

Legislative Report
Prepared for SCC Board Meeting October 27, 2005

Bill	Author	Summary	Status
AB 84 (+SB 651)	Leslie	Special Interest License Plates: Would remove requirement that a special interest license plate be approved by authorizing legislation.	Senate Transportation Committee
AB 848	Berg	Ocean Ecosystem Conservation and Mgmt: Establishes by 01/01/08 the Ocean Ecosystem Resource Information System (OERIS) to serve as a coordinated data repository related to ecosystem conservation and management of offshore waters and marine resources. Authorizes Resources Secretary to designate SCC or Department of Fish and Game (DFG) as the system site and to charge SCC with assisting DFG in system development. Either action would require SCC concurrence. No funding provided. Authorizes SCC use of bond funds, private endowments or other funding sources for system development.	Assembly Appropriations Committee
AB 1126	Saldana	San Diego Bay Conservancy: Would state the intent of the legislature to establish a state conservancy program to protect, promote and enhance the resources, cultural heritage, and economic values of San Diego and Mission bays.	Senate Rules Committee
AB 1269	Pavely	Clean Air, Clean Water, Coastal Protection and Parks Act of 2007: Would place a bond act on an undetermined ballot funding various resources programs including clean air and water, river, coastal and wildlife protection. Still to be determined are the total bond amount and funding levels for various programs including SCC and the SF Bay Conservancy Program.	Assembly Appropriations Committee
AB 1296	Hancock	SF Bay Water Trail: Establishes the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, envisioned as a circuit of facilities and related amenities (including interpretive signage, parking and restrooms) along the Bay shoreline that would be accessible by non-motorized vessels such as sailboats and kayaks. Charges SCC with organizing a collaborative process with the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the non-profit Bay Access, Inc., and other public and private organizations to plan the trail. Designates SCC as the lead agency in funding and developing projects to implement the trail plan.	Chapter 331
AB 1524	Laird	Property Dedications: Would exempt from Department of Finance (DOF) and Department of General Services (DGS) approval SCC acceptance of Offers to Dedicate (OTD) of conservation and open space easements and would require SCC to accept all such easements 90 days prior to expiration. Recent bills had made it both easier as well as an obligation for SCC to accept access offers, but were silent on offers of open space. The bill would add open space OTDs, many of which are nearing their expiration dates.	Vetoed
SB 153	Chesbro	Clean Water, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2006: Would place \$3.95B park and resources bond on the ballot. If passed by voters, would make funds available for appropriation by legislature for a wide variety of park and resource programs, including \$40m for SF Bay Conservancy and \$500m+ for SCC, including \$100m to Ocean Protection Trust fund available to SCC.	Assembly Appropriations Committee

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SB 658	Kuehl	Coastal Environment Motor Vehicle Mitigation Program: Would establish the Coastal Environment Motor Vehicle Mitigation Program, authorizing SCC to request the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to collect a yearly fee of up to \$6 in coastal and Bay Area counties that elect to be part of the program. The fee would be paid with vehicle registration to fund projects that mitigate the impacts of motor vehicles on natural resources. Thirty percent of funds generated would be appropriated to the county of origin. Remaining funds would be available for the legislature to appropriate to SCC. The program would generate \$100m annually if the bill passed and all counties elected to participate.	Vetoed
SB 695	Kehoe	Conservation Easement Registry: Would require the Resources Secretary to establish an on-line public registry of all agricultural, conservation and open space easements held by the state, required by the state or purchased with state grant funds after 01/01/00. Would include a copy of the easement, purpose, location, size and holder. Data to be updated every two years.	Vetoed
SB 857	Kuehl	Fish Passages: Requires California Department of Transportation (DOT) to complete assessments of potential barriers to anadromous fish passage prior to commencing any project using state or federal transportation dollars and submit assessments to DFG to be added to CALFISH database. Would require projects to be constructed without presenting barriers to fish passage and would require DOT to prepare an annual report to the legislature describing the department's progress in locating, assessing and remediating barriers to fish passage.	Chapter 589
SB 956	Simitian	Coast and Ocean Stewardship Act: Would place a \$1 surcharge per night per room on all charges for transient occupancy at hotels and motels located in 20 counties on the coast and surrounding SF Bay. Funds would be made available by the legislature in set percentages for DFG, BCDC, Coastal Commission and the CA Travel and Tourism Commission. Funds would be used to promote tourism or to carry out the resource agencies' existing mandates to protect coastal and ocean resources.	Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
SB 1024	Perata	Public Works Bond: Would place a \$7.825 billion bond on the ballot for a variety of projects including transportation improvement, clean air, environmental enhancement, goods movement and port security, levee protection and affordable housing. Would make \$100 million available for transfer to DOT's Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program (EEMP), which for the past decade has served as an important source of matching funds for SCC and other projects. Would make available \$200m to the Resources Secretary for natural resource projects consistent with regional growth plans.	Senate Appropriations Committee
SB 1110	Natural Res. Cmte.	Omnibus Natural Resources Bill: Allows the SF Bay Conservancy to undertake projects and award grants related to marine resources or that facilitate environmental education related to these resources. Allows SCC to carry out projects mandated by the Ocean Protection Council.	Chapter 383