

State Coastal Conservancy
Legislative Report
April 18, 2013

Important Dates:

May 3: Last day for policy committees to hear and report to Fiscal Committees fiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(2)).

May 10: Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the Floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(3)).

May 17: Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 3 (J.R. 61(a)(4)).

May 24: Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(5)). Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 3 (J.R. 61(a)(6)).

May 28-May 31: Floor Session Only. No committee may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(a)(7)). May 31 Last day for bills to be passed out of the house of origin (J.R. 61(a)(8)).

Climate Change/Sea Level Rise

SB 461 (Leno-D): State Tide and Submerged Lands: Mineral Extraction

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0451-0500/sb_461_bill_20130401_amended_sen_v98.htm

Committee: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

Hearing date: 4/23/2013

Summary: This bill would create the Coastal Adaptation Fund in the State Treasury, and would authorize expenditure of up to \$15,000,000 annually by the Ocean Protection Council, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the California Coastal Commission, the State Coastal Conservancy, and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for preparation, planning, and implementation of measures designed to address sea level rise and coastal climate change and related impacts. The bill does not specify a source of funds.

SB 511 (Lieu-D): Natural Resources: Climate Change: Grants

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0501-0550/sb_511_bill_20130401_amended_sen_v98.htm

Committee: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

Hearing date: 4/23/2013

Summary: This bill would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, in coordination with the State Air Resources Board, to develop guidelines for the awarding of grants, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for projects that enhance greenhouse gas emissions avoidance and sequestration associated with natural resources. The bill would require funds to be used for existing programs, including the Conservancy's Division 21 programs. The bill does not identify a funding source.

AB 691 (Muratsuchi-D): State Lands: Granted Trust Lands: Sea Level Rise

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab_0651-0700/ab_691_bill_20130311_amended_asm_v98.htm

Committee: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Hearing Date: 4/29/2013

Summary: This bill would require a local trustee of public trust lands, whose gross public trust revenues exceed \$250,000, to prepare and submit to the State Lands Commission an assessment of how it proposes to address the impact of sea level rise on granted lands. The report would need to be submitted no later than July 1, 2019 and be made available to the public on the Commission's Web site.

Natural Resources/Conservation/Sustainability

AB 248 (Gorell-R): Energy: Powerplants: Ventura County

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab_0201-0250/ab_248_bill_20130404_amended_asm_v97.htm

Committee: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Hearing Date: April 29

Summary: Would require the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and California Independent Systems Operator (CAISO) to submit a report to the Legislature by Jan. 1, 2015 on options for two coastal once-through-cooling power generating stations in Ventura County.

AB 431 (Mullin-D): Transportation: Sustainable Communities: Funding

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab_0401-0450/ab_431_bill_20130402_amended_asm_v97.htm

Committee: Assembly Transportation Committee

Hearing date: 4/29/2013

Summary: Allows a transportation planning agency that is designated as a metropolitan planning organization to impose a transaction and use tax within all or a portion of its jurisdiction at a rate of no more than 0.5%, subject to conditions. The bill requires the transportation planning agency to adopt an expenditure plan for the net revenues to be generated by the tax and requires the plan to include funding for transportation, affordable housing, and parks and open space in conformity with the Sustainable Communities Strategy for the region.

AB 551 (Ting-D): Local Government: Urban Agricultural Incentive Zones

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/1314/bill/asm/ab_05510600/ab_551_bill_20130409_amended_asm_v97.htm

Committee: Assembly Agricultural Committee

Hearing date: 4/17/2013

Summary: This bill would allow a county to establish by ordinance an Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone for the purpose of supporting urban agriculture. The bill defines Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones (UAIZ) as an area within a county that is comprised of individual properties designated by the county as an agricultural preserve for farming. The bill would allow a county to enter into voluntary enforceable agreements with landowners for the use of lands for small-scale agriculture. Contracts are required to have a term of at least 10 years and the land must be at least one tenth of an acre in size.

SB 241 (Evans-D): Oil Severance Tax Law

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0201-0250/sb_241_bill_20130212_introduced.htm

Committee: Senate Governance and Finance Committee

Hearing Date: 4/24/2013

Summary: This bill would impose on oil producers a tax of 9.9% of the gross value of each barrel of oil "severed" on and after January 1, 2014. The Department of Conservation would administer the tax and

would deposit all tax revenues, penalties, and interest collected into the Oil Severance Fund, a continuously appropriated fund. The department would allocate the funds to the Regents of the University of California, the Trustees of the California State University, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

SB 279 (Hancock-D): San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0251-0300/sb_279_bill_20130409_amended_sen_v97.htm

Committee: Senate Governance and Finance Committee

Hearing date: 4/17/2013

Summary: SB 279 would amend Government Code to clarify the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority's (SFBRA) ability to provide uniform ballot measures across nine counties within the SFBRA's jurisdiction. It would clarify governing law and the ballot process by specifying who prepares ballot material, how the materials are to be prepared, and where the measure will appear on the ballot to ensure uniformity across counties.

SB 355 (Beall-D): Conservation: Tax Credits

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0351-0400/sb_355_bill_20130220_introduced.htm

Committee: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

Hearing date: 4/23/2013

Summary: This bill would require the Natural Resources Agency to implement the Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Act of 2000 and would also allow for the transfer of the credit allowed pursuant to the Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Act of 2000 by the taxpayer to an unrelated party, as provided. This bill would take effect immediately as a tax levy.

AB 976 (Atkins-D): State Coastal Act of 1976: Enforcement and Penalties

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab_0951-1000/ab_976_bill_20130404_amended_asm_v97.htm

Committee: Assembly Judiciary Committee

Hearing date: 4/16/2013

Summary: This bill would give the Coastal Commission the same discretionary authority as other state environmental protection agencies to impose, after a public hearing before the commission, administrative civil penalties for Coastal Act violations. Other agencies that have such enforcement tools include the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), State Lands Commission, California Energy Commission, California Air Resources Board, Regional Air Pollution Control Districts, Oil Spill Response Administrator, State Water Resources Control Board, Regional Water Quality Control Boards, and the Integrated Waste Management Board. The bill would provide that \$1,500,000 annually derived from the payment of a penalty be deposited into the Violation Remediation Account in the State Coastal Conservancy Fund and that any additional funds be deposited in the Coastal Act Services Fund, until appropriated by the Legislature, for the purposes of carrying out the act.

Water Bonds

AB 142 (Perea-D): Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act

SB 40 (Pavley-D): Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act

SB 42 (Wolk-D): Clean, Secure Water Supply and Delta Recovery Act

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