



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

AB 838 (Eggman - D) Flood Management: Mossdale Tract

Introduced: 2/20/2019

Last Amend: 8/11/2020

Status: 8/24/2020 – Senate Third Reading

Summary: Unless a city or county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley makes certain findings after the effective date of specified amendments to its general plan, the Planning and Zoning Law prohibits a city or county from entering into a development agreement for property located in a flood hazard zone; approving a discretionary permit, ministerial permit, or other discretionary entitlement for a project that is located within a flood hazard zone, as specified; or approving a tentative map, or a parcel map for which a tentative map was not required, for a subdivision that is located within a flood hazard zone. This bill would require the Mossdale Tract, as defined, to achieve the urban level of flood protection by 2028. This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Mossdale Tract.

AB 2028 (Aguiar-Curry - D) State Agencies: Meetings

Introduced: 1/30/2020

Last Amend: 8/20/2020

Status: 8/24/2020 – Senate Third Reading

Summary: The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, requires that a state body provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the body on each agenda item. Current law exempts from this requirement, among other things, an agenda item that has already been considered by a committee composed exclusively of members of the state body at a public meeting where members of the public were afforded an opportunity to address the committee on the item. This bill would delete this exception, thereby making the requirement to provide an opportunity to address the state body applicable to an agenda item for which the public had an opportunity to address it at a public meeting of a committee of the state body.

AB 3226 (McCarty - D) Flood protection: West Sacramento flood risk reduction project: Maintenance Area 4.

Introduced: 2/21/2020

Last Amend: 7/8/2020

Status: 8/13/2020 – Held. Senate Appropriations Suspense File

Summary: This bill would adopt and approve the West Sacramento Project for flood risk reduction along the Yolo Bypass, Sacramento Bypass, and Sacramento River, which was adopted and approved by a specific act of the United States Congress in 2016, at an estimated cost to the state of the sum that may be appropriated by the Legislature for state participation, upon the recommendation and advice of the Department of Water Resources or the Central Valley Flood Protection Board.

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).

Summary: This bill 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: 6/3/2020

Status: Failed Deadline

Summary: This bill 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: Failed deadline

Summary: This bill 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: Senate Rules

Summary: This bill 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 1258 (Stern - D) California Climate Technology and Infrastructure Financing Act

Introduced: 2/21/2020

Last Amend: N/A

Status: 6/18/2020 – Held. Senate Appropriations Suspense File

Summary: This bill 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: 8/24/2020

Status: Assembly Floor

Summary: This bill 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 complete the assessment no less frequently than every 5 years. The bill would require the assessment to provide an integrated suite of products that report the impacts and risks of climate change, based on the best available science, and identify potential solutions to inform legislative policy, as provided.