

# Staff Report 49 (Informational)

## INTRODUCTION

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Below are summaries of bills introduced to date affecting the State Lands Commission or issue areas relevant to its mission, vision, and responsibilities. Staff will continue to monitor and analyze these bills, and the remaining bills introduced, and report back to the Commission at its June meeting.

## TRACKED BILLS

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### MARINE INVASIVE SPECIES

#### **[AB 773 \(DIXON R\)](#) MARINE RESOURCES: COPPER-BASED ANTIFOULING PAINT.**

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

**Summary:** This bill would suspend enforcement of copper-based antifouling paint regulations until certain conditions are met. The State Water Board and the Department of Pesticide Regulation enforce these regulations.

#### **[SB 856 \(SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES & WATER COMMITTEE\)](#) MARINE INVASIVE SPECIES**

**ACT: BIENNIAL REPORTS: SEMIANNUAL UPDATES.**

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

**Summary:** This bill, sponsored by the State Lands Commission, would require the Commission's Marine Invasive Species Report submitted to the Legislature to be submitted triennially rather than biennially and require the Commission to semiannually post ballast water management information on its website.

## **ARTIFICIAL REEFS**

### **[AB 807 \(DIXON R\)](#) CONSERVATION AND MITIGATION BANK: MARINE ARTIFICIAL REEFS.**

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

**Summary:** This bill would expand the definition of conservation bank and mitigation bank to include marine artificial reefs and authorize a person to create a marine artificial reef to establish a mitigation or conservation bank. The bill would provide that if a marine artificial reef is located on state sovereign land, then a lease is required from the State Lands Commission and that this lease would satisfy the requirements for a bank enabling instrument and for the Department of Fish and Wildlife to grant a conservation easement.

## **ABANDONED VESSELS**

### **[AB 274 \(RANSOM D\)](#) ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSELS: INVENTORY.**

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the Commission, by January 2027, to inventory abandoned and derelict vessels in the Delta

## **30 x 30 GOAL**

### **[AB 900 \(PAPAN D\)](#) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: 30X30 GOALS: LAND CONSERVATION: SCIENCE-BASED MANAGEMENT AND STEWARDSHIP.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the Natural Resources Agency to update the Pathways to 30 x 30 Report to include recommendations to increase science-based management and stewardship of 30 x 30 lands and to develop strategies to reduce barriers and increase support for science-based management and stewardship of conserved lands. The bill would authorize land acquisition bond funding to be used for these purposes.

## BLUE CARBON

### **[AB 399 \(BOERNER D\)](#) COASTAL RESOURCES: COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMITS: BLUE CARBON DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.**

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Summary:** This bill would authorize the California Coastal Commission to authorize blue carbon demonstration projects to demonstrate and quantify their carbon sequestration potential to help inform the state's natural and working lands and climate resilience strategies. The bill would authorize the California Coastal Commission to require an applicant with a nonresidential project that impacts coastal wetland, subtidal, intertidal, or marine habitats or ecosystems to build or contribute to a blue carbon demonstration project. The bill would require the California Coastal Commission to consult with the State Lands Commission when developing the blue carbon program.

## CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

### **[AB 10 \(ESSAYLI R\)](#) CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION: CONSISTENCY DETERMINATIONS: VANDENBERG SPACE FORCE BASE.**

**Status:** Introduced

**Summary:** This bill would void and nullify an [October 2024 California Coastal Commission consistency determination](#) regarding Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX) Falcon 9 launch activities at Vandenberg Space Force Base and deem the increased launch activities as consistent with applicable California Coastal Act provisions.

### **[AB 357 \(ALVAREZ D\)](#) COASTAL RESOURCES: COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT: EXCLUSIONS.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Summary:** This bill would exempt student housing projects and faculty and staff housing projects from coastal development permit requirements.

**AB 439 (ROGERS D) CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT OF 1976: LOCAL PLANNING AND REPORTING.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require Commission staff to prepare and present a written report to the Commission every five years, rather than annually, about administrative penalty violations and require the report to address public access violations. The bill would require the report to quantify violations referred to the Attorney General, pending violations, and violation summaries illustrative of the Commission's enforcement workload and that provide significant public benefit.

**AB 996 (PELLERIN D) PUBLIC RESOURCES: CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT OF 1976: CALIFORNIA COASTAL PLANNING FUND.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Summary:** This bill would establish a California Coastal Planning Fund in the state treasury to help local governments plan for coastal resource protection and public access preservation.

**EQUITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

**AB 766 (SHARP-COLLINS D) STATE AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS: STRATEGIC PLANS: DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION.**

**Status:** Introduced

**Summary:** This bill would require agencies and departments subject to the Governor's authority to address racial equity in new or updated strategic plans and undertake a racial equity analysis before implementing their budget or regulations.

**AB 62 (McKINNOR D) AGENCY: RACIALLY MOTIVATED EMINENT DOMAIN.**

**Status:** Assembly Judiciary Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require an unspecified office of legal affairs to review, investigate, and make determinations about applications from individuals who claim they are dispossessed property owners of property taken as a result of racially motivated eminent domain. The bill would make other changes related to certifying claims, identifying compensable public property, and authorizing a dispossessed property owner to pursue legal action.

## GENERAL

### **AB 452 (IRWIN D) COASTAL RECREATION: DESIGNATED STATE SURFING RESERVES.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the State Coastal Conservancy to establish criteria and an application process to designate a coastline area as a state surfing reserve. The bill would authorize a local government to apply to the Conservancy for a state surfing reserve designation and require the Conservancy to approve the application if it meets certain criteria.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

### **AB 462 (LOWENTHAL D) LAND USE: COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMITS: ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.**

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Summary:** This bill would exempt the construction of an accessory dwelling unit in Los Angeles County and any county subject to a gubernatorial state of the emergency proclamation on or after February 1, 2025, from the need to obtain a coastal development permit.

## OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY

### **AB 472 (ROGERS D) ENERGY: OFFSHORE WIND GENERATION.**

**Status:** Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the Governor's annual five-year infrastructure plan to assess port infrastructure funding needs to support offshore wind energy development and would expand the definition of "infrastructure," for purposes of this plan, to include port infrastructure for offshore wind energy development. The bill would require the Governor to consult with the State Lands Commission and others to ensure that the assessment accounts for federal, state, and local funding opportunities to help build port infrastructure for offshore wind energy development.

## PLASTIC POLLUTION

### **[SB 45 \(PADILLA D\)](#) RECYCLING: BEVERAGE CONTAINERS: TETHERED PLASTIC CAPS.**

**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require beverage containers sold after January 2027 to have a tethered cap.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY/ALTERNATIVE FUELS

### **[AB 406 \(BENNETT D\)](#) ENERGY: TRANSPORTATION FUELS ASSESSMENT.**

**Status:** Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee

**Summary:** This bill would authorize the Energy Commission to request information from state agencies when it prepares its transportation fuel assessment. Existing law requires the fuels assessment to evaluate future petroleum product and crude oil import needs and identify steps to ensure that marine infrastructure and port facilities can accommodate moving those products. The Commission is required to consult with the State Lands Commission, ports and others as part of this evaluation.

### **[AB 526 \(PAPAN D\)](#) ENERGY: ENERGY: NEW IN-STATE GEOTHERMAL ENERGY GENERATION.**

**Status:** Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the Energy Commission, in consultation with other agencies, to develop a strategic plan and permitting roadmap for new in-state geothermal energy. The bill would require the State Lands Commission, in coordination with other state agencies and stakeholders, to establish state lands leasing goals for new in-state geothermal energy development for 2035 and 2045 to accommodate planning goals and identify opportunities to work with federal agencies on the timing, scope, and prioritization of geothermal lease sales to support geothermal development on federal lands in California. The bill would also require the Energy Commission, in coordination with the State Lands Commission and other agencies, to assess the level at which geothermal rents and royalties would best support California's long-term renewable energy and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.

**[SB 298 \(CABALLERO D\)](#) STATE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION: SEAPORTS: PLAN: ALTERNATIVE FUELS.**

**Status:** Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee

**Summary:** This bill would require the Energy Commission to develop a plan to use and deploy alternative fuels at public seaports in California.

**[AB 531 \(ROGERS D\)](#) GEOTHERMAL POWERPLANTS AND GEOTHERMAL FIELD DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECTS: CERTIFICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.**

**Status:** Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee

**Summary:** This bill would make geothermal powerplants and field development projects eligible for CEQA streamlining.

**GRANTED PUBLIC TRUST LANDS**

**[SB 304 \(ARREGUIN D\)](#) PUBLIC LANDS: LEASING: GRANT OF TIDE OR SUBMERGED LANDS.**

**Status:** Introduced

**Summary:** This spot bill would make a non-substantive change to [Public Resources Code section 6701](#) relating to granted lands leases.

**OIL AND GAS**

**[SB 567 \(LIMON D\)](#) GRAVITY-BASED ENERGY STORAGE WELL PILOT PROGRAM.**

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

**Summary:** This bill would establish a gravity-based energy storage well pilot program and authorize the Oil and Gas Supervisor to authorize the conversion of wells for use as gravity-based energy storage wells. This bill would require idle wells that are authorized for use as gravity-based energy storage wells to be identified as such in a plan required to be filed with the supervisor. This bill would impose other requirements on gravity-based energy storage wells, including monitoring for fluid leaks.

**AB 1448 (HART D) COASTAL RESOURCES: OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Summary:** This bill would ban the State Lands Commission and certain local governments from authorizing the construction of oil-and-gas related infrastructure on state waters associated with federal oil and gas leases. The bill would also require the Commission and certain local governments to consider additional factors before approving an offshore oil and gas related lease assignment.

**SEA LEVEL RISE AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

**SB 285 (BECKER D) NET ZERO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS GOAL: CARBON DIOXIDE REMOVAL: REGULATIONS.**

**Status:** Senate Environmental Quality Committee

**Summary:** This bill would, for the purpose of meeting or tracking progress against any state requirement to achieve net zero emissions of greenhouse gases or for the purpose of reporting offsets against any of a reporting entity's greenhouse gas emissions as part of reporting required under the Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act, authorize only qualified carbon dioxide removal to be used to reduce the state's or an entity's greenhouse gas emissions and would require qualified carbon dioxide removal used for those purposes to meet certain requirements. This bill would also extend, indefinitely, the State Air Resources Board's authorization to adopt carbon capture, removal, utilization, and storage program protocols.

**AB 491 (CONNOLLY D) CALIFORNIA GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT OF 2006: CLIMATE GOALS: NATURAL AND WORKING LANDS.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Summary:** This bill would codify a state goal to achieve natural carbon sequestration and nature-based climate solution goals that reduce greenhouse gas emissions by their target dates. The bill would prioritize activities that most rapidly, significantly, and cost-effectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The bill would revise the definition of "natural carbon sequestration" to include improved forest management, among other things.



**AB 1102 (BOERNER D) DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: SEA LEVEL RISE AND GROUNDWATER RISE RISK ASSESSMENT.**

**Status:** Introduced

**Summary:** This bill would require a proponent of new development to complete a sea level rise and groundwater rise risk assessment as part of its application to a public agency if the proposed development is within 1,000 feet of a contaminated site and in an area vulnerable to groundwater or sea level rise.

**AB 1243 (ADDIS D) POLLUTERS PAY CLIMATE SUPERFUND ACT OF 2025.**

**Status:** Introduced

**Summary:** This bill would enact the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025 to be administered by CalEPA to require fossil fuel polluters to pay their fair share of the damage caused by greenhouse gases between 1990 and 2024. The bill would require CalEPA to publish a list of responsible parties, complete a climate study, define past and future climate harms and damages, and supply a cost recovery demand for each responsible party.

**AB 1280 (GARCIA D) ENERGY.**

**Status:** Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee

**Summary:** This bill would authorize the I-bank to provide financial assistance to finance or refinance climate catalyst projects that enable the decarbonization of industrial facilities' use of heat and power. The bill would create an industrial facilities thermal energy storage program to provide incentives to implement decarbonization projects.

**SALTON SEA**

**SB 369 (PADILLA D) SALTON SEA: RESTORATION PROJECTS: SKILLED AND TRAINED WORKFORCE.**

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

**Summary:** This bill would require state agency contracts for Salton Sea restoration projects to include an enforceable commitment that every contractor, bidder, and subcontractor use a skilled and trained workforce for certain building and trades work.

**[SB 534 \(PADILLA D\)](#) SALTON SEA: GREEN EMPOWERMENT ZONE FOR THE SALTON SEA AND SOUTHEASTERN DESERT VALLEYS.**

**Status:** Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee

**Summary:** This bill would authorize a green empowerment zone for the Salton Sea and Southeastern Desert Valleys and task the empowerment zone with various duties to support the development and equitable transition to a clean energy economy.

**TRIBAL ISSUES**

**[AB 52 \(AGUIAR-CURRY D\)](#) NATIVE AMERICAN RESOURCES.**

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**Summary:** This bill would change tribal consultation and California Environmental Quality Act requirements for tribal consultation and easement acquisition. This bill would also require the Native American Heritage Commission to prepare and maintain an inventory of Native American sacred sites on public and private lands and make other related changes.