

## State Coastal Conservancy

### August 22, 2019 Legislative Report

#### [AB 65](#)

#### ***(Petrie-Norris, D) Coastal Protection: climate adaptation: project prioritization***

Location: Senate Consent Calendar

This bill would add Section 31114 to Division 21 requiring SCC to do all the following when allocating Proposition 68 funding for coastal climate change adaptation projects:

- Prioritize projects that use natural infrastructure to help adapt to climate change.
- Prioritize projects that provide multiple public benefits, including, but not limited to, protection of communities, natural resources, and recreational opportunities.
- Consider funding projects in a variety of ecosystems along the state's coastline.
- Ensure projects are consistent with Division 21 climate authorities.

The bill would require SCC to provide information to OPR on any projects funded pursuant to the bill for inclusion in the clearinghouse for climate adaptation information.

#### [AB 352](#)

#### ***(Garcia, D) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020***

Location: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

This bill would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by voters at an unspecified election, would authorize issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3.9 billion for bill purposes. The Act currently includes a total appropriation to SCC of \$100 million.

#### [AB 552](#)

#### ***(Stone, D) Coastal resources: Coastal Adaptation, Access, and Resilience Program***

Location: Senate Appropriation Suspense File

This bill would establish the Coastal Adaptation, Access, and Resilience Program (Division 20.8) in the Public Resources Code for the purpose of helping the state address coastal climate change and sea level rise. The bill would also establish a corresponding new fund in the State Treasury, the Coastal Adaptation, Access, and Resilience Fund.

#### [AB 782](#)

#### ***(Berman, D) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: public agencies: land transfers***

Location: Enrollment

This bill would exempt from CEQA the acquisition, sale or other transfer of interest in land by a public agency for certain purposes, or the granting or acceptance of funding by a public agency for those purposes, if the public agency conditions those transaction on environmental review in accordance with CEQA before making physical changes to the transferred land before making those changes.

[AB 1511](#)

***(Bloom, D) Coastal Resources: Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission***

Location: Senate Appropriations Suspense File

This bill would:

- Establish SCC as the agency that would provide administrative services to SMBRC and would require SCC to enter into the MOU with the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, Secretary of Cal EPA, and SMBRC.
- Specify that the purpose of the commission is to promote, support, and achieve the restoration and enhancement of Santa Monica Bay and its watershed.
- Prescribe specified restoration and enhancement goals for the bay and its watershed including, but not limited to, the protection, enhancement, and improvement of the Bay and its watershed; water supply and quality improvements; mitigation of negative impacts and increased resiliency relating to climate change; and the improvement of monitoring and the ability to assess the effectiveness of actions relating to the restoration and enhancement of Bay and watershed.

[AB 1680](#)

***(Limon, D) Coastal lands: coastal access plan: Hollister Ranch***

Location: Senate Appropriations Suspense File

This bill would require the Coastal Commission, SCC, State Lands Commission, and State Parks by July 1, 2020, to develop a new coastal access plan for Hollister Ranch in Santa Barbara County that will replace the existing coastal access program for Hollister Ranch that was adopted by the Commission in 1982, and would require that the coastal access plan include specified components. The bill would authorize the Commission to implement the coastal access plan in phases with unspecified deadlines and would require SCC, in collaboration with State Parks and State Lands Commission, to submit a prescribed report to the Legislature within 30 days of missing a deadline. The bill would state the intent of the legislature that public access occur as early as possible and would require public access on a pilot-project basis consistent with the coastal access plan no later than an unspecified date.

[SB 45](#)

***(Allen, D) Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020***

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill would enact the Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by voters at an unspecified election, would authorize issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4.3 billion for bill purposes. Dollar amounts have been allocated to the chapters, but the current bill version generally does not allocate funds to specific agencies. Most of the chapters have the potential to make new funding available for appropriation by the Legislature to SCC, which has the authorities to undertake specified activities.

[SB 69](#)

***(Wiener, D) Ocean Resiliency Act of 2019***

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would:

- Require Natural Resources Agency to inventory the state's existing coastal wetlands resources and prepare a study, in coordination with SCC and CA Department of Fish and Wildlife; to submit that study to the legislature by January 1, 2023; and to perform updates every five years.
- Require SCC to submit a report to legislature by December 31, 2022 on the Redwood City Harbor beneficial reuse of sediment pilot program.

- Direct SCC to develop a beneficial reuse program in partnership with U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to reuse dredge sediment for coastal wetlands restoration projects upon appropriation of funds by the Legislature.
- If directed by the CNRA Secretary, and upon appropriation of funds by the Legislature, require SCC to develop and implement a climate resiliency grant program in coordination with other state conservancies and the State Water Resources Control Board.
- Authorize CNRA to coordinate with state conservancies and others regarding development of a Blue Carbon Strategy.

[SB 367](#)

***(Hueso, D) State Coastal Conservancy: grants: educational projects and programs***

Location: Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

This bill would:

- Authorize SCC to provide technical assistance to public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and Indian tribes to support and award grants for educational projects and programs.
- Authorize education projects and programs for adults as well as students in grades K-12.
- Clarify and define the types of education projects and programs eligible for SCC funding.
- Allow grants for construction and improvement of facilities used for programs.
- Require grantees to document outcomes; provide outreach to low-income, underserved, and non-coastal areas of the state; and maintain data for program evaluation.
- Cap SCC grant administration costs at 10%.

[SB 576](#)

***(Umberg, D) State Coastal Conservancy: coastal climate change adaptation, infrastructure, and readiness program***

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would establish the Climate Ready Program in Division 21 to be administered by SCC. The bill also would require the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) to develop and implement a coastal climate change adaptation, infrastructure, and readiness program to recommend best practices and strategies to improve the climate change resiliency of the state's coastal communities, infrastructure, and habitat.

[SB 587](#)

***(Monning, D) California Sea Otter Fund***

Location: Senate Rules Committee

This bill would extend the sunset date of the California Sea Otter voluntary tax-checkoff from January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2026.

For more information on this legislation, go to <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

08/24/2020

Last day to amend on the floor (J.R.61(b)(17))

08/28/2020

**Last day for each house to pass bills (J.R.61(b)(18))**

09/07/2020

Labor Day