

State Coastal Conservancy

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Chaptered Legislation

[AB 43](#)

(Schultz, D) Wild and scenic rivers.

This bill indefinitely extends the CNRA secretary's obligation to take steps to add any river removed from the national wild and scenic rivers system to the state's wild and scenic rivers system. This authority currently exists but is set to expire 12/31/2025.

[SB 392](#)

(Grayson, D) Regional park districts: East Bay Regional Park District: East Bay Hills Conservation Program.

Authorizes the East Bay Regional Park District to establish and administer the East Bay Hills Conservation Program to address resource and recreational goals of the East Bay Hills. The bill would require the East Bay Hills to be acknowledged as an area of statewide significance in local land use policy documents developed or updated on or after January 1, 2026, affecting land use within the East Bay Hills.

[SB 427](#)

(Blakespear, D) Habitat Conservation Fund.

This bill extends the July 1, 2030 expiration date on the annual transfer of \$30,000,000 from the General Fund to the Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) and the continuous appropriation of that funding to July 1, 2035. SCC receives \$4,000,000 annually from HCF. It is one of our most reliable and consistent sources of funding. A small portion (5%) of HCF funding goes to our support budget; 95% of it goes towards projects that preserve, restore, and protect habitat for California's wildlife.

[SB 470](#)

(Laird, D) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing.

The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act authorizes meetings through teleconference subject to specified requirements until January 1, 2026. This bill instead repeals these provisions on January 1, 2030.

[SB 727](#)

(McGuire, D) Great Redwood Trail

This bill would amend the Great Redwood Trail Agency Act to make several administrative changes to the Great Redwood Trail Agency (GRTA), which is supported by, and partially staffed by, the State Coastal Conservancy.

2 year bills

AB 66

(Tangipa, R) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: egress route projects: fire safety.

This bill would exempt egress route projects from CEQA if they are undertaken by a public agency to improve emergency access to and evacuation from a subdivision without a secondary egress route and if the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection has recommended the creation of a secondary access to the subdivision.

AB 269

(Bennett, D) Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program.

This bill would amend Section 6700 of the Water Code to include the removal of dam facilities as an eligible activity under the Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program by adding the phrase, "removal of project facilities" to the purposes of the program.

AB 452

(Irwin, D) Coastal recreation: designated state surfing reserves

This bill would require the State Coastal Conservancy to establish criteria and a process for designating an area of the coastline as a state surfing reserve by July 1, 2026. It would require the Conservancy to, upon appropriation, publicize the state surfing reserve and partner with local governments to erect signs designating an approved surfing reserve, and would authorize the conservancy to accept donations for these purposes.

The bill would also require the Conservancy to transmit notice of the approval of a surfing reserve to OPC for consideration and inclusion in the state's goal to conserve 30% of coastal waters by 2030.

AB 880

(Bennett, D) State government grants and contracts: payment of claims and grantees' indirect costs.

This bill would expand the California Prompt Payment Act to cover all grants to nonprofit organizations. It would also require state grantmaking agencies to reimburse grantees' indirect costs at either: the grantee's negotiated indirect cost rate, a 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate specified in Part 200 of Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, a rate negotiated by the grantee with another state agency within the last five years, or if the grantee doesn't have a state rate, another rate proposed by the grantee.

SB 287

(Arreguin, D) California Trails Conservancy Program.

This bill would establish the California Trails Conservancy Program within CNRA under the Deputy Secretary for Access. The new conservancy's purpose would be promoting enhanced and expanded environmentally sound greenways and trail networks, promoting equitable access and expanding diverse trail-based recreational and mobility opportunities for all Californians, promoting policies, practices, and funding opportunities to optimize the continued growth and integrity of existing and prospective systems of nature-based and other human-powered mobility networks for the benefit of all Californians, and facilitating the sharing of best available practices for the management and operations of trails.

Vetoed

AB399

(Boerner, D) Coastal resources: coastal development permits: blue carbon demonstration projects.

This bill would authorize the Coastal Commission to authorize blue carbon demonstration projects and to require coastal development permit applicants with a project that impacts coastal wetland, subtidal, intertidal, or marine habitats or ecosystems to build or contribute to a blue carbon demonstration project, among other things.

Veto message: With significant fiscal pressures and the federal government's hostile economic policies it is vital that we remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget such as this measure. For these reasons I cannot sign this bill.

[AB766](#)

(Sharp-Collins, D) State agencies and departments: strategic plans: diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The bill would require each agency, department, office, or commission subject to the Governor's authority to, for any strategic plans applicable and if feasible, develop or update the strategic plan to reflect the use of data analysis and inclusive practices to more effectively advance racial equity and to respond to identified disparities with changes to the organization's policies, programs, and operations, among other things.

Veto message: With significant fiscal pressures and the federal government's hostile economic policies it is vital that we remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget such as this measure. For these reasons I cannot sign this bill