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TO: Coastal Commission and Interested Persons

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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR JULY 2023

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Note: Information contained in this report is accurate as of July 7, 2023. Bills added since the previous report are marked by an asterisk (*). Substantive amendments are summarized in italics. Bill text, votes, analyses, and the 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.

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PRIORITY LEGISLATION

COASTAL ACT AMENDMENTS

**AB 45 (Boerner) Coastal resources: coastal development permits: blue carbon projects: new development: greenhouse gas emissions**

This bill would add Sections 30275 and 30276 to the Coastal Act, requiring the Commission to authorize the Commission to authorize blue carbon demonstration projects, and amend Section 30253 to require that new development minimize greenhouse gas emissions. A blue carbon project is defined as the creation or restoration of coastal wetland, intertidal, or marine habitats or ecosystems, including, but not limited to, kelp forests, seagrasses, and wetlands, that capture carbon. State grant programs may be used to contribute toward the project. The bill would also amend Section 30253 to require that new development minimize greenhouse gas emissions. *Amendments of 05/25/23 remove the requirement that new development minimize greenhouse gas emissions.*

Introduced  12/05/22  
Last Amended 05/25/23  
Status  Senate Appropriations Committee

**SB 360 (Blakespear) California Coastal Commission: member voting**

This bill would amend Coastal Act Section 30318 to allow Coastal Commissioners to simultaneously serve on Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) and/or Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs) while also serving on the Coastal Commission. *Amendments of 06/14/23 make minor, technical changes.*

Introduced 02/08/23  
Last Amended 06/14/23  
Status  Enrolled
SB 423 (Wiener) Land use: streamlined housing approvals; multifamily
This bill would allow the Department of General Services to act in place of a local government for the purpose of considering streamlined, ministerial review and approval of a multi-family housing project on state-owned lands. The bill would also repeal the provision in existing law that precludes the streamlined approval process from applying in the coastal zone. The effect of this would be that a multifamily housing project would be “deemed consistent” and not subject to a coastal development permit if it provides a variable minimum amount of affordable housing, and meets the applicable objective standards. The bill would also allow development in wetlands or listed species habitat if development has been authorized by federal or other state law. Amendments of 05/23/23 would preclude the streamlined approval from applying in equine or equestrian districts; would require a labor contract for projects over 85’ in height; would add the requirement for local governments to hold a public meeting within 45 days of receiving a notice of intent to file an application; and would extend the current sunset date to January 1, 2036. Amendments of 06/30/23 make minor changes to the calculation for affordability, percentage of affordable units, and application of density bonus credits.

Introduced 02/13/23
Last Amended 06/30/23
Status Assembly Natural Resources Committee
Position Oppose Unless Amended

AB 584 (Hart) California Coastal Act: coastal development: emergency waiver
This bill would amend Coastal Act Sec 30611 to increase the value limit of permanent structures that may be authorized by an emergency coastal development permit waiver from $25,000 to $125,000. Amendments of 03/06/23 add language allowing this limit to increase automatically based on the Consumer Price Index.

Introduced 02/09/23
Last Amended 03/06/23
Status Senate Floor

SB 704 (Min) Coastal Resources: Oil and gas developments: petrochemical refineries: offshore wind
As amended, this bill would amend the Coastal Act to specify that new or expanded oil and gas facilities shall not be considered a coastal-dependent industrial use and may only be permitted if found to be consistent with Chapter 3. The bill would also add statutory findings to the Coastal Act encouraging existing ports to pursue development contributing to offshore wind energy generation, and encouraging the Commission to receive technical advice with regard to offshore wind energy generation. Amendments of 06/20 authorize repair and maintenance of an oil and gas facility if it doesn’t result in an expansion of the facility; and would exclude new development at existing refineries for the purpose of producing low carbon fuels.

Introduced 02/16/23
Last Amended 06/20/23
Status Assembly Natural Resources Committee
AB 1287 (Alvarez) Density Bonus Law: additional density bonus and incentives or concessions
This bill would remove long-standing language from Government Code Section 65915(m) specifying that state Density Bonus Law (DBL) does not supersede or lessen the application of the Coastal Act, and would replace this language with an affirmative statement that development standard exceptions granted under DBL can be applied to housing projects notwithstanding Coastal Act or Local Coastal Program policies. The bill would have the effect of exempting projects that take advantage of DBL exceptions from the coastal resource protection policies of the Coastal Act and LCPs. The bill would also stipulate that in order to receive 4 density bonus concessions a developer must provide at least 16% of the total units for very low income households, or at least 45% for families of moderate income in a project for which the units are for sale; and would increase the concessions to which a 100% affordable project is entitled from 4 to 5. Amendments of 04/26/23 revert subsection (m) to the existing language stating that DBL does not supersede or lessen the application of the Coastal Act. Amendments of 06/22 clarify that the bill doesn’t not prohibit a local government from requiring an applicant to provide documentation to establish eligibility for a requested density bonus and parking ratios.

Introduced 02/16/23
Last Amended 06/21/23
Status Senate Floor
Position Neutral

AB 1308 (Quirk-Silva) Single-family residences: parking requirements
As amended, this bill would prohibit a public agency, including the Coastal Commission, from increasing minimum parking standards on a project to remodel, renovate or add to a single-family residence. While this is not a Coastal Act amendment, it has the effect of creating a Coastal Act exemption from parking requirements.

Introduced 02/16/23
Last Amended 03/30/23
Status Senate Housing Committee

AB 1590 (Friedman) Coastal resorts: coastal development permits: audits: waste
As amended, this bill would establish the Major Coastal Resorts Environmental Accountability Act, and would require the Coastal Commission, with the assistance of a qualified consultant, to every 2 years prepare an audit of a major coastal resort’s compliance with the requirements of its coastal development permit including the coastal development permit, as provided. The bill would require the Commission to document the audit’s investigation and findings in a public report. The bill would also require any coastal development permit pertaining to a major coastal resort approved after January 1, 2024, to include, as a condition of approval, submittal of a turf, landscape, and pest management plan; and the Commission would be required to add this condition to any existing coastal development permit pertaining to a major coastal resort whenever such a permit is next amended. Finally, the bill would prohibit the use of any non-organic pesticide at a major coastal resort, would prohibit a major coastal
resort from providing single-use plastic bottled beverages, and would require a major
costal resort to provide at least one recycling bin in each guest room. Violation of these
requirements would be punishable by a civil penalty of $500 per day.

Introduced 02/17/23
Last Amended 03/23/23
Status Assembly Natural Resources Committee. Failed Passage.

NATURAL AND MARINE RESOURCES

AB 72 (Boerner) Coastal resources: research: landslides and erosion
This bill would extend the deadline for the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD
to conduct research and provide a report to the Legislature regarding early warning
systems that could detect landslides from March 15, 2025 to March 30, 2026. Amendments of 05/17 specify 3 test sites to pilot the new technology.

Introduced 12/13/22
Last Amended 05/17/23
Status Enrolled

AB 345 (Wilson) Habitat restoration: flood control: advance payments
This bill would authorize DWR to provide advance payments to local agencies for
projects to restore habitat for threatened and endangered species or flood protection.
Amendments of 03/20/23 extend the authorization to the Central Valley Flood Protection
Board, stipulate that advance payments must be spent within 6 months, and impose
reporting requirements on recipients.

Introduced 01/31/23
Last Amended 06/26/23
Status Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 706 (L. Rivas) Leasing of public lands: minerals others than oil and gas
This bill would authorize the State Lands Commission (SLC) to issue prospecting
permits and leases minerals (other than oil and gas) on state lands without approval by
the Attorney General. The bill would delete the current 960-acre maximum for lease
areas, as well as the requirement for the lease area to be surveyed by the SLC or
another entity. The bill would also authorize the SLC to issue permits for geological or
geochemical exploration permits on state lands, and if minerals are discovered, require a
lessee to pay an annual rental based on fair market value.

Introduced 02/13/23
Last Amended 05/12/2023
Status Senate Floor
**AB 748 (Villapudua) Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program**

The bill would require the State Lands Commission (SLC) to, by July 1, 2025, create an inventory of abandoned and derelict commercial vessels in commercially navigable waters. This bill would direct the SLC to convene multiagency group to identify, prioritize, and fund the removal and disposal of abandoned and derelict commercial vessels, and would create a state agency task force to develop guidance for carrying out these responsibilities. The bill would further impose civil penalties on vessels that become derelict. Penalty money would be deposited in a fund, created by the bill, and would be used to fund removal of abandoned and derelict commercial vessels.

Introduced 02/13/23  
Last Amended 03/23/23  
Status Senate Appropriation Committee

**AB 953 (Connolly) Coastal resources: voluntary vessel speed reduction**

As amended, this bill would require the OPC, by January 1, 2026, to implement a statewide voluntary vessel speed reduction program in shipping corridors to reduce whale strikes, air pollution, and underwater acoustic impacts. **Amendments of 05/18 would make the bill applicable only to vessels of 300 gross tons or greater.**

Introduced 02/14/23  
Last Amended 05/18/23  
Status Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

**AB 1407 (Addis) Coastal resources: ocean recovery and restoration: large scale restoration**

This bill would require the Ocean Protection Council to establish a Kelp Forest and Estuary Restoration and Recovery Framework that has a goal of restoring by 2050 5,000 acres of kelp forests, 16,000 acres of eelgrass meadows, and 9,000 acres of native oyster beds. The bill would also require the OPC to establish an interagency Ocean Restoration and Recovery Working Group that includes the Coastal Commission and other departments to coordinate and facilitate large-scale restoration in the coastal areas of the state. **Amendments of 07/03/23 eliminate the targets, and instead authorize the Secretary for Natural Resources to set the restoration targets, and charge OPC with developing a strategy within the Recovery Framework for achieving them by 2050.**

Introduced 02/17/23  
Last Amended 07/03/23  
Status Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
CLIMATE CHANGE & SEA LEVEL RISE

AB 225 (Grayson) Real property: environmental hazards handbook
This bill would require the Department of Real Estate to include wildfire, climate change and sea level rise in its informational booklet on environmental hazards, when the booklet is next updated and resources become available. The bill would require the State Department of Public Health to seek the advice and assistance of departments within the Natural Resources Agency in the writing of the new sections.

Introduced 01/11/23
Last Amended 06/12/23
Status Assembly Business Professions & Economic Dev. Committee

SB 272 (Laird) Sea level rise: planning and adaptation
This bill would require all local governments in the coastal zone to address sea level rise through Local Coastal Programs by January 1, 2034. Jurisdictions that complete this requirement by January 1, 2029, would be prioritized for state funding. Vulnerability assessments and implementation policies would be based on the best available science, cover specified priorities, and would get updated on a timeline agreed upon by the local governments and the Coastal Commission. The measure would also require the Commission and BCDC to collaborate with OPC and the Sea Level Rise State and Regional Support Collaborative on the establishment of guidelines to assist local governments in this work by December 31, 2024. Amendments of 05/18/23 recognize the work of the Local Government Sea Level Rise Working Group, and make clarifying amendments.

Introduced 12/05/22
Last Amended 05/18/23
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee
Position Support

AB 966 (Davies) Division of Boating and Waterways: shoreline erosion control
This bill would require the Division of Boating and Waterways to submit a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2025 that identifies critically eroded shorelines, discusses ways to increase natural sedimentation, evaluates existing restoration and beach nourishment programs, and evaluates whether the application process for existing programs needs to be altered. Amendments of 07/05 require DBW to define the term, “critically eroded shorelines.”

Introduced 02/14/23
Last Amended 07/05/23
Status Senate Appropriations Committee
**AB 970 (L. Rivas) Climate and Sustainability Insurance and Risk Reduction Program**

This bill would require the Department of Insurance to establish and administer the Climate and Sustainability Insurance and Risk Reduction Program, to expand insurance options, especially in vulnerable and disadvantaged communities where climate risks are currently uninsured or underinsured. *Amendments of 05/18/23 make the bill contingent on appropriation by the Legislature. Amendments of 06/20/23 specify the communities where the pilot projects shall be implemented. The communities are Imperial Beach, Humboldt County, Imperial County, Placer County, the San Fernando Valley, the Reservation of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, the San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District and portions of Sacramento County.*

Introduced 02/14/23  
Last Amended 06/20/2023  
Status Gov & Finance Committee

**ENERGY**

**AB 3 (Zbur) Offshore wind energy: reports**

This bill would require the Energy Commission to develop a plan related to seaport readiness for offshore wind energy development, in consultation with the State Lands Commission. The bill would require the Commission to submit a report to the Legislature January 1, 2026. The Commission would also develop recommendations for the ports best suited for supporting offshore wind energy developments and in-state workforce opportunities, including opportunities for low-income and environmental justice communities, by January 1, 2026. A second report, due by July 1, 2027, would analyze the feasibility of achieving 70% and 85% in-state assembly and manufacturing of offshore wind energy projects. *Amendments of 04/26/23 add operators of ocean-going vessels to the list of stakeholders to be consulted.*

Introduced 12/05/22  
Last Amended 06/08/23  
Status Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

**AB 80 (Addis) Coastal resources: ocean research: West Coast Offshore Wind Science Entity**

As amended, this bill would require the OPC to establish and oversee a West Coast Offshore Wind Science Entity to ensure comprehensive baseline modeling of California’s ocean ecosystem to inform state and federal decisions about offshore wind development. The science entity would also oversee and direct funding to targeted research. *Amendments of 04/17/23 require coordination with federal agencies, and would require the OPC to establish a steering committee to provide governance and oversight of the science entity. Amendments of 07/03/23 require OPC to oversee the establishment of a non-profit OSW science organization whose charge would be to direct comprehensive research focused on current ocean conditions.*
SB 286 (McGuire) Offshore wind energy projects
As amended, this bill would designate the State Lands Commission (SLC) as the CEQA lead agency for all offshore wind projects. It would also create the Offshore Wind Energy Resiliency Fund in the State Treasury, and establish the Offshore Wind Energy Fisheries Working Group which the Coastal Commission would convene with SLC, the Ocean Protection Council, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, federal agencies, representatives of the fishing industry, and other stakeholders as appropriate. The working group would be required to develop a statewide strategy by January 1, 2026 to ensure the avoidance, minimization and/or mitigation of impacts to ocean fisheries, establish compensation for commercial and recreational fishers for economic impacts, and develop best practices for monitoring, communications and engaging affected communities. Amendments of 05/18/23 would add tribal and labor representatives to the working group, expand the focus of the working group to include tribal interests and environmental resources, and require the Commission to review the statewide strategy every three years and revise as needed. Amendments of 06/05 re-organize the bill, require the Coastal Commission to review and adopt the statewide strategy at a public hearing, and require the State Lands Commission to consider the statewide when issuing a state tidelands lease for an offshore energy wind project. Amendments of 06/28 add consultation requirements with local governments and labor unions, limit representation on the Working Group to individuals involved in commercial, recreational and tribal fisheries, revise the code sections.

SB 319 (McGuire) Electricity: transmission planning
As amended, this bill would require the Energy Commission, Public Utilities Commission, and Independent System Operator to review their MOU and associated workplan to implement electrical transmission reliability. The bill further requires the PUC to require each electrical corporation to review its long-term transmission infrastructure needs for the subsequent 10 years.
**SB 420 (Becker) Electricity: electrical transmission facility projects**
As amended 06/30, this bill has been narrowed in scope. The bill would specify that the reconstruction of an existing transmission facility, or the construction of a new transmission facility by an electrical corporation serving 10,000 or more customers, does not require a certificate of public convenience from the PUC.

Introduced 02/09/23
Last Amended 06/30/23
Status Assembly Natural Resources and E.U.&C Committees

**SB 605 (Padilla) Wave and tidal energy**
As amended, this bill would require the Energy Commission and the Ocean Protection Council (OPC), in consultation with the Coastal Commission and other departments, to conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility and benefits of ocean wave and tidal energy by February 1, 2024. The study would provide findings about the feasibility of deploying wave and tidal energy, evaluate the need for transmission planning and workforce development, identify suitable sea space for tidal and wave energy, and develop a monitoring strategy to evaluate impacts to marine and tidal ecosystems and wildlife.

Introduced 02/15/23
Last Amended 04/27/23
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB 914 (Friedman) Electrical infrastructure: California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions: review time period**
This bill would provide a CEQA exemption for the expansion or upgrade of an existing electrical transmission facility; the construction of a new electrical transmission facility; and electrical storage facilities (including battery storage facilities). The bill would also require state lead agencies to complete environmental review for electrical infrastructure projects and to approve or deny the project within 2 years of a complete application for the issuance of a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement. Amendments of 05/01 delete the CEQA exemptions.

Introduced 02/15/23
Last Amended 05/01/23
Status Senate Energy, Utilities and Commerce Committee
**AB 1533 (Utilities and Energy Committee) Electricity**

Relevant to the Coastal Commission, this bill would specify that energy generated by Diablo Canyon after August 26, 2025, could not be counted toward the state’s “zero carbon” energy goals; extend the work of the Diablo Canyon seismic peer review panel for an additional 5 years; and add additional reporting requirements related to safety, system reliability, and annual electricity demand forecasts. **Amendments of 05/01/23 add an urgency clause to the measure. Amendments of 05/25 add reporting requirements for the Department of Water Resources.**

**Introduced** 02/17/23
**Last Amended** 05/25/23
**Status** Senate Energy, Utilities and Commerce Committee

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**HOUSING**

**SB 4 (Wiener) Planning and zoning: housing development; higher education and religious institutions**

This bill would provide that a housing development project that is 100% available to lower income and moderate income households would be a use by right on any land owned by an independent institution of higher education or religious institution that was in their ownership prior to January 1, 2024, if the project meets objective zoning standards, is at least ¼ acre in size, the applicant hires skilled and trained labor, and is located within ½ mile of a major transit stop, a high quality corridor, or within one block of a car-share vehicle. **Amendments of 02/22/23 allow up to 5% of the housing to be available to staff of the institution if made available at an affordable rate. Amendments of 03/28/23 delete the provision that the property must be at least ¼ acre in size, specify that projects are eligible for density bonus, incentives, waivers of development standards, and parking ratios. Amendments of 05/18 require air filtration units if the development is within 500 feet of a freeway, and allow ancillary uses including childcare, recreational, social or educational services for use by residents.**

**Introduced** 12/05/23
**Last Amended** 05/18/23
**Status** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

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**SB 18 (McGuire) Housing programs: Tribal Housing Reconstitution And Resiliency Act**

As amended, this bill would establish the Tribal Housing Grant Program Trust Fund, to provide a source of funding to tribes and tribal entities for housing, housing-related program services, and community development, upon appropriation by the Legislature. The Fund would be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

**Introduced** 12/05/22
**Last Amended** 03/22/23
**Status** Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee
SB 91 (Umberg) California Environmental Quality Act exemption: supportive and transitional housing; motel conversion
This bill would remove the January 1, 2025 sunset date for the CEQA exemption that currently applies to conversion of hotels and motels for transitional and support housing.

Introduced 01/17/23
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee

*SB 584 (Limon) Laborforce housing: Short-term Rental Tax Law
This bill would impose a 15% state tax on the occupancy of a short-term rentals. The bill would define “short-term rental” for this purpose to mean the occupancy of a home, house, a room in a home or house, or other lodging that is not a hotel, inn, motel, or bed and breakfast, in this state for a period of 30 days or less. The bill would direct the collected tax revenues to the Laborforce Housing Fund, which the bill would create for the construction of permanently deed-restricted housing owned and managed by public entities or mission-driven non-profit organizations. The fund would be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Introduced 01/15/23
Last Amended 05/18/23
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee

PUBLIC ACCESS

SB 620 (McGuire) Low-impact Camping Areas
This bill would exempt low-impact camping areas from being regulated under the Special Occupancy Parks Act. The bill would define a “low-impact camping area” as any area of private property that provides for the transient occupancy rental of a temporary sleeping accommodation for recreational purposes that is not a commercial lodging facility and meets specified requirements. The bill would authorize the county in which the low-impact camping area is located to enforce some of those specified requirements relating to waste disposal and quiet hours.

Introduced 02/15/23
Last Amended 04/20/23
Status Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

AB 859 (Gallagher) Hunting: navigable waters
This bill would amend the Fish and Game Code to clarify that nothing in that code restricts the public’s right to use navigable waters for hunting, fishing, or other public purpose as guaranteed under Section IV of Article X of the California Constitution. Amendments of 06/26 specify that navigable waters include regular, seasonal flooding.

Introduced 06/26/23
Status Senate Floor
AB 1150 (Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee) Department of Parks and Recreation: community access agreements: interpretive and visitor services
This bill would authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into community access agreements with non-profit organizations and Native American tribes to provide interpretive and visitor services to underserved populations at state parks. It would authorize a community access agreement to offer free or reduced-cost access to members of the public participating in interpretive services and visitor services offered by the organization. Amendments of 06/12 would require that grant funds in the Recreational Trails Fund are available to California Native American Tribes. Amendments of 06/26/23 would require the department to have a mechanism for recovering a grant that is spent outside of its parameters.

Introduced  02/16/23
Last Amended 06/26/23
Status   Senate Appropriations Committee
Position  Support

EQUITY, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & TRIBES

SB 310 (Dodd) Prescribed fire: civil liability: cultural burns
This bill would authorize the Natural Resources Secretary to enter into agreements with California Native American Tribes regarding cultural burning, and as part of those agreements the Secretary may waive state permitting or regulatory requirements. Amendments of 04/12/23 would require the Secretary to convene a cultural burn working group consisting of state agencies, California Native American tribes, and local governments, with the goal of determining a framework to enable conditions conducive to cultural burning. The bill would require the working group to report its findings to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2025. Amendments of 06/28 add a requirement for consultation with local air districts and consideration of air quality impacts.

Introduced  02/06/23
Last Amended 06/28/23
Status   Assembly Appropriations Committees

AB 437 (Jackson) State government: equity
As amended, this bill would require state agencies and departments to consider the use of more inclusive practices to advance equity in order to better serve all Californians.

Introduced  02/06/23
Last Amended 05/18/23
Status   Senate Governmental Organization Committee
TRANSPORTATION

AB 894 (Friedman) Parking requirements: shared parking
This bill would require public agencies and other entities to share underutilized parking
spaces with other users, if 20% or more of the dedicated parking is unused. The bill
would also require a public agency to allow for shared parking agreements to be
counted toward minimum parking requirements. Amendments of 02/22 require the
preparation of a shared parking plan.

Introduced 02/14/23
Last Amended 06/22/23
Status Senate Housing Committee

SB 677 (Blakespear) Intercity rail: LOSSAN Rail Corridor
As amended, this bill would require the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo
(LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency to include a description of the effects of climate change
on the LOSSAN corridor, to identify projects planned to increase climate resiliency on
the corridor, and to discuss possible funding options for those identified projects as part
of the annual business plan submitted to the Secretary of Transportation.

Introduced 02/16/23
Last Amended 04/17/23
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee

BOND ACTS

AB 305 (Villapudua) California Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024
This bill would enact the California Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024 which, if
approved by the voters in the November 2024 general election, would authorize the
issuance of bonds in the amount of $4,500,000,000 pursuant to the State General
Obligation Bond Law for flood protection projects. Amendments of 04/25 specify that
projects funded by the bond shall provide workforce education and training, contractor,
and job opportunities for vulnerable populations or socially disadvantaged groups.

Introduced 01/26/23
Last Amended 04/25/23
Status Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
SB 638 (Eggman) Climate Resiliency and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024
This bill would enact the Climate Resiliency and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024 which, if approved by the voters in the November 5, 2024 general election, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $4,500,000,000, for flood protection and climate resiliency projects. Amendments of 03/20/23 increase the amount of the bond to $6,000,000,000. Amendments of 06/28 make changes to the findings, and add definitions and administrative processes.

Introduced 02/16/23
Last Amended 06/28/23
Status Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee

SB 867 (Allen) Drought and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, and Park Creation and Outdoor Access Bond Act of 2024
This bill would enact the above-referenced bond act which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of $15.5 billion in general obligation bonds to finance projects for drought and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate smart agriculture, parks and outdoor access programs. The bill would require that coastal resilience projects be consistent with the sea level rise policies and guidelines established by the Coastal Commission and partner agencies. Amendments of 06/22 specify that the measure would be placed on the March 5, 2024 Primary Ballot; add a definition of “Socially Disadvantaged Group”; include a provision for projects using bond funds to workforce education and job training for disadvantaged groups as feasible; and provides $100,000,000 for brackish and seawater desalination projects.

Introduced 02/17/23
Last Amended 06/22/23
Status Assembly Natural Resources Committee

AB 1567 (Garcia) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024
This bill would enact the above-referenced bond act which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $15,105,000,000 for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs on the March 2024 statewide ballot. Among other provisions, the bond would authorize the Legislature to appropriate $30 million to the Coastal Commission for grants to local governments for local adaptation planning and updating local coastal programs. Amendments of 05/26/23 increase the amount of the measure to $15,995,000,000, and add provisions related to clean energy.

Introduced 02/17/23
Last Amended 05/26/23
Status Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
ADMINISTRATIVE

AB 469 (V. Fong) California Public Records Act Ombudsman
This bill would create a Public Records Act Ombudsperson within the office of the State Auditor. The office would receive requests to investigate cases where a member of the public believes a Public Records Act request has been improperly denied. The Ombudsperson would have the authority to require the release of records found to be improperly denied. Agencies found to have improperly withheld records may be required to reimburse the office for its expenses. The bill would require the Ombudsperson to submit a report to the Legislature by March 31, 2025 and every year thereafter. Amendments of 07/03 delete the requirement for agencies to reimburse the ombudsman for expenses, and require the ombudsman to turn over any records it finds to have been improperly withheld.

Introduced 02/06/23
Last Amended 07/03/23
Status Senate Governmental Organization Committee

SB 544 (Laird) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing
This bill would indefinitely extend the provisions of the Governor’s Executive Order related to the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act, allowing state agencies to conduct public meetings without the need to post notice of each location of each member that will be participating in the public meeting by teleconference, post an agenda at each teleconference location, or to require that at least a quorum of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the local agency’s jurisdiction. The bill would revise existing law to no longer require that members of the public have the opportunity to address the state body directly at each teleconference location, but would continue to require that the agenda provide an opportunity for members of the public to listen and observe remotely and address the state body both remotely and directly at one physical site with staff present. Amendments of 04/27 require a member of a state body who is participating remotely to disclose whether a person over the age of 18 is in the room; and require a state body which is meeting remotely to adjourn the meeting if it is discovered that a means of remote meeting has failed during the meeting.

Introduced 02/15/23
Last Amended 04/27/23
Status Assembly Governmental Organization Committee
**AB 696 (Lowenthal) State agency grants and contracts**
As amended, this bill would require all state agencies that administer grant programs to accept electronic signatures and allow for electronic fund transfers. It would also require the State Library to survey all state agencies administering grants or contracts and report to the Legislature on the extent of electronic document use associated with those entities’ grants and contracts by December 31, 2024.

Introduced: 02/13/23  
Last Amended: 05/18/23  
Status: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

**AB 749 (Irwin) State agencies: information security: uniform standards**
This bill would require every state agency to make specified cyber-security upgrades by January 1, 2026. Amendments of 07/03/23 would require state agencies to implement Zero Trust architecture for all data, hardware, software and internal systems, including for on-premises, cloud and hybrid work environments.

Introduced: 02/13/23  
Last Amended: 07/03/23  
Status: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

**AB 1217 (Gabriel) Business pandemic relief**
This bill would extend the sunset for the Covid-19 Pandemic Relief authorization to restaurants, bars, and clubs to expand their outdoor seating and sales areas onto adjacent public sidewalks, parking spaces and parklets pursuant to licenses issued by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). The new sunset date has not been determined, and the terms of the ABC licenses do not supersede local ordinances. Amendments of 04/17/23 extend the sunset to January 1, 2026. Amendments of 05/01/23 extend the sunset by six months to July 1, 2026.

Introduced: 02/13/23  
Last Amended: 05/01/23  
Status: Senate Health Committee

**AB 1713 (Gipson) State and local agencies: state and federal funds: reports**
This bill would require a state or local agency that receives federal funds that are subject to an expiration date to report to the Legislature within one year of the funding expiration date a summary of how funds have been expended and a plan for the remaining funds to be expended, if at least 50% of the funds are unspent. Amendments of 06/19 limit the bill to local agencies only.

Introduced: 02/17/23  
Last Amended: 06/19/23  
Status: Senate Appropriations Committees
**TWO-YEAR BILLS**

**ACA 2 (Alanis) Water and Wildfire Resiliency Act of 2023**
This measure would establish the Water and Wildfire Resiliency Fund, and would require the Treasurer to annually transfer an amount equal to 3% of all state General Fund revenues to the WWR Fund. The measure would require that 50% of the money in the fund be used for water projects, including desalination, recycling, conveyance and drinking water quality projects. The other 50% of the money in the fund would be used for forest maintenance and health projects, including fuel breaks, fuel reduction, home hardening and workforce training.

Introduced  12/05/22
Status   Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee

**SB 23 (Caballero) Water supply and flood risk projects: expedited permitting**
This bill would make substantial revisions to the process, timelines, and standard of review by which CDFW, SWRCB and RWQCBs review and approve water supply and flood risk projects, with the objective of reducing timelines and environmental requirements to 180 days. The bill would also authorize any state agency to enter into agreements with project proponents to recover costs for expedited review of environmental documents with the goal of completing permit review and approval in an expeditious manner, and to hire or compensate staff or to contract for services needed to complete permit review and approval in an expeditious manner. Amendments of 03/30/23 clarify that the agencies shall approve water supply and flood risk reduction projects within 180 days of receiving a complete application, or within 60 days of receiving the final CEQA document, whichever is later; and add nature-based solutions to the definition of “flood risk reduction project.” Amendments of 04/12/23 add reporting requirements and a sunset of 01/01/2029. Amendments of 05/01/23 remove provisions of the bill related to SWRCB review of federal water quality certifications, and require the water boards address the impacts of dredge and fill activities from water supply and flood risk projects.

Introduced  12/05/22
Last Amended 05/01/23
Status  Senate Appropriations Committee. Two-year bill.

**AB 49 (Soria) Affordable housing**
This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would increase the supply of affordable housing and reduce homelessness.

Introduced  12/05/22
Status  Assembly Rules Committee. Two-year bill.
**AB 65 (Mathis) Energy: nuclear generation facilities**
This bill would exempt small, modular nuclear reactors from the current prohibition against the certification of any new nuclear power plants in California. The bill would also require the Public Utilities Commission, on or before January 1, 2026, to adopt a plan to increase the procurement of electricity generated from nuclear facilities and to phase out the procurement of electricity generated from natural gas facilities.

Introduced  12/06/22  
Last Amended  02/14/23  
Status  Assembly Natural Resources Committee. Two-year bill.

**AB 68 (Ward) Land use: streamlined housing approvals: density, subdivision, and utility approvals**
This bill would create a streamlined application process for housing development proposals on climate-smart parcels, as defined in the bill. The bill would also prohibit a city or county from increasing density on climate-risk lands or climate-refugia lands, as defined. *Amendments of 04/12/23 refine the definition of a “climate-smart parcel.”*

Introduced  12/08/22  
Last Amended  04/12/23  
Status  Assembly Housing Committee. Two-year bill.

**SB 79 (J. Nguyen) Coastal resources: preservation**
This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to establish a policy addressing coastal preservation.

Introduced  01/12/23  
Status  Senate Rules Committee. Two-year bill.

**AB 234 (Bauer-Kahan) Microparticles**
As amended, this bill would prohibit the sale of rinse-off cosmetics, detergents, waxes, and polishes that contain synthetic polymer microparticles, based on legislation passed by the European Union. The bill would impose a $5,000 per day penalty for violation. *Amendments of 03/30/23 specify screening criteria for compliance.*

Introduced  01/12/23  
Last Amended  03/30/23  
Status  Assembly Natural Resources Committee. Two-year bill.
**AB 343 (Muratsuchi) Southern Los Angeles: ocean dumpsites: chemical waste**
This bill would require CalEPA to hold at least 4 public meetings per year, between March 31, 2024 to until January 1, 2028 to provide the public with current information about efforts to study and mitigate DDT and other chemical waste dumped off the coast of Los Angeles. The bill would require the agency to submit a report to the Legislature with policy recommendations on how to further mitigate the impacts of chemical waste deposits at or from the dumpsites.

Introduced 01/31/23
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee. Two-year bill.

**AB 344 (Wood) Load serving entities: offshore wind facilities**
This bill would authorize electrical corporations, electric service providers, and community choice aggregators to jointly enter into agreements to procure electricity generated from offshore wind facilities.

Introduced 01/31/23
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee. Two-year bill.

**SB 378 (Gonzalez) State parks: state beaches: expanded polystyrene food container and cooler ban**
This bill would prohibit a person from bringing a Styrofoam food container or cooler onto a state beach or any unit of the State Parks system. An infraction would be punishable by a $25 fine.

Introduced 02/09/23
Status Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. Two-year bill.

**AB 433 (Jackson) State and county funded grants: advance payments**
This bill would require state and county departments that offer grants to nonprofit organizations to advance a payment of 10% of the total grant amount awarded to the nonprofit organization, upon request of the nonprofit administrators.

Introduced 02/06/23
Status Assembly A.&A.R. Committee. Two-year bill.

**AB 547 (Alanis) Distribution of energy resources**
This is a spot bill related to the distribution of energy resources throughout the state.

Introduced 02/08/23
Status Assembly Rules Committee. Two-year bill.
SB 559 (Min) Offshore oil drilling: leases
This bill would require the State Lands Commission to negotiate with oil and gas lessees for the voluntary relinquishment of leases associated with oil and gas production on state lands.

Introduced 02/15/23
Status Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. Two-year bill.

AB 566 (Pellerin) Department of Parks and Recreation: acquisition and protection of real property
As amended, this bill would authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to acquire for the state park system by the department on its own behalf. The bill would also authorize DPR to enter into an agreement with an eligible entity to permanently protect lands in or for the state park system. The bill would authorize DPR to coordinate with other relevant agencies, including the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the State Coastal Conservancy, to identify priority properties for permanent protection to fulfill the objectives of each unit of the state park system. The bill would require DPR, upon execution of an acquisition agreement and appropriation by the Legislature, to act to permanently protect properties identified in the agreement within 24 months.

Introduced 02/08/23
Last Amended 04/26/23
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee. Two-year bill.

AB 612 (Berman) State Parks: Pedro Point
This bill would require Caltrans to transfer surplus property in San Mateo County to the City of Pacifica for the purpose of expanding the California Coastal Trail by closing a gap between Pacifica State Beach and Pedro Point Headlands, and providing for additional parking and trailhead amenities.

Introduced 02/09/23
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee. Two-year bill.

SB 689 (Blakespear) Local Coastal Program: conformity determination
This bill would amend the Streets and Highways Code to provide that any project contained within or consistent with a bicycle transportation plan is consistent with a certified Local Coastal Program (LCP). It would also provide that any project to restripe a street for the purpose of relieving traffic congestion is consistent with an LCP.

Introduced 01/13/23
Last Amended 03/20/23
Status Senate Transportation Committee. Two-year bill.
**AB 692 (Patterson) CEQA: exemptions: egress route projects: fire safety**
This bill would provide a CEQA exemption for the construction of secondary egress routes to improve emergency access for communities identified by CalFire.

- **Introduced** 02/13/23
- **Status** Assembly Appropriations Committee. Two-year bill

**AB 756 (Papan) Department of Transportation: contaminated stormwater runoff: salmon and steelhead trout bearing surface waters**
As amended, this bill would require the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in consultation with the State Water Board, DTSC, and CDFW, to develop a programmatic environmental review process to prevent 6PPD and 6PPD-quinone from entering salmon and steelhead trout bearing surface waters of the state. The bill would require the process to include a pilot project at a particular highway crossing over San Mateo Creek to study the effectiveness of installing bioretention and biofiltration controls to eliminate the discharge of 6PPD and 6PPD-quinone into waters of the state. This bill would require Caltrans to annually install bioretention or biofiltration controls at 10% of specified locations for 10 years, until Caltrans has installed bioretention or biofiltration controls at all locations.

- **Introduced** 02/13/23
- **Last Amended** 03/02/23
- **Status** Assembly Appropriations Committee. Two-year bill

**SB 782 (Limón) Coastal Resources: public works plan: vegetation management: coastal zone**
This bill would require the Coastal Commission to prepare a public works plan (PWP) for vegetation management in the coastal zone.

- **Introduced** 02/17/23
- **Last Amended** 03/22/23
- **Status** Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. Two-year bill

**AB 986 (Berman) General plans**
This bill is a spot bill related to housing.

- **Introduced** 02/15/23
- **Status** Assembly Rules Committee. Two-year bill
**AB 1077 (Jackson) State agencies and counties: antiracism audits**
This bill would require the State Controller to conduct comprehensive antiracism audits on all state agencies and counties. The bill would require each state agency and county to establish and implement an action plan within one year of the audit to rectify deficiencies in efforts to identify and dismantle racist practices, policies, and attitudes identified by the audit. If the Controller determines that appropriate progress has not been made by a state agency or county toward rectifying deficiencies within 3 years, the Controller may impose a civil penalty or bring a court action.

Introduced 02/15/23  
Status Assembly A.&A.R. Committee. Two-year bill.

**AB 1284 (Ramos) Tribal ancestral lands and waters: co-governance and co-management agreements**
As amended, this bill would authorize the Natural Resource Agencies and its subsidiary agencies to enter into co-governance and co-management agreements with federally recognized tribes for the purpose of shared responsibility, decision-making and partnership in resource management and conservation within a tribe’s ancestral lands and waters.

Introduced 02/16/23  
Last Amended 03/23/23  
Status Assembly Appropriations Committee. Two-year bill.

**AB 1375 (Dixon) Coastal Protection**
This is a Coastal Act spot bill.

Introduced 02/17/23  
Status Assembly Rules Committee. Two-year bill.

**AB 1495 (S. Nguyen) Office of Tribal Affairs**
This bill would establish the Office of Tribal Affairs within the Governor’s office, managed by the Secretary of the Office of Tribal Affairs. The bill would also establish a Deputy of Tribal Affairs and a Tribal Advisor position in every state agency, department, or commission, and in every constitutional office. The bill would require the Governor to appoint a Tribal Advisory Committee, to advise the Secretary of Tribal Affairs.

Introduced 02/17/23  
Status Assembly Rules Committee. Two-year bill.

**AB 1554 (Gallagher) CEQA: exemption: wildfire fuels reduction program**
This bill would exempt from CEQA projects to reduce of fuels in areas within moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones.

Introduced 02/14/23  
Status Assembly Natural Resources Committee. Two-year bill.
This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board to identify and implement projects to improve beach access and address ocean water quality on public beaches that experience bacteria levels that exceed public health standards, whether the source is from urban runoff or transboundary flows.

Introduced 02/17/23
Status Assembly E.S.&T.M. Committee. Two-year bill.

AB 1630 (Garcia) Planning and zoning: housing development approvals: student housing projects
As amended, this bill would make student housing and faculty housing an allowable use within 1,000 feet of a university campus, provided that 20% of the units are occupied by students or faculty of that university, and 20% of the units are available to lower income households. The bill would also prohibit local governments from imposing a minimum parking requirement.

Introduced 02/17/23
Last Amended 03/21/23
Status Assembly Housing Committee. Two-year bill.

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