

## April 2010 Legislative Report

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### **AB 1818 (Blumenfield) Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy: Upper Los Angeles River and Watershed Protection Program.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/16/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/11/2010

**Last Amend:** 3/16/2010

**Status:** 3/22/2010-Do pass as amended and be re-referred to the Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife.

**Location:** 3/22/2010-A. W., P. & W.

**Summary:** Existing law establishes the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy within the Natural Resources Agency and prescribes its functions with respect to the Santa Monica Mountains Zone, as defined. This bill would establish the Upper Los Angeles River and Watershed Protection Program. The program would be administered by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to address the resource protection, public recreation, water conservation, and water quality goals of the Upper Los Angeles River watershed in a coordinated, comprehensive, and effective way. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

### **AB 1958 (Caballero) State government.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/17/2010

**Status:** 2/18/2010-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.

**Location:** 2/17/2010-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Existing law establishes various departments in state government with specified duties. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require each department in state government to make recommendations on reducing its costs by 5%, and to use those cost savings to fund preapproved infrastructure projects not funded by existing bond funding.

### **AB 2074 (Monning) Natural resources: Andrew Molera State Wilderness.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/18/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2010

**Status:** 3/4/2010-Referred to Com. on W., P. & W.

**Location:** 3/4/2010-A. W., P. & W.

**Calendar:** 4/13/2010 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE, HUFFMAN, Chair

**Summary:** The California Wilderness Act establishes the California wilderness preservation system, which is composed of state-owned areas designated by the Legislature as "wilderness areas" and units of the state park system classified as "state wildernesses" by the State Park and Recreation Commission. The act designates various areas as components of the California wilderness preservation system. This bill would designate the Andrew Molera State Wilderness as a component of the California wilderness preservation system. The bill also would authorize the California Coastal Trail to be located, designed, constructed, or operated within the Andrew Molera State Wilderness.

**AB 2103 (Hill) San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/18/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2010

**Status:** 3/11/2010-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Location:** 3/11/2010-A. L. GOV.

**Summary:** Existing law authorizes the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority to levy a benefit assessment, special tax, or property-related fee consistent with Articles XIII C and XIII D of the California Constitution, as specified. This bill would require the board of supervisors of each affected county, when the authority proposes a measure to levy a benefit assessment, special tax, or property related fee for submission to the voters, to call a special election on the measure and place the measure on the ballot of the next regularly scheduled election and would require the county clerk of each county to report the results of the special election to the authority.

**AB 2181 (Hagman) State Contract Act: contracting by state agencies.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/18/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2010

**Status:** 3/11/2010-Referred to Com. on B. & P.

**Location:** 3/11/2010-A. B. & P.

**Summary:** Existing law authorizes the Department of General Services, where the nature of the work in the opinion of the department is such that its services in connection with a project are not required, to permit the carrying out of the project directly by the state agency concerned with the project, if the estimated project cost does not exceed \$400,000, except as provided. This bill would increase that cost limit to \$800,000, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**AB 2598 (Brownley) Tidelands and submerged lands: sea level action plan.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/19/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2010

**Status:** 3/18/2010-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Location:** 3/18/2010-A. NAT. RES.

**Calendar:** 4/12/2010 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY NATURAL RESOURCES, CHESBRO, Chair

**Summary:** Existing law grants to various local entities the right, title, and interest of the State of California in and to certain tidelands and submerged lands in trust generally for purposes of commerce, navigation, and fisheries, and for other public trust purposes. This bill would require each trustee of granted public trust lands to prepare a sea level action plan by July 1, 2011, and submit the plan to the Natural Resources Agency, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and the State Lands Commission. The bill would require the plan to include, among other things, an assessment of the impact of sea level rise on granted public trust lands, an estimate of the financial cost of this impact, and strategies to prevent or mitigate damage to development and infrastructure. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**AB 2717 (Skinner) State Coastal Conservancy.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/19/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2010

**Status:** 3/18/2010-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Location:** 3/18/2010-A. NAT. RES.

**Calendar:** 4/12/2010 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY NATURAL RESOURCES, CHESBRO, Chair

**Summary:** Existing law establishes the State Coastal Conservancy with prescribed powers and responsibilities for implementing a program of agricultural land protection, area restoration, and resource enhancement within the coastal zone, as defined. Existing law authorizes the conservancy to undertake projects and award grants for activities that are compatible with the preservation, restoration, or enhancement of ocean, coastal, or watershed resources, or that facilitate environmental education related to these resources. These projects or activities may include, but are not limited to, exhibits or events emphasizing coastal, watershed, or ocean resource education, or maritime history or the development of related amenities and structures. This bill would additionally include as projects low-impact development techniques that integrate stormwater management into site planning and design to reduce runoff, increase onsite infiltration, or filter pollutants at or near the source. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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**SB 1006 (Pavley) Natural resources: climate change.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/10/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/10/2010

**Status:** 3/17/2010-Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

**Location:** 2/18/2010-S. N.R. & W.

**Summary:** Existing law declares that resource conservation is of fundamental importance to the prosperity and welfare of the people of the state. Existing law states that it is the policy of the state to adopt conservation practices to save the basic resources of soil, water, and air from unreasonable and economically preventable waste and destruction. This bill would require the Natural Resources Agency, in developing and implementing climate change adaptation strategies and activities, to fully consider and undertake, to the maximum extent practicable, initiatives that, among other things, protect or enhance natural ecosystem functions in relation to wetlands, beaches, flood plains, watersheds, and greenhouse gas emissions. This bill contains other existing laws.

**SB 1034 (Ducheny) Archaeological resources: civil penalties.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/12/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/12/2010

**Status:** 3/23/2010-From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on PUB. S. (Ayes 6. Noes 3. Page 3001.) Re-referred to Com. on PUB. S.

**Location:** 3/23/2010-S. PUB. S.

**Summary:** Existing law prohibits a person from knowingly and willfully excavating upon, or removing, destroying, injuring, or defacing, any historic or prehistoric ruins, burial grounds, archaeological or vertebrate paleontological site, including fossilized footprints, inscriptions made by human agency, rock art, or any other archaeological, paleontological, or historical feature, situated on public lands, as defined. A violation of this prohibition is a misdemeanor. This bill would enact the California Public Lands Archaeological Resources Protection Act, and would allow a state agency to issue an order that assesses a civil penalty against a person who knowingly and willfully excavates upon, or removes, destroys, injures, or defaces archaeological resources on public lands. The bill would establish procedures for the assessment of the civil penalty, including procedures for determining the commercial and archaeological value of those resources and cost of restoration. The bill would also authorize the forfeiture of the archaeological resources that were the subject of the violation and the vehicles and equipment of the person that were used in connection with the violation. The bill would allow a state agency to expend the civil penalties collected pursuant to the act, upon appropriation by the Legislature, as reimbursement for the costs of implementing the act, including restoring and repairing the archaeological resources that are the subject of the violation, except the bill would require the state to remit to a city, county, or district the civil penalty imposed by the state, except as specified, and the items seized by the state, if the violation occurred on, or in connection with, public lands owned by, or under the jurisdiction of, that city, county, or district.

**SB 1124 (Negrete McLeod) Land conservation: California Wildlife, Coastal, and Park Land Conservation Act.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/18/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2010

**Status:** 3/18/2010-Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

**Location:** 2/25/2010-S. N.R. & W.

**Summary:** The California Wildlife, Coastal, and Park Land Conservation Act, an initiative measure approved by the voters in the June 7, 1988, statewide primary election, provided bond funds for wildlife, coastal, and parkland conservation. The initiative measure may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the Legislature if the amendment is consistent with the purposes of the act. Existing law requires an applicant receiving state funds under the act to maintain any property acquired in perpetuity, as specified, and use the property only for the purposes stated in the act. This bill would require a grantee, or its successors in interest, to record a conservation easement at the time property is acquired, developed, rehabilitated, or restored with funds allocated pursuant to the act. With respect to previously acquired, developed, rehabilitated, or restored properties, the bill would require the recording of a grant easement on or before April 1, 2011. The bill would require the conservation easement to, among other things, provide that the property is to be maintained and operated in perpetuity, only for the purposes set forth in the act, and no other use, sale, or other disposition of the property shall be made except as authorized by specific act of the Legislature. This bill contains other related provisions.

**SB 1177 (Kehoe) Agriculture: 22nd District Agricultural Association: greenway zone.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/18/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2010

**Status:** 3/23/2010-Set for hearing April 6.

**Location:** 2/18/2010-S. F. & A.

**Calendar:** 4/6/2010 10 a.m. - Room 113 SENATE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, FLOREZ, Chair

**Summary:** Existing law provides that the state is divided into agricultural districts in which 50 or more persons, who are residents of a district, may form a district agricultural association for the purpose of holding fairs for exhibiting all of the industries and industrial enterprises, resources, and products of the state and constructing, maintaining, and operating recreational and cultural facilities. This bill would require the 22nd District Agricultural Association (district) to develop, manage, and maintain a minimum 100-foot wide greenway zone at a specified location for the purpose of protecting, enhancing, and restoring the overall environmental quality of the San Dieguito River and adjacent wetlands. The district also would be required to develop, manage, and maintain a public access trail, as specified, in or along the greenway zone. The district would be required to submit its plan for implementation of the greenway zone and public access trail to the Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Parks and Recreation, for review and recommendations, by July 1, 2011. The district would be required to apply the Department of Fish and Game's and the Department of Parks and Recreation's recommendations into the plan and apply for all necessary permits by January 1, 2012, and complete construction of the greenway zone by January 1, 2014. This bill contains other related provisions.

**Total Measures: 11**

**Total Tracking Forms: 11**