

## STAFF SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 4-5, 2015

**17B. OTHER ITEMS – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

<b>Today's Item</b>	<b>Information</b> ☒	<b>Action</b> ☒
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Review and discuss legislation of interest, and provide staff direction.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

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| • Brief legislative update                  | Jun 10-11, 2015; Mammoth Lakes |
| • <b>Today's update and possible action</b> | <b>Aug 4-5, 2015; Fortuna</b>  |

**Background**

FGC staff has prepared a list of legislative bills that may be of interest to FGC, which includes a brief synopsis and current bill status. Items highlighted in yellow indicate legislation of particular interest or that may impact FGC's resources and workload.

This is an opportunity for FGC to provide direction to staff concerning any proposed legislation. At any meeting FGC may direct staff to provide information or share concerns with bill authors. FGC members also have the option to take positions on bills at the same meeting an update is provided.

**Updates on Pending Legislation**

**AB 298 (Gonzalez) – Chaptered law** – Makes a violation of a specified regulation related to marine protected areas, marine managed areas, and special closures an infraction or a misdemeanor, except when (1) the person who violates the regulation holds a commercial fishing license or a commercial passenger fishing boat license, or (2) the violation occurred within two years of a prior violation of the regulation that resulted in a conviction.

**AB 1528 (Committee Water, Parks, and Wildlife) – Chaptered law** – Makes lace lichen (*Ramalina menziesii*) the official state lichen.

**AB 290 (Bigelow)** – This is a 2-year bill. Would re-define “pigs”, prohibit release into uncontrolled areas, eliminate DFW-required management plan, require up to 40% of funds from sale of wild pig validations be used to remedy damage by pigs, replace the wild pig tag with a validation on the hunting license which permits unlimited take and possession, set pig validation at \$15 for residents and \$30 for nonresidents, and prohibit take at night unless DFW is notified by 3:00 p.m. prior to the planned take.

**AB 665 (Frazier)** – Confirms that the state fully occupies the field of authority for the taking and possession of fish and game. The bill was amended to alleviate concerns regarding the prohibition of cities and counties from enacting laws that affect incidental take for the purpose of protecting health and/or safety. The bill clarifies that unless otherwise authorized by the Fish and Game Code or other state or federal law, FGC and DFW are the only entities that may adopt or promulgate regulations regarding the take or possession of fish and game on any lands or waters within the state.

**AB 729 (Atkins)** – This is a 2-year bill. Per Commissioner Sutton's request, staff met with Speaker Atkins' staff (San Diego Unified Port District, territory held in trust). Legislative staff

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indicated Speaker Atkins is not seeking to remove FGC's aquaculture lease authority. FGC staff agreed to keep in touch with the office and monitor the legislation.

**AB 1201 (Salas)** – Would require DFW, by June 30, 2016, to develop and initiate a science-based approach that addresses predation by nonnative species upon species of fish listed pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act that reside all or a portion of their lives in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

**SB 457 (Nielsen)** – This is a 2-year bill. Would amend the Bobcat Protection Act (Chap. 748, Stats. 2013) to permit that boundary features may also include, but are not limited to, landmarks. The bill was amended to include roads instead of major roads and would provide that landmarks and geographic positions established by navigation and surveying methods may be used to delineate the boundaries of an area in which bobcat trapping is prohibited.

**Significant Public Comments (N/A)****Recommendation (N/A)****Exhibits**

1. [FGC legislative tracking log, as of Jul 23, 2015](#)
2. [DFW legislative report, as of Jul 23, 2015](#)

**Motion/Direction (N/A)**

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AB-12	Minor	Cooley (A)	<b>State government: administrative regulations: review --</b> Would, until January 1, 2019, require each state agency to, on or before January 1, 2018, review that agency's regulations, identify any regulations that are duplicative, overlapping, inconsistent, or out of date, to revise those identified regulations, as provided, and report to the Legislature and Governor, as specified.	Tto add and repeal Chapter 3.6 (commencing with Section 11366) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2, Government Code	7/14/15 <b>Pass GO (13-0)</b> Re-ref to APPR. 6/11/15 Ref to GO 6/01/15 In Senate. 1st read. 6/01/15 3rd read. <b>PASS ASM.</b> To Sen. 5/28/15 2nd read. 5/28/15 <b>PASS APPR (17-0.)</b> 5/13/15 Referred to APPR. suspense file. 4/29/15 - <b>PASS AAR (9-0)</b> 4/22/15 Amend, 2nd read 1/16/2015 - Ref to AAR	4/29/2015		
AB-14	None	Waldren (A)	<b>Unmanned aircraft systems: task force --</b> Would create the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Task Force, responsible for formulating to research, develop, and formulate a comprehensive plan policy for state regulation of unmanned		4/6/2015- Re-ref to TRANS. 3/26/2015- Amend; 2nd read 2/13/2015- Re-ref to TRANS. 1/16/2015- Ref to TRANS and BPCP	4/13/2015		

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AB-56	None	Quirk (A)	<b>Unmanned aircraft systems.--</b> The bill would authorize a law enforcement agency to use an unmanned aircraft system if agency complies with specified requirements. The bill would prohibit a law enforcement agency from using an unmanned aircraft system to surveil private property unless, among other justifications, the law enforcement agency obtains a search warrant.	Add Section 6254.31 to the Government Code, and to add Title 14 (commencing with Section 14350) to Part 4 of the Penal Code	7/16/15 2nd read. Re-ref to APPR. 7/15/15 Amend, <b>PASS JUD (5-2)</b> 7/7/15 <b>PASS PUBS (4-2)</b> . Re-refer JUD. 6/04/15 Ref to PUBS and JUD 5/26/15 In Senate. 1st read 5/26/15 <b>3rd read. Passed. To Senate</b> 5/14/15 2nd read. 5/13/15 <b>PASS APPR (17-0)</b> 4/30/15 <b>PASS PCP (9-1)</b> . To APPR 4/15/15 Re-ref PCP 4/14/15 <b>PASS PUBS (6-0)</b> 1/22/15 Ref to PUBS and PCP	4/14/2015		

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AB-92	None	Committee on Budget (A)	Would require DFW to provide written notice to the owner that the diversion is deleterious to salmon and steelhead, to submit to the owner its proposals as to measures necessary to protect the salmon and steelhead, impose an civil penalties of up to \$8,000 for a violation of this provision, and other provisions related to water.	Amend Section 6100 of, and to add Sections 12025.1 and 12025.2 to, the Fish and Game Code, add Section 8687.9 to the Government Code, amend Section 4629.6 of the Public Resources Code, and to amend Section 81046 of, to amend, repeal, and add Section 13442 of, and to add Sections 189 and 81023 to, the Water Code.	4/02/15- Enrolled measure corrected 3/26/15- Present to Gov . 3/26/15- <b>PASS (50-27).</b> 3/25/15- <b>3rd read PASS (25-14)</b> 3/25/15- <b>PASS BFR (11-4)</b> 3/24/15- Amend, 2nd read 3/23/15- Ref BFR 3/23/15- In Senate. 1st read 3/23/15- 3rd read. <b>PASS BUD (51-27)</b> 1/26/15- Referred BUD			3/27/15- Governor approved

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AB-96	None	Atkins (A) Lara (S)	<b>Animal parts and products: importation or sale of ivory and rhinoceros horn --</b> This bill would delete the criminal exemption for products imported before 1977. And, prohibit a person from purchasing, selling, offering for sale, possessing with intent to sell, or importing with intent to sell ivory or rhinoceros horn, except as specified, and would make this prohibition enforceable by the Department of Fish and Wildlife	Add Section 2022 to the Fish and Game Code, and to repeal Section 5 of Chapter 692 of the Statutes of 1976, relating to animal parts and products.	6/24/15 <b>PASS NRW (7-2)</b> Re-ref APPR. 6/17/15 - 2nd read. Amended, Re-ref NRW 6/02/15 - 1st read. To RLS for assignment. 6/02/15 - 3rd read. <b>Pass ASM.</b> To Sen. 6/01/15 - 2nd read. To third reading. 5/28/15 - <b>PASS (12-4)</b> 3/25/15 - Referred to suspense file. 3/10/15 - <b>PASS WPW 10-2-3</b> 1/26/15 - Ref to WPW			

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AB-142	None	Bigelow (A) Berryhill (S)	<b>Wild and scenic rivers: Mokelumne River</b> -- Would require the Secretary, in a report analyzing the suitability or nonsuitability of a proposed designation of the Mokelumne River, to consider the potential effects of the proposed designation on future water requirements, as specified, and the effects of climate change on river values and water supply, and to consider other factors.	Amend Section 5093.56 and add Sections 5093.548 and 5093.549 to the Public Resources Code, relating to wild and scenic rivers.	07/16/15 2nd read. Amended. Re-ref APPR. 07/16/15 <b>PASS NRW (9-0)</b> . 6/11/15 Ref to NRW 6/01/15 1st read. To RLS for assignment. 6/01/15 3rd read. <b>PASS ASM</b> . To Sen. 5/28/15 2nd read. To 3rd reading. 5/28/15 <b>PASS APPR (17-0)</b> 3/23/2015- Ref to APPR 3/26/2015- <b>PASS NR (8-1)</b> 1/26/2015 - Ref to NR	3/23/2015		

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AB-226	None	Atkins (A)	<b>Retail food safety: fisherman markets</b> -- would create new type of nonpermanent food facility, that would be a food facility operated by a licensed commercial fisherman, a registered aquaculturist, or an entity representing California seafood producers, that sells only edible aquatic plants, raw fresh fish, or fresh frozen fish, legally caught by California-licensed commercial fishermen or harvested by California-registered aquaculturists, directly to consumers. The bill would establish and impose food safety and sanitation requirements upon a fishermen's market	An act to amend Sections 113779, 113789, 113839, 113984, and 114266 of, and to add Sections 113729.5, 113780, and 113794.3 to, and to add Chapter 12.7 (commencing with Section 114378) to Part 7 of Division 104 of, the Health and Safety Code, relating to food safety.	4/15/15 <b>PASS HEALTH(17-0)</b> 4/8/15 Re-ref to HEALTH 3/2/15 Ref to HEALTH			

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AB-290	Major	Bigelow (A)	<b>Game mammals: wild pig depredation --</b> Would define "pigs", prohibit release into uncontrolled areas, eliminates DFW required management plan, requires 25-40% of funds from sale of wild pig validations be used to remedy damage by pigs, replaces wild pig tag with a validation on the hunting license which permits unlimited take and possession, set price of pig validation at \$15 for residents and \$30 for nonresidents, prohibit take at night unless the department is notified by 3:00 p.m. prior to the planned take or, if the daylight hours before the planned take are not on a business day, by 3:00 p.m. of the last business day before the planned take and the person taking the wild pig possesses a valid hunting license.	Amend Sections 714, 3953, 4181, 4181.1, 4188, 4650, 4654, and 13005 of, to repeal Sections 4181.2, 4656, and 4657 of, and to repeal and add Sections 4651, 4652, 4653, and 4655 of the Fish and Game Code	4/06/15- Re-ref WPW 3/26/15- Amend. 2nd read. 03/26/15 Ref WPW.			

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AB-298	None	Gonzalez (A)	<b>Fish and wildlife: violations--</b> Would make a violation of a specified regulation relating to marine protected areas, marine managed areas, and special closures an infraction or a misdemeanor, except if the person who violates the regulation holds a commercial fishing license or a commercial passenger fishing boat license, or the violation of the regulation occurred within 2 years of a prior violation of the regulation that resulted in a conviction.	Amend Section 12000 of the Fish and Game Code	6/26/15 <b>Enrolled. Presented to Gov.</b> 6/22/15 Senate amendments concurred in. <b>To Engrossing and Enrolling. (76-1)</b> 6/18/15 Amendments pending. 6/18/15 3rd read. Passed. To Assembly. 6/11/15 2nd read. To Consent. 6/10/15 Pass as amended <b>(9-0.)</b> 5/07/15 Ref to NRW 4/20/15 Senate, 1st read, to RLS 4/20/15 3rd read, <b>PASS (80-0).</b> 4/15/15 2nd read, to Consent 4/14/15 <b>PASS (15-0)</b> 2/23/2015 - Ref to WPW	4/14/2015		6/30/15 Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 31, Statutes of 2015.  6/30/15 Approved by Gov'r.

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AB-353	None	Lackey (A)	<b>Protected species: take: Bouquet Canyon: habitat restoration project.</b> -- Permit DFW to authorize, under the California Endangered Species Act, the take of the unarmored threespine stickleback resulting from impacts attributable to the habitat restoration project to restore and improve riparian habitat on public lands in the Bouquet Canyon area, and projects to restore the flow capacity to Bouquet Creek in Bouquet Canyon on public lands, as specified, if certain conditions are satisfied.	Amend Section 5515 and add Section 2081.6 of the Fish and Game Code	07/16/15 2nd read. Amended. Re-ref APPR. 07/15/15 <b>PASS NRW (9-0)</b> 5/28/15 Ref ro NRW 5/14/15 In Senate: 1st Read. To RLS 5/14/15 3rd read. <b>PASS ASM.</b> 5/07/15 2nd read. To Consent. 5/06/15 <b>PASS APPR (17-0).</b> To Consent. 4/28/15 <b>PASS WPW (15-0).</b> Ref APPR 3/26/15 Ref WPW	4/28/2015		
AB-395	Major	Gallagher (A)	<b>Hunting: nonlead ammunition</b> -- Would repeal the latter restriction against the use of nonlead ammunition for the taking of all wildlife and related provisions.	Amend Section 3004.5 of the Fish and Game Code	4/20/15 <b>CANCELLED BY AUTHOR</b> 3/5/2015 - Ref to WPW	3/21/2015		

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AB-410	Minor	Obernolte (A)	<b>Administrative procedures</b> -- Would require all agencies to post on its web site any report required by law to submit to a committee of the Legislature. "Report" includes a study or audit, budget change proposal that has been approved by the Department of Finance and submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, the Assembly Committee on Budget, or the Senate	Add Section 9796 to the Government Code	7/14/15 2nd read in APPR. To Consent. 6/29/15 <b>Pass GO (12-0).</b> 5/22/15 - In Senate. First read 5/22/15 - 3rd read. <b>PASS ASM. (74-0.)</b> 5/13/15 - <b>Pass to Consent. (17-0)</b> 4/29/15 - <b>PASS AAR (9-0)</b> 03/26/15 Ref AAR			

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AB-435	Major	Chang (A) Anderson (S)	<b>California Environmental Protection Agency: Natural Resources Agency: Web casts of public meetings and workshops</b> -- This bill would require that each department, board, and commission of the Natural Resources Agency and each department, board, and office of the California Environmental Protection Agency Web cast all onsite public meetings, in a manner that enables listeners and viewers to ask questions and provide public comment by telephone or email commensurate with those attending the meeting. The bill would require the agencies to make the recording of a webcast available for no less than 3 years.	Add Sections 12805.4 and 12812.4 to the Government Code	6/25/15 Amended. Re-ref to EQ. 6/24/15 <b>PASS (9-0)</b> Re-refer to EQ 6/11/15 Ref to NRW and EQ 6/02/15 3rd read. <b>Pass ASM.</b> To Sen. 5/28/15 2nd read and amended. 5/28/15 <b>PASS as amended. (17-0)</b> 3/23/2015 <b>PASS AAR (9-0)</b> 3/2/2015 Ref to AAR	3/25/2015		

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AB-498	None	Levine (A)	<b>Wildlife conservation: wildlife corridors</b> -- Would declare that it is the policy of the state to encourage wherever feasible and practicable voluntary steps to protect the functioning of wildlife corridors through various means, as applicable. Would provide that a project applicant may receive advance mitigation credits for investing in a mitigation that protects habitat connectivity for affected fish and wildlife resources.	Amend Sections 1797.5, 1930, and 1930.5 of the Fish and Game Code,	7/16/15 Amend, 2nd read. Ref to APPR. 7/15/15 <b>PASS NRW (8-1)</b> 6/11/15 Ref to NRW 5/28/15 In Senate. RLS. for assignment. 5/28/15 3rd read. <b>PASS ASM (52-24)</b> 5/22/15 3rd read and amended. 5/06/15 <b>PASS APPR (12-5)</b> 4/14/15 Re-ref to APPR. 4/14/15 <b>PASS WPW (8-5)</b> 3/5/15 Ref to WPW			
AB-499	Major	Cooley (A)	<b>Archery season: concealed firearms</b> -- Would authorize a person with a valid license to carry a firearm capable of being concealed on the person, consistent with the terms of that license, while engaged in the taking of deer with bow and arrow as long as he or she does not take or attempt to take deer with the firearm.	Amend Section 4370 of the Fish and Game Code	5/14/15 Ref to NRW 5/4/15 In Senae, to RLS for assignment. 5/4/15 3rd read. <b>PASS ASM (78-2)</b> 4/29/15 2nd read. To consent. 4/28/15 <b>PASS WPR (15-0)</b> 3/5/2015 - Ref to WPW	3/26/2015		

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AB-559	None	Lopez (A)	<b>Monarch butterflies: conservation</b> -- Would authorize the department to take actions to conserve monarch butterflies and the unique habitats they depend upon for successful migration.	Add Section 1021 to the Fish and Game Code	7/06/15 <b>Pass APPR (5-2)</b> 6/24/15 <b>Pass NRW (7-2)</b> Re-refer APPR. 6/16/15 2nd read, amended. 5/14/15 In Senate; Ref to NRW 4/30/15 3rd read. <b>PASS ASM.</b> 4/23/15 2nd read. 4/22/15 <b>PASS APPR (12-4)</b>			

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AB-665	None	Frazier (A)	<b>Hunting or fishing: local regulation</b> -- Provides that unless authorized by the Fish and Game Code or other state or federal law, the commission and the department are the only entities that may adopt or promulgate regulations regarding the taking or possession of fish and game on any lands or waters within the state. Requires the commission to consider populations, habitat, food supplies, the welfare of individual animals, public health and safety, and other pertinent facts and testimony when adopting certain regulations relating to the taking or possession of fish, amphibians, and reptiles. Makes the intentional discharge of a firearm or release of an arrow or crossbow bolt over or across a public road or other established way open to the public in an unsafe and reckless manner an	Amend Sections 200, 203.1, 12000, and add Sections 200.5 and 200.6 to, the Fish and Game Code	6/29/15 Amended. Re-ref to APPR 6/25/15 <b>Pass NRW (7-0)</b> . Re-refer APPR. 5/14/15 Ref to NRW 4/30/15 Senate -- To RLS. for assignment. 4/30/15 <b>3rd read. PASS ASM (77-3)</b> . 4/23/15 2nd read, to Consent 4/22/15 PASS APPR (17-0) 4/14/15 Re-ref to APPR 4/14/15 PASS WPW (15-0) 3/9/2015- Ref to WPW			

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AB-731	None	Gallagher (A)	<b>Maintenance of the codes.</b> -- This bill would make nonsubstantive changes in various provisions of law.	Amend Sections 1652, 1653, 1654, 1745.2, 12002, of the Fish and Game Code	07/15/15 <b>PASS JUD (7-0)</b> 7/02/15 2nd read. Amend. Re-ref to JUD. 7/02/15 Amended. Re-ref to JUD 5/07/15 Ref to JUD. 4/13/15 In Senate, Ref to RLS 4/13/15 3rd read, <b>PASS ASM</b> 4/8/15 2nd read; To consent 4/7/15 <b>PASS (10-0)</b> 3/23/2015- Ref to JUD			
AB-797	Minor	Steinorth (A)	<b>Regulations: effective dates and legislative review</b> -- Would require the agency submit to the appropriate policy committee of each house of the Legislature for review a copy of each <i>major</i> regulation that it submits to the Secretary of State, and specifies that a regulation would not become effective if the Legislature passes an overriding statute.	Amend Sections 11343.4 and 11349.3 of the Government Code	5/14/15 Ref to GO 4/30/15 Senate -- To RLS. for assignment. <b>4/30/15 3rd read. PASS ASM (77-3).</b> 4/23/15 2nd read, to Consent 4/22/15 Consent, PASS APPR (17-0) 4/15/15 Re-ref to APPR 4/15/15 PASS AAR (9-0) 3/12/15 Ref to AAR	4/15/2015		

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AB-820	None.	Stone (A)	<b>Fish and shellfish: labeling and identification</b> -- Would prohibit sale or offer for sale any fresh, frozen, or processed fish or shellfish intended for human consumption without clearly identifying at the point of sale whether the fish or shellfish was wild caught or farm raised, and other provisions. This bill would prohibit Pacific red snapper or butterfish from being used as an alternate name for rockfish or sablefish.	Add Section 8379 to the Fish and Game Code, and to add Sections 110796 and 114092 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to fish and shellfish.	4/23/15 Re-ref to AGRI 4/22/15 Amend, 2nd read 4/06/15 Re-ref AGRI. 3/26/15 Amend, 2nd read 3/26/15 Ref AGRI.	4/29/2015		

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AB 1201	Minor	Salas (A)	<b>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: predation by nonnative species</b> -- Would require the Department, by June 30, 2016, to develop and initiate a science-based approach that addresses predation by nonnative species upon species of fish listed pursuant to the act that reside all or a portion of their lives in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and that considers predation reduction for all Chinook salmon and other native species not listed pursuant to the act.	Ass Section 6940 to Fish and Game Code	07/16/15 2nd read. Amended. To APPR. 07/15/15 <b>PASS NRW (9-0)</b> . 7/7/15 2nd read. Amended. Re-ref to NRW 6/18/15 Ref to NRW 6/04/15 In Senate. 1st read. To RLS 6/04/15 3rd read. <b>Passed ASM. (74-1)</b> 6/03/15 2nd read. To 3rd reading. 4/28/15 <b>PASS WPW (15-0)</b> . Reref APPR. 4/06/15 Re-ref to WPW 3/26/15 Ref WPW	4/28/2015		

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AB-1259	None	Levine (A)	<b>Relating to bees, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately</b> - Would authorize Department to authorize the temporary placement of bee hives on department-managed wildlife areas through simple agreements specifying appropriate conditions. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.	Amend Section 1745.2 of the Fish and Game Code	6/30/15 <b>Pass AGRI (3-0)</b> . To APPR. 5/28/15 Ref to AGRI 5/14/15 1st read. To RLS for assignment 5/14/15 3rd read. Urgency. <b>PASS ASM.</b> 5/7/15 2nd read. To Consent. 5/6/15 <b>PASS APPR (17-0)</b> 4/30/15 Re-ref APPR. 4/29/15 2nd read. 4/28/15 Re-ref to APPR to Consent 4/28/15 <b>Amend, Pass (15-0)</b>			
AB-1281	Major	Wilk (A)	<b>Regulations: legislative review</b> -- Whenever 25% of the Members of the Assembly or Senate transmit to the Governor their written declaration of opposition to a proposed regulation, would require a majority vote of the Assembly and Senate to adopt that regulation.	Add Section 11346.01 to the Government Code	4/9/2015 - Hearing cancelled by Author 3/23/2015- Ref to AAR and RLS			

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AB-1325	None	Salas (A)	<b>Delta smelt</b> -- Would enact the Delta Smelt Preservation and Restoration Act of 2016 and require the department to develop a Delta smelt hatchery program to preserve and restore the Delta smelt. The bill would require the department to enter into mitigation banking agreements with banking partners for the purpose of providing take authorizations to banking partners and to obtain funding from banking agreements.	Add Chapter 7.1 (commencing with Section 1710) to Division 2 of the Fish and Game Code	3/23/2015- Ref to WPW			

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AB-1398	??	Wilk (A) Berryhill (S)	<b>Environmental quality: the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act</b> -- Would enact the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act and would specify the environmental review required pursuant to CEQA for projects related to specified environmental topical areas. The bill would provide that the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act only applies if the lead agency or project applicant has agreed to provide to the public in a readily accessible electronic format an annual compliance report prepared pursuant to the mitigation monitoring and reporting program.	Add Division 13.6 (commencing with Section 21200) to the Public Resources Code	6/08/15 From committee: Without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a). <b>4/27/15 Failed passage.</b> 3/23/2015- Ref to WPW			
AB-1427	None	Lackey (A)	<b>Fish and Game Commission: hearings</b>  Would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.	Amend Section 309 of the Fish and Game Code	Pending referral			

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AB-1498	None	Thurmond (A)	<b>Renewable energy resources: comprehensive planning and environmental compliance services</b>	Amend Section 705 of the Fish and Game Code	Pending referral			
			This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in those provisions.					
AB-1527	Minor	Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife (A)	<b>Fish and wildlife</b> - Would apply provisions of code to parts of an animal, reptiles, and amphibians. By applying certain provisions relative to the take and possession of certain animals to include both reptiles and amphibians, the violation of which would be a crime.	Amend various Sections, and to add Sections 80 and 89.5 to the Fish and Game Code	07/09/15 To Engrossing and Enrolling. 07/09/15 3rd read. <b>PASS SEN.</b> To ASM 6/24/15 <b>PASS NRW (9-0).</b> 5/14/15 1st read. 5/14/15 3rd read. <b>Pass (78-0).</b> To Senate 5/07/15 2nd read. 5/06/15 <b>Pass. APPR (17-0).</b> Consent. 4/28/15- <b>PASS WPW (15-0)</b>	4/28/2015		

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AB-1528	None	Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife (A)	<b>Public resources</b> - This bill would make lace lichen ( <i>Ramalina menziesii</i> ) the official state lichen.	Add Section 424.6 to the Government Code, and to amend Sections 5003.6, 5008, 5008.5, 5071.7, 6232, 6311, 30411, and 30419 of, and to repeal Section 5044 of, the Public Resources Code	7/15/15 <b>Chaptered</b> 7/15/15 Approved by the Governor. 7/9/15 Enrolled. Presented to Gov at 2 p.m. 6/29/15 To Engrossing and Enrolling. 6/29/15 3rd read. <b>PASS SEN.</b> To Asm. 6/24/15 <b>Pass NRW (7-2)</b> 4/30/15 3rd read. <b>PASSED.</b> To Senate. 4/28/15 <b>PASS WPW (14-0)</b>	4/28/2015		7/15/2015- Approved by Gov
AJR-4	None	Dodd (A)	<b>Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument</b> -- Measure would urge the President of the United States and the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior to designate the area known as the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.		4/9/15 <b>Chaptered</b> 4/9/15 Enrolled 4/6/15 In Assembly 3/24/15 3rd reading <b>PASS (7-2)</b> 2/17/15- To Senate 2/17/15- <b>PASS (54-20)</b> 2/12/15- <b>PASS WPW (10-4)</b>			

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SB-17	None	Monning (S)	<b>California Sea Otter Fund</b> -- Would extend the operation of the fund to January 1, 2021	Amend Section 18754.3 of the Revenue and Taxation Code	07/16/15 In Senate. To engrossing and enrolling. 07/16/15 3rd read. <b>PASS ASM.</b> To Sen. 07/09/15 2nd read. To consent. 7/8/15 <b>PASS APPR (14-0)</b> 6/24/15 <b>PASS (9-0)</b> . Re-refer to APPR. 5/14/15 Ref REV&TAX. 4/26/15 To Assembly 4/23/15 3rd read, <b>PASS SEN (35-2)</b> 4/21/15 2nd read 4/20/15 <b>PASS APPR (6-1)</b> 4/8/15 Re-refer APPR 4/8/15 <b>PASS GOVF (7-0)</b> 1/15/2015- Ref to GOVF	4/20/2015		

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SB-29	None	Beall (S)	<b>Peace officer training: mental health</b> -- Would require Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to require field training officers who are instructors for the field training program to have 8 hours of crisis intervention training related to behavioral health. Also requires POST to require 4-hours of training relating to interactions with persons with mental illness or intellectual disability.	Add Sections 13515.28 and 13515.29 to the Penal Code	7/14/15 <b>PASS PUBS (7-0)</b> . To APPR. 7/8/15 2nd read. Amended. . 6/4/15 In Assembly. 1st read 6/3/15 3rd read. <b>PASS SEN. (40-0)</b> 6/2/15 2nd read. 6/1/15 <b>Pass APPR (7-0)</b> 4/15/15 Re-ref to APPR, 2nd read 4/14/15 <b>PASS PUBS (7-0)</b> 3/5/2015- Re-ref to PUBS	4/7/2015		
SB-122	Minor	Jackson (S) Hill (S)	<b>California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings</b> -- Would require the lead agency, at the request of a project applicant and consent of the lead agency, to prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with the preparation of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, EIR, or other environmental document for projects.	Amend Sections 21082.1, 21091, 21159.9, and 21167.6 of, and to add Section 21167.6.2 to, the Public Resources Code	6/30/15 <b>PASS NR (7-1)</b> . Re-ref to APPR. 6/11/15 Ref to NR 6/04/15 In Assembly. 1st read. 6/04/15 3rd read. <b>PASS SEN (24-15)</b> 6/02/15 2nd read. Amended. To 3rd read 6/01/15 <b>Pass as amended. (5-0)</b> 5/28/15 <b>PASS APPR (5-2)</b> 4/20/15 2nd read, re-ref to APPR 4/16/15 <b>PASS EQ (5-1)</b> 3/26/15- Amend., 2nd read 2/5/15- Ref to EQ	4/15/2015		

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SB-165	None	Monning (S)	<b>Production or cultivation of a controlled substance: civil penalties</b> -- Would impose various additional civil penalties for violations of specified provisions of the Penal Code and the Public Resources Code, in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance.	Amend Section 12025 of the Fish and Game Code	07/16/15 Ordered to engrossing + enrolling. 07/16/15 3rd read. <b>PASS ASM.</b> To Sen. 07/09/15 2nd read. To consent. 7/8/15 <b>Pass APPR (14-0).</b> To consent 6/30/15 <b>Pass WPW (15-0).</b> To APPR consent. 6/16/15 Re-ref to WPW, to consent. 6/16/15 <b>Pass PUBS (7- 0.)</b> 5/28/15 Ref PUBS and WPW 4/30/15 1st read. At Desk. 4/30/15 3rd read. <b>PASS (36-0)</b> 4/27/15 To 2nd reading, Senate Rule 28.8. 4/14/15 2nd read, Re-ref to APPR 4/13/15 <b>PASS (7-0)</b> 2/19/2015- Ref to PUBS	4/7/2015		
SB-166	None	Gaines (S)	<b>California Environmental Quality Act</b>  This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.	Amend Section 21000 of the Public Resources Code	2/19/2015- Ref to RLS			

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SB-201	??	Wieckowski (S)	<b>California Public Records Act-</b> - Would require a court, in an action by a third party to enjoin disclosure of a public record or declaratory relief concerning a request to inspect a public record, to apply the provisions of the California Public Records Act as if the action had been initiated by a person requesting disclosure of a public record. The bill would also require the third party seeking an injunction or declaratory relief to provide notice to the person whose request prompted the action at the same time the defendant public agency in the action is served.	Add Section 6254.50 to the Government Code	2/19/2015- Ref to JUD			

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SB-233	None	Hertzberg (S) Rendon (A)	<b>Marine resources and preservation.</b> -- Would require offshore oil applicants to apportion and transmit a portion of the cost savings to the department, the department to apportion those cost-savings fby prescribed schedule, requires State Lands Commission to serve as the lead agency for the environmental review under CEQA and take certain adverse impacts to air quality and greenhouse gas emissions into account.	Amend Sections 6603, 6604, 6610, 6611, 6612, 6613, 6614, 6615, 6616, and 6618 of the Fish and Game Code	07/16/15 2nd read. Re-ref to APPR. 07/15/15 <b>PASS WPW (12-0)</b> To APPR 6/15/15 Ref to WPW 6/04/15 In Assembly. 1st read. 6/03/15 3rd read. <b>PASS SEN (37-2)</b> 6/02/15 2nd read. 6/01/15 Pass as amended. (7-0) 4/26/15 <b>PASS NRW (6-1)</b> 2/26/2015- Ref to NRW	4/28/2015		
SB-234	None	Wolk (S) , Nielsen (S)	<b>Wildlife management areas: payments</b> -- Would appropriate \$19,000,000 from the General Fund to the department to make payments to counties for unpaid amounts under these provisions.	Appropriations	2/26/2015- Ref to NRW	3/24/2015		

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SB-345	Major	Berryhill (S) Bigelow (A)	<b>The Sport Fishing Stimulus Act of 2015</b> -- Would authorize a charitable organization or nonprofit organization to possess fish taken under a sport fishing license in excess of a possession limit if the charitable organization or nonprofit organization was given the fish by a donor intermediary, and requires the commission to recommend legislation or adopt regulations to clarify when a possession limit is not violated by processing into food lawfully taken sport fish, also makes changes to junior sport fishing license age requirements and sport fishing license fees.	Amend Section 7120; amend, repeal, and add Sections 7149, 7149.05, and 7233; and, add Sections 7122 and 7233 to the Fish and Game Code	6/15/15 Ref to WPW 6/04/15 In Asm: 1st read. Held at Desk. 6/04/15 3rd read. <b>PASS SEN (39-0)</b> 6/02/15 2nd read. Amended. To 3rd read. 6/01/15 <b>Pass APPR (5-0)</b> 5/05/15 2nd read. Re-ref to APPR 5/04/15 <b>Pass NRW (8-0)</b> 4/16/15 Re-ref to NRW 4/06/15 2nd read. Re-ref to RLS.	5/18/2015		

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SB-414	Minor	Jackson (S)	<b>Oil Spill Response</b> -- This bill would require the administrator, in cooperation with the United States Coast Guard, to conduct an independent vessel traffic assessment for deep water ports that may inform an area rescue towing plan for the approaches to the ports and to establish a schedule of drills and exercises that are required under the federal Salvage and Marine Firefighting regulations. The bill would require the administrator to develop and implement regulations for oil spill response organizations to allow immediate reponse by contracted fishing vessels and fishing crews. The bill would require the administrator, on or before July 1, 2016, to submit to the Legislature a report assessing the best available technology and equipment for oil spill prevention and response..	8670.8.5, 8670.12, 8670.13, and 8670.67.5 of, and to add Sections 8670.11, 8670.12.1, 8670.13.3, 8670.31.5, and 8670.43 of the Government Code	7/16/15 <b>PASS GO (12-0.)</b> To AAR 7/02/15 2nd read. Amended. Re-ref to GO 7/01/15 <b>PASS NR (8-1)</b> 6/19/15 2nd read. Amended. Re-ref to NR 6/15/15 Re-ref to NR 6/08/15 Re-referred to RLS. 6/03/15 2nd read. Amended. Re-ref JUD 5/14/15 Ref JUD. 4/16/15 In Assembly. 1st Read. 4/16/15 <b>PASS SEN (35-2)</b> 4/16/15 Ordered to 3rd read 4/13/15 <b>PASS JUD (7-0)</b> 3/5/2015- Ref to JUD	4/7/2015		

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SB-457	Major	Nielsen (S)	<b>Bobcat Protection Act of 2013</b> -- Would provide that identifiable features may include roads instead of major roads and provide that landmarks and geographic positions established by navigation and surveying methods may be used to delineate the boundaries of an area described above in which bobcat trapping is prohibited.	Amend Section 4155 of the Fish and Game Code	4/6/15 Re-ref to NRW 4/6/15 Amend., 2nd read 3/5/15 Ref to NRW			
SB-637	None	Allen (S)	<b>Relating to dredging -</b> Requires Department to issue a permit if it determines the use does not cause any significant effects on fish and wildlife, authorizes the Department to adjust the fee to cover all reasonable costs, prohibits the Department from issuing a permit until the permit application is deemed complete, as prescribed.	Amend Section 5653 of the Fish and Game Code, and add Section 13172.5 to the Water Code	07/14/15 <b>Pass WPW (10-4)</b> To APPR. 7/7/15 2nd read, amended. 6/04/15 In Assembly. 1st read. 6/03/15 3rd read. <b>PASS SEN (22-15)</b> 6/02/15 2nd read. 6/01/15 <b>Pass APPR (5-2)</b> as amended 5/05/15 2nd read 4/29/15 <b>PASS EQ (5-2)</b> 04/22/15 2nd read. Re-ref to EQ 4/21/15 <b>PASS (6-0).</b>			

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SB-718	None	Leno (S) Dodd (A)	<b>Hazardous Materials Response and Restoration Subaccount.</b> -- Would authorize up to \$500,000 from the Oil Spill Response Trust Fund to the Hazardous Materials Response and Restoration Subaccount to reimburse organizations providing wildlife rescue and rehabilitation services for expenses incurred by rescue and rehabilitation. The bill would prohibit the administrator from making a loan if the total amount made from the loan has not been repaid exceeds	Add Section 8670.48.4 to the Government Code	5/11/15 Amended. 2nd read. Ref to APPR 5/06/15 2nd read. Re-ref to APPR. 5/05/15 <b>Pass EQ (6-1)</b> 4/14/15 <b>PASS NRW (6-2)</b> 3/19/15 Ref NRW	5/18/2015 4/14/2015		

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SB 798	???	Committee on Natural Resources and Water (S)	<b>Water Natural resources</b> -- Would clarify that specified laws relating to administrative regulations and rulemaking do not apply to the sportfishing federal conforming action, make additional conforming changes, and delete other requirements,	Amend Sections 205.1, 714, 1050.8, 1053.5, 1055.1, 1056, 1059, 1764, 3050, 7149.2, 7149.3, 7150, 7860, 12002.2.1, 12153, and 13005 of, and to repeal Sections 1053, 1055, 1055.4, 1055.5, 1060, 1070, 3682, 3700, 6596, 7149, 7149.4, 7180, 7181, 7182, 7183, 7184, and 7186 of, the Fish and Game Code, et al.	7/8/15 2nd read. Re-ref to APPR. 7/2/15 <b>PASS WPW (15-0)</b> 6/18/15 Ref to WPW 5/22/15 In Assembly. First read. At Desk. 5/22/15 3rd read. <b>PASS SEN (38-0.)</b> 5/06/15 2nd read. Re-ref APPR. 5/05/15 <b>PASS NR (8-0).</b> To consent. 03/25/15 Ref to NR	4/28/2015		

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SB-805	Major	Committee on Natural Resources and Water (S)	<b>Natrual Resources --</b> Would clarify that laws relating to administrative regulations and rulemaking do not apply to sport fishing conformance tp federal regualtions, among other provisions.	Amend Sections 205.1, 714, 1050.8, 1053.5, 1055.1, 1056, 1059, 1764, 3050, 7149.2, 7149.3, 7150, 7860, 12002.2.1, 12153, and 13005 of, and to repeal Sections 1053, 1055, 1055.4, 1055.5, 1060, 1070, 3682, 3700, 6596, 7149, 7149.4, 7181, 7182, 7183, 7184, and 7186 of, the Fish and Game Code, to amend Section 113 of the Government Code, to amend Sections 741, 8301, and 30315 of, and to repeal Section 30310.5 of, the Public Resources Code	Pending referral			

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SJR-3	None	McGuire (S)	<b>Smith River watershed protection</b> -- Would urge the President of the United States and Congress to permanently safeguard the currently unprotected North Fork of the Smith River watershed in Oregon from any mining activities that would have the potential impacts on water supplies, economies, or the environment in California's portion of the Smith River watershed.		7/06/15 Enrolled; filed w Secretary of State 7/02/15 PASS ASM (25-12) 6/29/15 Concurrence in Assembly 6/23/15 PASS NR (5-1) 6/11/15 Ref to NR. 4/09/15 In Asm: Held at Desk. 4/09/15 PASS SEN (25-12) 4/07/15 2nd read . 3/24/15- PASS NRW (7-2) 2/5/2015- Ref to NRW	3/24/2015		7/06/15 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Res. Chapter 93, Statutes of 2015.



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## [AB 12](#)

**(Cooley D) State government: administrative regulations: review.**

**Introduced:** 12/1/2014

**Last Amend:** 4/22/2015

**Status:** 7/14/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (July 14). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 7/14/2015-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Current law authorizes various state entities to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations for various specified purposes. The Administrative Procedure Act requires the Office of Administrative Law and a state agency proposing to adopt, amend, or repeal a regulation to review the proposed changes for, among other things, consistency with existing state regulations. This bill would, until January 1, 2019, require each state agency to, on or before January 1, 2018, review that agency's regulations, identify any regulations that are duplicative, overlapping, inconsistent, or out of date, to revise those identified regulations, as provided, and report to the Legislature and Governor, as specified.

## [AB 56](#)

**(Quirk D) Unmanned aircraft systems.**

**Introduced:** 12/2/2014

**Last Amend:** 7/16/2015

**Status:** 7/16/2015-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 7/16/2015-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Would generally prohibit law enforcement agencies from using unmanned aircraft systems, obtaining an unmanned aircraft system from another public agency by contract, loan, or other arrangement, or using information obtained from an unmanned aircraft system used by another public agency, except as provided by the bill's provisions. The bill would authorize a law enforcement agency to use an unmanned aircraft system if the law enforcement agency complies with specified requirements. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

## [AB 78](#)

**(Mathis R) Groundwater basins.**

**Introduced:** 1/5/2015

**Status:** 5/15/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 1/5/2015)

**Location:** 5/15/2015-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to categorize each basin or subbasin as high-, medium-, low-, or very low priority and to establish ground water the initial priority for each basin no later than January 31, 2015. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

## [AB 92](#)

**(Committee on Budget) Water.**

**Introduced:** 1/7/2015

**Last Amend:** 3/24/2015

**Status:** 3/27/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 2

**Location:** 3/27/2015-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Current law requires any new diversion of water from any stream having populations of salmon and steelhead that is determined by the Department of Fish and Wildlife to be deleterious to salmon and steelhead to be screened by the owner of the diversion. This bill would require the department, within 30 days of providing written notice to the owner that the department has determined that the diversion is deleterious to salmon and steelhead, to submit to the owner its proposals as to measures necessary to protect the salmon and steelhead.

**[AB 96](#) (Atkins D) Animal parts and products: importation or sale of ivory and rhinoceros horn.**

**Introduced:** 1/7/2015

**Last Amend:** 6/17/2015

**Status:** 7/6/2015-In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.

**Location:** 7/6/2015-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:** Current law makes it a crime to import into the state for commercial purposes, to possess with intent to sell, or to sell within the state, the dead body, or any part or product thereof, of an elephant. Current law exempts the possession with intent to sell, or sale of the dead body, or any part or product thereof, of any elephant before June 1, 1977, or the possession with intent to sell or the sale of any such item on or after June 1, 1977, if the item was imported before January 1, 1977. This bill would delete this exemption.

**[AB 102](#) (Rodriguez D) Railroad and surface transportation safety and emergency planning and response: hazardous materials.**

**Introduced:** 1/8/2015

**Last Amend:** 3/26/2015

**Status:** 5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was E.S. & T.M. on 4/28/2015)

**Location:** 5/1/2015-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would create the Regional Railroad and Surface Transportation Accident Preparedness and Immediate Response Force in the Office of Emergency Services, consisting of specified representatives, and would designate this force as being responsible for providing regional and onsite response capabilities in the event of a release of hazardous materials from a rail car or a railroad accident involving a rail car or a hazardous materials release from a truck accident. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**[AB 110](#) (Committee on Budget) Public Resources.**

**Introduced:** 1/9/2015

**Last Amend:** 6/16/2015

**Status:** 6/18/2015-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 10. Noes 5.) (June 18). Senate Rule 29 suspended. (Ayes 22. Noes 13. Page 1486.) Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 6/18/2015-S. THIRD READING

**Summary:** Current law regulates real property acquired and operated by the state as wildlife management areas, and requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife, when income is directly derived from that real property, as provided, to annually pay to the county in which the property is located an amount equal to the county taxes levied upon the property at the time it was transferred to the state. Current law further requires the department to pay the assessments levied upon the property by any irrigation, drainage, or reclamation district, and requires all of those payments to be made from funds available to the department. This bill would authorize, instead of require, the department to make these payments and only from funds appropriated to the department for those purposes.

[AB 115](#)

**(Committee on Budget) Water.**

**Introduced:** 1/9/2015

**Last Amend:** 6/18/2015

**Status:** 6/18/2015-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 10. Noes 5.) (June 18). Senate Rule 29 suspended. (Ayes 22. Noes 13. Page 1486.) Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 6/18/2015-S. THIRD READING

**Summary:** Would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to order consolidation with a receiving water system where a public water system, or a state small water system within a disadvantaged community, consistently fails to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water. This bill would authorize the state board to order the extension of service to an area that does not have access to an adequate supply of safe drinking water so long as the extension of service is an interim extension of service in preparation for consolidation.

[AB 142](#)

**(Bigelow R) Wild and scenic rivers: Mokelumne River.**

**Introduced:** 1/12/2015

**Last Amend:** 7/16/2015

**Status:** 7/16/2015-From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (July 14). Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 7/16/2015-S. APPR.

**Summary:** The California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act provides for a system of classification of those rivers or segments of rivers in the state that are designated as wild, scenic, or recreational rivers, for purposes of preserving the highest and most beneficial use of those rivers. This bill would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, in a report analyzing the suitability or unsuitability of a proposed designation of the Mokelumne River, its tributaries, or portions thereof as additions to the system, to consider the potential effects of the proposed designation on future water requirements, as specified, and the effects of climate change on river values and current and projected water supplies, and to consider other factors.

[AB 243](#)

**(Wood D) Medical marijuana cultivation.**

**Introduced:** 2/5/2015

**Last Amend:** 7/2/2015

**Status:** 7/16/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 0.) (July 15). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 7/16/2015-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Would establish the Division of Medical Cannabis Cultivation in the Department of Food and Agriculture. The bill would authorize a county, city, or city and county to issue or deny a conditional permit to cultivate medical marijuana and would require an applicant to obtain both a conditional permit from the county, city, or city and county and a state medical marijuana cultivation license from the division prior to cultivation occurring. By increasing the duties of local officials relative to issuing a conditional permit to cultivate medical marijuana, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 266](#)

**(Bonta D) Medical cannabis.**

**Introduced:** 2/10/2015

**Last Amend:** 7/13/2015

**Status:** 7/16/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 1.) (July 15). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 7/16/2015-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Would enact the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Control Act and would establish within the office of the Governor, the Governor's Office of Medical Cannabis Regulation to coordinate and provide oversight of the licensing and regulation of various commercial cannabis activities, as defined. The bill would establish the Division of Medical Cannabis Regulation within the State Board of

Equalization, for the licensure and regulation of medical cannabis dispensaries and transporters.

**[AB 290](#) ([Bigelow R](#)) Game mammals: wild pig depredation.**

**Introduced:** 2/11/2015

**Last Amend:** 3/26/2015

**Status:** 5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was W.,P. & W. on 4/6/2015)

**Location:** 5/1/2015-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Current law defines the term "wild pig" for purposes of managing, taking, or hunting that species. The bill would also define "pigs" and prohibit the release of pigs into uncontrolled areas. The bill would provide that an area shall be deemed controlled if the pigs are regularly cared for and enclosed by a lawful fence, as defined. The bill would provide that an owner of a pig that escapes from a controlled area who has complied with this provision is not deemed to be in violation of any law that prohibits the release of any animal.

**[AB 298](#) ([Gonzalez D](#)) Fish and wildlife: violations.**

**Introduced:** 2/12/2015

**Last Amend:** 6/11/2015

**Status:** 6/30/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 31

**Location:** 6/30/2015-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Would make a violation of a specified regulation relating to marine protected areas, marine managed areas, and special closures an infraction or a misdemeanor, except if (1) the person who violates the regulation holds a commercial fishing license or a commercial passenger fishing boat license or (2) the violation of the regulation occurred within 2 years of a prior violation of the regulation that resulted in a conviction.

**[AB 300](#) ([Alejo D](#)) Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2016.**

**Introduced:** 2/12/2015

**Last Amend:** 6/25/2015

**Status:** 7/16/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (July 15). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 7/16/2015-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Would enact the Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2016, which would require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish and coordinate the Algal Bloom Task Force, comprised of specified representatives of state agencies, including the conservancy, in consultation with the Secretary for Environmental Protection, and would prescribe the functions and duties of the task force.

**[AB 311](#) ([Gallagher R](#)) Environmental quality: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.**

**Introduced:** 2/12/2015

**Last Amend:** 4/15/2015

**Status:** 5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 4/28/2015)

**Location:** 5/1/2015-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would require a public agency, in certifying an environmental impact report and in granting approvals for specified water storage projects funded, in whole or in part, by Proposition 1, to comply with specified procedures. Because a public agency would be required to comply with those new procedures, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would authorize the public agency to concurrently prepare the record of proceedings for the project. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

- [AB 330](#)**     **(Chang R) State government.**  
**Introduced:** 2/13/2015  
**Status:** 5/15/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 2/13/2015)  
**Location:** 5/15/2015-A. 2 YEAR  
**Summary:** Current law authorizes the Governor, from time to time, to examine the organization of all agencies and to determine what changes are necessary to accomplish specified government goals, including, but not limited to, promotion of more effective management of the executive and administrative branch of state government. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.
- [AB 353](#)**     **(Lackey R) Protected species: take: Bouquet Canyon: habitat restoration project.**  
**Introduced:** 2/17/2015  
**Last Amend:** 7/16/2015  
**Status:** 7/16/2015-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
**Location:** 7/16/2015-S. APPR.  
**Summary:** Would permit the Department of Fish and Wildlife to authorize, under the California Endangered Species Act, the take of the unarmored threespine stickleback (*Gasterosteus aculeatus williamsoni*) resulting from impacts attributable to the habitat restoration project to restore, maintain, and improve riparian habitat on public lands in the Bouquet Canyon area, and projects to restore the flow capacity to Bouquet Creek in Bouquet Canyon on public lands, as specified, if certain conditions are satisfied. This bill contains other related provisions.
- [AB 367](#)**     **(Dodd D) Clear Lake.**  
**Introduced:** 2/17/2015  
**Last Amend:** 4/15/2015  
**Status:** 5/29/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. on 5/28/2015)  
**Location:** 5/29/2015-A. 2 YEAR  
**Summary:** Would appropriate \$2,400,000 from an unspecified fund to the County of Lake for the purposes of restoring Clear Lake wetlands, maintaining the water quality of Clear Lake, preventing the spread of invasive species to Clear Lake, and controlling and eradicating invasive species in Clear Lake. This bill contains other current laws.
- [AB 395](#)**     **(Gallagher R) Hunting: nonlead ammunition.**  
**Introduced:** 2/18/2015  
**Status:** 5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was W.,P. & W. on 3/5/2015)  
**Location:** 5/1/2015-A. 2 YEAR  
**Summary:** Current law requires, as soon as is practicable, but by no later than July 1, 2019, the use of nonlead ammunition for the taking of all wildlife, including game mammals, game birds, nongame birds, and nongame mammals, with any firearm, and requires the Fish and Game Commission to promulgate regulations by July 1, 2015, that phase in the requirements of these provisions. This bill would repeal the restriction against the use of nonlead ammunition for the taking of all wildlife and related provisions.
- [AB 410](#)**     **(Obernolte R) Reports submitted to legislative committees.**  
**Introduced:** 2/19/2015  
**Last Amend:** 4/27/2015  
**Status:** 7/16/2015-From Consent Calendar. Ordered to third reading.  
**Location:** 7/16/2015-S. THIRD READING  
**Summary:** Would require a state agency to post on its Internet Web site any report it is required by law to submit to a committee of the Legislature. The bill would specify that a "report" includes a study or

audit, or a budget change proposal that has been approved by the Department of Finance and submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, the Assembly Committee on Budget, or the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review.

[AB 411](#)

**(Lackey R) Public contracts.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2015

**Status:** 5/15/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 2/19/2015)

**Location:** 5/15/2015-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Current law generally requires the Department of General Services to approve state agency contracts for the acquisition of goods and services. Current law defines several terms relating to these contract acquisitions. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the provision of law setting forth these definitions.

[AB 435](#)

**(Chang R) California Environmental Protection Agency: Natural Resources Agency: Web casts of public meetings and workshops.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2015

**Last Amend:** 6/25/2015

**Status:** 7/15/2015-SEN. E.Q. Vote - Do pass as amended, and re-refer to the Committee on Appropriations.

**Location:** 7/15/2015-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Would require that each department, board, and commission of the Natural Resources Agency and each department, board, and office of the California Environmental Protection Agency Web cast all onsite public meetings, in a manner that enables listeners and viewers to ask questions and provide public comment by telephone or electronic communication commensurate with those attending the meeting. The bill would require the agencies to make the recording of a Web cast available online for no less than 3 years for subsequent viewing by interested members of the public.

[AB 498](#)

**(Levine D) Wildlife conservation: wildlife corridors.**

**Introduced:** 2/23/2015

**Last Amend:** 7/16/2015

**Status:** 7/16/2015-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 7/16/2015-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Would declare that it is the policy of the state to encourage, wherever feasible and practicable, voluntary steps to protect the functioning of wildlife corridors through various means, as applicable. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 499](#)

**(Cooley D) Archery season: concealed firearms.**

**Introduced:** 2/23/2015

**Status:** 7/17/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was N.R. & W. on 5/14/2015)

**Location:** 7/17/2015-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Current law generally prohibits a person taking or attempting to take deer during archery season from carrying, or having under his or her immediate control, a firearm of any kind, except for an active or honorably retired peace officer, as specified. This bill would authorize a person with a valid license to carry a firearm capable of being concealed on the person, consistent with the terms of that license, while engaged in the taking of deer with bow and arrow as long as he or she does not take or attempt to take deer with the firearm.

[AB 501](#)

**(Levine D) Resources: Delta research.**

**Introduced:** 2/23/2015

**Last Amend:** 4/22/2015

**Status:** 5/29/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 4/29/2015)

**Location:** 5/29/2015-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would require a person conducting Delta research, as defined, whose research is funded, in whole or in part, by the state, to take specified actions with regard to the sharing of the primary data, samples, physical collections, and other supporting materials created or gathered in the course of that research. The bill would make a researcher ineligible for state funding if the researcher does not substantially comply with these requirements within 6 months of completing the Delta research project, until the researcher complies with those requirements.

[AB 559](#)

**(Lopez D) Monarch butterflies: conservation.**

**Introduced:** 2/23/2015

**Last Amend:** 6/16/2015

**Status:** 7/7/2015-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 7/7/2015-S. THIRD READING

**Summary:** Would authorize the Department of Fish and Wildlife to take actions to conserve monarch butterflies and the unique habitats they depend upon for successful migration. The bill would authorize the department to partner with federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, academic programs, private landowners, and other entities that undertake actions to conserve monarch butterflies and aid their successful migration, including the Monarch Joint Venture.

[AB 665](#)

**(Frazier D) Hunting or fishing: local regulation.**

**Introduced:** 2/24/2015

**Last Amend:** 6/29/2015

**Status:** 7/7/2015-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

**Location:** 6/29/2015-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Under current law, a city or county has no authority to regulate fish and game except that a city or county may adopt an ordinance that incidentally affects fishing and hunting for the protection of public health and safety. This bill would provide that the state fully occupies the field of the taking and possession of fish and game. The bill would provide that unless otherwise authorized by the Fish and Game Code, other state law, or federal law, the Fish and Game Commission and the Department of Fish and Wildlife are the only entities that may adopt or promulgate regulations regarding the taking or possession of fish and game on any lands or waters within the state.

[AB 728](#)

**(Hadley R) State government: financial reporting.**

**Introduced:** 2/25/2015

**Last Amend:** 7/2/2015

**Status:** 7/13/2015-Senate amendments concurred in. To Engrossing and Enrolling. (Ayes 79. Noes 0. Page 2355.).

**Location:** 7/13/2015-A. ENROLLMENT

**Summary:** Current law requires state agency heads to, biennially, conduct an internal review and prepare a report on the adequacy of the agency's systems of internal accounting, administrative control, and monitoring practices. Copies of the reports are required to be submitted to the Legislature, the California State Auditor, the Controller, the Department of Finance, the Secretary of Government Operations, and to the State Library where the copy is required to be available for public inspection. This bill would also require the report to be posted on the agency's Internet Web site within 5 days of finalization.

[AB 794](#)

**(Linder R) Criminal acts against law enforcement animals.**

**Introduced:** 2/25/2015

**Last Amend:** 4/8/2015

**Status:** 7/6/2015-In Assembly. Ordered to Engrossing and Enrolling.

**Location:** 7/6/2015-A. ENROLLMENT

**Summary:** Would make specified criminal acts against law enforcement applicable when those acts are carried out against a horse or dog being used by, or under the supervision of, a volunteer who is acting under the direct supervision of a peace officer in the discharge or attempted discharge of his or her assigned volunteer duties. The bill would also require a defendant convicted of those acts to pay restitution for a horse or dog that is used by , or under the supervision of , a volunteer who is acting under the direct supervision of a peace officer, as specified.

[AB 815](#)

**(Ridley-Thomas D) Oil spill prevention and response fees: collection.**

**Introduced:** 2/26/2015

**Status:** 7/15/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 108, Statutes of 2015.

**Location:** 7/15/2015-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** The Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act prohibits the oil spill prevention and administration fee from being collected by a marine terminal operator or refinery operator or imposed on the owner of crude oil or petroleum products if the fee has been previously collected or paid on the crude oil or petroleum products at another marine terminal or refinery and, in that case, requires a marine terminal operator, refinery operator, or owner of crude oil or petroleum products to demonstrate that the fee has already been paid. This bill instead would authorize a marine terminal operator or a refinery operator receiving petroleum products derived from crude oil refined in the state to presume the fee has been previously collected.

[AB 820](#)

**(Stone, Mark D) Fish and shellfish: labeling and identification.**

**Introduced:** 2/26/2015

**Last Amend:** 4/22/2015

**Status:** 5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was AGRI. on 4/23/2015)

**Location:** 5/1/2015-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would provide that it is unlawful and constitutes misbranding to sell or offer for sale any fresh, frozen, or processed fish or shellfish intended for human consumption without clearly identifying at the point of sale whether the fish or shellfish was wild caught or farm raised. The bill would exempt a person who sells or offers for sale any fish or shellfish and acts in reasonable reliance on the fish or shellfish package labeling and product invoice from being found in violation of these requirements.

[AB 864](#)

**(Williams D) Oil spill response: environmentally and ecologically sensitive areas.**

**Introduced:** 2/26/2015

**Last Amend:** 7/2/2015

**Status:** 7/15/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 1.) (July 14). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 7/15/2015-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Would require the operators of pipelines in environmentally and ecologically sensitive areas of state waters or along the coasts of those areas to use the best achievable technologies to reduce the amount of oil released in an oil spill to protect the state waters and wildlife, and to include a description of the use of those technologies in their oil spill contingency plans.

[AB 956](#)

**(Mathis R) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption.**

**Introduced:** 2/26/2015

**Last Amend:** 4/13/2015

**Status:** 6/8/2015-From committee: Without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a).

**Location:** 5/1/2015-A. 2 YEAR

**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 project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. This bill would exempt from the requirements of CEQA activities undertaken by a local agency in response to a drought that are necessary for water recycling projects that provide water for drinking and sanitation to specific individuals and communities.

[AB 965](#)

**(Garcia, Eduardo D) California and Mexico border: water resources improvement.**

**Introduced:** 2/26/2015

**Last Amend:** 6/16/2015

**Status:** 7/15/2015-SEN. E.Q. Vote - Do pass as amended, and re-refer to the Committee on Appropriations.

**Location:** 7/15/2015-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Would add the Secretary of State and Consumer Services as a member of the California-Mexico Border Relations Council and provide that the Regional Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, may appoint a representative from his or her staff to serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the council. The bill would require the council to invite the participation of representatives of the State of Baja California and the Mexican government to participate in meetings.

[AB 1201](#)

**(Salas D) Fish and wildlife: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: predation by nonnative species.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Last Amend:** 7/16/2015

**Status:** 7/16/2015-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 7/16/2015-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife, by June 30, 2016, to develop a science-based approach that addresses predation by nonnative species upon species of fish listed pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act that reside all or a portion of their lives in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and that considers predation reduction for all Chinook salmon and other native species not listed pursuant to the act.

[AB 1242](#)

**(Gray D) Water quality: groundwater impacts.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Last Amend:** 7/16/2015

**Status:** 7/16/2015-From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (July 15). Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 7/16/2015-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Would require the State Water Resources Control Board, in formulating state policy for water quality control and adopting or approving a water quality control plan, to take into consideration, consistent with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, any applicable groundwater sustainability plan or alternative and available information and data regarding the impacts of groundwater use and management on beneficial uses of surface waters. This bill contains other existing laws.

**[AB 1244](#) (Gray D) Water rights: small irrigation use.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Status:** 5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was W.,P. & W. on 3/23/2015)

**Location:** 5/1/2015-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Current law authorizes any person to obtain a right to appropriate water for a small irrigation use upon registering the use with the State Water Resources Control Board and thereafter applying the water to reasonable and beneficial use with due diligence. This bill would require the board to adopt general conditions, in consultation with the Department of Food and Agriculture, the University of California Cooperative Extension, and others, including, but not limited to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, for small irrigation use, unless the board determines that sufficient funds are not available for that purpose.

**[AB 1251](#) (Gomez D) Greenway Development and Sustainment Act.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Last Amend:** 6/24/2015

**Status:** 7/13/2015-In committee: Referred to suspense file.

**Location:** 7/13/2015-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:** Would enact the Greenway Development and Sustainment Act and would apply to greenway easements certain creation and transfer provisions similar to those of conservation easements. The bill would define greenway as a pedestrian and bicycle, nonmotorized vehicle transportation, and recreational travel corridor that meets specified requirements. The bill would also include greenways in the definition of "open-space land" for local planning purposes. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**[AB 1259](#) (Levine D) Bees: apiculture: state-owned lands.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Last Amend:** 6/24/2015

**Status:** 7/13/2015-In committee: Referred to suspense file.

**Location:** 7/13/2015-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to consider permitting apiculture on department-managed wildlife areas. This bill would instead require the department to consider authorizing apiculture on department-managed wildlife areas. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**[AB 1281](#) (Wilk R) Regulations: legislative review.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Status:** 5/15/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was A. & A.R. on 3/23/2015)

**Location:** 5/15/2015-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** The Administrative Procedure Act governs the procedure for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of regulations by state agencies and for the review of those regulatory actions by the Office of Administrative Law. This bill, whenever 25% of the Members of the Assembly or Senate transmit to the Governor their written declaration of opposition to a proposed regulation, would require a majority vote of the Assembly and Senate to adopt that regulation.

- [AB 1312](#) **(O'Donnell D) Ballast water management.**  
**Introduced:** 2/27/2015  
**Last Amend:** 4/15/2015  
**Status:** 7/14/2015-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  
**Location:** 7/14/2015-S. THIRD READING  
**Summary:** Would define the term "port" for purposes of the Marine Invasive Species Act to mean any port or place in which a vessel was, is, or will be anchored or moored, or where a vessel will transfer cargo. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
- [AB 1325](#) **(Salas D) Delta smelt.**  
**Introduced:** 2/27/2015  
**Status:** 5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was W.,P. & W. on 3/23/2015)  
**Location:** 5/1/2015-A. 2 YEAR  
**Summary:** Would enact the Delta Smelt Preservation and Restoration Act of 2016. The act would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop a Delta smelt hatchery program to preserve and restore the Delta smelt. The bill would require the department to enter into mitigation banking agreements with banking partners for the purpose of providing take authorizations to banking partners and to obtain funding from banking agreements. This bill contains other related provisions.
- [AB 1398](#) **(Wilk R) Environmental quality: the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act.**  
**Introduced:** 2/27/2015  
**Status:** 6/8/2015-From committee: Without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a).  
**Location:** 5/1/2015-A. 2 YEAR  
**Summary:** Would enact the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act and would specify the environmental review required pursuant to CEQA for projects related to specified environmental topical areas. The bill would provide that the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act only applies if the lead agency or project applicant has agreed to provide to the public in a readily accessible electronic format an annual compliance report prepared pursuant to the mitigation monitoring and reporting program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
- [AB 1427](#) **(Lackey R) Fish and Game Commission: hearings.**  
**Introduced:** 2/27/2015  
**Status:** 5/15/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 2/27/2015)  
**Location:** 5/15/2015-A. 2 YEAR  
**Summary:** Current law authorizes the Fish and Game Commission, or any person appointed by the commission to conduct a hearing, to cause the deposition of witnesses, as prescribed, and to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents and papers, in accordance with certain requirements. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.
- [AB 1473](#) **(Salas D) California Environmental Quality Act.**  
**Introduced:** 2/27/2015  
**Status:** 5/15/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 2/27/2015)  
**Location:** 5/15/2015-A. 2 YEAR  
**Summary:** The California Environmental Quality Act requires a lead agency to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to a provision within the act.

- [AB 1498](#) **(Thurmond D) Renewable energy resources: comprehensive planning and environmental compliance services.**  
**Introduced:** 2/27/2015  
**Status:** 5/15/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 2/27/2015)  
**Location:** 5/15/2015-A. 2 YEAR  
**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish an internal division with the primary purpose of performing comprehensive planning and environmental compliance services with priority given to projects involving the building of eligible renewable energy resources, as defined. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in those provisions.
- [AB 1527](#) **(Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife) Fish and wildlife.**  
**Introduced:** 3/18/2015  
**Status:** 7/9/2015-In Assembly. Ordered to Engrossing and Enrolling.  
**Location:** 7/9/2015-A. ENROLLMENT  
**Summary:** Current law includes the Fish and Game Code and provides definitions that govern the construction of the code and all regulations adopted under the code unless the provision or the context otherwise requires. Current law requires the code to be administered and enforced through regulations adopted by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, except as otherwise specifically provided by the code, or where the code requires the Fish and Game Commission to adopt regulations. This bill would make various nonsubstantive, minor substantive, and organizational changes to the code.
- [AB 1528](#) **(Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife) Public resources.**  
**Introduced:** 3/18/2015  
**Status:** 7/15/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 113, Statutes of 2015.  
**Location:** 7/15/2015-A. CHAPTERED  
**Summary:** Current law declares the official state animal, rock, mineral, grass, insect, and bird, among other official things. This bill would make lace lichen (*Ramalina menziesii*) the official state lichen. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.
- [SB 17](#) **(Monning D) California Sea Otter Fund.**  
**Introduced:** 12/1/2014  
**Status:** 7/16/2015-In Senate. Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.  
**Location:** 7/16/2015-S. ENROLLMENT  
**Summary:** Current law, on and after January 1, 2015, requires money in the California Sea Otter Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to be allocated to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the purposes of establishing a sea otter fund to be used for sea otter conservation, and to the State Coastal Conservancy for competitive grants and contracts for research, projects, and programs related to the Federal Sea Otter Recovery Plan or improving the nearshore ocean ecosystem. This bill would extend the operation of these provisions to January 1, 2021.
- [SB 83](#) **(Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Public Resources.**  
**Introduced:** 1/9/2015  
**Last Amend:** 6/17/2015  
**Status:** 6/24/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 24, Statutes of 2015  
**Location:** 6/24/2015-S. CHAPTERED  
**Summary:** Current law regulates real property acquired and operated by the state as wildlife management areas, and requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife, when income is directly derived from that real property, as provided, to annually pay to the county in which the property is located an amount equal to the county taxes levied upon the property at the time it was transferred to the state. Current law further requires the department to pay the assessments levied upon the property by any irrigation, drainage, or reclamation district, and requires all of those payments to be made from funds

available to the department. This bill would authorize, instead of require, the department to make these payments and only from funds appropriated to the department for those purposes.

**SB 88** (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Water.

**Introduced:** 1/9/2015

**Last Amend:** 6/17/2015

**Status:** 6/24/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 27, Statutes of 2015

**Location:** 6/24/2015-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to order consolidation with a receiving water system where a public water system, or a state small water system within a disadvantaged community, consistently fails to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water. This bill would authorize the state board to order the extension of service to an area that does not have access to an adequate supply of safe drinking water so long as the extension of service is an interim extension of service in preparation for consolidation.

**SB 127** (Vidak R) Environmental quality: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

**Introduced:** 1/20/2015

**Status:** 5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was E.Q. on 2/5/2015)

**Location:** 5/1/2015-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** CEQA establishes a procedure by which a person may seek judicial review of the decision of the lead agency made pursuant to CEQA and a procedure for the preparation and certification of the record of proceedings upon the filing of an action or proceeding challenging a lead agency's action on the grounds of noncompliance with CEQA. This bill would require the public agency, in certifying the environmental impact report and in granting approvals for projects funded, in whole or in part, by Proposition 1, including the concurrent preparation of the record of proceedings and the certification of the record of proceeding within 5 days of the filing of a specified notice, to comply with specified procedures.

**SB 165** (Monning D) Production or cultivation of a controlled substance: civil penalties.

**Introduced:** 2/4/2015

**Last Amend:** 4/14/2015

**Status:** 7/16/2015-In Senate. Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.

**Location:** 7/16/2015-S. ENROLLMENT

**Summary:** Current law imposes various civil penalties for violations of specified provisions of the Fish and Game Code in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance. Current law authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife to impose those civil penalties administratively. Current law authorizes the department to adopt regulations to implement these provisions and requires the administrative penalties collected to be apportioned in a specified manner. This bill would impose various additional civil penalties, subject to these provisions, for violations of specified provisions of the Penal Code and the Public Resources Code, in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance.

**SB 201** (Wieckowski D) California Public Records Act.

**Introduced:** 2/10/2015

**Status:** 5/15/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was JUD. on 2/19/2015)

**Location:** 5/15/2015-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would require a court, in an action by a third party to enjoin disclosure of a public record or declaratory relief concerning a request to inspect a public record, to apply the provisions of the California Public Records Act as if the action had been initiated by a person requesting disclosure of a public record. The bill would also require the third party seeking an injunction or declaratory relief to provide notice to the person whose request prompted the action at the same time the defendant public

agency in the action is served.

**[SB 207](#) ([Wieckowski](#) D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.**

**Introduced:** 2/11/2015

**Last Amend:** 3/24/2015

**Status:** 7/17/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 5/14/2015)

**Location:** 7/17/2015-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Current law requires a state agency expending moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to create a record, prior to the expenditure, that includes, among other things, a description of the expenditure proposed to be made and a description of how the proposed expenditure will contribute to achieving and maintaining greenhouse gas emissions reductions, as specified. This bill would require that record to be posted on the Internet Web sites of the state agency and the State Air Resources Board prior to the state agency expending those moneys.

**[SB 226](#) ([Pavley](#) D) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater rights.**

**Introduced:** 2/13/2015

**Last Amend:** 5/5/2015

**Status:** 7/7/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 3.) (July 7). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 7/7/2015-A. APPR.

**Summary:** The bill would provide that a court shall use the Code of Civil Procedure for determining rights to groundwater, except as provided by the special procedures established in the bill. This bill would require the process for determining rights to groundwater to be available to any court of competent jurisdiction. The bill would provide that it applies to Indian tribes and the federal government . The bill would require the boundaries of a basin to be as identified in Bulletin 118, unless other basin boundaries are established, as specified. This bill contains other existing laws and other provisions.

**[SB 233](#) ([Hertzberg](#) D) Marine resources and preservation.**

**Introduced:** 2/13/2015

**Last Amend:** 7/16/2015

**Status:** 7/16/2015-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 7/16/2015-A. APPR.

**Summary:** The California Marine Resources Legacy Act establishes a program, administered by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, to allow partial removal of offshore oil structures. Before the first application to partially remove an offshore oil structure is filed, this bill would authorize a prospective applicant to pay a portion of the startup costs in an amount determined by the department to be necessary for staff and other costs in anticipation of receipt of the first application. The bill would require an applicant, upon conditional approval for partial removal of an offshore oil structure, to apportion and transmit a portion of the cost savings to the department, instead of to the specified entities and funds.

**[SB 234](#) ([Wolk](#) D) Wildlife management areas: payments.**

**Introduced:** 2/13/2015

**Status:** 5/28/2015-May 28 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.

**Location:** 5/28/2015-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife, when income is derived directly from real property acquired and operated by the state as a wildlife management area, as defined, to pay annually to the county in which the property is located an amount equal to the county taxes levied upon the property at the time title to the property was transferred to the state, and any assessments

levied upon the property by any irrigation, drainage, or reclamation district. This bill would appropriate \$19,000,000 from the General Fund to the department to make payments to counties for unpaid amounts under these provisions.

**SB 317**     **(De León D) The Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016.**

**Introduced:** 2/23/2015

**Last Amend:** 5/5/2015

**Status:** 5/28/2015-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 5. Noes 1. Page 1151.) (May 28). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 5/28/2015-S. THIRD READING

**Summary:** Would enact the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016, which, if adopted by the voters at the November 8, 2016, statewide general election, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the total amount of \$2,450,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe neighborhood parks, rivers, and coastal protection program. This bill contains other related provisions.

**SB 345**     **(Berryhill R) The Sport Fishing Stimulus Act of 2015.**

**Introduced:** 2/24/2015

**Last Amend:** 6/2/2015

**Status:** 7/17/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was W.,P. & W. on 6/15/2015)

**Location:** 7/17/2015-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would authorize a charitable organization or nonprofit organization to possess fish taken under a sport fishing license in excess of a possession limit established by statute or by regulations adopted by the Fish and Game Commission at any time if the charitable organization or nonprofit organization was given the fish by a donor intermediary, as defined, or a person who holds a sport fishing license and an applicable license tag or tags, the charitable organization or nonprofit organization has documentation to that effect, as specified, and the charitable organization or nonprofit organization retains any tag required to be affixed to a fish in the manner prescribed in the Fish and Game Code or regulations adopted by the commission.

**SB 389**     **(Berryhill R) Environmental quality: the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act.**

**Introduced:** 2/25/2015

**Last Amend:** 4/6/2015

**Status:** 5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was E.Q. on 4/16/2015)

**Location:** 5/1/2015-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would enact the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act and would specify the environmental review required pursuant to CEQA for projects related to specified environmental topical areas. For a judicial action or proceeding filed challenging an action taken by a lead agency on the ground of noncompliance with CEQA, the bill would prohibit a cause of action that (1) relates any topical area or criteria for which compliance obligations are identified or (2) challenges the environmental document if: (A) the environmental document discloses compliance with applicable environmental law, (B) the project conforms with the use designation, density, or building intensity in an applicable plan, as defined, and (C) the project approval incorporates applicable mitigation requirements into the environmental document. The bill would provide that the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act only applies if the lead agency or project applicant has agreed to provide to the public in a readily accessible electronic format an annual compliance report prepared pursuant to the mitigation monitoring and reporting program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**SB 414**

**(Jackson D) Oil spill response.**

**Introduced:** 2/25/2015

**Last Amend:** 7/2/2015

**Status:** 7/16/2015-From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 12. Noes 0.) (July 15).

**Location:** 7/16/2015-A. APPR.

**Summary:** Would require the administrator for oil spill response, in cooperation with the United States Coast Guard, to conduct an independent vessel traffic assessment for all deepwater ports that may inform an area rescue towing plan for the approaches to the ports and to establish a schedule of drills and exercises that are required under the federal Salvage and Marine Firefighting regulations. The bill would require the administrator to develop and implement regulations and guidelines requiring operators to allow immediate response to an oil spill by contracted fishing vessels and fishing crews and providing for emergency drills and training.

**SB 457**

**(Nielsen R) Bobcat Protection Act of 2013.**

**Introduced:** 2/25/2015

**Last Amend:** 4/6/2015

**Status:** 5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was N.R. & W. on 4/14/2015)

**Location:** 5/1/2015-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** The Bobcat Protection Act of 2013 requires the Fish and Game Commission to delineate the boundaries of an area in which bobcat trapping is prohibited pursuant to specified provisions using readily identifiable features, such as highways or other major roads, such as those delineated for Joshua Tree National Park. This bill would provide that these features may include roads instead of major roads and would provide that landmarks and geographic positions established by navigation and surveying methods may be used to delineate the boundaries of an area described above in which bobcat trapping is prohibited.

**SB 615**

**(Berryhill R) Waste discharge requirements: waivers: managed wetlands.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Last Amend:** 4/6/2015

**Status:** 5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was E.Q. on 4/9/2015)

**Location:** 5/1/2015-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would require that managed wetlands be presumed to not pose a significant threat to water quality and would require, with respect to managed wetlands, the state board and regional boards to waive the above-described reporting requirements, regional board prescribed waste discharge requirements, and monitoring requirements of the waiver program, except that the state board or a regional board shall require water quality monitoring of a managed wetland not more than once during the duration of each waiver period unless results of downstream monitoring demonstrate a violation of water quality discharge standards. The bill would limit this monitoring to contaminants that are actually applied by wetland managers to the wetland and contaminants that are known to be naturally present in the wetland environment.

**SB 617**

**(Block D) Crimes.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Last Amend:** 4/29/2015

**Status:** 5/15/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PUB. S. on 5/12/2015)

**Location:** 5/15/2015-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would , subject to exceptions, allow misdemeanors punishable by a maximum term of confinement not exceeding 6 months in jail to be charged as a misdemeanor or an infraction, in the discretion of the prosecuting attorney, as specified. The bill would, for a misdemeanor offense that is

charged as an infraction under these provisions, make all statutory provisions of a misdemeanor offense, including fines or penalties, applicable to the infraction as if the offense were charged as a misdemeanor. The bill would prohibit a misdemeanor charged as an infraction pursuant to these provisions from being punished by imprisonment.

**[SB 637](#) (Allen D) Suction dredge mining: permits.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Last Amend:** 7/7/2015

**Status:** 7/14/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 4.) (July 14). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 7/14/2015-A. APPR.

**Summary:** Current law prohibits the use of any vacuum or suction dredge equipment by any person in any river, stream, or lake of this state without a permit issued by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Current law requires the department to issue a permit, if the department determines that the use of a vacuum or suction dredge will not be deleterious to fish, upon the payment of a specified fee. This bill would instead require the department to issue a permit if the department determines that the use does not cause any significant effects on fish and wildlife and would authorize the department to adjust the specified fee to an amount sufficient to cover all reasonable costs of the department in regulating suction dredging activities.

**[SB 643](#) (McGuire D) Medical marijuana.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Last Amend:** 6/3/2015

**Status:** 7/16/2015-From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 11. Noes 2.) (July 14).

**Location:** 7/16/2015-A. APPR.

**Summary:** Would establish within the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency the Office of Medical Marijuana Regulation, under the supervision and control of the Chief of the Office of Medical Marijuana Regulation, and , beginning no later than July 1, 2018, would require the office to license and regulate dispensing facilities, cultivation sites, transporters, and manufacturers of medical marijuana and medical marijuana products, subject to local ordinances. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**[SB 718](#) (Leno D) Hazardous Materials Response and Restoration Subaccount.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Last Amend:** 5/11/2015

**Status:** 5/29/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. on 5/28/2015)

**Location:** 5/29/2015-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would authorize the administrator for oil spill response, upon making a specified finding, to loan moneys from the Oil Spill Response Trust Fund to the Hazardous Materials Response and Restoration Subaccount in an amount, not exceeding \$500,000 annually, necessary to reimburse organizations providing wildlife rescue and rehabilitation services for expenses incurred by rescue and rehabilitation operations for wildlife injured by spill events of nonoil materials, thereby making an appropriation. The bill would prohibit the administrator from making a loan if the total amount of moneys made from these loans that has not been repaid exceeds \$2,500,000.

**[SB 756](#) (Stone R) California Environmental Quality Act.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Status:** 5/15/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was RLS. on 3/19/2015)

**Location:** 5/15/2015-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to amend CEQA.

**SB 772**

**(Stone R) Bay Delta Conservation Plan: judicial review.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Status:** 5/15/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was RLS. on 3/19/2015)

**Location:** 5/15/2015-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Current law imposes requirements on the Department of Water Resources in connection with the preparation of a Bay Delta Conservation Plan. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation establishing judicial review procedures for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

**SB 788**

**(McGuire D) California Coastal Protection Act of 2015.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Last Amend:** 6/2/2015

**Status:** 7/15/2015-July 15 set for first hearing. Placed on APPR. suspense file.

**Location:** 7/15/2015-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:** The California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 1994 authorizes the State Lands Commission to enter into a lease for the extraction of oil or gas from state-owned tide and submerged lands in the California Coastal Sanctuary if the commission determines that the oil or gas deposits are being drained by means of producing wells upon adjacent federal lands and the lease is in the best interest of the state. This bill would enact the California Coastal Protection Act of 2015, which would delete this authorization. The bill would make related legislative findings and declarations.

**SB 798**

**(Committee on Natural Resources and Water) Natural resources.**

**Introduced:** 3/18/2015

**Last Amend:** 7/8/2015

**Status:** 7/8/2015-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 7/8/2015-A. APPR.

**Summary:** Current law authorizes the Fish and Game Commission to establish, by regulation, an automatic process to conform its sport fishing regulations to federal regulations. This bill would clarify that specified laws relating to administrative regulations and rulemaking do not apply to the conforming action implemented pursuant to the automatic process described above. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

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