**Pro Industry**

**\*\*Chromium-6\*\*** CVWD has prepared a letter for State representatives asking for their assistance in providing the necessary time to develop programs and make capital improvements to meet the arbitrary and capricious standards published on April 15th, which became effective July 1, 2014. Our understanding was that a rider bill was being crafted to attach to the state budget. *Since the State Budget has passed, our representatives have been working within the Governor’s Office to affect a rules change to allow progressive implementation over a period of five years.*  The DVBA has submitted letters to Assemblymembers Perez and Nestande, and Senators Hueso and Morell. The regulatory agency is considering removing the requirement of the water districts to notice its clients that the water served contains a known element linked to the cause cancer, potentially instigating a large class-action lawsuit. These letters would be sent in January 2015 unless the requirement is deferred.

**SB 1139 (B. Hueso / V.M. Perez) - Geothermal Energy Development**. This bill would require, no later than December 31, 2024, each retail seller of electricity and local publicly owned electric utility to procure a proportionate share, as determined by the Energy Commission, of a statewide total of 500 megawatts of electricity generated by specified base load geothermal power plants. DVBA submitted a letter of support. ***The authors removed the bill from consideration, as it faced considerable pushback from the utilities, with passage unlikely.***

**AB 1896 (V.M. Perez) – Non-Potable Water (CVWD Bill)**. Adds the requirement for HOA to attached to non-potable sources when reasonable available. This is CVWD territory specific adding to existing law. DVBA letter of support submitted. ***Chaptered 8/22***

**AB 2312 (Nestande) – Metal Theft Data Base**. DVBA letter of support submitted. **Chaptered 9/26*.***

**AB 2313 (Nestande) – Metal Theft Task Force and Funding.** The bill would impose a fee, to be deposited into the fund, of up to 1% of the purchase price for each junk sale on the seller of junk for the purpose of regulating that seller, thereby making an appropriation. DVBA letter of support submitted.***DEAD 8/31***

**SB 1451 (Hill D – San Mateo) - CEQA Document Dumping**. Currently, an environmental document may be delayed in the 11th hour when the local agency is making its final determination by submitting written challenges. The agency must then delay the public hearing until such time as they are able to review the thousands of pages of “new” material. SB 1451 would require all challenges to be submitted in a timely fashion, with enough time for the local agency to make the determination at the scheduled Public Hearing. ***Bill failed to pass out of committee. 5/9 DEAD***.

**AB 2280 (Alejo D - Salinas)** - This bill would authorize certain local agencies, to form a community revitalization authority (authority) within a (defined) community revitalization and investment area, for purposes related to, among other things, infrastructure, affordable housing, and economic revitalization. The financing of these activities by the issuance of bonds serviced by tax increment revenues. ***Enrolled and presented to Governor 9/8. VETOED 9/29 with the Governor presenting SB 614 (Wolk D – Davis) as an alternative.*** This bill allows limited incremental financing in unincorporated areas as part of the organization of a new district or of the reorganization of a district through the LAFCO process.

**\*\*AB 2235 (Buchanan D – San Ramon) Education Facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2014.** This bill makes changes to the existing School Facility Program and authorizes the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2014 to provide for the issuance of $4.3 billion in general obligation (GO) bonds for construction and modernization of education facilities (to become effective only if approved by voters). **8/31 DEAD**. The Governor has stated that he would not sign this bill if passed. He believes the current school facility fund mechanism is broken and wants it done in another fashion. **Failure of this bill could lead to school construction costs to double residential housing impact fees.**

**Concern Against Industry**

**AB 1522 (Gonzalez D – San Diego) Paid Sick Leave**. This bill would qualify an employee who works 7 days in a year for sick leave. Modifications have been negotiated, no longer considered ‘job killer’ by CalChamber. ***Chaptered 9/10****.*

**SB 935 (Leno D – San Francisco) $13 Minimum Wage**. This bill would set a minimum wage of $13/hr. starting in 2017 with automatic increases per CPI. ***6/26 DEAD.***

**AB 1634 (Skinner D – Berkeley) OSHA Violations; appeals**. Enacts various provisions of law related to an employer's obligation to abate an alleged hazard pending appeal of a citation. ***Chaptered 9/20.***

**HR 29 (Gomez D. Los Angeles) Disallow Public Services Outsourcing.** The Assembly opposes outsourcing of public services and assets, which harms transparency, accountability, shared prosperity, and competition, and supports processes that give public services workers the opportunity to develop their own plan on how to deliver cost-effective, high-quality services. The Assembly urges local officials to become familiar with the provisions of the Taxpayer Empowerment Agenda. The Assembly intends to introduce and advocate for responsible outsourcing legislation. ***Chaptered 4/3*.**

**AB 52 (Gatto D - Burbank) Native Americans: CEQA. CEQA Consultation with Tribes**. Creates new opportunities for CEQA litigation by requiring lead agencies to engage in “meaningful consultation” with Native American tribes regarding land use projects that could have an adverse impact on a tribal cultural resource. The DVBA has submitted a letter in opposition. ***Chaptered 9/25.***

**SB 1270 (Pavley D - Calabasas) Surface Mining operations. New Duties**. Adds new or increased hurdles to mining operators’ from state oversight). Increases fee and expands state authority. Ultimately increasing building and infrastructure costs. ***8/15 DEAD.***

**AB 2416 (Stone D - Monterey) Liens: Laborers and employees**. This bill would, with certain exceptions, authorize an employee to record and enforce a wage lien upon real and personal property of an employer, or a property owner, as specified, for wages, other compensation, and related penalties and damages owed the employee.  ***DEAD 8/31.***

**AB 1897 (Hernandez, Roger D – West Covina) Labor contracting: client liability**. This bill would require a client employer to share with a labor contractor all civil legal responsibility and civil liability for the payment of wages, the failure to report and pay all required employer contributions, worker contributions, and personal income tax withholdings, and the failure to obtain valid workers' compensation coverage. ***Chaptered 9/28****.*