



Delta Stewardship Council: July 2019 Legislative Report
Priority Bills of Interest

AB 137 (Cooper - D) Facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control.

Introduced: 12/7/2018

Last Amend: 7/11/2019

Status: 8/12/2019-In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 8/12/2019-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would prohibit a person from concealing, defacing, destroying, modifying, using, occupying, cutting, altering, or physically or visually obstructing any levee along a river or bypass at any of those specified places, any levee forming part of any flood control plan, or any other facility of the State Plan of Flood Control, including, but not limited to, any and all associated rights of way, without permission of the board. By expanding the behavior that would be punishable as a misdemeanor, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

AB 409 (Limón - D) Climate change: agriculture: Agricultural Climate Adaptation Tools Program: grants.

Introduced: 2/7/2019

Last Amend: 6/26/2019

Status: 8/12/2019-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: 7/2/2019-S. APPR.

Calendar: 8/19/2019 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, PORTANTINO, Chair

Summary: Would require the Strategic Growth Council to provide guidance in the development of, to coordinate the activities of member agencies of the council for, and to designate a state agency or department to administer, a grant program, known as the Agricultural Climate Adaptation Tools Program, as specified, to provide funding for activities that include development of specified planning tools, to be available in the public domain, for adapting to climate change and developing resiliency strategies in the agricultural sector, using the best available science, as specified.

AB 658 (Arambula - D) Water rights: water management.

Introduced: 2/15/2019

Last Amend: 6/28/2019

Status: 8/12/2019-In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 8/12/2019-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would authorize a groundwater sustainability agency or local agency to apply for, and the State Water Resources Control Board to issue, a conditional temporary permit for diversion of surface water to underground storage for beneficial use that advances the sustainability goal of a groundwater basin, as specified.

AB 834 (Quirk - D) Safe recreational water use: standards: Freshwater and Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom Program.

Introduced: 2/20/2019

Last Amend: 6/20/2019

Status 8/12/2019-In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 8/12/2019-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would require the State Water Resources Control Board, by regulation and in consultation with the State Department of Public Health, local health officers, California Native American tribes, as defined, and the public, to establish, maintain, and amend, as necessary, minimum standards for the safety of freshwater recreational bodies as related to harmful algal blooms, as the board determines are reasonably necessary for the protection of public health and safety and water quality.

AB 839 (Mullin - D) Climate adaptation strategy: strategic resiliency framework: Resiliency through Adaptation, Economic Vitality, and Equity Account.

Introduced: 2/20/2019

Last Amend: 6/26/2019

Status: 8/12/2019-In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 8/12/2019-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Current law requires the Natural Resources Agency to update every 3 years the state's climate adaptation strategy, known as the Safeguarding California Plan, to identify vulnerabilities to climate change by sectors and priority actions needed to

reduce the risks in those sectors. This bill would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, on or before July 1, 2021, to review the plan and develop a strategic resiliency framework, as specified. The bill would require updates to the plan to include, among other things, a review of the progress made implementing past plans and an evaluation of each lead agency's lead adaptation efforts, as well as a detailed description of the framework developed by the secretary.

AB 912 (Muratsuchi - D) Marine invasive species: ballast water and biofouling management requirements.

Introduced: 2/20/2019

Last Amend: 6/26/2019

Status: 8/7/2019-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 7/3/2019-S. APPR.

Calendar: 8/19/2019 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, PORTANTINO, Chair

Summary: Marine Invasive Species Act requires the master, owner, operator, or person in charge of a vessel carrying, or capable of carrying, ballast water, that operates in the waters of the state to take various actions to minimize the uptake and release of nonindigenous species, including, among other things, to clean the ballast tanks regularly in mid-ocean waters, or under controlled arrangements in port or in drydock, to remove sediments and biofouling organisms, as specified. This bill would, for purposes of the act, define the term "land" and would revise the coastal boundaries used to define the "Pacific Coastal Region," as specified.

AB 933 (Petrie-Norris D) Ecosystem resilience: watershed protection: watershed coordinators.

Introduced: 2/20/2019

Last Amend: 5/17/2019

Status: 8/12/2019-In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 8/12/2019-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would authorize the Department of Conservation, to the extent funds are available, to establish and administer the Ecosystem Resilience Program to fund watershed coordinator positions, as provided, and other necessary costs, throughout the state for the purpose of achieving specified goals, including the goal to develop and

implement watershed improvement plans, and other enhancement plans, aligned with multiple statewide and regional objectives across distinct bioregions.

AB 1415 (Friedman - D) Department of Water Resources: reporting requirements: civil penalties.

Introduced: 2/22/2019

Last Amend: 5/24/2019

Status: 8/12/2019-In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 8/12/2019-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Current law establishes in the Natural Resources Agency the Department of Water Resources, which is under the control of the Director of Water Resources. Current law requires specified plans and reports relating to water management to be provided to the department. This bill would require the department to impose a civil penalty on an entity that fails to file with the department a specified report or plan by the deadline required for that particular report or plan, as provided. The bill would authorize the department to reduce or waive the civil penalty under certain circumstances.

SB 1 (Atkins - D) California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2019.

Introduced: 12/3/2018

Last Amend: 7/1/2019

Status: 7/9/2019-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 2.) (July 9). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/9/2019-A. APPR.

Summary: Current state law regulates the discharge of air pollutants into the atmosphere. The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act regulates the discharge of pollutants into the waters of the state. The California Safe Drinking Water Act establishes standards for drinking water and regulates drinking water systems. The California Endangered Species Act requires the Fish and Game Commission to establish a list of endangered species and a list of threatened species, and generally prohibits the taking of those species. This bill would require specified agencies to take prescribed actions regarding certain federal requirements and standards pertaining to air, water, and protected species, as specified.

SB 19 (Dodd - D) Water resources: stream gages.

Introduced: 12/3/2018

Last Amend: 6/11/2019

Status: 7/3/2019-July 3 set for first hearing. Placed on APPR. suspense file.

Location: 7/3/2019-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would require the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board, upon an appropriation of funds by the Legislature, to develop a plan to deploy a network of stream gages that includes a determination of funding needs and opportunities for modernizing and reactivating existing gages and deploying new gages, as specified. The bill would require the department and the board, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Conservation, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, interested stakeholders, and, to the extent they wish to consult, local agencies, to develop the plan to address significant gaps in information necessary for water management and the conservation of freshwater species.

SB 45 (Allen - D) Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.

Introduced: 12/3/2018

Last Amend: 4/4/2019

Status: 5/1/2019-May 6 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 4/25/2019-S. APPR.

Summary: Would enact the Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,300,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects to restore fire damaged areas, reduce wildfire risk, create healthy forest and watersheds, reduce climate impacts on urban areas and vulnerable populations, protect water supply and water quality, protect rivers, lakes, and streams, reduce flood risk, protect fish and wildlife from climate impacts, improve climate resilience of agricultural lands, and protect coastal lands and resources.

SB 204 (Dodd - D) State Water Project: contracts.

Introduced: 2/4/2019

Last Amend: 5/17/2019

Status: 7/10/2019-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was W.,P. & W. on 6/6/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)

Location: 7/10/2019-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would require the Department of Water Resources to provide at least 10 days' notice to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and relevant policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature before holding public sessions to negotiate any potential amendment of a long-term water supply contract that is of project-wide significance with substantially similar terms intended to be offered to all contractors. The bill would require the department, before the execution of a specified proposed amendment to a long-term water supply contract and at least 60 days before final approval of such an amendment, to submit to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and relevant policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature certain information regarding the terms and conditions of a proposed amendment of a long-term water supply contract and to submit a copy of the long-term contract as it is proposed to be amended.