharmaceutical, and agricultural lobbies — it’s a slate of formidable spenders opposing protection of public health and the environment. We were fortunate to have dozens of Clean Water Champions in the Legislature who stood up to incredible industry pressure. These included several freshman legislators who have proven they have the chops to get things done, and a handful of members who have termed out and are leaving a legacy of leadership on climate and ocean protection and positioned California to protect disadvantaged communities and shrinking water resources.

This year saw a bumper crop of Clean Water legislators in both houses; our scorecard gave “A” grades to 42 legislators and perfect scores to 20. Despite being half the size of the Assembly, the Senate produced 19 champions, 12 with perfect scores, while 23 of the 80 Assembly members rated an “A” grade, 8 of those being perfect scores. Alas, five of our Senate champions are termed out of office this year; they’ll be missed.

The success of the historic climate bills can be attributed to leadership from Senate President pro Tem Kevin De León, Senator Fran Pavley, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, and Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia — as well as support from the Governor, a wide array of climate justice champions in the state, and polls that demonstrate the California electorate’s concern about drought and wildfires associated with climate change. Ocean and plastic pollution leaders include Assembly Members Richard Bloom and Mark Stone, who lead the way on plastics reduction and protecting the coast. Outgoing water leaders Fran Pavley and Lois Wolk in the Senate were joined by new leaders; Senators Ben Allen and Bob Wieckowski.

Clean Water Action’s 2015-2016 session priorities were to:

- Support passage of historic new targets for greenhouse gas reduction and continue to boost the state clean energy and transportation economy;
- Address the impacts of oil and gas exploration on public health and the environment.

- Defend the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and ensure its successful implementation;
- Ensure that California has a sustainable water supply;
- Protect drinking water and ensure the Human Right to Water- all people accessing safe and affordable water to meet their basic needs;
- 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; and
- Reduce plastic pollution in the marine 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. Fifteen of our priority bills reached the Governor’s desk. The Governor signed all of the Clean Water Action priority bills that reached his desk, giving him a perfect score.

Clean Water Champions with Perfect Scores!

ASSEMBLY CHAMPIONS

Arambula	D 31	100%	Nazarian	D 46	100%
Chiu	D 17	100%	Stone	D 29	100%
Irwin	D 44	100%	Ting	D 19	100%
McCarty	D 07	100%	Williams*	D 37	100%

SENATE CHAMPIONS

Allen	D 26	100%	Leno*	D 11	100%
Block	D 39	100%	Liu*	D 25	100%
de Leon	D 22	100%	Monning	D 17	100%
Hancock*	D 09	100%	Pavley*	D 27	100%
Hill	D 13	100%	Wieckowski	D 10	100%
Jackson	D 19	100%	Wolk*	D 03	100%

*Special thanks to these legislators whose term in office ends in 2016.

Overview of Clean Water Action Priority Bills

Historic Action on Climate

In the last two years, the California Legislature passed two historic climate bills that continue California's global leadership on policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Backed by a diverse coalition of thousands of businesses and associations, labor and public health leaders, environmental and social justice groups, faith leaders, and public officials, Senate Pro Tem Kevin DeLeon's bill, **SB 350**, will increase California's renewable energy use to 50% and dramatically increase the energy efficiency of existing buildings by 2030. The Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA) broke new lobbying records and spent \$6,750,666 in the third quarter of 2015 alone to defeat a provision in **SB 350** that would have set a target of reducing petroleum (i.e. gasoline) used in motor vehicles by 50% by 2030.

In 2015 Senator Fran Pavley also introduced groundbreaking climate legislation. An expansion of her 2006 Global Warming Solutions Act, **SB 32** sets a target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. It took two years to shore up the votes for this bill and its success was due in large part to the introduction of **AB 197** by Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia. **AB 197** will increase equity, accountability, and transparency by increasing legislative oversight of the California Air Resources Board. Because the two bills were co-joined and **SB 32** would not have passed without passage of **AB 197**, we have scored them as a package. If a legislator did not support both bills, they were scored as disagreeing with the Clean Water Action position.

Oil and Gas Industry Reform

California regulators have continually failed to protect surface and groundwater from oil and gas industry operations. The extent of the dysfunction and regulatory failure was exposed to the public beginning in 2014, when we learned that California's Division of Oil Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) had, over the

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 in 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.

Because it is not possible to score legislators fairly without having a floor vote by which all members of a house can be evaluated, we did not capture votes in committee that may have stopped a pro-environmental measure to move forward. If readers are interested in if and how their legislators voted on particular bills in committee, go to <http://www.legislature.ca.gov/port-bilinfo.html>

past three decades issued Underground Injection Control (UIC) permits that allowed more than 5,000 oil and gas enhanced recovery wells and 500 disposal wells to inject waste and other chemicals into aquifers that are supposed to be protected by the Safe Drinking Water Act. In 2011, EPA identified numerous shortcomings in the program, including improper implementation of key provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act. In addition, Clean Water Action revealed that state water regulators

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Pumpjacks on Lost Hills Oil Field in California.

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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>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Support</i>	
<i>OUTCOME</i>		<i>SIGNED</i>	<i>SIGNED</i>	<i>SIGNED</i>	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>SIGNED</i>	<i>FAILED</i>	<i>SIGNED</i>	<i>SIGNED</i>	<i>SIGNED</i>	<i>SIGNED</i>	<i>SIGNED</i>	
ASSEMBLY													
Achadjian	R 35	-	-	-		-		+	+	-	-	-	40% F
Alejo	D 30	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	87% B
Allen	R 72	-	-	+		-		+	-	-	-	-	20% F
Arambula*	D 31		+			+		+				+	100% A
Atkins	D 78	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	93% A
Baker	R 16	+	NV	+		-		+	-	+	-	-	60% D
Bigelow	R 05	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	7% F
Bloom	D 50	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	93% A
Bonilla	D 14	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	80% B
Bonta	D 18	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	93% A
Brough	R 73	-	-	-		-		+	-	-	-	-	14% F
Brown	D 47	+	-	+		NV		+	+	+	+	NV	67% D
Burke	D 62	+	+	+		NV		+	+	+	+	NV	73% C
Calderon, Ian	D 57	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	80% B
Campos	D 27	+	-	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	80% B
Chang	R 55	-	-	-		-		+	-	-	-	-	14% F
Chau	D 49	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	93% A
Chavez	R 76	-	-	-		-		+	-	-	-	-	14% F
Chiu	D 17	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Chu	D 25	+	+	+		NV		+	+	+	+	+	87% B
Cooley	D 08	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	87% B
Cooper	D 09	+	-	+		NV		NV	+	+	+	NV	54% F
Dababneh*	D 45	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	93% A
Dahle	R 01	-	-	-		-		+	NV	-	NV	-	14% F
Daly	D 69	+	NV	+		NV		+	+	+	+	NV	60% D
Dodd	D 04	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	87% B
Eggman	D 13	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	87% B
Frazier	D 11	+	-	+		-		+	+	+	NV	+	53% F
Gaines	R 06	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	0% F
Gallagher	R 03	-	-	-		-		+	-	-	-	-	20% F
Garcia, C	D 58	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	80% B
Garcia, E	D 56	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	80% B
Gatto	D 43	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	93% A
Gipson	D 64	+	NV	+		+		+	+	NV	NV	+	60% D
Gomez	D 51	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	93% A
Gonzalez	D 80	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	87% B
Gordon	D 24	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	93% A
Gray	D 21	+	-	-		+		-	+	+	+	EXCUSED	64% D
Grove	R 34	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	14% F
Hadley	R 66	+	-	+		-		+	-	-	NV	-	40% F
Harper	R 74	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	7% F
Hernandez	D 48	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	87% B
Holden	D 41	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	87% B
Irwin	D 44	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Jones	R 71	-	-	-		-		+	-	-	-	-	7% F
Jones-Sawyer	D 59	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	93% A
Kim	R 65	-	-	-		-		+	-	-	-	-	20% F
Lackey	R 36	+	-	-		-		+	+	+	-	-	53% F
Levine	D 10	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	93% A
Linder	R 60	-	-	-		-		+	-	-	NV	-	34% F
Lopez	D 39	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	87% B
Low	D 28	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	87% B
Maienschein	R 77	+	-	-		-		+	-	+	-	-	40% F
Mathis	R 26	-	-	-		-		+	-	-	-	-	36% F
Mayes	R 42	NV	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	14% F
McCarty	D 07	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Medina	D 61	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	80% B
Melendez	R 67	-	-	-		-		+	+	-	-	-	14% F
Mullin	D 22	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	93% A
Nazarian	D 46	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Obernalte	R 33	+	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	20% F
O'Donnell	D 70	+	NV	+		NV		+	+	+	+	+	67% D
Olsen	R 12	-	-	-		-		+	-	-	-	-	20% F
Patterson	R 23	-	-	-		-		+	-	-	-	-	7% F

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ASSEMBLY													
Perea*	D 31	+		+				+	+	+			86% B
Quirk	D 20	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+		80% B
Rendon	D 63	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+		93% A
Ridley-Thomas	D 54	+	+	+		NV		+	+	+	+		73% C
Rodriguez	D 52	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+		73% C
Salas	D 32	+	-	+		-		+	+	+	+		67% D
Santiago	D 53	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+		93% A
Steinorth	R 40	-	-	-		-		+	-	-	-		14% F
Stone	D 29	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+		100% A
Thurmond	D 15	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+		93% A
Ting	D 19	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+		100% A
Wagner	R 68	-	-	-		-		+	-	-	-		20% F
Waldron	R 75	-	-	-		-		+	-	-	-		7% F
Weber	D 79	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+		87% B
Wilk	R 38	-	-	-		-		+	-	-	-		27% F
Williams	D 37	+	+	EXCUSED		+		+	+	+	+		100% A
Wood	D 02	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+		93% A
SENATE													
Allen	D 26	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Anderson*	R 38	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	25% F
Bates*	R 36	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	29% F
Beall	D 15	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94% A
Berryhill, Tom	R 08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6% F
Block	D 39	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Cannella	R 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	NV	-	25% F
de Leon	D 24	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Fuller	R 16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	19% F
Gaines	R 01	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	6% F
Galgiani	D 05	NV	NV	+	NV	NV	+	+	+	-	+	+	56% D
Steve Glazer	D 07	+	+	+	NV	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	81% B
Hall	D 35	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94% A
Hancock	D 09	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Hernandez	D 22	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94% A
Hertzberg	D 18	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94% A
Hill	D 13	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Hueso	D 40	+	+	+	+	-	NV	+	+	+	+	+	87% B
Huff	R 29	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	19% F
Jackson	D 19	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Lara	D 33	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94% A
Leno	D 11	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Leyva	D 20	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88% B
Liu	D 25	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100% A
McGuire	D 02	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93% A
Mendoza	D 32	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88% B
Mitchell	D 30	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	94% A
Monning	D 17	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Moorlach	R 37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6% F
Morrell	R 23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13% F
Nguyen	R 34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	13% F
Nielsen	R 04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NV	6% F
Pan	D 06	+	NV	+	NV	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	69% D
Pavley	D 27	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Roth	D 31	+	NV	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	69% D
Runner**	R 21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Stone	R 28	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	NV	-	19% F
Vidak	R 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	6% F
Wieckowski	D 10	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Wolk	D 03	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100% A
Governor Brown													
		Yes		Yes	Yes (through budget)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100% A

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		ANTI-EPR Bill AB 45	Right-to-Know About Cleaning Products AB 708	Plastic Microbead Ban AB 888	UIC Oversight AB 356	Idle Well Requirements AB 2729	Increase State Fining Authority AB 2756	Pits/UIC Reform SB 248	Aquifer Exemptions SB 454	
<i>CWA POSITION</i>		<i>Oppose</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Support</i>	
<i>OUTCOME</i>		<i>FAILED</i>	<i>FAILED</i>	<i>SIGNED</i>	<i>FAILED</i>	<i>FAILED</i>	<i>SIGNED</i>	<i>SIGNED</i>	<i>FAILED</i>	
ASSEMBLY										
Achadjian	R 35	+	-	+	-	+	+			40% F
Alejo	D 30	-	+	+	nv	+	+			87% B
Allen	R 72	+	-	-	-	-	-			20% F
Arambula*	D 31					+	+			100% A
Atkins	D 78	-	+	+	+	+	+			93% A
Baker	R 16	+	+	+	nv	+	+			60% D
Bigelow	R 05	+	-	-	-	-	-			7% F
Bloom	D 50	NV	+	+	+	+	+			93% A
Bonilla	D 14	-	-	+	nv	+	+			80% B
Bonta	D 18	-	+	+	+	+	+			93% A
Brough	R 73	+	-	-	-	-	-			14% F
Brown	D 47	-	+	+	-	+	+			67% D
Burke	D 62	-	NV	+	+	+	+			73% C
Calderon, Ian	D 57	-	NV	+	NV	+	+			80% B
Campos	D 27	-	NV	+	+	+	+			80% B
Chang	R 55	-	-	+	-	NV	NV			14% F
Chau	D 49	-	+	+	+	+	+			93% A
Chavez	R 76	+	-	EXCUSED	-	-	-			14% F
Chiu	D 17	+	+	+	+	+	+			100% A
Chu	D 25	-	+	+	+	+	+			87% B
Cooley	D 08	-	+	+	-	+	+			87% B
Cooper	D 09	-	NV	+	NV	+	+			54% F
Dababneh*	D 45	-	+	+	+	+	+			93% A
Dahle	R 01	NV	NV	+	NV	-	NV			14% F
Daly	D 69	-	NV	+	-	+	+			60% D
Dodd	D 04	-	-	+	+	+	+			87% B
Eggman	D 13	-	NV	+	+	+	+			87% B
Frazier	D 11	-	-	-	-	+	+			53% F
Gaines	R 06	NV	-	-	-	-	-			0% F
Gallagher	R 03	+	-	-	-	-	+			20% F
Garcia, C	D 58	-	NV	+	NV	+	+			80% B
Garcia, E	D 56	-	NV	+	NV	+	+			80% B
Gatto	D 43	-	+	+	+	+	+			93% A
Gipson	D 64	-	+	+	NV	NV	+			60% D
Gomez	D 51	-	+	+	+	+	+			93% A
Gonzalez	D 80	-	+	+	NV	+	+			87% B
Gordon	D 24	-	+	+	+	+	+			93% A
Gray	D 21	+	NV	+	-	+	+			64% D
Grove	R 34	+	-	-	-	-	+			14% F
Hadley	R 66	NV	NV	+	NV	+	+			40% F
Harper	R 74	+	-	-	-	-	-			7% F
Hernandez	D 48	-	+	+	NV	+	+			87% B
Holden	D 41	-	+	+	NV	+	+			87% B
Irwin	D 44	+	+	+	+	+	+			100% A
Jones	R 71	-	-	-	NV	-	-			7% F
Jones-Sawyer	D 59	-	+	+	+	+	+			93% A
Kim	R 65	NV	-	NV	-	NV	+			20% F
Lackey	R 36	+	-	+	-	+	+			53% F
Levine	D 10	-	+	+	+	+	+			93% A
Linder	R 60	NV	-	+	-	+	+			34% F
Lopez	D 39	-	NV	+	+	+	+			87% B
Low	D 28	-	+	+	NV	+	+			87% B
Maienschein	R 77	-	NV	+	-	+	+			40% F
Mathis	R 26	+	EXCUSED	+	-	+	+			36% F
Mayes	R 42	NV	-	+	-	-	NV			14% F
McCarty	D 07	NV	+	+	+	+	+			100% A
Medina	D 61	-	NV	+	NV	+	+			80% B
Melendez	R 67	-	-	NV	-	-	-			14% F
Mullin	D 22	-	+	+	+	+	+			93% A
Nazarian	D 46	NV	+	+	+	+	+			100% A
Obernalte	R 33	NV	-	+	-	-	-			20% F
O'Donnell	D 70	-	NV	+	NV	+	+			67% D
Olsen	R 12	-	-	+	-	+	+			20% F
Patterson	R 23	-	-	-	-	-	-			7% F

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CLEAN WATER ACTION 2015-2016 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

NAME	Party and District	Toxics and Plastic Pollution			Oil and Gas Industry Reform					SCORE and GRADE
		ANTI-EPR Bill AB 45	Right-to-Know About Cleaning Products AB 708	Plastic Microbead Ban AB 888	UIC Oversight AB 356	Idle Well Requirements AB 2729	Increase State Fining Authority AB 2756	Pits/UIC Reform SB 248	Aquifer Exemptions SB 454	
<i>CWA POSITION</i>		<i>Oppose</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Support</i>	
<i>OUTCOME</i>		<i>FAILED</i>	<i>FAILED</i>	<i>SIGNED</i>	<i>FAILED</i>	<i>FAILED</i>	<i>SIGNED</i>	<i>SIGNED</i>	<i>FAILED</i>	
ASSEMBLY										
Perea*	D 31			+	-					86% B
Quirk	D 20	-	-	+	-	+	+			80% B
Rendon	D 63	-	+	+	-	+	+			93% A
Ridley-Thomas	D 54	-	NV	+	-	+	+			73% C
Rodriguez	D 52	-	NV	NV	NV	+	+			73% C
Salas	D 32	-	-	+	-	+	+			67% D
Santiago	D 53	-	+	+	-	+	+			93% A
Steinorth	R 40	NV	-	+	-	-	-			14% F
Stone	D 29	+	+	+	+	+	+			100% A
Thurmond	D 15	-	+	+	+	+	+			93% A
Ting	D 19	+	+	+	-	+	+			100% A
Wagner	R 68	+	-	-	-	+	-			20% F
Waldron	R 75	-	-	-	-	-	-			7% F
Weber	D 79	-	+	+	NV	+	+			87% B
Wilk	R 38	-	-	+	+	+	+			27% F
Williams	D 37	+	+	+	+	+	+			100% A
Wood	D 02	-	+	+	+	+	+			93% A
SENATE										
Allen	D 26			+		+	+	+	+	100% A
Anderson	R 38			-		+	+	-	-	25% F
Bates	R 36			-		+	+	-	-	29% F
Beall	D 15			NV		+	+	+	+	94% A
Berryhill, Tom	R 08			-		NV	+	-	-	6% F
Block	D 39			+		+	+	+	+	100% A
Cannella	R 12			-		+	+	-	-	25% F
de Leon	D 24			+		+	+	+	+	100% A
Fuller	R 16			-		+	-	-	-	19% F
Gaines	R 01			-		NV	-	-	-	6% F
Galgiani	D 05			+		+	+	-	NV	56% D
Steve Glazer	D 07			+		+	+	+	+	81% B
Hall	D 35			+		+	+	+	NV	94% A
Hancock	D 09			+		+	+	+	+	100% A
Hernandez	D 22			+		+	+	+	-	94% A
Hertzberg	D 18			+		+	+	+	NV	94% A
Hill	D 13			+		+	+	+	+	100% A
Hueso	D 40			+		EXCUSED	+	+	+	87% B
Huff	R 29			-		-	+	-	-	19% F
Jackson	D 19			+		+	+	+	+	100% A
Lara	D 33			+		+	+	+	NV	94% A
Leno	D 11			+		+	+	+	+	100% A
Leyva	D 20			+		+	+	-	-	88% B
Liu	D 25			+		+	+	+	+	100% A
McGuire	D 02			+		+	+	+	+	93% A
Mendoza	D 32			+		+	+	-	-	88% B
Mitchell	D 30			+		+	+	+	+	94% A
Monning	D 17			+		+	+	+	+	100% A
Moorlach	R 37			-		-	+	-	-	6% F
Morrell	R 23			-		+	+	-	-	13% F
Nguyen	R 34			-		-	+	-	-	13% F
Nielsen	R 04			-		-	+	-	-	6% F
Pan	D 06			NV		+	+	+	NV	69% D
Pavley	D 27			+		+	+	+	+	100% A
Roth	D 31			-		+	+	+	NV	69% D
Runner**	R 21			-		-	-	-	-	0% F
Stone	R 28			+		-	+	-	-	19% F
Vidak	R 14			-		-	-	-	-	6% F
Wieckowski	D 10			+		+	+	+	+	100% A
Wolk	D 03			+		+	+	+	+	100% A
Governor Brown										
				Yes		Yes	Yes			100% A

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have been allowing disposal of billions of gallons of oil and gas production wastewater into over 1165 open and unlined pits throughout the state — 69% of these pits either don't have permits or operate with decades old and inadequate permits. Although the state has completely failed to assess the impacts of these pits, there is mounting evidence that contaminants from them are migrating toward ground and surface sources of drinking water. The California Legislature proposed a number of bills to increase oversight of oil and gas industry's wastewater operations. **AB 356 (Williams)**, **SB 248 (Pavley)**, and **SB 454 (Allen)**, would have reformed the state's Underground Injection Control (UIC) program and ended disposal into unlined open pits. Not a single one of these bills was passed. Each one was targeted by the Western States Petroleum Association.

The Legislature, however, did approve (and Governor Brown signed), **AB 2729 (Williams)** to increase idle oil and gas well fees and blanket indemnity bonds to provide a disincentive for operators to maintain large numbers of idle wells, which leak methane and other pollutants; and **AB 2756 (Thurmond)**, which significantly revises the current structure for assessing civil penalties against operators of oil, gas, and geothermal wells. Among other things, this bill authorizes DOGGR to distinguish between major and minor violations, and to increase penalties for violations on a per day basis.

Water

Because of our major victories in 2014 — the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), the water bond, and the move of the state's Drinking Water Program from the dysfunctional Department of Public Health to the State Water Board — this session has been occupied with ensuring effective implementation of that legislation and countering opposition. In particular, 18 bills were introduced in 2015 to derail or delay implementation of SGMA, which is critical to the state's long-term sustainable water management. Clean Water Action and our allies in the community and the legislature were able to defeat or amend all of these bills. Our priority bills for this session fall into two categories: promoting public information about water, and addressing the proliferation of unsustainable water systems.

SB 20 (Pavley) was the third attempt to change a 1940s law banning public disclosure of well drilling information (location, depth, soil types). As one of the lead advocates on groundwater protection, Clean Water Action was a key voice in ensuring this measure got passed. This time, after passing the Senate, the bill language was incor-



PHOTO BY ANDREW GRINBERG

A pipe gushes wastewater into an unlined pit in Kern County.

porated into the 2015-2016 budget, allowing its implementation to start immediately. In the wake of the Flint Michigan lead crisis **SB 1398 (Leyva)**, will require water agencies to identify and report the location of any water distribution lines containing lead and provide a schedule for their replacement.

As the State Water Board works to address the problems of hundreds of small water systems that can't provide safe drinking water, **SB 1263 (Weickowski)** gives it the ability to limit the creation of new water unsustainable water systems which might impact smaller systems already struggling to meet demand. In an effort to stem the "rush to drill" that has seen an explosion of new well drilling around the state, **SB 1317 (Wolk)** would have required counties to conduct an additional review process for the drilling of new water supply wells. Unfortunately, the bill was held up in the Assembly.

Environmental Justice

Clean Water Action prioritizes bills that assist communities disproportionately impacted by pollution. In this session we supported **SB 1000 (Leyva)**, which will require cities and counties to include environmental justice and the identification of disadvantaged communities in local

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Toothpaste with microbeads.

general plan updates. **AB 401 (Dodd)** requires the State Water Board to develop a study on the options for creating a low-income rate assistance program for water and deliver it to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2018.

Responding to the egregious environmental damage and risk to public health posed by hazardous waste facilities such as Exide (Vernon, CA) and in Kettleman City, passage of **SB 673 (Lara)** and **AB 1075 (Alejo)** will ensure greater public oversight by impacted communities in the permitting of hazardous waste facilities and ensure greater regulatory enforcement against repeat violations.

Toxics and Plastic Pollution

The Legislature considered a wide variety of bills to address toxic chemical use and plastic pollution including pollution prevention, right to know laws, and correcting the regulatory failures that have left low income communities and communities of color disproportionately exposed to life threatening pollutants. Clean Water Action co-sponsored **AB 888 (Bloom)**, which banned plastic

microbeads in personal care products. The bill's passage will keep 38 tons of plastic out of California waters and led to a strong national law as well. We opposed **AB 45 (Mullin)**, which, while appearing to promote hazardous waste collection, was a back-door attempt, largely by the pharmaceutical industry, to stop the growing trend of requiring manufacturers to take responsibility for the proper disposal of toxic products at the end of their useful lives (known as "Extended Producer Responsibility"). The bill passed the Assembly, but overwhelming opposition from the environmental community and local governments stopped it in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

One of the most disappointing aspects of the legislative session was the number of legislators who did not support California's consumers' right to know about the toxic chemicals they are exposed to by using everyday products. **AB 708 (Jones-Sawyer)**, which would have required disclosure of chemicals in cleaning products, failed in its first house.

To find the specific language and legislative history of any bill introduced in the California Legislature, go to: <http://www.legislature.ca.gov/port-bilinfo.html>