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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR APRIL, 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 April 14, 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.¹ Bill text, votes, committee analyses and current status of any bill may be viewed on 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

 2015 Legislative Calendar

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

¹Terms 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 Transportation 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. *Amendments of 03/05 remove the State Water Resources Control Board from the Task Force, add the State Coastal Conservancy and the Department of Food and Agriculture, and require the Task Force to consult with the EPA Secretary.*

Introduced 02/12/15
Last Amended 04/07/15
Status Assembly Natural Resources Committee

AB 435 (Chang) Natural Resources Agency: webcast of meetings and workshops

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 electronic communication. The bill would require all agencies to archive the webcasts for later viewing by the public. Amendments of 03/18 make technical changes.

Introduced 02/19/15
Last Amended 03/18/15
Status Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review Committee

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

As amended 04/08, this bill creates the Low-cost Accommodations Account within the State Coastal Conservancy Fund, and directs the Conservancy to establish a program, subject to available funding, to administer grants, low-interest loans and easements to private entities for operation and maintenance costs associated with low-cost visitor serving accommodations. The bill also directs the Conservancy to prepare a list of potential low-cost accommodation projects in the coastal zone in consultation with the Coastal Commission and State Parks. The bill directs the Commission to refer to the list when considering mitigation for development that impacts lower-cost accommodations.

Introduced 02/25/15
Last Amended 04/08/15
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 729 (Atkins) San Diego Unified Port District

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. *Amendments of 04/06 eliminate a provision creating the Plastic Pollution Fund in the State Treasury.*

Introduced 02/25/15
Last Amended 04/06/15
Status Assembly Appropriations 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 Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee

AB 1268 (Steinorth) Coastal resources: California Environmental Quality Act

Originally a spot bill making a technical change related to Local Coastal Programs. As amended on 03/26, this bill has a new author and a new subject area. Current law provides a statutory exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for housing projects, if certain requirements are met. As amended 03/26, this bill would eliminate the requirement that in order to qualify for a CEQA exemption, a housing project must not be located within the boundaries of a state conservancy. Introduced version was a spot bill dealing with local coastal programs.

Introduced 02/27/15
Last Amended 03/26/15
Status Assembly Natural Resources 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. *Amendments of 03/26 specify that the SLC shall not require a permit for geophysical surveys required in conjunction for dredging activities on granted tidelands.*

Introduced 02/27/15
Last Amended 03/26/15
Status Assembly Appropriations 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. *Amendments of 04/06 make technical changes related to definitions and time frames.*

Introduced 02/27/15
Last Amended 04/06/15
Status Assembly Transportation 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 From Committee. Assembly Third Reading

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

This bill corrects an ambiguity in existing law (granting statutes), clarifying that the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District has the authority to sell or transfer non-granted lands purchased with revenues generated from its granted trust lands.

Introduced 01/26/15
Status Senate Appropriations Committee

***SB 233 (Hertzberg) Marine resources and preservation**

This bill would amend the California Marine Resources Legacy Act in the Fish and Game Code, related to artificial reef conversion of offshore oil and gas facilities. The bill designates the Department of Fish and Wildlife as the lead agency for environmental review under CEQA for an application to partially remove an offshore structure. The bill requires the Department to determine the cost savings of partial removal compared with full removal, as well as make the determination of whether partial removal provides a net environmental benefit. The bill includes consideration of greenhouse gas emissions as part of the analysis of net environmental benefit. The bill makes changes to the application process, and changes to the timing of the distribution of funds.

Introduced 02/13/15
Last Amended 03/19/15
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 Environmental Quality 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. *Amendments of 04/06 would authorize a total bond issuance amount of \$2,450,000,000. Of that amount, \$350,000,000 would be specified for coast and ocean protection, and \$370,000,000 for rivers, lakes and streams.*

Introduced 02/23/15
Last Amended 04/06/15
Status Senate Natural Resources Committee

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

This bill would require cities and counties, when undertaking the next revision or mandatory 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. *Amendments of 04/07 specify that the update include goals, policies, and objectives based on a vulnerability assessment identifying the risks posed to the jurisdiction by climate change, based on specified state and federal information sources.*

Introduced 02/24/15
Last Amended 04/07/15
Status Senate Governance and Finance Committee

***SB 718 (Leno) Hazardous Materials Response and Restoration Sub-account**

As Amended 04/07, this bill would authorize the OSPR Administrator to loan up to \$500,000 annually from the Oil Spill Response Trust Fund to the Hazardous Materials Response and Restoration Sub-account for the purpose of reimbursing wildlife rescue and rehabilitation organizations for costs incurred from wildlife rescue activities associated with “non-oil material” spill events.

Introduced 02/27/15
Last Amended 04/07/15
Status Senate Natural Resources and Water 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. This bill is a reintroduction of SB 1096 (Jackson) from the previous legislative session.

Introduced 02/27/15
Status Senate Natural Resources and Water 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.

Introduced 02/27/15
Status Senate Rules Committee

***SB 805 Committee on Natural Resources and Water**

This is a Committee-sponsored code maintenance bill. In relevant part to the Commission, the bill would amend Public Resources Code Section 30315(a) relating to meeting frequency, and repeal Section 30310.5 relating to public member appointments. The practical effect of this would be that the Commission would have the flexibility to schedule 10, 11 or 12 meetings per year, and the doctrine of incompatible offices would apply to public member appointments.

Introduced 04/09/15
Status Senate Rules Committee

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. Amendments of 03/17 make technical, non-substantive changes.

Introduced 01/21/15
Last Amended 03/17/15
Status Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

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