

SMART GROWTH STRATEGY REGIONAL LIVABILITY FOOTPRINT PROJECT

RECENTLY-ENACTED SMART GROWTH-RELATED LEGISLATION

Below is new state legislation that was signed into law during the California Legislature's 2001–2002 session. All bills become law on January 1, 2003, except where noted.

SB 1227 - Housing Bond (Becomes law if approved by voters.)

Places \$2.1 billion in general obligation bonds on the November 2002 ballot as Proposition 46. Upon approval by the voters, proceeds from bonds would be used for various housing programs, including housing for first time homebuyers, homeless individuals and families, farm workers, and low-income households.

SB 800 - Construction Defect Liability

Provides for detailed liability standards, defines a construction defect and allows builders the right to repair alleged defects. Also limits homeowner lawsuits to the cost of repairs.

AB 2292 - Residential Density

Prohibits jurisdictions from reducing residential densities that were used to meet affordable housing goals as detailed in the jurisdictions housing element of its general plan.

SB 1518 - Recycled Water

Encourages the use of recycled water for nonpotable uses as a cost-effective, reliable method of helping to meet California's water supply needs.

AB 857 - State Infrastructure Investments

Mandates that three state planning priorities be incorporated into state infrastructure planning: promoting infill development, protecting environmental and agricultural resources, and encouraging efficient development patterns. Also requires that all state agency plans are consistent with these three priorities.

SB 1925 - CEQA Reform

Maintains environmental review exemption for affordable housing projects of 100 units or less and adds an exemption for infill projects that include at least ten percent affordable housing.

AB 1866 - Second Units

Requires local governments to use a ministerial process for approving second housing units. Furthermore, it prohibits jurisdictions from applying any development standard that would have the effect of precluding an affordable housing development from receiving a density bonus and concessions.

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