

State Coastal Conservancy
September 3, 2020 Legislative Report

[AB 1659](#)

(Bloom, D) Large electrical corporations: wildfire mitigation: revenue bonds

Status: Assembly Third Reading File

This bill creates the Wildfire and Community Resilience Fund for wildfire mitigation and prevention and to increase community resilience. The bill would provide \$500 million to the CA Natural Resource Agency (CNRA) for projects beginning in FY 2020-2021 and up to \$2.5 billion over time, first through a state loan and then via revenue bonds to be paid back with revenues generated by a ratepayer charge imposed by state electrical corporations. The bill has no allocations for SCC, but state conservancies are eligible recipients of funds, as follows:

- \$500m appropriated to CNRA as “interim” project funding starting in FY 20-21, consistent with an expenditure plan to be developed by CNRA.
- \$100m available by legislative appropriation for workforce training.
- \$300m to state conservancies, by appropriation, for projects to reduce the risk of wildfires and improve forest and ecosystem health, corridor and trail protection and connectivity, and to help with appropriate workforce training.
- \$300 million available by legislative appropriation to CNRA, its conservancies, boards, departments to reduce fire risk.

[SB 587](#)

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

Status: Assembly Consent Calendar (08/27/2020)

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.

Climate Resilience Bond Bills: SB 45 (Allen) and AB 3256 (Garcia) are held in the Assembly

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.

- AB 2518 ***(Wood, D) Voluntary stream restoration landowner liability***
Status: **DEAD**
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 from the project if the project is funded, at least in part, by a state or federal agency.
- AB 2519 ***(Wood, D) Conservation projects: grants: advance payments***
Status: **DEAD**
This bill would require the CNRA, 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.
- AB 2619 ***(Stone, D) Coastal resources: Program for Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, Access***
Status: **DEAD**
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.
- AB 3200 ***(Friedman, D) State Coastal Conservancy: report: Lower Cost Accommodations Program***
Status: **DEAD**
This bill would require SCC to report on the agency's progress in implementing the Lower Cost Coastal Accommodations Program.
- SB 1027 ***(Stern, D) Specialized License Plates: The Endless Summer***
Status: **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.
- SB 1100 ***(Atkins, D) Coastal resources: sea level rise***
Status: **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.
- SB 1296 ***(Durazo, D) Natural resources: Nature and Parks Career Pathway and Community Resiliency Act of 2020***
Status: **DEAD**
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 for individuals and populations facing barriers to employment.

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