

## STAFF SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 10-11, 2016

**23B. 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                  | Dec 9-10, 2015; San Diego          |
| • <b>Today's update and possible action</b> | <b>Feb 10-11, 2016; Sacramento</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.

The California State Legislature reconvened on January 4, 2016.

**Updates on Pending Legislation**

**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. Pursuant to direction from FGC, staff has been in discussions with DFW staff and the author.

**AB 435 (Chang)** – This is a 2-year bill; would require that each department, board, and commission of the Natural Resources Agency, except as specified, and each department, board, and office of the California Environmental Protection Agency webcast 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.

**AB 665 (Frazier)** – This is a 2-year bill; would confirm 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.

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**SB 345 (Berryhill)** – This is a 2-year bill. If passed, the bill would (1) authorize charitable organizations to possess fish taken under a sport fishing license in excess of a possession under certain provisions, (2) require FGC to adopt regulations to clarify when a possession limit is not violated by processing into food lawfully taken sport fish, (3) make annual fishing licenses valid for a full 12 months, and (4) create a junior fishing license.

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

1. [FGC legislative tracking log, as of Jan 29, 2016](#)
2. [DFW legislative report, as of Jan 29, 2016](#)

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

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AB-12	Minor	Cooley (A)	<b>State government: administrative regulations: review (12/1/2015) (2 YR)</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.	Add and repeal Chapter 3.6 (commencing with Section 11366) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2, Government Code	8/28/15 Failed deadline Rule 61(a)(11) 8/24/15 In committee: Ref to APPR.	S-APPR		
AB-56	None	Quirk (A)	<b>Unmanned aircraft systems (12/2/2014)(2 YR)</b> Authorizes 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 to Title 14 (commencing with Section 14350) to Part 4 of the Penal Code	9/11/15 Failed deadline, Rule 61(a)(14) 9/08/15 To inactive file, per Sen. Hertzberg.	S- Inactive		

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AB-290	Major	Bigelow (A)	<b>Game mammals: wild pig depredation (2/11/2015) (2 YR)</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	A-WPW	Discussion at FGC Dec 2015; direction to staff to meet with bill sponsor	
AB-395	Major	Gallagher (A)	<b>Hunting: nonlead ammunition (2/21/2015)(2 YR)</b> Would repeal the 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	1/4/16 Re-ref to WPW	A-WPW		

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AB-410	Minor	Obernolte (A)	<b>Reports to legislative Committees (2/19/2015)</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 Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review.	Add Section 9796 to the Government Code	9/10/15 Enrolled, presented to Gov			10/1/2015 <b>Vetoed by Governor</b>
AB-435	Major	Chang (A) Anderson (S)	<b>Natural Resources Agency: Web casts of public meetings and workshops (2/19/2015)(2 YR)</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	8/28/15 Failed deadline, Rule 61(a)(11) 8/27/15 APPR.	S-APPR		

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AB-499	Major	Cooley (A)	<b>Archery season: concealed firearms (2/23/2015) (2 YR)</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	7/17/15 Failed deadline, Rule 61(a)(10) 5/14/15 Ref to NRW	S-NRW		
AB-665	None	Frazier (A)	<b>Hunting or fishing: local regulation (2/24/2015)(2 YR)</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.	Amend Sections 200, 203.1, 3004 and add Sections 200.5 and 200.6 to, the Fish and Game Code	9/11/15 Failed deadline, Rule 61(a)(14) 9/10/15 Re-ref to Com. on APPR.	A-AAPR		

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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	A-AGRI		
AB 1188	None	Gipson (A)	<b>Importation or sale of endangered animals (2/27/2015)</b> This bill would delete the prohibition on the importation, possession with the intent to sell, and selling within the state of kangaroos.	Repeal and amend Section 6530 of the Penal Code	1/28/16 Ref to NRW and PUBS	S-NRW		

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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.	Add Section 6940 to Fish and Game Code	8/28/15 Failed deadline, Rule 61(a)(11) 8/17/15 Ref to APPR. suspense file.	S-APPR		
AB-1281	Major	Wilk (A)	<b>Regulations: legislative review (1/31/2015)</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	A-AAR		

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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	1/12/16 <b>Failed passage.</b> 3/23/15 Ref to WPW	A-WPW		
AB-1398	Unknown	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	4/27/15 <b>Failed passage.</b> 3/23/15 Ref to WPW	A-WPW		

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AB-1427	None	Lackey (A)	<b>Fish and Game Commission: hearings (2/27/2015)</b> Would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.	Amend Section 309 of the Fish and Game Code	Pending referral	A- Pending		
AB-1498	None	Thurmond (A)	<b>Renewable energy resources: comprehensive planning and environmental compliance services (2/27/2015)</b> This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in those provisions.	Amend Section 705 of the Fish and Game Code	Pending referral	A- Pending		
SB-122	Minor	Jackson (S) Hill (S)	<b>California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings (1/15/2015)</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	7/15/15 Placed on APPR. suspense file	A-APPR		
SB-166	None	Gaines (S)	<b>California Environmental Quality Act (2/5/2015)</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	S-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	S-JUD		
SB-233	None	Hertzberg (S) Rendon (A)	<b>Marine resources and preservation (2/13/2015) (2 YR)</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	8/26/15 Placed on APPR suspense file	A-APPR		

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SB-234	None	Wolk (S) , Nielsen (S)	<b>Wildlife management areas: payments (2/13/2015) (2 YR)</b> Would appropriate \$19,000,000 from the General Fund to the department to make payments to counties for unpaid amounts under these provisions.	Appropriation	5/28/15 APPR, Held under submission.	S-APPR		
SB-345	Major	Berryhill (S) Bigelow (A)	<b>The Sport Fishing Stimulus Act of 2015 (2/24/15) (2 YR)</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	A-WPW	Discussion at MRC and WRC meetings.	

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SB-457	Major	Nielsen (S)	<b>Bobcat Protection Act of 2013 (2/25/2015)</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 Amend, 2nd read, Ref to NRW	S-NRW		



# Department of Fish & Wildlife

## Legislative Report

### February 2016

(as of January 29, 2016)

#### [AB 12](#)

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

**Introduced:** 12/1/2014

**Last Amend:** 8/19/2015

**Status:** 8/28/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. on 8/27/2015)

**Location:** 8/28/2015-S. 2 YEAR

**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:** 9/4/2015

**Status:** 9/11/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/8/2015)

**Location:** 9/11/2015-S. 2 YEAR

**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.

#### [AB 300](#)

**(Alejo D) Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2016.**

**Introduced:** 2/12/2015

**Last Amend:** 8/17/2015

**Status:** 8/28/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. on 8/27/2015)

**Location:** 8/28/2015-S. 2 YEAR

**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 410](#)

**(Obernolte R) Reports submitted to legislative committees.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2015

**Last Amend:** 8/24/2015

**Status:** 10/1/2015-Vetoed by the Governor

**Location:** 10/1/2015-A. VETOED

**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, as specified. 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 435](#)

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

**Introduced:** 2/19/2015

**Last Amend:** 8/18/2015

**Status:** 8/28/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. on 8/27/2015)

**Location:** 8/28/2015-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would require that each department, board, and commission of the Natural Resources Agency, except as specified, 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 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:** 1/25/2016

**Status:** 1/27/2016-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

**Location:** 1/27/2016-S. RLS.

**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, metadata, 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 665](#)

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

**Introduced:** 2/24/2015

**Last Amend:** 8/18/2015

**Status:** 9/11/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was APPR. on 9/10/2015)

**Location:** 9/11/2015-A. 2 YEAR

**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 1188](#) (Gipson D) Importation or sale of endangered animals.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Last Amend:** 9/4/2015

**Status:** 9/4/2015-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 9/4/2015-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Current law makes it unlawful to import into the state for commercial purposes, to possess with intent to sell, or to sell within the state, the dead body or other part or product of specified endangered animals, including kangaroos. This bill would delete the prohibition on the importation, possession with the intent to sell, and selling within the state of kangaroos. This bill contains other related provisions.

**[AB 1201](#) (Salas D) Fish and wildlife: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: predation by nonnative species.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Last Amend:** 8/17/2015

**Status:** 8/28/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. on 8/27/2015)

**Location:** 8/28/2015-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife, by June 30, 2016, to develop a science-based plan 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 1244](#) (Gray D) Water rights: small irrigation use.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Last Amend:** 1/26/2016

**Status:** 1/27/2016-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 1/27/2016-A. THIRD READING

**Summary:** Would require the State Water Resources Control Board, when adopting general conditions, to consult with the Department of Food and Agriculture and the University of California Cooperative Extension, regarding relevant agricultural information, and with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, regarding potential impacts on fish and wildlife species, for small irrigation use.

**[AB 1548](#) (Wood D) Medical marijuana: taxation: marijuana production and environment mitigation.**

**Introduced:** 9/11/2015

**Status:** 12/9/2015-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

**Location:** 12/9/2015-A. REV. & TAX

**Summary:** Would impose a tax in specified amounts on the distribution in this state by a cultivator, as defined, of marijuana flowers, marijuana leaves, and immature marijuana plants to a licensed distributor, as specified, and would require the licensed distributor to collect the tax from the cultivator and remit it to the State Board of Equalization. The bill would require the board to collect the tax pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Fee Collection Procedures Law.

**[AB 1575](#) (Bonta D) Medical marijuana.**

**Introduced:** 1/4/2016

**Status:** 1/5/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee February 4.

**Location:** 1/4/2016-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Would also require the Board of Equalization to form an advisory group made up of

representatives from financial institutions, the medical marijuana industry, and state and federal banking regulators to examine strategies, such as the use of automated kiosks for accepting cash payments, integrated point-of-sale systems with state track and trace systems, and other measures that will improve financial monitoring of medical marijuana businesses.

**AB 1647** **(Waldron R) Environmental quality: water storage facilities.**

**Introduced:** 1/12/2016

**Status:** 1/13/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee February 12.

**Location:** 1/12/2016-A. PRINT

**Summary:** The California Environmental Quality Act requires the lead agency to determine whether a project may have a significant effect on the environment based on substantial evidence in light of the whole record. The act exempts certain specified projects from its requirements. This bill would exempt a project to expand the storage capacity of an existing surface water storage facility, or to replace an existing surface water storage facility, that is owned and operated by a public entity if that public entity adopts, by resolution, findings and declarations that the project meets specified criteria.

**SB 127** **(Vidak R) Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program.**

**Introduced:** 1/20/2015

**Last Amend:** 1/4/2016

**Status:** 1/4/2016-Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 1/4/2016-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish a program to provide low-interest loans and grants to local agencies for low-interest loans and grants to eligible applicants for specified purposes relating to drinking water and wastewater treatment. This bill would create the Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Fund and provide that the moneys in this fund are available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the board for expenditure for the program.

**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 233** **(Hertzberg D) Marine resources and preservation.**

**Introduced:** 2/13/2015

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

**Status:** 8/28/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/26/2015)

**Location:** 8/28/2015-A. 2 YEAR

**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 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 788**     **(McGuire D) California Coastal Protection Act of 2015.**  
**Introduced:** 2/27/2015  
**Last Amend:** 6/2/2015  
**Status:** 8/28/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. on 8/27/2015)  
**Location:** 8/28/2015-A. 2 YEAR  
**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 901**     **(Bates R) Transportation projects: Advanced Mitigation Program.**  
**Introduced:** 1/21/2016  
**Status:** 1/22/2016-From printer. May be acted upon on or after February 21.  
**Location:** 1/21/2016-S. PRINT  
**Summary:** Would create the Advanced Mitigation Program in the Department of Transportation to implement environmental mitigation measures in advance of future transportation projects. The bill would require the department to set aside certain amounts of future appropriations for this purpose.

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