

# california league of conservation voters



## 2005 LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS (AND LOWLIGHTS)

The California League of Conservation Voters made sure lawmakers heard your environmental voice this year: Our members weighed in with over 5,000 individual calls, letters, faxes and emails on specific legislative issues. Despite our best efforts, many of this year's most far-reaching environmental bills died for lack of support in the legislature. Of the bills that survived, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed almost as many as he signed—in keeping with the tone he set last year. **Our hard-fought victories underscore the importance of our work to elect strong environmental leaders and to make your voice even stronger in 2006.**

### KILLED IN THE LEGISLATURE:

work to elect true environmental leaders is more critical than ever. In the June 2006 primary elections, our hands-on involvement in races for key open seats will elect leaders who will vote for strong environmental laws.

With so many important bills to protect California's environment dying in the legislature, CLCV's



#### Renewable Energy

SB 757 (Kehoe) - Would have required the state to take cost-effective and feasible measures to reduce oil consumption and increase the use of alternative fuels. **DIED IN COMMITTEE (Assembly Transportation).**

SB 107 (Simitian) - Would have sped up the adoption of renewable sources of energy to 20% by 2010 (rather than by 2017, under current law). **HELD ON ASSEMBLY FLOOR.**

SB 1 (Murray) - Would have placed one million solar energy systems on residential and commercial buildings. **HELD IN COMMITTEE (Assembly Utilities & Commerce).**



#### Environmental Enforcement

AB 528 (Frommer) - Would have authorized personal enforcement of specified environmental laws when public enforcement agencies fail to act. **HELD ON ASSEMBLY FLOOR.**



#### Air Quality

SB 764 (Lowenthal) - Would have established air pollution targets for the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. **HELD IN COMMITTEE (Assembly Transportation).**

SB 760 (Lowenthal) - Would have created a fee on each shipping container processed at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to fund rail system improvements, port security and environmental pollution mitigation. **HELD IN COMMITTEE (Assembly Appropriations).**

SB 109 (Ortiz) - Would have increased penalties for severe violations of air pollution laws. **DIED ON ASSEMBLY FLOOR.**



#### Public Health

SB 999 (Machado) - Would have reconstituted the San Joaquin Regional Air Board to have more local representation and more scientific expertise. **HELD ON ASSEMBLY FLOOR.**

## VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR:

These bills survived the legislative obstacle course and made it to the governor's desk—a truly difficult path this year—before the governor terminated them with his veto pen.



### Public Health

SB 600 (Ortiz & Perata) - Would have established a biomonitoring program to identify synthetic chemicals in the bodies of tested Californians. **VETOED.**



### Toxics

SB 455 (Escutia) - Would have strengthened enforcement of pesticide violations and required investigations to be completed within a specified timeframe. **VETOED.**



### Water Quality

SB 658 (Kuehl) - Would have authorized coastal counties to charge \$6 vehicle fees to lessen the impact of water pollution from cars. **VETOED.**  
SB 820 (Kuehl) - Would have expanded reporting requirements for agricultural uses of groundwater. **VETOED.**



### Coastal Protection

AB 771 (Saldaña) - Would have required Coastal Commissioners to have fewer outside contacts with people who have a vested interest in Coastal Commission decisions. **VETOED.**

## SIGNED INTO LAW:

CLCV's innovative Member Action Campaign generated over 1200 real-time calls to legislators and the governor, passing our members directly through to their lawmakers the moment their voice was most needed—resulting in significant wins.



### Toxics

AB 405 (Montañez) - Prohibits the use of experimental and conditional-use pesticides in schools.



### Public Health

SB 484 (Migden) - Requires manufacturers of body care products to identify ingredients known to cause cancer or birth defects.



### Recycling

AB 1125 (Pavley) - Requires retailers to take back and recycle rechargeable batteries.

AB 338 (Levine) - Requires Caltrans to increase its use of recycled crumb rubber, which is derived from scrap tires, in building and repairing roads.



### Global Warming

AB 1229 (Nation) - Requires smog index labels on cars to include information on global warming gas emissions.



### Habitat

AB 1328 (Wolk) - Protects portions of Cache Creek in Yolo and Lake counties as a state Wild and Scenic River.



### Renewable Energy

AB 1007 (Pavley) - Requires the state to develop a plan to increase the use of alternative fuels in transportation.