



Sierra Club California 2026 Legislative Priority List (August 24, 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.

Energy, Climate, and Air Pollution

AB 2313 (Berman) Accelerating Equitable Building Electrification – **SUPPORT**

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

On Senate Floor.

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.

On Senate Floor.

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.

On Assembly Floor.

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.

On Assembly Floor.

Oil & Gas

AB 1448 (Hart) Protecting Coastal Lands from Oil & Gas Development - **SUPPORT**

This bill will strengthen safeguards for California's coast by increasing oversight of existing offshore oil operations and preventing the use of state infrastructure to facilitate new federal offshore oil and gas development and infrastructure.

On Senate Floor - Third Reading.

SB 1259 (Blakespear) Enabling Responsible Transition from Oil & Gas Infrastructure - **SUPPORT**

This bill will equip the state of California with critical information for California's communities to proactively plan for refinery decommissioning and land revitalization.

On Assembly Floor.

Land-Use

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

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 Assembly Floor.

[SB 883](#) (Umberg) Preventing Chemical Explosions - **SUPPORT**

This bill would increase oversight of reactive chemical storage facilities and improve protections for communities, workers, and first responders.

On Assembly Floor.

[SB 1370](#) (Stern) Exempting Wildfire Mitigation Projects From Nearly All Environmental Laws and Regulations – **OPPOSE**

This bill would jeopardize public and ecosystem health by exempting wildfire mitigation projects up to 3,000 acres in size from a wide range of environmental laws and regulations under CNRA and CalEPA's purview

On Assembly Floor.

[AB 706](#) (Aguiar-Curry) Investing in Environmentally Harmful Forest Biomass Utilization – **OPPOSE**

This bill would dedicate state resources to a false climate solution by establishing a continuously appropriated state fund to support the utilization of forest biomass for bioenergy – a costly, energy-intensive and polluting form of energy.

On Senate Floor.

Transportation

[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 Assembly Floor.

[SB 739](#) (Arreguín) Walking Back Rideshare Sustainability Regulations – **OPPOSE**

This bill would weaken requirements under the Clean Miles Standard for Rideshare Corporations to meet specified EV adoption goals, dodging the regulatory process where corporations' concerns with existing standards could be addressed.

On Assembly Floor.

Water and Coasts

[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.

On Senate Floor.

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 Assembly Floor.

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.

On Senate Floor.

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 Assembly Floor.

Environmental Justice

AB 40 (Bonta) Community First Coal Review Act – **SUPPORT**

This bill would ensure that proposed coal facilities receive full environmental review – an important step towards protecting community health and the environment.

On Senate Floor - Third Reading.

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 Assembly Floor.

SB 811 (Caballero) Industry Loopholes for Metal Shredding Facilities - **OPPOSE**

This bill would create an unnecessary carve out permitting structure to California's established hazardous waste laws for metal shredding facilities.

On Assembly Floor.

Political Reform

SB 327 (McNerney) Protecting Ratepayers from Utility Political Spending - SUPPORT

This bill would strengthen ratepayer protections by closing loopholes that allow investor-owned utilities to charge customers for lobbying and political activities that oppose public power or municipalization efforts, and improve transparency and oversight through the California Public Utilities Commission.

On Assembly Floor.

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.

On Assembly Floor - Third Reading.

Priority Bills No Longer Moving:

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.

SB 1075 (Reyes) – The Clean Air Promise Act – SUPPORT

This bill would make important changes to the Community Air Protection Program, so that the most polluted communities in California can receive increased resources and protections to improve air quality.

AB 2026 (Aguiar-Curry) Unpermitted Water Diversions – OPPOSE

This bill weakens the State Water Board's role in the water-rights permitting process and establishes pathways to divert already-overallocated surface water for groundwater recharge.

AB 2711 (Ellis) Fast-Tracking Oil Drilling Permits - OPPOSE

This bill will pressure CalGEM to rush oil drilling permit decisions by enforcing unrealistic deadlines, limiting environmental review and public input, and increasing pressure on regulators to approve projects rather than risk costly litigation.

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.

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.

AB 1704 (M. Gonzalez) Undermining Landmark Building Materials Emissions Law – OPPOSE

This bill would enable up to a 10 year pause on the implementation of AB 2446 (2022), a landmark law requiring the greenhouse gas emissions of the state's building materials to be reduced by 40% by 2035.

AB 2410 (Ellis) Exempting Fuels Reduction Projects from CEQA – OPPOSE

This bill removes environmental protections and public engagement requirements by exempting wildfire fuels reduction projects from environmental review.

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

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

AB 2215 (Calderon) Water Rights Extension – OPPOSE

This bill would have bypassed existing state water board processes and extend water rights for the State Water Project to 2046 and streamline approval for the Delta tunnel project.

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

This bill would have weakened 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 would have protected 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 have required 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 would have addressed 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 would have extended 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 would have increased 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 would have tightened 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 would have expanded 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 would have strengthened 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 would have restored 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 would have created 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 would have prolonged reliance on gas infrastructure and increase ratepayer costs by expanding public funding and rate recovery for biomethane projects and pipeline interconnections.

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

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

[SB 1097](#) (Wiener) Undermining CEQA for Projects on Protected Land – **OPPOSE**

This bill would have allowed for a CEQA exemption for a reconductoring project within state and national parks, lands protected in conservation plans, lands under conservation easements, and in habitat for rare, declining, and endangered species.

Oppose Priority Bills that we've moved to neutral on:

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

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