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TO: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Public

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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR March 2005

CONTENTS: This report provides summaries and status of bills that affect the Coastal Commission and California's Coastal Program as well as bills that staff has identified as coastal related legislation.

Note: This information can be accessed through the Commission's World Wide Web Homepage at [www.coastal.ca.gov](http://www.coastal.ca.gov)

**Legislative Calendar**

May 20	Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 6
May 27	Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report first house bills to the floor
June 3	Last day for Senate, Assembly to pass first house bills
June 15	Budget bill must be passed by midnight
July 8	Last day for policy committees to meet and report second house bills
July 15	Summer recess begins on adjournment
Aug. 15	Legislature reconvenes
Aug. 26	Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report second house bills
Aug. 29	Floor session only. No committees may meet through September 9.
Sept. 9	Last day to pass any non-urgency bill

Please contact Sarah Christie, Legislative Coordinator, at (916) 445-6067 with any questions on the material contained in this report.

**PRIORITY LEGISLATION**

**AB 17 (Koretz) Coastal Resources: beaches: prohibiting smoking**

This bill would prohibit the smoking of any tobacco-related product on any state beach, as defined, within the coastal zone or within the jurisdiction of BCDC. Penalty for infraction would be \$100. This bill also allows the Department of Parks and Recreation, or any relevant state agency or department, to post signs advising the public of the smoking prohibition.

Introduced 12/06/04  
Status Passed Assembly Natural Resources Committee; Referred to Governmental Organization Committee  
Last Amended 02/23/05

**AB 771 (Saldana) Coastal resources, legislative intent**

This bill states that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require the California Coastal Commission to conduct any formal discussions pertaining to litigation or enforcement, restoration orders or cease and desist orders, in a public hearing. Alternatively, if these matters are discussed in closed session, the Commission would be required to publicly notice the proceedings

Introduced 02/18/05  
Status Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**AB 1168 (Saldana) Drinking water standards, boron contamination**

This bill would require the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to perform a risk assessment on the public health hazards of Boron in drinking water, set a public health goal by January 1, 2007, and to adopt standards for Boron in drinking water by January 1, 2008.

Introduced 02/22/05  
Status Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Material Committee

**SB 241 (Margett) Coastal resources, development standards**

This bill would make a technical, non-substantive change to Section 30250 of the Coastal Act.

Introduced 02/15/05  
Status Rules Committee for assignment.

**SB 426 (Simitian) Renewable energy**

This bill would make a technical, non-substantive change to Section 26011.6 of the Public Resources Code, pertaining to alternative energy and advanced transportation financing.

Introduced 02/17/05  
Status Rules Committee for assignment.

**SB 575 (Torlakson) Housing development projects**

This bill would revise the conditions under which a local agency may approve, deny, or approve with conditions, a housing project for very low, low, or moderate income households, including farm worker housing. Under existing law, a local agency may deny a housing project, as defined, if its housing element is in substantial compliance with state law, and is meeting its share of regional housing needs. This bill would delete that provision. Existing law also requires the court to force compliance within 60 days if it finds that a local agency has not made the proper findings in denying or conditioning a housing project, as defined. This bill would instead require the court to vacate the local agency's decision, direct the agency to issue the necessary approvals, and require the court to award actual damages to the plaintiff or petitioner.

Introduced                    02/18/05  
Status                         Rules Committee for assignment.

**SB 658 (Kuehl) State Coastal Conservancy: local grants**

This bill would authorize the State Coastal Conservancy to condition a grant to a local public agency on the agency's acceptance of an offer to dedicate and interest in real property that was required as mitigation for development, and the opening of that interest in real property to the public.

Introduced                    02/22/05  
Status                         Rules Committee for assignment.

**SB 695 (Kehoe) Conservation easement registry**

This bill states that it is the intent of the Legislature to create a central, public registry of conservation easements for the purpose of monitoring conservation easements.

Introduced                    02/23/05  
Status                         Rules Committee for assignment.

**SB 768 (Simitian) Fishing: trawl nets**

This bill would make a technical, non-substantive amendment to the Fish and Game Code, relating to the taking of pink shrimp via trawl nets.

Introduced                    02/22/05  
Status                         Rules Committee for assignment.

**SB 771 (Simitian) Ocean going ships**

This bill would extend the ban on onboard incineration on cruise ships to all ocean-going vessels. This bill would also extend the regulations pertaining to discharges of sewage, sewage sludge, gray water, oily bilge water, hazardous wastes and other wastes from cruise ships to all ocean-going vessels.

Introduced                    02/22/05  
Status                         Rules Committee for assignment.

**SB 929 (Kehoe) California Coastal Act: refineries**

This bill would make technical, non-substantive changes to Section 30263 of the Coastal Act.

Introduced                    02/22/05  
Status                         Rules Committee for assignment.

