

State Coastal Conservancy

May 5, 2022 Legislative Report

(Introduced Legislation as of April 19, 2022)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

- 05/06/2022 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor; nonfiscal bills introduced in their house.
- 05/13/2022 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor; nonfiscal bills introduced in their house.
- 05/20/2022 Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house. Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to May 31
- 06/01/2021 June 1-4 Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to A.R. 77.2, and Conference Committees
- 06/04/2021 Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house
- 06/07/2021 Committee meetings may resume
- 06/15/2021 Budget Bill must be passed by midnight

Bond Bills

AB2387 **(Garcia, D) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022**

Status: Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

AB2387, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$7,430,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs. The bill currently allocates \$1,310,000,000 to SCC: \$300 million for purposes of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority; \$40 million for purposes of the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program; and \$970 million for general Division 21 purposes.

Other Introduced Legislation

AB1717 **(Aguilar-Curry, D) Public works: definition.**

Status: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

This bill would expand the definition of “public works” to include fuel reduction work paid for in whole or in part out of public funds performed as part of a fire

mitigation project, as specified. Existing law makes a willful violation of laws relating to the payment of prevailing wages on public works a misdemeanor.

[AB 2177](#)

(Irwin, D) Coastal recreation: designated state surfing reserves.

Status: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

This bill would require, on or before July 1, 2023, the conservancy to establish criteria and an application process for purposes of designating an area of the coastline as a state surfing reserve, as defined. The bill would authorize a local government to apply to the conservancy for purposes of designating an area of the coastline within the jurisdiction of the local government as a state surfing reserve. The bill would require the conservancy to approve the application if the area of the coastline meets the established criteria. The bill would require, once the application is approved, the conservancy to designate the area as a state surfing reserve and to include this designation, where appropriate, in any publications or maps that are issued by the conservancy. The bill would authorize the conservancy to revoke the designation if the surfing reserve no longer meets the established criteria.

[AB 2734](#)

(Petrie-Norris, D) Coastal resources: research: landslides, erosion, and inundation flooding: advanced warning system: County of Orange.

Status: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

This bill would, upon appropriation of necessary funds by the Legislature, require the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego, to conduct research on coastal cliff landslides, flooding, and erosion in the County of Orange, as provided. The bill would require the research to be completed by January 1, 2027. The bill would require, by no later than March 15, 2027, the institution to provide a report to the Legislature with recommendations for establishing advanced coastal cliff landslide, erosion, and inundation flood warning systems based on available research.

[SB 1078](#)

(Allen, D) Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Pilot Program.

Status: Placed on Appropriations suspense file

This bill would require the Ocean Protection Council (council), in consultation with SCC to develop the Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Pilot Program for purposes of providing low-interest loans to local jurisdictions for the purchase of coastal properties in their jurisdictions identified as vulnerable coastal property located in specified communities, including low-income communities, as provided. This bill would establish the Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Fund, to be administered by SCC, in consultation with the council, for purposes of providing,

upon appropriation by the Legislature, the low-interest loans to eligible local jurisdictions.

[AB 2788](#)

(Mathis, R) Public Records

Status: Status: Referred to Committee on Judiciary

This bill would extend the deadline for public agencies to provide an initial response to Public Records Act requests from 10 days to 10 business days.

[SB 1077](#)

(Bates, R) Coastal resources: Climate Ready Program: grants: nonnative and invasive plants: removal and restoration.

Status: Placed on Appropriations suspense file

This bill would specifically authorize the conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations that increase resilience of habitat and natural lands. The bill would require the conservancy, in awarding grants, as part of the prioritization of projects described above, to include those projects that accomplish the removal of nonnative and invasive plants from coastal features, habitats, and ecosystems, and their replacement with native species. The bill would appropriate \$7,000,000 from the General Fund to the conservancy for purposes of providing grants through the program for the removal of nonnative and invasive plants and restoration of native plants, as provided.

[AB 2160](#)

(Bennet, D) Coastal resources: coastal development permits: fees.

Status: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

This bill would, at the request of an applicant for a coastal development permit, authorize a city or county to waive or reduce the permit fee for specified projects. The bill would authorize the applicant, if a city or county rejects a fee waiver or fee reduction request, to submit the coastal development permit application directly to the commission.