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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2020

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Note: Information contained in this report is accurate as of 09/04/2020. Bills added since the previous report are marked by an *asterisk. Recent amendments are summarized in *italics*. Bill text, votes, 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

2020 Legislative Calendar

Jan 1	Statutes take effect.
Jan 6	Legislature reconvenes.
Jan 10	Budget Bill must be submitted by Governor
Jan 17	Last day for policy committees to hear fiscal bills
Jan 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 24	Last day to submit bill requests to Office of Legislative Counsel
Jan 31	Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in 2019
Feb 17	Presidents Day
Feb 21	Last day for bills to be introduced.
March 27	Cesar Chavez Day observed.
April 2	Spring Recess begins upon adjournment.
April 13	Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess.
April 24	Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills.
May 4	Assm reconvenes from Joint Recess
May 11	Senate reconvenes from Joint Recess
May 22	Last day for Assm policy committees to meet for fiscal bills
May 25	Memorial Day
May 29	Last day for Assm policy committees to meet for 1 st House non-fiscal bills. Last day for Senate policy committees to meet for 1 st House fiscal bills.
June 1	Committee meetings may resume.
June 5	Last day for Assembly fiscal committees to report 1 st House bills to the Floor. Last day for Senate policy committees to hear and report non-fiscal bills
June 15	Budget Bill must be passed by midnight.
June 19	Last day for Assembly to pass 1 st House bills. Last day for Senate fiscal committees to hear and report Senate Bills to the Floor. Assembly Summer Recess begins upon adjournment
June 26	Last day for Senate to pass 1 st House bills.
July 2	Summer Recess begins upon adjournment.
July 27	Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.
Aug 14	Last day for Assembly policy committees to meet and report bills
Aug 18	Last day for Senate policy committees to meet and report bills
Aug 21	Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills.
Aug 24-31	Floor session only
Aug 24	Last day to amend bills on the Floor
Aug 31	Last day for each house to pass bills. Session adjourns at midnight.

PRIORITY LEGISLATION: ASSEMBLY BILLS

[ACA 5 \(Weber\) Government Preferences](#)

This bill would repeal Proposition 209, a constitutional amendment passed by the voters in 1996. Prop 209 prohibits the state from discriminating against, or giving preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, education or contracting. It invalidated a series of state laws intended to rectify and remedy the under-representation of people of color and women in the workplace and educational institutions.

Introduced	01/18/19
Last Amended	05/04/20
Status	Chaptered
Commission Position	Support

[AB 1839 \(Bonta\) Climate change: California Green New Deal](#)

This measure would create the California Green New Deal Council, comprised of Governor's appointees, to increase assistance to populations impacted by climate change, accelerating reductions of GHGs, and ensure that jobs created as a result of climate policy are protective of workers' rights and available to members of disadvantaged communities. *Amendments of 05/07 re-tool this into a COVID-19 recovery measure, and state that it is the intent of the Legislature to adopt a policy framework with principles and goals to spend and fund for equity in a manner that prioritizes reversing the factors that have resulted in disproportionate health impacts and economic suffering due to the coronavirus pandemic among California's low-income communities, communities of color, and immigrant communities that have historically faced underinvestment and discriminatory policies.*

Introduced	01/06/20
Last Amended	05/07/20
Status	Assembly Natural Resources Committee

[AB 1934 \(Voepel\) Planning and zoning: affordable housing: ministerial approval](#)

This bill would provide for ministerial local approval of multifamily and mixed use development projects that are consistent with objective general plan standards if the project provides housing for individuals of low or moderate income. Once approved, the permit would not expire for a period of 5 years.

Introduced	01/15/20
Status	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

AB 1426 (Boerner Horvath) Public resources: San Onofre State Beach: road construction

This bill would codify the 2016 consent decree in the Orange County Toll Road decision, by statutorily prohibiting the Transportation Corridor Authority (TCA) or any similar entity from constructing a "major thoroughfare" thru a specified area (generally, the proposed toll road route), and would restrict any road building activities to those that primarily serve visitors. It would not preclude Caltrans from any future widening of Hwy 5. *Amendments of 06/17 require that any new road be consistent with the Orange County Southern Subregion Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).*

Introduced	02/22/20
Last Amended	06/17/20
Status	Enrolled

AB 1788 (Bloom) Pesticides: use of second-generation rodenticides

This bill would prohibit the use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides, with certain exceptions, until the Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulations (DPR) concludes a re-evaluation in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and adopts any additional restrictions necessary to ensure that the products will not result in significant adverse effects to non-target wildlife. The bill would exempt from its provisions the use of second generation anticoagulant by any governmental agency employee for public health activities, use by a mosquito or vector control district to protect the public health, use for the eradication of nonnative invasive species inhabiting or found to be present on offshore islands in a manner that is consistent with all otherwise applicable federal and state laws and regulations, use to control an actual or potential rodent infestation associated with a public health need, and use for research purposes.

Introduced	02/22/20
Last Amended	08/28/20
Status	Enrolled

[AB 1949 \(Boerner Horvath\) Fisheries: California Ocean Resources Enhancement and Hatchery Program](#)

This bill would expand the existing Ocean Resources Enhancement and Hatchery Program, administered by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, in the following ways:

- Changes the focus of the program from research into how hatchery-raised fish can enhance certain desirable, impacted species to include any desirable marine species.
- Changes the focus of the program from research into how hatchery-raised fish can enhance certain desirable, impacted species to include research and understanding of hatchery operations and benefits.
- Allows the Department to contract with any public or private entity, as opposed to existing law which is limited to private non-profits conducting relevant research.
- Makes changes to the appointment of the advisory council.

Amendments of 06/03 clarify that volunteers cannot displace state employees.

Amendments of 08/20 would repeal the program on January 1, 2028.

Introduced 01/17/20
Last Amended 08/20/20
Status Enrolled

[AB 2028 \(Aguilar-Curry\) State agencies: meetings](#)

As amended, this bill would specify that members of the public have the opportunity to address the state body on each agenda item, regardless of whether they may have testified at a previous hearing.

Introduced 01/30/20
Last Amended 08/20/20
Status Senate Inactive File

[AB 2076 \(Bigelow\) Public lands: Department of Parks and Recreation: wildfire management plan: fire hazard severity zones](#)

This bill would require the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to develop and implement a wildfire prevention strategy for state parks located in very high fire hazard severity zones. *Amendments of 05/18 would require the department to provide an update on the strategy implementation on or before January 1, 2026 to the relevant policy committees of the Legislature.*

Introduced 02/05/20
Last Amended 05/18/20
Status Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

[AB 2093 \(Gloria\) Public records: writing transmitted by electronic mail: retention](#)

This bill would require public agencies to retain and preserve every public record transmitted by email for a period of 2 years, unless a longer retention period is required by statute or regulation.

Introduced 02/05/20
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held in committee

[AB 2168 \(McCarty\) Planning and zoning: electric vehicle charging stations](#)

This bill would require that an application for an electrical vehicle charging station be deemed complete if a local agency has not deemed it incomplete within 5 days of submittal, and a building official has not yet issued an incomplete letter. Once complete, an application shall be deemed approved within 15 business days unless the local building official makes written findings that the proposed project may have adverse impacts and the applicant must apply for a use permit. This bill has an urgency clause.

Introduced 02/11/20
Last Amended 05/04/20
Status Assembly Local Government Committee

[AB 2172 \(Petrie-Norris\) State highways: Route 133: relinquishment](#)

This bill would authorize the California Transportation Commission to relinquish a 3.4-mile section of Highway 133 (Laguna Canyon Rd.) in coastal zone, adjacent to Crystal Cove State Park in the City of Laguna Beach.

Introduced 02/11/20
Status Enrolled

[AB 2367 \(Gonzalez\) Residential property insurance: wildfire resilience](#)

This bill would create the Wildfire Resilience Task Force, which would include the Insurance Commissioner, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services, and the State Fire Marshal. The task force would establish minimum standards for fire-hardened homes and communities. The bill would require an admitted insurer that sells residential property insurance to, at a minimum, sell the existing residential property insurance coverage it most commonly offers to an applicant or insured who owns a residence that has an estimated replacement cost consistent with the insurer's underwriting guidelines, meets the minimum standards established by the task force, and was built before those standards were established.

Introduced 02/18/20
Last Amended 05/04/20
Status Assembly Insurance Committee

[AB 2370 \(Limón\) Ventura Port District: aquaculture plots: federal waters](#)

This bill would authorize the Ventura Port District to construct, maintain, operate and grant permits to others for aquaculture plots in federal waters. This bill has an urgency clause.

Introduced 02/18/20
Last Amended 03/16/20
Status Assembly Local Government Committee

[AB 2371 \(Freidman\) Strategic Growth Council: science advisory team: climate adaptation and hazard mitigation](#)

This bill would require the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) to convene a climate science advisory team develop recommendations on to improve climate adaptation and hazard mitigation planning. It would require the Council to develop, by January 1, 2022, a list of recommended existing and potential projects of statewide significance that should be prioritized to advance the state's climate resilience, including projects that improve community resilience and hazard mitigation through natural infrastructure. *Amendments of 06/04 shift the responsibilities from the SGC to OPR. Amendments of 07/08 require OPR to consult with regional and local governments.*

Introduced 02/18/20
Last Amended 07/08/20
Status Senate Environmental Quality Committee

[AB 2393 \(Petrie-Norris\) Natural Resources Agency: coastal adaptation projects: sea level rise: regulatory review and report](#)

As amended, this bill would enact the Coastal Adaptation Permitting Act of 2020, requiring the CNRA to explore and implement options to establish a more efficient permitting process for coastal adaptation projects. The bill would require the agency to submit a report to the Legislature by July 1, 2022, with recommendations for improving the process.

Introduced 02/18/20
Last Amended 05/04/20
Status Assembly Natural Resources Committee

[AB 2508 \(Fong\) FI\\$Cal System: project plan: update](#)

This bill would require the State Department of Technology to create a new project plan update for the FI\$Cal system, and provide a report to the Legislature on the unanticipated costs of the project.

Introduced 02/19/20
Status Assembly Budget Committee

[AB 2580 \(Eggman\) Conversion of motels and hotels: streamlining](#)

This bill would provide for a streamlined process for converting existing motels and hotels into multifamily housing, provided 20% of the units are preserved for persons of low to moderate income and deed-restricted for 45 years for owner-occupancy, or 55 years for rental units. The bill would prohibit a local government from imposing minimum or maximum unit size or density restrictions, and limit a local government's ability to impose parking standards. *Amendments of 05/11 establish that the provisions of the bill would not apply in the coastal zone.*

Introduced 02/20/20
Last Amended 05/22/20
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held in committee

[AB 2619 \(Stone\) Coastal resources: Program for Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access](#)

This bill would establish the Program for Coastal Resilience, Adaptation and Access, for the purpose of funding available, upon appropriation, to the California Coastal Commission, the Natural Resources Agency, the Ocean Protection Council, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the State Lands Commission, and the State Coastal Conservancy for activities consistent with the Fourth Climate Assessment and the Safeguarding California Plan. The funding source would be not less than 30% of the tidelands oil revenues deposited annually by the State Lands Commission into the Kapiloff Land Bank Account.

Introduced 02/20/20
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held in Committee

[AB 2621 \(Mullin\) Regional climate networks: climate adaptation plans](#)

This bill would authorize eligible public entities to establish and participate in a regional climate network, and to prepare regional climate adaptation action plans. The Office of Planning and Research would develop guidelines and standards for how regional networks would develop a regional climate adaptation action plan.

Introduced 02/20/20
Last Amended 07/02/20
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held in Committee

AB 2809 (Mullin) BCDC: Suisun Marsh Preservation Act of 1977

This bill would require BCDC to create and implement procedures for reviewing staff decisions in enforcement cases, a method for assessing civil penalties in cases involving multiple violations, establish timelines for resolving cases, and a matrix for assessing fines and civil penalties. The bill would also authorize BCDC to record a Notice of Violation (NOV) against properties subject to enforcement actions. It would prevent any funds deposited into the Bay Fill Clean-up and Abatement Fund from being used to pay for staff salaries of enforcement actions. The bill would also require BCDC to review all local protection programs under the Suisun Marsh Preservation Act every 5 years, beginning in 2025. *Amendments of 5/18 strike the provision authorizing BCDC to record a notice of violation on properties that are subject to an enforcement order, and the provision prohibiting the Commission from using the Abatement Fund to pay for staff salaries.*

Introduced	02/20/20
Last Amended	05/18/20
Status	Enrolled

AB 3030 (Kahlra) Land and ocean conservation goals

This bill would declare it to be the goals of the state by 2030 to protect at least 30% of the state’s land areas and waters; to help advance the protection of 30% of the nation’s oceans; and to support regional, national, and international efforts to protect at least 30% of the world’s land areas and waters and 30% of the world’s ocean.

Introduced	02/21/20
Last Amended	08/13/20
Status	Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. Held in committee

AB 3107 (Bloom) Planning and zoning: general plan: housing development

This bill would require that a housing development shall be an authorized use on a site designated in any local agency’s zoning code for commercial uses, notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of a city’s or county’s general plan, specific plan, zoning ordinance, or regulations, provided that at least 20% of the units are deed restricted to be affordable for purchase or rent to lower income households; the site is not adjacent to an industrial use; and at least 75% of the adjoining parcels are developed with urban uses. *Amendments of 05/11 set height and density standards for qualified proposals. Amendments of 07/21 would deem a housing development consistent with any general plan, zoning code or planning standards if it met the requirements of the bill.*

Introduced	02/21/20
Last Amended	07/21/20
Status	Senate Housing Committee

AB 3173 (Bloom) Microunit buildings

This bill would require cities and counties with populations of 400,000 or more to allow for the construction of “microunit buildings” in any zone where multifamily housing is permitted. Density limits would not apply to microunit buildings, and a specified percentage of units would have to be available to lower income, very low income, or extremely low income households. Parking or common areas may not be required, and density bonuses would not be applicable.

Introduced 02/21/20

Status Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

AB 3256 (Garcia) Climate risks: bond measure

This measure would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$4,000,000,000 to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all programs. *Amendments of 05/04 increase the amount of the bond to \$6,980,000,000, and include \$1,100,000,000 for the protection of coastal and ocean resources from sea level rise, of which \$600,000,000 would be available to the State Coastal Conservancy; \$200,000,000 would be available to the Ocean Protection Council, \$30,000,000 for the Coastal Commission’s LCP Grant Program, and \$20,000,000 to BCDC for planning and projects. Amendments of 05/18 add “Economic Recovery” to the title in place of “Climate Resilience”, make findings related to the economic benefits of the proposed investments, and add a definition of “natural infrastructure.” Amendment of 06/04 add an urgency clause.*

Introduced 02/21/20

Last Amended 06/04/20

Status Assembly Rules Committee, pending referral

Commission Position Support

SENATE BILLS

SB 795 (Beall) Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program

The bill would make up to \$2 billion per year available for appropriation by the Legislature to provide emergency economic recovery and development, climate change, and disaster response. The bill would create the Climate, Sea Level, and Natural Disaster Program and the Community Economic Development Program within the Governor's Office of Business Development, or "GO-Biz," and require the Controller to allocate up to \$100,000,000 to the program. Recipients may use moneys allocated under this subparagraph to finance projects for the construction, repair, replacement, and maintenance of infrastructure, including natural infrastructure, relating to protecting communities from the effects of climate change. *Amendments of 08/03 specify that the Strategic Growth Council and the State Coastal Conservancy would jointly administer the \$100 million per year for the funding for the Climate/Sea Level Rise Program.*

Introduced	01/06/20
Last Amended	08/03/20
Status	Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held under submission

SB 902 (Wiener) Planning and zoning: multifamily project: use by right: density

This bill would provide that a multifamily project is a use by right in zones where residential uses are permitted if the project is located outside of a very high fire severity zone, does not demolish existing rental housing or housing that has been placed on a national or state historic register, follows specified local objective criteria, and meets specified density requirements. This bill would additionally authorize a local government to pass an ordinance to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, at a height specified by the local government in the ordinance, if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area, or an urban infill site. The bill would specify that an ordinance adopted under these provisions is not a project for purposes of CEQA. *Amendments of 05/21/20 deleted the provision that established a multi-family project as a use by right in zones where residential uses are permitted, pre-empt any local restrictions on adopting zoning ordinances, and specify that bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to determine jobs-rich areas and publish a map of those areas every 5 years.*

Introduced	01/30/20
Last Amended	05/21/20
Status	Assembly Appropriations Committee. Held in Committee

[SB 1027 \(Stern\) Specialized license plates: The Endless Summer](#)

This bill would require the State Coastal Conservancy to apply to the DMV for a specialized license plate with a surfer logo and the slogan “The Endless Summer” for the purpose of funding grants within the Conservancy’s “Explore the Coast” program.

Introduced 02/14/20

Status Senate Transportation Committee

[SB 1049 \(Glazer\) Local ordinance: short-term rentals](#)

This bill would authorize a city council to impose an administrative penalty of up to \$5,000 for the violation of a short-term rental ordinance. *Amendments of 08/03 increase the penalty amount for a violation of local event permit, defined as a professionally organized special event on private property that is commercial in nature, and expands the definition of a short term rental to include any portion of a residential property that is rented for less than 30 consecutive days.*

Introduced 02/18/20

Last Amended 08/25/20

Status Senate Inactive File

[SB 1060 \(Hill\) Historical resources](#)

This bill would require the Department of Parks and Recreation to register trails that it determines to be important as state historical landmarks or points of historical interest.

Introduced 02/18/20

Status Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

[SB 1070 \(Leyva\) Land use: general plans](#)

This bill would specify elements that local governments must include in an adopted environmental justice element in their general plans by January 1, 2023. Required provisions include identification of disadvantaged communities, an assessment of the compounded health risks in those communities, investment needs, and quantifiable objectives, goals and policies to address the identified needs. The bill would require the element to advance climate resiliency, access to public facilities, housing and services, and provide for meaningful involvement of residents of those communities in the preparation, adoption and implementation of the EJ element. It also sets forth standards

for public notice and meeting requirements for the preparation and adoption of the element. The bill would prohibit the Director of the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to grant additional time for local governments to prepare and adopt an environmental justice element in their general plans.

Introduced 02/18/20
Last Amended 03/25/20
Status Senate Rules Committee

[SB 1090 \(Bates\) California Coastal Act of 1976: natural shoreline: construction](#)

This bill would add Section 30237 to the Coastal Act, to require the Commission and local governments to approve the repair, maintenance and construction of sea walls for residential development existing as of May 1, 2020, unless it is determine that the project constitutes a substantial threat to public health or safety. As a condition for approval, the applicant may be required to provide a “sand mitigation offset” not to exceed \$25,000, or one percent of the assessed value of the property. If the Commission denies a sea wall pursuant to the findings required in the bill, or receives notice of a local denial, the Commission must inform the Legislature of its action within 30 days that includes evidence supporting the denial.

Introduced 02/19/20
Last Amended 04/09/20
Status Natural Resources and Water Committee. Held in Committee
Commission Position Oppose

[SB 1120 \(Atkins\) Subdivisions: tentative maps](#)

This bill would, among other things, require a local government to consider proposed housing proposals for two residential units ministerially, provided the project does not demolish existing affordable or rent-controlled housing and is not within an historic district; and ministerially approve lot splits that create 2 parcels of equal size no smaller than 1,200 sf, provided the lot is zoned residential, does not contain existing affordable or rent controlled housing, and is not located in an historic district.

Introduced 02/19/20
Last Amended 08/12/20
Status Senate Unfinished Business

SB 1138 (Wiener) Housing element: emergency shelters: rezoning of sites

This bill would authorize local governments to designate zones for emergency shelters in non-residential zones if it can be demonstrated that the zone is connected to amenities and services, if it is found to be infeasible to locate the emergency shelter in zoning where shelters are an allowable use. The bill would also require that the number of people accommodated at each site be calculated using a minimum of 200 square feet per person.

Introduced	02/19/20
Last Amended	08/27/20
Status	Senate Inactive File

SB 1301 (Hueso) Tijuana River Valley: binational watershed management plan

As amended, this bill would require the California Natural Resources Agency and the California EPA and their subsidiary departments to collaborate in the creation of a the Tijuana River Valley Watershed Action Plan, subject to appropriation. Upon completion, the CNRA and the EPA would consult w the Government of Mexico, the State of Baja California, and the City and County of San Diego and other US cities within the watershed to protect water quality, fisheries, wildlife habitat, water supply and waste water discharge.

Introduced	02/21/20
Last Amended	08/24/20
Status	Enrolled

SB 1320 (Stern) Climate change: California Climate Change Assessment

As amended, this bill would require the Office of Planning and Research, through the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program and in coordination with the Natural Resources Agency, the Energy Commission, and the Strategic Growth Council, to develop the California Climate Change Assessment, and update the assessment at least every five years. The report would require the assessment to provide an integrated suite of products that report the projected impacts and risks of climate change, based on best available science, and identify potential solutions to inform legislative policy.

Introduced	02/21/20
Last Amended	08/11/20
Status	Enrolled

SB 1457 (Borgeas) State regulatory action: reduction or waiver of civil penalties

This bill would require state agencies to establish a policy by January 1, 2022 to provide for the reduction on civil penalties for a small business if the infraction did not involve willful or criminal conduct and did not pose a serious health, safety or environmental threat.

Amendments of 06/18 make the bill's provisions operative only upon the Legislature making an appropriation.

Introduced	02/21/20
Last Amended	08/10/20
Status	Assembly Appropriations Committee

TWO-YEAR BILLS

AB 69 (Ting) Land use: accessory dwelling units

This bill has been gutted and amended from a bill to create “small home building standards” to a bill to create the “Help Homeowners Add New Housing Program” for accessory dwelling unit financing. The bill would require the California Housing Finance Agency to issue revenue bonds in an amount determined by the Treasurer, for the purpose of creating a state-backed lending program to induce private lenders to issue loans to home owners for the construction of additional residential units, including ADUs on their properties, with the goal of adding 50,000 additional housing units on single-family properties within 5 years.

Introduced	12/03/18
Last Amended	07/30/19
Status	Enrolled

AB 345 (Muratsuchi) Natural resources: environmental justice: oil and gas: regulation of operations

This bill would require the Natural Resources Agency to create an environmental justice program to identify and address gaps in existing policies and programs that impede environmental justice, and establish a grant program that would enable community groups to meaningfully participate in rulemaking and other public regulatory processes.

Introduced	03/26/19
Last amended	01/23/20
Status	Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

[AB 352 \(E. Garcia\) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020](#)

This bill would enact the Wildfire Preventions, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020 in the amount of \$3.920 billion in General Obligation bonds to finance projects to harden structures in fire hazard areas, reduce wildfire risks, restore natural systems and landscapes, reduce climate impacts on vulnerable populations, protect water supply and water quality, support regional climate resilience projects, promote community access projects for disadvantaged communities, reduce flood risk, protect fish and wildlife from climate impacts, improve groundwater health, and protect coastal lands and resources. If signed by the Governor, this measure will appear on the November 3, 2020 statewide ballot.

Introduced	2/04/19
Last Amended	08/14/19
Status	Senate Environmental Quality Committee

[AB 953 \(Ting\) Land use: accessory dwelling units](#)

This bill would deem a ministerial application for an accessory dwelling unit or a junior accessory dwelling unit approved if a local agency has not acted on a completed application within 60 days.

Introduced	02/21/19
Last Amended	01/06/20
Status	Senate Governance and Finance Committee

[AB 1080 \(Gonzalez\) Solid waste: packaging and products](#)

This bill would enact the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, which would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), in consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board and the Ocean Protection Council to develop a scoping plan for reducing plastic pollution in California by the year 2030 through source reduction, recycling and composting. AB 1080 is a companion to SB 54 (Allen). The two bills are identical in their current forms. *Amendments of 03/19/19 add additional specificity to the Department's proposed regulations, including identification of single-use packaging materials for reduction actions; criteria for source reduction requirements, minimum post-consumer recycled content requirements; and processes for annual reporting by businesses. Amendments of 05/07/19 extend the deadline for the adoption of regulations from 01/01/21 to 01/01/23; expand the bill to include manufacturers and retailers; and require the department to develop a scoping plan for achieving the bill's objectives prior to adopting regulations. Amendments of 05/22 substantially revise the bill to establish that it is a policy goal of the state that manufacturers and retailers reduce single-use packaging and products by 75% by the year 2030, transition to reusable products and packaging to the maximum extent practicable; and that single use packaging*

and products must be recyclable or compostable by specified dates. The amendments would narrow the scope of CalRecycle’s regulatory authority to “priority single use plastic products” which are defined in the bill as single-use packaging and the 10 most commonly littered single-use plastic products in California. The Department would be required to adopt regulations to implement the policy. The bill would also extend the deadline by two years for manufacturers to demonstrate a 40% recycling rate by 2028. Amendments of June 20 add definitions, and require the Department to post on its website a list of recycling rates by material type. Amendments of 07/05/19 require the Department to report to the Legislature every 2 years on the progress implementing the bill’s provisions. Amendments of 09/06 require the Department to establish a Circular Economy Waste Pollution Reduction Panel to identify barriers and solutions associated with implementing the act.

Introduced	02/21/19
Last Amended	09/06/19
Status	Passed Senate. Ordered to the Assembly
Position	Support

[AB 1426 \(Boerner-Horvath\) San Onofre State Beach: Richard H and Donna O’Neill Conservancy: road construction](#)

This bill would codify the terms of the 2016 settlement agreement between the California Attorney General, State Parks, the Native American Heritage Commission, and the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA), following a 2008 denial/rejection of the State Route 241 Toll road (aka Trestles Toll Road) based partly on the project’s impacts to San Onofre State Beach. This bill would foreclose the possibility of a similar project proposal by another entity to construct a toll road in the same general area.

Introduced	02/22/19
Last Amended	06/17/20
Status	Enrolled

[AB 1731 \(Boerner Horvath\) Short-term rentals: coastal zone: County of San Diego](#)

This bill previously addressed short-term vacation rentals in San Diego County. It has been gutted and amended to deal employer work-sharing plans. Amendments of 08/20 increase the amount of unemployment benefits paid to eligible individuals, and add an urgency clause, so that the measure may take effect immediately.

Introduced	02/22/19
Last Amended	08/25/23
Status	Enrolled

SB 45 (Allen) Wildfire, Drought and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020

This bill would enact the Wildfire, Drought and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020 in the amount of \$5.5 billion in General Obligation bonds to finance projects to restore fire-damaged areas, reduce wildfire risks, promote healthy forests and watersheds, reduce climate impacts on vulnerable populations, protect water supply and water quality, support regional climate resilience projects, protect rivers, lakes, and streams, reduce flood risk, protect fish and wildlife from climate impacts, improve climate resilience of agricultural lands, and protect coastal lands and resources. If signed by the Governor, this measure will appear on the November 3, 2020 statewide ballot. *Amendments of 01/23/20 increase the amount of the bond from \$4.069 billion to \$5.510 billion, and include funding for the adaptation of small community wastewater treatment facilities at risk from sea level rise, consistent with an updated, certified local coastal program (80231 (b)).*

Introduced	12/03/18
Last Amended	01/23/20
Status	Assembly Desk, pending referral

SB 54 (Allen) Solid waste: packaging and products

This bill would enact the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, which would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), in consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board and the Ocean Protection Council to develop a scoping plan for reducing plastic pollution in California by the year 2030 through source reduction, recycling and composting. AB 1080 is a companion to AB 1080 (Gonzalez). The two bills are identical in their current forms. *Amendments of 03/19/19 add additional specificity to the Department's proposed regulations, including identification of single-use packaging materials for reduction actions; criteria for source reduction requirements, minimum post-consumer recycled content requirements; and processes for annual reporting by businesses. Amendments of 05/07/19 extend the deadline for the adoption of regulations from 01/01/21 to 01/01/23; expand the bill to include manufacturers and retailers; and require the department to develop a scoping plan for achieving the bill's objectives prior to adopting regulations. Amendments of 05/22 substantially revise the bill to establish that it is a policy goal of the state that manufacturers and retailers reduce single-use packaging and products by 75% by the year 2030, transition to reusable products and packaging to the maximum extent practicable; and that single use packaging and products are recyclable or compostable by specified dates. The amendments would narrow the scope of CalRecycle's regulatory authority to "priority single use plastic products" which are defined in the bill as single-use packaging and the 10 most commonly littered single-use plastic products in California. The Department would be required to adopt regulations to implement the policy. The bill would also extend the deadline by two years for manufacturers to demonstrate a 40% recycling rate by 2028. Amendments of 06/24/19 add definitions, and require the Department to post on its website a list of recycling rates by material type. Amendments of 07/05/19 require*

the Department to report to the Legislature every 2 years on the progress implementing the bill's provisions. Amendments of 09/06 require the department to establish a Circular Economy Waste Pollution Reduction Panel to identify barriers and solutions associated with implementing the act.

Introduced	12/11/18
Last Amended	09/10/19
Status	Failed passage in the Assembly
Position	Support

[SB 67 \(McGuire\) Cannabis: temporary licenses](#)

This bill would limit the establishment of appellations of origin to cannabis planted in the ground, in open air, with no artificial light from flowering stage of cultivation until harvest.

Introduced	01/08/19
Last Amended	07/29/20
Status	Assembly Business & Professions Committee

[SB 69 \(Wiener\) Ocean Resiliency Act of 2019](#)

This bill amends multiple codes including the Public Resources Code, Fish and Game Code, Public Health Code, and Water Code to address issues related to fisheries, ocean acidification, timber harvest plans, vessel speeds in the Santa Barbara Channel and San Francisco Bay, marine invasive species, and other topics. The bill would also require various studies and reports related to wetlands, beneficial reuse of dredged materials, low-trophic mariculture, and the potential for kelp and native oyster reefs to sequester carbon. The bill would require the State Air Resources Board to develop a voluntary speed reduction program to reduce air pollution, whale strikes and harmful underwater acoustics in the Santa Barbara Channel and San Francisco Bay; require the Natural Resources Agency to conduct an inventory of the state's coastal wetlands, updated every 5 years; require the State Coastal Conservancy to develop a beneficial reuse program for dredged sediments in coastal restoration projects; and require the Ocean Protection Council to submit a report to the Legislature. *Amendments of 04/29/19 delete the requirement for the Department of Fish and Wildlife to conduct a survey of all dams in all rivers frequented by fish every five years. Amendments of 05/17 remove Sections related to: timber harvest plans; low-trophic mariculture; an ocean acidification working group; the Water Quality Monitoring Council; ballast water control technology; and amendments to the California Ocean Plan. Amendments of June 25 would require the Department to develop a plan to improve the survival rate of hatchery salmon; develop a sediment reduction plan for the Elk River watershed; require the Board of Forestry to evaluate forest practice rules that negatively affect salmonids; and prohibit timber harvesting activity under timber harvest plans that are likely to cause extreme erosion, unless certain specifications are met. Amendments of 07/03/19 require the Department's to include an analysis of the effect of in-river or ocean net-pen releases of hatchery salmon on the natural production of salmon.*

Amendments of 07/11 specify that an erosion control plan filed pursuant to a timber harvesting plan must be consistent with existing law.

Introduced 01/09/19
Last Amended 07/11/19
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee. Hearing cancelled

SB 424 (Jackson) Tobacco products: single-use and multiuse components

This bill would prohibit the sale or distribution in California of any cigarette with a single-use filter, single-use electronic cigarette or an attachable single-use filter. The bill would authorize a city attorney, county counsel or District Attorney to assess a \$500 civil fine for violation. The bill would also require manufacturers of tobacco products to use recyclable materials for their products sold in California, or provide a take back or mail back program for non-recyclable components.

Introduced 02/21/19
Last amended 05/17/19
Status Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

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