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In its April 24, 2014 Legislative Report, CNPS announced support for six bills (AB 203, AB 976, AB 2104, AB 2193, AB 2402 and SB 1270) and opposition to 4 bills (AB 1849, AB 2353, AB 2417 and SB 834). The six bills CNPS supports are still alive, having passed out of their house of origin by the calendar deadline of May 30, 2014. The four bills opposed by CNPS all failed to pass out of their house of origin by May 30. Under its 2014 calendar the California Legislature now has until August 31 to act on all bills that survived thus far. Those that pass will be sent to the Governor, who will have until September 30 to sign, veto or allow them to become law without his approval. As usual, the Legislature will have to deal with a huge number of pending bills in the closing days of its session. Hopefully, it will be able to act favorably on the bills supported by CNPS. The Legislative Notes in June 2014 edition of *The Pipevine*, included a brief description of the bills CNPS supports, which are duplicated here:

- AB 203 and 976 provide for strengthening of the administration and enforcement of the California Coastal Act of 1976.
- AB 2104 precludes groups such as home owners associations from adopting landscaping guidelines prohibiting use of low water-using plants or restricting other water conservation measures.
- AB 2193 provides for funding a new Habitat and Restoration Act to be administered by the Department of Fish & Wildlife.
- AB 2402 expands the permissible uses of funds by the Department of Food and Agriculture for noxious weed management.
- SB 1270 makes changes in the structure and administration of the agencies under the Department of Conservation, including the State Mining and Geology Board, the California Geological Survey and the Office of Mine Reclamation.

If any of them pass, a more complete analysis will follow in the next edition of *The Pipevine*.

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The full text of bills and the Legislative Analyst’s summary are available on the California Legislature Information website ([Click Link Here](#)).

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