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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR JULY, 2018

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Note: Information contained in this report is accurate as of 7/5/2018. Recent amendments are summarized in *italics*. Bills that have been added since the last report are marked with an *asterisk. Bill text, votes, committee analyses and current status of any bill may be viewed on the California Legislature's Homepage at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>. This report can also be accessed through the Commission's Homepage at www.coastal.ca.gov/.

2018 Legislative Calendar

Jan 1	Statutes take effect.
Jan 3	Legislature reconvenes.
Jan 10	Budget Bill must be submitted by Governor.
Jan 12	Last day for committees to hear and report 2017 bills introduced in their house.
Jan 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 19	Last day to submit bill requests to Office of Legislative Counsel. Last day for committees to hear and report 2017 Floor bills introduced in their house.
Jan 31	Last day for each house to pass 2017 bills introduced in that house.
Feb 16	Last day for bills to be introduced.
March 22	Spring Recess begins upon adjournment.
March 30	Cesar Chavez Day observed.
April 2	Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess.
April 27	Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills.
May 11	Last day for policy committees to hear and report non-fiscal bills introduced in their house.
May 18	Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 4.
May 25	Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house.
June 1	Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house.
June 4	Committee meetings may resume.
June 15	Budget Bill must be passed by midnight.
June 29	Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills.
July 6	Last day for policy committees to meet. Summer Recess begins upon adjournment.
Aug 6	Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.
Aug 17	Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills.
Aug 24	Last day to amend bills on the Floor.
Aug 31	Last day for Legislature to pass bills. Interim Recess begins upon adjournment.
Sept 30	Last day for Governor to sign or veto bill.

PRIORITY LEGISLATION

California Proposition 68: Parks, Environment and Water Bond

This measure was placed on the June 5 statewide ballot pursuant to the passage of SB 5 (De León). Proposition 68 would provide \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for a variety of climate resilience, water quality, water supply, parks, environmental restoration, acquisition and lower cost recreation projects. A total of \$226 million would be available to the State Coastal Conservancy for specified coastal, river parkway, climate resiliency and restoration projects, including \$30 million for lower cost visitor serving projects.

Commission Position Support

AB 18 (Eduardo Garcia) California Clean Water, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018

This bill originally would have created the above-entitled bond act. Amendments of 7/2 gutted the bill and amended it to concern the Licensed Physicians and Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program.

Introduced	12/05/16
Last Amended	07/02/18
Status	Senate Rules Committee.

AJR 29 (Limón) Oil and gas: offshore drilling: operations: leases

This resolution would provide that the Legislature strongly and unequivocally supports the current federal prohibition on new oil and gas drilling in federal waters offshore California, opposes the Trump administration’s proposal to remove safety and environmental protections related to offshore drilling operations, and opposes the Trump administration’s proposed leasing plan that would expand lease areas off California. The resolution would also urge the United States Secretary of the Interior to remove California from that proposed leasing plan, and would request that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management hold more than one public hearing on the plan in California.

Introduced	01/16/18
Last Amended	01/30/18
Status	Chaptered.

HR 70 (Baker) Relative to offshore drilling

This resolution makes findings about California’s historic opposition to offshore oil drilling the impacts of the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, and the importance of California’s coastal economy. The measure urges President Trump and Interior Secretary Zinke to exempt waters off California’s coast from new oil and gas leasing plans.

Introduced	01/12/18
Status	Pending Referral in the Assembly.

AB 388 (Mullin) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: wetland restoration projects

This bill will authorize the use of GGRF moneys for the beneficial reuse of dredged materials for wetland restoration projects, provided that the investment furthers the purposes of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32). *Amendments of 6/22 make minor, technical changes.*

Introduced 02/09/17
Last Amended 06/22/17
Status Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. Held under submission.

AB 457 (Cunningham) Saline water conversion: Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant

This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to contract with an independent third party to study of the feasibility of utilizing Diablo Canyon’s existing desalination facility for local water use as part of the decommissioning process.

Introduced 02/13/17
Last Amended 05/26/17
Status Senate Rules Committee.

AB 554 (Cunningham) Desalination: statewide goal

This bill would establish a statewide goal of desalinating 300,000 acre-feet per year of drinking water by 2025, and 500,000 acre-feet per year by 2030. *Amendments of 3/27 make non-substantive changes to the findings portion of the bill.*

Introduced 02/14/17
Last Amended 03/27/17
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

AB 663 (Bloom) Coastal resources: housing

This bill would reinstate the Coastal Act affordable housing policies that were repealed in 1981. The bill would also repeal language precluding the Commission from requiring local governments to include affordable housing policies in their LCPs. *Amendments of 4/19 add a 5 year sunset provision.*

Introduced 02/14/17
Last Amended 04/19/17
Status Assembly Inactive File.

Commission Position Support

AB 684 (Stone) California Coastal Commission: ex parte communications: data base

This bill would require the Commission, by July 1, 2018, to develop and implement an online data base for the reporting of ex parte communications. The bill would require that the database be publicly searchable, and that all ex-parte communications must be posted on line within 7 days of the communication. Communications taking place less than 7 days prior to the hearing must be posted on line prior to the beginning of the hearing at which the matter is to be discussed. *Amendments of 6/29 require the Commission to provide training and technical support to Commissioners upon request; and provide that if an Commissioner is unable to post an ex parte communication on the database due to a problem with the Server within 2 days of the hearing, the Commissioner shall verbally disclose the ex parte on the matter from the dais, and state the reason for not posting the ex parte. The communication must be posted on the database as soon as the technical issue is resolved. Amendments of 7/18 change “meeting” to “hearing” for the purpose of disclosing an ex parte communication. The practical effect of this amendment is that ex parte communications can take place during commission meetings, provided that they are disclosed prior to the opening of the hearing item.*

Introduced 02/15/17
Last Amended 07/18/17
Status Senate Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

AB 816 (Kiley) Webcasts of public meetings and workshops

This bill would require all boards and commissions within the Natural Resources Agency and the Environmental Protection Agency provide a live webcast of all public meetings in a manner that allows for listeners and viewers to provide public comment. The bill does not apply to meetings held at “non-agency” sites as defined: “A location other than agency headquarters or state government buildings or facilities where the primary operations of the agency... take place.”

Introduced 02/15/17
Status Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. Held under submission.

AB 1077 (O’Donnell) Off-highway vehicles

This bill would indefinitely extend the authorization for the Department of State Parks’ authorization to administer the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Program. *Amendments of 4/5 extend the sunset date to January 1, 2019, unless a specified report is not received by the Legislature by January 1, 2018, in which case the act would be repealed on July 1, 2018.*

Introduced 02/16/17
Last Amended 04/05/17
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held Under Submission.

AB 1097 (Levine) State beaches and parks

This bill would make it an infraction, punishable by a fine of \$50, for anyone to smoke a tobacco product or dispose of a cigar or cigarette on a state coastal beach or a unit of the state park system. The bill would require the director to post signs in state park units to that effect, and also allows the director to designate areas exempt from the prohibition.

Introduced 02/16/17
Last Amended 06/13/18
Status Senate Appropriations Committee (suspense file).

AB 1129 (Stone) California Coastal Commission

This bill would require that shoreline protective devices and would amend PRC 30235 to define “existing structure” as structures built prior to January 1, 1977, and to specify that shoreline protective devices must be approved consistent with Coastal Act policies protecting public access, shoreline ecology, natural landforms and other impacts on coastal resources. The bill would specify that emergency permits issued for shoreline protective devices are intended to allow the minimum amount of temporary development necessary to address the emergency situation. The bill would also amend PRC 30821 to allow for the imposition of administrative penalties for unpermitted shoreline protective devices.

Introduced 02/17/17
Last Amended 02/09/17
Status Assembly Inactive File.

Commission Position Support

AB 1151 (Gloria) Vaquita-harmful fish and fish products

This bill would make it unlawful to sell, offer for sale, trade or distribute fish or fish products whose capture methods are harmful to the critically endangered vaquita, the world’s smallest and most rare cetacean, found only in the northern Gulf of Mexico. This bill would prohibit the sale of fish species which are caught through the use of gill nets in vaquita habitat. *Amendments of 5/30 would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife to adopt regulations to enforce the prohibition by January 1, 2019, and prohibit the Department from taking any enforcement actions pursuant to the regulations prior to July 1, 2019.*

Introduced 02/17/17
Last Amended 05/30/17
Status Senate Inactive File.

Commission Position Support

AB 1281 (Limón) State parks: climate change: study

This bill would require the Department of Parks and Recreation to conduct a study that includes recommendations for actions to address the impacts of climate change at state parks by July 1, 2018.

Introduced 02/17/17
Last Amended 03/30/17
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

AB 1196 (Harper) California Coastal Act: Port of Newport Beach

Amendments of 3/22 would designate the City of Newport Beach city harbor as a port, and authorize the preparation of a Port Master Plan. This bill is identical to AB 2464 (Harper) as introduced 2/14/18.

Introduced 02/14/18
Last Amended 03/22/18
Status Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.
Commission Position Oppose

AB 1594 (Bloom) Ocean protection: plastic pollution

This bill originally would have directed the Ocean Protection Council to complete and submit to the Legislature a report describing existing data on marine plastic pollution and recommending possible legislative actions to reduce coastal and marine plastic pollution. Amendments of 5/1 gutted the bill and amended it to concern the contracting procedures of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Introduced 02/17/17
Last Amended 06/18/18
Status Senate Floor.

AB 1642 (Caballero) California Coastal Commission: ex parte communications: disclosure

This bill would require the Director of the Coastal Commission to post all written ex parte communication disclosures on the Commission’s internet website.

Introduced 02/17/17
Status Assembly Rules Committee.

AB 1775 (Limón/Muratsuchi) State lands: leasing: oil and gas

This bill would prohibit the State Lands Commission and local trustees of state tidelands from entering into any new lease or other conveyance authorizing new construction of oil- and gas-related infrastructure upon tidelands and submerged lands within state waters. *Amendments of 4/18 shifted the prohibition from conveyances increasing exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas production to conveyances authorizing construction of new oil- and gas-related infrastructure.*

Introduced 01/04/18
Last Amended 04/18/18
Status Senate Appropriations Committee (8/6).

AB 1782 (Muratsuchi) Surfing

This bill would establish surfing as the state’s official sport. *Amendments of 5/10 acknowledge the intersection of coastal tribes with the sport of surfing. Amendments of 6/26 make minor, technical changes.*

Introduced 01/08/18
Last Amended 06/26/18
Status In Assembly for Concurrence.

AB 1884 (Calderon) Single use plastic straws

This bill would prohibit food facilities, as defined, from providing a single-use plastic straw to customers unless specifically requested. The first and second violations of this prohibition would receive a warning, and any subsequent violation would result in a fine of \$25 for each day the food facility is in violation. *Amendments of 4/30 place a cap of \$300 on the total annual fine amount. Amendments of 6/27 specify that the prohibition would be enforced by officers authorized to enforce the California Retail Food Code.*

Introduced 01/17/18
Last Amended 06/27/18
Status Senate Appropriations Committee (8/6).

Commission Position Support if Amended

AB 2162 (Chiu) Housing and development: supportive housing

This bill would establish that “supportive housing” is allowed “by right” in commercial zones and areas where “multiple dwelling uses” are permitted, subject to certain restrictions. Supportive housing is affordable rental housing with access to intensive services that promote housing stability. *Amendments of 5/9 increase the length of time for a local government to complete its review of a completed application from 90 to 120 days for a project of more than 50 units; and 60 days for a project of fewer than 50 units. Amendments of 7/3 extend “by right” eligibility for supportive housing to projects of 50 or fewer units, for cities with a population of less than 200,000 and a homeless population of fewer than 1,500.*

Introduced 02/12/18
Last Amended 07/03/18
Status Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2191 (O’Donnell) White shark population monitoring and beach safety program

This bill would direct the Ocean Protection Council to develop white shark monitoring and beach safety program for the purpose of awarding grants to academic institutions, public agencies, nonprofit corporations, and local agencies to monitor and track white shark movements off the coast of California. *Amendments of 4/24 add public agencies and nonprofit corporations to the list of eligible recipients.*

Introduced 02/12/18
Last Amended 04/24/18
Status Withdrawn from Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

AB 2379 (Bloom) Waste management: plastic microfiber

This bill would require that any article of clothing made of fabric that is more than 50% polyester bear a label stating that the garment sheds plastic microfibers when washed. *Amendments of 4/26 specify that the requirement can only be enforced through a civil action brought by the Attorney General, District Attorney, or city attorney.*

Introduced 02/14/18
Last Amended 04/26/18
Status Assembly Inactive File.

Commission Position Support

***AB 2447 (Reyes) California Environmental Quality Act: land use: environmental justice**

This bill would require a CEQA lead agency to provide notice to residents of disadvantaged communities within ½ mile of a proposal to place or expand an industrial facility, and schools within one mile. The bill would require a lead agency to hold at least one meeting for residents of nearby disadvantaged communities to provide input on the proposal.

Introduced 02/14/18
Last Amended 07/02/18
Status Senate Appropriations Committee (8/6).

AB 2464 (Harper) Port of Newport Beach

This bill would include the City of Newport Beach to prepare a Port Master Plan for their harbor. *This bill is identical at AB 1196, as amended 3/22/18.*

Introduced 02/14/18
Status Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

AB 2528 (Bloom) Climate adaptation

This bill would define “habitat resilience areas” as watersheds that currently support the largest populations of fish in each bioregion within the state or a watershed that supports populations of fish with critical genetic diversity essential for the recovery of those fish species; designated source waters; coastal estuaries over two acres in size; and designated mountain meadows. The bill would include habitat resilience areas as a sector in the State’s Safeguarding California Plan. *Amendments of 7/3 make minor, technical changes.*

Introduced 02/14/18
Last Amended 07/03/18
Status Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2614 (Carrillo) Outdoor experiences: disadvantaged youth

This bill would require the Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) to survey and compile a list of schools that offer bus service for students to participate in a nonprofit organization that provides outdoor services to disadvantaged youth. The bill would require the CNRA to develop a grant program that funds innovative transportation programs that support access to outdoor experiences and education for underserved schools. The bill would require the agency to consult with the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Coastal Commission and the Coastal Conservancy before establishing guidelines for the program. *Amendments of 7/3 remove the provisions directing the CNRA to compile a list of schools that offer bus services to nonprofit organizations and to develop a grant program for nonprofit organizations that transport underserved youth to the outdoors. Instead, the amended bill directs the CNRA to develop a program by which the agency itself will help disadvantaged communities access natural and cultural resources, education programs, and recreational amenities, and makes the grant program permissive.*

Introduced 04/18/18
Last Amended 07/03/18
Status Senate Appropriations Committee.
Commission Position Support

AB 2754 (Levine) California Coastal Act: development

This bill would amend the definition of “development” in Public Resources Code Section 30106 to exclude “routine and ongoing” agricultural activities as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 786.1 of the California Code of Regulations, unless the Commission makes a finding that the activity has a substantial impact on protected coastal resources.

Introduced 02/16/18
Last Amended 04/04/18
Status Withdrawn from Assembly Natural Resources Committee.
Commission Position Oppose

AB 2779 (Stone) Recycling: single-use plastic container caps

This bill would prohibit the sale of any single-use plastic beverage container unless the cap is tethered or otherwise affixed to the container. *Amendments of 5/25 set the effective date on January 1, 2022, limit the prohibition to bottled water, and exempt small bottlers, to be defined.*

Introduced 02/16/18
Amended 05/25/18
Status Assembly Inactive File.
Commission Position Support

AB 2797 (Bloom) Planning and zoning: density bonuses

As amended 4/30, this bill would re-state and emphasize existing law (Government Code Section 65015 (m)) that any project in the coastal zone utilizing density bonus incentives or concessions, including waivers, parking ratios or reduction of development standards shall be permitted in a manner that is consistent with the Coastal Act. The section would be amended to read as follows:

(m) This section does not supersede or in any way alter or lessen the effect or application of the California Coastal Act of 1976 (Division 20 (commencing with Section 30000) of the Public Resources Code). *Any density bonus, concessions, incentives, waivers or reductions of development standards, and parking ratios to which the applicant is entitled under this section shall be permitted in a manner that is consistent with this section and Division 20 (commencing with Section 30000) of the Public Resources Code.*

The bill also includes the following findings:

It is the intent of the Legislature in amending subdivision (m) of Section 65915 of the Government Code to address the holding and dicta in Kalnel Gardens, LLC v. City of Los Angeles (2016) 3 Cal.App.5th 927 regarding the relationship between Section 65915 and the California Coastal Act of 1976 (Division 20 (commencing with Section 30000) of the Public Resources Code). The Legislature’s intent is that the two statutes be harmonized so as to achieve the goal of increasing the supply of affordable housing in the coastal zone while also protecting coastal resources and coastal access.

Introduced 02/16/18
Last Amended 04/30/18
Status Enrolled.

AB 2864 (Limón) California Coastal Commission: coastal zone resources: oil spills

This bill would specify that the Coastal Commission shall be a consulted as part of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) process for coastal zone oil spills and related responses. *Amendments of 5/25 give the Coastal Commission and BCDC the discretion to choose whether or not to participate in the NRDA process regarding injuries to coastal resources and restoration planning.*

Introduced 02/16/18
Last Amended 05/25/18
Status Senate Appropriations Committee.
Commission Position Support

AB 2919 (Frazier) Transportation: permits

This bill would require the Coastal Commission, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to approve and complete CalTrans permits within a 2-year timeframe, or else the permit will be deemed approved.

Introduced 02/16/18
Last Amended 03/19/18
Status Withdrawn from Assembly ESTM Committee.

SR 73 (McGuire) Relative to new Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program

This resolution makes extensive findings regarding the importance of California’s coastal economy, California’s leadership in renewable energy and greenhouse gas reductions, and the public’s support for coastal protection. The measure expresses the Senate’s opposition to the administration’s proposed 5-year Outer Continental Shelf National leasing plan, and urges the President of the United States and the Congress to permanently protect the Pacific coast from new oil and gas leasing.

Introduced 01/12/18
Last Amended 01/25/18
Status Enrolled.

SB 188 (Jackson) State lands: leasing; oil and gas

This bill would prohibit the State Lands Commission from entering into any new lease or other conveyance that authorizes the exploration, development or production of oil and natural gas on state tidelands. The bill would prohibit the commission from entering into any lease renewals, modifications or extensions that authorize the lessee to engage in new or additional exploration, development, or production of oil and natural gas. *Amendments of 6/08 make minor, technical changes.*

Introduced 01/25/17
Last Amended 06/08/17
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.

SB 262 (Wieckowski) Climate change: climate adaptation: advisory council

This bill is a spot bill related to the Climate Change Advisory Panel in the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research. *Amendments of 5/17 substantially revise the bill. The bill would create the California Council for Adaptation and Resiliency, charged with administering the Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program, to be staffed by the Office of Planning and Research (OPR). The Director of OPR would serve as the council’s Chairman, and the 14 members would have expertise in a variety of disciplines. The Council would develop guidance documents, coordinate with the updating of the California Climate Assessment, develop financing strategies, identify vulnerable communities and regions, develop tools for addressing vulnerabilities, develop and implement strategies to build partnerships with the private sector, and other responsibilities as specified. Amendments of 6/14 add certain online reporting requirements.*

Introduced 02/08/17
Last Amended 06/14/18
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee (suspense file).

SB 588 (Hertzberg) Marine resources and preservation

This bill would substantially revise the Marine Resources Legacy Act (a.k.a. the “Rigs to Reefs” program) in the Fish and Game Code, related to the regulatory process of offshore oil and gas facilities conversion to artificial reefs. The bill designates the State Lands Commission 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. Only platforms deeper than 100’ are eligible. 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; requires the applicant to provide sufficient funds for all agencies to perform the responsibilities proscribed by the bill, and gives the Ocean Protection Council the responsibility of determining the appropriate weight to be given to adverse impacts to the marine environment versus greenhouse gas emissions. The bill would allow the first applicant to partially remove an offshore platform to pay startup and other costs associated with processing the application as determined by the department. *Amendments of 5/7 specify that it is the intent of the Legislature to end offshore drilling, and that the bill shall not encourage any additional offshore oil and gas leases.*

Introduced 02/17/17
Last Amended 05/07/18
Status Withdrawn from Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

SB 827 (Wiener) Planning and zoning: transit-rich housing bonus

This bill would amend the state density bonus law (Planning and Zoning Code) to provide specified exemptions from local building codes, General Plans and LCPs for “transit-rich housing projects.” Transit-rich housing projects are defined as a residential development project with all units no less than ½ mile from a major transit stop, or no more than ¼ mile from a fixed route bus service with intervals of no more than 15 minutes during peak commute hours. The “transit-rich bonus” would exempt the project from all of the following:

- Maximum controls on residential density or floor area
- Minimum automobile parking requirements
- Any design standard that restricts the applicant’s ability to construct the maximum number of units consistent with any applicable building code.

Projects within ¼ mile of a high quality transit corridor, or one block from a major transit stop could build as high as 85 feet. Qualified projects that don’t meet that criteria could build as high 45-55 feet, depending on specific circumstances. *Amendments of 4/9 provide that the bill would not take effect until 2021, and that local governments may apply for an additional one-year delay to 2022. The amendments also provide that where a local government eliminates a zoning designation or decreases zoning capacity, any application for a transit-rich housing bonus shall be approved based on the zoning designations in effect on January 1, 2018.*

Introduced 01/03/18
Last Amended 04/09/18
Status Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. Reconsideration granted.

SB 834 (Jackson/Lara) State lands: leasing: oil and gas

This bill would prohibit the State Lands Commission and local trustees of state tidelands from entering into any new leases for offshore oil and/or gas production. The probation would also extend to any lease renewal, extension or modification of an existing lease that would authorize the exploration, development or production of oil or natural gas seaward of the mean high tide line. This bill is a reintroduction of SB 188 from the previous year. *Amendments of 4/8 clarify that the prohibition shall affect Outer Continental Shelf leases.*

Introduced 01/04/18
Last Amended 05/25/18
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 835 (Glazer) Parks: smoking ban

This bill would make it an infraction, punishable by a fine of \$25 to smoke a tobacco product or dispose of a cigar or cigarette in a State Park. The bill would also require the Department to post signs in State Park units to inform the public of the smoking prohibition. *Amendments of 3/20 clarify that the bill does not apply to the good faith practice of a religious belief or ceremony.*

Introduced 02/04/18
Last Amended 03/20/18
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee (suspense file).

SB 836 (Glazer) State beaches: smoking ban

This bill would make it an infraction, punishable by a fine of \$25 to smoke a tobacco product or dispose of a cigar or cigarette on a state coastal beach. The bill would also require the Department of Parks and Recreation to post signs in State Park units to inform the public of the smoking prohibition. The bill does not apply to the good faith practice of a religious belief or ceremony. *Amendments of 5/15 make minor, technical changes.*

Introduced 01/04/18
Last Amended 05/15/18
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee (suspense file).

***SB 840 (Mitchell) Budget Act of 2018**

This bill makes appropriations in support of the State of California, including \$18,150,000 for itemized support of the Coastal Commission.

Introduced 01/10/18
Status Signed by Governor June 27, 2018.

SB 1365 (Hueso) Coastal Conservancy: grants to nonprofits

This bill would require that the State Coastal Conservancy prioritize any mitigation funds received after January 1, 2019, for grants to non-profit organizations that offer scientific, educational, cultural, or heritage programs that focus on coast and ocean stewardship.

Introduced 02/16/18
Last Amended 04/30/18
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1455 (Stern) Specialized license plates: The Endless Summer

This bill would create “The Endless Summer” specialty license plate, featuring the image of a surfer, to be designed by the State Coastal Conservancy and approved by the California Highway Patrol. Proceeds from the plate would fund specified programs and activities through grants administered by the Conservancy. *Amendments of 6/19 make technical, clarifying changes.*

Introduced 06/19/18
Status Senate Rules Committee.

SB 1493 (Committee on Natural Resources) Omnibus bill

This bill makes numerous technical amendments across a variety of statutes. Relative to the Coastal Commission, it clarifies that the Coastal Commission shall use “working” days to calculate deadlines related to various submittals, consistent with other sections of the Coastal Act. *Amendments of 6/19 make minor, technical changes.*

Introduced 02/21/18
Last Amended 06/19/18
Status Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

SCR 139 (Monning) No Straw November

This Senate Concurring Resolution would proclaim the month of November as No Straw November.

Introduced 04/30/18
Status In Assembly.

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