

State Coastal Conservancy
Sept 22, 2022 Legislative Report

(Introduced Legislation Current as of Sept 13, 2022)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

09/30/2022	Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor`s possession on or after Sept. 1
10/02/2022	Bills enacted on or before this date take effect January 1, 2023
11/08/2022	General Election
11/30/2022	Adjournment sine die at midnight
12/05/2022	2023-24 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12 noon

Budget Bills

SB 154

(Skinner, D) Budget Act of 2022 Status: Chaptered

The Budget Act of 2022. This bill appropriated \$12.5 million for the Conservancy's support budget and 11 new positions. The Budget Act also included significant funding for Conservancy projects, including:

- \$350m of General Fund (GF) for Climate Resilience— these were previously referred to as Coastal Resilience and in a trailer bill last year there were examples of project types that could be included.
- \$10.8m of GF for Santa Monica Bay restoration
- \$5m of GF for Santa Ana River
- \$5m of GF for San Diego Maritime Museum
- \$3m of GF for Eel and Russian River
- \$19.9m of Prop 68
- \$225k of Environmental License Plate Fund
- \$600k of Coastal Access Funds
- \$165k of Sea Otter Funds

SB 178

(Skinner, D) Budget Trailer Bill Status: Chaptered

This bill appropriated additional funding for Conservancy projects, including:

- \$80m of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds for Climate Ready Program for nature-based sea level rise resilience
- \$40m of GF for Climate Ready Program for nature-based sea level rise resilience, with \$30m to go to SF Bay Area
- \$10m of GF for Wildfire Resilience

AB 179

(Ting, D) Budget Act of 2022 Status: Chaptered

This bill contains a number of appropriations for the Conservancy, including: \$50 million to support acquisitions that advance multi-benefit and nature-based solutions, \$37,500,000 to protect communities and natural resources from sea-

level rise through the Climate Ready program, and several specific legislative priority projects.

Enrolled Bills

- [SB 1078](#) **(Allen, D) Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Pilot Program.** Status: Enrolled
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. The program would only be implemented upon receipt of letters on interest from three local jurisdictions.
- [AB 2160](#) **(Bennet, D) Coastal development permits: fees.** Status: Enrolled
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.
- [SB 307](#) **(McGuire, D) Great Redwood Trail Agency** Status: Enrolled
This bill would prohibit the use of state moneys to initiate or operate rail service on rail rights-of-way north of the City of Willits or for a project that is designed to rehabilitate, modernize, maintain, or repair any rail infrastructure, except for trail design or construction or to satisfy railbanking requirements. The bill would prohibit spending state moneys for any new bulk coal terminal project within the County of Humboldt. This bill would expressly authorize a member of a state commission to be appointed to and serve as a member of the Great Redwood Trail Agency's board of directors, if the member also meets the other applicable qualifications.
- [AB 1717](#) **(Aguiar-Curry, D) Public works: definition.** Status: Enrolled
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. Amendments include an exemption for projects under \$100,000, a delay for nonprofit organizations to comply, and a specification that this law would only apply to work that falls within an apprenticeship occupation in the building and construction trades for which an apprenticeship program has been approved.

Other Introduced Legislation

- [AB 2177](#) **(Irwin, D) Coastal recreation: designated state surfing reserves.** Status: Dead
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.
- [AB 2734](#) **(Petrie-Norris, D) Coastal resources research, landslides, erosion, and inundation flooding, advanced warning system** Status: Dead
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.
- [AB 2788](#) **(Mathis, R) Public Records** Status: Dead
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) Climate Ready Program: grants: nonnative and invasive plants: removal and restoration.** Status: Dead
This bill would specifically authorize the conservancy to award grants to increase resilience of habitat and natural lands and require the conservancy, as part of the prioritization of those projects to include those projects that accomplish the removal of nonnative and invasive plants from coastal ecosystems, and their replacement with native species.
- [AB 2387](#) **(Garcia, D) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022** Status: Dead
AB2387 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.

Federal Legislation

Inflation Reduction Act

On August 16, 2022 the President signed the Inflation Reduction Act. This bill appropriates **\$2.6 billion** to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration under the heading “Investing in Coastal Communities and Climate Resilience”. This funding will be available to provide funding through grants, contracts, to coastal states, local governments, and nonprofits. Purposes of the funding include:

- conservation, restoration and protection of coastal and marine habitats, resources, Pacific salmon and other marine fisheries;
- to enable coastal communities to prepare for extreme storms and other changing climate conditions;
- and for projects that support natural resources that sustain coastal and marine resource dependent communities.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Act

In November 2021 the President signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act providing **\$1 trillion** overall for the nation’s infrastructure, including **\$550 billion** in new spending for climate resilience and public transit, clean transportation, water infrastructure, broadband, disasters and a complete energy package. Of interest to the Conservancy, includes the following funding:

- Corps of Engineers: **\$1.9 billion** for aquatic ecosystem restoration.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: **\$1.7B** was dedicated over 5 years to the Geographic Programs area, including the San Francisco Bay Program.
- NOAA: **\$1.19 B** for the Coastal Zone Management Program, National Coastal Resilience Fund and Community-Based Restoration program.