



Department of Fish & Wildlife Legislative Report April 2015

(as of March 24, 2015)

- [AB 12](#) **(Cooley D) State government: administrative regulations: review.**
Introduced: 12/1/2014
Status: 3/23/2015-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
Location: 1/16/2015-A. A. & A.R.
Summary: Would, until January 1, 2019, require each state agency to, on or before January 1, 2018, and after a noticed public hearing, review and revise that agency's regulations to eliminate any inconsistencies, overlaps, or outdated provisions in the regulations, adopt the revisions as emergency regulations, and report to the Legislature and Governor, as specified. The bill would further require each agency to, on or before January 1, 2017, compile an overview of the statutory law that agency administers. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
- [AB 19](#) **(Chang R) Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development: small business: regulations.**
Introduced: 12/1/2014
Last Amend: 3/16/2015
Status: 3/17/2015-Re-referred to Com. on J., E.D., & E.
Location: 3/17/2015-A. J., E.D. & E.
Summary: Would require the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, under the direction of the Office of Small Business Advocate, to review all regulations affecting small businesses adopted prior to January 1, 2016, in order to determine whether the regulations need to be amended in order to become more effective, less burdensome, or to decrease the cost impact to affected sectors.
- [AB 56](#) **(Quirk D) Unmanned aircraft systems.**
Introduced: 12/2/2014
Status: 1/22/2015-Referred to Coms. on PUB. S. and P. & C.P.
Location: 1/22/2015-A. 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, including when the use or operation of the unmanned aircraft system achieves the core mission of the agency and the purpose is unrelated to the gathering of criminal intelligence, as defined. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
- [AB 78](#) **(Mathis R) Groundwater basins.**
Introduced: 1/5/2015
Status: 1/6/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 5.
Location: 1/5/2015-A. PRINT
Summary: Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to categorize each basin or subbasin as high-, medium-, low-, or very low priority and to establish ground water the initial priority for each basin no later than January 31, 2015. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision.
- [AB 96](#) **(Atkins D) Animal parts and products: importation or sale of ivory and rhinoceros horn.**

Introduced: 1/7/2015

Status: 3/10/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 2.) (March 10). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 3/10/2015-A. APPR.

Summary: Current law exempts the possession with intent to sell, or sale of the dead body, or any part or product thereof, of any elephant before June 1, 1977, or the possession with intent to sell or the sale of any such item on or after June 1, 1977, if the item was imported before January 1, 1977. This bill would delete this exemption. By changing the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 142](#) **(Bigelow R) Wild and scenic rivers: Mokelumne River.**

Introduced: 1/12/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Action From NAT. RES.: Do pass as amended.To APPR..

Location: 3/23/2015-A. APPR.

Summary: Would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, in a report analyzing the suitability or unsuitability of a proposed designation of the Mokelumne River, its tributaries, or portions thereof as additions to the system, to consider the potential effects of the proposed designation on future water requirements, as specified, and the effects of climate change. This bill contains other related provisions.

[AB 243](#) **(Wood D) Medical marijuana cultivation.**

Introduced: 2/5/2015

Status: 3/9/2015-Referred to Coms. on AGRI. and E.S. & T.M.

Location: 3/9/2015-A. AGRI.

Summary: Would require indoor and outdoor medical marijuana cultivation to be conducted in accordance with state and local laws and best practices related to land conversion, grading, electricity usage, water usage, agricultural discharges, and similar matters. This bill would require state agencies to address environmental impacts of medical marijuana cultivation and coordinate with cities and counties and their law enforcement agencies in enforcement efforts. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 290](#) **(Bigelow R) Game mammals: Big Game Management Account.**

Introduced: 2/11/2015

Status: 2/12/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 14.

Location: 2/11/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law requires funds deposited in the Big Game Management Account be expended solely for specified purposes and pursuant to specified limitations. Current law requires an advisory committee, which includes interested nonprofit organizations that, among other requirements, have goals and objectives directly related to the management and conservation of big game species, review and provide comments to the department on all proposed projects funded from the Big Game Management Account. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

[AB 298](#) **(Gonzalez D) Fish and wildlife: violations.**

Introduced: 2/12/2015

Status: 2/23/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Current law generally makes any violation of the Fish and Game Code or any rule, regulation, or order made or adopted under the code a misdemeanor, and specifies that a violation of designated statutes or regulations is either an infraction or a misdemeanor. This bill would make a violation of a specified regulation relating to marine protected areas, marine managed areas, and special closures an infraction or a misdemeanor, except if the person who violates the regulation holds a commercial fishing license or a commercial passenger fishing boat license.

[AB 300](#) **(Alejo D) Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2015.**

Introduced: 2/12/2015

Last Amend: 3/5/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Action From NAT. RES.: Do pass as amended.To APPR..

Location: 3/23/2015-A. APPR.

Summary: Would enact the Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2015, which would require the State Coastal Conservancy to establish and coordinate the Algal Bloom Task Force, in consultation with the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, and would prescribe the composition and functions and duties of the task force. The bill would require the task force to review the risks and negative impacts of toxic blooms and microcystin pollution and to submit a summary of its findings and recommendations to the secretary by January 1, 2017.

[AB 311](#)

(Gallagher R) Environmental quality: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

Introduced: 2/12/2015

Last Amend: 3/17/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Action From NAT. RES.: Failed passage Reconsideration granted.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: Would require a public agency, in certifying a environmental impact report and in granting approvals for specified water storage projects funded, in whole or in part, by Proposition 1, to comply with specified procedures. Because a public agency would be required to comply with those new procedures, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would authorize the public agency to concurrently prepare the record of proceedings for the project. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 330](#)

(Chang R) State government.

Introduced: 2/13/2015

Status: 2/17/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.

Location: 2/13/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law authorizes the Governor, from time to time, to examine the organization of all agencies and to determine what changes are necessary to accomplish specified government goals, including, but not limited to, promotion of more effective management of the executive and administrative branch of state government. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

[AB 351](#)

(Jones-Sawyer D) Public contracts: small business participation.

Introduced: 2/17/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Referred to Coms. on J., E.D., & E. and A. & A.R.

Location: 3/2/2015-A. J., E.D. & E.

Summary: Would require all state agencies, departments, boards, and commissions to establish and achieve an annual goal of 25% small business participation in state procurements and contracts, to ensure that the state's procurement and contract processes are administered in order to meet or exceed the goal, and to report to the director statistics regarding small business participation in the agency's procurements and contracts. This bill contains other related provisions.

[AB 353](#)

(Lackey R) Fish: fully protected species: taking or possession.

Introduced: 2/17/2015

Status: 2/18/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.

Location: 2/17/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law prohibits the taking or possession of any fully protected fish, except as provided. Under current law, the Department of Fish and Wildlife is authorized to permit the taking of those species for necessary scientific research, including efforts to recover fully protected, threatened, or endangered species. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to those provisions.

[AB 367](#)

(Dodd D) Clear Lake.

Introduced: 2/17/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/5/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Would appropriate \$2,400,000 from the Fish and Game Preservation Fund to the County of Lake for the purposes of restoring Clear Lake wetlands, maintaining the water quality of Clear Lake, preventing the spread of invasive species to Clear Lake, and controlling and eradicating invasive species in Clear Lake.

[AB 395](#) (Gallagher R) Hunting: nonlead ammunition.

Introduced: 2/18/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/5/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Current law requires, as soon as is practicable, but by no later than July 1, 2019, the use of nonlead ammunition for the taking of all wildlife, including game mammals, game birds, nongame birds, and nongame mammals, with any firearm, and requires the Fish and Game Commission to promulgate regulations by July 1, 2015, that phase in the requirements of these provisions. This bill would repeal the restriction against the use of nonlead ammunition for the taking of all wildlife and related provisions.

[AB 410](#) (Lackey R) Administrative procedures.

Introduced: 2/19/2015

Status: 2/20/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 22.

Location: 2/19/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: The Administrative Procedure Act governs the procedure for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of regulations by state agencies and for the review of those regulatory actions by the Office of Administrative Law. Current law requires that office to establish a unique numbering system for each regulatory action for identification and tracking purposes. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

[AB 411](#) (Lackey R) Public contracts.

Introduced: 2/19/2015

Status: 2/20/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 22.

Location: 2/19/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law generally requires the Department of General Services to approve state agency contracts for the acquisition of goods and services. Current law defines several terms relating to these contract acquisitions. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the provision of law setting forth these definitions.

[AB 429](#) (Dahle R) Public contracts: preferences: forest products.

Introduced: 2/19/2015

Status: 3/19/2015-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 3/2/2015-A. A. & A.R.

Summary: Would require any state agency that contracts for, or acquires, lumber or other solid wood products, excluding paper and other types of secondary manufactured goods, to give preference, if price, fitness, and quality are equal, to lumber and other solid wood products that are harvested from forests within this state. This bill contains other existing laws.

[AB 435](#) (Chang R) California Environmental Protection Agency: Natural Resources Agency: Web casts of public meetings and workshops.

Introduced: 2/19/2015

Last Amend: 3/18/2015

Status: 3/19/2015-Re-referred to Com. on A. & A.R.

Location: 3/19/2015-A. A. & A.R.

Summary: Would require that each department, board, and commission of the Natural Resources Agency and each department, board, and office of the California Environmental Protection Agency

Web cast all public meetings and workshops, in a manner that enables listeners and viewers to ask questions and provide public comment by telephone or electronic communication commensurate with those attending the meeting or workshop. The bill would require the agencies to archive the recording of a Web cast for subsequent reasonable viewing by interested members of the public.

[AB 498](#) (Levine D) Wildlife conservation: wildlife corridors.

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/5/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Would declare that it is the policy of the state and all state agencies, with regard to a project proposed in an area identified as a wildlife corridor, to encourage the project proponent to consult with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and, wherever feasible and practicable, take steps to protect or restore the functioning of the wildlife corridor through various means, as applicable.

[AB 499](#) (Cooley D) Archery season: concealed firearms.

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/5/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Current law generally prohibits a person taking or attempting to take deer during archery season from carrying, or having under his or her immediate control, a firearm of any kind, except for an active or honorably retired peace officer, as specified. This bill would authorize a person with a valid license to carry a firearm capable of being concealed on the person, consistent with the terms of that license, while engaged in the taking of deer with bow and arrow as long as he or she does not take or attempt to take deer with the firearm.

[AB 501](#) (Levine D) Resources: Delta research.

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and JUD.

Location: 3/5/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Would require a person conducting Delta research, as defined, whose research is funded, in whole or in part, by the state, to take specified actions with regard to the sharing of the primary data, samples, physical collections, and other supporting materials created or gathered in the course of that research. The bill would authorize the Delta Independent Science Board to adopt guidelines to provide adjustments to, and, where essential, exceptions from, these requirements and would exempt the adoption of these guidelines from the procedural requirements for the adoption of regulations.

[AB 558](#) (Low D) Public contracts: state contracts: information technology goods and services.

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 26.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law authorizes the Department of General Services and the Department of Technology to adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to govern the acquisition and disposal of information technology goods and services. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.

[AB 559](#) (Lopez D) Monarch butterflies: conservation.

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/5/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Would authorize the Department of Fish and Wildlife to take actions to conserve monarch butterflies and the unique habitats they depend upon for successful migration. The bill would authorize the department to partner with federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, academic programs, private landowners, and other entities that undertake actions to conserve monarch butterflies and aid their successful migration, including the Monarch Joint Venture.

[AB 641](#)

(Dahle R) Environmental quality: environmental impact reports.

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 2/25/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 27.

Location: 2/24/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. The 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. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

[AB 651](#)

(Cooper D) Public safety officers: investigations and interviews.

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Last Amend: 3/17/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Re-referred to Com. on PUB. S. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. PUB. S.

Summary: The Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act grants certain rights to public safety officers, as defined. The act requires that, when a public safety officer is under investigation and is interrogated by his or her commanding officer, or another member of the employing agency, on matters that could lead to punitive action, the interrogation be conducted under certain conditions. This bill would authorize an employing public agency to grant the right of representation to a public safety officer if an interview regarding the investigation of another public safety officer focuses on matters that may result in punitive action against the officer who is not formally under investigation.

[AB 665](#)

(Frazier D) Hunting or fishing: local regulation.

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/9/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/9/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Under current law, a city or county has no authority to regulate fish and game except that a city or county may adopt an ordinance that incidentally affects fishing and hunting for the protection of public health and safety. This bill would provide that the state fully occupies the field of the taking and possession of fish and game.

[AB 794](#)

(Linder R) Criminal acts against law enforcement animals.

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on PUB. S.

Location: 3/12/2015-A. PUB. S.

Summary: Would make specified criminal acts against law enforcement applicable when those acts are carried out against a horse or dog being used by, or under the supervision of, a volunteer police observer in the discharge or attempted discharge of his or her assigned volunteer duties. The bill would also require a defendant convicted of those acts to pay restitution for a horse or dog that is used by or under the supervision of a volunteer police observer, as specified. By expanding the scope of existing crimes, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 815](#)

(Ridley-Thomas D) Oil spill prevention and response fees: collection.

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 3/12/2015-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: The Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act prohibits the oil spill prevention and administration fee from being collected by a marine terminal operator or refinery operator or imposed on the owner of crude oil or petroleum products if the fee has been previously collected or paid on the crude oil or petroleum products at another marine terminal or refinery and, in that case, requires a marine terminal operator, refinery operator, or owner of crude oil or petroleum

products to demonstrate that the fee has already been paid. This bill instead would authorize a marine terminal operator or a refinery operator receiving petroleum products derived from crude oil refined in the state to presume the fee has been previously collected.

[AB 956](#) ([Mathis R](#)) California Environmental Quality Act: noncompliance allegations: standing.

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.

Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that provision. This bill contains other existing laws.

[AB 965](#) ([Garcia, Eduardo D](#)) California and Mexico border: resources improvement.

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/16/2015-Referred to Coms. on E.S. & T.M. and W., P., & W.

Location: 3/16/2015-A. E.S. & T.M.

Summary: Would require the California-Mexico Border Relations Council to establish the New River Water Quality, Public Health, and River Parkway Development Program to coordinate funding for, and the implementation of, recommendations from a strategic plan required to be developed by the council and certain projects identified by the council pursuant to existing law. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 1125](#) ([Weber D](#)) State agency contracts: small business.

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/19/2015-Referred to Com. on J., E.D., & E.

Location: 3/19/2015-A. J., E.D. & E.

Summary: The Small Business Procurement and Contract Act provides for various programs to encourage the participation of small businesses, as certified by the Department of General Services, in state agency contracts, including a microbusiness and a disabled veteran business enterprise. This bill would provide, in solicitations where an award is made to the lowest responsible bidder, that the preference to small business and microbusiness be 5% of the lowest responsible nonsmall business bidder meeting specifications and that the preference to nonsmall business bidders that provide for small business or microbusiness subcontractor participation be up to a maximum of 5% of the lowest responsible nonsmall business bidder.

[AB 1218](#) ([Weber D](#)) Public contracts: disabled veteran business enterprise.

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Referred to Coms. on J., E.D., & E. and A. & A.R.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. J., E.D. & E.

Summary: Current law requires the Director of General Services to adopt written policies and guidelines establishing a uniform process for state contracting that provides a disabled veteran business enterprise participation incentive to bidders. This bill would require a greater participation incentive to be provided to a prime contractor who owns a disabled veteran business enterprise, as specified.

[AB 1244](#) ([Gray D](#)) Water rights: small irrigation use.

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Current law authorizes any person to obtain a right to appropriate water for a small irrigation use upon registering the use with the State Water Resources Control Board and thereafter applying the water to reasonable and beneficial use with due diligence. This bill would require the board to adopt general conditions, in consultation with the Department of Food and Agriculture, the

University of California Cooperative Extension, and others, including, but not limited to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, for small irrigation use, unless the board determines that sufficient funds are not available for that purpose.

[AB 1259](#) (Levine D) Pesticides: neonicotinoids: planting on state-owned or state-managed lands: prohibition.

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would prohibit plants or seeds that have been treated with a neonicotinoid pesticide from being planted on state-owned or state-managed lands, as described. This bill would also prohibit plants on state-owned or state-managed lands from being treated with a neonicotinoid pesticide.

[AB 1281](#) (Wilk R) Regulations: legislative review.

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Referred to Coms. on A. & A.R. and RLS.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. A. & A.R.

Summary: The Administrative Procedure Act governs the procedure for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of regulations by state agencies and for the review of those regulatory actions by the Office of Administrative Law. This bill, whenever 25% of the Members of the Assembly or Senate transmit to the Governor their written declaration of opposition to a proposed regulation, would require a majority vote of the Assembly and Senate to adopt that regulation.

[AB 1302](#) (Brown D) Public Contracts: disabled veterans.

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Referred to Coms. on J., E.D., & E. and A. & A.R.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. J., E.D. & E.

Summary: Current law requires a state agency, department, officer, or other state governmental entity to meet an annual statewide participation goal of not less than 3% for disabled veteran business enterprises for specified contracts entered into by the awarding department during the year. This bill would increase that participation goal to 5%.

[AB 1312](#) (O'Donnell D) Ballast water management.

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Referred to Coms. on E.S. & T.M. and TRANS.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. E.S. & T.M.

Summary: Would define the term "port" for purposes of the Marine Invasive Species Act to mean any port or place in which a vessel was, is, or will be anchored or moored, or where a vessel will transfer cargo. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 1325](#) (Salas D) Delta smelt.

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Would enact the Delta Smelt Preservation and Restoration Act of 2016. The act would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop a Delta smelt hatchery program to preserve and restore the Delta smelt. The bill would require the department to enter into mitigation banking agreements with banking partners for the purpose of providing take authorizations to banking partners and to obtain funding from banking agreements. This bill contains other related provisions.

[AB 1347](#) (Chiu D) Public contracts: claims.

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Referred to Com. on A. & A.R.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. A. & A.R.

Summary: Would establish, for contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2016, a claim resolution process applicable to all public entity contracts. The bill would define a claim as a contractor's written demand or assertion, including a request for a modification, contract amendment, or change order, seeking an adjustment or interpretation of the terms of the contract documents, payment of money, extension of time, or other relief, including a determination of disputes or matters arising out of, or related to, the contract documents or the performance of work on a public work. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 1398](#) **(Wilk R) Environmental quality: the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act.**

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: Would enact the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act and would specify the environmental review required pursuant to CEQA for projects related to specified environmental topical 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.

[AB 1427](#) **(Lackey R) Fish and Game Commission: hearings.**

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law authorizes the Fish and Game Commission, or any person appointed by the commission to conduct a hearing, to cause the deposition of witnesses, as prescribed, and to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents and papers, in accordance with certain requirements. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.

[AB 1473](#) **(Salas D) California Environmental Quality Act.**

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act requires a lead agency to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to a provision within the act.

[AB 1498](#) **(Thurmond D) Renewable energy resources: comprehensive planning and environmental compliance services.**

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish an internal division with the primary purpose of performing comprehensive planning and environmental compliance services with priority given to projects involving the building of eligible renewable energy resources, as defined. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in those provisions.

[SB 11](#) **(Beall D) Peace officer training: mental health.**

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amend: 3/23/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on PUB. S.

Location: 3/23/2015-S. PUB. S.

Summary: Would require the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to include

in its basic training course an evidence-based behavioral health classroom training course and instructor-led active learning, such as scenario-based training, to train law enforcement officers to recognize, deescalate, and refer persons with mental illness or intellectual disability who are in crisis. The bill would require that this evidence-based behavioral health classroom training course and instructor-led active learning be 20 hours long and be in addition to the basic training course's current hour requirement.

[SB 17](#) **([Monning D](#)) California Sea Otter Fund.**

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 3/19/2015-Set for hearing April 8.

Location: 1/15/2015-S. G. & F.

Summary: Current law, on and after January 1, 2015, requires money in the California Sea Otter 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, 2021.

[SB 29](#) **([Beall D](#)) Peace officer training: mental health.**

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amend: 3/23/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on PUB. S.

Location: 3/23/2015-S. PUB. S.

Summary: Would require the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to require field training officers who are instructors for the field training program to have 40 hours of evidence-based behavioral health training, as specified. The bill would also require POST to require a 20-hour evidence-based behavioral health training course relating to law enforcement interaction with persons with mental illness or intellectual disability, to be completed as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[SB 127](#) **([Vidak R](#)) Environmental quality: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.**

Introduced: 1/20/2015

Status: 3/17/2015-Set for hearing April 15.

Location: 2/5/2015-S. E.Q.

Summary: CEQA establishes a procedure by which a person may seek judicial review of the decision of the lead agency made pursuant to CEQA and a procedure for the preparation and certification of the record of proceedings upon the filing of an action or proceeding challenging a lead agency's action on the grounds of noncompliance with CEQA. This bill would require the public agency, in certifying the environmental impact report and in granting approvals for projects funded, in whole or in part, by Proposition 1, including the concurrent preparation of the record of proceedings and the certification of the record of proceeding within 5 days of the filing of a specified notice, to comply with specified procedures.

[SB 165](#) **([Monning D](#)) Production or cultivation of a controlled substance: civil penalties.**

Introduced: 2/4/2015

Last Amend: 3/12/2015

Status: 3/17/2015-Set for hearing April 7.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. PUB. S.

Summary: Current law imposes various civil penalties for violations of specified provisions of the Fish and Game Code in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance. Current law authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife to impose those civil penalties administratively. Current law authorizes the department to adopt regulations to implement these provisions and requires the administrative penalties collected to be apportioned in a specified manner. This bill would impose various additional civil penalties, subject to these provisions, for violations of specified provisions of the

Penal Code and the Public Resources Code, in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance.

[SB 201](#) ([Wieckowski](#) D) California Public Records Act.

Introduced: 2/10/2015

Status: 2/19/2015-Referred to Com. on JUD.

Location: 2/19/2015-S. JUD.

Summary: Would require a court, in an action by a third party to enjoin disclosure of a public record or declaratory relief concerning a request to inspect a public record, to apply the provisions of the California Public Records Act as if the action had been initiated by a person requesting disclosure of a public record. The bill would also require the third party seeking an injunction or declaratory relief to provide notice to the person whose request prompted the action at the same time the defendant public agency in the action is served.

[SB 233](#) ([Hertzberg](#) D) Marine resources and preservation.

Introduced: 2/13/2015

Last Amend: 3/19/2015

Status: 3/19/2015-Set for hearing April 14.

Location: 2/26/2015-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would require an applicant, upon conditional approval for partial removal of an offshore oil structure, to transmit a portion of the cost savings to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, instead of to the specified entities and funds. The bill would require the department to apportion those cost-savings funds received from the applicant in accordance with a prescribed schedule based on the date the application was submitted to the department. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[SB 234](#) ([Wolk](#) D) Wildlife management areas: payments.

Introduced: 2/13/2015

Status: 3/24/2015-Action From N.R. & W.: Do pass.To APPR..

Location: 3/24/2015-S. APPR.

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife, when income is derived directly from real property acquired and operated by the state as a wildlife management area, as defined, to pay annually to the county in which the property is located an amount equal to the county taxes levied upon the property at the time title to the property was transferred to the state, and any assessments levied upon the property by any irrigation, drainage, or reclamation district. This bill would appropriate \$19,000,000 from the General Fund to the department to make payments to counties for unpaid amounts under these provisions.

[SB 262](#) ([Galgiani](#) D) Unmanned aircraft systems: law enforcement use.

Introduced: 2/18/2015

Status: 3/10/2015-Set for hearing April 14.

Location: 2/26/2015-S. PUB. S.

Summary: Would specifically authorize a law enforcement agency to use an unmanned aircraft system if the use of the unmanned aircraft system complies with protections against unreasonable searches guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the California Constitution, federal law applicable to the use of an unmanned aircraft system by a law enforcement agency, and state law applicable to a law enforcement agency's use of surveillance technology that can be attached to an unmanned aircraft system.

[SB 288](#) ([McGuire](#) D) Theft of redwood burls.

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 3/18/2015-Set for hearing April 14.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. PUB. S.

Summary: Current law provides that grand theft is theft when the money, labor, or real or personal property taken is of a value exceeding \$950 and is punishable as either a misdemeanor or a felony.

This bill would make it a felony, punishable by imprisonment in county jail, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both the fine and imprisonment to steal, take or carry away without the consent of the owner the burl of a redwood tree from the property of another. By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

[SB 345](#) ([Berryhill R](#)) Sport fishing: licenses.

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law requires a resident or a nonresident, 16 years of age or older, upon payment of a specified fee, to be issued a sport fishing license for a prescribed period. Current law requires the Fish and Game Commission to adjust the amount of the sport fishing license fees, as prescribed, to fully recover, but not exceed, all reasonable administrative and implementation costs of the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Fish and Game Commission relating to those licenses. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes in these provisions.

[SB 376](#) ([Lara D](#)) Contracting by state agencies.

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law authorizes state agencies, in exercising their delegation of contracting authority from the Department of General Services, to contract for specified items or services with suppliers who have multiple award schedules with the General Services Administration of the United States, as provided. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

[SB 389](#) ([Berryhill R](#)) California Environmental Protection Program: funding.

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law establishes the California Environmental Protection Program which provides funding, from fees and other moneys in the California Environmental License Plate Fund, upon appropriation, for various environmental protection purposes including, among other things, projects and programs related to pollution control, land acquisitions for natural areas and ecological reserves, environmental education, the protection of wildlife and habitat, and climate change research. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

[SB 448](#) ([Galgiani D](#)) Law enforcement: communications.

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 3/20/2015-Set for hearing April 14.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. PUB. S.

Summary: Current law establishes various prohibitions against eavesdropping and recording or intercepting certain communications. Current law provides that specified law enforcement officers are not prohibited by those provisions from overhearing or recording any communication that they could lawfully overhear or record prior to the enactment of those prohibitions. This bill would add, among others, peace officers of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, and the California Exposition and State Fair, and a special agent of the Attorney General or any district attorney, to the list of law enforcement officers to whom the prohibitions described above do not apply.

[SB 457](#) ([Nielsen R](#)) Bobcat Protection Act of 2013.

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 3/18/2015-Set for hearing April 14.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: The Bobcat Protection Act of 2013, makes it unlawful to trap any bobcat, or attempt to do so, or to sell or export any bobcat or part of any bobcat taken in the area surrounding Joshua Tree

National Park, as specified. The act requires the Fish and Game Commission to delineate the boundaries of an area in which bobcat trapping is prohibited pursuant to these provisions using readily identifiable features, such as highways or other major roads, such as those delineated for Joshua Tree National Park. This bill would provide that these features also include, but are not limited to, landmarks, and would make other nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

[SB 584](#) (Nguyen R) California Environmental Quality Act.

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/12/2015-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, nonsubstantive changes to the definition of "environmental impact report."

[SB 637](#) (Allen D) Water quality: suction dredge mining: permits.

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/18/2015-Set for hearing April 14.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would require, by July 1, 2017, the State Water Resources Control board to establish a permitting process for suction dredge mining and related mining activities in rivers and streams in the state, consistent with requirements of the state act. The bill would require that the regulations, at a minimum, address cumulative and water quality impacts of specified issues. A person who violates these regulations would be liable for an unspecified penalty.

[SB 718](#) (Leno D) Fish and Game Code: name change.

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/19/2015-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Location: 3/19/2015-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Current law establishes the Fish and Game Code. This bill would rename the Fish and Game Code as the Fish and Wildlife Code and would require that any reference to the Fish and Game Code in that code or any other code means the Fish and Wildlife Code.

[SB 756](#) (Stone R) California Environmental Quality Act.

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/19/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/19/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to amend CEQA.

[SB 772](#) (Stone R) Bay Delta Conservation Plan: judicial review.

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/19/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/19/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law imposes requirements on the Department of Water Resources in connection with the preparation of a Bay Delta Conservation Plan. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation establishing judicial review procedures for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

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