

Budget Act of 2022

On June 22, 2022, the Legislature and the Governor reached an agreement on the Budget Act of 2022. This article provides highlights of the budget, which will be encompassed mostly in Senate Bill (SB) 154, which has been passed by the Legislature and several other pending Jr. Budget Bills. There is also a substantial trailer bill package which will make statutory changes needed to implement the budget.

The 2022-23 state budget provides \$47 billion in the subsequent three fiscal years for infrastructure investments including budget categories that provide major funding opportunities for solid waste management programs and programs that address climate change:

- **Organic Waste Infrastructure.** Provides \$180 million for local assistance grants to improve organic waste infrastructure,
- **Energy and Zero Emission Vehicles.** More than \$6.1 billion of investments in clean trucks, buses, off-road equipment, clean cars, and, from the Proposition 98 budget, ZEV school buses and charging infrastructure, as well as substantial investments in electricity and energy assets.

The budget includes other transformative investments such as a \$19 Billion Climate-Energy Package from the General Fund over multiple years (\$4.89 billion in 2021-22, \$4.83 billion in 2022-23, and \$9.59 billion for the outyears), for climate and energy investments such as water-drought resilience, wildfire resilience, extreme heat, nature based solutions, energy, zero-emission vehicles, and other climate-related actions.

The budget also includes allocations from special funds that support the solid waste and recycling industry programs and greenhouse gas reduction.

- **Beverage Container Recycling Fund.** Approves \$330 million Beverage Container Recycling Fund one-time to address issues with the Bottle Bill Program with details to be worked out in a three-party agreement.
- **Zero Emission Vehicles.** Provides \$676 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to support clean trucks, buses and off road equipment and clean cars for all, and \$1.5 billion Proposition 98 General Fund to support ZEV school buses and charging infrastructure.

Once SB 154, the Jr. Budget Bills, and trailer bills are signed by the Governor, additional details and summaries of the Budget Act of 2022-23 will be available at <https://www.ebudget.ca.gov>