

# Staff Report 67

## **DISCUSSION:**

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April is among the busiest months of the legislative session. The Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess on April 10, and from there, will sprint toward an April 28 deadline for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills introduced in each house. About 40 percent of the roughly 2,600 bills introduced this year were spot or intent bills. The deadline for amendments to these bills recently passed, and staff has been reviewing and analyzing these amendments.

The Commission is sponsoring AB 706 (L. Rivas), which makes various changes to the statutes governing the Commission's authority over granting mineral exploration permits and leases. On March 27, the Assembly Natural Resources Committee approved AB 706 on a bi-partisan unanimous vote. The Commission is co-sponsoring AB 1706 (Bonta), which authorizes the Commission to convey to the City of Alameda, in trust, any lands exchanged into the trust under a land exchange agreement between the City and the Commission. The Assembly Rules Committee referred AB 1706 to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. The bill will be heard in the coming weeks.

Several offshore wind energy spot bills were recently amended with substantive language that will involve the Commission. More information about the bills, including links to the bill text and summaries, are in the below list of tracked legislation. Other bills that directly affect the Commission include AB 1686 (Grayson), which authorizes the Commission to relieve the City of Martinez of a revenue sharing arrangement for an additional 10 years and SB 273 (Wiener), a bill sponsored by the City and County of San Francisco that authorizes the Commission to approve a proposed mixed-use development on Piers 30-32 if it makes certain findings. Also of note is that Assemblymember Villapudua reintroduced legislation Senator Eggman authored last year, which was vetoed, that would have required the Commission to administer a new abandoned and derelict commercial vessel program.

As busy as it is, it is still early in the legislative process and a lot will happen in the next several months, particularly around the June 2 House of Origin deadline (the last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house) and June 15, the date that the Budget Bill must be passed. Summer recess begins on July 14. The

Legislature reconvenes from summer recess on August 14 and adjourns on September 14. Staff will report back to the Commission at its June 5 public meeting. Below is a list of legislation, organized by subject, that staff is tracking.

## TRACKED BILLS

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### ABANDONED VESSELS

#### **[AB 748 \(VILLAPUDUA D\)](#) CALIFORNIA ABANDONED AND DERELICT COMMERCIAL VESSEL PROGRAM.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Summary:** This bill would establish the California Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program within the Natural Resources Agency, to be administered by the State Lands Commission, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to bring federal, state, and local agencies together to identify, prioritize, and fund the removal and proper disposal of abandoned and derelict commercial vessels and other debris from navigable waters. The bill would require the commission, upon appropriation by the Legislature, on or before July 1, 2025, to create, and regularly update and maintain, an inventory of abandoned and derelict commercial vessels in navigable waters, and, by before July 2026, to develop a plan to prevent or reduce abandoned and derelict commercial vessels on or in navigable waters.

### BONDS

#### **[SB 638 \(EGGMAN D\)](#) CLIMATE RESILIENCY AND FLOOD PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2024.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources and Water Committee

**Summary:** This bill would enact the Climate Resiliency and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024 which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6,000,000,000 for flood protection and climate resiliency projects.

## **CARBON CAPTURE AND SEQUESTRATION**

### **SB 308 (BECKER D) **CARBON DIOXIDE REMOVAL MARKET DEVELOPMENT ACT.****

**Status:** Senate Environmental Quality Committee

**Summary:** This bill would enact the Carbon Dioxide Removal Market Development Act that would require the State Air Resources Board, no later than December 31, 2027, to adopt a regulation to require certain emitting entities to purchase negative emissions credits equal to a specified amount of their greenhouse gas emissions, as determined by the state board, in each calendar year beginning in the 2028 calendar year in accordance with specified requirements. The bill would require the state board, no later than December 31, 2027, to establish rules and processes for certifying carbon dioxide removal processes that may be used to create negative emissions credits and for tracking negative emissions credits in accordance with certain criteria. The bill would also require negative emissions resulting from the use of negative emissions credits to be included in the calculation of the state's net greenhouse gas emissions.

### **SB 438 (CABALLERO D) **CARBON SEQUESTRATION: CARBON CAPTURE, REMOVAL, UTILIZATION, AND STORAGE PROGRAM.****

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Summary:** Current law requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt regulations for a unified permit application for the construction and operation of carbon dioxide capture, removal, or sequestration projects to expedite the issuance of permits or other authorizations for the construction and operation of those projects. Current law requires a relevant state agency to use the unified permit application when issuing a permit or other authorization for the construction and operation of a carbon dioxide capture, removal, or sequestration project. This bill would, until the unified permit application is adopted, require a state agency to use its own application when issuing a permit or other authorization for the construction and operation of those projects.

## **CEQA**

### **SB 422 (PORTANTINO D) **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT: EXPEDITED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: CLIMATE CHANGE REGULATIONS.****

**Status:** Senate Rules Committee

**Summary:** The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. CEQA requires specified public agencies, including air pollution control districts and air quality management districts, to perform, at the time of adoption of a rule or regulation requiring the installation of pollution control equipment or a performance standard or treatment requirement, an environmental analysis of the reasonably foreseeable methods of compliance. This bill would also require those specified public agencies, at the time of adoption of a rule or regulation requiring the reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases, criteria air pollutants, or toxic air contaminants, to perform an environmental analysis of the reasonably foreseeable methods of compliance.

## **EQUITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

### **AB 437 (JACKSON D) STATE GOVERNMENT: EQUITY.**

**Status:** Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require state agencies to ensure that their policies, allocation of resources, and systemic practices are equitable and would define various terms for this purpose.

### **AB 1077 (JACKSON D) STATE AGENCIES AND COUNTIES: ANTIRACISM AUDITS.**

**Status:** Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review Committee

**Summary:** Current law prohibits the inclusion of any question about an applicant's race in any application blank or form required to be filled in and submitted by an applicant to any department, board, commission, officer, agent, or employee of this state. This bill would require the Controller, by January 2025, and every 5 years thereafter, to perform a comprehensive antiracism audit of each state agency and county. The bill would require each state agency and county, within one year following completion of its audit, to establish and implement an action plan, tailored to the function of the agency or particular activities of the county, to rectify deficiencies in the agency's or county's efforts to identify, interrupt, and dismantle racist practices, policies, and attitudes identified by the antiracism audit.

## GENERAL

### **AB 584 (HART D) CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT OF 1976: COASTAL DEVELOPMENT: EMERGENCY WAIVER.**

**Status:** Assembly Floor

**Summary:** The California Coastal Act authorizes the requirement of having to obtain a coastal development permit to be waived when immediate action by a person or public agency performing a public service is required to protect life and public property from imminent danger, or to restore, repair, or maintain public works, utilities, or services destroyed, damaged, or interrupted by natural disaster, serious accident, or in other cases of emergency. The act provides that this waiver does not authorize the permanent erection of structures valued at more than \$25,000. This bill would increase that amount to \$125,000, adjusted annually for inflation.

### **SB 360 (BLAKESPEAR D) CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION: MEMBER VOTING.**

**Status:** Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

**Summary:** The California Coastal Act provides that its provisions do not preclude or prevent any member or employee of the commission who is also an employee of another public agency, a county supervisor or city councilperson, or a member of specified associations or organizations, and who has in that designated capacity voted or acted upon a particular matter, from voting or otherwise acting on that matter as a member or employee of the commission. This bill would apply the latter provision to members of a joint powers authority and members of the local agency formation commission.

## GRANTED LANDS

### **AB 1153 (ALVAREZ D) SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT.**

**Status:** Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the San Diego Unified Port District to fund projects that address maritime industrial impacts in cities with maritime terminals and dedicate one percent of its revenue for this purpose. The bill would also require the Port to dedicate one percent of its rental income to converting industrial properties in disadvantaged communities to open space. The bill would designate the State Lands Commission as the final arbiter of disputes about project eligibility and approval.

**AB 1686 (GRAYSON D) PORTS AND HARBORS: MARTINEZ MARINA.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Summary:** This bill would authorize the State Lands Commission, at its discretion, to relieve the City of Martinez of its responsibility to transmit 20 percent of the revenue generated from its grated lands to the state.

**AB 1706 (BONTA D) PUBLIC TRUST LANDS: ENCINAL TERMINALS PUBLIC TRUST LANDS: CITY OF ALAMEDA.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Summary:** This bill, co-sponsored by the State Lands Commission, would authorize the Commission to convey to the City of Alameda, in trust, any lands to be exchanged into the trust pursuant to an exchange agreement to which the city is a party. The bill would require the commission to notify the appropriate committees of the Legislature if the conveyances authorized in the Encinal Terminals exchange agreement have not been completed within the terms of the agreement.

**SB 273 (WIENER D) TIDELANDS AND SUBMERGED LANDS: CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO: PIERS 30-32: MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT.**

**Status:** Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

**Summary:** This bill would authorize the State Lands Commission to approve a mixed-use development on the San Francisco waterfront at Piers 30-32, that includes general office use, if the State Lands Commission finds, at a properly noticed public meeting, that specified conditions are met, including, among others, that the mixed-use development is designed to attract the statewide public to the waterfront, increase public enjoyment of the San Francisco Bay, encourage public trust activities, and enhance public use of trust assets and resources on the waterfront.

**SB 517 (GONZALEZ D) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT.**

**Status:** Senate Rules Committee

**Summary:** This bill would authorize GO-Biz to be the coordinating entity to steer the growth, competitiveness, and sustainability for freight and the supply chain across the state and to promote and assess the continued economic vitality, economic competitiveness, and sustainability of the freight sector. The bill would also authorize GO-Biz to provide freight and supply chain economic competitiveness information.

## OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY

### **AB 3 (ZBUR D) OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY: REPORTS.**

**Status:** Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to consult with specified entities and prepare a report, to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature that identifies potential alternatives, analyzes, and makes recommendations regarding procurement mechanisms and procurement strategies for offshore wind energy projects to be financed, entitled, constructed, and operated within the timeframes necessary for meeting the state's carbon neutrality goals. The bill would require the commission, in consultation with the State Lands Commission, to develop a 2nd-phase plan and strategy for seaport readiness that further analyzes the recommendations and alternatives in the strategic plan for offshore wind energy developments, and additional potential alternatives. The bill would require the commission to submit a report on the 2nd-phase plan and strategy to the Governor and the Legislature on or by January 1, 2026. The bill would additionally require the commission, in coordination with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, to conduct a study on the feasibility of achieving 70% and 85% in-state assembly and manufacturing of offshore wind energy projects. The bill would require the commission to submit a report on the study to the Governor and the Legislature by July 2027.

### **AB 80 (ADDIS D) COASTAL RESOURCES: OCEAN RESEARCH: WEST COAST OFFSHORE WIND SCIENCE ENTITY.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the Ocean Protection Council, upon an appropriation by the Legislature, to establish and oversee, in coordination with other unspecified state agencies, a West Coast Offshore Wind Science Entity for the purpose of ensuring that comprehensive baseline monitoring of the California ocean ecosystem as well as targeted research are available and used to inform state and federal decisions, as provided. The bill would require the entity to perform specified functions, including reviewing and incorporating existing research, monitoring, and data standardization.

### **SB 286 (MCGUIRE D) OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY PROJECTS.**

**Status:** Senate Rules Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the California Coastal Commission to process a consolidated coastal development permit for any new development that requires a coastal development permit and that is associated with, appurtenant to, or necessary for the construction and operation of offshore wind energy projects and transmission facilities needed for those projects. This bill would also designate the State Lands Commission as the CEQA lead agency for offshore wind energy projects and establish an Offshore Wind Energy Fisheries Working Group that includes the State Lands Commission. The bill would prevent the State Lands Commission from issuing a lease for an offshore wind energy project unless certain payments are incorporated within rent charged to the lessee.

**SB 605 (PADILLA D) WAVE AND TIDAL ENERGY.**

**Status:** Assembly Rules Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the Energy Commission and the Ocean Protection Council, by February 1, 2024, to comprehensively evaluate the feasibility and benefits of using wave energy and tidal energy. The bill would require the Energy Commission and the council, by January 1, 2025, to develop a strategic plan for the deployment of wave energy and tidal energy technologies, infrastructure, and facilities. The bill would require the strategic plan to include wave energy generation goals and tidal energy generation goals. The bill would require the Energy Commission and the council to submit a written report to the Governor and the Legislature by January 1, 2025, that includes, among other things, the strategic plan and findings from the evaluation. The bill would require the commission to solicit applications for, and consider approving, wave energy and tidal energy pilot projects for purposes of the study and, after the study ends, to solicit applications for, and consider approving, the continuation of those projects and for new wave energy and tidal energy projects.

**OIL AND GAS**

**AB 631 (HART D) OIL AND GAS: ENFORCEMENT: PENALTIES.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Summary:** This bill would authorize the California Geologic Management Division to obtain an injunctive order from a Superior Court to expeditiously compel operators to correct emergency violations. This bill would also allow the Division to refer civil enforcement actions to a city attorney, district attorney, or the attorney general, increase civil penalties and create new criminal penalties.



**AB 1167 (CARRILLO, WENDY D) OIL AND GAS: ACQUISITION: BONDING REQUIREMENTS.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Summary:** This bill would change the bonding requirement for the acquisition of a well or production facility. Current law requires a person who acquires the right to operate a well or production facility to submit to the State Oil and Gas Supervisor or a district deputy certain material, including an individual indemnity bond or a blanket indemnity bond in certain amounts. This bill would instead require the person to file a bond for the well or production facility in an amount determined by the supervisor to be sufficient to cover, in full, all costs of plugging and abandonment and site restoration.

**SB 556 (GONZALEZ D) OIL AND GAS WELLS: HEALTH PROTECTION ZONES: CIVIL LIABILITY.**

**Status:** Senate Rules Committee

**Summary:** This bill would, after January 1, 2024, make an operator, owner, or person who serves on the board of an owner of an oil or gas production facility or well with a wellhead presumptively, jointly and severally liable for a respiratory ailment in a senior or child, a pre-term birth or high-risk pregnancy suffered by a pregnant person, and a person's cancer diagnoses if specified requirements are met, including the senior, child, pregnant person, or person diagnosed with cancer resided more than 24 cumulative months in a health protection zone and was diagnosed after January 1, 2024. The bill would authorize certain affirmative defenses to be available to the operator, owner, or person who served on the board of an owner of an oil or gas production facility or well with a wellhead.

**SB 559 (MIN D) OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING: LEASES.**

**Status:** Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the Commission to seek to negotiate a voluntary relinquishment of its offshore oil and gas leases and to terminate the leases and provide fair compensation to the lessees by December 2025 if unable to negotiate voluntary relinquishments.

**OPEN MEETINGS**

**SB 544 (LAIRD D) BAGLEY-KEENE OPEN MEETING ACT: TELECONFERENCING.**

**Status:** Senate Rules Committee

**Summary:** Current law, until July 1, 2023, authorizes a state body to hold public meetings through teleconferencing and suspends certain requirements of the

Bagley-Keene Act, including certain teleconference requirements. This bill would amend existing law that will remain operative after July 1, 2023, to remove indefinitely the teleconference requirements that a state body post agendas at all teleconference locations, that each teleconference location be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and that each teleconference location be accessible to the public. The bill would require a state body to provide a means by which the public may remotely hear audio of the meeting, remotely observe the meeting, or attend the meeting by providing on the posted agenda a teleconference telephone number, an internet website or other online platform, and a physical address for at least one site, including, if available, access equivalent to the access for a member of the state body participating remotely.

## **PLASTIC POLLUTION**

### **SB 303 (ALLEN D) SOLID WASTE: PLASTIC POLLUTION PREVENTION AND PACKAGING PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY ACT.**

**Status:** Senate Rules Committee

**Summary:** This bill would update the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act, which established minimum content requirements for single-use packaging and food service ware and source reduction requirements for plastic single-use packaging and food service ware through an extended producer responsibility program. This bill would authorize an affected entity that asserts that specific actions taken by the producer responsibility organization, a producer, or an entity under contract with the producer responsibility organization are not consistent with specified prohibitions and requirements of the act and are disrupting or otherwise adversely affecting the sustained operation or commercial viability of solid waste collection programs, solid waste recycling facilities, or composting facilities to bring that concern and supporting evidence to the advisory board.

### **SB 378 (GONZALEZ D) STATE PARKS: STATE BEACHES: EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE FOOD CONTAINER AND COOLER BAN.**

**Status:** Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

**Summary:** This bill would make it an infraction to bring an expanded polystyrene food container or cooler on a state beach or in a unit of a state park system and for improper disposal. The bill would provide that a person who violates this provision for the first time shall be subject to a warning by an officer of the state parks.

**SB 560 (LAIRD D) SOLID WASTE: GAS CYLINDERS: STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.**

**Status:** Senate Rules Committee

**Summary:** This bill would establish a stewardship program for gas cylinder products and would authorize producers of those products to establish producer stewardship organizations for that purpose. The bill would require each producer or producer stewardship organization to submit a gas cylinder stewardship plan to CalRecycle that details convenient and accessible opportunities for the recovery of gas cylinders used by consumers. The bill would prohibit gas cylinder producers that are not participating in a department-approved stewardship plan from supplying, selling, or offering for sale gas cylinders in the state.

**SB 665 (ALLEN D) PLASTIC WASTE: SINGLE-USE PLASTICS ALTERNATIVES: WORKING GROUP.**

**Status:** Senate Environmental Quality Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require CalEPA to establish, by January 1, 2025, a working group comprised of state entities to establish a framework for evaluating, with regards to policy, novel materials that are alternatives to plastics.

**SB 777 (ALLEN D) SOLID WASTE: REUSABLE GROCERY BAGS AND RECYCLED PAPER BAGS.**

**Status:** Senate Environmental Quality Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require that stores use monies from the \$0.10 per bag charge required by the State's "bag ban" to provide customers with opportunities to return reusable grocery bags for recycling, require stores to report data on bag sales and funds to CalRecycle, and make those reports available to an authorized representative of a store with a collective bargaining agreement.

## **PUBLIC LANDS**

**AB 64 (MATHIS R) WILD BEAVER: RELEASE.**

**Status:** Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife to allow the release of the wild beaver onto public lands and would authorize the department to partner with specified entities to capture, handle, or release the wild beaver onto public lands. The bill would, where a released wild beaver migrates naturally onto private property, authorize a private landowner to request the department to relocate the beaver.

**AB 953 (CONNOLLY D) COASTAL RESOURCES: VOLUNTARY VESSEL SPEED REDUCTION AND SUSTAINABLE SHIPPING PROGRAM.**

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the Ocean Protection Council, by May 1, 2025, and in coordination with specified entities, to implement a statewide voluntary vessel speed reduction and sustainable shipping program.

**AB 966 (DAVIES R) DIVISION OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS: REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE: SHORELINE EROSION CONTROL AND PUBLIC BEACH PROGRAMS.**

**Status:** Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the Division of Boating and Waterways, in cooperation with the State Coastal Conservancy, to prepare and submit a joint report to the Legislature on shoreline erosion control and public beach restoration programs. The bill would require the report, among other things, to detail and discuss existing programs, evaluate the need for continued projects and program application requirements, and identify the beaches of the state that contain a critically eroded shoreline, as this bill would define the term.

**AB 1407 (ADDIS D) COASTAL RESOURCES: OCEAN RECOVERY AND RESTORATION: LARGE-SCALE RESTORATION.**

**Status:** Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the Ocean Protection Council, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to establish a Kelp Forest and Estuary Restoration and Recovery Framework that has a goal of restoring by 2050 an unspecified number of acres of kelp forests, eelgrass meadows, and native oyster beds. The bill would require the framework to contain specified things, including criteria by which an acre of kelp forests, eelgrass meadows, and native oyster beds can be considered restored. The bill would require the council to establish an interagency working group that coordinates and facilitates large-scale restoration along the coast.

**AB 1590 (FRIEDMAN D) MAJOR COASTAL RESORTS: COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMITS: AUDITS: WASTE.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Summary:** This bill would establish the Major Coastal Resorts Environmental Accountability Act and would define "major coastal resort" for these purposes. The bill would require the California Coastal Commission, with the assistance from a

consultant, to every 2 years audit a major coastal resort's compliance with specified provisions, including the coastal development permit.

**AB 1596 (ALVAREZ D) WATERSHED, CLEAN BEACHES, AND WATER QUALITY ACT:**  
**BEACHES: WATER QUALITY.**

**Status:** Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board, to the extent feasible, to identify and implement projects to improve beach access and address ocean water quality on public beaches that experience significant restrictions of use due to bacteria levels that exceed public health standards, whether the source is from urban runoff or transboundary flows.

**SB 337 (MIN D) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION**  
**REPORT.**

**Status:** Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

**Summary:** This bill would provide that it is the goal of the state to conserve at least 30 percent of state lands and coastal waters by 2030, and would require the secretary to post the report described above on the agency's internet website.

**SB 583 (PADILLA D) SALTON SEA CONSERVANCY.**

**Status:** Senate Rules Committee

**Summary:** This bill would create the Salton Sea Conservancy within the Natural Resources Agency to undertake various activities related to the Salton Sea region. The bill would require the conservancy to be governed by a board of directors and would set forth the powers, duties, and limitations of the board of directors and the conservancy. The bill would create the Salton Sea Conservancy Fund and would make moneys in the fund available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for purposes of the conservancy.

**SB 782 (LIMÓN D) COASTAL RESOURCES: PUBLIC WORKS PLAN: VEGETATION**  
**MANAGEMENT: COASTAL ZONE.**

**Status:** Senate Rules Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the California Coastal Commission to develop a public works plan for vegetation management in the coastal zone.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

### **AB 1172 (CALDERON D) NUCLEAR FUSION.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the California Energy Commission, in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, Independent System Operator, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and other stakeholders, to submit a study to the Legislature by June 2025, analyzing the feasibility of using commercially viable nuclear fusion to advance California's progress towards its renewable energy and climate mandates.

### **AB 1569 (GARCIA D) SALTON SEA GEOTHERMAL RESOURCE AREA: LITHIUM VALLEY OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT.**

**Status:** Assembly Utilities and Energy

**Summary:** This bill would establish the Lithium Valley Office of Development within the Natural Resources Agency. The bill would require the office, in consultation with relevant state and local agencies, to coordinate activities related to funding, economic development, construction, manufacturing, technical development, and reclamation of lithium located in the Salton Sea geothermal resource area.

### **AB 1593 (GARCIA D) CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD: SALTON SEA GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES AREA: EQUITABLE ACCESS PROGRAM.**

**Status:** Assembly Labor and Employment Committee

**Summary:** This bill would establish the Equitable Access Program to prioritize employment opportunities in construction, manufacturing, technical, maintenance, operations, or reclamation activities for residents in the Salton Sea geothermal resources area. The bill would require the Program to provide technical assistance to, and establish a framework for, pre-apprenticeship, registered apprenticeship, and other training programs, and to monitor and track the rate residents of the Salton Sea geothermal resources area are hired on construction projects in area that involve battery manufacturing and lithium-based technology.

### **SB 797 (PADILLA D) LITHIUM EXTRACTION TAX CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.**

**Status:** Senate Governance and Finance Committee

**Summary:** This bill would create the Lithium Extraction Tax Citizens Oversight Committee for the purposes of ensuring that revenues from the lithium extraction excise tax are appropriately allocated as required by existing law. The bill would

require the Committee to make recommendations on how to improve community engagement and maximize community benefits from the revenues. The measure provides that the Committee is composed of seven members and require the committee to report its findings and recommendations annually to the Legislature.

## **SEA LEVEL RISE AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

### **AB 45 (BOERNER HORVATH D) COASTAL RESOURCES: COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMITS: BLUE CARBON DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS: NEW DEVELOPMENT: GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.**

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

**Summary:** This bill would allow the California Coastal Commission to authorize blue carbon demonstration projects. The bill would define a blue carbon demonstration project, require an applicant seeking a coastal development permit for a project that impacts specified habitat types to mitigate for those impacts by constructing or contributing to a blue carbon project and to ensure that new development in the coastal zone mitigates for its greenhouse gas emissions. The bill would require the California Coastal Commission to consult with the State Air Resources Board, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the State Coastal Conservancy, the State Lands Commission, the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in developing the blue carbon program and require monitoring and evaluation of a project's carbon uptake and sequestration.

### **AB 585 (RIVAS, ROBERT D) CALIFORNIA GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT OF 2006: LITERATURE REVIEW AND PROGRESS REPORT.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the California Council on Science and Technology, in its discretion, every 2 years to perform a literature review, to assess the infrastructure project types, scale, and pace necessary to achieve the quantities of renewable energy, and the distribution and transmission networks necessary, to achieve the state's energy, climate change, and air quality goals. The bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to provide the Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change a progress report about permit applications and permitted projects for the infrastructure categories identified in a recent report by the California Council on Science and Technology.

**AB 970 (RIVAS, LUZ D) INSURANCE: CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY INSURANCE AND RISK REDUCTION PROGRAM.**

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department of Insurance to establish and administer the Climate and Sustainability Insurance and Risk Reduction Program. The bill would, upon appropriation, establish six climate insurance pilot projects in specified local jurisdictions to reduce physical risks from flooding and extreme heat and to reduce the protection gap in communities with high risks and low insurance uptake. The local jurisdictions would be required to develop and establish a pilot project in consultation with the department to achieve specified objectives, including prioritizing pre-disaster mitigation activities.

**AB 1195 (CALDERON D) CLIMATE CHANGE PREPAREDNESS, RESILIENCY, AND JOBS FOR COMMUNITIES PROGRAM: CLIMATE-BENEFICIAL PROJECTS: GRANT FUNDING.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Agency

**Summary:** This bill would establish the Climate Change Preparedness, Resiliency, and Jobs for Communities Program, to be administered by the Strategic Growth Council, and would require the council to fund grants to develop and implement multi-benefit, community-level, climate-beneficial projects to support community and landscape resiliency and workforce development.

**SJR 2 (GONZALEZ D) CLIMATE CHANGE: FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.**

**Status:** Senate Environmental Quality Committee

**Summary:** This bill would formally endorse the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, state California's agreement with the principle of nonproliferation of fossil fuels, and urge the United States government to join in formally developing a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

**TIJUANA RIVER**

**AB 1597 (ALVAREZ D) WATER QUALITY: CALIFORNIA-MEXICO CROSS-BORDER RIVERS.**

**Status:** Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee

**Summary:** This bill would make \$50,000,000 available from the General Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the NADBank for loans, grants, and direct expenditures to address water quality problems in the California-Mexico cross-border rivers. The bill would require the funding to be available for specified purposes, including water quality projects for the Tijuana River. The bill would



authorize funding provided for activities or projects in the State of Baja California to be provided through direct expenditures and for grants to an eligible funding recipient authorized to work in Mexico under a specified circumstance.

## **TRIBAL CONSULTATION**

### **AB 1495 (NGUYEN, STEPHANIE D) OFFICE OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS.**

**Status:** Assembly Rules Committee

**Summary:** This bill would establish the Office of Tribal Affairs within the Governor's office, which would be headed by the Secretary of the Office of Tribal Affairs. The Office of Tribal Affairs would manage the state's tribal programs and would help tribes connect with state officers' tribal leads. The bill would establish a Deputy of Tribal Affairs in every state agency and in every constitutional office, and would establish a Tribal Advisor position in the executive office of every state agency. The bill would require the Governor to appoint a Tribal Advisory Committee.