

State Coastal Conservancy
Legislative Report
June 20, 2013

Important Dates:

May 31:	Last day for bills to be passed out of the house of origin (J.R. 61(a)(8))
Aug. 16, 2013	Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(10))
Aug. 30, 2013	Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(11))
Sep. 02, 2013	Labor Day
Sep. 03 - Sep. 13, 2013	Floor session only; no committees, other than conference committees and Rules Committee, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(a)(12))
Sep. 06, 2013	Last day to amend bills on the floor (J.R. 61(a)(13))
Sep. 13, 2013	Last day for each house to pass bills (J.R. 61(a)(14)); interim Study Recess begins at the end of this day's session (J.R. 51(a)(4))
Oct. 13, 2013	Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before Sept. 13 and in the Governors possession after Sept. 13 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(1))

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_20130528_amended_sen_v95.pdf

Location: Assembly

Summary: This bill would create the Coastal Adaptation Fund in the State Treasury, and would authorize expenditure of up to \$10,000,000 annually of tidelands oil revenue in the General Fund 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.

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_20130422_amended_asm_v97.pdf

Location: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

Hearing Date: 6/25/2013

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

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_20130614_amended_asm_v94.pdf

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

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.

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_20130528_amended_asm_v95.pdf

Location: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
(Double referred to Senate Judiciary Committee)

Hearing date: 6/25/2013

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. Penalty funds would be deposited into the Violation Remediation Account (VRA) of the Coastal Conservancy Fund.

Bills Held in Committee or Failed Passage

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

Location: Assembly Natural Resources

Status: Failed passage

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.

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

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee

Status: Held in Committee

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 355 (Beall-D): Conservation: Tax Credits

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0351-0400/sb_355_bill_20130513_amended_sen_v95.pdf

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee

Status: Held in committee

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.

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

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file

Status: Held in committee

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.

Bill Search: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>