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DISCUSSION:

This week marks the Legislature's return from a month-long summer recess and the last five weeks of the first year of the 2023-24 legislative session. September 14 is the last day for each house to pass bills and interim study recess begins at the end of this day's session.

On Thursday, July 27, the Governor signed the Commission's two sponsored bills, AB 706 (L. Rivas) and AB 1706 (Bonta) into law. AB 706, the Public Lands Modernization and Transparency Act, will modernize the Commission's mineral extraction laws to allow the Commission to incentivize safe and responsible exploration for minerals that could help California meet its clean energy goals. AB 1706 authorizes the Commission to grant public trust lands in the City of Alameda that it acquires in a land exchange, including the recently executed Encinal Terminals exchange, to the City to hold and manage in trust.

The Governor also signed AB 655 (Petrie-Norris) into law, a bill the Commission adopted a support position on at its April 2023 meeting. AB 655 would protect California waterways from a *Caulerpa* infestation by expanding the current ban on *Caulerpa*, a genus of saltwater algae, to all *Caulerpa* species owing to their invasive potential. The bill was introduced as an expansion on an existing ban of several (but not all) *Caulerpa* species and was the result of the detection and current eradication efforts for *Caulerpa prolifera* that is underway in Newport Harbor.

Three bills aimed at facilitating offshore wind energy are moving through the Legislature. These bills will either have an ancillary effect on the Commission or establish specific requirements on the Commission related to offshore wind energy. The Commission adopted a support position on one bill, AB 80 (Addis), at its June meeting. AB 80 would establish a West Coast Offshore Wind Science Entity to assess the environmental impacts of offshore wind energy development. More information about the offshore wind energy bills, including links to the 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 five years, and SB 273 (Wiener), a bill sponsored by the City and County of San Francisco that authorizes the Commission to approve a 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. All three of the above bills are proceeding.

On the federal level, Representative Garamendi secured his [H.R.1452](#), legislation supported by the State Lands Commission, in the House's Fiscal Year 24-25 Coast Guard Authorization Act at markup. H.R. 1452 would require the United States Coast Guard to release ballast water treatment system type approval data to any State, the District of Columbia, or United States territory upon request. This requirement would enable the Commission to use the United States Coast Guard ballast water treatment system type approval data to assess the performance of available ballast water treatment systems. This information could help inform a petition from California to the US EPA to strengthen the federal ballast water discharge standards if the data support that conclusion. Staff is working with Representative Garamendi, US Senate staff, and other states to support keeping this provision in the final United States Coast Guard Authorization bill. Staff also coordinated a multi-agency support letter for the bill and its inclusion in the final Coast Guard Authorization Act.

Below is a list of legislation, organized by subject, that staff is tracking.

TRACKED BILLS

ABANDONED VESSELS

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

Status: Senate Appropriations 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 1, 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 Water, Parks, and Wildlife 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 a \$6,000,000,000 bond for flood protection and climate resiliency projects.

SB 867 (ALLEN D) DROUGHT, FLOOD, AND WATER RESILIENCE, WILDFIRE AND FOREST RESILIENCE, COASTAL RESILIENCE, EXTREME HEAT MITIGATION, BIODIVERSITY AND NATURE-BASED CLIMATE SOLUTIONS, CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE, PARK CREATION AND OUTDOOR ACCESS, AND CLEAN ENERGY BOND ACT OF 2024.

Status: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Summary: This bill would enact the Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, Park Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy Bond Act of 2024, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize a \$15,500,000,000 bond to finance projects for drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate smart agriculture, park creation and outdoor access, and clean energy programs.

CARBON CAPTURE AND SEQUESTRATION

SB 438 (CABALLERO D) CARBON SEQUESTRATION: CARBON CAPTURE, REMOVAL, UTILIZATION, AND STORAGE PROGRAM: INCIDENTAL AND UNINTENTIONAL RESIDUAL OIL PROTECTION.

Status: Assembly Natural Resources Committee – testimony taken, but no action

Summary: This bill would exclude from the definition of enhanced oil recovery, for purposes of a carbon capture, removal or sequestration project, the incidental and unintentional residual oil produced at the surface from a Class VI well resulting from the injection of a concentrated carbon dioxide fluid into the Class VI well during the execution of a carbon dioxide capture, removal, or sequestration project. This bill would prohibit the project from selling, bartering, exchanging, or trading any incidental and unintentional residual oil produced at the surface and would require an oil produced from a Class VI well to be reported to the State Air Resources Board and the US EPA within 60 days of its production.

CEQA

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

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (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 revised project 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 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: Senate Appropriations Committee

Summary: This bill would require state agencies and departments to consider using more inclusive practices to advance equity and express legislative intent to implement Section 1 of [Executive Order N-16-22](#) to require state agencies and departments to more effectively advance equity in its actions. This bill defines equity as addressing the disparities in opportunities and outcomes of underserved populations.

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, or employee in California. 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: Signed by the Governor

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: Signed by the Governor

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 a 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: Senate Appropriations Committee

Summary: This bill would authorize the State Lands Commission, at its discretion and for up to five years, to relieve the City of Martinez of its responsibility to transmit 20 percent of the revenue generated from its granted lands to the state.

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

Status: Signed by the Governor

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: Assembly Appropriations 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: Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy 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: Senate Appropriations Committee

Summary: This bill would require the Energy Commission to consult with specified entities and prepare and submit a report 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 Energy Commission, in consultation with the State Lands Commission and the California Coastal 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 Energy Commission to submit a report on the 2nd-phase plan and strategy to the Governor and the Legislature by January 2026.

The bill would also require the Energy Commission study the feasibility of achieving 70 percent and 85 percent in-state assembly and manufacturing of offshore wind energy projects and the domestic content thresholds for offshore wind energy projects specified in the federal Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. The bill would require the Energy Commission to submit a report on the study to the Governor and the Legislature by December 2027.

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

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Summary: This bill would require the Ocean Protection Council, upon an appropriation by the Legislature and in coordination with other state and federal agencies, to establish and oversee a nonprofit West Coast Offshore Wind Science Entity to ensure that comprehensive baseline and ongoing monitoring of the California ocean ecosystem as well as targeted research are available and used to inform state and federal decisions. This bill would require the Council to develop a steering committee to provide governance and oversight on the Entity's processes and procedures.

SB 286 (McGUIRE D) OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY PROJECTS.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Summary: This bill would require the California Coastal Commission to process a consolidated coastal development permit for offshore wind energy projects and transmission facilities, designate the State Lands Commission as the lead agency for CEQA purposes for offshore wind energy projects, and establish an offshore wind energy fisheries working group that would be required to develop a framework for compensatory mitigation for unavoidable impacts on fisheries and tribes from offshore wind energy projects.

SB 605 (PADILLA D) WAVE AND TIDAL ENERGY.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Summary: This bill would require the Energy Commission and the Ocean Protection Council to develop a study to evaluate the feasibility and benefits of using wave and tidal energy as a clean energy source, and submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by January 2025. The bill would also require the Energy Commission to coordinate and consult with several agencies, including the State Lands Commission, to facilitate the leasing or permitting of wave and tidal energy projects on state land.

OIL AND GAS

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

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Summary: This bill would increase civil and other penalties for violations of the state's oil and gas statutes and regulations, strengthen the Geologic Energy Management Division's authority to seek injunctive relief, cease and desist activities, and to recoup administrative and enforcement costs. The bill would also authorize the state's oil and gas supervisor to refer violations of oil and gas laws to a public prosecutor for prosecution.

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

Status: Senate Appropriations 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 fully cover all costs of plugging and abandonment and site restoration.

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

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Held on Suspense

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: Assembly Appropriations 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 Open Meeting Act, including certain teleconference requirements. This bill would indefinitely remove 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 or 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.

This bill also required procedures to accommodate individuals with disabilities and mandates disclosure of other individuals present with a member at a remote location.

PLASTIC POLLUTION

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

Status: Assembly Appropriations 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 adopt a non-binding arbitration process to adjudicate disputes involved decisions made by the CalRecycle advisory board responsible for administering the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act. The bill would also authorize CalRecycle to adopt regulations to establish standards for Producer responsibility organizations about responsible end markets for covered material and to establish criteria that prioritizes benefits to the environment and minimizes risks to public health and worker health and safety.

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

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Summary: This bill would require CalEPA to establish, by January 1, 2025, a working group comprised of state entities to establish a framework to evaluate novel plastic and plastic-alternative material types used to produce single-use plastics as they are developed to inform state policy decisions designed to create a more sustainable and circular economy.

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

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Summary: This bill would require that stores use money 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, would 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. This bill would also require certain stores to accept returned reusable grocery bags from customers and to implement and maintain a plan to recycle the returned bags.

PUBLIC LANDS

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

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Summary: This bill would require the Ocean Protection Council, by January 2026, and in coordination with specified entities, to implement a statewide voluntary vessel speed reduction and sustainable shipping program for the California coast to reduce air pollution, the risk of fatal vessel strikes on whales, and harmful underwater acoustic impacts.

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

Status: Senate Appropriations 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: Senate Appropriations Committee

Summary: This bill would require the California Natural resources Agency, by December 2024, to establish acreage-based targets to restore kelp forests, eelgrass meadows, and native oyster beds, with the goal of achieving restoration by 2050. The bill would require the Ocean Protection Council to establish an interagency working group that coordinates and facilitates large-scale restoration along the coast. The bill would require the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, in coordination and consultation with the Ocean Protection Council, the State Lands Commission, the Coastal Commission, and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, to review the program.

AB 1590 (FRIEDMAN D) MAJOR COASTAL RESORTS: COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMITS:

AUDITS: WASTE.

Status: Assembly Natural Resources Committee – Failed Passage

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

SB 337 (MIN D) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: LANDS AND COASTAL WATERS

CONSERVATION GOALS

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Summary: This bill would establish a state goal to conserve at least 30 percent of California’s land and coastal waters by 2030, which would codify Executive Order N-82-20, the Governor’s 30 by 30 Executive Order to combat the biodiversity and climate crises.

SB 583 (PADILLA D) SALTON SEA CONSERVANCY.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Summary: This bill would establish the Salton Sea Conservancy within the Natural Resources Agency to support implementation of restoration projects, conserve fish and wildlife and control potential air emissions associated with a receding Salton Sea shoreline, and to oversee the operation, maintenance, and management of projects completed pursuant to certain plans.

SB 782 (LIMÓN D) COASTAL RESOURCES: PUBLIC WORKS PLAN: VEGETATION

MANAGEMENT: COASTAL ZONE.

Status: Senate Natural Resources and Water 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 Appropriations Committee

Summary: This bill would require the California Energy Commission, as part of the 2025 edition of the integrated energy policy report, to assess the potential for fusion energy to contribute to California's power supply, including the scalability, costs, and realistic timelines to bring fusion energy, including aneutronic fusion, to market.

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

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Summary: This bill would establish, subject to a legislative appropriation, 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: Senate Appropriations 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: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Summary: This bill would create the Lithium Extraction Tax Citizens Oversight Committee to ensure that revenue from the lithium extraction excise tax is allocated as required by law. The bill would require the Oversight Committee to recommend ways to improve community engagement and maximize community benefits from the tax revenue. The bill would prescribe the composition of the committee and the appointment of committee members and require the Oversight 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: Senate Appropriations Committee

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: Senate Appropriations Committee

Summary: This bill would request that the California Council on Science and Technology perform a biennial literature review to assess the infrastructure projects necessary to achieve the quantities of renewable energy, and the distribution and transmission networks necessary, to achieve the state's climate goals. The bill also requires the Office of Planning and Research, with assistance from certain state agencies, to provide an annual progress report to the Legislature regarding the status of infrastructure projects identified in the Council's report.

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

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Summary: This bill would require the Department of Insurance, subject to a legislative appropriation, 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 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.

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

Status: Assembly Floor

Summary: This resolution would 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: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

Summary: This bill would authorize, upon appropriation by the Legislature, funds to be made available 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.

AB 1284 (RAMOS D) TRIBAL ANCESTRAL LANDS: WATERS: COGOVERNANCE AND COMANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: two-year bill

Summary: This bill would encourage the Natural Resources Agency and its departments, conservancies, and commissions to enter into co-governance and co-management agreements with federally recognized tribes. The bill would authorize the Natural Resources Agency Secretary to enter into 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.