

## Marine Legislative Committee Bill Summary

### AB 5 (Gonzalez D) **Worker status: employees and independent contractors.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 7/11/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

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

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

**Summary:**

Would state the intent of the Legislature to codify the decision in the Dynamex case and clarify its application. The bill would provide that the factors of the "ABC" test be applied in order to determine the status of a worker as an employee or independent contractor for all provisions of the Labor Code and the Unemployment Insurance Code, except if a statutory exemption from employment status or from a particular obligation related to employment or where a statutory grant of employment status or a particular right related to employment applies. The bill would exempt specified professions from these provisions and instead provide that the employment relationship test for those professions shall be governed by the test adopted in *S. G. Borello & Sons, Inc. v. Department of Industrial Relations* (1989) 48 Cal.3d 341 if certain requirements are met.

**Position:** Oppose

### AB 65 (Petrie-Norris D) **Coastal protection: climate adaption: project prioritization: natural infrastructure: local general plans.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 8/13/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 8/13/2019-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:** 7/3/2019-S. APPR.

**Summary:**

Would require specified things of the State Coastal Conservancy when it allocates any funding appropriated pursuant to the The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, including that it prioritize projects that use natural infrastructure, as defined, to help adapt to climate change. The bill would require the conservancy to provide information to the Office of Planning and Research on any projects funded pursuant to the above provision to be considered for inclusion into the clearinghouse for climate adaption information. The bill would authorize the conservancy to provide technical assistance to coastal communities to better assist them with their projects that use natural infrastructure.

**Position:** Watch

### AB 87 (Committee on Budget) **Transportation.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 6/11/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 6/26/2019-Re-referred to Com. on B. & F.R.

**Location:** 6/26/2019-S. BUDGET & F.R.

**Summary:**

would require the California Transportation Commission to establish a competitive funding program to provide funds to the Department of Transportation or regional transportation planning agencies, or both, for short-line railroad projects such as railroad reconstruction, maintenance, upgrade, or replacement. The bill would require the commission to adopt guidelines, in consultation with representatives from specified government and industry entities, by July 1, 2020, to be used by the commission to select projects for programming and allocation. The bill would appropriate \$7,200,000, or a lesser amount, as specified, from the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund to the Department of Transportation for purposes of the program.

**Position:** Watch

**[AB 142](#) (Garcia, Cristina D) Lead-acid batteries.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 8/13/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 8/19/2019-Action From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE FILE.

**Location:** 8/19/2019-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:**

The Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Act of 2016 requires, until March 31, 2022, a manufacturer battery fee of \$1 to be imposed on a manufacturer of lead-acid batteries for each lead-acid battery it sells at retail to a person in California, or that it sells to a dealer, wholesaler, distributor, or other person for retail sale in California. The act requires the manufacturer battery fee to be paid to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and requires dealers and manufacturers of lead-acid batteries to register with the department. The act defines "manufacturer" for these purposes. This bill would, on and after April 1, 2022, increase the amount of the manufacturer battery fee to \$2 and would provide that the fee would continue indefinitely.

**Position:** Watch

**[AB 296](#) (Cooley D) Climate change: Climate Innovation Grant Program: voluntary tax contributions.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 7/11/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

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

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

**Summary:**

Current law authorizes an individual to contribute amounts in excess of their personal income tax liability for the support of specified funds. Current law requires any new or extended voluntary contribution to include the words "voluntary tax contribution" in the name of the fund, to require the administering agency to include specified information about the fund on its internet website, to continuously appropriate from the fund the contributions made to the administering agency, to set a minimum contribution amount for the continuation of any voluntary tax contribution on the tax return form, and to include a generally applicable repeal date for a voluntary tax contribution. This bill would establish the Climate Innovation Grant Program, to be administered by the Strategic Growth Council or another entity identified by the council that it determines to have the appropriate skills necessary to successfully implement this program.

**Position:** Watch

**[AB 487](#) (Gallagher R) Department of Water Resources: dams and reservoirs: fees and penalty plus interest.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 7/12/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 7/12/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 89, Statutes of 2019.

**Location:** 7/12/2019-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Current law requires the of Water Resources to adopt, by regulation, a schedule of fees to cover the department's reasonable regulatory costs in carrying out the supervision of dam safety, which may include, but is not limited to, the costs of reviewing an inundation map, the amounts necessary to repay budgetary loans, and a prudent reserve. Existing law requires that a penalty plus interest, as set forth in existing law, be imposed for fees received after July 1 in any year. This bill would instead authorize that a penalty plus interest may be imposed for fees received more than 30 days after the July 1 required date of payment in any year.

**Position:** Watch

**[AB 516](#) (Chiu D) Authority to remove vehicles.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 7/2/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

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

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

**Summary:**

Current law authorizes a peace officer and specified public employees, as an alternative to removal of a vehicle, to immobilize the vehicle with a device designed and manufactured for that purpose, if, among other circumstances, the vehicle is found upon a highway or public lands by the peace officer or employee and it is known to have been issued 5 or more notices of parking violations that are delinquent because the owner or person in control of the vehicle has not responded to the appropriate agency within a designated time period. This bill would delete the authority of a peace officer or public employee, as appropriate, to remove or immobilize a vehicle under those circumstances.

**Position:** Oppose

**AB 552 (Stone, Mark D) Coastal resources: Program for Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 8/12/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 8/19/2019-Action From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE FILE.

**Location:** 8/19/2019-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:**

Would establish the Program for Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access for the purpose of funding specified activities intended to help the state prepare, plan, and implement actions to address and adapt to sea level rise and coastal climate change. The bill would create the Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access Fund in the State Treasury, and would authorize the California Coastal Commission and specified state agencies to expend moneys in the fund, upon appropriation in the annual Budget Act, to take actions, based upon the best scientific information, that are designed to address and adapt to sea level rise and coastal climate change, as prescribed.

**Position:** Watch

**AB 556 (Carrillo D) Outdoor experiences: community access program: grant program.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/13/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 6/24/2019-In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.

**Location:** 6/24/2019-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:**

Would require the Natural Resources Agency to develop and implement a community access program focused on engagement programs, technical assistance, or facilities that maximize safe and equitable physical admittance, especially for low-income and disadvantaged communities, to natural or cultural resources, community education programs, or recreational amenities. The bill would authorize the agency to develop a grant program for innovative transportation projects that provide disadvantaged and low-income youth with access to outdoor experiences, as specified.

**Position:** Watch

**AB 639 (Cervantes D) Task Force on Addressing Workforce Impacts of Transitioning Seaports to a Lower Carbon Economy: scoping plan.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 6/5/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 7/8/2019-In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.

**Location:** 7/8/2019-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:**

Current law requires specified state agencies to prepare and submit to the Secretary for Environmental Protection specified information for inclusion in an annual greenhouse gas emission reduction report card, as specified. This bill, until January 1, 2025, would create the Task Force on Addressing Workforce Impacts of Transitioning Seaports to a Lower Carbon Economy with a specified membership in the California Environmental Protection Agency.

**Position:** Watch

**[AB 756](#) ([Garcia, Cristina](#) D) **Public water systems: perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances.****

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 7/31/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 7/31/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 162, Statutes of 2019.

**Location:** 7/31/2019-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to order a public water system to monitor for perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances. The bill would require a community water system or a nontransient noncommunity water system, upon a detection of these substances, to report that detection, as specified. The bill would require a community water system or a nontransient noncommunity water system where a detected level of these substances exceeds the response level to take a water source where the detected levels exceed the response level out of use or provide a prescribed public notification.

**Position:** Watch

**[AB 762](#) ([Quirk](#) D) **Public health: fish and shellfish: health advisories.****

**Current Text:** Amended: 6/24/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

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

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

**Summary:**

Current law requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, to develop the Coastal Fish Contamination Program to identify and monitor chemical contamination in coastal fish and shellfish and assess the health risks of consuming sport fish and shellfish caught by consumers. Current law requires the office, under that program, to issue health advisories when the office determines that consuming certain fish or shellfish presents a significant health risk. This bill would require local health officers, as defined, to be notified of a health advisory under that program, and would additionally require the State Water Resources Control Board and the appropriate regional water quality control board to be notified of the health advisory under that program.

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** Amended: 6/20/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**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.

**Position:** Watch

**[AB 912](#) ([Muratsuchi](#) D) **Marine invasive species: ballast water and biofouling management requirements.****

**Current Text:** Amended: 8/14/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 8/14/2019-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:** 7/3/2019-S. APPR.

**Summary:**

Would, for purposes of the Marine Invasive Species Act, define the term "land" and would revise the coastal boundaries used to define the "Pacific Coastal Region," as specified. The bill would require the master, operator, or person in charge of a vessel to include in the ballast water log book for the vessel a description of the safety reasons for a determination to not conduct a ballast water management practice, to notify the commission of this determination, and to provide the commission a copy of the related entry in the ballast water log for the vessel.

**Position:** Watch

**[AB 1111](#) ([Friedman D](#)) Outdoor recreation: Office of Outdoor Recreation: California Outdoor Recreation Account.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 8/12/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 8/19/2019-Action From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE FILE.

**Location:** 8/19/2019-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:**

Would establish, until January 1, 2025, the Office of Outdoor Recreation in the Office of the Governor. The bill would require the office to undertake certain activities, including supporting the outdoor recreation economy and working toward equitable access to outdoor areas of the state by engaging in specified activities. The bill would also require the office to create an advisory committee to provide advice, expertise, support, and service to the office.

**Position:** Watch A

**[AB 1183](#) ([Ramos D](#)) Vessel operator: definition.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 7/12/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 7/12/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 109, Statutes of 2019.

**Location:** 7/12/2019-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Current law regulates vessels, as defined, and the equipment used, to be used, or carried in vessels used on waters subject to the jurisdiction of this state, except as provided. For these purposes, current law defines an "operator" to mean the person on board who is steering the vessel while underway. This bill would revise that definition of "operator" to mean the person aboard a vessel who meets any of the following: (1) is steering the vessel while underway; (2) is responsible for the operation of the vessel while underway; or (3) is at least 18 years of age and is attentive and supervising the operation of the vessel by a person 12, 13, 14, or 15 years of age, pursuant to a specified provision.

**Position:** Watch

**[AB 1321](#) ([Gipson D](#)) Public lands: State Lands Commission: coastal ports: automated technology.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 8/13/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 8/19/2019-Action From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE FILE.

**Location:** 8/19/2019-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:**

Current law specifies that the State Lands Commission has exclusive jurisdiction over all ungranted tidelands and submerged lands owned by the state, and of the beds of navigable rivers, streams, lakes, bays, estuaries, inlets, and straits, including tidelands and submerged lands or any interest in those lands, as described, which have been or may be acquired by the state by quitclaim, cession, grant, contract, otherwise from the federal government, or by any other means. Existing

law also provides specific responsibilities for the commission with respect to the ports of Los Angeles and Oakland. This bill would require the commission, subject to the availability of resources, in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, to hold a series of meetings at or near California ports that operate on granted public trust lands to consider the impacts of automated technology at California's ports, as provided.

**Position:** Watch

**[AB 1516](#) ([Friedman D](#)) **Fire prevention: wildfire risk: defensible space and fuels reduction management.****

**Current Text:** Amended: 8/12/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 8/19/2019-Action From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE FILE.

**Location:** 8/19/2019-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:**

Current law requires that a person who owns, leases, controls, operates, or maintains an occupied dwelling or structure in, upon, or adjoining a mountainous area, forest-covered land, brush-covered land, grass-covered land, or land that is covered with flammable material that is within a very high fire hazard severity zone, as designated by a local agency, or a building or structure in, upon, or adjoining those areas or lands within a state responsibility area, to maintain a defensible space of 100 feet from each side and from the front and rear of the structure, as specified. A repeated violation within a specified timeframe of those requirements is a crime. This bill would require a person described above to utilize more intense fuel reductions between 5 and 30 feet around the structure, and to create a noncombustible zone within 5 feet of the structure.

**Position:** Watch

**[AB 1644](#) ([Levine D](#)) **Coastal resources: California Coastal Commission: scientific advice and recommendations: agriculture.****

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 7/31/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 7/31/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 168, Statutes of 2019.

**Location:** 7/31/2019-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Would include agriculture among the specified issues on which the California Coastal Commission may receive technical advice and recommendations, with regard to its decisionmaking, from members of the scientific and academic communities in the social, physical, and natural sciences.

**Position:** Watch

**[AB 1718](#) ([Levine D](#)) **State parks: state coastal beaches: smoking ban.****

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

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

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

**Summary:**

Would make it an infraction for a person to smoke, as defined, on a state coastal beach or in a unit of the state park system or to dispose of used cigar or cigarette waste on a state coastal beach or in a unit of the state park system, with certain exceptions, as specifically provided. The bill would establish a state-mandated local program by creating a new crime.

**Position:** Watch

**[AB 1752](#) ([Petrie-Norris D](#)) **South Coast Water District.****

**Current Text:** Amended: 8/12/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 8/12/2019-Read second time and amended. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 8/12/2019-S. THIRD READING

**Summary:**

Would specifically authorize the South Coast Water District to contract for the Doheny Ocean Desalination Project until January 1, 2025. The bill would authorize the district to use the method described above relating to agreements with private entities for this project. The bill would also require the district to utilize a skilled and trained workforce for this project in accordance with existing procedures.

**Position:** Watch

**AJR 8 (Quirk D) Invasive species: federal Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 7/18/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 7/8/2019-Chaptered by Secretary of State- Chapter 117, Statutes of 2019

**Location:** 7/8/2019-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Would urge the United States Congress to reauthorize and specifically add California to the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 and to authorize an appropriation of \$4,000,000 to help the state implement a nutria eradication program.

**Position:** Watch

**SB 8 (Glazer D) State parks: state coastal beaches: smoking ban.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/3/2018 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 6/26/2019-June 26 set for first hearing. Placed on APPR. suspense file.

**Location:** 6/26/2019-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:**

Would make it an infraction punishable by a fine of up to \$25 for a person to smoke, as defined, on a state coastal beach, as defined, or in a unit of the state park system, as defined, or to dispose of used cigar or cigarette waste on a state coastal beach or in a unit of the state park system unless the disposal is made in an appropriate waste receptacle. The bill would establish a state-mandated local program by creating a new crime.

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** Amended: 6/11/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**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.

**Position:** Watch

**SB 69 (Wiener D) Ocean Resiliency Act of 2019.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 7/11/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 7/11/2019-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 7/11/2019-A. APPR.



**Summary:**

Current law requires the Fish and Game Commission to establish fish hatcheries for the purposes of stocking the waters of California with fish, and requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to maintain and operate those hatcheries. This bill would require the department to develop and implement a plan, in collaboration with specified scientists, experts, and representatives, as part of its fish hatchery operations for the improvement of the survival of hatchery-produced salmon, and the increased contribution of the hatchery program to commercial and recreational salmon fisheries.

**Position:** Watch

**SB 262 (McGuire D) Marine resources: commercial fishing and aquaculture: regulation of operations.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 7/11/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 7/11/2019-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 7/11/2019-A. APPR.

**Summary:**

Current law regulating commercial fishing imposes, or authorizes the imposition of, various license, permit, and registration fees. Current law requires specified persons to pay landing fees relating to the sale of fish quarterly to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, based on a rate schedule applicable to listed aquatic species. Existing law authorizes the department to assess a fee on persons growing aquaculture products on public lands and in public waters based on the price per pound of the products sold, not to exceed the rates provided in the rate schedule applicable to wild-caught aquatic species. This bill would make that landing fee rate schedule applicable to the 2020 calendar year, and require that the schedule be adjusted annually thereafter pursuant to that specified federal index.

**Position:** Watch

**SB 367 (Hueso D) State Coastal Conservancy: grants: educational projects and programs.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 6/13/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

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

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

**Summary:**

Current law establishes the State Coastal Conservancy and prescribes the membership, functions, and duties of the conservancy with regard to the protection, preservation, and enhancement of specified coastal lands in the state. Current law authorizes the conservancy to fund and undertake plans and feasibility studies and to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations for these purposes. This bill would additionally authorize the conservancy to provide technical assistance, and award grants for that purpose.

**Position:** Watch

**SB 393 (Stone R) Vessels: impoundment.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/20/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 7/8/2019-From consent calendar on motion of Assembly Member Calderon. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 7/8/2019-A. THIRD READING

**Summary:**

Would authorize a court to order the impoundment of a vessel, as defined, for a period of not less than one nor more than 30 days, if the registered owner is convicted of a specified crime involving the operation of a vessel while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, any drug, or the combined influence of an alcoholic beverage and any drug and the conduct resulted in the unlawful killing of a person. The bill would authorize a court to consider certain factors in the interest of justice when determining whether a vessel used in the commission of such a crime shall be impounded pursuant to those provisions.



**Position:** Support

**SB 522 (Hertzberg D) Taxation.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/21/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 3/7/2019-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 2/21/2019-S. RLS.

**Summary:**

Current law imposes various taxes, including sales and use taxes and income taxes. This bill would make legislative findings regarding the need for further efforts to modernize and restructure the state's tax system and would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would accomplish specified purposes, including realigning the state's outdated tax code with the realities of California's 21st century economy.

**Position:** Watch A

**SB 547 (Borgeas R) California Water Commission: members.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 3/7/2019-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 2/22/2019-S. RLS.

**Summary:**

Current law establishes the California Water Commission, consisting of 9 members who are appointed to 4-year terms by the Governor, in the Department of Water Resources. Current law requires 7 of the members to be selected on the basis of their general educational and business qualifications and their knowledge of, interest in, and experience with problems relating to water. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes in these provisions.

**Position:** Watch

**SB 559 (Hurtado D) California Water Commission: grant: Friant-Kern Canal.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 7/3/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 8/14/2019-August 14 set for first hearing. Placed on APPR. suspense file.

**Location:** 8/14/2019-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:**

Under current law, the United States Bureau of Reclamation operates the federal Central Valley Project and the Department of Water Resources operates the State Water Project to supply water to persons and entities in the state. Current law establishes the California Water Commission, consisting of 9 members appointed by the Governor, in the department. This bill would require the commission to make a grant of \$400,000,000 to a specified joint powers authority to restore the capacity of the Friant-Kern Canal, subject to an appropriation. The bill, among other things, would require the grant to be part of a comprehensive solution to groundwater sustainability and subsidence in the San Joaquin Valley and would require the joint powers authority to demonstrate a funding match of at least 35% from user fees, local sources, federal funding, or a combination of these sources.

**Position:** Watch

**SB 587 (Monning D) California Sea Otter Fund.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 8/12/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 8/12/2019-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 2/22/2019-S. RLS.

**Summary:**

Current law, until January 1, 2021, establishes the California Sea Otter Fund and allows individuals

to designate on their personal income tax returns that a specified amount in excess of their tax liability be transferred to the fund. Current law requires money in that 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, 2026.

**Position:** Watch

**SB 693 (Borgeas R) State Water Resources Control Board: Administrative Hearings Office.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 3/14/2019-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 2/22/2019-S. RLS.

**Summary:**

Current law, operative July 1, 2019, creates within the State Water Resources Control Board an Administrative Hearings Office composed of attorneys qualified to act as hearing officers in adjudicative proceedings involving water rights matters. Current law prescribes procedures for hearings presided over by the office, including the adoption of a final order by the office for certain matters imposing administrative civil liability, and the preparation of a proposed order to be submitted for final review by the board for all other matters presided over by the office. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes in these provisions.

**Position:** Watch

**SB 699 (Hill D) San Francisco Bay Area regional water system.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/27/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 8/15/2019-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 8/15/2019-A. THIRD READING

**Summary:**

Would authorize the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Water System Financing Authority to issue revenue bonds until December 31, 2030. By extending the operation of the requirements for local public entities in connection with the operation of the authority, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**Position:** Watch

**SB 759 (Jones R) Marine insurance.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 3/14/2019-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 2/22/2019-S. RLS.

**Summary:**

Current law establishes the Department of Insurance, headed by the Insurance Commissioner, which regulates insurers and insurance practices. Current law establishes various classes of insurance, including, among others, marine insurance. Under current law, marine insurance on a ship or involving transportation by ship includes an implied warranty of seaworthiness that extends to the condition of the structure of the ship and requires that the ship be properly laden, as specified. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the latter provisions.

**Position:** Watch

**SB 785 (Committee on Natural Resources and Water) Public resources: parklands, freshwater resources, and coastal resources: off-highway motor vehicles: public lands.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 6/24/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 7/9/2019-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (July 8). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 7/8/2019-A. APPR.

**Summary:**

Current law, until January 1, 2020, generally prohibits a person from possessing, importing, shipping, or transporting in the state, or from placing, planting, or causing to be placed or planted in any water within the state, dreissenid mussels, and authorizes the Director of Fish and Wildlife or the director's designee to engage in various enforcement activities with regard to dreissenid mussels. Among those activities, current law authorizes the director to conduct inspections of waters of the state and facilities located within waters of the state that may contain dreissenid mussels and, if those mussels are detected or may be present, order the closure of the affected waters or facilities to conveyances or otherwise restrict access to the affected waters or facilities, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency. This bill would extend to January 1, 2030, the repeal date of those provisions.

**Position:** Watch

Total Measures: 36