

State Coastal Conservancy

June 18, 2020 Legislative Report

UPCOMING DEADLINES

06/15/2020 Budget Bill must be passed by Midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12 (c)).

06/19/2020 Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house (J.R.61(b)(8)).

06/19/2020 Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 29 (J.R.61(b)(9)).

6/22/2020 - 6/26/2020 Floor Session Only. No committees, other than conference or Rule committees, may meet for any purpose. (J.R.61(b)(10)).

06/25/2020 Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 3 General Election ballot (Elections Code Sec. 9040).

AB 2518

(Wood, D) Voluntary stream restoration landowner liability

Location: Assembly Water Parks & Wildlife Committee. *Hearing postponed.*

This bill would exempt a private landowner who voluntarily allows land to be used for a project to restore fish and wildlife habitat from civil liability for property damage or personal injury resulting from the project if the project is funded, at least in part, by a state or federal agency unless the damage is caused by willful, intentional, or reckless conduct by the landowner or by a design, construction, operation, or maintenance activity performed by the landowner.

AB 2519

(Wood, D) Conservation projects: grants: advance payments

Location: Assembly Second Reading File

This bill would require the Resources Agency, Coastal Conservancy, and the State Water Resources Control Board, when awarding grants for conservation projects, to provide an advance payment of up to 25% of the total grant award if requested by a grant recipient.

AB 2619

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

Location: Assembly Appropriations. Held under submission.

This bill would establish the Program for Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access for the purpose of funding sea level rise and climate change projects. It would create a program fund and would authorize the Coastal Commission, Coastal Conservancy and other state agencies to spend monies for these projects when appropriated by the legislature.

AB 3200

(Friedman, D) State Coastal Conservancy: report: Lower Cost Accommodations Program

Location: *Dead*

This bill would require SCC to report on the agency's progress in implementing the Lower Cost Coastal Accommodations Program.

SB 587

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

Location: Assembly 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.

SB 1027

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

Location: *Dead*

This bill would require the State Coastal Conservancy to apply to the DMV to sponsor “The Endless Summer” specialized license plate for a conservancy awareness program, as specified, 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”.

SB 1100

(Atkins, D) Coastal resources: sea level rise

Location: *Dead*

This bill would require the Coastal Commission to address the effect of sea level rise in coastal resource planning and management policies and activities. The bill would also require state and regional agencies to identify, assess, and, to the extent feasible and consistent with their statutory authorities, minimize and mitigate sea level rise impacts.

[SB 1296](#)

(Durazo, D) Natural resources: Nature and Parks Career Pathway and Community Resiliency Act of 2020

Location: Senate Appropriations

SB 1296 would, upon appropriation by the legislature, establish the Nature and Parks Career Pathway and Community Resiliency Act of 2020. The Act would require the state conservancies and the Wildlife Conservation Board (“WCB”) to establish independent grant programs to fund climate-beneficial and climate resiliency projects that provide job and career pathways, as specified, for individuals and populations facing barriers to employment.

[SB 1301](#)

(Hueso, D) San Diego River Conservancy: Tijuana River Valley: bi-national watershed management plan

Location: Senate Appropriations

The bill would require the San Diego River Conservancy to work with the State Water Resources Control Board, SCC, and CalEPA to create a bi-national watershed management plan for the Tijuana River Valley.

Climate/Economic Recover Bonds

[SB 45](#)

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

Location: Assembly Desk

If approved by voters at the November 3, 2020 general election, the bill would authorize issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5.5 billion. 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.

[AB 3256](#)

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

Location: Assembly Rules

This bill, if approved by voters on November 3, would enact the Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6,980,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for an economic recovery, wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program. The bill currently allocates \$550 million to SCC. The bill also requires the state conservancies to develop a climate resiliency plan for adoption by their boards.

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