

## Report from the CAR Fall Business Meeting

### Land Use & Environmental Committee

October 12, 2022

There were no Action Items presented. However, in debate over the question of whether or not CAR should take a position regarding the current Delta Conveyance Project of the State Water System the Committee resolved that CAR Leadership should initiate the development of policy regarding water projects.

For many years any question regarding various water related projects, desalination plants, dams, or the varied proposals to increase the conveyance of water through or around the Delta, the Association has deemed these issues to be “Not Real Estate Related”.

Now the Committee has agreed that the Association needs to develop policy to guide our legislative advocates and members as projects continue to be presented.

### Legislative Updates:

AB 1154, a bill that CAR supported to exempt from CEQA egress access routes to improve fire safety of existing subdivisions died in committee

SB 12, a bill that would have required cities & counties to develop fire safety standards prior to approving developments in high fire risk areas. In addition the bill sought to impose a Point of Sale requirement that an existing home would have to be “hardened” against wildfire prior to sale. And finally the bill required a second CEQA review for any individual house after the approval of a subdivision. CAR joined with a broad coalition to stop this bill which died in committee.

AB 1642 CAR supported this bill to exempt from CEQA any well project identified by the Water Resources Control Board as high or medium risk provided that well

prevents a failure that would leave residents without safe drinking water. Is in on the Governor's desk

AB 2536 CAR supported this to require local agencies to study, identify, & provide information that supports necessitating new fees. All studies to be adopted at a public hearing and be reviewed & updated at least every 8 years. This was signed into law in July.

AB 522 CAR supported this bill which extends the Forest Fire Exemption allowing CalFire to allow the cutting of trees without a timber harvesting plan.

Other bills that we monitored or opposed

AB 2201, AB 2705.

The Land Use Committee is being reorganized and in the future will be known as the Environmental Sustainability Committee to better reflect the members concerns with regard to the changing climate and its effects on our resources.

I also wish to salute Region 31 members Joe Prian and Donelle DuFault for their work as Issue chairs.

Submitted:

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