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TO: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Public

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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR JULY 2012

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 06/28/12. Changes in the status of some bills may have occurred between the date this report was prepared and the presentation date.**<sup>1</sup> The Governor has 30 days from the date of passage to sign or veto enrolled bills. Current status of any bill may be checked by visiting the California Senate Homepage at [www.senate.ca.gov](http://www.senate.ca.gov). This report can also be accessed through the Commission's World Wide Web Homepage at [www.coastal.ca.gov](http://www.coastal.ca.gov)

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2012 Legislative Calendar

Jan 1	Statutes take effect
Jan 4	Legislature reconvenes
Jan 10	Budget must be submitted by Governor
Jan 27	Last day to submit bill requests to Legislative Counsel
Feb 24	Last day for bill introduction
March 29	Spring Recess begins
April 9	Legislature reconvenes
April 27	Last day for Policy Committees to hear and report 1 <sup>st</sup> House fiscal bills to the Floor
May 11	Last day for Policy Committees to hear and report 1 <sup>st</sup> House non-fiscal bills to the Floor
May 18	Last day for Policy Committees to meet prior to June 7
May 25	Last day for Fiscal Committees to hear and report 1 <sup>st</sup> House fiscal bills to the Floor
May 29-June 1	Floor Session only. No committees may meet
June 1	Last day to pass bills from house of origin
June 4	Committee meetings may resume
June 15	Budget must be passed by midnight
June 28	Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the November General Election ballot
July 6	Last day for Policy Committees to hear and report bills to the Floor from the second house
July 6	Summer Recess begins at the end of session if Budget Bill has been enacted
Aug 6	Legislature reconvenes
Aug 17	Last day for Fiscal Committees to meet and report bills to the Floor
Aug 20-31	Floor session only. No committees may meet
Aug 24	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

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<sup>1</sup> Terms 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. Reconsideration can be granted by the committee.

### **PRIORITY LEGISLATION**

#### **AB 482 (Williams) Ventura Port District: dredging contracts**

This bill would authorize the Port of Ventura to bypass the competitive bidding process for dredging projects, provided that it contracts with a contractor who has been selected through the Federal competitive bidding process, and is currently engaged in a project that is already underway in the County of Ventura, provided that the District makes written findings that this would result in a cost savings for the District. Amendments of 1/13/12 add an urgency clause.

Introduced	02/15/11
Status	Enrolled
Last Amended	01/13/12

#### **AB 752 (Brownley) Tidelands and submerged lands: sea level action plans**

This bill would require local trustees of granted public tidelands (county, city or special districts) who receive at least \$250,000 per year in gross public trust revenues to prepare sea level action plans by July 1, 2013. The bill would also encourage, but not require, all other local trustees of granted public tidelands to prepare sea level action plans. The plans must include an assessment of impacts based on a range of sea level rise potentials, including fiscal impacts public lands, as well adaptation strategies for those impacts. The sea level rise plans shall be adopted after at least one public hearing, and submitted to the State Lands Commission.

Introduced	02/17/11
Last Amended	05/27/11
Status	Held in Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee

#### **AB 904 (Skinner) Local government: parking spaces**

This bill would prohibit cities and counties from establishing a minimum parking standard for off-street parking spaces greater than 2 parking spaces per 1,000 square feet of non-residential development or 1 parking space per non-income restricted residential development in specified areas.

Introduced	02/17/11
Last Amended	06/27/12
Status	Senate G.O. Committee

#### **AB 1336 (Fletcher) Coastal resources: local coastal plans**

This is a spot bill.

Introduced	02/18/11
Status	Assembly Rules Committee. Died at desk.

**AB 1776 (Fong) Western Pacific leatherback turtle**

This bill would designate the Western Pacific leatherback turtle as the state’s official marine reptile, and designate October 15 of every year as Western Pacific Leatherback Turtle Day.

Introduced 02/17/12  
Last Amended 03/22/12  
Status Senate Third Reading  
**Commission Position Support**

**AB 1825 (Garrick) State parks: “Save the Ocean” mosaic**

This bill would authorize the City of Encinitas to place the “Save the Ocean” mosaic, aka the “Surfing Madonna” mosaic, in Moonlight State Park, without first gaining approval from the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Introduced 02/21/12  
Last Amended 03/29/12  
Status Held in Assembly Water, parks & Wildlife Committee

**AB 2005 (Garrick) Oil spills: contingency plans**

This bill requires a non-tank, noncommercial vessel weighing between 300 gross tons and 400 gross tons to submit the following to the Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR), at least 96 hours before arriving in California waters:

- Evidence of financial responsibility to respond to an oil spill.
- Payment of the nontank vessel oil spill prevention fee.
- The vessel's particulars, such as the size and dimensions of the vessel.

The bill sunsets its provisions as of January 1, 2015.

Introduced 02/21/12  
Last Amended 05/01/12  
Status Senate Environmental Quality Committee

**AB 2082 (Atkins) Public lands: State Lands Commission: violations**

This bill would authorize the State Lands Commission to impose civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per day for persons placing unauthorized development or carrying out unauthorized uses on lands under the Commission’s jurisdiction.

Introduced 02/23/12  
Last Amended 06/21/12  
Status Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

**AB 2178 (Jones) Coastal resources: California Coastal Act of 1976: coastal development**

This bill would specify that the construction or erection of a flag pole in the coastal zone does not is not a “structure” for the purpose of the Coastal Act. It would prohibit the denial of a flag pole based on impacts to scenic or visual resources.

Introduced 02/23/12  
Status Held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
**Commission Position Oppose**

**AB 2211 (Jones) Coastal resources: California Coastal Act of 1976**

This bill would amend Section 30007.5 so that conflicts between Chapter 3 policies would be resolved in a manner that balances the protection of coastal resources with the economic and social benefits of a project, including regional prosperity. It would also amend Section 30001.5 to define “social and economic needs” as infrastructure and development needed to support continued population and economic growth.

Introduced 02/24/12  
Status Held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
**Commission Position Oppose**

**AB 2226 (Hueso) Agency proceedings: evidence: presumption**

This bill would require all state agencies and local governments to adhere to Section 662 of the Evidence Code when determining who holds full beneficial title to property, rather than following the Administrative Procedures Act or their own specific statute and regulations.

Introduced 02/23/12  
Last Amended 03/22/12  
Status Held in Senate Judiciary Committee  
**Commission Position Oppose**

**AB 2267 (Hall) Marine resources and preservation**

This bill would revise the calculation of “cost savings” and revise the factors to be taken into account in determining “net benefit to the marine environment” for the purpose of partial oil structure removal (“rigs to reefs”) as administered by the Department of Fish and Game.

Introduced 02/24/12  
Last Amended 03/26/12  
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee



**SB 162 (Anderson) Economic development: federally recognized tribes**

As amended 5/21/12 and relevant to the Commission, this bill would prohibit state agencies from opposing a fee-to-trust land acquisition application that is for the purpose of housing, environmental protection or cultural preservation. It would also define a "federally recognized tribe" means a tribe that appears on the list of Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, published pursuant to Section 479a-1 of Title 25 of the U.S. Code.

Introduced 12/06/10  
Last Amended 05/21/12  
Status Assembly G. O.—Hearing cancelled at request of author  
**Commission Position Oppose**

**SB 568 (Lowenthal) Recycling: polystyrene food containers**

This bill would prohibit any food vendor, after January 1, 2016, from dispensing prepared food to a customer in a polystyrene foam food container. The measure would not apply to correctional facilities, school districts, or food vendors selling freshly cut meat. Amendments taken on 5/23 and 5/15 would allow a school district or local government to dispense food in a polystyrene container if the applicable governing board elects to adopt a policy or ordinance elects to implement a verifiable recycling program for polystyrene foam food containers, effective July 1, 2017.

Introduced 02/17/11  
Last Amended 07/12/11  
Status Assembly Inactive File  
**Commission Position Support**

**SB 588 (Evans) Coastal Commission: enforcement**

This bill would authorize the Coastal Commission to collect administrative civil penalties up to \$50,000 per violation. The bill would require that any penalties collected for violation of the Coastal Account be deposited into the Coastal Act Services Fund.

Introduced 02/17/11  
Status Returned to Secretary of Senate.  
**Commission position Support**

**SB 973 (Vargas) Environmental quality: California environment**

This bill would authorize a lead agency conducting environmental review pursuant to CEQA to grant an exemption for a fireworks display.

Introduced 01/19/12  
Last Amended 05/02/12  
Status Assembly Natural Resources Committee—Hearing cancelled at author's request

**SB 1066 (Lieu) Coastal resources: climate change**

This bill would authorize the Coastal Conservancy to fund and undertake projects related to climate change, giving priority to projects that maximize public benefits.

Introduced 02/13/12  
Last Amended 06/27/12  
Status Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
**Commission Position Support**

**SB 1283 (Alquist) San Francisco Bay Area Sea Level Rise Planning Act**

This bill would establish the San Francisco Bay Area Sea Level Rise Planning Act, which would authorize a regional sea level rise management group, as defined, or local government agency to prepare and adopt an integrated sea level rise management plan for the San Francisco Bay area, in accordance with specified requirements. The bill would require a state agency that elects to develop an integrated sea level management plan to include specified criteria in that plan, and to prioritize funding for the plan, as prescribed.

Introduced 03/23/12  
Status Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee, hearing cancelled at author's req.

**SB 1447 (Walters) Artificial reefs**

This bill would amend the Fish and Game Code to change the definition of an artificial reef to eliminate references to duplicating conditions of natural reefs and stimulating kelp growth, and include a reference to recreational scuba diving.

Introduced 02/24/12  
Status Senate Natural Resources Committee, hearing cancelled at author's request

**SB 1496 (Simitian) Energy: natural gas**

This bill would require the Energy Commission to conduct an assessment of the need for liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports to meet the state's energy demand. The bill would also require an applicant for an LNG facility to consult with the Department of Defense.

Introduced 02/24/12  
Last Amended 05/25/12  
Status Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Government Performance and Accountability Act**

The Secretary of State is currently verifying signatures submitted by California Forward to place a constitutional amendment on the November ballot that would address a variety of reforms to the legislative and budget process. Among these reforms is a provision that allows local governments to adopt provisions in local plans that would override state laws and regulations. The implications of allowing a local override of state laws could negatively impact the implementation of the Coastal Act. The Commission may want to consider taking a position on this initiative, should it qualify.

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