



Delta Stewardship Council: April 2020 Legislative Report
Priority Bills of Interest

Note: The Legislature has recessed until May 4, 2020.

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: 8/30/2019-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/12/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)

Location: 8/30/2019-S. 2 YEAR

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 2518 (Wood - D) Voluntary stream restoration landowner liability.

Introduced: 2/19/2020

Last Amend: N/A

Status: ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE

Location: 2/27/2020-A. W., P., & W.

Summary: Would exempt a landowner who voluntarily allows land to be used for such a project to restore fish and wildlife habitat from civil liability for property damage or personal injury resulting from the project if the project is funded, at least in part, by a state or federal agency that promotes or encourages riparian habitat restoration, unless the property damage or personal injury is caused by willful, intentional, or reckless conduct of the landowner or by a design, construction, operation, or maintenance activity performed by the landowner.

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

Introduced: 12/3/2018

Last Amend: 1/23/2020

Status: 1/30/2020-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 1/29/2020-A. DESK

Summary: Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,510,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.

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.

SB 946 (Pan - D) Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Partnership Multibenefit Program

Introduced: 2/21/2020

Last Amend: 3/12/2020

Status: SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER

Location: 2/20/2020-S. N. R. & W.

Summary: Would establish the Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Partnership Multibenefit Program to support the development and implementation of projects within the Yolo Bypass and Cache Slough region. The bill would define “Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Partnership” to mean the multiagency partnership established pursuant to a memorandum of understanding signed in May 2016 by a total of 15 participating federal, state, and local agencies. The bill would require the participating state agencies, including the Natural Resources Agency, the Department of Water Resources, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, to work in collaboration with the participating federal and local agencies to advance specified objectives in the Yolo Bypass and Cache Slough region relating to flood control.

SB 996 (Portantino - D) State Water Board: Constituents of Emerging Concern

Introduced: 2/13/2020

Last Amend: 4/1/2020

Status: SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Location: 3/5/2020-S. EQ

Summary: Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish, maintain, and direct an ongoing, dedicated program called the Constituents of Emerging Concern Program to assess the state of information and recommend areas for further study on constituents of emerging concern in drinking water that may pose risks to public health. The bill would require the state board to establish the Stakeholder Advisory Group and, by an unspecified date, the Science Advisory Panel, both as prescribed, to assist in the gathering and development of information for the program, among other functions. The bill would require the program to provide opportunities for public participation, including conducting stakeholder meetings and workshops to solicit relevant information and feedback for development and implementation of the program.

SB 1101 (Caballero - D) Water and Climate Science Advisory Board

Introduced: 2/19/2020

Last Amend: 3/25/2020

Status: SENATE RULES

Location: 2/19/2020-S. RLS.

Summary: Would require the Department of Water Resources to convene a Water and Climate Science Advisory Board to consist of an unspecified number of members with certain qualifications, appointed by an unspecified method, serving no more than an unspecified number of terms of unspecified length. The bill would require the board to meet an unspecified number of times per year. The bill would require the department to consult with the board when initiating, reviewing, or expanding policies or guidelines regarding impacts of climate change on water resources. The bill would require the department to establish an internal process for department review of and comment on the work of the board, which shall be made publicly available.

SB 1188 (Stern - D) The California Water Plan

Introduced: 2/20/2020

Last Amend: 4/8/2020

Status: SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER

Location: 3/5/2020-S. N. R. & W.

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as The California Water Plan. Current law requires the department to include a discussion of various strategies in the plan update. This bill would require the department to include in the plan update, instead of a discussion of various strategies, a discussion of various strategies for increasing regional water resilience.

SB 1258 (Stern - D) California Climate Technology and Infrastructure Financing Act

Introduced: 2/21/2020

Last Amend: N/A

Status: SENATE BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Location: 3/5/2020-S. B., P., & E.D.

Summary: Would enact the California Climate Technology and Infrastructure Financing Act to require the bank, in consultation with specified agencies to administer the Climate Catalyst Revolving Fund, which the bill would establish to provide financial assistance to eligible climate catalyst projects, as defined.

SB 1320 (Stern - D) Climate change: California Climate Change Assessment

Introduced: 2/21/2020

Last Amend: N/A

Status: SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER

Location: 3/5/2020-S. N. R. & W.

Summary: Would require the Office of Planning and Research to develop the California Climate Change Assessment, in coordination with the Natural Resources Agency, the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, and the Strategic Growth Council, and in consultation with partner public agencies designated by the office. The bill would require the office to conduct the assessment every 2 years and to publish the assessment in October of each odd-numbered year. The bill would require the assessment to assess and report the impacts and risks of climate change and identify potential solutions to inform legislative policy, as provided. The bill would require the assessment to include sector-specific liability projections that assess the impacts of climate change under varied emissions scenarios for the years 2025, 2030, 2050, and 2100.