

State Coastal Conservancy

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[AB 552](#)

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

Status: *Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(a)(12) **

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.

[SB 45](#)

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

Status: In Assembly. Read first time. Held at desk.

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 the November 3, 2020 general election, would authorize issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5.5 billion for bill purposes. The bill currently allocates \$900 million to SCC: \$100m for purposes of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority; \$700 million for Division 21 purposes; and \$100 million for water projects including dam removal.

Two other climate/resilience bond bills, AB 352 (Garcia, D) and AB 1298 (Mullin, D) remain in Assembly policy committees.

AB 352 would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by voters in the November 3, 2020 general election, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3.9 billion for wildlife prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.

AB 1298 would enact the Climate Resiliency, Fire Risk Reduction, Recycling, Groundwater and Drinking Water Supply, Clean Beaches, and Jobs Infrastructure Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters in the November 2020 general election, would authorize bonds in an unspecified amount to finance a climate resiliency, fire risk reduction, recycling, groundwater and drinking water supply, clean beaches, and jobs infrastructure program.

[SB 69](#)

(Wiener, D) Ocean Resiliency Act of 2019

Status: *Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(a)(12) **

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.

- 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 140](#)

(Stern, D) Specialized License Plates: The Endless Summer

Status: *Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(a)(12) **

This bill would require SCC to apply to the DMV to sponsor “The Endless Summer” specialized license plate and would require the DMV, in consultation with SCC, to design the license plate, including a surfer design associated with the movie “The Endless Summer” and the slogan “The Endless Summer”. The bill would require that the proceeds from those license plates, upon appropriation by the Legislature to the SCC, be used to fund projects and programs that promote exposure to, and preservation of, surfing, its cultural heritage, and the coastal resources upon which surfing depends.

[SB 587](#)

(Monning, D) California Sea Otter Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund

Status: In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk

This bill would rename the California Sea Otter Fund the California Sea Otter Voluntary Contribution Fund and extends its sunset date until January 1, 2028. The measure also resets the minimum contribution amount from its current inflation-adjusted amount of \$304,948 in 2019 back to \$250,000 for 2020.

*Joint Rule 61(a)(12): September 1 in odd years is the last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Deadlines 2020

January Deadlines

Jan. 17 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(1)).

Jan. 24 Last day for any committee to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year. (J.R. 61(b)(2)). Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.

Jan. 31 Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house in the odd- numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(3)) (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c)).

February Deadlines

Feb. 21 Last day for bills to be introduced (J.R. 61(b)(4), J.R. 54(a)).

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