



Sierra Club California 2026 Legislative Priority List (May 15, 2026)

Each year, Sierra Club California staff and volunteer leaders work together to analyze and determine Club positions on hundreds of bills at the legislature. From among those on which we take a position, a number rise to the top as priority bills that deserve special attention. We encourage our members to bring these bills to the attention of their legislators.

Below is the Sierra Club California list of priority bills in 2026 with our position and each bill's status as of the date above. This list is updated periodically. We cover and take positions on dozens of bills. This priority list is not a complete list of all the bills we take a position on or lobby.

Each bill is linked to its page on the California Legislative Information website (<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>). Click on the links for the latest status on bills and their location in the legislative process.

The priority bills are grouped below by topic area and listed within those by status - moving or not moving - and house in numerical order. Bills introduced by Assembly members begin with AB and bills introduced by Senators begin with SB. Those bills highlighted in gray have failed to pass a key committee or house, or were converted to 2-year bills. . Those bills that we support and the governor signed to become law have been highlighted in green. Those highlighted in red are bills we supported that have been vetoed by the governor. Those bills that we opposed and that the governor signed have been highlighted in orange. Those highlighted in yellow are bills that we opposed and have been vetoed by the governor. Constitutional amendments that pass both houses go straight to the ballot and those are highlighted in light green.

Energy, Climate, and Air Pollution

AB 2313 (Berman) Accelerating Equitable Building Electrification – SUPPORT

This bill will streamline equitable building electrification efforts by incentivizing gas customers to transition from fossil gas infrastructure to zero-emission electric alternatives, with a focus on disadvantaged communities.

Passed Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2493 (Petrie-Norris) Removing Backlog on Grid Interconnection Requests – SUPPORT

This bill will accelerate California's ability to get new clean energy connected to the grid by requiring the CPUC to hire a third party permitting auditor and hold IOUs accountable for permitting backlogs.

Passed Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2516 (Petrie-Norris) Accelerating Electric Grid Buildout – SUPPORT

This bill will allow California to modernize its aging grid infrastructure in a more affordable and efficient manner by combining centralized procurement with informed investments in domestic manufacturing capacity.

Passed Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 222 (Wiener) Streamlining Home Electrification – SUPPORT

This bill will accelerate the transition to residential electrification and reduce climate and air pollution impacts by removing local permitting, cost, and regulatory barriers to installing heat pump technologies in homes.

Passed Senate Floor. Waiting for Assembly Referral.

SB 868 (Wiener) Increasing Access to Plug-in Solar – SUPPORT

This bill will allow California to bring immediate utility bill relief to millions of households by removing red tape and requiring safety standards for plug-in balcony solar.

Passed Senate Appropriations Committee.

Oil & Gas

AB 2461 (Hart) Holding Polluters Accountable for Cleanup Costs – SUPPORT

This bill will require oil and gas operators to fully cover cleanup costs when wells change ownership, preventing companies from avoiding liability .

Passed Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2716 (Avila Farias) Weakening Oil Industry Cleanup Accountability – OPPOSE

This bill will allow oil companies to avoid full financial responsibility for well cleanup through weaker bonding and self-insurance options.

Passed Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Land-Use

[SB 954](#) (Blakespear) Cleaning up CEQA Exemption for Overbroad “Advanced Manufacturing” Projects - **SUPPORT IN CONCEPT**

This bill addresses the environmental and public health rollbacks enacted under SB 131 (2025), and takes critical steps toward fixing the "advanced manufacturing" CEQA exemption loophole.

On Senate Floor - Second Reading.

Transportation

[AB 1777](#) (Garcia) Reducing Pollution from Indirect Sources – **SUPPORT**

This bill would reinforce the California Air Resources Board’s (CARB) authority to implement emissions reduction regulations, including indirect source review rules.

Passed Assembly Appropriations Committee.

[SB 1392](#) (Cortese) Exempting Collector Cars from Smog Check – **OPPOSE**

This bill would increase air pollution in California by broadening an exemption in California’s Smog Check program, with negative consequences for public health and those vulnerable to air pollution.

On Senate Floor - Second Reading.

Water and Coasts

[AB 1740](#) (Zbur) Exempting Projects from the Coastal Act - **OPPOSE**

This bill weakens the Coastal Act and limits public beach access by exempting a wide array of coastal development projects from permit requirements under the Coastal Act.

Passed Assembly Appropriations Committee.

[AB 2218](#) (Kalra) Protecting Tribal Water Rights – **SUPPORT**

This bill addresses the historical injustices experienced by California Native American tribes by establishing a policy to acknowledge and correct these inequities.

Passed Assembly Appropriations Committee.

[AB 2410](#) (Ellis) Exempting Fuels Reduction Projects from CEQA and the Coastal Act – **OPPOSE**

This bill weakens CEQA and the Coastal Act by exempting wildfire fuels reduction projects from environmental and coastal permitting requirements.

Passed Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1125 (Menjivar) Water Rate Assistance Program - SUPPORT

This bill addresses affordability concerns by helping people pay their water bills through establishing a statewide Water Rate Assistance Program to provide direct financial assistance to low-income Californians.

On Senate Floor - Second Reading.

Wildlife, Habitat, Wild Lands

AB 2494 (Rogers) Redefining Forest Management - SUPPORT

This bill would allow state demonstration forests to demonstrate biodiversity conservation and wildfire resilience, while supporting durable onsite carbon sequestration, climate mitigation and resiliency goals, equitable forest access, wildlife habitat, recreation, and research efforts.

Passed Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 894 (Allen) Expanding Access to Home Hardening funds- SUPPORT

This bill would establish the California Wildfire Resilience Loan Program and would require the authority to administer the program to provide financial assistance for projects and activities to reduce wildfire-related risks and losses, including home hardening and defensible space improvements.

On Senate Floor - Second Reading.

Environmental Justice

SB 1268 (Gonzalez) Expanding Outdoor Public Recreation Spaces - SUPPORT

This bill would establish an initiative to advance equitable access to outdoor public recreation spaces, and align these goals with the state's outdoor equity goals and 30x30 goal to ensure conservation strategies enhance public access and benefits for disadvantaged and low-income communities.

On Senate Floor - Third Reading.

Political Reform

SB 1159 (Cabaldon) Protecting Integrity of Public Processes - SUPPORT

This bill will safeguard public engagement processes by preventing artificial intelligence systems from overwhelming public participation channels and ensuring that regulatory engagement remains centered on genuine human input

Passed Senate Floor. Waiting for Assembly Referral.

Priority Bills no Longer Moving:

AB 2057 (DeMaio) Undermining Efforts on Building Electrification - OPPOSE

This bill will undermine local building electrification efforts by preventing state and local governments from phasing out gas appliances and advancing all-electric building standards

SB 885 (Strickland) Delaying Critical Regulatory Processes - OPPOSE

This bill will create more unnecessary barriers to the already extensive regulatory policy process by requiring legislative approval before agencies could adopt a major regulation.

AB 2356 (Ramos) Returning Tolowa Dunes State Park to Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation - SUPPORT

This bill represents an important step toward correcting historical injustices, as the Tolowa Dee-ni' people were forcibly removed from their ancestral lands. Returning stewardship to the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation will strengthen environmental protection, honor tribal sovereignty, and promote more just and inclusive land management practices.

AB 2102 (DeMaio) Deregulating Wildfire Mitigation Practices - OPPOSE

This bill prioritizes deregulation and broad exemptions over evidence-based wildfire policy. It weakens environmental safeguards, threatens public health, and places disproportionate burdens on vulnerable communities, all while failing to ensure more effective fire prevention outcomes.

AB 2752 (Avila Farias) Undermining Air Quality Protections for Refineries - OPPOSE

This bill will weaken air quality protections by requiring regulators to prioritize industry cost impacts when adopting rules on oil refineries

AB 1543 (Quirk-Silva) Safeguarding Housing Stability for Mobile Home Residents - SUPPORT

This bill will protect low-income and vulnerable residents from displacement by expanding rent caps to all mobilehome parks and limiting excessive rent increases.

AB 1986 (Bennett) Establishing Home Hardening Premium Insurance Quotes - SUPPORT

This bill would require a specified insurer to provide a premium quote for the residential property that includes the price of insurance if the property is certified as "hardened" by a home hardening certification program established or approved by the State Fire Marshal and a premium quote for the residential property in its current state

SB 982 (Wiener) Affordable Insurance and Recovery Act - SUPPORT

This bill will address California's worsening home insurance affordability crisis by passing off increased costs caused by extreme weather disasters to the fossil fuel companies responsible for the climate change that causes them

[AB 2606](#) (Ellis) **Enabling Harmful Oil Extraction - **OPPOSE****

This bill will extend oil production by promoting “low-carbon” projects like carbon capture and enhanced oil recovery projects to perpetuate continued fossil fuel extraction.

[AB 2712](#) (Ellis) **Roll-back on Vital Setback Protections from Oil & Gas - **OPPOSE****

This bill will increase health and pollution risks for frontline communities by rolling back critical protections that limit oil and gas operations near homes, schools, and other sensitive areas

[AB 1536](#) (Addis) **Strengthening Protections Against Offshore Oil Spills - **SUPPORT****

This bill will tighten safety standards and reduce public health risks by requiring stronger oversight and phasing out high-risk oil pipelines near sensitive coastal areas.

[AB 2088](#) (Papan) **Enabling Utilities to deploy clean thermal energy projects - **SUPPORT****

This bill will expand deployment of clean heating/cooling infrastructure by authorizing gas utilities to provide thermal energy service through clean energy thermal energy networks (TENS) as a regulated utility service.

[AB 2170](#) (Boerner) **Increasing Accessibility for Key CEQA documents – **SUPPORT****

This bill will strengthen environmental protections and improve access to information for California’s most polluted communities by requiring translation of various environmental review documents.

[AB 2569](#) (Hart) **Restoring Project Safety Analysis in CEQA – **SUPPORT****

This bill will restore CEQA’s requirement to analyze how environmental hazards, such as earthquake fault lines, sea level rise, and wildfire will impact building safety.

[SB 986](#) (Seyarto) **Delaying Critical Regulatory Processes - **OPPOSE****

This bill will create more unnecessary barriers to the already extensive regulatory policy process by requiring legislative approval before agencies could adopt a major regulation.

[SB 919](#) (Grayson) **Prolonging Reliance on Fossil Fuel Infrastructure - **OPPOSE****

This bill will prolong reliance on gas infrastructure and increase ratepayer costs by expanding public funding and rate recovery for biomethane projects and pipeline interconnections.