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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR AUGUST, 2013

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 08/07/13. Changes in the status of some bills may have occurred between the date this report was prepared and the presentation date.¹ 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. This report can also be accessed through the Commission's World Wide Web Homepage at www.coastal.ca.gov

2013 Legislative Calendar

Jan 1	Statutes take effect
Jan 7	Legislature reconvenes
Jan 10	Budget must be submitted by Governor
Jan 25	Last day to submit bill requests to Legislative Counsel
Feb 22	Last day for bill introduction
March 21	Spring Recess begins
April 1	Legislature reconvenes
May 3	Last day for Policy Committees to hear and report 1 st House fiscal bills to the Floor
May 10	Last day for Policy Committees to hear and report 1 st House non-fiscal bills to the Floor
May 17	Last day for Policy Committees to meet prior to June 7
May 24	Last day for Fiscal Committees to hear and report 1 st House fiscal bills to the Floor
May 28-31	Floor Session only. No committees may meet
May 31	Last day to pass bills from house of origin
June 3	Committee meetings may resume
June 15	Budget must be passed by midnight
July 3	Summer Recess begins at the end of session if Budget Bill has been enacted
Aug 5	Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess
Aug 16	Last day for Policy Committees to hear and report bills to the Floor
Aug 30	Last day for Fiscal Committees to meet and report bills to the Floor
Sept 3-13	Floor session only. No committees may meet
Sept 6	Last day to amend bills on the Floor
Sept 13	Last day for any bill to be passed. Interim Recess begins on adjournment of session

¹ 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 158 (Levine) Solid waste: single-use carryout bags

This bill would prohibit specified retail outlets from providing plastic single-use carryout bags, and require the retail outlets to make reusable or compostable bags available to customers. The bill would allow a city or county to impose administrative civil penalties for violations of this measure, payable to the office that brought the action.

Introduced 01/22/13
Last Amended 04/09/13
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee. Suspense File.

AB 203 (Stone) Coastal Act: compliance first

This bill would authorize the Coastal Commission to require the resolution of an existing Coastal Act violation through the approval and conditions of a new development application.

Introduced 01/30/13
Last Amended 03/11/13
Status Assembly Floor. Inactive File. This is a two-year bill.

Commission Position Support

AB 248 (Gorell) Energy: power plants: Ventura County

This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission and the Independent System Operator, in consultation with specified entities including the Coastal Commission, to submit a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2014, detailing recommended legislative actions, policies and incentives necessary to accomplish specific objectives related to once-through-cooling technologies at Ventura County’s two coastal power plants.

Introduced 02/07/13
Last Amended 04/04/13
Status Assembly Natural Resources Committee. Held in Committee.

AB 521 (Stone) Solid waste: plastic

This bill would direct the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to develop a list of major sources of marine plastics pollution and notify producers of listed items that they are required to design and submit a plan to reduce the producer’s proportion of covered items in the marine environment. The producer would be required to meet the marine plastic pollution reduction targets that the producer of the covered item would be required to achieve, as specified in the regulations

Introduced 02/20/13
Last Amended 05/07/13
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee. Suspense File.

Commission Position Support

AB 551 (Ting) Local government: Urban Agricultural Incentive Zones

This bill would allow a county to establish by ordinance an “Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone” for the purpose of supporting small-scale urban agriculture. The bill authorizes a city, county, or city and county to adopt an ordinance allowing owners of urban lands, as specified, to enter into enforceable contracts (similar to Williamson Act contracts) with the local government, to restrict future uses of contracted lands to agricultural uses. Contracts are required to have a term of at least 5 years and the land must be at least one tenth of an acre in size.

Introduced 02/20/13
Last amended 07/09/13
Status Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 691 (Muratsuchi) State lands: granted trust lands - sea level rise

This bill would require a local trustee whose gross public trust annual revenues average \$250,000 annually to prepare an assessment describing how it proposes to address sea level rise on state tidelands. The report would be submitted to the State Lands Commission by July 1, 2019. *Amendments taken on 7/1/13 require that the economic benefit of environmental services provided by the natural resources on site must be taken into consideration for the purposes of determining costs to trustee.*

Introduced 02/21/13
Last Amended 07/01/13
Status Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 727 (Stone) Public trust lands: dredging

This bill would require a grantee of public trust tidelands to notify the State Lands Commission, in writing, if the grantee intends to undertake dredging activities, and provide specified information regarding the project. The State Lands Commission would make a determination whether or not the proposal requires a subsequent lease.

Introduced 02/21/13
Last Amended 06/18/13
Status Enrolled.

AB 754 (Muratsuchi) Income taxes: voluntary contributions: California Beach and Coastal Enhancement Account

This bill would authorize California state taxpayers to make a voluntary contribution in excess of their tax liability to the California Beach and Coastal Enhancement Account, to augment the Coastal Commission’s Whale Tail Grants Program. Amendments of 5/20 change the name of the fund on the tax forms to “*Protect our Coast and Oceans Fund.*”

Introduced 02/22/13
Last Amended 05/20/13
Status Senate Appropriations Committee
Commission Position Support

AB 881 (Chesbro) Oil spill prevention and administrative fee

This bill would increase the existing \$0.08 fee on barrels of crude oil or petroleum products landed at a marine terminal, eliminate the sunset on the existing fee of \$0.065, allow the OSPR Administrator to adjust the fee annually based on the California Consumer Price Index, and transfer up to \$2,000,000 from fees collected to the Oiled Wildlife Care Network. The provisions of this section would take effect January 1, 2015. *Amendments of June 18 reduce the cap from \$0.08 to \$0.07.*

Introduced 02/22/13
Last Amended 06/18/13
Status Senate Appropriations Committee

Commission Position Support

AB 976 (Atkins) Coastal resources

This bill would authorize the Commission to impose administrative penalties for violations of the Coastal Act. All funds collected under this provision would be deposited into the Violation Remediation Account, and that the Commission’s administrative penalty authority would sunset after a period of three years.

Introduced 02/22/13
Last Amended 05/28/13
Status Senate Appropriations Committee

Commission Position Support

AB 1142 (Bloom) State beaches and parks: smoking ban

This bill would make it an infraction to smoke a tobacco product on a state coastal beach or in a unit of the state park system.

Introduced 02/22/13
Last Amended 03/21/13
Status Assembly G.O. Committee.

SB 4 (Pavley) Oil and gas: well stimulation

This bill would require the Natural Resources Secretary to conduct a study on oil and gas well stimulation (aka “fracking”) by January 1, 2015, and require the Air Board, Water Board, DTSC and local agencies to adopt rules and regulations pertaining to well stimulation. The bill would require an operator to obtain a permit prior to conducting fracking activities. The bill would require disclosure of “trade secret” fracking chemicals and fluids as part of the permitting process, but would protect that information from public review.

Introduced 12/03/12
Last Amended 06/25/13
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB 40 (Pavley) Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Act of 2012

This bill declares that it is the intent of the Legislature to amend the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Act of 2012 for the purpose of reducing and potentially refocusing the \$11,140,000,000 bond.

Introduced 12/10/12
Last Amended 01/17/13
Status Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

SB 241 (Evans) Oil Severance Tax Law

This bill would impose a severance tax of 9.9% of the gross value of each barrel of oil extracted from California after January 1, 2014, for deposit into the Oil Severance Fund, which this bill creates. The Department of Conservation would allocate those revenues to the UC Regents, the California State University Trustees, the Board of Governors for the Community Colleges, and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Introduced 05/07/13
Status Senate Appropriations Committee. Suspense File.

SB 257 (Hancock) Coastal resources: physical adaptations to climate change

This bill states that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to address coastal physical adaptations to climate change.

Introduced 02/13/13
Status Senate Rules Committee

SB 279 (Hancock) San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

This bill would amend Government Code to clarify the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority's (SFBRA) ability to provide uniform ballot measures across nine counties within the SFBRA's jurisdiction. It would clarify governing law and the ballot process by specifying who prepares ballot material, how the materials are to be prepared, and where the measure will appear on the ballot to ensure uniformity across counties.

Introduced 02/20/13
Last Amended 06/14/13
Status Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 387 (Wright) Coastal resources: once through cooling

This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board to authorize once-through-cooling systems for existing power plant facilities, consistent with federal laws and regulations.

Introduced 02/20/13
Status Environmental Quality Committee. Hearing cancelled at request of author.

SB 418 (Jackson) Nuclear Energy Planning and Responsibility Act

This bill would require the PUC to require an applicant for relicensing a nuclear power generating facility submit a detailed study of the full needs and costs of relicensing to assess cost effectiveness of continued operation.

Introduced 02/20/13
Last Amendment 06/26/13
Status Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee

SB 461 (Leno) State tide and submerged lands: mineral extraction leases: revenues

This bill creates the Coastal Adaptation Fund through re-allocation of up to \$10,000,000 in state tidelands revenues to state coastal management agencies, including the Coastal Commission for work related to sea level rise.

Introduced 02/13/13
Last Amended 06/24/13
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB 511 (Lieu) Natural resources: Climate change: grants

This bill would require the Secretary of Resources and the California Air Board, to develop guidelines for the awarding of grants for projects that enhance the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and sequestration associated with natural resources.

Introduced 02/21/13
Last Amended 04/30/13
Status Senate Appropriations Committee. Suspense File.

SB 671 (Monning) California Coastal Act of 1976: natural shorelines

This bill states that seawalls, groins and revetments shall be designed to account for sea level rise.

Introduced 02/22/13
Status Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

SB 700 Wolk Natural resources: parks: carryout bags

This bill would require retail establishments to charge a \$.05 fee for single-use carryout bags. A portion of the fee would be deposited into the Local Environmental Enhancement Fund (LEEF), which would be created by this bill. Funds from the LEEF would be available for expenditure by the Natural Resources Agency, upon appropriation by the Legislature, as grants to local governments for parks maintenance and litter abatement.

Introduced 02/22/13
Last Amended 04/23/13
Status Senate Appropriations Committee. Suspense File.

SB 814 (Natural Resources Committee) Administration of Natural Resources

This is an omnibus committee bill. It makes several non-controversial and code maintenance amendments to the Public Resources Code. Relevant to the Coastal Commission is an amendment to Section 30333 to delete an incorrect cross reference to Section 11371 of the Government Code.

Introduced	02/25/13
Last Amended	04/11/13
Status	Assembly Natural Resources Committee