

Environmental measures were big winners in Calif.

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Most voters already know that Gavin Newsom and Dianne Feinstein – who easily advanced to the November general election in their races for governor and U.S. senator – were among the big winners in Tuesday's California primary election.

But there's another group also popping the champagne this week: environmentalists.

Across California and the Bay Area, environmental groups had one of their best elections ever. They won nearly every major race they contested, securing billions of dollars for Lake Tahoe, parks, beaches, water projects and public transportation, and at the same time helped kill plans to develop Silicon Valley hillsides and a proposal to change the way the state spends money from its greenhouse gas auctions.

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