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TO: Coastal Commission and Interested Persons

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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 2014

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 10/1/14. Recent amendments summarized in *italics*. An asterisk* denotes a new measure not included in the previous month's report. Changes in the status of some bills may have occurred between the date this report was prepared and the presentation date.¹ Bill text, votes, committee analyses and the current status of any bill may be checked by visiting the California Senate Homepage at www.senate.ca.gov. This report can also be accessed through the Commission's Homepage at www.coastal.ca.gov

 2014 Legislative Calendar

May 9	Last day for Policy Committees to hear and report 1 st House non-fiscal bills to the Floor
May 16	Last day for Policy Committees to meet prior to June 2
May 23	Last day for Fiscal Committees to meet prior to June 2
May 27-30	Floor Session only. No committees may meet
May 30	Last day to pass bills from house of origin
June 2	Committee hearings resume
June 15	Budget must be passed by midnight
June 26	Last day for Legislative measure to qualify for November ballot
June 27	Last day for Policy Committees to meet and report bills
July 3	Summer Recess begins
Aug 4	Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess
Aug 15	Last day for Fiscal Committees to hear and report bills to the Floor
Aug 30	Last day for Fiscal Committees to meet and report bills to the Floor
Aug 18-31	Floor session only. No committees may meet
Aug 22	Last day to amend bills on the Floor
Aug 31	Last day for any bill to be passed. Interim Recess begins on adjournment of session
Sept 30	Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills
Jan 1, 2015	Signed bills take effect

¹Terms used in this report relating to bill status. 1) "On Suspense" means bill is held in Appropriations because of potential costs to state agency. Bills usually heard by Appropriations near Fiscal Committee Deadline in June. 2) "Held in committee" means bill was not heard in the policy committee this year. 3) "Failed passage" means a bill was heard by policy committee but failed to get a majority vote. 4) "Enrolled" means the Legislature has passed the bill, but the Governor has not yet acted. 5) "Chaptered" means the bill has been signed.

PRIORITY LEGISLATION

AB 288 (Levine) Coastal Resources

This bill would add PRC Section 30515.5 to require the Coastal Commission to provide a Spanish language translation of its monthly meeting notice.

Introduced 02/11/13
Last Amended 01/09/14
Status Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 866, Statutes of 2014

AB 474 (Stone) Public Resources Code: coastal resources

This bill would require the Coastal Commission to revise its standard ex-parte disclosure forms to so that ex-parte communication disclosures include the names of all individuals participating in the meeting, and a copy of all written and graphic material presented during the meeting.

Introduced 02/19/13
Last Amended 01/06/14
Status Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 125, Statutes of 2014

AB 2188 (Muratsuchi) Solar energy: permits

This bill would expedite and streamline the permit process for small scale rooftop solar panel installations. Local governments must adopt ordinances creating a “checklist” application for rooftop solar projects. Applications would be “deemed approved” upon submittal of a completed checklist. *Amendments of 8/14 require a solar energy system for heating water in single family residences and solar collectors for heating in commercial or swimming pool applications to be certified by an accredited agency, as defined.*

Introduced 02/20/14
Last Amended 08/14/14
Status Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 521, Statutes of 2014

AB 2516 (Gordon) Sea level rise planning: data base

This bill would require the Natural Resources Agency, in collaboration with the Ocean Protection Council, to create a Planning for Sea Level Rise Database on its public website describing steps being taken throughout the state to address sea level rise. The bill would require the Coastal Commission to provide information regarding which jurisdictions have adopted LCPs, which have not, and which LCPs contain sea level rise policies. *Amendments of 8/21 change the reporting requirement from quarterly to bi-annually.*

Introduced 02/21/13
Last Amended 08/21/14
Status Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 522, Statutes of 2014
Commission position Support

SB 270 (Padilla) Solid waste: single-use carryout bags

As introduced, this bill would have established the Labor Enforcement Task Force. As amended, this bill would prohibit specified classes of retail stores from making single-use plastic bags available to customers by July 1, 2015, and to charge not less than \$0.10 for the provision of a paper bag. After January 1, 2020, re-usable grocery bag to be certified as minimum 40% post-consumer recycled materials.

Introduced 02/14/13
Last Amended 08/21/14
Status Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 850, Statutes of 2014

SB 861 (Senate Budget Committee)

In relevant part, this bill would authorize the Commission to impose administrative penalties for violations of the public access policies of the Coastal Act. Penalty amounts would be limited to no more than \$1,250 per day, for an accrual period of no more than 5 years. All funds collected under this provision would be deposited into the Violation Remediation Account. The bill would require the Commission to submit a bill to the Legislature on the status of the enforcement program by 12/31/18. The bill also establishes the Climate Resilience Account in the Coastal Trust Fund. Twenty percent of the monies in the fund would go to the Commission for local grants related to sea level rise planning.

Introduced 01/09/14
Last Amended 06/13/14
Status Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 35, Statutes of 2014

SB 968 (Hill) Public lands: Martin's Beach property: access

This bill directs the State Lands Commission to consult, and enter into negotiations if necessary, with the owners of Martins Beach to acquire a right-of-way or easement for public access to and along the shoreline at Martins Beach, and states that the SLC may acquire this easement through its eminent domain authority if necessary if no agreement is reached by January 1, 2016.

Introduced 02/10/14
Last Amended 08/18/14
Status Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 922, Statutes of 2014
Commission Position Support

SJR 20 (Leno) Safeguard Our Coast Day

This measure would recognize the 50th anniversary of the federal certification of the California Coastal Management Program, and would proclaim February 16, 2015, and each 3rd Monday of February thereafter, as "Safeguard Our Coast Day."

Introduced 06/17/14
Status Chaptered by Secretary of State. Res. Chapter 110, Statutes of 2014