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Major Changes Proposed for Advanced Clean Fleet Regs

Franchise waste haulers, and potentially contractors like those hired for public works, would be included in local agency Advanced Clean Fleet requirements under [updated regulations recently released by CARB](#).

The updated regs make several other significant changes, including allowing agencies that chose the milestone compliance option to switch to the purchase schedule option under certain circumstances, delaying the 100% purchase requirement from 2027 to 2030 for the purchase schedule option, extending timelines for some types of vehicles such as bucket trucks, and introducing exemptions for vehicles operating on “captive biofuel”.

These are just a few of the many changes proposed; for a thorough summary and analysis of the regulations, or if you have specific question, please reach out. The 15-day comment period ends April 17. If approved, the regulations could go into effect early- to mid-summer.

State Revenues Still Strong

As [reported by Assembly budget advisor Jason Sisney](#), Revenue collections for March were \$1.4 billion (10.8%) more than projected, mostly due to corporate income tax collections, which fluctuate significantly month to month and were \$902 million (20.5%) more than projected. For the 2025-26 fiscal year through March, income taxes are running \$7.5 billion (6.2%) above January budget estimates. At least 40% of any revenue gains since the Governor’s January 9 projections are likely to be allocated to schools and community colleges due to the Proposition 98 minimum funding guarantee. Still, looming federal funding cuts threaten the state’s ability to spend sustainably, and future deficits are likely.

Enhancing California’s Resiliency to Natural Catastrophes

A [new report](#) mandated by the Legislature recommends comprehensive and in some cases controversial changes to enhance catastrophe resiliency. The report recommends enhancing resiliency by committing to reducing risk, changing the financial burden

of wildfires and other catastrophes, and giving the state specific roles in resilience. (The list of all recommendations is on page 43 of the report.)

In the area of allocating financial burdens, it recommends eliminating the strict liability standard on utilities, which would shift more costs to insurers. It also gives several options for strengthening access to residential property insurance, providing faster payouts for survivors of utility-caused wildfires, and making the Wildfire Fund more durable.

It gives options to strengthen pre-catastrophe efforts also, such as incentivizing home and community hardening, tightening the link between risk reduction and insurance, and prioritizing utility safety and accountability.

The third category of recommendations, related to the state's role, includes proposals to shift more costs to a state-backed insurance program for utilities and funding statewide community wildfire mitigation.

A mid-May oversight hearing that includes the Assembly Utilities and Energy and Assembly Insurance Committees is in the works.

HCD Updates ADU Handbook

The California Department of Housing and Community Development has released its [2026 ADU Handbook](#), which includes the most current updates to the state's ADU laws. HCD also recently launched the [Housing Accountability Unit Letters Dashboard](#), which contains all letters issued to local agencies regarding the review of local ordinances, provision of technical assistance, and enforcement of various state housing laws.

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