



Department of Fish & Wildlife

Legislative Report

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[AB 102](#)

(Committee on Budget) Budget Act of 2013: public resources.

Introduced: 1/10/2013

Last Amend: 8/27/2013

Status: 9/11/2013-Ordered to inactive file at the request of Senator Leno.

Location: 9/11/2013-S. INACTIVE FILE

Summary: Current law requires that any moneys appropriated from the Public Resources Account in the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund for programs to protect, restore, enhance, or maintain waterfowl habitat be transferred to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for expenditure for those same purposes. This bill would repeal these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

[AB 148](#)

(V. Manuel Pérez D) Salton Sea restoration.

Introduced: 1/18/2013

Last Amend: 3/24/2014

Status: 3/24/2014-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Location: 3/24/2014-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would revise language stating legislative intent regarding restoring the Salton Sea. This bill would eliminate the requirement that the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency and the Legislature have final approval for any proposed restoration plan. This bill would recast the requirement that the secretary and the Legislature maintain full authority and responsibility for any state obligation under the Quantification Settlement Agreement to instead provide that specified provisions of law do not alter any state responsibility under the Quantification Settlement Agreement or the state's authority to carry out that responsibility.

[AB 155](#)

(Alejo D) Monterey County Water Resources Agency: Salinas River Management Program.

Introduced: 1/22/2013

Last Amend: 2/20/2014

Status: 2/27/2014-Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Location: 2/27/2014-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would require the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to establish a multiobjective, multibenefit consensus-based comprehensive Salinas River Management Program and would require the agency to establish a steering committee to develop the program. By requiring the agency to establish a new program, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 380](#)

(Dickinson D) California Environmental Quality Act: notice requirements

Introduced: 2/14/2013

Last Amend: 5/24/2013

Status: 7/12/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10)(SEN). (Last location was E.Q. on 6/13/2013)

Location: 7/12/2013-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would require an environmental impact report (EIR) and a mitigated negative declaration on a project to be filed with both the Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk and be

posted by the county clerk for public review. The bill would require the county clerk to post the notices within one business day, as defined, of receipt and stamp on the notice the date on which the notices were actually posted. By expanding the services provided by the lead agency and the county clerk, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 504](#) (Chesbro D) Fish: sea cucumbers: transgenic fish.

Introduced: 2/20/2013

Last Amend: 3/12/2014

Status: 3/12/2014-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Location: 3/12/2014-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would prohibit hatchery production and stocking of transgenic fish in California waters and would define "transgenic" for these purposes. A violation of the Fish and Game Code is generally a misdemeanor. Because the bill would create new crimes, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 543](#) (Campos D) California Environmental Quality Act: translation.

Introduced: 2/20/2013

Last Amend: 5/24/2013

Status: 7/12/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10)(SEN). (Last location was E.Q. on 6/13/2013)

Location: 7/12/2013-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would require a lead agency to translate, as specified, certain notices required by the California Environmental Quality Act and a summary of any negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, or environmental impact report when a group of non-English-speaking people, as defined, comprises at least 25% of the population within the lead agency's jurisdiction and the project is proposed to be located at or near an area where the group of non-English-speaking people comprises at least 25% of the residents of that area. By requiring a lead agency to translate these notices and documents, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 881](#) (Chesbro D) Oil spill prevention and administrative fee.

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amend: 9/4/2013

Status: 9/13/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/11/2013)

Location: 9/13/2013-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law imposes an oil spill prevention and administration fee in an amount determined by the administrator to implement oil spill prevention activities, but not to exceed, until January 1, 2015, \$0.065 per barrel of crude oil or petroleum products, on persons owning crude oil or petroleum products at a marine terminal and thereafter the fee is not to exceed \$0.05 per barrel. This bill would, instead, on and after January 1, 2015, increase the maximum annual assessment to \$0.07 per barrel of crude oil or petroleum products. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 896](#) (Eggman D) Wildlife management areas: mosquito abatement.

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amend: 3/11/2014

Status: 3/11/2014-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Location: 3/11/2014-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Current law provides for the formation of mosquito abatement and vector control districts, and prescribes the powers, functions, and duties of those districts, as specified. The existing Fish and Game Code authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife to take specified actions to protect, restore, rehabilitate, and improve fish and wildlife habitat. This bill would permanently reenact certain of those

provisions and would also make those provisions applicable to a mosquito abatement and vector control district in which vectors and vectorborne diseases from a wildlife management area may enter the district.

[AB 1096](#) ([Nestande](#) R) Vehicles: specialized license plates: Salton Sea.

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amend: 5/2/2013

Status: 7/12/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10)(SEN). (Last location was RLS. on 6/13/2013)

Location: 7/12/2013-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would authorize the Department of Fish and Wildlife to apply to the DMV to sponsor a special Salton Sea license plate program, and would require the DMV to issue the license plates if the Department of Fish and Wildlife meets certain requirements. The bill would require the plates issued under the program to bear a full-plate graphic design, as specified, and would require the payment of an additional fee by a person applying for the special plate. The bill would also require the revenue generated from the license plates, as specified, to be deposited in the Salton Sea Restoration Account created by the bill in the Specialized License Plate Fund.

[AB 1104](#) ([Salas](#) D) California Environmental Quality Act: biogas pipelines: exemption.

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amend: 1/27/2014

Status: 2/6/2014-Referred to Com. on E.Q.

Location: 2/6/2014-S. E.Q.

Summary: CEQA provides some exemptions from its requirements for specified projects, including for a project that consists of the inspection, maintenance, repair, restoration, reconditioning, relocation, replacement, or removal of an existing pipeline, as defined, if specified conditions are met. This bill would provide that, for purposes of that exemption, until January 1, 2018, "pipeline" also means a pipeline located in Fresno, Kern, Kings, or Tulare County, that is used to transport biogas, as the bill would define that term, and that meets the existing requirements for the exemption and all local, state, and federal laws. Because a lead agency would be required to determine the applicability of the exemption, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

[AB 1249](#) ([Salas](#) D) Integrated regional water management plans: nitrate contamination.

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amend: 1/6/2014

Status: 2/6/2014-Referred to Com. on E.Q.

Location: 2/6/2014-S. E.Q.

Summary: Would require an integrated regional water management plan to include an explanation of how the plan addresses nitrate contamination, or an explanation of why the plan does not address nitrate contamination, if an area within the boundaries of the plan has been identified as a nitrate high-risk area by the State Water Resources Control Board. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 1327](#) ([Gorell](#) R) Unmanned aircraft systems.

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amend: 1/23/2014

Status: 2/6/2014-Referred to Com. on PUB. S.

Location: 2/6/2014-S. PUB. S.

Summary: Would generally prohibit public agencies from using unmanned aircraft systems, or contracting for the use of unmanned aircraft systems, as defined, with certain exceptions applicable to law enforcement agencies and in certain other cases. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 1331](#) ([Rendon](#) D) Clean, Safe, and Reliable Drinking Water Act of 2014.

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amend: 3/18/2014

Status: 3/25/2014-Do pass as amended, and re-refer to the Committee on Environmental Quality.

Location: 3/25/2014-S. E.Q.

Summary: Current law, the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would repeal these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

[AB 1445](#) ([Logue R](#)) California Water Infrastructure Act of 2014.

Introduced: 1/6/2014

Last Amend: 2/14/2014

Status: 2/18/2014-Re-referred to Com. on W.,P. & W.

Location: 2/18/2014-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Current law creates the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would repeal these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

[AB 1514](#) ([Gonzalez D](#)) Natural community conservation planning agreements.

Introduced: 1/15/2014

Status: 1/23/2014-Referred to Com. on W.,P. & W.

Location: 1/23/2014-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: The Natural Community Conservation Planning Act authorizes any person, or any local, state, or federal agency, independently, or in cooperation with other persons, to undertake natural community conservation planning. The bill would also require an agreement to implement a natural community conservation plan to identify all lands within the planning area that are classified by the State Geologist as containing mineral deposits of regional or statewide significance. The bill would require the agreement, if classified mineral resources are found to exist on lands within the planning area, to include participation by the State Geologist, as specified.

[AB 1674](#) ([Bigelow R](#)) Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.

Introduced: 2/12/2014

Status: 2/13/2014-From printer. May be heard in committee March 15.

Location: 2/12/2014-A. PRINT

Summary: Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would amend the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.

[AB 1709](#) ([Frazier D](#)) Wildlife: hunting licenses.

Introduced: 2/13/2014

Status: 3/24/2014-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 2/20/2014-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue a license, upon payment of a base fee of \$8.25, as adjusted, to a resident or nonresident who is under 18 years of age on July 1 of the licensing year for which he or she seeks a license. The bill would require the department to issue a 2-day license to a nonresident who is 18 years of age or older upon payment of a base fee of \$31.25, as adjusted.

[AB 1711](#) ([Cooley D](#)) Administrative Procedures Act: economic impact assessment.

Introduced: 2/13/2014

Last Amend: 3/20/2014

Status: 3/26/2014-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (March 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 3/26/2014-A. APPR.

Summary: Current law requires every state agency subject to the Administrative Procedure Act to provide an initial statement of reasons for proposing the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation. The act requires the initial statement of reasons to include a standardized regulatory impact analysis prepared by each agency that proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal any major regulation, as defined, on or after November 1, 2013. The bill would require an economic impact assessment to be included in the initial statement of reasons. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

[AB 1739](#) **(Dickinson D) Groundwater basin management: sustainability.**

Introduced: 2/14/2014

Status: 2/27/2014-Referred to Com. on W.,P. & W.

Location: 2/27/2014-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: The Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in establishing the comprehensive monitoring program, to prioritize groundwater basins that supply drinking water. This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with the Department of Water Resources, to develop thresholds for the sustainable management of the priority groundwater basins.

[AB 1740](#) **(Bigelow R) Timber harvest plans: exemptions.**

Introduced: 2/14/2014

Status: 2/18/2014-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.

Location: 2/14/2014-A. PRINT

Summary: The Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 prohibits a person from conducting timber operations, as defined, unless a timber harvesting plan prepared by a registered professional forester has been submitted to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The act authorizes the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to exempt from some or all of those provisions of the act a person engaging in specified forest management activities. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that exemption provision.

[AB 1799](#) **(Gordon D) Land use: mitigation lands.**

Introduced: 2/18/2014

Status: 2/27/2014-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 2/27/2014-A. L. GOV.

Summary: Would eliminate the requirement of an endowment or other financial mechanism for long-term stewardship where a governmental entity or special district is the entity required to provide the long-term stewardship, if the governmental entity or special district provides evidence to the local or state agency that it possesses an investment-grade credit rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization, and provides either a resolution adopted by the legislative body of the governmental entity or special district or a contractual agreement with the local or state agency enforcing the mitigation requirements, as specified.

[AB 1849](#) **(Logue R) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: levees.**

Introduced: 2/19/2014

Status: 2/27/2014-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 2/27/2014-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: Would exempt from the requirements of CEQA, the maintenance, repair, or replacement of an existing levee. Because a lead agency would be required to determine the applicability of this exemption, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

- [AB 1867](#) (Patterson R) Timber harvest plans: exemption: reducing flammable materials.**
Introduced: 2/19/2014
Status: 2/27/2014-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
Location: 2/27/2014-A. NAT. RES.
Summary: Would provide that the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practices Act of 1973 does not apply to a person engaging in the cutting or removal of trees in compliance with existing law relating to defensible space that eliminates the vertical continuity of vegetative fuels and the horizontal continuity of tree crowns for the purpose of reducing flammable materials and maintaining a fuel break for a distance of no more than 300 feet on each side from an approved and legally permitted structure, as provided.
- [AB 1894](#) (Wieckowski D) Falsely filed liens or encumbrances.**
Introduced: 2/19/2014
Status: 3/25/2014-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
Location: 2/27/2014-A. PUB. S.
Summary: Would make it a misdemeanor for any person to file, attempt to file, or conspire to file, in any public record, or any private record that is generally available to the public, any false lien or encumbrance against the real or personal property of a peace officer, as defined, on account of the performance of that peace officer's official duties, if the person filing, attempting to file, or conspiring to file the public or private record knows, or has reason to know, that the lien or encumbrance is false or contains any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation.
- [AB 1905](#) (Alejo D) Water rights: appropriation: small domestic, small irrigation, and livestock stockpond use.**
Introduced: 2/19/2014
Status: 3/3/2014-Referred to Com. on W.,P. & W.
Location: 3/3/2014-A. W.,P. & W.
Summary: Current law defines "livestock stockpond" to mean a water impoundment structure constructed for livestock watering use not to exceed specified diversion amounts, including impoundment for incidental aesthetic, recreational or fish and wildlife purposes. This bill would provide that impoundment for incidental fire protection purposes is included within livestock stockpond use. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
- [AB 1914](#) (Chesbro D) Water resources: permits: terms and conditions.**
Introduced: 2/19/2014
Status: 3/3/2014-Referred to Com. on W.,P. & W.
Location: 3/3/2014-A. W.,P. & W.
Summary: Would require the State Water Resources Control Board, when approving an application for a water permit or an application for renewal or amendment of a water permit that affects the Lower Klamath River or the Trinity River, to conform the use of that permit to the minimum instream flows established by the United States Department of the Interior's Record of Decision, Trinity River Mainstem Fishery Restoration, Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report, adopted December 19, 2000, and to adopt specified requirements. This bill contains other related provisions.
- [AB 2019](#) (Fong D) Commercial fishing: drift gill net shark and swordfish fishery.**
Introduced: 2/20/2014
Status: 3/3/2014-Referred to Com. on W.,P. & W.
Location: 3/3/2014-A. W.,P. & W.
Summary: Would prohibit a person from using a drift gill net to take shark and swordfish for commercial purposes, except as provided. Because a violation of this provision would be a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would recast the drift gill net shark and swordfish permit as the shark and swordfish permit and would authorize a person to take shark and swordfish under this permit using only specified methods of take, including hand-held hook and line and handthrust harpoon.

- [AB 2043](#) (Bigelow R) Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014.**
Introduced: 2/20/2014
Status: 3/6/2014-Referred to Com. on W.,P. & W.
Location: 3/6/2014-A. W.,P. & W.
Summary: Current law, the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would repeal these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.
- [AB 2075](#) (Alejo D) Crimes: importation or sale of endangered animals.**
Introduced: 2/20/2014
Status: 2/21/2014-From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.
Location: 2/20/2014-A. PRINT
Summary: Current law makes it a misdemeanor to import into the state for commercial purposes, to possess with intent to sell, or to sell within the state, the dead body, or any part or product thereof, of specified animals, including polar bears, leopards, ocelots, and alligator or crocodilian species listed as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provision.
- [AB 2105](#) (Frazier D) Big game mammals: bighorn sheep.**
Introduced: 2/20/2014
Status: 3/25/2014-Do pass as amended and be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.
Location: 3/25/2014-A. APPR.
Summary: Current law authorizes the Fish and Game Commission to set the cost of a Nelson bighorn ram tag at not more than \$500. The bill would require the department to authorize a nonprofit organization designated by the department to assist in the sale of these tags to retain 5% of the amount of the sale price of the tag, plus any applicable credit card fees, as a reasonable vendor fee.
- [AB 2140](#) (Bloom D) Department of Fish and Wildlife: deputy director.**
Introduced: 2/20/2014
Status: 2/21/2014-From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.
Location: 2/20/2014-A. PRINT
Summary: Under current law, the Department of Fish and Wildlife is required to enforce and administer the fish and game laws pursuant to the policies formulated by the Fish and Game Commission. The department is administered by the Director of Fish and Wildlife. There is one deputy director of the department. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the latter provision.
- [AB 2184](#) (Chesbro D) Timber and engineered wood products assessment: forest restoration grants.**
Introduced: 2/20/2014
Status: 3/6/2014-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
Location: 3/6/2014-A. NAT. RES.
Summary: Would authorize moneys from the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund in the State Treasury, upon appropriation, to be used by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to provide grants to remediate former marijuana growing operations.
- [AB 2185](#) (Eggman D) Bees: foraging: public lands.**
Introduced: 2/20/2014
Status: 3/6/2014-Referred to Com. on AGRI.
Location: 3/6/2014-A. AGRI.
Summary: Would require a public entity, on public lands it owns, leases, controls, or occupies, to designate areas that may be used for a person to locate or maintain an apiary for purposes of bee foraging. The bill would also make findings and declarations related to bee foraging. By requiring local

public entities to designate these areas, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 2193](#) (Gordon D) Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act.

Introduced: 2/20/2014

Status: 3/6/2014-Referred to Com. on W.,P. & W.

Location: 3/6/2014-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Would enact the Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act and require the Director of Fish and Wildlife to approve a habitat restoration or enhancement project, as defined, if specified conditions are met as determined by the director. The act would create the Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Fund within the Fish and Game Preservation Fund and authorize the department to enter into an agreement to accept funds to achieve the purposes of the Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act and deposit those funds into that account. This bill contains other related provisions.

[AB 2205](#) (Donnelly R) Mammals: use of dogs to pursue bears and bobcats.

Introduced: 2/20/2014

Status: 3/6/2014-Referred to Com. on W.,P. & W.

Location: 3/6/2014-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife to make a specified report to the Fish and Game Commission on the status of bear populations, management, and related issues every 3 years. The bill would require the first report to be submitted on or before December 15, 2015, and would require the department, not later than December 15 of each year the report is submitted, to notify, by certified mail, the board of supervisors of each county affected by bear interactions with the general public, of public safety impacts or concerns, bear depredation permit requests, and economic impacts due to bear damage to the extent of those incidences or impacts, and of its recommendations to the commission.

[AB 2210](#) (Williams D) Nongame mammals: depredators.

Introduced: 2/20/2014

Status: 3/6/2014-Referred to Com. on W.,P. & W.

Location: 3/6/2014-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Would provide that nonnative fox squirrels (*Sciurus niger*), instead of red fox squirrels, may be taken as specified. The bill would also prohibit the barter of raw furs, and would require that all animals in the traps be removed within 24 hours of the setting of a trap instead of at least once daily. The bill would require that nontargeted species be released unharmed and not taken. The bill would make other nonsubstantive changes to these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 2268](#) (Bigelow R) Fish and Game Commission.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 3/6/2014-Referred to Com. on W.,P. & W.

Location: 3/6/2014-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: The California Constitution establishes the 5-member Fish and Game Commission, with members appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate. Current law requires the commissioners to annually elect one of their number as vice president. Current law prohibits the vice president to serve more than 2 consecutive years. This bill would eliminate this prohibition.

[AB 2353](#) (Waldron R) Environmental quality: environmental impact reports.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Last Amend: 3/20/2014

Status: 3/24/2014-Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 3/24/2014-A. NAT. RES.

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 a surface water storage facility that meets specified requirements.

[AB 2364](#) ([V. Manuel Pérez](#) D) State amphibian: California red-legged frog.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Last Amend: 3/26/2014

Status: 3/27/2014-Re-referred to Com. on W.,P. & W.

Location: 3/27/2014-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Current law establishes the state flag and the state's emblems, including, among other things, the poppy as the official state flower, the California redwood as the official state tree, and the California desert tortoise as the official state reptile. This bill would establish the California red-legged frog as the official state amphibian.

[AB 2402](#) ([Buchanan](#) D) Noxious weed management.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 3/10/2014-Referred to Com. on AGRI.

Location: 3/10/2014-A. AGRI.

Summary: Current law creates the Noxious Weed Management Account in the Department of Food and Agriculture Fund, and provides for the allocation of those funds, by percentage, for specified purposes, including control and abatement, research, and to the department for purposes of carrying out those provisions relating to noxious weed management. This bill would revise the percentages of those allocations, and would also revise the purposes for which the percentage of funds allocated for research may be used to include mapping, risk assessment, and prioritization of weeds.

[AB 2409](#) ([Cooley](#) D) California Waterfowl Habitat Program.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 3/10/2014-Referred to Com. on W.,P. & W.

Location: 3/10/2014-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Current law authorizes the Director of Fish and Wildlife to enter into land use contracts to conserve waterfowl and waterfowl habitat with nonpublic entities that are owners of record, or with lessees, who have the owners of record execute the contract, of land determined by the director to be important for the conservation of waterfowl, subject to the appropriation of money for that purpose. This bill would also authorize the director to enter into those contracts with public entities.

[AB 2417](#) ([Nazarian](#) D) Environmental quality.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 2/24/2014-Read first time.

Location: 2/21/2014-A. PRINT

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act makes various legislative findings regarding environmental quality. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those legislative findings.

[AB 2463](#) ([Dickinson](#) D) Delta plan: Bay Delta Conservation Plan: hearings.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 3/13/2014-Referred to Com. on W.,P. & W.

Location: 3/13/2014-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Would require the Delta Stewardship Council to have at least 5 public hearings concerning the incorporation of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan into the Delta Plan if the Department of Fish and Wildlife approves the Bay Delta Conservation Plan as a natural community conservation plan.

[AB 2554](#) ([Rendon](#) D) Clean, Safe, and Reliable Drinking Water Act of 2014.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Last Amend: 3/24/2014

Status: 3/25/2014-Re-referred to Com. on A. & A.R.

Location: 3/25/2014-A. A. & A.R.

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[AB 2595](#) (Grove R) Timber harvesting plans.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 2/24/2014-Read first time.

Location: 2/21/2014-A. PRINT

Summary: The Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 prohibits a person from conducting timber operations unless a timber harvesting plan prepared by a registered professional forester has been submitted to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

[AB 2629](#) (Bloom D) Conservation and mitigation banks: expedited review and approval.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 2/24/2014-Read first time.

Location: 2/21/2014-A. PRINT

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact later legislation that would create an expedited review and approval process by the Department of Fish and Wildlife of an entity applying to the department to establish a conservation bank or mitigation bank for threatened, endangered, or other special status species if that entity already has a federally approved conservation bank or mitigation bank for that species.

[AB 2657](#) (Bloom D) Environmentally sensitive areas: use of anticoagulants.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 3/17/2014-Referred to Coms. on E.S. & T.M. and W.,P. & W.

Location: 3/17/2014-A. E.S. & T.M.

Summary: The Fish and Game Commission and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to protect and conserve the fish and wildlife resources of the state by establishing ecological reserves and by conserving, protecting, restoring, and enhancing any endangered species or any threatened species and its habitat. This bill would prohibit the use of any poison, substance, or product, other than its use as a prescription drug under the direction of a licensed physician and surgeon, that contains one or more of specified anticoagulants, including brodifacoum and bromadiolone, in environmentally sensitive areas.

[AB 2677](#) (Rodriguez D) Oil Spill Response Trust Fund.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 3/17/2014-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 3/17/2014-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: Current law establishes the Oil Spill Response Trust Fund in the State Treasury. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the administrator generally for the purposes of covering costs of response, containment, and cleanup of oil spills into marine waters. This bill would prohibit the use of moneys in the fund for any purpose other than the oil spill response and cleanup activities authorized by the administrator pursuant to these provisions.

[AB 2678](#) (Ridley-Thomas D) Oil spills: Oil Spill Technical Advisory Committee.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 3/17/2014-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 3/17/2014-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: The Oil Spill Technical Advisory Committee is composed of 10 members and the Governor is required to appoint as one of these members a person who has worked in state government. This bill

would instead require the Governor to appoint a member who is a faculty member of the Karen C. Drayer Wildlife Health Center at UC Davis or the Director of the Oiled Wildlife Care Network.

[AB 2684](#) (Stone D) Hatchery practices: salmon and steelhead.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Last Amend: 3/27/2014

Status: 3/27/2014-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W.,P. & W. Read second time and amended.

Location: 3/27/2014-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife to implement specified policies and practices for hatchery chinook salmon, coho salmon, and steelhead reared or released in California waters, including a requirement that hatchery chinook salmon, coho salmon, and steelhead released in California waters be externally marked on the top fin at a level to be determined by the department and that all hatchery chinook salmon, coho salmon, and steelhead be coded-wire tagged prior to their release.

[AB 2686](#) (Perea D) Clean, Safe, and Reliable Water Supply Act of 2014.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Last Amend: 3/25/2014

Status: 3/26/2014-Re-referred to Com. on W.,P. & W.

Location: 3/26/2014-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Current law, the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would repeal these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

[AB 2738](#) (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materi) Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: accounts.

Introduced: 2/26/2014

Status: 3/17/2014-Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.

Location: 3/17/2014-A. E.S. & T.M.

Summary: Would establish the fees and charges account within the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for deposit of prescribed administrative fees to be expended for administrative costs of providing assistance under these provisions, to the extent consistent with federal law. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 2759](#) (Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife) Interstate water rights.

Introduced: 3/24/2014

Status: 3/25/2014-From printer. May be heard in committee April 24.

Location: 3/24/2014-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law provides that, with regard to a stream flowing across the state boundary, a right of appropriation having the point of diversion and place of use in another state and recognized by the laws of that state has the same force and effect as if the point of diversion and place of use were in this state. This bill would recast these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

[SB 104](#) (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Drought relief.

Introduced: 1/10/2013

Last Amend: 2/26/2014

Status: 3/1/2014-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 3, Statutes of 2014.

Location: 3/1/2014-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would provide that a person or entity in violation of a term or condition of a permit, license,

certificate, or registration issued or an order adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board or an emergency regulation described in paragraph (6), is liable in an amount not to exceed \$500 for each day in which the violation occurs. These funds would be deposited in the Water Rights Fund. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

SB 176 **(Galgiani D) Administrative procedures.**

Introduced: 2/6/2013

Last Amend: 8/7/2013

Status: 8/30/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/30/2013)

Location: 8/30/2013-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would require the Office of Administrative Law to allow electronic submission to the office by a state agency of notices required to be published and information required to be submitted pursuant to specified provisions of existing law. The bill would also expand the public discussion requirement to require a state agency proposing to adopt regulations, prior to publication of a notice of proposed adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation, to involve parties that would be subject to the proposed regulations in public discussions regarding those proposed regulations, without regard to the complexity or number of proposals. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

SB 355 **(Beall D) Conservation: tax credits.**

Introduced: 2/20/2013

Last Amend: 5/13/2013

Status: 1/28/2014-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 1/28/2014-A. DESK

Summary: Would allow for the transfer of the credit allowed pursuant to the Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Act of 2000 from prior years whose carryover period has not expired by the taxpayer to an unrelated party, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

SB 731 **(Steinberg D) Environment: California Environmental Quality Act.**

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amend: 9/9/2013

Status: 9/13/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was L. GOV. on 9/11/2013)

Location: 9/13/2013-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would provide that aesthetic and parking impacts of a residential, mixed-use residential, or employment center project, as defined, on an infill site, as defined, within a transit priority area, as defined, shall not be considered significant impacts on the environment. The bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to prepare and submit to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, and the secretary to certify and adopt, revisions to the guidelines for the implementation of CEQA establishing thresholds of significance for noise and transportation impacts of projects within transit priority areas. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

SB 764 **(Yee D) Fish: accounting records: violation.**

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amend: 1/15/2014

Status: 1/23/2014-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 1/23/2014-A. DESK

Summary: Current law requires commercial licensed fishermen and any person who deals in fresh or frozen fish for profit to keep prescribed accounting records. This bill would require a commercial licensed fisherman and any person who deals in fresh or frozen fish for profit to transmit the prescribed accounting record information, as further specified, to any business that deals in fish for profit. The bill would permit the accounting record information to be provided in one or more additional languages. By expanding the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill

contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[SB 834](#) (Huff R) Environmental quality: the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act.

Introduced: 1/6/2014

Last Amend: 3/20/2014

Status: 3/26/2014-Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 3/20/2014-S. E.Q.

Summary: Would enact the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act and would specify that the environmental review of projects pursuant to CEQA is required to consider only specified environmental topic 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. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[SB 848](#) (Wolk D) Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Supply Act of 2014.

Introduced: 1/9/2014

Last Amend: 2/20/2014

Status: 2/26/2014-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2. Page 2831.) (February 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 2/26/2014-S. APPR.

Summary: Current law creates the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would repeal these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

[SB 927](#) (Cannella R) Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014.

Introduced: 1/29/2014

Status: 3/18/2014-Set for hearing April 8.

Location: 2/6/2014-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would rename the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012 as the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014 and make conforming changes. The bill would instead authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9,217,000,000 by reducing the amount available for projects related to drought relief and water supply reliability, as specified. The bill would remove the authorization for funds to be available for ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects, and would increase the amount of funds available for emergency and urgent actions to ensure safe drinking water supplies in disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas.

[SB 958](#) (Gaines R) California Environmental Quality Act.

Introduced: 2/6/2014

Status: 2/20/2014-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/20/2014-S. RLS.

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report, as defined, on a project that may have a significant effect on the environment, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. This bill would make technical and nonsubstantive changes to the definition of "environmental impact report."

[SB 981](#) (Huff R) Regulations: review process.

Introduced: 2/11/2014

Status: 3/6/2014-Set for hearing April 22.

Location: 2/20/2014-S. G.O.

Summary: Current law, the Administrative Procedure Act, governs the procedure for the adoption,

amendment, or repeal of regulations by state agencies. This bill would require each agency to review each regulation adopted prior to January 1, 2014, and to develop a report with prescribed information to be submitted to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2016.

[SB 987](#) ([Monning](#) D) Department of Fish and Wildlife: California Sea Otter Fund.

Introduced: 2/12/2014

Last Amend: 3/24/2014

Status: 3/24/2014-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/24/2014-S. RLS.

Summary: Would authorize the Department of Fish and Wildlife to take appropriate measures to encourage taxpayers to make contributions on their tax returns to the California Sea Otter Fund and would also authorize the department to disseminate information to the public about the status of California sea otters. The bill would require that costs incurred by the department in carrying out these activities be paid for with money allocated to the department from the fund.

[SB 1091](#) ([Galgiani](#) D) Administrative procedures: California Regulatory Notice Register: proposed rulemaking activities.

Introduced: 2/19/2014

Status: 3/25/2014-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (March 25). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 3/25/2014-S. APPR.

Summary: Would require each state agency to submit a notice to the Office of Administrative Law for publication in the California Regulatory Notice Register of any meeting or hearing that occurs prior to the mailing or posting of the notice of proposed action, for which the agency posts on its Internet Web site a public notice of a meeting or hearing, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions.

[SB 1133](#) ([Anderson](#) R) Juries: peace officer exemption.

Introduced: 2/20/2014

Status: 3/6/2014-Referred to Com. on JUD.

Location: 3/6/2014-S. JUD.

Summary: Current law exempts certain peace officers from voir dire in civil and criminal matters, and other specified peace officers from voir dire in criminal matters. This bill would exempt designated employees of the Department of Fish and Game, as specified, from voir dire in both civil and criminal matters.

[SB 1138](#) ([Padilla](#) D) Fish and shellfish: labeling.

Introduced: 2/20/2014

Status: 3/20/2014-Set for hearing April 9.

Location: 3/6/2014-S. HEALTH

Summary: Would require any label of fresh, frozen, or processed fish or shellfish, wild or farm raised, offered for sale at wholesale or retail to clearly identify the species of fish or shellfish by its common name, as specified. By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[SB 1268](#) ([Beall](#) D) Natural Resources Climate Improvement Program.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 3/18/2014-Set for hearing April 8.

Location: 3/6/2014-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would establish the Natural Resources Climate Improvement Program, which would be administered by the State Air Resources Board, in coordination with the Natural Resources Agency, to assist in the development and implementation of highly-leveraged, regionally integrated natural resources projects that maximize greenhouse gas emissions reductions or sequestration. This bill would authorize moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the state board to implement the Natural Resources Climate Improvement

Program.

[SB 1319](#) ([Pavley D](#)) Oil spills: oil spill prevention and response.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 3/18/2014-Set for hearing April 8.

Location: 3/6/2014-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would add an additional element that considers the variability in physical and chemical properties of oil transported within and to the state and its waters to the marine oil spill contingency planning section of the California oil spill contingency plan.

[SB 1370](#) ([Galgiani D](#)) Reliable Water Supply Bond Act of 2014.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Last Amend: 3/24/2014

Status: 3/24/2014-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Location: 3/24/2014-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Current law creates the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$11,140,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would repeal these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

[SB 1390](#) ([Correa D](#)) Santa Ana River Conservancy.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 3/27/2014-Set for hearing April 22.

Location: 3/17/2014-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would establish the Santa Ana River Conservancy to acquire specified lands within 1/2 mile on either side of the riverbed of the Santa Ana River and would prescribe the management, powers, and duties of the conservancy. The bill would also create the Santa Ana River Conservancy Fund, but would prohibit the conservancy from implementing the funding authorization until the Legislature appropriates, from other than General Fund moneys, or a bond act approved by the voters allocates, the necessary funds. This bill contains other related provisions.

[SB 1398](#) ([Cannella R](#)) Environmental quality: flood control activities: Salinas River.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 3/18/2014-Set for hearing April 8.

Location: 3/17/2014-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would, for maintenance activities along the Salinas River meeting specified requirements, prohibit the court in such an action from staying or enjoining those maintenance activities unless those activities present an imminent threat to public health and safety or would materially, permanently, and adversely affect unforeseen important Native American artifacts, or unforeseen important historical, archaeological, or ecological values. This bill contains other related provisions.

[SB 1410](#) ([Wolk D](#)) Wildlife management areas: payments.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 3/27/2014-Set for hearing April 22.

Location: 3/17/2014-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would appropriate \$19,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Fish and Wildlife to make payments to counties for outstanding obligations under these provisions. The bill would also appropriate \$2,000,000 annually, beginning with the 2014-15 fiscal year, from the General Fund to the department to make payments to counties for obligations incurred under these provisions.

SB 1434 (Wolk D) Funding of fish and wildlife programs.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 3/27/2014-Set for hearing April 22.

Location: 3/17/2014-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: The Legislature has made findings that specified revenues, reimbursements, and federal funds shall not be used to support commercial fishing programs, free hunting and fishing license programs, or nongame fish and wildlife programs. This bill would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife to only apply for grant funds available to the state under the federal act to fund eligible projects that are consistent with the legislative findings described above and that fulfill one or more specified purposes. The bill would require the department to post a brief description of projects funded by moneys received from the federal act on its Internet Web site. This bill contains other existing laws.

SB 1451 (Hill D) Environmental quality: mitigation measures.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 3/17/2014-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/17/2014-S. RLS.

Summary: Would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, on or before January 1, 2016, and on or before January 1 of each year thereafter, to submit to the Legislature a report on the types and effectiveness of a representative sample of mitigation measures adopted by state and local agencies.

SB 1454 (Gaines R) Fish and wildlife: enforcement: patrol mounted vehicle video and audio systems.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 3/27/2014-Set for hearing April 22.

Location: 3/17/2014-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would authorize the Department of Fish and Wildlife to install patrol vehicle mounted video and audio systems, commonly known as dashboard cameras, in patrol vehicles used by the department's peace officers. The bill would authorize a peace officer to use a patrol vehicle mounted video and audio system to record any communications or other actions involving the officer while the officer is in uniform and acting within the scope of his or her authority.

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