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Introduction

The California Legislature concluded the 2018 legislative session on September 30th which was the deadline for Governor Brown to sign or veto legislation. The CLC once again had a very successful legislative session with victories in the areas of Private Attorneys General Act "PAGA" reform (AB 1654), excavation safety (AB 1914), prompt payment protection (AB 1565), pre-qualification (AB 2030) and the expansion and enforcement of the skilled and trained workforce requirements (AB 3018 & SB 914).

The CLC also took the leading role in opposing or amending dozens of measures that would have been harmful to our contractors and the industry overall.

Enclosed is an overview of the pertinent industry legislation that was passed during the 2018 legislative session. All of the newly enacted laws will become operative January 1, 2019, unless otherwise noted.

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Codes & Standards

AB 565

AUTHOR: Bloom D

TITLE: Building standards: live/work units.

SUMMARY: Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development, commencing with the next triennial edition of the California Building Standards Code adopted after January 1, 2019, to develop and submit for approval by the California Building Standards Commission clarifications in the California Building Code and the California Residential Code pertaining to the requirements for the construction of live/work units.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 573, Statutes of 2018.

AB 1914

AUTHOR: Flora R

TITLE: Underground installations: excavations.

SUMMARY: Current law requires an excavator planning to conduct any excavation to contact the appropriate regional notification center before beginning that excavation. Current law, if an excavation is within the tolerance zone of a subsurface installation, requires the excavator to determine the exact location of the subsurface installations in conflict with the excavation using specified tools. This bill,

beginning July 1, 2020, authorizes an excavator to use safe excavation equipment, other than hand tools, prior to determining the exact location of the subsurface installations, and requires the California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board, on or before July 1, 2020, to adopt regulations to implement this provision.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 708, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2190

AUTHOR: Reyes D

TITLE: Hospitals: seismic safety.

SUMMARY: Current law provides that, after January 1, 2008, a general acute care hospital building that is determined to be a potential risk of collapse or to pose significant loss of life in the event of seismic activity be used only for nonacute care hospital purposes, except that the state may grant 5-year and 2-year extensions for full use under prescribed circumstances. Current law requires an owner of a general acute care hospital building that is classified as nonconforming to submit a report to the office no later than November 1, 2010, describing the status of each building in complying with the extension provisions, and to annually update the office with any changes or adjustments. Current law authorizes certain hospital owners who do not have the financial capacity or other reasons to bring certain buildings into compliance by the January 1, 2013, deadline to instead replace those buildings or take other action by January 1, 2020. This bill requires all hospitals with buildings subject to the January 1, 2020, deadline described above and that are seeking an extension for their buildings to submit an application to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development by April 1, 2019, that specifies the seismic compliance method each building will use.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 673, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2371

AUTHOR: Carrillo D

TITLE: Water use efficiency: landscape irrigation.

SUMMARY: The Contractors' State License Law provides for the licensing by written examination and regulation of contractors by the Contractors' State License Board in the Department of Consumer Affairs. Current law requires the Contractors' State License Board to periodically review and, if needed, revise the contents of qualifying examinations to ensure that the examination questions are timely and relevant to the business of contracting. This bill, before revision of the landscaping contractor examination, requires the Contractors' State License Board to confer with specified entities to determine whether any updates or revisions to the examination are needed to reflect new and emerging landscape irrigation efficiency practices.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 867, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2485

AUTHOR: Chau D

TITLE: Code enforcement: financially interested parties.

SUMMARY: Prohibits a local official, who inspects a commercial property or business for compliance with a state statute or regulation or local ordinance from being accompanied during the inspection by a person with a potential financial interest in the outcome of the inspection, unless the person is the owner of the property or business, is the agent or representative of the owner, is a person who has, or operates under, an existing contract with the local government who has been directed by a local official to perform services at the property or business, or is a contractor or consultant, or a designated representative of a contractor or consultant, that is on a publicly available list of qualified bidders that may provide inspection, abatement, or remediation services to, and receive compensation for those

services from, the local government.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 263, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2913

AUTHOR: Wood D

TITLE: Building standards: building permits: expiration.

SUMMARY: A provision of the California Building Standards Law specifies that a local ordinance adding or modifying building standards for residential occupancies, published in the California Building Standards Code, applies only to an application for a building permit submitted after the effective date of the ordinance and to plans and specifications for, and the construction performed under, that permit, unless, among other reasons, the permit is subsequently deemed expired because the building or work authorized by the permit is not commenced within 180 days from the date of the permit, or the permittee has suspended or abandoned the work authorized by the permit at any time after the work is commenced. This bill provides that a permit would remain valid for purposes of the California Building Standards Law if the work on the site authorized by that permit is commenced within 12 months after its issuance, unless the permittee has abandoned the work authorized by the permit.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 655, Statutes of 2018.

SB 721

AUTHOR: Hill D

TITLE: Building standards: decks and balconies: inspection.

SUMMARY: Current law provides authority for an enforcement agency to enter and inspect any buildings or premises whenever necessary to secure compliance with or prevent a violation of the building standards published in the California Building Standards Code and other rules and regulations that the enforcement agency has the power to enforce. This bill requires an inspection of exterior elevated elements and associated waterproofing elements including decks and balconies, for buildings with 3 or more multifamily dwelling units by a licensed architect, licensed civil or structural engineer, a building contractor holding specified licenses, or an individual certified as a building inspector or building official, as specified.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 445, Statutes of 2018.

SB 988

AUTHOR: Galgiani D

TITLE: Home inspectors.

SUMMARY: Current law regulates a person who performs certain home inspections for a fee in connection with a transfer of real property. Current law provides that it is the duty of a home inspector who is not licensed as a general contractor, structural pest control operator, or architect, or registered as a professional engineer to conduct a home inspection with the degree of care that a reasonably prudent home inspector would exercise. Under this bill, if a home inspector observes any shade of yellow corrugated stainless-steel tubing, during a home inspection, the home inspector would be required to include that observation and a specified notification in the home inspection report.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 225, Statutes of 2018.

Collection & Lien - Prompt Pay

AB 1565

AUTHOR: Thurmond D

TITLE: Labor-related liabilities: direct contractor.

SUMMARY: Current law requires, for all contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2018, a direct contractor, as defined, making or taking a contract in the state for the erection, construction, alteration, or repair of a building, structure, or other work, to assume, and be liable for, debt owed to a wage claimant that is incurred by a subcontractor, at any tier, acting under, by, or for the direct contractor for the wage claimant's performance of labor included in the subject of the original contract. This bill ensures that the law isn't used as a subterfuge to unlawfully withhold money by requiring that all requested payroll information authorized under current law be outlined in the construction contract and clarifies that all state prompt payment laws apply.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 528, Statutes of 2018.

Contractors` License Law

AB 2705

AUTHOR: Holden D

TITLE: Contractors: violations.

SUMMARY: The Contractor's State License Law provides for the licensure and regulation of contractors by the Contractors' State License Board in the Department of Consumer Affairs and requires an applicant for a contractor's license, or a licensee, to have on file a current and valid Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance or Certification of Self-Insurance. Current law makes a violation of the provisions governing these certificates a misdemeanor. Current law requires that prosecution for a violation of these provisions be commenced within 2 years after commission of the offense. This law additionally makes it a misdemeanor violation not to secure the payment of compensation, by any person not licensed in accordance with these provisions acting as a contractor, and would make that violation subject to the 2-year statute of limitations.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 323, Statutes of 2018.

AB 3126

AUTHOR: Brough R

TITLE: Contractors' State License Law: cash deposit in lieu of a bond.

SUMMARY: The Contractors' State License Law, provides for licensing and regulation of contractors by the Contractors' State License Board (CSLB), which is within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Current law requires an applicant for licensure or a licensee to file or have on file certain bonds, including a contractor's bond in the sum of \$15,000. Current law authorizes an applicant or licensee to instead post a cash deposit in lieu of a required bond. This bill revised the authorization to post a cash deposit in lieu of a bond to prohibit, certificates of deposit, and instead would require the contractor to deposit the appropriate amount of lawful money or a cashier's check with the CSLB registrar pursuant to specified statutes on and after January 1, 2019, and would require each person licensed under that law and subject to any bond requirement to maintain the required bond as executed by an admitted surety insurer or the money deposited with the registrar in the appropriate amount.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 925, Statutes of 2018.

SB 981

AUTHOR: Dodd D

TITLE: Home solicitation contract or offer: water treatment devices: rescission.

SUMMARY: Current law authorizes a buyer to rescind a home solicitation contract or offer within a limited period of time. Current law prescribes additional requirements on a home improvement contract if obtaining a loan is a condition precedent to the contract or if the contractor provides financing or assists the buyer in obtaining a loan. Current law renders the home improvement contract unenforceable if the all requirements are not met, including, among others, if the buyer rescinds the loan or financing transaction within the 3-day period prescribed for rescission pursuant to the federal Truth in Lending Act. Under existing law, a contractor is prohibited from delivering any property or performing any services in relation to the home improvement project until the additional requirements are met. This bill authorizes the delivery and installation of a water treatment device or any other materials during the home solicitation contract rescission period, subject to the above-described additional rescission requirements for a home improvement contract.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 932, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1042

AUTHOR: Monning D

TITLE: Contractors: violations.

SUMMARY: The Contractors' State License Law, provides for the licensure and regulation of contractors by the Contractors' State License Board in the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law requires the board to appoint a registrar of contractors to carry out administrative duties. Current law, if the registrar has probable cause to believe that a person is acting in the capacity of or engaging in the business of a contractor or salesperson without a license or registration in good standing, requires the registrar to issue a citation to that person. This bill requires that the person cited under those provisions file a written request for an administrative hearing within 15 days if they choose to appeal the citation.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 110, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1465

AUTHOR: Hill D

TITLE: Contractors: civil actions: reporting.

SUMMARY: Current law requires a licensee of the Contractors' State License Board to report to the registrar of contractors within 90 days of the date that the licensee has knowledge of the conviction of the licensee for any felony or any other crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensed contractor. Current law also exempts from disclosure to the public a complaint resolved in favor of the contractor. This measure requires a licensee to report to the registrar within 90 days of the date that the licensee has knowledge of any civil action resulting in a final judgment, executed settlement agreement, or final arbitration award in an action in which the licensee is named as a defendant or cross-defendant, that meets specified criteria, including that the amount or value of the judgment, settlement payment, or award is \$1,000,000 or greater and that the action is the result of a claim for damages to a property or person allegedly caused by specified construction activities of a licensee on any part of a multifamily rental residential structure.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 514, Statutes of 2018.

Environment & Energy

AB 987

AUTHOR: Kamlager-Dove D

TITLE: California Environmental Quality Act: sports and entertainment project.

SUMMARY: Authorize the Governor to certify a specified sports and entertainment project located in the City of Inglewood for streamlining if the project meets certain requirements. The bill applies certain rules of court establishing procedures requiring actions or proceedings seeking judicial review pursuant to CEQA or the granting of project approvals, including any appeals therefrom, to be resolved within 270 days of the filing of the certified record of proceedings with the court to an action or proceeding seeking judicial review of the lead agency's action related to the certified project.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 961, Statutes of 2018.

AB 1270

AUTHOR: Gallagher R

TITLE: Dams and reservoirs: inspections and reporting.

SUMMARY: Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to make inspections of dams and reservoirs at state expense for the purpose of determining their safety. This bill repeals those provisions and instead requires the department to inspect dams, reservoirs, and appurtenant structures once per fiscal year with the exception of low hazard potential dams which the bill requires to receive inspections at least every 2 fiscal years. The bill requires the owner of a dam to operate critical outlet and spillway control features on an annual basis and to demonstrate their full operability in the presence of the department every 3 years or as directed by the department.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 3, Statutes of 2018.

AB 1775

AUTHOR: Muratsuchi D

TITLE: State lands: leasing: oil and gas.

SUMMARY: Prohibits the State Lands Commission or a local trustee of granted public trust lands from entering into any new lease or other conveyance authorizing new construction of oil- and gas-related infrastructure upon tidelands and submerged lands within state waters associated with Pacific Outer Continental Shelf leases issued after January 1, 2018.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 310, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2097

AUTHOR: Acosta R

TITLE: Carpet recycling: annual reports.

SUMMARY: Current law requires a carpet stewardship organization, on or before July 1 of each year, to demonstrate to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery that it has achieved the amount and rates of recycling, and a reduction in disposal, of postconsumer carpet subject to its stewardship plan and in meeting the other specified goals included in the organization's plan. Current law requires a manufacturer of carpet sold in this state to submit to the department, either individually or through a carpet stewardship organization, on or before July 1 of each year, a report describing its activities to achieve the purposes of the carpet stewardship laws. This bill changed the date by which the annual demonstration and the annual report are required to be completed from July 1 of each year to September 1 of each year.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 340, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2127

AUTHOR: Ting D

TITLE: Electric vehicle charging infrastructure: assessment.

SUMMARY: Requires the Energy Commission, working with the State Air Resources Board and the Public Utilities Commission, to prepare and biennially update a statewide assessment of the electric vehicle charging infrastructure needed to support the levels of electric vehicle adoption required for the state to meet its goals of putting at least 5 million zero-emission vehicles on California roads by 2030 and of reducing emissions of greenhouse gases to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. The measure also requires the Energy Commission to regularly seek data and input from stakeholders relating to electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 365, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2145

AUTHOR: Reyes D

TITLE: Vehicular air pollution.

SUMMARY: Adds as eligible projects for the California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program those projects that support grid integration and integrated storage solutions and charging management demonstration and analytics. Additionally, requires the energy commission, as part of the guidance developed for the program, to advise the State Air Resources Board on how to allocate moneys for vehicle charging infrastructure consistent with the energy commission's investment plan strategies on charging infrastructure that is part of the California Alternative and Renewable Fuel, Vehicle Technology, Clean Air, and Carbon Reduction Act of 2007.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 672, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2782

AUTHOR: Friedman D

TITLE: California Environmental Quality Act.

SUMMARY: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. This measure authorizes lead agencies, in describing and evaluating projects, to consider the specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits of, and the negative impacts of denying, the project.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 193, Statutes of 2018.

AB 3232

AUTHOR: Friedman D

TITLE: Zero-emissions buildings and sources of heat energy.

SUMMARY: Would require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, by January 1, 2021, to assess the potential for the state to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases from the state's residential and commercial building stock by at least 40% below 1990 levels by January 1, 2030. The bill requires the commission to include in the 2021 edition of the integrated energy policy report and all subsequent integrated energy policy reports a report on the emissions of greenhouse gases associated with the supply of energy to residential and commercial buildings.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 373, Statutes of 2018.

SB 100

AUTHOR: De León D

TITLE: California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: emissions of greenhouse gases.

SUMMARY: The Legislature has found and declared that its intent in implementing the California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program is to attain, among other targets for sale of eligible renewable resources, the target of 50% of total retail sales of electricity by December 31, 2030. This bill revises the above-described legislative findings and declarations to state that the goal of the program is to achieve that 50% renewable resources target by December 31, 2026, and to achieve a 60% target by December 31, 2030, and creates the policy of planning to meet all of the state's retail electricity supply with a mix of RPS-eligible and zero-carbon resources by December 31, 2045 for a total of 100% clean energy.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 312, Statutes of 2018.

SB 237

AUTHOR: Hertzberg D

TITLE: Electricity: direct transactions.

SUMMARY: The Public Utilities Act requires the Public Utilities Commission to authorize and facilitate direct transactions between electricity suppliers and retail end-use customers, but suspends direct transactions except as expressly authorized. Current law expressly requires the commission to authorize direct transactions for nonresidential end-use customers, subject to an annual maximum allowable total kilowatt hour limit established for each electrical corporation, to be achieved following a now completed 3-to 5-year phase-in period. This bill requires the commission, on or before June 1, 2019, to issue an order specifying an increase in the annual maximum allowable total kilowatt hour limit by 4,000 gigawatt hours and apportion that increase among the service territories of the electrical corporations.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 600, Statutes of 2018.

SB 700

AUTHOR: Wiener D

TITLE: Self-generation incentive program.

SUMMARY: In response to a requirement to adopt initiatives on or before March 7, 2001, to reduce demand for electricity and reduce load during peak demand periods, including differential incentives for renewable or super clean distributed generation resources, the PUC adopted decisions establishing a self-generation incentive program. This bill extends the collection for the self-generation incentive program to December 31, 2024, and the administration of the program to January 1, 2026. The bill also mandates that the commission adopt requirements for energy storage systems to ensure that eligible energy storage systems reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 839, Statutes of 2018.

SB 834

AUTHOR: Jackson D

TITLE: State lands: leasing: oil and gas.

SUMMARY: Prohibits the State Lands Commission or a local trustee, as defined, of granted public trust lands from entering into any new lease or other conveyance authorizing new construction of oil- and gas-related infrastructure upon tidelands and submerged lands within state waters associated with Pacific Outer Continental Shelf leases issued after January 1, 2018.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 309, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1000

AUTHOR: Lara D

TITLE: Transportation electrification: electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

SUMMARY: Current law requires a city, county, or city and county to approve an application for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations through the issuance of specified permits unless the city or county makes specified written findings. This bill prohibits a city, county, or city and county from restricting which types of electric vehicles may access an electric vehicle charging station approved for passenger vehicles that both is publicly accessible and the construction of which was funded, at least in part, by the state or through moneys collected from ratepayers.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 368, Statutes of 2018.

General Industry

AB 235

AUTHOR: O'Donnell D

TITLE: Apprenticeship and preapprenticeship.

SUMMARY: Made several changes to the state's regulation of apprenticeship to preserve the authority of the California Apprenticeship Council (CAC) to regulate building trades apprenticeship programs as the state pushes to expand apprenticeship programs into other fields and industries. Under the new law CAC retains authority to regulate apprenticeship programs for the building trades and firefighting industry. The training needs standard continues to apply to applications for new building trades apprenticeship programs, and building trades apprenticeship programs must continue to follow a time-based approach to apprenticeships. The measure also creates a new entity, the Interagency Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship, to focus on apprenticeship programs outside the building trades.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 704, Statutes of 2018.

AB 1654

AUTHOR: Rubio D

TITLE: Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004: construction industry.

SUMMARY: "The California Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code Sections 2698-2699.5), also known as PAGA, authorizes an employee to bring an action for civil penalties on behalf of the state against his or her employer for Labor Code violations committed against the employee and fellow employees. AB 1654 waives the California Private Attorneys General Act, within the Construction Industry for those employees and employers that are covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and agree to waive PAGA in their CBA.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 529, Statutes of 2018.

AB 1976

AUTHOR: Limón D

TITLE: Employment: lactation accommodation.

SUMMARY: Current law requires every employer to provide a reasonable amount of break time to accommodate an employee desiring to express breast milk for the employee's infant child and requires an employer to make reasonable efforts to provide the employee with the use of a room or other location, other than a toilet stall, in close proximity to the employee's work area for the employee to express milk in private. Current law makes a violation of these provisions subject to a civil penalty and

makes the Labor Commissioner responsible for enforcement. This bill instead requires an employer to make reasonable efforts to provide an employee with use of a room or other location, other than a bathroom, for these purposes.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 940, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2225

AUTHOR: Limón D

TITLE: State government: storing and recording: public records.

SUMMARY: Requires the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Department of Technology, to approve and adopt appropriate uniform statewide standards for the purpose of storing and recording public records, described as permanent and nonpermanent documents, in electronic media or in a cloud computing storage system. Requires a cloud computing storage service that complies with specified requirements that provide administrative users with controls to prevent stored public records from being overwritten, deleted, or altered to be considered a trusted system, and requires all public records stored or recorded in electronic media or in a cloud computing service by a state agency to comply with a trusted system as defined in the uniform statewide standards.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 535, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2282

AUTHOR: Eggman D

TITLE: Salary history information.

SUMMARY: Current law prohibits an employer from relying on the salary history information of an applicant for employment as a factor in determining whether to offer an applicant employment or what salary to offer an applicant, except in specified circumstances. Current law requires an employer, upon reasonable request, to provide the pay scale for a position to an applicant applying for employment. This bill defines "pay scale," "reasonable request," and "applicant" for purposes of these provisions.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 127, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2587

AUTHOR: Levine D

TITLE: Disability compensation: paid family leave.

SUMMARY: Current law, before January 1, 2018, deemed an individual to be eligible for family temporary disability benefits if, among other things, the individual was unable to perform his or her regular or customary work for a 7-day waiting period during each disability benefit period, and prohibited payments for benefits during this waiting period. Current law, on and after January 1, 2018, removes the 7-day waiting period for these benefits. Current law authorizes an employer to require an employee to take up to 2 weeks of earned but unused vacation before, and as a condition of, the employee's initial receipt of these benefits during any 12-month period in which the employee is eligible for these benefits. Existing law specifies that if an employer so requires an employee to take vacation leave, that portion of the vacation leave that does not exceed one week is to be applied to the waiting period. This bill deletes that application of vacation leave to the waiting period, consistent with the removal of the 7-day waiting period for these benefits on and after January 1, 2018.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 80, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2770

AUTHOR: Irwin D

TITLE: Privileged communications: communications by former employer: sexual harassment.

SUMMARY: Protects employers from being sued for defamation, by an alleged sexual harasser, when

conducting an internal investigation in response to a complaint and when an employer passes on findings regarding sexual harassment when providing a reference.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 82, Statutes of 2018.

SB 820

AUTHOR: Leyva D

TITLE: Settlement agreements: confidentiality.

SUMMARY: Prohibits a provision in a settlement agreement that prevents the disclosure of factual information relating to certain claims of sexual assault, sexual harassment, or harassment or discrimination based on sex, that are filed in a civil or administrative action. The bill makes a provision in a settlement agreement that prevents the disclosure of factual information related to the claim, entered into on or after January 1, 2019, void as a matter of law and against public policy.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 953, Statutes of 2018.

SB 826

AUTHOR: Jackson D

TITLE: Corporations: boards of directors.

SUMMARY: Requires, no later than the close of the 2019 calendar year, that a domestic general corporation or foreign corporation that is a publicly held corporation whose principal executive offices, according to the corporation's SEC 10-K form, are located in California; to have a minimum of one female on its board of directors. No later than the close of the 2021 calendar year, the bill increases that required minimum number to 2 female directors if the corporation has 5 directors or to 3 female directors if the corporation has 6 or more directors.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 954, Statutes of 2018.

SB 920

AUTHOR: Cannella R

TITLE: Engineering, land surveying, and architecture: limited liability partnerships.

SUMMARY: Current law authorizes persons licensed to engage in the practice of engineering, land surveying, or architecture to form registered limited liability partnerships and foreign limited liability partnerships if specified conditions are met. Existing law requires those partnerships to provide security of no less than \$2,000,000 for claims arising out of the partnership's professional practice. Current law repeals these provisions on January 1, 2019. This bill extends, until January 1, 2026, the authorization for persons licensed to engage in the practice of engineering, land surveying, or architecture to form limited liability partnerships.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 150, Statutes of 2018.

SB 929

AUTHOR: McGuire D

TITLE: Special districts: Internet Web sites.

SUMMARY: Requires all independent special districts to establish and maintain a website by January 1, 2020, and requires the website to conform to all existing requirements that local agency websites are obligated to follow. The measure will help provide greater transparency and accountability of special district activities.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 408, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1205

AUTHOR: Hill D

TITLE: Fire protection services: inspections: compliance reporting.

SUMMARY: Current law requires the chief of any city or county fire department or district providing fire protection services and his or her authorized representatives to inspect every building used as a public or private school within his or her jurisdiction, for the purpose of enforcing specified building standards, not less than once each year. Current law requires every city or county fire department or district providing fire protection services that is required to enforce specified building standards to annually inspect certain structures, including hotels, motels, lodging houses, and apartment houses, for compliance with building standards. This bill requires every city or county fire department, city and county fire department, or district required to perform the above-described inspections to report annually to its administering authority on the department's, or district's, compliance with the above-described inspection requirements.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 854, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1236

AUTHOR: Monning D

TITLE: Commercial driver's license: education.

SUMMARY: Require the Department of Motor Vehicles, no later than June 5, 2020, to adopt regulations related to entry-level driver training requirements for drivers of commercial motor vehicles including minimum hours of behind-the-wheel training and in compliance with the requirements of federal regulations.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 984, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1244

AUTHOR: Wieckowski D

TITLE: Public records: disclosure.

SUMMARY: The California Public Records Act, when it appears to a superior court that certain public records are being improperly withheld from a member of the public, requires the court to order the officer or person charged with withholding the records to disclose the public record or show cause why he or she should not do so. The act requires the court to award court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to the plaintiff if the plaintiff prevails in litigation filed pursuant to these provisions, and requires the court to award court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to the public agency if the court finds that the plaintiff's case is clearly frivolous. This bill replaces "plaintiff" with "requester" in that provision, makes conforming changes, and specifies that these provisions do not preclude the award of fees and costs pursuant to other provisions of law.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 463, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1343

AUTHOR: Mitchell D

TITLE: Employers: sexual harassment training: requirements.

SUMMARY: Requires an employer who employs 5 or more employees, including temporary or seasonal employees, to provide at least 2 hours of sexual harassment training to all supervisory employees and at least one hour of sexual harassment training to all nonsupervisory employees by January 1, 2020, and once every 2 years thereafter. The bill requires the Department of Fair Employment and Housing to develop or obtain 1-hour and 2-hour online training courses on the prevention of sexual harassment in the workplace and to post the courses on the department's Internet Web site.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 956, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1402

AUTHOR: Lara D

TITLE: Labor contracting: customer liability.

SUMMARY: This bill requires joint and several liability for customers who contract with port drayage services who have unpaid wage, tax and workers' compensation liability.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 702, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1412

AUTHOR: Bradford D

TITLE: Applicants for employment: criminal history.

SUMMARY: Current law prohibits an employer, whether a public agency or private individual or corporation, from asking an applicant for employment to disclose, from seeking from any source, or from utilizing as a factor in determining any condition of employment, information concerning participating in a pretrial or posttrial diversion program or concerning a conviction that has been judicially dismissed or ordered sealed, as provided. This bill specifies that these provisions do not prohibit an employer, including a public agency or private individual or corporation, from asking an applicant about, or seeking from any source information regarding, a particular conviction of the applicant if, pursuant to federal law, federal regulation, or state law, (1) the employer is required to obtain information regarding the particular conviction of the applicant, regardless of whether the conviction has been expunged, judicially ordered sealed, statutorily eradicated, or judicially dismissed following probation, (2) the applicant would be required to possess or use a firearm in the course of his or her employment, (3) an individual with that particular conviction is prohibited by law from holding the position sought, regardless of whether the conviction has been expunged, judicially ordered sealed, statutorily eradicated, or judicially dismissed following probation, or (4) the employer is prohibited by law from hiring an applicant who has that particular conviction, regardless of whether the conviction has been expunged, judicially ordered sealed, statutorily eradicated, or judicially dismissed following probation.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 987, Statutes of 2018.

Labor Relations

AB 2358

AUTHOR: Carrillo D

TITLE: Apprenticeships: discrimination: prohibition.

SUMMARY: Expressly prohibits discrimination in any building and construction trades apprenticeship program on the basis of certain enumerated categories, including, race, sex, religious creed, or national origin, with regard to acceptance into, or participation in, the program. The bill, among other things, would require an apprenticeship program to designate one or more individuals to oversee the commitment to equal opportunity in the program and to maintain records regarding compliance with certain requirements.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 675, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1123

AUTHOR: Jackson D

TITLE: Disability compensation: paid family leave.

SUMMARY: Expands, on and after January 1, 2021, the scope of the family temporary disability

insurance program to include time off to participate in a qualifying exigency related to the active duty or call to active duty of the individual's spouse, domestic partner, child, or parent in the armed forces of the United States.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 849, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1252

AUTHOR: Pan D

TITLE: Wages: records: inspection and copying.

SUMMARY: Current law grants current and former employees of employers who are required to keep this information the right to inspect or copy records pertaining to their employment, upon reasonable request. Current law requires an employer to respond to these requests within a specified time and prescribes a penalty of \$750 for an employer's failure to permit a current or former employee to inspect or copy records within that time, to be recovered by the employee or the Labor Commissioner. This bill provides that employees have the right to receive a copy of the employment records described above and apply the associated time requirements and penalty provisions in this context.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 464, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1300

AUTHOR: Jackson D

TITLE: Unlawful employment practices: discrimination and harassment.

SUMMARY: This bill addresses the severe or pervasive standard for litigating sexual harassment claims and prohibits employers from requiring employees to sign a release of claims under the Fair Employment and Housing Act in exchange for a raise or as a condition of employment.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 955, Statutes of 2018.

Public Works

AB 636

AUTHOR: Irwin D

TITLE: Local streets and roads: expenditure reports.

SUMMARY: Current law requires each city and county to submit to the Controller a complete report of expenditures for street and road purposes by October 1 of each year, covering expenditures for the preceding fiscal year. This is the report used to calculate the "road commissioner cap." To ensure public agencies have ample time to report and provide accurate information, this bill requires the report to be submitted to the Controller before December 1st of each year. The measure also requires the Controller to publish and make the annual reports available on their website instead of distributing physical copies.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 159, Statutes of 2018.

AB 1928

AUTHOR: McCarty D

TITLE: California Conservation Corps: contracts.

SUMMARY: Current law provides that the Legislature reaffirms its intent that the corps' mission includes increasing awareness of and improving our natural resources, and instilling basic skills and a healthy work ethic in California youth, building their character, self-esteem, and self-discipline, and establishing within them a strong sense of civic responsibility and understanding of the value of a day's work for a day's wages. This bill authorizes the California Conservation Corps, until January 1, 2024, to enter into a

contract with an individual or collective of certified community conservation corps for a specified type of project or program that is in furtherance of those legislative findings and declarations.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 253, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2031

AUTHOR: O'Donnell D

TITLE: Public contracts: school facility projects: bidding requirements.

SUMMARY: Current law requires prospective bidders, both prime and subcontractors, for a construction contract for school facility projects to submit a prequalification questionnaire and financial statement, under oath, as part of the bidding process and requires each prospective bidder to submit a bid by completing and executing a standardized proposal form. Current law sunsets those provisions on July 1, 2019. This bill extended the operation of the bill's provisions indefinitely.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 534, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2062

AUTHOR: Maienschein R

TITLE: State highways: landscaping.

SUMMARY: Requires that planting projects undertaken or approved by the Department of Transportation to include, when appropriate and consistent with integrated pest management strategies, California native wildflowers and native and climate-appropriate vegetation as an integral and permanent part of the planting design, with priority given to those species of wildflower and native and climate-appropriate vegetation that will help rebuild pollinator populations.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 165, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2126

AUTHOR: Eggman D

TITLE: California Conservation Corps: forestry corps program.

SUMMARY: Current law establishes the California Conservation Corps in the Natural Resources Agency and requires the corps to implement and administer the conservation corps program. Current law requires the Governor to appoint a director to act as the administrative officer of the corps. This bill requires the director, no later than July 1, 2019, to establish a forestry corps program to develop and implement forest health projects and establishing forestry corps crews. The bill requires the director to partner with certified community conservation corps in implementing the forestry corps program, where feasible.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 635, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2137

AUTHOR: Mayes R

TITLE: Regional park and open-space districts: general manager: powers.

SUMMARY: Current law generally authorizes the general manager of any park or open-space district, with district board approval, to bind the district, in accordance with board policy, and without advertising, for the payment for supplies, materials, labor, or other valuable consideration for any purpose in amounts not exceeding \$25,000. However, current law grants that authority to the general managers of the East Bay Regional Park District, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, and the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District with respect to the payment of amounts not exceeding \$50,000. This bill instead makes \$50,000 the limit by which the general manager of any park or open space district, with district board approval, may bind the district, in accordance with board policy that has been adopted in an open meeting, and without advertising, for the payment for

supplies, materials, labor, or other valuable consideration for any purpose.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 278, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2179

AUTHOR: Gipson D

TITLE: Municipal corporations: public utility service: water and sewer service.

SUMMARY: Current law authorizes a municipal corporation to sell or dispose of any public utility it owns. Current law requires that a resolution authorizing the sale of a public utility be passed by 2/3 of the members of the legislative body of the municipal corporation and be passed by a 2/3 vote of all voters voting at an election to authorize the sale in the ordinance calling the election. Current law establishes an alternative procedure whereby a municipal corporation can lease, sell, or transfer that portion of a water utility used for furnishing water service outside the boundaries of the municipal corporation. This bill additionally authorize a municipal corporation to utilize the alternative procedures to lease, sell, or transfer that portion of a municipal utility used for furnishing sewer service outside the boundaries of the municipal corporation.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 863, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2249

AUTHOR: Cooley D

TITLE: Public contracts: local agencies: alternative procedure.

SUMMARY: The Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act permits the governing body of a public agency to opt in to the act. The act authorizes public projects of \$45,000 or less to be performed by the employees of a public agency, authorizes public projects of \$175,000 or less to be let to contract by informal procedures, and requires public projects of more than \$175,000 to be let to contract by formal bidding procedures. This bill authorizes public projects of \$60,000 or less to be performed by the employees of a public agency, authorize public projects of \$200,000 or less to be let to contract by informal procedures, and require public projects of more than \$200,000 to be let to contract by formal bidding procedures.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 169, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2488

AUTHOR: O'Donnell D

TITLE: School facilities: task order procurement contracting: Los Angeles Unified School District.

SUMMARY: Establishes, until January 1, 2024, a pilot project in which the governing board of the Los Angeles Unified School District would be authorized to award multiple annual task order procurement contracts, not exceeding \$3,000,000 each, for purposes that include, services, repairs including maintenance, and construction that are paid for with moneys from the school district's general fund. The bill requires the contracts to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder and to be based primarily on plans and specifications for typical work.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 129, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2615

AUTHOR: Carrillo D

TITLE: State highway system: parks and recreation: accessibility for bicycles and pedestrians.

SUMMARY: Requires, to the extent possible, and where feasible and cost effective, the Department of Transportation to partner with appropriate public agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department of Parks and Recreation, any federal department or agency, and any regional or local public entity, to develop strategies and plans to improve access for bicycles and pedestrians to federal, state,

regional, and local parks adjacent to or connected to the state highway system.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 496, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2629

AUTHOR: Eggman D

TITLE: Department of Transportation: airspace under state highways: leases.

SUMMARY: Current law authorizes the Department of Transportation to provide information regarding, and to lease, airspace under the interchange of Route 4 and Route 5 in San Joaquin County and on the northeast corner of Route 101 and De La Vina Street in the County of Santa Barbara, to a city, county, or other political subdivision or another state agency for emergency shelter or feeding program purposes, as specified, but only if there is no buyer. This bill would delete the condition that the airspace may only be leased to a city, county, or other political subdivision or another state agency for emergency shelter or feeding program purposes if there is no buyer.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 436, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2654

AUTHOR: Quirk-Silva D

TITLE: Design-build: Orange County.

SUMMARY: Authorize the County of Orange to use the design-build process for specified types of public works infrastructure projects, limited to no more than one project per year in excess of \$5,000,000. The bill also authorizes the Orange County Flood Control District to use the design-build process for flood protection improvements and would limit those to no more than 12 projects in excess of \$5,000,000 prior to January 1, 2025.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 239, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2762

AUTHOR: Carrillo D

TITLE: Public contracts: disabled veteran business enterprises: local small business enterprises: social enterprises.

SUMMARY: Current law authorizes a local agency in facilitating contract awards to small businesses to provide for a small business preference of 5% in construction, the procurement of goods, or the delivery of services, and establishes a subcontracting participation goal for small businesses on contracts with a 5% preference for those bidders who meet the goal. Current law authorizes each local agency to define a small business for the purposes of these preferences and goals. This bill increases the above-described preference for small business to 7%.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 654, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2923

AUTHOR: Chiu D

TITLE: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District: transit-oriented development.

SUMMARY: Current law establishes the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) with various powers and duties and establishes a board of directors as the legislative body of the district. Current law requires the board to determine all questions of district policy and what transit facilities should be acquired or constructed, and authorizes the board to establish zones within the district to undertake the acquisition or construction of any transit facilities. This bill requires the board to adopt by ordinance new transit-oriented development (TOD) zoning standards for each station that establish minimum local zoning requirements for height, density, parking, and floor area ratio only, that apply to an eligible TOD project, as defined.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 1000, Statutes of 2018.

AB 3018

AUTHOR: Low D

TITLE: State contracts: skilled and trained workforce.

SUMMARY: Current law authorizes a public entity to require a bidder, contractor, or other entity to use a skilled and trained workforce to complete a contract or project, and requires that the commitment to use a skilled and trained workforce be made in an enforceable agreement that meets specified requirements. Current law requires a contractor, bidder, or other entity to provide to the public entity or other awarding body, on a monthly basis while the project or contract is being performed, a report demonstrating compliance with skilled and trained workforce requirements. This bill provides enforcement through the California Department of Labor Standards Enforcement for the statutory skilled and trained workforce requirements.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 882, Statutes of 2018.

AB 3139

AUTHOR: Bonta D

TITLE: State highways: property leases.

SUMMARY: Would authorize the Department of Transportation to offer a lease to the City of Oakland on a right of first refusal basis for any airspace under a freeway or certain real property acquired for highway purposes located in the city for purposes of an emergency shelter or feeding program for a lease amount, for up to 10 parcels, of \$1 per month, and a payment of an administrative fee not to exceed \$500 per year.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 443, Statutes of 2018.

AB 3177

AUTHOR: Chávez R

TITLE: North County Transit District: contracting.

SUMMARY: Current law provides for creation of the North County Transit District, with various powers and duties relative to the planning and operation of a transit system in north San Diego County. The Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act authorizes a public agency, upon the election of its governing board, by resolution, to become subject to uniform construction cost accounting procedures. This bill authorizes the district to opt in to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 554, Statutes of 2018.

AB 3231

AUTHOR: Gray D

TITLE: Employment: public works

SUMMARY: Current law provides that a joint labor-management committee, established pursuant to a specified provision of federal law, is authorized to bring an action against any employer who fails to pay prevailing wages as required by state law. Current law requires that copies of payroll records on public works projects be made available for inspection as specified, including a limit on redactions if made available for inspection by, or furnished to, a joint labor management committee. This bill authorizes a joint labor-management committee to also bring an action in court against an employer who fails to provide payroll records under the same provisions for bringing an action against an employer for failure to pay prevailing wage.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 682, Statutes of 2018.

SB 519

AUTHOR: Beall D

TITLE: State highways: property leases.

SUMMARY: Current law authorizes the Department of Transportation to lease certain property, including the area above or below a state highway, and certain property held for future highway purposes, to public agencies under specified terms and conditions, including specific provisions governing leases of airspace and other property in the City and County of San Francisco for purposes of an emergency shelter or feeding program. This bill authorizes the department to offer leases to the Cities of Los Angeles and San Jose on a right of first refusal basis for any airspace under a freeway or certain real property acquired for highway purposes located in each city for purposes of an emergency shelter or feeding program for a lease amount, for up to 10 parcels, of \$1 per month, and a payment of an administrative fee not to exceed \$500 per year, as specified.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 444, Statutes of 2018.

SB 907

AUTHOR: Cannella R

TITLE: County road commissioner: Merced County.

SUMMARY: Current law provides for the appointment of a road commissioner in each county by the board of supervisors, with specified powers and duties relating to county roads. Current law provides for exceptions to this requirement in cases in which the duties of the road commissioner have been transferred by the board of supervisors to the county director of transportation or another authorized person. This bill authorizes the Board of Supervisors of Merced County to transfer the duties of the county road commissioner to the county director of the department of public works..

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 135, Statutes of 2018.

SB 913

AUTHOR: Hertzberg D

TITLE: Public works: City of Los Angeles: graffiti abatement.

SUMMARY: Exempts from the requirement to pay a prevailing wage of per diem wages, until January 1, 2024, graffiti abatement work performed pursuant to a contract between the City of Los Angeles and a nonprofit community-based organization if the work is performed by volunteers.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 200, Statutes of 2018.

SB 914

AUTHOR: Dodd D

TITLE: Local agency contracts: construction manager at-risk construction contracts.

SUMMARY: Authorizes a county, until January 1, 2023 to utilize the construction manager at-risk (CMAR) project delivery method on public works of improvement, and, when using CMAR, requires prime contractors and all subcontractors to utilize a skilled and trained workforce.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 108, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1181

AUTHOR: Hueso D

TITLE: Emergency services: certified community conservation corps.

SUMMARY: Authorize the Office of Emergency Services to enter into an agreement directly with one or more certified community conservation corps, as defined, to perform emergency or disaster response services as the office deems appropriate.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 623, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1262

AUTHOR: Beall D

TITLE: Construction Manager/General Contractor project delivery method: Department of Transportation.

SUMMARY: Removes the cap on the number of projects for which the Department of Transportation is authorized to use the CM/GC project delivery method. The bill imposes the requirement to use department employees or consultants to perform project design and engineering services on at least 2/3 of the projects delivered by the department utilizing the CM/GC method.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 465, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1323

AUTHOR: Hernandez D

TITLE: Maintenance districts: County of Los Angeles.

SUMMARY: Current law, the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, authorizes local agencies, including a city or county, to form an assessment district for the purpose of making improvements by, among other things, installing landscaping. This bill, in addition to a district's current authority to perform specified maintenance under the Improvement Act of 1911, authorizes the county lighting maintenance districts for the County of Los Angeles to also perform maintenance and make improvements pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 93, Statutes of 2018.

Tax & Fee

AB 2132

AUTHOR: Levine D

TITLE: Building permit fees: waiver.

SUMMARY: The State Housing Law authorizes cities and counties to prescribe fees for permits required or authorized pursuant to the State Housing Law. This bill authorizes these entities to waive or reduce all building permit fees for improvements to the home of a person at least 60 years of age with a qualifying disability that are made to accommodate that disability.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 386, Statutes of 2018.

SB 558

AUTHOR: Glazer D

TITLE: Property taxation: new construction exclusion: rain water capture system.

SUMMARY: The California Constitution generally limits ad valorem taxes on real property to 1% of the full cash value of that property. For purposes of this limitation, "full cash value" is defined as the assessor's valuation of real property as shown on the 1975-76 tax bill under "full cash value" or, thereafter, the appraised value of that real property when purchased, newly constructed, or a change in ownership has occurred. This bill, until January 1, 2029, excludes from classification as "newly constructed" and "new construction" the construction or addition, on or after January 1, 2019, of a rain water capture system.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 1, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1328

AUTHOR: Beall D

TITLE: Mileage-based road usage fee.

SUMMARY: This bill extends the life of the Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for four additional years and requires it to continue assessing the potential for mechanisms such as a mileage-based revenue system to use as an alternative to the gas tax for generating the revenues necessary to maintain and operate the state's transportation system.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 698, Statutes of 2018.

Workers` Compensation

AB 2334

AUTHOR: Thurmond D

TITLE: Occupational injuries and illness: employer reporting requirements: electronic submission.

SUMMARY: Authorizes the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) to publish certain cost and performance information regarding public self-insured employers' workers' compensation programs, provides that workplace recordkeeping violations continue until corrected or discovered, and requires the formation of an advisory committee if a federal rule for employer electronic reporting of injuries and illnesses is eliminated.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 538, Statutes of 2018.

SB 880

AUTHOR: Pan D

TITLE: Workers' compensation.

SUMMARY: This bill permits the employers to conduct a pilot program on transmitting disability indemnity benefits by a prepaid card, rather than a paper check

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 730, Statutes of 2018.