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INTRODUCTION

Legislators introduced about 2,000 bills this year, many of which were recently amended with substantive language. The first major deadline in the legislative calendar is April 24, when policy committees must pass fiscal bills. This legislative session is also the first conducted under the Legislature's new bill introduction limit of 35 bills per member, which resulted in fewer measures being introduced compared to last year and past sessions.

Although the total number of bills is lower, there are still many bills that involve issues relevant to the Commission's responsibilities and mission and vision, including management of sovereign lands and waterways, ports and maritime infrastructure, environmental protection and coastal resiliency, and public access to the state's waterways and coastline. The content of bills may change in the coming months as amendments continue and policy decisions evolve.

This informational report summarizes legislation staff is monitoring that could affect the Commission's authorities, programs, or areas of interest. Below is a list of legislation staff is tracking.

TRACKED BILLS

30 x 30 CALIFORNIA

[AB 946 \(BRYAN D\)](#) NATURAL RESOURCES: EQUITABLE OUTDOOR ACCESS: 30x30 GOAL: URBAN NATURE-BASED PROJECTS.

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Summary: This bill would require the Governor's office, state agencies, and the Legislature, when distributing resources, to aspire to recognize the coequal goals and benefits of the 30 x 30 goal and the Outdoors for All initiative, and, to the extent practical, maximize investment in historically underserved urban communities consistent with those initiatives. According to the author, California

has made a strong commitment to protect and preserve its natural lands, but it is just as important to ensure that densely populated and underserved communities are not overlooked in this work. By urging the state to focus on greening and restoring land in heavily urbanized areas, this bill will ensure we take a comprehensive approach to environmental protection that supports vulnerable communities and expands access to nature throughout California.

[SB 1394](#) (LIMÓN D) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: LANDS AND COASTAL WATERS: CONSERVATION GOALS: REPORTS.

Status: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

Summary: This bill would require the state's annual 30 x 30 goal report to include sufficient information to accurately quantify and identify the acreage reported to be newly conserved and distinguish it from acreage previously reported as conserved. The bill would require the Secretary to post the report on the Natural Resources Agency's website.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

[SB 1229](#) (ALLEN D) COASTAL RESOURCES: COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMITS: DISASTER EXEMPTION.

Status: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

Summary: This bill would limit an existing coastal development permit exemption enacted following last year's fires in southern California to the replacement of a structure by the property owner of record for the property who was listed as the property owner of record immediately preceding the disaster.

GENERAL

[AB 2360](#) (ARAMBULA D) STATE AGENCIES: GOVERNMENTAL LINGUISTICS.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

Summary: Current law requires each department, commission, office, or other administrative agency of state government to write each document that it produces in plain, straightforward language, avoiding technical terms as much as possible, and using a coherent and easily readable style. This bill would specify that the plain, straightforward language requirement applies to both digital and printed

documents and would define “plain language”. The bill would require each state agency to create, adopt, and post on its website a plain language policy that identifies how the agency will incorporate or strengthen plain language writing and design principles and practices.

SB 1337 (RICHARDSON D) TRANSPORTATION FUELS: INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.

Status: Senate Energy, Utilities, and Commerce Committee

Summary: This bill would establish an interagency workgroup led by the California Energy Commission and consisting of the State Lands Commission, air districts, local governments, airports, and ports to strengthen coordination and establish clear lines of communication to prioritize critical energy policies and regulations and to propose opportunities for partnership between the Governor’s office, state agencies, boards, commissions, offices, and other entities, as necessary, and the Legislature to advance solutions to strategically align regulations and permitting processes across all levels of government that could best support achievement of state policy goals.

GRANTED LANDS

AB 2312 (ÁVILA FARÍAS D) STATE PROPERTY: TIDELANDS TRANSFER: CITY OF MARTINEZ: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Status: Assembly Rules Committee

Summary: This bill would increase, from 120 days to 180 days, the amount of time the City of Martinez must provide to the State Lands Commission before it expends trust revenue for capital improvement projects on trust lands involving over \$250,000. The bill similarly extends the State Lands Commission’s timeframe to review the expenditures for consistency with the public trust and granting statutes.

AB 2525 (WARD D) SURPLUS LANDS: MISSION BAY PARK.

Status: Assembly Local Government Committee

Summary: Current law requires a local agency, before disposing or negotiating to dispose of surplus land, to provide a written notice of the availability of the surplus land to specified entities and housing sponsors. Under current law, land declared by an agency of the state or any local agency as “exempt surplus land” is not

subject to these requirements. This bill would exempt land that comprises Mission Bay Park in the City of San Diego from these requirements.

[SB 1317](#) (ARREGUÍN D) EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND: LOCALLY OWNED LAND

Status: Senate Local Government Committee

Summary: This bill would define “exempt surplus land” to include surplus land that is owned by a local agency and is located within a property and business improvement district designated under the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994 and a disadvantaged community identified by the California Environmental Protection Agency under the above-referenced provisions.

LOS ANGELES RIVER

[SB 832](#) (ALLEN D) UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES WORKING GROUP:

MEMBERSHIP: REVITALIZATION PLAN.

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Summary: This bill would add an additional member to the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group and require one member to represent the city council district in the City of Los Angeles with the most Upper Los Angeles River miles. The bill would require the working group to meet at least annually to evaluate and report on implementation of the revitalization plan and propose amendments to it. The bill would require any amendments to be submitted to the Assembly Water Parks, and Wildlife Commission and the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

MARINE INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION

[AB 1691](#) (DIXON R) MARINE RESOURCES: COPPER-BASED ANTIFOULING PAINT:

STANDARDS, STUDIES, AND BEST METHODS.

Status: Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee

Summary: This bill would require the Department of Pesticide Regulation to reevaluate copper-based antifouling boat paint products and decide whether to retain, modify, or suspend its standards or to place new standards on the chemical composition or use of copper-based antifouling paints. The bill would require CalEPA and other agencies to collaborate on studies related to the effectiveness

of low-leach-rate paint and elevated copper concentrations in saltwater harbors, bays, and marines that are primarily a result of the use of copper-based antifouling paint. The bill would also require CalEPA, the State Water Board, and the Department of Pesticide Regulation to determine the best way to address elevated copper concentrations in saltwater harbors, bays, and marinas that are a result of the use of this paint.

AB 1772 (PAPAN D) FISH AND WILDLIFE: AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES: GOLDEN MUSSELS.

Status: Assembly Rules Committee

Summary: This bill would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that addresses and prevents the spread of aquatic invasive species, including the golden mussel, in waterbodies and water infrastructure systems.

SB 1428 (COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER) PUBLIC LANDS: MARINE INVASIVE SPECIES: WILDFIRE AND FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE.

Status: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

Summary: This bill would make statutory changes to ensure that the State Lands Commission has authority to revise existing regulations to align with federal regulations and comply with the federal Vessel Incidental Discharge Act. Existing law authorizes the Commission to adopt federally consistent ballast water discharge standards and specifically points to federal standards and an implementation schedule contained in Title 33, section 151.025 and 151.030 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Those sections will become defunct once regulations adopted by the U.S. EPA and U.S. Coast Guard to implement the Vessel Discharge Act become effective, likely in late 2026 or early 2027. The changes will redirect the Commission's authority away from the soon-to-be defunct sections and toward the regulations adopted by the U.S. EPA and to-be adopted by the U.S. Coast Guard.

OCEAN PROTECTION

AB 1744 (ADDIS D) ENVIRONMENTAL ADVERTISING: SUNSCREEN.

Status: Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee

Summary: This bill would make it illegal for a person to represent in advertising or on the label or container of a sunscreen product sold in the state that the product is "reef safe," "reef friendly," "ocean safe," "marine safe," or any term implying the

product does not harm marine ecosystems unless the product is free of chemical ultraviolet filters.

OIL AND GAS

AB 1536 (ADDIS D) OFFSHORE OIL.

Status: Assembly Rules Committee

Summary: This bill would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation addressing the legal authority of entities relating to offshore oil permitting and regulation and to establish or uphold local and state protections for communities impacted by the transportation and procurement of offshore oil.

AB 2461 (HART D) OIL AND GAS: BONDING REQUIREMENTS.

Status: Assembly Rules Committee

Summary: This bill would expand oil and gas well transfer and bonding requirements administered by CalGEM and broaden the scope of transactions that trigger regulatory review and financial assurance requirements. The bill would also remove an exemption for certain higher-producing wells. The changes may affect operators of offshore oil and gas leases overseen by the State Lands Commission.

AB 2716 (ÁVILA FARÍAS D) OIL AND GAS: BONDING REQUIREMENTS.

Status: Assembly Rules Committee

Summary: This bill would modify financial assurance requirements for oil and gas well operators overseen by CalGEM and expand the types of financial assurance operators may use to satisfy bonding requirements. The bill would establish a limited exemption for entities acquiring wells solely for plugging and abandonment or facility decommissioning. The changes may affect operators of offshore oil and gas leases overseen by the Commission.

PLASTIC POLLUTION

[AB 2226](#) (RUBIO, BLANCA D) REUSABLE GROCERY BAGS.

Status: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Summary: This bill would repeal requirements governing the types of bags that stores may provide to customers and remove requirements that bags be compostable or made of recycled paper.

[SB 1180](#) (ALLEN D) PLASTIC POLLUTION PREVENTION AND PACKAGING PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY ACT: CALIFORNIA PLASTIC POLLUTION MITIGATION FUND.

Status: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

Summary: This bill would establish additional requirements governing how funds from the California Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund are allocated and administered and endeavor to ensure that mitigation funds are used to address the environmental and public health impacts of plastic polluting while prioritizing environmental justice communities.

PUBLIC LANDS

[AB 1548](#) (PELLERIN D) THE MONTEREY BAY AREA STEWARDSHIP AUTHORITY.

Status: Assembly Rules Committee

Summary: This bill would establish the Monterey Bay Area Stewardship Authority to raise and allocate funds to restore, enhance, protect, steward, and improve access to natural and working lands in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties.

[AB 1624](#) (ZBUR D) PUBLIC LANDS PROTECTION ACT.

Status: Assembly Rules Committee

Summary: This bill, the Public Lands Protection Act, would establish new rules governing the land-use designation and development of certain federal lands transferred to private or nonfederal entities in California after January 1, 2025. The bill is intended to preserve conservation uses for lands that were previously publicly owned by applying protective zoning designations to transferred land to limit future development.

AB 2216 (AGUIAR-CURRY D) SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY.

Status: Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee

Summary: This bill would expand the geographic area covered by the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy beyond the Delta to include the Sacramento valley, rename the conservancy the Valley and Delta Conservancy and make other changes and authorize the conservancy to partner with and award grants and loans to tribal organizations.

AB 2566 (SORIA D) HURON HAWK CONSERVANCY.

Status: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Summary: This bill would establish the Huron Hawk Conservancy in the Natural Resources Agency to acquire, manage, and restore lands in the Huron Hawk area for conservation, recreation, and educational purposes. Implementation would be contingent on a legislative appropriation or approval of a general obligation bond. The Executive Officer of the State Lands Commission would be a member of the new Conservancy's governing board.

SB 949 (BECKER D) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY: LANDSCAPE OF STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE: SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

Status: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

Summary: This bill would designate the Santa Cruz Mountains as a lanscape of statewide significance that requires special protection. The bill would require the Natural Resources Agency and its boards, departments, and conservancies, to encourage collaborative stewardship approaches that support the protection, restoration, and preservation of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

AB 2234 (PAPAN D) CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT: GEOTHERMAL EXPLORATORY PROJECTS.

Status: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Summary: This bill would change provisions of CEQA that apply to geothermal exploratory projects regulated by CalGEM. The bill would clarify and expand the definition of a geothermal exploratory project for CEQA purposes and adjust certain siting restrictions to better accommodate interrelated exploration activities.

AB 2464 (WICKS D) ENERGY: CLEAN, FIRM RESOURCES.

Status: Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee

Summary: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission, working with the Energy Commission to prepare and submit to the Legislature a statewide assessment of the role and necessity of clean, firm resources in meeting the state's clean energy and reliability objectives, potential technologies and strategies for integrating clean, firm resources into the state's energy mix, recommendations on procurement, policy, and planning actions to support clean, firm resources, and consideration of current and projected renewable and clean, firm generation capacity, reliability requirements under varying system conditions, and the cost and emission implications of clean, firm resources.

SEA LEVEL RISE AND CLIMATE CHANGE

AB 2051 (WICKS D) PUBLIC RESOURCES: COASTAL RESILIENCE PERMITTING WORKING GROUP.

Status: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Summary: This bill would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, in consultation with the Secretary for Environmental Protection, to convene a Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group to develop a permitting roadmap for coastal resilience projects. The bill would designate members of a Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group and include the State Lands Commission as a member.

AB 2184 (WILSON D) CAP-AND-INVEST PROGRAM: NATURE-BASED CLIMATE SOLUTIONS: FUNDING.

Status: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Summary: This bill would annually appropriate up to \$300 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund in the annual Budget Act, until fiscal year 2045-46, to achieve nature-based climate solutions, including \$150 million to the Natural Resources Agency for nature-based climate solutions.

SB 1048 (BECKER D) STATE SEAL OF CLIMATE LITERACY.

Status: Senate Education Committee

Summary: This bill would establish the State seal of Climate Literacy to recognize high school graduates who have mastered climate literacy disciplines and attained green or technical green skills.

TIJUANA RIVER

SB 58 (PADILLA D) AIR QUALITY: STANDARD: HYDROGEN SULFIDE.

Status: Assembly Rules Committee

Summary: This bill would require the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to develop health-based threshold levels for hydrogen sulfide and authorize the Office to develop threshold levels for additional air pollutants to better protect public health, particularly in sensitive and overburdened communities. The bill would require the Office to conduct at least three public workshops, including one in the Tijuana River Valley region.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION

AB 2115 (RAMOS D) CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICANS: FORMAL APOLOGY.

Status: Assembly Judiciary Committee

Summary: This bill would provide that the State of California recognizes and accepts responsibility for all of the harms and atrocities committed by its representatives who promoted, permitted, facilitated, and enforced policies of violence against California Native Americans. The bill would provide that the State of California apologizes for perpetuating the harms California Native Americans as a result of policies enacted, sanctioned, or tolerated by the Legislature. The bill would require a plaque memorializing this apology to be publicly and conspicuously installed and maintained in the State Capitol Building.

AB 2507 (NGUYEN D) OFFICE OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

Summary: This bill would establish the Office of Tribal Affairs in the Governor's Office headed by a Secretary of Tribal Affairs. The bill would require each state agency that engages, or has programs, services, or responsibilities affecting tribal

governments to designate a tribal liaison. The bill would require the office to be advised by a Tribal Advisory Committee that would provide recommendations and tribal perspectives to strengthen government-to-government engagement and improve the design, access, and implementation of state programs and services affecting tribal governments.

SB 1322 (RICHARDSON D) GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ACT:

STATE-TRIBAL CONSULTATION.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

Summary: This bill amends the state's Government-to-Government Consultation Act to require state agencies to consult with a California tribe or a federally recognized tribe on certain agency actions if requested. The bill would also remove references to non-federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations and apply it to California tribes and federally recognized tribes.

SB 1326 (WAHAB D) CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT: TRIBAL CULTURAL

RESOURCES: MITIGATION MEASURES.

Status: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

Summary: This bill would modify the definition of tribal cultural resource for purposes of CEQA to include a site, feature, place, cultural landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe that is identified by the Native American Heritage Commission as a sacred place or included in a local tribal register.