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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR MARCH 2007

CONTENTS: This report provides summaries and status of bills that affect the Coastal Commission and California's Coastal Program as well as bills that staff has identified as coastal-related legislation.

**Note: Information contained in this report is accurate as of 3/12/07. Changes in the status of some bills may have occurred between the date this report was prepared and the presentation date.**

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## Legislative Calendar

\*Some deadlines may be waived by a majority vote of the Rules Committee

Jan. 1	Statutes take effect
Jan. 3	Legislature reconvenes
Jan. 10	Budget must be submitted by Governor
Jan. 26	Last day to submit bill requests to Office of Legislative Counsel
Feb. 23	Last day for bills to be introduced
Mar. 29	Spring Recess begins
Apr. 9	Legislature reconvenes
May 11	Last day for Policy Committees to hear and report fiscal bills for referral to fiscal committees
May 25	Last day for Policy Committees to meet prior to June 11
June 1	Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report bills to the Floor
June 8	Last day to pass bills from house of origin
June 11	Committee meetings may resume
June 15	Budget must be passed by midnight
July 13	Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills from first house
July 20	Summer Recess begins at the end of session if Budget Bill has been enacted
Aug. 20	Legislature reconvenes
Aug. 31	Last day for Fiscal Committees to meet and report bills to the Floor
Sept. 7	Last day to amend bills on the Floor
Sept. 14	Last day for any bill to be passed. Interim Recess begins on adjournment of session
Oct. 14	Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 14

**PRIORITY LEGISLATION**

**AB 120 (Laird) Budget 2007-2008**

This bill would enact the California State Budget for fiscal year 2007-2008. No substantial changes are proposed to the Coastal Commission's budget

Introduced            1/10/07  
Status                 Referred to Budget Committee

**AB 141 (Saldana) Water quality; California Baja-California border region**

This bill would declare that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to improve water quality in the state in the California-Baja California border region.

Introduced            1/17/07  
Status                 Assembly First Reading

**AB 258 (Krekorian) Environment; marine debris; plastic discharge**

This bill would add Section 30327 to the Public Resources Code, directing the Coastal Commission to take additional steps, within its existing resources, to address marine debris. These additional steps include but are not limited to the following: Increase public outreach and educations; Coordinate with public agencies, including local governments, to reduce marine debris; Convene a multi-agency task force for the purpose of implementing a statewide effort to reduce marine debris. As amended on 6/14, the bill would require the state and regional water boards to implement best management practices for the control of plastic pellets, powder pellets, and fragments into waters of the state.

Introduced            02/05/07  
Status                 Assembly First Reading

**AB 319 (Nava) Emergencies: Tsunami hazard mitigation and preparedness**

This bill would establish the California Tsunami Steering Committee, including a representative from the Coastal Commission, to guide tsunami hazard preparation activities in the state. It would require the Office of Emergency Services to establish a statewide tsunami hazard mitigation program to maintain consistent planning efforts regarding preparation, communication, response, and mitigation in the event of a tsunami.

Introduced            02/13/07  
Status                 Assembly Government Organization Committee

**AB 350 (Blakeslee) Land Conservation**

This bill would require the Resources Agency to identify key buffer properties adjacent to large ecologically valuable landscapes that could be threatened by future incompatible land uses.

Introduced            02/14/07  
Status                 Assembly First Reading

**AB 719 (Devore) Energy: electrical generation: zero carbon dioxide emissions**

This bill would repeal the ban on new nuclear power generating facilities in California.

Introduced 2/22/07  
Status Referred to Natural Resources, Energy & Utilities Committees.

**AB 1066 (Laird) Coastal resources; local coastal programs**

This bill would authorize an owner or operator of an offshore oil platform to request the State Lands Commission to approve an alternative to the complete removal of an offshore oil platform when the extraction of oil has become uneconomical. The owner or operator would pay the state's cost of determining the advantages and disadvantages of complete removal of a platform or alternatives to complete removal. The bill would create the Ocean Resources Fund in the State Treasury to receive specified payments from an owner or operator. Monies in the fund would be subject to appropriation by the Legislature, to be expended only for purposes of the act.

Introduced 2/23/07  
Status Referred to Rules Committee for assignment.

**AB 1074 (Houston)**

This bill would state that it is the intent of the Legislature to expand the number of agencies that qualify for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQUIP) including the Coastal Commission, for the purpose of expediting the permit process.

Introduced 2/22/07  
Status Referred to Rules Committee for assignment.  
Status Assembly First Reading

**AB 1130 (Laird) State lands; decommissioning of offshore oil platforms**

This bill would authorize the State Lands Commission to approve a permit submitted by the owner or operator of an offshore oil and gas facility to partially remove a decommissioned platform, as an alternative to complete removal. The bill would create the Ocean Resources fund in the State Treasury for the fees collected pursuant to approval. Monies collected would be subject to appropriation by the Legislature, for the purpose of funding projects and programs consistent with the Marine Life Protection Act.

Introduced 02/23/07  
Status Assembly First Reading

**AB 1280 (Laird) Ocean resources**

This bill would authorize the expenditure of funds in the California Ocean Protection Trust Fund to be expended for the preparation of fisheries management plans pursuant to the Marine Life Management Act.

Introduced 2/23/07  
Status Referred to Rules Committee for assignment.

**AB 1338 (Huffman) Public resources: local coastal programs: non-point source pollution**

This bill would require local governments, when preparing or amending an LCP for Commission certification, to include an element on reducing non-point source pollution.

Introduced 02/23/07  
Status Assembly first Reading

**AB 1396 (Laird) California Coastal Trail**

This bill would require the California Department of Transportation to annually identify all excess property in the coastal zone, and provide that information to the State Coastal Conservancy, the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Department of Fish and Game, for the purpose of making those properties available for purchase or lease by a public agency to facilitate the development of the California Coastal Trail. It also would require Caltrans to consult with other state agencies re: trail implementation, and requires regional transportation planning agencies with jurisdiction in the coastal zone to coordinate with specified state agencies regarding development of the trail, and to include provisions for the Coastal Trail in their plans.

Introduced 2/23/07  
Status Referred to Rules Committee for assignment.

**AB 1459 (Levine) California Coastal Act: coastal development**

This bill would prohibit the transfer, sale or conversion of a visitor serving facility, or any unit within a visitor serving facility, for full time or part time residential use.

Introduced 02/23/07  
Status Assembly First Reading

**SB 10 (Kehoe) Airport land use commissions; San Diego County**

This bill would transfer the authority for coordination of airport land use planning from the current authority, the San Diego Regional Airport Authority, to a consolidated agency comprised of the San Diego Association of Governments, the Metropolitan Transit Development Board, and the North County Transit District. The bill would dissolve the existing Board of Directors and replace it with a new, 7-member Board of Directors, appointed locally.

Introduced 12/04/06  
Last Amended 02/14/07  
Status Referred to Committee on Local Government.

**SB 27 (Simitian) Clean Drinking Water, Water Supply Security, Environmental Improvement Bond Act**

This bill would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,000,000,000 for the purpose of protecting water quality, safety and supply, through projects and acquisitions.

Introduced 12/04/06  
Status Referred to Committee on Rules

**SB 54 (Ducheny) Budget 2007-2008**

This bill would enact the California State Budget for fiscal year 2007-2008. No substantial changes are proposed to the Coastal Commission's budget

Introduced 1/10/07  
Status Referred to Budget Committee

**SB 157 (Wiggins) Tribal gaming; compact ratification**

This bill would ratify a tribal gaming compact between the State of California, the Big Lagoon Rancheria and the Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupena Indians to allow the transfer of rights to develop a casino at Big Lagoon in Humboldt County, to an urban site in the City of Barstow.

Introduced 01/30/07  
Status Senate First Reading

**SB 333 (Ackerman) Marine resources; Marine Life Protection Act**

This bill would make technical, non-substantive changes to the Marine Life Protection Act.

Introduced            2/20/07  
Status                 Referred to Rules Committee for assignment.

**SB 884 (Lowenthal) California Coastal Commission; administrative actions**

This bill would require anyone who represents an applicant before the California Coastal Commission, who also meets the definition of a “lobbyist” as defined by the Political Reform Act, to comply with the Political Reform Act, including disclosure requirements.

Introduced            2/23/07  
Status                 Referred to Rules Committee for assignment.

**SB 965 (Lowenthal) Oil spills; CalPORTS**

This bill would establish the California Physical Oceanographic Real Time System (CalPorts). It would also authorize the administrator of the Oil Spill Prevention and Response program to establish, operate and maintain a CalPorts information network linking existing and proposed technologies that provide critical environmental information for the purpose of increased navigational safety and efficiency.

Introduced            2/23/07  
Status                 Referred to Rules Committee for assignment.

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