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2011: Milestones and Accomplishments



Budget & Economy



Realignment



Jobs



Cut Waste



Efficiency



Renewables



Pensions



Equality

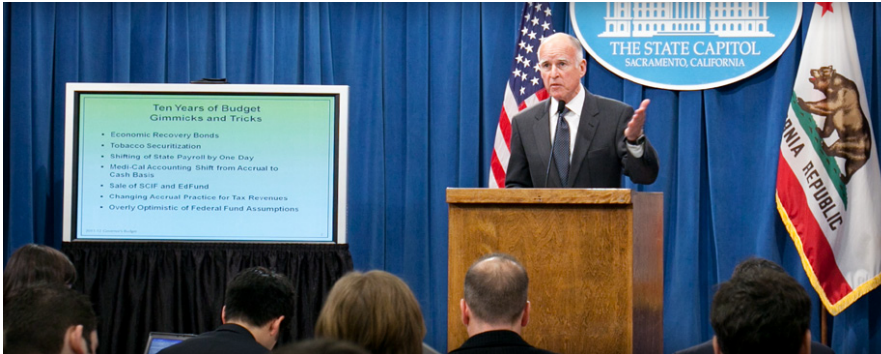


Other Highlights



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Balanced The Budget Honestly, Cut The Deficit In Half



When Governor Brown returned to Sacramento after 28 years, California faced a \$26.6 billion budget deficit—the result of years of failing to match spending with tax revenues, as budget gimmicks instead of honest budgeting became the norm.

In January, he proposed a budget that combined deep cuts with a temporary extension of some existing taxes. It was a balanced approach that would have finally closed the state budget gap. He asked the Legislature to enact the plan and allow the people to vote on it. Republicans blocked an election, however, refusing to provide the four votes needed to put the measure on the ballot.

“This is an honest but painful budget that returns California’s General Fund spending to levels unseen since the 1970s. We’ve cut our deficit by \$15 billion dollars and achieved financial balance this year. This is a huge step forward. But California’s long-term stability depends on our willingness to continue to pay down debt and live within our means.”

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. – June 26, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/kGwmHc>

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Released Budget Address On YouTube

Addressed Californians on budget issues via YouTube.

<http://bit.ly/rYKrbU>

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Cut \$11 Billion In First Round

Shaved more than \$11 billion from deficit in first round of difficult cuts.

<http://bit.ly/hTcVtX>

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Unveiled Revised Budget

Unveiled revised budget to cut deficit, pay down debt.

<http://bit.ly/l5VHZw>

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Vetoed Gimmicky Budget

Vetoed budget because it relied on gimmicks, borrowing, one-time fixes.

<http://nyti.ms/jjQAo6>

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Signed Budget On Time

After negotiations following veto, signed honest, balanced and on-time budget.

<http://lat.ms/tWEw5y>

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Improved State’s Credit Rating

Because of honest budget, S&P upgraded California’s bond rating.

<http://reut.rs/r1pSqQ>

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Announced Trigger Cuts

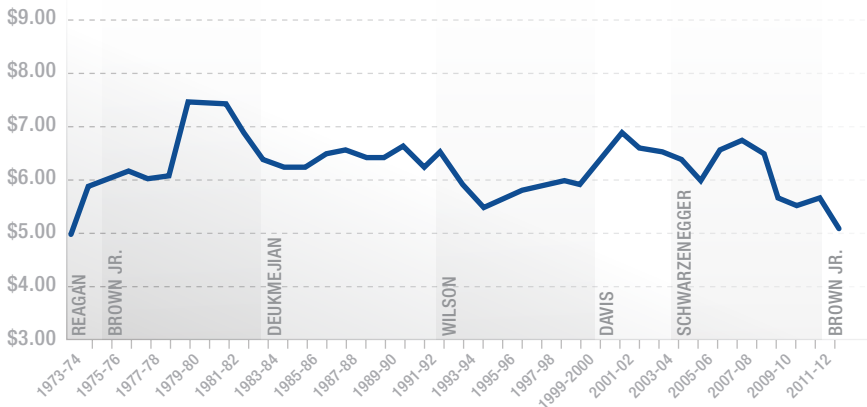
Announced \$1 billion in further cuts needed to balance budget.

<http://bit.ly/voo9Ch>

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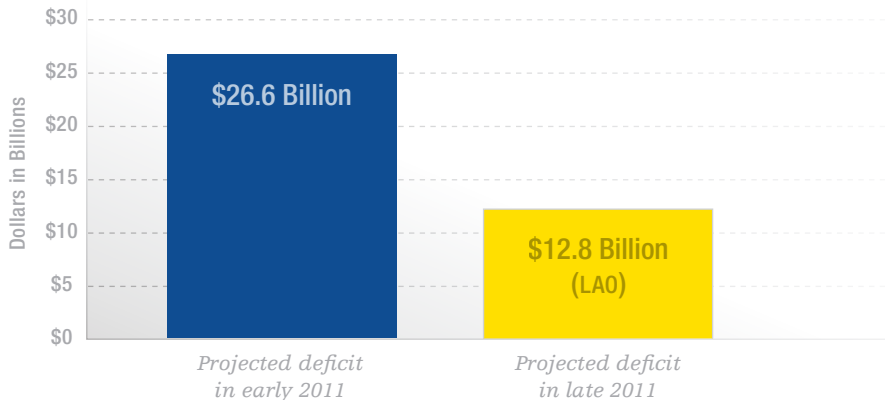


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The Lowest Level Of State Spending Since Reagan

General Fund Spending per \$100 of Personal Income.



The Governor's Budget Cut The Deficit in Half

Forced to act alone, Democrats enacted massive cuts and Gov. Brown signed the first honest, on-time budget in a decade. Without the tax extensions, however, it was not possible to eliminate the entire deficit.

By the end of the year, \$16 billion had been cut from the state budget. State spending as a share of the economy is now at the lowest level since Ronald Reagan was governor—and the state's credit rating has shifted from negative to stable.

These cuts were painful, but Gov. Brown was elected on a promise to confront the state's perennial budget crisis with honesty and resolve. From the outset, he clearly laid out the options: extend revenues or make deep cuts to public services.

In the year ahead, California faces another serious budget challenge. This time, Gov. Brown will sidestep Sacramento gridlock and ensure that the people get to vote on a better path for California.



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Key Milestones

Jumpstarted Work On Budget By Holding Summits In Sacramento And Los Angeles During Transition

This is really a huge challenge – unprecedented in my lifetime. So we're here for a dialogue. To hear, to exchange ideas, to present the facts as best we can articulate them. My goal is to get some common understanding about the facts of the situation. What are the numbers? What is California facing and all of the institutions that our state government supports?

December 14, 2010 – <http://bit.ly/sxCvMo>

Reappointed Ana Matosantos To Run The Department Of Finance

Governor-Elect Jerry Brown today announced that Diana Dooley will be appointed the next Secretary of the Health and Human Services Agency and Ana Matosantos will continue as Director of the California Department of Finance.

December 17, 2010 – <http://bit.ly/vu07HT>

Committed To A Tough, Honest Budget In Inaugural Address

The budget I present next week will be painful, but it will be an honest budget. The items of spending will be matched with available tax revenues and specific proposals will be offered to realign key functions that are currently spread between state and local government in ways that are complex, confusing and inefficient. The plan represents my best understanding of our real dilemmas and possibilities. It is a tough budget for tough times.

January 3, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/tnbPKk>

Introduced Budget Slashing State Spending By \$12.5 Billion, Called On Legislature To Let People Vote On Tax Extensions

Governor Jerry Brown released a balanced state budget today that slashes spending by \$12.5 billion, including an eight to 10 percent cut in take-home pay for most state employees, and proposes a 'vast and historic' restructuring of government operations.

January 10, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/heniil>

Pledged To Put California's Fiscal House In Order, Renewed Call To Let The People Vote In State Of The State Address

January 31, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/fPJltj>

Received Broad Backing From Business, Labor, Law Enforcement, Agriculture And Tribal Leaders

February 25, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/evV4ey>

March 5, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/eVUS1J>

March 8, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/dK0jld>

March 9, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/hj648Y>

March 11, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/eLMaK3>

March 18, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/eK2wJP>

Called On Legislature To Think As "Californians First," Let Voters Decide On Taxes In First YouTube Address

March 21, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/ghrWoK>

Shaved More Than \$11 Billion From Budget Deficit In First Round Of Difficult Cuts

Governor Jerry Brown today signed 13 bills to reduce California's \$26.6 billion budget deficit. Brown also repeated his call for state legislators to let the people of California vote on whether to temporarily extend existing taxes or make deeper cuts to core services like education and public safety.

March 24, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/sYcvwZ>

Halted Budget Negotiations After Republican Legislators Continued To Block Right Of People To Vote

Each and every Republican legislator I've spoken to believes that voters should not have this right to vote unless I agree to an ever changing list of collateral demands... Let me be clear: I support pension reform, regulatory reform and a spending cap and offered specific and detailed proposals for each of these during our discussions. While we made significant progress on these reform issues, the Republicans continued to insist on including demands that would materially undermine any semblance of a balanced budget.

March 29, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/rM1TDd>

March 29, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/s8SXM2>



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Key Milestones *continued...*

Unveiled May Revision To Balance Budget, Pay Down Debt

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today unveiled a revised state budget that reduces by nearly \$3 billion the amount of taxes needed to balance the budget, spurs job creation through new tax incentives and pays off most of the \$34.7 billion debt built up over the last decade.

May 16, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/l2KyOL>

Vetoed Budget Reliant On Legally Questionable Maneuvers, Costly Borrowing And Unrealistic Savings

In a YouTube video and veto message released today, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. announced that he will not sign Senate Bill 69 and Assembly Bill 98, which together comprise the state budget passed by the Legislature on June 15, 2011.

June 16, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/lmbmYs>

Signed Honest, Balanced And On-Time Budget

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today signed the 2011-12 California State Budget (SB 87), dropping General Fund spending to the lowest level in decades, returning authority to local government and closing the state's \$26.6 billion deficit. The budget makes substantial cuts to government programs and reduces state spending by \$15 billion. As a result, California's General Fund spending—as a share of the economy—is now at its lowest level since 1972-73.

June 30, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/kGwmHc>

Stabilized California's Credit Rating And Secured Top Rating For Sale of Revenue Anticipation Notes

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today issued the following statement regarding Standard & Poor's rating for California's upcoming sale of Revenue Anticipation Notes: "Today, Standard & Poor's assigned its highest possible rating to California's upcoming sale of Revenue Anticipation Notes. This is a strong indication that our state's finances are on the right track. Despite the uncertain economy, I intend to do everything possible to keep state revenues and spending in balance."

July 7, 2011 – <http://reut.rs/r1pSqQ>

September 1, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/qNz9CA>

Protected Savings And Investor Confidence in California

The Governor vetoed SBX1 6 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, which alters the trigger cuts mechanism in the 2011-2012 state budget. The bill would have required the Director of the Department of Finance to consult with legislative leaders on alternatives to the cuts outlined in the budget and thereby raise questions that could affect the sales of Revenue Anticipation Notes and General Obligation bonds.

September 16, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/oabhTS>

Praised \$1.8 Billion Bond Sale As "Homegrown Economic Stimulus"

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today said the sale of \$1.8 billion in general obligation bonds will help create tens of thousands of jobs and bolster economic recovery efforts by funding major infrastructure projects throughout California.

October 20, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/qz0rfn>

Directed Administration To Use Honest, Common-Sense Budgeting Methods

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today issued an Executive Order directing the California Department of Finance (DOF) to incorporate common sense program-evaluation methods into the budgeting process, in order to fund programs based on their necessity and effectiveness. The Order's goal is to cut costs and increase efficiency in this and future year state budgets.

December 8, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/uBWv37>

Enacted Trigger Cuts To Maintain Balanced Budget

When Governor Brown took office, California faced a \$26.6 billion budget deficit. In January, he proposed a budget that combined deep cuts with a temporary extension of some existing taxes. It was a balanced approach that would have finally closed our budget gap. Today, we know revenues are more than \$ 2.2 billion below projections. As a result, today another \$1 billion will be cut from public schools, universities, libraries and district attorneys who prosecute local crimes.

December 13, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/svnrDR>

Court Upheld Budget, Eliminated Redevelopment Agencies

Today's ruling by the California Supreme Court validates a key component of the state budget and guarantees more than a billion dollars of ongoing funding for schools and public safety.

December 29, 2011 – <http://lat.ms/sCXoIB>



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Enacted Historic Public Safety Realignment, Shifted Law Enforcement Funds To Local Level



In his inaugural address, Governor Brown pledged to “return—as much as possible—decisions and authority to cities, counties and schools, closer to the people.” This is the principle behind realignment: a government more grounded in, and accountable to, local communities. Gov. Brown’s broad program of realignment aims to reshape the state-local relationship to move control away from Sacramento and back to the people.

“We think local government can do this and can do it better. That said, we need the tools, which in this case, means a constitutional guarantee that the funding necessary for success, is protected for the future. We appreciate that Governor Brown has strongly stated his support of this approach.”

Yolo County Supervisor and California State Association of Counties (CSAC)
First Vice President Mike McGowan
September 29, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/vzAKHZ>

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Introduced Realignment Plan

Introduced plan for historic realignment of state-local relationship.

<http://bit.ly/uXkl9N>

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Signed Realignment Law

Signed AB 109 to realign sentencing of low-level felons to county jails.

<http://lat.ms/uX3dvK>

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Supreme Court Ordered Reduction

U.S. Supreme Court ordered California to reduce its prison population.

<http://bloom.bg/I3T7L2>

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Promised Constitutional Protection

Vowed to seek constitutional amendment protecting realignment funding.

<http://bit.ly/m0wNrx>

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Launched Historic Realignment

Pledged “maximum support” to local officials as realignment took effect.

<http://bit.ly/uV2LK9>

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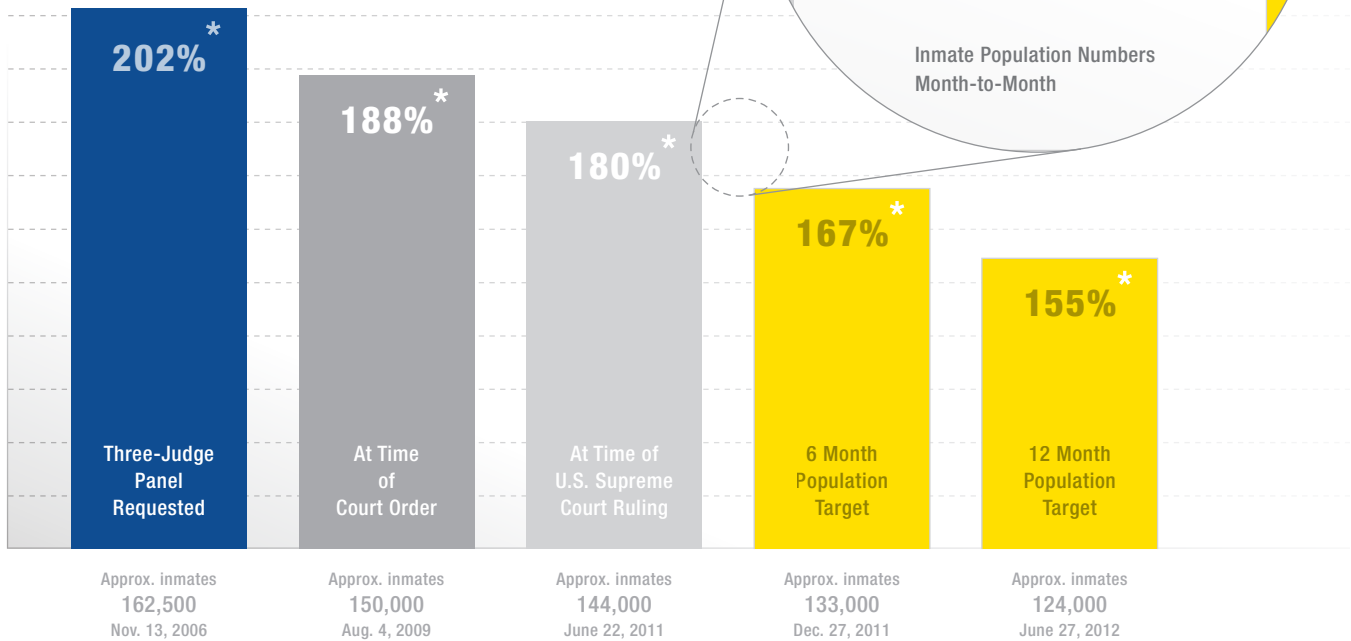
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Court-Ordered Targets For CDCR Inmate Population Reduction



* Percent of design capacity—Design capacity is the number of inmates a prison can house based on one inmate per cell, single-level bunks in dormitories, and no beds in spaces not designed for housing. The current design capacity of CDCR's 33 adult facilities is 79,650.

This year Gov. Brown rolled out the first part of his realignment agenda, signing legislation to shift the lowest-level offenders out of the state prison system and into local jails. Coinciding with a U.S. Supreme Court order to reduce overcrowding in the state prisons, AB 109 and AB 117 provide a framework and funding for county jails to house non-violent, non-serious felons who would have otherwise gone to state prisons.

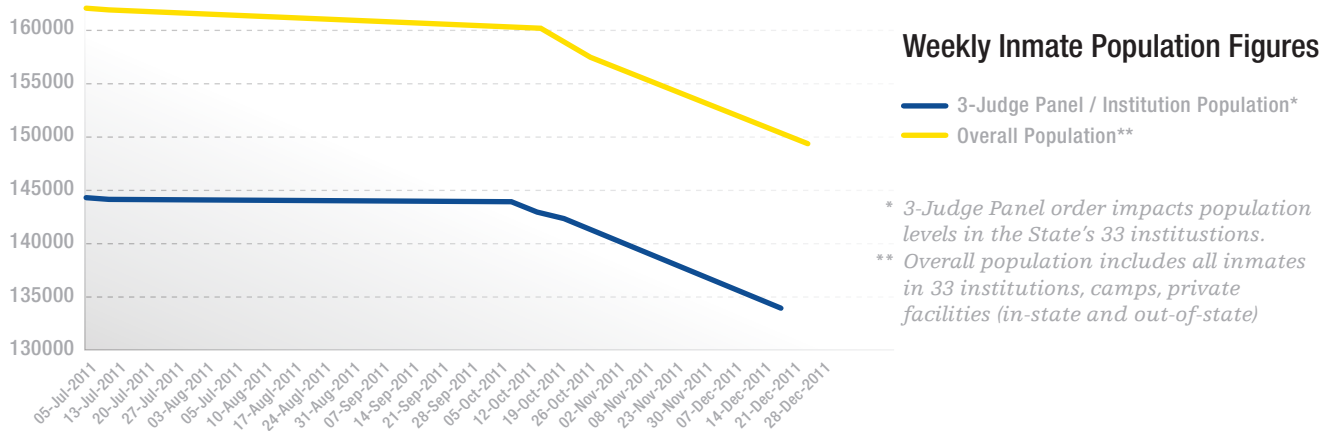
Housing low-level criminals in the counties where they committed their crimes has advantages beyond the obvious cost savings and reduced strain

on the overcrowded prisons. Local communities have resources—social services, mental health, education, jobs, even the families of offenders—that can help prevent them from reoffending and going back to jail. In enacting penal realignment, Gov. Brown intends to close the revolving door of our prisons while achieving major cost savings and avoiding a massive early release.

For years, reports from experts and Blue Ribbon panels have called for realignment. In his first year, Governor Brown got it done.



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“For too long, the state’s prison system has been a revolving door for lower-level offenders and parole violators who are released within months—often before they are even transferred out of a reception center. Cycling these offenders through state prisons wastes money, aggravates crowded conditions, thwarts rehabilitation, and impedes local law enforcement supervision.”

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., AB 109 signing message – April 5, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/tqyuze>

Key Milestones

Introduced Historic Realignment Plan To Boost Public Safety, Bring Government Closer To The People And Empower Law Enforcement

Governor Jerry Brown released a balanced state budget today that slashes spending by \$12.5 billion, including an eight to 10 percent cut in take-home pay for most state employees ... The Governor said his realignment plan, which he called ‘vast and historic,’ will return decisions and authority to cities, counties and schools and ‘allow government at all levels to focus on core functions and become more efficient and less expensive’ by reducing duplication of services and administrative costs.

January 10, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/heniil>

Received Broad Backing From Police Chiefs, Sheriffs, Peace Officers, Probation Officers And Other Law Enforcement Leaders.

March 8, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/erJqJU>

Signed Realignment Plan Into Law

April 5, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/hjzASB>



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Key Milestones *continued...*

Restructured CDCR Headquarters To Improve Efficiency Of State Prison System

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today announced 'long overdue' personnel and program restructuring at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR) headquarters. This significant change to CDCR will eliminate more than 400 headquarters' positions and save the state \$30 million in General Fund dollars.

May 31, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/lnqQZn>

Vowed To Pursue Constitutional Protection For Realignment Funding, Pledged State Support

September 21, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/olS9D5>

September 29, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/vzAKHZ>

Honored Law Enforcement Officers Across California For Their Bravery

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today awarded the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, California's highest public safety award, to 13 public safety officers for their bravery and commitment to the people of California

September 14, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/r2my4G>

Signed Legislation To Protect California Against Criminals And Prison Gangs

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today signed SB 26 and Executive Order B-11-11, to help deprive criminals and gang leaders in California's prisons of one of their favorite means of organizing criminal activity: the contraband cellular phone. Brown said these measures would help "break up an expanding criminal network" that uses cellular phones to plan crimes both inside and outside of prison walls.

September 29, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/sDVTea>

October 6, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/pxqfug>

October 9, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/rs5BsR>

"The state's options were to immediately release 33,000 inmates onto the streets, or to 'realign': move much of the authority for inmates to the county level. Gov. Jerry Brown wisely chose the latter course. Counties now have to do what state government couldn't: make choices about whom to keep behind bars, whom to monitor at home with ankle bracelets, whom to refer for drug treatment."

Los Angeles Times Editorial
November 13, 2011 – <http://lat.ms/s2MyJ0>



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Drove Job Creation And Encouraged Economic Development



At the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in September 2011, Governor Brown called on Pacific Rim leaders to “wage war” on unemployment. Gov. Brown himself wasted no time, providing a strong foundation for economic growth by stabilizing California’s finances and shifting the state’s credit rating from negative to stable.

Next, Gov. Brown appointed former BankAmerica executive Mike Rossi as his senior advisor for jobs and business development. His first task: Work with the legislature to successfully streamline the state’s economic development infrastructure and create the Office of Business and Economic Development (Go-Biz).

“The governor’s concern about overregulation was reinforced by his vetoes of measures that would have made the state workers’ compensation process more complex and costly.”

San Diego Union Tribune Editorial Board
October 11, 2011 – <http://bit.ly/ohp49j>

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17 **Appointed Business Advisor**
Appointed Mike Rossi Senior Advisor for Jobs and Business Development.
<http://lat.ms/pSEhEx>

25 **Proposed “Jobs First” Plan**
Proposed “Jobs First” plan to close tax loopholes, offer incentives for hiring.
<http://bit.ly/va9mEE>

23 **Signed Amazon Compromise**
Signed compromise bill on “Amazon tax” to protect brick-and-mortar stores.
<http://lat.ms/oWbjfo>

27 **Fast-Tracked Major Projects**
Signed bill to streamline environmental review for large job-creating projects.
<http://es.pn/r6PlwB>

10 **Welcomed Solar Giant**
Welcomed relocation of solar-power giant SunEdison from Maryland to California.
<http://bit.ly/qHVbVx>



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"It's time for big thinking and big projects that put Californians back to work. Projects like Farmers Field can create thousands of jobs during a tough economic time, so it is imperative for the state to cut the red tape that could delay projects like this for years. These bills strike the right balance between protecting our environment and kick-starting jobs and investment in California." Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. – September 27, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/qhrqSv>

In 2011, the administration directly assisted more than 3,595 businesses, which created or saved 6,078 jobs and brought \$757 million in investment. Major companies like Dell Inc., Bayer HealthCare, Zollner Electronics, SunEdison, electric car manufacturer CODA and Caterpillar Logistics all expanded in California.

Small business is the backbone of California's economy. That's why Gov. Brown forged a landmark compromise with Amazon.com to ensure that online retailers pay their sales tax and do not have

an unfair advantage over brick-and-mortar stores.

He introduced legislation to lower taxes on businesses that create jobs in the state. And he fast-tracked thousands of jobs by streamlining environmental review for major construction projects—like Farmers Field stadium in Los Angeles. San Francisco will reap an estimated \$1.2 billion in economic activity and receive 450,000 visitors thanks to a bill Gov. Brown signed to improve the Port of San Francisco in time for the America's Cup.



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Gov. Brown also appointed new leadership to the California High-Speed Rail Authority and backed its revised business plan. *The Los Angeles Times* called high speed rail, “a major public work whose value to future generations could be compared to that of the California Water Project.”

Key Milestones

Broke Ground On World’s Largest Solar Power Projects In California Desert

California Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today joined Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and other federal, state and local officials at a groundbreaking ceremony for the Blythe Solar Power Project, a plan to build the largest solar energy facility in the world. The project will bring thousands of construction jobs to Riverside County and help California obtain 33 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2020.

June 17, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/fo8vD4>

Appointed Veteran Businessman To Lead State’s Job And Economic Development Efforts

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today announced the following appointment: Michael E. Rossi, 67, of Pebble Beach, has been appointed Senior Advisor for Jobs and Business Development in the Office of the Governor. In this role, Rossi will be the point of contact between California’s business and workforce leaders and the Administration; he will streamline and invigorate the state’s economic development infrastructure; and he will advise Governor Brown on regulatory, legislative and executive actions needed to drive job growth.

August 17, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/qttisy>

Crafted California Jobs First Package To Spur Job Creation

Taking action to put Californians to work, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today proposed a three-part California Jobs First plan that offers over \$1 billion a year in tax relief for businesses that create jobs in the state.

August 25, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/pLFFki>

Received Widespread Support From Business And Labor Leaders

August 25, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/qgMnlw>
September 6, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/oeueBn>

Reached Bipartisan Agreement With Assembly

September 8, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/pfh70E>
September 8, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/qRQnqn>

Called On Pacific Rim Leaders To Wage War On Unemployment

Speaking at the largest diplomatic gathering in California in more than 65 years, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today urged political and business leaders to wage a “war on unemployment” by combating global warming and preparing for climate change.

September 13, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/nSrANU>

Acted On Legislation To Protect Budget And Strengthen State’s Finances

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today awarded the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, California’s highest public safety award, to 13 public safety officers for their bravery and commitment to the people of California

September 16, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/oabhTS>
October 4, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/sGpCaq>
October 6, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/vz0hMg>

Signed Legislation To Create Jobs, Level Retail Playing Field And Guarantee Future Revenue From Online Sales

Approving a landmark legislative compromise that creates jobs and ensures that online retailers do not receive an unfair tax advantage over brick-and-mortar businesses, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today signed a bill that requires Amazon and other internet retailers to collect sales taxes starting next year. AB 155 (Calderon) paves the way for a nationwide solution by giving internet retailers time to push for passage of a federal bill that mirrors California’s legislation.

September 23, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/rTffQm>

Signed Legislation To Help S.F. Finance America’s Cup Infrastructure, Create Jobs

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today signed AB 664 (Ammiano) to finance improvements the Port of San Francisco needs to host the 2013 America’s Cup yacht race, considered along with the Olympics and the World Cup to be one of the world’s top sporting events. Brown said the race, which is projected to bring 450,000 visitors, more than 8,000 jobs and \$1.2 billion in economic activity, will put “wind in the sails” of the port’s revitalization.

September 23, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/nUeo7y>



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Key Milestones *continued...*

Signed Legislation To Fast-Track The Creation Of Thousands Of Jobs

Taking action to fast-track the creation of thousands of jobs, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today signed legislation to streamline environmental review for key construction projects. The two bills, signed during a ceremony at the proposed site of the Farmers Field stadium, are expected to drive hundreds of millions in economic investment while ensuring all projects meet California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) criteria.

September 27, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/qhrgSv>

Signed Legislation Establishing The Governor's Office Of Business And Economic Development (Go-Biz)

October 5, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/rD0yIE>

Joined SunEdison To Announce Company's Relocation To California

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today visited the new headquarters of SunEdison in Belmont to mark the company's decision to establish their world headquarters in California. The company, currently headquartered in Maryland, decided to make the move following actions by Governor Brown and the Legislature to create a friendlier business environment in California.

October 10, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/nmNNNR>

Opened New Dell Facility, Welcomed Hundreds Of New Jobs To California

In a move that will bring hundreds of new jobs to California, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today joined Dell Chairman and CEO Michael Dell to open the company's newest research and development center in Santa Clara.

October 19, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/o2p1IG>

Backed The California High-Speed Rail Authority's Revised Business Plan

November 1, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/vEf3FI>

Celebrated Grand Opening Of Clean-Car Maker CODA's New Headquarters

Brown joined business leaders and elected officials for the grand opening of CODA's global headquarters in Los Angeles. CODA is a clean energy technology company and a leading developer of electric vehicles and energy storage. It is one of the fastest growing companies in the Los Angeles area.

November 10, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/tS6Jlf>

Filed Initiative To Protect Education And Public Safety

The stark truth is that without new tax revenues, we will have no other choice but to make deeper and more damaging cuts to schools, universities, public safety and our courts. That is why I am filing today an initiative with the Attorney General's office that would generate nearly \$7 billion in dedicated funding to protect education and public safety. I am going directly to the voters because I don't want to get bogged down in partisan gridlock as happened this year. The stakes are too high.

December 5, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/uaVgA9>

Announced Opening Of Universal Studio's Harry Potter Exhibit

Now Governor Jerry Brown, Universal President Ron Meyer, the Weasley Twins (!) James and Oliver Phelps, and a host of other luminaries have confirmed the fact, via a much-photographed Butterbeer toast on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

December 10, 2011 – <http://bit.ly/SW2CP3>



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Cut Waste, Curbed Government Spending



Governor Brown moved swiftly to slash government spending and cut waste after taking office, issuing a series of directives to save taxpayers millions of dollars and show that, in challenging times, government can lead by example.

"I'm opening every closet door and pulling out the drawers and finding out what's there that shouldn't be there."

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. – January 11, 2011 – <http://lat.ms/teLETC>

His first week in office, Gov. Brown ordered half of all state-issued cell phones to be collected—starting with his own. He then issued an Executive Order to slash the state's vehicle fleet and asked the state's top watchdogs—the Little Hoover Commission and the Bureau of State Audits—for their top ideas on how to cut waste.

JAN	11	Cut Cell Phones Ordered agencies and departments to cut half of their phones. http://bit.ly/h3cXIH
	28	Reduced State Vehicle Fleet Ordered agencies and departments to reduce vehicle fleet by half. http://bit.ly/eEeLwt
FEB	18	Banned S.W.A.G Ordered agencies to stop buying promotional trinkets. http://bit.ly/dQxmvz
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APR	18	Banned Non-Essential Travel Banned non-essential travel by state employees. http://bit.ly/vdhDPn
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Gov. Brown put a stop to spending on S.W.A.G.—giveaway items such as key chains, coffee mugs and toys—that had cost taxpayers millions. He also directed the state to recover millions of dollars in salary and travel advances to employees, issued a sweeping directive banning non-essential state employee travel and directed state agencies and departments to eliminate unnecessary reports.

As we climb out of this fiscal crisis, Gov. Brown will continue to find ways to save taxpayer dollars and trim waste at all levels of state government.

Key Milestones

Ordered Massive Cell Phone Cutback For State Employees In First Executive Order

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. today announced that the state has eliminated 29,398 cell phones, achieving a 44 percent reduction in the number of phones issued to state employees in state agencies and departments under the Governor’s direct authority. Deeper cuts will be made in the next 30 days in order to reach the target number of 33,559 cell phones and achieve the 50 percent reduction outlined in an Executive Order issued on January 11, 2011. The 50 percent reduction is expected to save taxpayers at least \$13 million.

January 11, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/e7n99g>

June 8, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/KCXn8w>

Directed State To Dramatically Reduce Car Fleet

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today announced that an executive order to purge unnecessary vehicles has already cut the state’s fleet by 3,800, which is expected to save \$11.4 million next year and bring in \$5 million from auction revenue. These cuts meet approximately 32 percent of the state’s goal to reduce 5,500 passenger cars and trucks, and deeper cuts will continue as the state eliminates more unnecessary vehicles across every department.

January 28, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/g72Y8a>

July 7, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/nl904V>

“... Californians seem to be getting a kick out of Brown’s cheap side. With his gift for symbolism or, some say, gimmickry, he froze state hiring, banned official cellphones and barred state agencies from giving out swag — coffee mugs, hats and cups. He flies commercial, often solo, on Southwest Airlines, with a senior citizen discount.”

Maureen Dowd, *New York Times*
March 5, 2011 – <http://nyti.ms/vX8lcf>

Ordered Immediate Statewide Hiring Freeze

Continuing his work to save scarce taxpayer dollars, Governor Jerry Brown today issued a hiring freeze across state government... The hiring freeze is comprehensive, applying to vacant, seasonal and full and part-time positions. It prohibits hiring outside contractors to compensate for the hiring freeze, converting part-time positions into full-time positions and transferring employees between agencies and departments.

February 15, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/e5Ulej>

Solicited Ideas To Tackle Government Waste From State’s Top Watchdogs

Seeking the best ideas to cut government waste and increase efficiency, Governor Jerry Brown has asked the Bureau of State Audits and the Little Hoover Commission to each provide a list of ‘Top 10 Actions’ California can take to achieve these goals.”

February 16, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/ff4NKM>



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Key Milestones *continued...*

Put An End To State-Funded “S.W.A.G.”

Governor Jerry Brown’s administration today directed all state agencies and departments to stop spending taxpayer dollars on free giveaway and gift items—such as key chains, coffee mugs and squeeze toys—as part of continuing efforts to cut costs and tackle the state’s budget gap.

February 18, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/eJBswT>

...Obama Administration Bans S.W.A.G.

First came a two-year pay freeze for federal workers. Now, the tote bags have to go, too. And the mugs, mouse pads, T-shirts and other items that bear the names of agencies and often are given away to employees and the general public. The reduction in swag is part of President Obama’s order Wednesday that agencies must make 20 percent spending cuts on government-paid travel, vehicles and technology — and the freebies handed out to help promote an agency’s mission.

November 9, 2011 – <http://wapo.st/sbRDld>

Ordered State Agencies To Recover Uncollected Salary And Travel Advances

Upon learning that millions of dollars in employee salary and travel advances are going uncollected, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. today issued an Executive Order to ensure state agencies and departments recover taxpayer dollars and improve internal accounting

April 20, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/dlWwx8>

Banned Non-Essential State Employee Travel

Taking further action to save taxpayer dollars and cut government waste, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. today issued a sweeping Executive Order to halt state employee travel that is not mission-critical. This Executive Order comes one week after the Governor ordered state agencies and departments to recover millions of dollars in uncollected salary and travel advances.

April 26, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/g8YHda>

Called On CSU Leaders To Rethink Administrators’ Inflated Compensation Packages

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today sent the following letter to Herbert Carter, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the California State University... At a time when the state is closing its courts, laying off public school teachers and shutting senior centers, it is not right to be raising the salaries of leaders who—of necessity—must demand sacrifice from everyone else. These are difficult times and difficult choices must be made. I ask that you rethink the criteria for setting administrators’ salaries

July 12, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/ndCCxB>

Directed State Agencies And Departments To Eliminate Unnecessary Legislative Reports

In another move to make government more efficient and reduce unnecessary costs, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today issued an Executive Order directing the state’s agencies and departments to review the approximately 2,600 annual reports they are required to submit to the Legislature, and identify those that are no longer useful or necessary.

December 12, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/vYGe0x>

“Every taxpayer dollar we save by cutting waste is a dollar that can be used to pay for critical public safety and social services.”

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.
February 18, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/eJBswT>



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Consolidated And Reorganized To Make Government More Efficient



Even before he was inaugurated, Governor Brown was taking action to make state government more economical and efficient. In January, he returned 84 percent of the funds slated for his transition and reduced his own office budget by more than 25 percent, saving the state \$7 million.

Once in office, he continued to find efficiencies and save taxpayer dollars. He cancelled a shortsighted plan to sell state buildings, saving taxpayers more than \$6 billion over 35 years, and he saved taxpayers another \$356 million by canceling plans to build new death row housing at San Quentin prison.

Gov. Brown has consolidated and reorganized government across California. He ordered a statewide hiring freeze, forcing agencies and

“California is facing a huge deficit and it is necessary to find savings throughout all of government. We all have to make cuts and I’m starting with my own office.”

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. – Jan 7, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/rJ1s8P>

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Cut His Office Budget

Returned transition funds and reduced office budget by over 25 percent.

<http://cbsloc.al/eCkM5n>

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Froze Hiring

Ordered immediate statewide hiring freeze.

<http://bit.ly/ec5LQ2>

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Canceled Building Sale

Canceled sale of state properties, saving taxpayers billions.

<http://lat.ms/rWQodH>

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Restructured CDCR

Restructured CDCR headquarters, saving \$30 million.

<http://bit.ly/vgQ0py>

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Established Veterans’ Council

Established Interagency Council On Veterans to improve coordination of services.

<http://1.usa.gov/ooU96n>

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“We are thrilled. The deal was unprecedented in the history of California. We have never in the past resorted to selling off the crown jewels of the state in this manner.”

Anne-Marie Murphy, attorney for the former commissioners, on Governor Brown's cancellation of building sale
February 10, 2011 – <http://lat.ms/rWQodH>

departments to get the job done without adding to payroll. He directed the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to restructure their headquarters, eliminating 400 unneeded positions to save \$30 million General Fund dollars. He eliminated the Office of the Secretary of Education, merged the State Personnel Board and the Department of Personnel Administration into a single human resources office, and proposed the elimination of unnecessary and costly boards and commissions. He also eliminated the state's federal stimulus fund watchdog.

Gov. Brown's policies reflect the fact that efficiency isn't just about cuts—it's also about better coordination. He established the Interagency Council on Veterans to improve services across local, state and federal government, and created the position of the Governor's Tribal Advisor to work with tribal government and the Governor's Office on legislation, policy and regulation.

Looking ahead to 2012, the Governor will propose more efficiencies to cut government costs, increase consolidation and carefully steward taxpayer dollars. He has already begun that process with two executive orders related to government efficiency, one of which calls for the Department of Finance to create a new budgeting process based on performance measures.

Key Milestones

Restructured CDCR Headquarters, Saving \$30 Million

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today announced 'long overdue' personnel and program restructuring at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR) headquarters. This significant change to CDCR will eliminate more than 400 headquarters' positions and save the state \$30 million in General Fund dollars.

March 31, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/InoqZn>

Canceled Plan To Build Condemned Inmate Housing Facility At San Quentin, Saving Taxpayers Hundreds Of Millions

Acting to save taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today canceled plans to build new housing for condemned inmates at San Quentin... This project would have added another \$356 million to the state's debt, at an annual cost of \$28.5 million in debt service that would have come out of General Fund dollars.

April 28, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/lrPpgE>

Proposed Merger Of State's Personnel Agencies To Save Millions Of Taxpayer Dollars, Improve Efficiency

Taking action to trim government bureaucracy and save California taxpayers millions of dollars, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today announced a long overdue plan to merge the state's two personnel agencies – the State Personnel Board (SPB) and the Department of Personnel Administration (DPA) – into a single California Department of Human Resources (CalHR)

May 10, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/m4VB5x>



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Key Milestones *continued...*

Called For Elimination Of Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board

In another move to save taxpayer dollars, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. has proposed eliminating the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board... The Governor's proposal, which will be included in the May Revise of the budget, calls for the Appeals Board to be eliminated by June 30, 2012 and will save up to \$1.2 million in salary and travel costs.

May 13, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/jL6Aa8>

Established California Interagency Council On Veterans To Improve Government Coordination

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today issued an Executive Order establishing the California Interagency Council on Veterans to improve how veterans' services are coordinated across local, state and federal government.

August 23, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/ooU96n>

Established Tribal Advisor Position To Strengthen Ties With California's Native American Tribes

In order to strengthen communication and collaboration between California state government and Native American Tribes, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today issued an Executive Order establishing the position of Governor's Tribal Advisor in the Office of the Governor. This position will serve as a direct link between the Governor's Office and tribal governments on matters including legislation, policy and regulation.

September 19, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/n8esne>



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Championed Renewable Energy And Environmental Sustainability



During his first terms as governor from 1975-1983, Governor Brown championed solar energy as the key to a better future for California and the world. This year, he continued his decades-long campaign to make California the world's leader in energy independence and environmental sustainability.

In April, he signed historic legislation requiring that California get at least one-third of the state's electricity from clean energy sources by 2020. During the signing ceremony, Gov. Brown vowed to go even further—setting a goal of 40 percent renewable energy by 2020. These landmark standards put California at the forefront of the rapidly expanding renewable energy economy, which created thousands of jobs across the state in 2011.

Last summer, Gov. Brown attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the largest solar energy plant in the world, the Blythe Solar Power Project. He was also instrumental in convincing solar industry leader SunEdison move its headquarters from Maryland to California, and he was on hand to welcome photovoltaic manufacturer Soitec to San Diego.

As 2011 came to a close, Gov. Brown convened a historic summit of climate scientists and experts to discuss how the state can prepare for extreme events caused by global warming. At a time when climate

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Signed Renewables Law

Signed into law highest renewable energy goals in the U.S.

<http://lat.ms/kejtAM>

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Signed Clean Drinking Water Laws

Signed seven laws aimed at bringing clean water to all Californians.

<http://bit.ly/ulkicx>

Banned Sale Of Shark Fins

Signed law banning sale of shark fins in California.

<http://bit.ly/oX8Gf4>

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Hosted Climate Change Conference

Hosted Governor's Conference on Extreme Climate Risks and California's Future.

<http://bit.ly/ufvLWf>

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science is under constant attack by those who deny the facts, Gov. Brown is making it clear that California won't back down on efforts to reduce its carbon footprint and reliance on fossil fuels while creating the jobs of the 21st century.

Key Milestones

Signed Legislation Giving California The Highest Renewable Energy Goals In The U.S.

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today signed SBX1 2, which requires one-third of the state's electricity to come from renewable sources. The legislation increases California's current 20 percent renewables portfolio standard target in 2010 to a 33 percent renewables portfolio standard by December 31, 2020.

April 12, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/hT45z6>

Signed Legislation To Expand Green Jobs Training, Boost Clean Energy

April 18, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/gwYUAX>

August 2, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/ra7JK2>

September 22, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/qEqLa2>

October 8, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/rCQ9bW>

Broke Ground On World's Largest Solar Power Projects In California Desert

California Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today joined Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and other federal, state and local officials at a groundbreaking ceremony for the Blythe Solar Power Project, a plan to build the largest solar energy facility in the world. The project will bring thousands of construction jobs to Riverside County and help California obtain 33 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2020.

June 17, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/fo8vD4>

Filed Legal Brief To Prevent Delay To Major Solar Project, Help State Meet Renewable Energy Goals And Create Green Jobs

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today announced that he has filed a brief asking a Federal court to deny the latest in a series of litigious maneuvers intended to prevent the completion of a key solar energy project in the Mojave desert, which is expected to create up to 1,000 construction jobs and produce enough clean energy to power 140,000 California homes.

July 22, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/q7b65P>

Hosted Conference With Industry And Government Leaders To Drive Local Renewable Energy Generation

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today announced 'The Governor's Conference on Local Renewable Energy Resources,' a two-day event in Los Angeles that will explore how the public and private sectors can drive local energy generation to meet his 12,000 megawatts goal for California by 2020.

July 25, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/nlXV6P>

Lauded Obama Administration's New Clean Car Standards Modeled After California's

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today issued the following statement in response to President Barack Obama's announcement of new stringent emissions and fuel economy standards: "President Obama's bold action today marks a major advance towards a more sustainable environment and less oil-dependent economy," said Gov. Brown. "As Attorney General, I sued the Bush Administration and major automobile companies so that California could adopt the bold emissions standards on which these new federal standards are based. California led the way, and all Californians can be proud that President Obama adopted our state's forward-thinking policy as a model for the nation."

July 29, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/nrHJlm>

Participated In National Clean Energy Summit

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. will join Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval and Washington Governor Christine Gregoire at the Clean Energy Summit 4.0 in Las Vegas, Nev., for a panel discussion on how the West's leadership in clean energy is influencing economic development, new technologies and national and international policymaking.

August 31, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/mVU12I>

Acted to Help Californians Save Money And Clean The Air With Solar Power

On a day when the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District issued its third dirty air alert in a week, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. visited Marshall Elementary School in Fowler and signed three bills that bolster the state's commitment to clean energy... SB 585, authored by Senator Christine Kehoe (D-San Diego), helps school districts to finance solar installations at local schools by authorizing \$200 million for the California Solar Initiative (CSI)... AB 1150 authorizes the California Public Utilities Commission to collect funds for the Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) through December 31, 2014... SB 16 requires the Department of Fish and Game to expedite their permitting process for renewable energy projects.

September 22, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/qEqLa2>



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Key Milestones *continued...*

Asked CPUC To Take Action To Restore Job-Creating Programs Following Legislature's Failure To Reauthorize Public Goods Charge

In a letter sent late last week, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. requested that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) take action to ensure that critical clean energy programs, like those supported by the Public Goods Charge, are instituted.

September 26, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/pYJhNv>

Joined Nevada Governor Sandoval To Announce Renewed Commitment To Preservation Of Lake Tahoe

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. and Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval announced a renewed commitment to updating the Regional Plan for Lake Tahoe and enhancing the role of the two states in cooperating with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA).

August 16, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/r8P4Pk>

Signed Legislation To Protect Oceans And Environment

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today signed legislation to protect the oceans and the environment. AB 376, by Assemblyman Paul Fong (D-Cupertino), bans the possession and sale of shark fins in California. The practice of 'finning' for culinary purposes has led to substantial declines in shark populations worldwide.

October 7, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/oqdzTu>
October 8, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/rCQ9bW>

Signed Legislation To Bring Clean Drinking Water To Californians

October 7, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/reQ00S>

Joined SunEdison To Announce Company's Relocation To California

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today visited the new headquarters of SunEdison in Belmont to mark the company's decision to establish their world headquarters in California. The company, currently headquartered in Maryland, decided to make the move following actions by Governor Brown and the Legislature to create a friendlier business environment in California.

October 10, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/nmNNNR>

California Reached Renewable Energy Milestone

California has hit a major renewable energy milestone: 1 gigawatt—or 1,000 megawatts—of solar power has been installed on rooftops throughout the state, according to a report to be released Wednesday by Environment California, a statewide advocacy group.

November 9, 2011 - <http://bit.ly/vqrkG6>

Celebrated Grand Opening Of Clean-Car Maker CODA's New Headquarters

Brown joined business leaders and elected officials for the grand opening of CODA's global headquarters in Los Angeles. CODA is a clean energy technology company and a leading developer of electric vehicles and energy storage. It is one of the fastest growing companies in the Los Angeles area.

November 10, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/tS6Jlf>

Hosted The Governor's Conference On Extreme Climate Risks And California's Future

Brown and environmental, business and public health and safety leaders came together at The Governor's Conference on Extreme Climate Risks and California's Future. The Governor's Conference focused on the threats of unpredictable and extreme weather events on the state's economy, business sectors, public health and natural resources. Attendees discussed the best ways to prepare and protect our state and adapt to these growing risks.

December 15, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/vbHbRM>

Highlighted Clean Energy Manufacturing Jobs In San Diego

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today joined business leaders and elected officials for the dedication of Soitec's North American headquarters in San Diego. Soitec's San Diego headquarters will produce concentrator photovoltaic (CPV) modules for the U.S. renewable-energy market and employ 450 people, while supporting an additional 1,000 indirect jobs in the region.

December 16, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/ux7Hc1>



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Pursued Bold, Fair Pension Reform



Financial crises around the world and strained government budgets have greatly increased public concern over the sustainability of public worker pensions. Reforming pensions is a complex and difficult task, one that calls for changes in law and policy at every level of government.

Governor Brown's Twelve-Point Pension Reform Plan covers all of California's public pensions and is a bold step toward bringing liabilities under control. The plan strikes a careful balance to ensure fairness for taxpayers and public service workers alike. It will require employees to pay an equal share of their pension contributions and will raise the retirement age for new non-safety employees from 55 to 67, while ending abuses like "spiking" and "airtime" that inflate pensions.

Gov. Brown's pension reform proposal will also create a mandatory hybrid system for new employees that would replace the current "defined benefit" system in which taxpayers bear all the risk for paying long term costs. New public employee pensions would consist of three parts: a defined benefit component, a defined contribution component that will be managed professionally to reduce the risk of employee loss and a Social Security component.

According the Sacramento Bee, "Gov. Jerry Brown has delivered on his campaign promise to tackle pension reform. The plan he put forward last week is bold and comprehensive."

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Released Bill Language

Released bill language for seven pension reform measures and five reforms under development.

<http://1.usa.gov/hix77u>

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Proposed Twelve-Point Plan

Proposed twelve-point plan to reform public pensions.

<http://bit.ly/u6JBF9>

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Pension Plan Praised

Stakeholders and editorial boards praised Gov. Brown's plan.

<http://on.wsj.com/shxNzf>

LAO Gave Thumbs-Up

<http://bloom.bg/rVbSrM>

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Testified To Legislature

Addressed legislative committee on pension reform.

<http://bit.ly/vYKwgn>

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Gov. Brown sees the pension reform problem as an opportunity for Californians—lawmakers, voters, workers, and public officials—to come together and enact common-sense, necessary reforms. In the coming year, he will work to build strong support for the plan and make California’s public pension system sustainable for the long term.

“I am pleased that Governor Brown is moving in the right direction in addressing our pension problem. I believe a hybrid pension system is a positive shift in the pension conversation. I am also pleased that he is looking at raising the age-limit, depoliticizing the CalPERS Board, dealing with retiree healthcare and curbing abuses.”

Sen. Mimi Walters
October 27, 2011 – <http://bit.ly/uPg7Kz>

Key Milestones

Proposed Twelve-Point Pension Plan To Attack California Multi-Billion Dollar Unfunded Liability

The pension reform plan I am proposing will apply to all California state, local, school and other public employers, new public employees, and current employees as legally permissible. It also will begin to reduce the taxpayer burden for state retiree health care costs and will put California on a more sustainable path to providing fair public retirement benefits.

October 27, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/tZFRwG>

Twelve-Point Pension Plan Received Support

Less than a week after Governor Brown announced a sweeping twelve-point plan for pension reform, commentators and editorial boards in both state and national media expressed strong support: *Wall Street Journal*, *Sacramento Bee*, *Modesto Bee*, *Fresno Bee*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *San Diego Union Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Riverside Press Enterprise*, *Santa Rosa Press Democrat*, *Daily Pilot*, *North County Times*, *Thomas D. Elias*, *Monterey County Herald*, *Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce*, *Merced Sun-Star*, *The Bakersfield Californian*, *Santa Cruz Sentinel*.

November 2, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/w47ssE>

Legislative Analyst Praised Brown’s Twelve-Point Pension Plan

Governor Jerry Brown’s plan to raise retirement ages and force new public employees into a hybrid 401(k)-style pension plan would “substantially ameliorate” California’s financial risk, a state analysis said.

November 8, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/w4kQP5>

Testified Before Joint Legislative Committee On Pension Reform

In my opinion, this is the minimum. This is what makes sense, consistent with the law and, I think, consistent with what the Legislature can get to,” Brown told members of a joint legislative committee on pensions

December 1, 2011 - <http://bit.ly/vYKwgn>



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Promoted Equality And Justice



Governor Brown has always been a strong supporter of civil rights and equality. This year, he built on that record by approving bold legislation to combat discrimination and ensure fairness under the law. In July, Gov. Brown signed SB 48, requiring public schools to teach the contributions of LGBT individuals, Pacific Islanders and persons with disabilities. While aimed primarily at increasing the

“History should be honest. This bill revises existing laws that prohibit discrimination in education and ensures that the important contributions of Americans from all backgrounds and walks of life are included in our history books.”

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.
June 26, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/pCib2s>

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Signed Cyber-Bullying Law

Signed law to prevent cyber-bullying in schools.

<http://lat.ms/qET1r2>

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Enacted Diversity Education

Signed bill to add LGBT, disabled persons, Pacific Islanders to history instruction.

<http://bit.ly/uDxrGX>

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Signed California Dream Act

Signed law allowing undocumented students to apply for financial aid.

<http://bit.ly/o4e9aL>

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Signed “Seth’s Law”

Signed “Seth’s Law” to prevent bullying in public schools.

<http://bit.ly/tbTAVv>

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Called For DOMA Repeal

Asked federal government to repeal “Defense of Marriage Act.”

<http://bit.ly/teJhZB>

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accuracy of instruction by recognizing figures and events that have often been omitted, this law is also expected to reduce bullying in schools, an issue of increasing public concern. The Governor also signed several other bills that address bullying more directly, including AB 9, "Seth's Law," which requires schools to develop consistent policies to deal with the problem.

Gov. Brown has also acted on civil rights issues relevant to the state's large population of undocumented workers. He signed into law both parts of the California Dream Act, which improves college opportunities for children brought into this country illegally by their parents. He also approved AB 353, ending the practice of confiscating cars from sober but unlicensed drivers at sobriety checkpoints.

Key Milestones

Signed SB 48 To Recognize Contributions Of LGBT Americans, Pacific Islanders And Persons With Disabilities

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today issued the following statement regarding SB 48 by Senator Mark Leno (D-San Francisco): 'History should be honest. This bill revises existing laws that prohibit discrimination in education and ensures that the important contributions of Americans from all backgrounds and walks of life are included in our history books. It represents an important step forward for our state, and I thank Senator Leno for his hard work on this historic legislation.'

July 14, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/pCib2s>

Signed The California Dream Act To Expand Educational Opportunity To All Qualified Students

Taking action to expand educational opportunity to all qualified students, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today signed the California Dream Act.

July 26, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/nJGAGM>

October 9, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/o7XLm7>

Nominated And Swore In Goodwin Liu To California Supreme Court

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. nominated Goodwin Liu, Professor of Law at the University of California, Berkeley Law School, to the state Supreme Court today. Liu, 40, previously was nominated by President Obama to serve on the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, which is based in San Francisco, but Liu withdrew his nomination two months ago after a Republican filibuster prevented senators from voting on his confirmation.

July 26, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/nvfVZc>

July 26, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/nYKwdp>

September 1, 2011 - <http://bit.ly/qlhK0c>

Honored Veterans With Proclamation And YouTube Message

Gov. Brown "honored California's veterans for their service, sacrifice and commitment today, on Veterans Day, in a YouTube video and proclamation.

November 11, 2011 - <http://bit.ly/urxmJE>

Petitioned Federal Government To Repeal Defense Of Marriage Act

Brown noted that 18,000 gay and lesbian couples were legally wed in California in the five months before November 2008, when voters reinstated the ban on same-sex marriage by passing Proposition 8. Those marriages remain valid despite a state Supreme Court ruling upholding Prop. 8, which is now being challenged in federal court.

November 15, 2011 - <http://bit.ly/teJhZB>

Called For The Investigation Of UC Police Use Of Force

Spurred by graphic images from recent police uses of force at UC campuses, Gov. Jerry Brown has requested that state police officers review their policies for using force and make changes to their guidelines accordingly.

November 28, 2011 - <http://bit.ly/sBLc6Q>



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Other Highlights

As California’s chief executive, Governor Brown carries out numerous official duties such as responding to disasters, welcoming dignitaries, appointing key members of the judiciary and executive branches and honoring peace officers, firefighters and soldiers killed in the line of duty.

Inaugurated Governor Of California

January 3, 2011

<http://1.usa.gov/tnbPKk>

Issued Executive Order To Assist California Communities Affected By The Japanese Tsunami

March 18, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/gQFxnN>



Delivered State Of The State Address - **January 31, 2011** - <http://1.usa.gov/fPJltj>



Appointed Sutter Brown First Dog Of California

February 15, 2011

<http://bit.ly/g3g0Wh>

Testified Before Joint Legislative Committee On The Budget

February 24, 2011 - <http://bit.ly/ru27M1>



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Appointed David S. Baldwin As Adjutant-General Of California National Guard
April 9, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/h8AVr3>

Declared States Of Emergency For 19 California Counties Following March Storms

April 15, 2011
<http://1.usa.gov/hAq2yP>

Dispatched California Department Of Fish & Game Experts To Assist In The Yellowstone River Oil Spill Response

July 12, 2011
<http://1.usa.gov/oVfkRu>



Welcomed The Duke And Duchess Of Cambridge To California
July 8, 2011 - <http://bit.ly/nAxJP4>



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Called For Jury Duty

July 25, 2011

<http://bit.ly/sbhdTH>

Hiked To The Top Of Yosemite Falls With The First Lady

July 20, 2011

<http://bit.ly/tPcuMy>



Presented Medal Of Valor Awards To 13 Peace Officers

September 14, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/r2my4G>



Swore-In His Nominee, Goodwin Liu, To The Supreme Court Of California

September 1, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/sWQbHr>

Discussed Budget And The Hard Choices Facing America In A CNN Interview

August 7, 2011

<http://bit.ly/w3H01v>

Joined CDCR To Recognize Employees For Heroism And Outstanding Service

September 1, 2011

<http://1.usa.gov/rsqZbY>



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Announced Winners Of The Governor's Council On Physical Fitness And Sports Spotlight Awards
September 14, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/rqkC5T>

Honored California's Fallen Firefighters At 2011 Memorial Ceremony

October 1, 2011
<http://bit.ly/qz8BKQ>

Signed Legislation To Protect Californians From Pipeline Explosions

October 7, 2011
<http://1.usa.gov/ruB07N>



Participated In The Milken Institute's State Of The State Conference
October 13, 2011 - <http://bit.ly/t954Qk>

Honored Veterans For Their Service With A Proclamation And A YouTube Address

November 11, 2011
<http://bit.ly/h4EM4I>



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Kicked-Off The Holiday Season At The 80th Annual Capitol Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
December 7, 2011 – <http://1.usa.gov/uCbZ3b>



Hosted The 2011 California Hall Of Fame Induction Ceremony With The First Lady
December 8, 2011 - <http://1.usa.gov/sNRcd0>

Attended Capitol Menorah Lighting

December 19, 2011
<http://bit.ly/w3cw4l>

Made 14 Judicial Appointments

December 27, 2011
<http://bit.ly/sJl6mB>