California Public Utilities Commission

Office of Governmental Affairs

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**Low Income Oversight Board**

**2016 Legislative Outcomes**

**WATER**

**AB 1180 (Garcia, C) Rates and charges for water service: payment transaction fees**

Authorizes a water corporation with more than 10,000 service connections to seek CPUC approval, through its general rate case application, to operate a pilot program designed to evaluate customer interest in, and utilization of, bill payment options, including, but not limited to, credit card, debit card, and prepaid card bill payment options, and to assess the cost-effectiveness of, and customer interests served by, customer access to those bill payment options. The bill would limit the duration of a pilot program to the duration of the water corporation's rate case cycle. Sunset 1/1/2022.

Status: Chapter 254

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**AB 2570 (Quirk): California LifeLine Enrollment Freeze**

Requires the CPUC to adopt a portability freeze rule for the California LifeLine program by January 15, 2017, and requires the CPUC to consider including certain features as part of the rule.

Status: Chapter 577

**SB 745 (Hueso): California Advanced Services Fund (Broadband) Public Housing**

Specifies inclusion of representatives from workforce organizations and air pollution control or air quality management districts among the persons eligible for a consortium under the CASF. Additionally, requires specified new, detailed information in the CASF annual report and specifies that the CPUC shall award grants only to defined “unserved housing projects”.

Status: Chapter 710

**ENERGY**

**SB 1414 (Wolk): Energy Efficiency and Building Permit Closure**

Requires the CEC, by January 1, 2019, to approve a plan to promote compliance with specified regulations in the installation of central air conditioning and heat pumps. Also requires increased permitting and inspection compliance requirements for central air conditioning and heat pumps, and associated sales and installations, consistent with the plan. Finally, requires proof of permit closure for air conditioning, heat pumps, and fans before the equipment is eligible for an incentive from a ratepayer funded energy efficiency incentive program.

Status: Chapter 678

**Other Legislation Focusing on Disproportionately Impacted Communities**

**SB 1212 (Hueso) 2-1-1**

States the intent of the Legislature to facilitate the expansion of 2-1-1 services for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery information. In addition, authorizes California Teleconnect Funds for specified one-time 2-1-1 costs.

Status: Chapter 841

**AB 1937 (Gomez): Environmental Justice in Electricity Procurement**

Requires electrical investor-owned utilities in their Integrated Resource Plans to include a showing that they: (1), in soliciting bids for new gas-fired generating units, actively seek bids for resources that are not gas-fired generating units located in communities that suffer from cumulative air pollution burdens and (2), in considering bids for, or negotiating bilateral contracts for, new gas-fired generating units, give preference to resources that are not gas-fired generating units located in those communities

Status: Chapter 664

**AB 1550 (Gomez) Greenhouse gas reduction investment in disadvantaged and low-income communities**

Require 25 percent of the money the state is investing in reducing greenhouse gases to be used to benefit disadvantaged communities.

Status: Chapter 365

**AB 1613 (Budget) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Allocation Plan**

Budget bill allocating the portion of cap-and-trade funding that is not already allocated by formula.

Status: Chapter 370

*Amounts in millions of dollars*

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| 10 M | to the Active Transportation Program |
| 135 M | to the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital program |
| 80 M | to urban greening programs |
| 2 M | for technical assistance in disadvantaged communities to help develop  projects and programs to reduce greenhouse gases |
| 140 M | to a new Transformative Climate Communities program (AB 2722) |
| 40 M | to forestry and fire protection |
| 130 M | to the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program |
| 80 M | to the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program and the Plus-Up Pilot project (which aim to make electric vehicles accessible to low-income drivers) |
| 150 M | for clean heavy duty and off-road equipment |
| 5 M | to black carbon woodsmoke programs |
| 40 M | for recycling |
| 20 M | for weatherization |
| 50 M | for methane emissions reductions from dairy and livestock operations |
| 7.5 M | to the Healthy Soils Program |
| 7.5 M | for water efficiency |

**AB 2722 (Burke) Transformative Climate Communities program**

Creates the Transformative Climate Communities Program, to be administered by the Strategic Growth Council. Requires the council to award competitive grants to specified eligible entities for the development and implementation of neighborhood-level transformative climate community plans that include greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental, and health benefits to disadvantaged communities, as defined. Requires the council to develop guidelines and selection criteria for the implementation of the program.

Status: 371