

Understanding And Working With The Legislature

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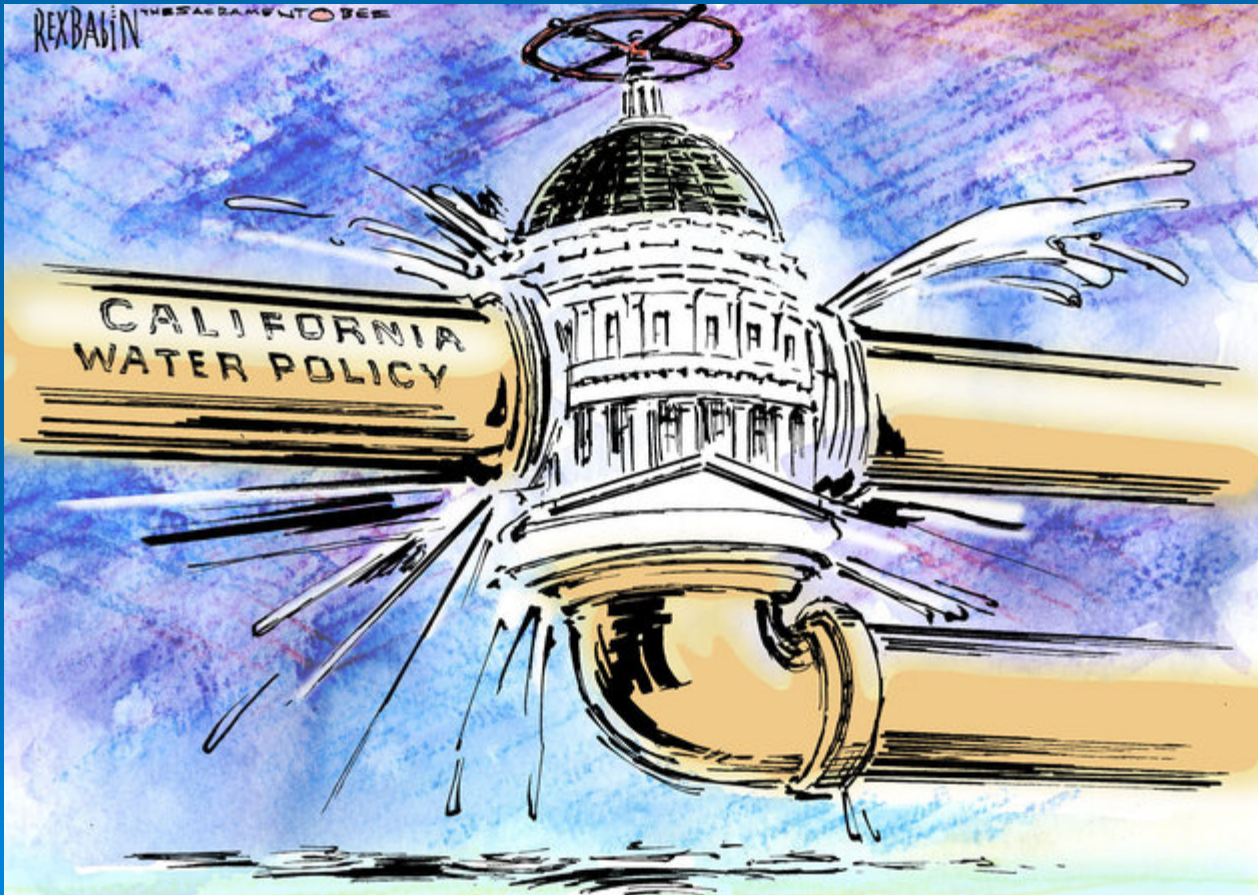
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Water 101 – The Basics and Beyond

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Water Politics (Sometimes) Is A Full Body Contact Sport



To Play The Game, You Need To Know:

- The Players
- The Rules of the Game
- Some Strategy

Meet The California Legislature

Senate

- 40 Members
 - 27 Dems
 - 11 Reps
 - 1 Vacancy
- 4 Year Terms
 - 2 – 1st half 1st Term[†]
 - 13 – 1st half 1st Term*
 - 9 – 2nd half 1st Term*
 - 8 – 1st half 2nd Term*
 - 7 – 2nd half 2nd Term*

Assembly

- 80 Members
 - 55 Dems
 - 25 Reps
- 2 Year Terms
 - 42 – 1st Term[†]
 - 22 – 2nd Term*
 - 17 – 3rd Term*

† New Term Limits Rules (12 yrs Total)

* Old Term Limit Rules (3 Asm, 2 Sen)

Meet The California Legislature

Senate

- 8 Business Owner
- 6 Attorney
- 6 Educator
- 5 Former Leg Staffer
- 3 Local Government
- 3 Rancher/Farmer
- 2 Engineer
- 2 Medical
- 5 Miscellaneous

Assembly

- 22 Local Government
- 13 Educator
- 10 Business Owner
- 9 Attorney
- 9 Former Leg Staffer
- 5 Business Person
- 3 Medical
- 3 Organized Labor
- 2 Rancher/Farmer
- 6 Miscellaneous

Leadership

Senate

Assembly



Pro Tem

Minority
Leader

Speaker

Minority
Leader

Darrel
Steinberg

Bob Huff

John Perez

Connie
Conway

What Do We Do?

- Adopt Rules
- Pass New Laws
- Appropriate Funds
- Oversight of Executive Branch
- Constituent Services

Legislative Calendar

Key Dates:

- Jan. 10 Budget must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12(a))
- Jan. 24 Last day to submit bill requests to Legislative Counsel
- Jan. 31 Last day for bills introduced in 2013 to be passed bills out of the house of origin (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c))
- Feb. 21 Last day for bills to be introduced
- May 2 Last day for policy committees to hear & report fiscal bills
- May 9 Last day for policy committees to hear & report non-fiscal bills
- May 16 Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 2
- May 23 Last day for fiscal committees to hear & report bills
- May 27– May 30
Floor Session Only. No committee may meet for any purpose
- May 30 Last day for bills to be passed out of the house of origin

Legislative Calendar

Key Dates:

- Jun 3 Committee meetings may resume
- Jun 15 Budget must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12 (c)(3)).
- June 26 Last Day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 2014 ballot
- June 27 Last Day for policy committees to meet & report bills
- JULY 3 Summer Recess begins upon adjournment (if budget passed)
- Aug. 4 Reconvene from Summer Recess
- Aug. 15 Last day for fiscal committees to meet & report bills to the Floor
- Aug. 22 Last day to amend bills on the Floor

Aug. 18–31

Floor Session only. No committees, other than Conference Committees & Rules Committee, may meet for any purpose

- Aug. 31 Last day for each house to pass bills (Art. IV, Sec. 10 (c))
Final Recess begins at the end of this day's session

Standing Committees

Senate

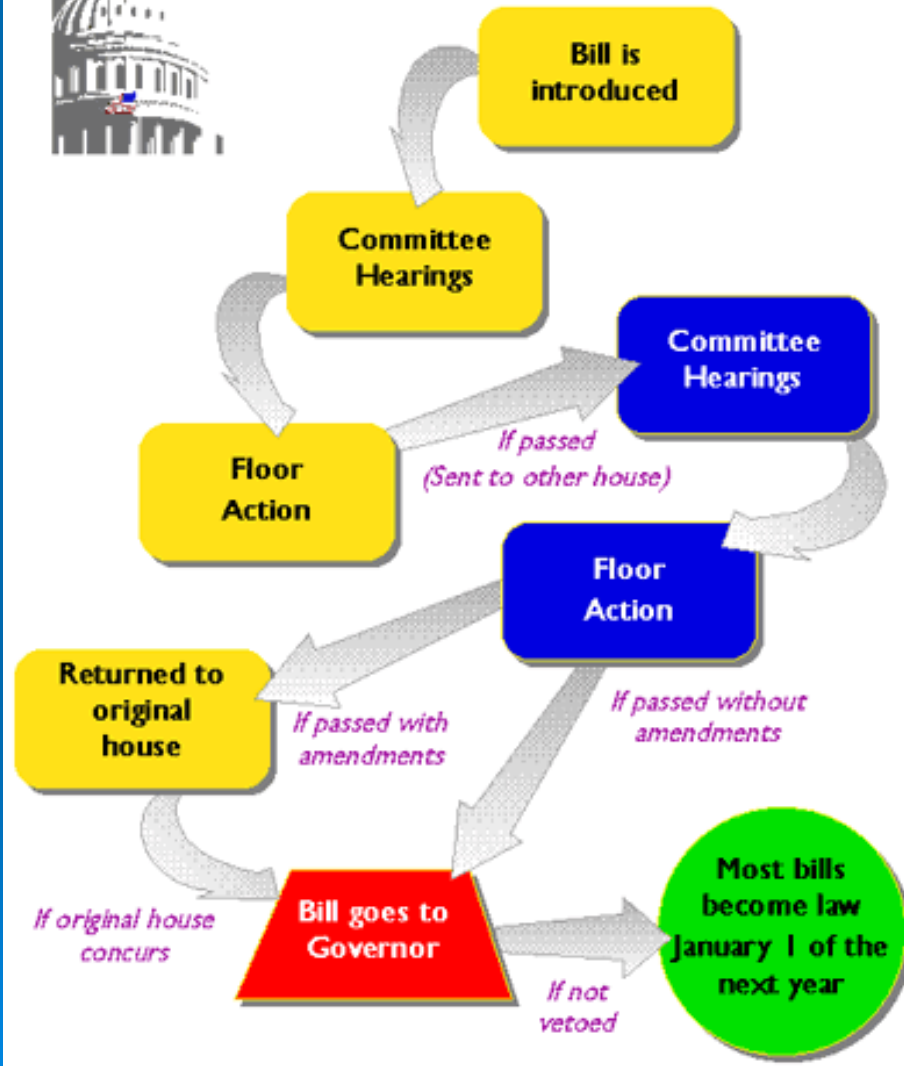
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Appropriations
Banking & Financial Institutions
Budget & Fiscal Review
Business, Professions & Economic Development
Education
Elections & Constitutional Amendments
Energy, Utilities & Communications
Environmental Quality
Governance & Finance
Governmental Organization
Health
Human Services
Insurance
Judiciary
Labor & Industrial Relations
Legislative Ethics
Natural Resources & Water
Public Employment & Retirement
Public Safety
Rules
Transportation & Housing
Veterans Affairs

Assembly

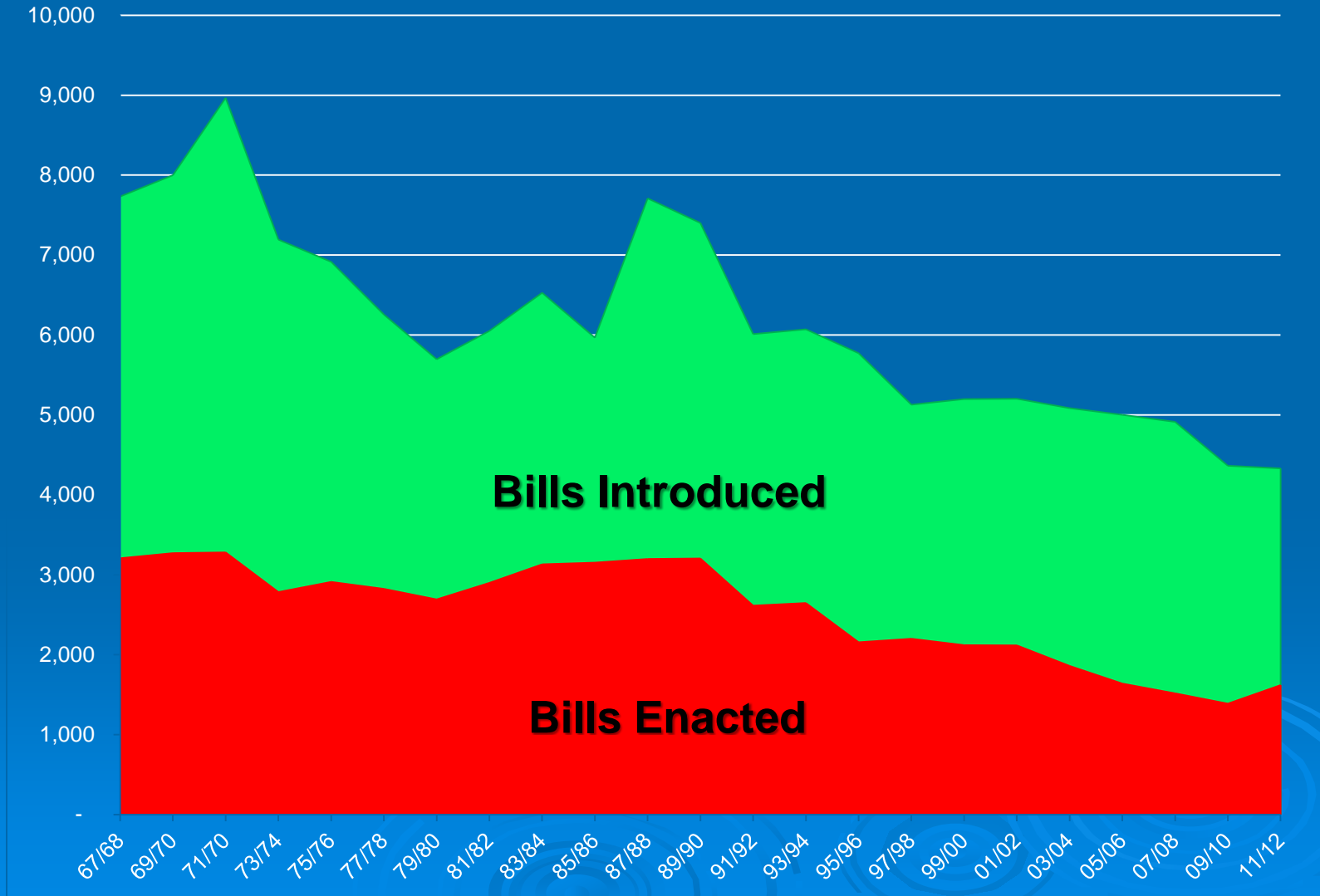
Accountability & Administrative Review
Aging & Long-Term Care
Agriculture
Appropriations
Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, & Internet Media
Banking & Finance
Budget
Business, Professions & Consumer Protection
Education
Elections & Redistricting
Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials
Governmental Organization
Health
Higher Education
Housing & Community Development
Human Services
Insurance
Jobs, Economic Development, & the Economy
Judiciary
Labor & Employment
Local Government
Natural Resources
Public Employees, Retirement & Social Security
Public Safety
Revenue & Taxation
Rules
Transportation
Utilities & Commerce
Veterans Affairs
Water, Parks & Wildlife



How a Bill Becomes a Law



Bill Load Has Been Declining



Governor

Senate Floor

Assembly Floor

**Senate Budget
Committee**

**Assembly Budget
Committee**

Senate Budget Subcommittees

- No. 1 Education**
- No. 2 Resources, Environmental Protection,
Energy, & Transportation**
- No. 3 Health & Human Services**
- No. 4 State Administration, General Government,
Judicial, & Veterans Affairs**
- No. 5 Revenue, the Economy, & Labor**

Assembly Budget Subcommittees

- No. 1 Health & Human Services**
- No. 2 Education & Finance**
- No. 3 Resources**
- No. 4 State Administration**
- No. 5 Information Technology & Transportation**

**Senate Budget
Committee**

**Assembly Budget
Committee**

Senate Floor

Assembly Floor

Senate Floor

Assembly Floor

**Budget Conference
Committee**

Governor

Oversight: Standing & Select Committees

21 Senate Select Committees, Including:

Asian Pacific Islander Affairs
Autism and Related Disorders
California Job Creation and Retention
California's Wine Industry
California-Mexico Cooperation
Climate Change and AB 32 Implementation
Defense and Aerospace
Emerging Technology: Biotechnology and Green Energy Jobs
Energy Efficiency
Excellence, Innovation and Accountability in State Government
Manufactured Home Communities
Mental Health
Passenger Rail
Procurement
Science, Innovation and Public Policy
The Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta
Valley Fever

43 Assembly Select Committees, Including:

Addressing Out of School, Unemployed Youth
Aerospace
California's High Technology
California-México Bi-National Affairs
Delinquency Prevention and Youth Development
Disabilities
Domestic Violence
Homelessness
Innovative Green Financing Mechanisms
Job Creation for the New Economy
Regional Approaches to Addressing the State's Water Crisis
Sea Level Rise and the California Economy
Small Business Financing and Development Opportunities
State Hospital and Developmental Safety
Status of Boys and Men of Color in California
Sustainable and Organic Agriculture
Women of Color - Engagement, Opportunity and Progress

Constituent Services

(That Means You!)



Some Strategy

- Understand Our Process
- Know What's Going On
- Don't Be Shy




You Can't Tell The Players Without A Program

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE
AT SACRAMENTO
2011-12 REGULAR SESSION

**Senate
Daily File**



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President pro Tempore

SENATOR ELLEN M. CORBETT
Majority Floor Leader

SENATOR BOB HUFF
Minority Floor Leader

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SENATE CONVENES AT 2 PM.


TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012
(FLOOR SESSION)

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVENTH DAY IN SESSION
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**ASSEMBLY
DAILY FILE**



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HON. CONNIE CONWAY
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ASSEMBLY CONVENES AT 12 NOON

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION DAY
FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY

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Everything You Want To Know (Almost)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

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All Things Bill Related:

<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

The screenshot shows the California Legislative Information website in a Windows Internet Explorer browser window. The address bar displays the URL <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml>. The browser's menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. The address bar also shows a search box with the text "Google".

The website header features the California Legislative Information logo, which includes the state seal and the text "California LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION". Navigation links include "skip to content", "home", "accessibility", "feedback", and "login". A "Quick Search:" box is present, with a dropdown menu for "Bill Number" and a "GO" button.

The main content area is divided into a left sidebar and a main body. The sidebar contains the following sections:

- TODAY'S SCHEDULE**
Wed, Feb 6, 2013
- FLOOR SCHEDULE**
 - [ASM. CHECK-IN SESSION](#)
STATE CAPITOL 07:00 AM
 - [SEN. CHECK-IN SESSION](#)
STATE CAPITOL 09:00 AM
- COMMITTEE HEARINGS**
 - [SEN RULES](#)
Room 113 02:00 PM

The main body contains a "WELCOME" section with the following text:

The California Legislature is pleased to announce a new web site for accessing California legislative information! Some of you may have already accessed a beta site over the past few months. We appreciate the feedback and have incorporated many of the suggestions provided.

Some of the major features available with this new site include:

- Today's Law As Amended Feature**
Identifies textual differences between existing law and proposed law
- New Text Search Functionality**
Significant improvements for bill searches and California law searches
- All Text Search Results Are Now Highlighted**
Provides clear identification of search results
- California Law Code**
Code sections are cross-referenced to chaptered bills
- Improved Bill Subscription Service**
The bill subscription service is a fast way to track bills throughout the legislative session. Based on your subscription preferences, you will be notified of legislative actions taken on the bill.

Below this list, there are sections for "PDF Bill Versions" and "We want to hear from you!".

The footer of the page includes a link for "Privacy and Conditions of Use Policy".

The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "Internet | Protected Mode: Off" and a zoom level of "100%". The Windows taskbar at the very bottom displays the system tray with the date and time: "2:43 PM 02/06/2013".

Query Any Bill

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Bill Search - Windows Internet Explorer provided by Office Of Legislative Counsel". The address bar contains the URL <http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billSearchAdvClient.xhtml>. The browser's menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. The Favorites bar shows "bills Bill Search", "California State Assembly...", "California Code of Regula...", and "Welcome to Senateweb! ...". The browser toolbar includes Home, Feeds (0), Read Mail, Print, Page, Safety, Tools, and Help.

The main content area features the "California LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION" logo and navigation links: [skip to content](#), [home](#), [accessibility](#), [feedback](#), and [login](#). A "Quick Search:" box is present with a "Bill Number" dropdown and a "GO" button. Below this is a navigation bar with "Bill Information" (selected), "California Law", and "My Subscriptions".

The "Bill Information >> Bill Search" section contains a search form with two tabs: "Bill Search" (selected) and "Text Search". The form includes the following fields and controls:

- Bill Number:
- Session Year: (dropdown)
- Keyword(s):
- House: (dropdown)
- Author: (dropdown)
- Statute Year:
- Chapter Number:

At the bottom of the form are "Search" and "Clear" buttons. A note at the bottom right of the form reads: "For a phrase: 'Surround it with Quotes'".

The browser's status bar at the bottom indicates "Internet | Protected Mode: Off" and "100%". The Windows taskbar at the very bottom shows the system tray with the date and time: "2:51 PM 02/06/2013".

Track Bills Via Subscription

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the California Legislative Information website. The address bar shows the URL <http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/home.xhtml>. The page features a navigation menu with options like "Bill Information", "California Law", and "My Subscriptions". The "My Subscriptions" section is active, showing a form to "ADD A NEW BILL TO TRACK" with fields for "AB" (dropdown), "Measure Number", "Regular" (dropdown), and "Session Type", along with a "Submit" button. Below the form, it states "BILLS TRACKED: 0" and includes a note: "NOTE: All subscriptions will be deleted at the end of their respective two-year session." The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 2:56 PM on 02/06/2013.

Anything Else Legislative:

<http://www.legislature.ca.gov>

The screenshot shows the California State Legislature website in a Windows Internet Explorer browser window. The address bar displays <http://www.legislature.ca.gov/>. The page features a navigation menu with links for Home, Senate, Assembly, Glossary, Site Index, and FAQ. The main content area includes a header for the California State Legislature, a sidebar with navigation links, and a central section for legislative updates. A search box is located on the right side of the page.

CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE

The State Legislature

- Bill Information
- Committees, Hearings and Events
- Budget Information
- Calendar and Schedules
- Rules and Ethics
- Leadership and Caucuses
- Oversight and Review

Legislators and Districts

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Research, Laws and Publications

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FAQ

Legislative update for Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

Today's Legislative Events
Session Information and Daily Files

Welcome to the California State Legislature web site, the gateway to California's Legislative web sites. For an overview of the legislative process in California, please visit the [Citizen's guide to the legislative process](#) at the Capitol Museum website.

BILL SEARCH

To search for a bill, resolution or constitutional amendment; select the session, House of origin, "search by" option and type the keywords and/or author name(s).

Session: [2011-2012] Current

House: [Both]

Limit to: [All] hits

Search by one of the following:

- Bill Number
- Author(s)
- Keyword(s)

[Search Parameters] **Search**

FIND MY DISTRICT

Enter a California zip code to find what Legislators represent that area.

Zip Code:

[ZIP Code] **Search**

OR

Click on the link below to enter your address.

Search by Address

Webmaster :: Privacy and Conditions of Use Policy :: Accessibility Guidelines :: Downloads

Done

Internet | Protected Mode: Off

Desktop

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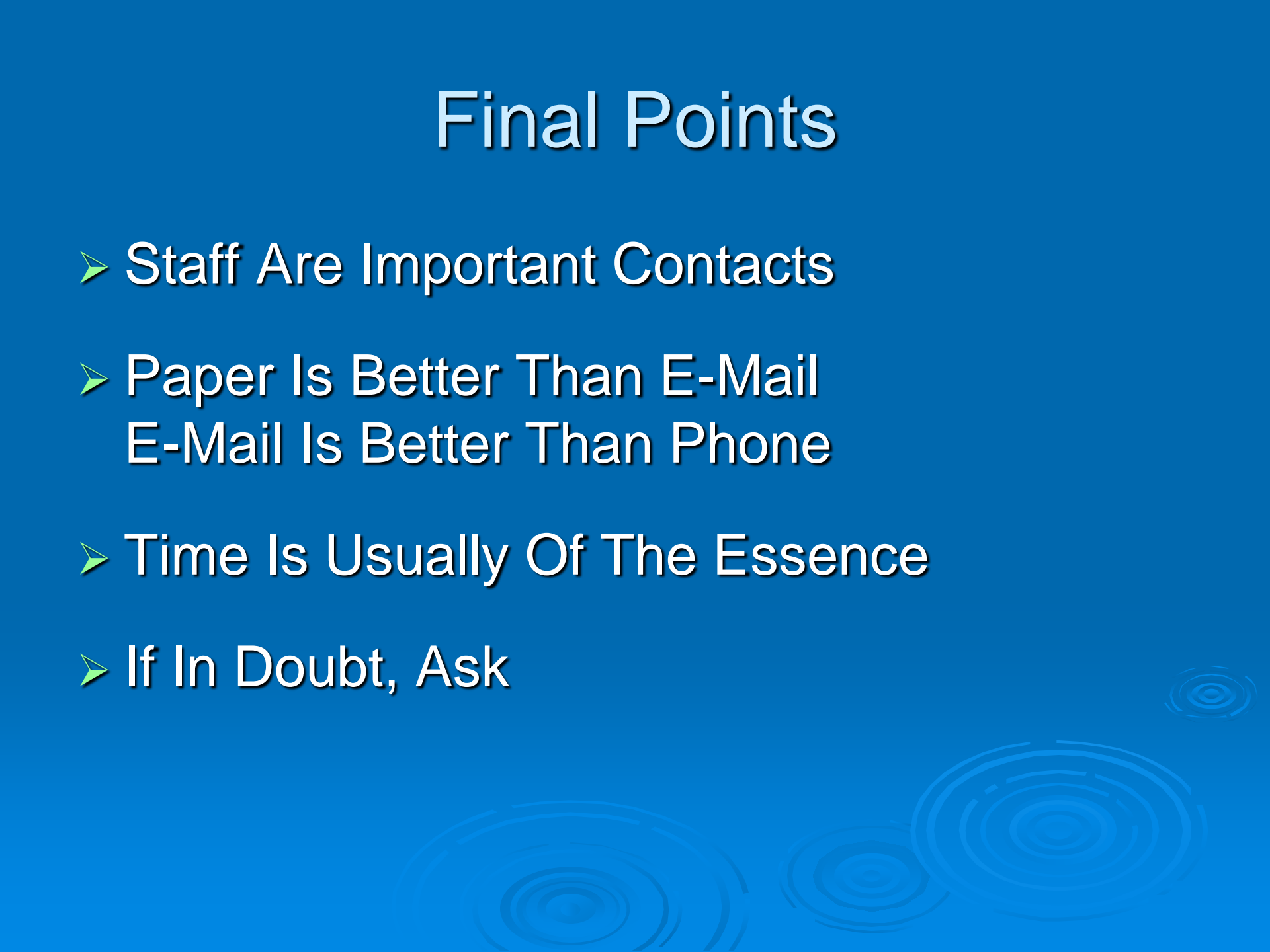
02/21/2012

Tell Us What You Think!

(At The Appropriate Time!)

- Bill Ideas
- Positions On Bills (In Writing)
- Issues Of Concern
- Background Information

Final Points

- Staff Are Important Contacts
 - Paper Is Better Than E-Mail
E-Mail Is Better Than Phone
 - Time Is Usually Of The Essence
 - If In Doubt, Ask
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Questions?

