

2012

LEGISLATIVE RESULTS

CLCV entered the 2012 legislative session with a steadfast commitment to five top legislative priorities that held true through the year:

- Fair and equitable allocation of cap-and-trade revenue;
- Protecting the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- Curbing plastic pollution of our oceans and communities;
- Protecting state parks; and
- Fairness in elections and voting rights.



The year's results were decidedly mixed. We experienced victories and setbacks in the legislature, but several important bills became law, including legislation to implement California's groundbreaking Global Warming Solutions Act (2006's AB 32) equitably and effectively.

For his part, Governor Jerry Brown defied easy categorization in 2012. In general, he championed renewable energy and environmental protection; in particular, he acted decisively to address climate change by aggressively implementing the state's renewable energy standard at the executive level. Here are some of the good bills passed by the legislature and signed into law by the governor:

CLCV-SUPPORTED BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW:



Global Warming

AB 1532 (J. Pérez): Establishes a framework to implement California's Global Warming Solutions Act and ensures the revenues from cap-and-trade auctions (which started in 2013) are used to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



Environmental Justice

SB 535 (De León): Directs 25% of revenue derived from cap-and-trade auctions to projects that provide benefits to California's most disadvantaged communities.



Water

AB 685 (Eng): Establishes state policy that all residents of the state have a right to clean, affordable, and accessible water for human consumption.



Open Space & Parks

AB 1478 (Blumenfeld): Halts state park closings for two years and allocates newly discovered surpluses, along with private matching funds, to state parks.



Good Government

AB 1436 (Feuer): Will allow Californians to register to vote on or before Election Day, after the state finalizes a new voter database; right now, eligible voters may not register in the two weeks before an election, an unnecessary, undemocratic deadline.

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On the negative side of the ledger, Governor Brown welcomed exemptions and revisions to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), California's bedrock environmental law. He also signed the below bills that CLCV, and the environmental community as a whole, opposed. Ultimately, he scored 75% in our 2012 *California Environmental Scorecard*, which is below his lifetime average. Our complete *Scorecard* is available now at ecovote.org/scorecard.

CLCV-OPPOSED BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW:



Land Use

AB 1073 (Yee): Allowed the Calico Solar Project, a controversial 4,600-acre solar project located in the ecologically sensitive Pisgah Valley, to circumvent the normal environmental review required by CEQA.



Solid Waste

AB 845 (Ma): Prevents local governments from limiting or restricting the import of solid waste into their jurisdictions.

Many good proposals, including bills to ban wasteful plastic bags, require fracking notification, and ban harmful polystyrene food packaging, didn't make it out of the legislature, which underscores the importance of electing environmental champions in California at every election.

CLCV-SUPPORTED BILLS KILLED BY THE LEGISLATURE:



Energy

SB 1455 (Kehoe): Would have encouraged the use of alternative fuels statewide in two ways: extending fees on tires and smog checks that go directly to alternative fuel and air quality programs, and extending the successful Carl Moyer Program, which reduces pollution by retrofitting or replacing old diesel-powered equipment and trucks. **FAILED SENATE FLOOR CONCURRENCE.**



Toxics

SB 568 (Lowenthal): Would have phased out take-out food containers made of polystyrene (otherwise known as Styrofoam™) – a source of toxins entering our bodies and of persistent litter in our waterways. **FAILED ASSEMBLY FLOOR.**



Public Health

SB 1054 (Pavley): Would have mandated that the companies that extract oil and gas via hydraulic fracturing – “fracking” – give public notice if an oil or gas well is to be drilled or fracked. **FAILED SENATE FLOOR.**

Not reflected here are the dozens of victories we recorded along the way by stopping bad bills from advancing through the legislative process. As in past years, with the grassroots support of environmental voters like you and our dozens of organizational allies, we won the vast majority of the important battles where the environment was at stake.

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