

California State Parks

2015

Legislative Report

MAJOR BILLS

This section includes all bills that had potential for significant impact on California State Parks. The ultimate outcome (status) of each bill is noted:

- "Chaptered" means the bill was enacted into law, effective January 1, unless the legislation contained an urgency clause or was part of the Budget Act, which becomes effective upon approval by the Governor.

2015-2016 Legislative Session

AB 12 **AUTHOR:** Cooley
TITLE: State government: administrative regulations: review

SUMMARY This bill would have required each state agency, by January 1, 2018, to review all regulations, adopted by and applicable to the agency, to determine if any are duplicative, archaic or inconsistent with other regulations and propose revisions as needed. Additionally, this bill would have required each state agency to report to the Governor and Legislature on the state of its compliance with the requirements of this bill.

STATUS: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 56 **AUTHOR:** Quirk
TITLE: Unmanned aircraft systems

SUMMARY: This bill would have established restrictions and protocols for the use, or contracted use, of unmanned aircraft systems (drones) by public agencies and law enforcement agencies, as defined.

STATUS: Senate Inactive File

AB 240 **AUTHOR:** Wilk
TITLE: Department of Parks and Recreation: free day use entry

SUMMARY: This bill would have provided free day use access to State Parks for veterans, and their families, who have obtained specified veteran license plates from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

STATUS: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 410 **AUTHOR:** Obernolte
TITLE: Reports submitted to legislative committees

SUMMARY: This bill would have required each state agency to post, on its website, any report that is legally required to be submitted to a committee of the Legislature.

STATUS: Vetoed

AB 435 **AUTHOR:** Chang
TITLE: California Environmental Protection Agency: Natural Resources Agency: Web casts of public meetings and workshops

SUMMARY: This bill would have required each department, board, and commission within the Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency, to webcast all public meetings in a manner that would enable listeners and

viewers to participate, ask questions and provide public comment, remotely. This bill also would have exempted departments, boards, or commissions from liability for technical failures that prevent the entity from providing, archiving, or posting a webcast as long as the entity exercises reasonable diligence.

STATUS: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 501 **AUTHOR:** Levine
TITLE: Resources: Delta research

SUMMARY: This bill would have required a person conducting state-funded Delta research to share data, findings, samples, physical collections and other supporting materials created or gathered in the course of Delta research. This bill would have required state agencies to implement policies which would make information sharing a condition of receiving grant funding. Additionally, this bill would have permitted the Delta Independent Science Board to adopt guidelines for exceptions from these requirements and would exempt the adoption of these guidelines from the regulation process.

STATUS: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 549 **AUTHOR:** Levine
TITLE: State park system

SUMMARY: This bill provides changes to, and clarifies, statutes relating to partnerships with outside entities, including non-profit organizations. This bill also increases the threshold of concession contracts which require Legislative approval, from \$500,000 to \$1 million, as defined, and modifies the process for Legislative review of concessions contracts with gross revenue over \$1 million.

STATUS: Chapter 559, Statutes of 2015

AB 638 **AUTHOR:** Frazier
TITLE: Vessels: personal flotation devices

SUMMARY: This bill requires children under 13 to wear life jackets when onboard a moving vessel, regardless of the length of the vessel. This bill also expands the definition of "enclosed cabin" to include a canvas covering. Additionally, this bill provides an exemption for large and small passenger, ferry-type vessels.

STATUS: Chapter 75, Statutes of 2015

Fiscal: Increased costs to the Department to change educational materials and advertising would be in the range of \$250,000 to \$500,000, depending on the breadth of the campaign. These costs would include some print and digital media ads and a DMV registration informational notice, which would be included in vessel registration renewals sent out by the DMV. All costs would be charged to the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund, the funding source for boater education.

AB 646 **AUTHOR:** McCarty
 TITLE: State Archives: museum activities

SUMMARY: This bill restores the status of the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Secretary of State, as ex officio voting members of the governing board of the California Museum for History, Women and the Arts. This bill corrects an inadvertent deletion of voting authority for both the Director of State Parks and the Secretary of State.

STATUS: Chapter 301, Statutes of 2015

AB 651 **AUTHOR:** Cooper
 TITLE: Public safety officers and firefighters: investigations and interviews

SUMMARY: This bill would have modified the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act, providing peace officers who serve as witnesses in investigations the same access to representation as a peace officer who is being interrogated as the subject of an investigation.

STATUS: Held in Senate Public Safety Committee

AB 694 **AUTHOR:** Rendon
 TITLE: State Coastal Conservancy: low-cost accommodations

SUMMARY: This bill would have required the Coastal Conservancy to establish, subject to the availability of funding, a loan or grant program to help private, low-cost accommodations along the coastal zone, meet their operational and maintenance needs in exchange for an easement or similarly binding instrument. Additionally, this bill would have required the Coastal Conservancy, in collaboration with the Coastal Commission, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and other relevant coastal landowners, to develop a list of potential low-cost accommodation projects in each region of the coastal zone, including relevant grant programs. This bill would have required the Coastal Commission to use the list of potential projects when considering how to expend prior commitments of "in-lieu" public access fees.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 728 **AUTHOR:** Hadley
 TITLE: State government: financial reporting

SUMMARY: This bill requires each state agency to post a copy of the State Leadership Accountability Act (formerly known as the Financial Integrity and State Manager's Accountability Act) on its website within five days of acceptance by the Department of Finance.

STATUS: Chapter 371, Statutes of 2015

AB 932 **AUTHOR:** Daly
 TITLE: Specialized license plates: professional sports

SUMMARY: This bill would have required the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles to sponsor a professional sports franchise license plate program, as defined.

STATUS: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 988 **AUTHOR:** Stone, Mark
 TITLE: Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Grants Program

SUMMARY: This bill would have required the Department to establish the Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Grants Program, by March 30, 2016, for the purpose of increasing the ability of underserved youths to participate in outdoor activities and educational experiences by awarding grants to public organizations and nonprofit organizations. Additionally, this bill would have created the California Youth Outdoor Education Account, within the State Park and Recreation Fund, to be used for awarding grants pursuant to the program. The bill would have authorized the Department Director to accept private donations and also to solicit funds to support the program. Primary funding for this program would have been reverted and unencumbered funds from Proposition 40. This bill also would have required the Department to report annually to the Legislature on the effectiveness of the program.

STATUS: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 1089 **AUTHOR:** Garcia, Eduardo
 TITLE: Coachella Mountains Conservancy

SUMMARY: This bill adds the cities of Coachella and Indio to the jurisdiction of the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy and also adds a voting member from each city to the board of the Conservancy. Voting members must be either the mayor or a member of the City Council appointed by the majority of the membership of each respective council.

STATUS: Chapter 228, Statutes of 2015

AB 1234 **AUTHOR:** McCarty
 TITLE: State Archives: museum activities

SUMMARY: This bill makes technical and clarifying changes to statutory provisions governing the operating agreement between the Secretary of State and the California Museum for History, Women, and the Arts (Museum). Additionally, this bill removes the voting authority of the Department of Parks and Recreation Director and the Secretary of State, as members of the nonprofit public benefit corporation which governs the Museum.

STATUS: Chapter 33, Statutes of 2015

AB 1323 **AUTHOR:** Frazier
 TITLE: Marine debris: removal and disposal

SUMMARY: This bill authorizes any state, city, county or other public entity, to remove, destroy, or dispose of marine debris on a public waterway, public beach, state tidelands or submerged lands, as defined. Additionally, this bill requires the State Lands Commission to adopt best management practices and requirements for salvage by January 1, 2017.

STATUS: Chapter 645, Statutes of 2015

AB 1347 **AUTHOR:** Chiu
 TITLE: Public contracts: claims

SUMMARY: This bill would have created a dual process for the payment of public works invoices submitted by contractors to state agencies, on or after January 1, 2016, and would have also required a mediation process for disputed portions of public works contracts.

STATUS: Vetoed

AB 1528 **AUTHOR:** Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife
 TITLE: Public resources

SUMMARY: This bill provides technical changes consistent with the Governor's Reorganization Plan which transferred the Department of Boating and Waterways as a Division within California State Parks.

STATUS: Chapter 113, Statutes of 2015

SB 83 **AUTHOR:** Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review
 TITLE: Public Resources

SUMMARY: This bill includes the Administration's May Revision proposal to approve donations made to California State Parks of less than \$100,000, as defined. This bill expands the eligible uses of Environmental License Plate funding to include deferred maintenance projects in the State Park System. Additionally, this bill redirects \$10 million of reverted Proposition 40 bond funds to support outdoor environmental education and recreation programs.

STATUS: Chapter 24, Statutes of 2015

Fiscal: Section 47: Proposition 40 reverted bond funds:

The Department proposed a \$200,000 planning phase (\$100,000 in FY 2015-16 and \$100,000 in FY 2016-17) for guidelines preparation, focus groups and public hearings but no additional administrative funds or positions.

SB 122 **AUTHOR:** Jackson
TITLE: California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings

SUMMARY: This bill would have required a lead agency to prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with the preparation of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, environmental impact report, or other environmental documents, when requested by a project applicant, and would have required costs associated with the request be borne by the requesting entity.

STATUS: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB 204 **AUTHOR:** Pavley
TITLE: State parks

SUMMARY: This bill contains a number of provisions affecting three main subject areas within the Department including: improving and expanding partnership opportunities; protection of historic, natural and cultural resources, and general plans. The purpose of this bill is to create opportunities for the Department to implement recommendations of the Parks Forward Commission and the Transformation Team, while continuing to protect the resources within the State Park System.

STATUS: Chapter 573, Statutes of 2015

Fiscal: The expansion of Cooperating Association authority could require contract amendments which would increase workload.

Year one includes one-time costs for a new position:

Personnel	Year One	Ongoing
Associate Park and Recreation Specialist (1)	\$115,019	\$108,002

SB 223 **AUTHOR:** Galgiani
TITLE: Division of Boating and Waterways: oversight committee: invasive aquatic plants.

SUMMARY: This bill would have required the Division of Boating and Waterways (Division), within the Department, to establish an advisory and oversight committee to evaluate and monitor the activities of the Division's Aquatic Weed Control Program, within 90-days of the effective date of this bill.

STATUS: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB 317 **AUTHOR:** De León
TITLE: The Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016

SUMMARY: This bill would have created the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016, a \$2.45 billion bond to be placed on the statewide General Election ballot in 2016. This bond measure would have provided funding for

local, regional and State Parks, identifying \$1.2 billion of these funds for grant programs to be administered by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

STATUS: Senate Inactive file

SB 355 **AUTHOR:** Lara
 TITLE: San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

SUMMARY: This bill modifies the membership of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy board to include representation from the Lower Los Angeles River region and the Legislature.

STATUS: Chapter 677, Statutes of 2015

SB 599 **AUTHOR:** Mendoza
 TITLE: Employment: public transit service contracts

SUMMARY: This bill would have expanded the 10% bid preference for employee retention provided to any bidder on a local jurisdiction public transit service contract, to include state contracts.

STATUS: Vetoed

SB 742 **AUTHOR:** Hertzberg
 TITLE: Solid waste: diversion

SUMMARY: This bill would have required state agencies and large state facilities to divert at least 60% of solid waste through source reduction, recycling, and composting, on and after January 1, 2018.

STATUS: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 746 **AUTHOR:** Wolk
 TITLE: Food safety: grist mills

SUMMARY: This bill would have provided an exemption for water-driven grist mills, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, for both registration as a food processing facility and retail food facility, providing exemptions only if the flour produced at the mill meets specified requirements, including compliance with the federal adulteration purity standards.

STATUS: Held in Assembly Committee on Health

SB 795 **AUTHOR:** Committee on Public Safety
 TITLE: Public Safety Omnibus

SUMMARY: This bill makes technical and corrective changes, as well as non-controversial substantive changes, to various code sections relating to criminal justice, as defined. As it relates to State Parks, this bill would clarify that a person who violates

State Park rules and regulations relating to property damage, or State Vehicular Recreation Areas, or trail systems, is guilty of misdemeanor or infraction, as defined.

STATUS: Chapter 499, Statutes of 2015
