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**TO:** Coastal Commission and Interested Persons

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**SUBJECT:** LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR MARCH, 2015

**CONTENTS:** This report provides summaries and status of bills affecting the Coastal Commission and California's Coastal Program, and coastal-related legislation identified by staff.

**Note: Information contained in this report is accurate as of March 6, 2015. Recent amendments are 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.**<sup>1</sup> Bill text, votes, committee analyses and current status of any bill may be viewed on the California Senate Homepage at [www.senate.ca.gov](http://www.senate.ca.gov). This report can also be accessed through the Commission's Homepage at [www.coastal.ca.gov](http://www.coastal.ca.gov)

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## 2015 Legislative Calendar

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| Jan 5    | Legislature reconvenes  |
| Jan 10   | Budget Bill must be submitted by Governor   |
| Jan 30   | Last day to send bill requests to Office of Legislative Counsel                       |
| Feb 27   | Last day for bills to be introduced   |
| Mar 26   | Spring Recess begins upon adjournment   |
| Apr 6    | Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess   |
| May 1    | Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills                        |
| May 15   | Last day for policy committees to report non-fiscal bills to the Floor                |
| May 22   | Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 8                                |
| May 29   | Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report bills to the Floor                  |
| June 1-5 | Floor session only  |
| June 5   | Last day to report bills out of house of origin                                       |
| June 15  | Budget Bill must be passed by midnight  |
| July 17  | Last day for Policy committees to report bills. Summer Recess begins upon adjournment |
| Aug 17   | Legislature reconvenes from summer recess   |
| Aug 28   | Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor                  |
| Sep 4    | Last day to amend bills on the Floor  |
| Sep 11   | Last day to pass bills. Interim recess begins upon adjournment                        |
| Oct 11   | Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills   |

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<sup>1</sup>Terms used in this report relating to bill status: 1) "Held in committee" means bill was not heard in the policy committee prior to deadline. 2) "On Suspense" means a bill has been held in Appropriations due to potential costs to the state. 3) "Failed passage" means a bill was heard by policy committee but failed to get a majority vote. 4) "Inactive file" means the bill is on the Floor, but not scheduled for a vote. 5) "Enrolled" means the Legislature has passed the bill, but the Governor has not yet acted. 6) "Chaptered" means the bill has been signed into law by the Governor, and Chaptered by the Secretary of State.

**PRIORITY LEGISLATION**

**AB 103 (Weber) Budget Act of 2015**

This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Introduced                      01/09/15  
Status                              Assembly Budget Committee

**AB 192 (Allen) Vehicles: specialty license Plates**

This is a spot bill in the Vehicle Code pertaining to specialized license plates for state agencies.

Introduced                      01/28/15  
Status                              Assembly Rules Committee

**AB 300 (Alejo) Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2015**

This bill would enact the Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2015, requiring the State Coastal Conservancy to establish and coordinate the Algal Bloom Task Force. The task force would be made up of comprised of a representative of the State Department of Public Health, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the State Water Resources Control Board, and other relevant agencies. It would require the task force to review the risks and negative impacts of toxic blooms and microcystin pollution and to submit a summary of its findings and recommendations to the Resources Secretary by January 1, 2017.

Introduced                      02/12/15  
Status                              Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**AB 435 (Chang)**

This bill would require all boards, departments and commissions within the Environmental Protection Agency and the Natural Resources Agency to provide live webcasts of all public meetings in a manner that enables listeners to and viewers to ask questions and provide public comment by phone or email. The bill would require all agencies to archive the webcasts for later viewing by the public.

Introduced                      02/19/15  
Status                              Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review Committee

**AB 694 (Rendon) Public Resources Code: California Coastal Commission: fees: low-cost accommodations**

This bill would authorize the Legislature to appropriate “in lieu” fees collected pursuant to Section 30610.3 and deposited into the State Coastal Conservancy’s Coastal Access Account, and make those funds available to the Coastal Commission for the purpose of providing low-interest loans and cost-sharing agreements for the purpose of providing, retaining and/or renovating low-cost accommodations in the coastal zone, excluding campgrounds. This bill states that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would authorize the Coastal Commission to accept conservation easements for the purpose of low-cost accommodations in the coastal zone that would provide tax advantages to the property owner in return for the loss of development rights.

Introduced                      02/25/15  
Status                              Assembly Rules Committee

**AB 729 (Atkins)**

This is a spot bill pertaining to state lands granted and conveyed in trust to the San Diego Unified Port District.

Introduced 02/25/15  
Status Assembly Rules Committee

**AB 888 (Bloom) Waste management: plastic microbeads**

This bill would prohibit the sale of personal care products containing more than 1 part per million (ppm) by weight of plastic microbeads, as defined, in the state of California after January 1, 2020.

Introduced 02/25/15  
Status Assembly Rules Committee

**AB 988 (Stone) Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Grants Program**

This bill would require the Department of Parks and Recreation to establish an Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Grants Program for the purpose of increasing the ability of underserved and at-risk populations to participate in outdoor recreation and educational experiences by awarding grants to public organizations, nonprofit organizations, or both. The bill would require that all moneys received for the purposes of the program be deposited into the California Youth Outdoor Education Account, which would be created by the bill and would be continuously appropriated.

Introduced 02/26/15  
Status Assembly Rules Committee

**AB 1268 (Allen) Coastal resources: local coastal program**

This is a spot bill relating to local coastal programs.

Introduced 02/27/15  
Status Assembly Rules Committee

**AB 1274 (Stone) Public lands: geological or geophysical surveys**

This bill would authorize the State Lands Commission (SLC) to issue permits for geological or geophysical surveys on granted and ungranted tidelands and submerged lands, subject to terms and conditions as specified by the commission to ensure public safety and protection of the environment, and would require the commission to adopt regulations to implement those provisions. The bill would require that the permittee make available to the SLC all logs and records resulting from the operations under the permit.

Introduced 02/27/15  
Status Assembly Rules Committee

**AB 1312 (O'Donnell) Ballast water management**

This bill would amend the Marine Invasive Species Act to require an owner, operator or agent of a vessel capable of carrying ballast water that has been operating outside the waters of the state, to notify the State Lands Commission (SLC) at least 24 hours prior to arrival in a California port of call. The bill would revise the deadline by which vessel operators may apply to install, and the SLC may approve, an experimental ballast water treatment systems from January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2020. The bill would make other technical changes to the Act and delete an obsolete reporting requirement.

Introduced                      02/27/15  
Status                              Assembly Rules Committee

**ACR 18 (Gordon) Parks Make Life Better! Month**

This measure would recognize the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the health and development of all Californians and would declare the month of July 2015 as "Parks Make Life Better!" Month.

Introduced                      02/04/15  
Status                              Assembly Rules Committee

**SB 17 (Monning) Sea Otter Fund**

This bill would extend the authorization of the California Sea Otter fund to remain on the state tax forms to January 1, 2021.

Introduced                      12/01/14  
Status                              Assembly Governance and Finance Committee

**SB 69 (Leno) Budget Act of 2015**

This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Introduced                      01/09/15  
Status                              Senate Budget Committee

**SB 141 (McGuire) Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District Act: land use**

Existing law, the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District Act regulates the use of specified tide and submerged lands within Humboldt Bay and provides for the fill, improvement, and reclamation of those tidelands, as prescribed. The act further requires that all grants, franchises, leases, permits, rights or privileges be made in accordance with those rules and regulations as the board of commissioners of the district prescribes by resolution, and prohibits irrevocable grants of fee title from being granted or issued. This bill would eliminate that provision prohibiting irrevocable grants of fee title, thereby authorizing these grants subject to the other provisions of the act.

Introduced                      01/26/15  
Status                              Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

**SB 246 (Wiekowski) Climate Action Team**

This bill would create the Climate Action Team, under the direction of the Secretary for Environmental Protection and consisting of Cabinet Secretaries and representatives from specified state agencies, that would be responsible for coordinating the state's climate policy to achieve the state's climate change goals. The bill would authorize the Climate Action Team to form multiagency staff working groups to provide technical support and research.

Introduced 02/18/15  
Status Environmental Quality Committee

**SB 257 (Bates) Vehicles: specialized license plates**

This is a spot bill in the Vehicle Code pertaining to specialized license plates for state agencies.

Introduced 02/18/15  
Status Senate Rules Committee

**SB 317 (De Leon) The Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act**

This bill would enact the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016, which, if adopted by the voters at the November 8, 2016, statewide general election, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an unspecified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe neighborhood parks, rivers, and coastal protection program.

Introduced 02/23/15  
Status In Print

**SB 379 (Jackson) Land use: general plan: safety element**

This bill would require cities and counties that that undertake a revision or update of their General Plan Housing Element on or after January 1, 2017, to also review and update the General Plan Safety Element to address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies. The bill would require the update to include goals, policies, and objectives based on the most current information available regarding climate change adaptation and resiliency

Introduced 02/24/15  
Status Senate Rules Committee

**SB 788 (McGuire) California Coastal Protection Act of 2015**

This bill would repeal Section 6422 of the Coastal Sanctuary Act, which currently authorizes the State Lands Commission (SLC) to enter into a lease for the extraction of oil or gas from state-owned tide and submerged lands in a California Coastal Sanctuary if SLC determines that the oil or gas deposits are being drained by producing wells on adjacent federal lands, and the lease is in the best interest of the state. The effect of this would be to prohibit any on or offshore drilling into oil reserves known as Tranquillon Ridge offshore Santa Barbara County.

Introduced 02/27/15  
Status Senate Rules Committee

**SB 790 (Allen) State Coastal Conservancy: state policy**

This is a spot bill relating to findings and declarations in the State Coastal Conservancy Act.

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| Introduced | 02/27/15 |
| Status     | In Print |

**SJR 3 (McGuire) Smith River Watershed Protection Act**

This measure would urge the President of the United States and Congress to permanently safeguard the North Fork of the Smith River watershed in Oregon from any mining activities that would have the potential impacts on water supplies, economies, or the environment in California's portion of the Smith River watershed in Del Norte County.

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| Introduced | 01/21/15                                     |
| Status     | Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee |

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