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During the 2015 session of the California Legislature CNPS reviewed and monitored many bills affecting the environment. It opposed 6 bills and supported 8 bills and 1 Assembly/Senate Joint Resolution. No bills opposed by CNPS were passed.

AB 327 was passed and approved by Governor Brown during the regular session of the Legislature. It extended until January 1, 2024 the exemption of work performed by a volunteer, a volunteer coordinator, a member of the California Conservation Corps or a community CCC from the requirement of pay not less than the general (i.e., union) prevailing rate.

AJR 4 is the resolution urging President Obama to designate the Lake Berryessa Snow Mountain Area as a national monument.

Three of the bills supported by CNPS were passed by the September 11 deadline and as of this writing (Oct.4) are awaiting approval or veto by the Governor's Oct. 11 deadline:

1. AB 559 authorizes the Department of Fish & Wildlife to take feasible actions to conserve Monarch butterflies and the unique habitats they depend upon for successful migration.

2. AB 606 would require state agencies to employ measures to reduce water consumption and increase water efficiencies when building upon, purchasing or replacing landscaping on state owned property. State property leased for agricultural purposes would be exempt.

3. SB 350 would require that the amount of electricity generated and sold to retail customers from renewable energy sources be increased to 50% per year by December 31, 2030.

Further analysis of the bills the Governor approves will follow.

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

CNPS positions on bills are available at CNPS Legislative Report (Click Link Here).
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