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This compilation of state statutory citations focuses predominantly on climate change laws in effect January 1, 1970 through August 31, 2010. In some instances, regulations have been included in the compilation due to their significance. This compilation is intended to serve as a researcher-friendly inventory of state laws by providing the formal title of relevant legislation, the standard legal citation for each statute and a brief description of the law. Some statutes and regulations listed do not specifically relate to climate change, but are included because of their complementary relationship to the evolution of climate change law in the state.

Title	Citation	Description
Requirements of agricultural water management plan (2010)	CAL. WATER CODE § 10826	Management plan must include an analysis of the effect of climate change on future water supplies
Sustainable water use and demand reduction; legislative findings and declarations (2010)	CAL. WATER CODE § 10608	Recognition that climate change makes it essential for the state to manage its water resources as efficiently as possible
Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority; coordination and implementation of activities (2010)	CAL. PUB. UTIL. CODE § 181003	Gives the Regional Authority the authority to perform certain activities and assist local agencies in meeting greenhouse gas reduction goals
Legislative intent regarding California Hydrogen Blueprint Plan and hydrogen production (2009)	CAL. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 43868	State agencies to work towards hydrogen production to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions
Project solicitation and evaluation of guidelines; development (2009)	CAL. WATER CODE § 10541	Integrated regional water management plans will take into account the adaptability of climate change of the water management systems.
Distribution of funds (2009 amend.)	CAL. PUB. RESOURCES CODE § 25450.2	Amended to direct a portion of Energy Efficiency and Conservation block grants to climate change planning

Appropriation of funds (2009)	CAL. WATER CODE § 83002	Appropriate funds to study climate change impacts on water distribution issues.
Legislative findings and declarations (2009)	CAL. FOOD & AGR. CODE § 5260	Recognition that climate change contributes to the introduction of invasive species and diseases in California.
Significant Natural Areas Program (2009)	CAL. FISH & GAME CODE § 1932	Directs the Dept. of Fish & Game to ensure recognition of the state's most significant natural areas, including those affected by climate change.
California Ocean Protection Trust Fund established; use of funds (2008)	CAL. PUB. RESOURCES CODE § 35650	Provides funding for adaptive activities to minimize climate change impacts on the state's ocean ecosystem
Funding; investigation; study and identification of essential wildlife corridors and habitat linkages; legislative intent (2008)	CAL. FISH & GAME CODE §1930.5	When looking at wildlife corridors and habitat linkages, Dep't is to look at impact of these areas on climate change.
Regional Transportation Plans (2008)	CAL. GOV'T CODE § 65080	Transportation regions will develop plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
Joint policy committee; regional strategies(2008)	CAL. GOV'T CODE § 66646.2	Look at impact of climate change on San Francisco Bay
Screening committee (2008)	CAL. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 39705	Directs the state air resources board to appoint a screening committee, which must contain at least two members who have demonstrated expertise in climate change, to review and approve state-funded climate change-related research projects
Adoption of hydrogen fuel regulations (2008)	CAL. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 43869	Adoption of hydrogen regulations to ensure development in state.
Strategic Growth Council & Climate Change Reduction (2008)	CAL. PUB. RES. CODE §§ 75120 - 75130	Look at and award funds to state agencies based on programs that will help meet goals in Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Also award assistance to communities with plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Contents of Plan (2008)	CAL. WATER CODE § 9614	Management plan will include probable impacts on climate change, among other things.
California Forest Legacy Program Act of 2007; legislative findings and declarations (2007)	CAL. PUB. RESOURCES CODE § 12210	Recognizes the important role of forests in helping the state achieve greenhouse gas emission reductions targets by removing and storing carbon dioxide
Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (2007)	CAL. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 44272	Creates the alternative and renewable fuels program to help attain state's climate change policies and programs
Preparation, development, and transmittal, by specified date of guidelines for mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions; certification and adoption by Resources Agency; periodic updating of guidelines (2007)	CAL. PUB. RES. CODE § 21083.05	Office of Planning and Management will develop guidelines for the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions.
Waste Heat & Carbon Emissions Reduction Act (2007)	CAL. PUB. UTIL. CODE §§ 2840 - 2845	Look at ways to use waste heat to generate electricity and reduce carbon dioxide emissions.
Solar Home Heating Systems (2007)	CAL. PUB. UTIL. CODE §§ 2860 - 2867.3	Promotion of solar energy for electricity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel generation.
Greenhouse Gas Emission Performance Standard for Baseload Electrical Generating Resources (2007)	CAL. PUB. UTIL. CODE §§ 8340 - 8341	Electrical Utilities in order to enter into long term financial commitments have to comply with greenhouse gases emission performance standard established by the state.

Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (2007)	CAL. WATER CODE § 142	Dep't of Water Resources is to reduce greenhouse gases associated with water usage.
Report to Legislature (2007)	CAL. WATER CODE § 531.5	Look at feasibility of creating a water management database. Will look to see how database would provide information on climate change.
Prioritizing funds; proposals to acquire forestland; reduction or sequestration of greenhouse gas emissions (2006)	CAL. FISH & GAME CODE § 1356	Can prioritize funds that can be used to sequester greenhouse gases
California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (2006)	CAL. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §§ 38500 - 38599	Legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the state to 1990 levels by 2020
Legislative findings and declarations regarding smog index labels; renaming labels; global warming gas emission information; label requirements; funding; definitions (2006)	CAL. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 43200.1	Requires global warming gas emission index to be on every motor vehicle made after 2009.
Sustainable Communities & Climate Change Reduction (2006)	CAL. PUB. RES. CODE § 75065	Money available for cities to among other things to increase a city's adaptability to climate change.
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta; development of strategic plan to achieve a sustainable delta; plan components (2006)	CAL. WATER CODE § 79473	Plan will take into account the likely impacts of global warming and climate change.
Funding for planning and feasibility studies related to existing and potential future needs for water supply, conveyance and flood control systems (2006)	CAL. PUB. RES. CODE § 75041	Directs funding for the evaluation of climate change impacts on the state's water supply and flood control systems, and ways to improve adaptation
Secretary for Environmental Protection; coordination of greenhouse gas reductions and climate-change activities. (2004)	CAL. GOV'T CODE § 12812.6	Sec'y of Env'tl. Prot. is in charge of coordinating climate change activities in state government

Public Interest energy strategies; analytical components; identification of trends (2002)	CAL. PUB. RES. CODE § 25305	Develop public interest energy plans that among other things work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and impacts on climate change.
Urban Forestry (2001)	CAL. PUB. RES. CODE §§ 4799.06 - 4799.12	Promote the planting of trees in urban areas to help sequester carbon and reduce greenhouse gases
State Agency Greenhouse Gas Reduction Report Card (1993)	CAL. GOV'T CODE §§ 12890 - 12893	Helps to insure that state agencies are reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
Member of the Western Climate Initiative		California, Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and four Canadian Provinces created the WCI in 2007. Focus of group is to identify, evaluate, and implement collective and cooperative ways to reduce greenhouse gases in the region, focusing on a market-based cap-and-trade system.