



## State Park and Recreation Commission

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**STAFF REPORT:** Legislative Update

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**SUBJECT:** California Legislation

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### Summary

This report provides summary excerpts and status of bills that affect California State Parks. Information contained in this report is accurate as of May 7, 2021. Changes in status of some bills or introduction of new bills may occur between the date this report was prepared and the Commission meeting date.

### CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION UPDATE

#### **Senate Bill 1 (Atkins) Coastal resources: sea level rise.**

**Summary:** This bill would establish the California Sea Level Rise Mitigation and Adaptation Act of 2021, to create new planning, assessment, funding, and mitigation tools to address and respond to sea level rise, as specified. This bill would require state agencies to identify, assess, and, to the extent feasible, minimize and mitigate the impacts of sea level rise. The bill would also create the California Sea Level Rise State and Regional Support Collaborative, within the Ocean Protection Council, to administer, upon appropriation, \$100 million in grant funds to local jurisdictions to implement plans to mitigate sea level rise, as defined. This bill would also increase funding to the California EPA by \$500,000, to be used for grants to address and mitigate the effects of sea level rise in disadvantaged communities.

**Status:** This bill is on Suspense in Senate Appropriations.

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#### **Senate Bill 2 (Bradford) Peace officers: certification: civil rights.**

**Summary:** This bill would expand the authority of the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission (POST), create the Peace Officer Standards Accountability Division within POST, require the Governor to establish the Peace Officer Standards Accountability Board, create a comprehensive certificate program for peace officers (administered by POST), including a revocation and appeal process, and establishes certificate and renewal fees to be deposited in the Peace Officer Certificate Fund, also established by this bill. The bill would

also eliminate specified immunity provisions for peace officers and their employing agencies, as defined.

**Status:** This bill is scheduled for hearing in Senate Appropriations on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

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**Senate Bill 45 (Portantino): Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022.**

**Summary:** This bill would place a \$5.595 billion General Obligation Bond Measure on the November 2022, statewide general election ballot. This bond would finance wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation and flood protection programs. Additionally, \$50 million of the bond funds would be available to the Department to reduce the risks of fire, flood, sea level rise, and other risks associated with climate change.

**Status:** This bill is on Suspense in Senate Appropriations.

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**Senate Bill 63 (Stern): Fire prevention: vegetation management: public education: grants: defensible space: fire hazard severity zones: forest management.**

**Summary:** This bill would modify defensible space requirements in very high fire hazard severity zones to include provisions allowing fuel reduction across property lines without consent from the adjacent landowner, as specified. The bill also contains requirements for CalFire, including the development of a statewide program to augment its defensible space assessments within state responsibility areas, as well as establishing a pilot program to utilize volunteers to assist in those efforts.

**Status:** This bill is scheduled for hearing in Senate Appropriations on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

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**Senate Bill 266 (Newman) State park system: Chino Hills State Park: expansion.**

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department to provide all necessary assistance to acquire three specified properties adjacent to Chino Hills State Park, and to manage those parcels as part of Chino Hills State Park, as defined. The bill would additionally require the Department to utilize settlement agreement funds to manage 251 acres of these properties as mitigation lands, pursuant to the settlement agreement.

**Status:** This bill has been referred to Senate Appropriations.

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**Senate Bill 284 (Stern) Workers' compensation: firefighters and peace officers: post-traumatic stress.**

**Summary:** This bill would extend workers' compensation coverage for post-traumatic stress to Department's Rangers and Lifeguards, as well as various other law enforcement personnel, first responders, and health care workers. The bill also includes a January 1, 2025 sunset for this coverage.

**Status:** This bill is on Suspense in Senate Appropriations.

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**Senate Bill 624 (Hueso) Environmental Equity and Outdoor Access Act.**

**Summary:** This bill would establish the Environmental Equity and Outdoor Access Act. The Act would declare the state's commitment to meaningful access to its rich cultural and natural resources for the benefit of all Californians. The Act would also authorize the Natural Resources Agency, and each department, board, office, conservancy, and commission within the Agency, to take action to improve equitable access to the state's public lands, as specified. The Act would state that those improvements can prioritize communities of color, economically disadvantaged communities, the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities, and women.

**Status:** This bill is scheduled for hearing in Senate Appropriations on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

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**Senate Bill 796 (Bradford) State parks: state beaches: County of Los Angeles: Manhattan State Beach: deed restrictions.**

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department to modify the deed restriction for property within Manhattan Beach, commonly referred to as Bruce's Beach, on or before December 31, 2021, as specified.

**Status:** This bill is scheduled for hearing in Senate Appropriations on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

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**Assembly Bill 30 (Kalra) Outdoor access to nature: environmental equity.**

**Summary:** This bill would establish that access to nature and the benefits therein, is a human right, and further, that everyone has the right to safe and affordable outdoor access, as specified. Additionally, this bill would require all relevant state agencies, boards, and commissions, when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations, grant criteria, or making expenditures, to incorporate this policy.

**Status:** This bill is scheduled for hearing in Assembly Appropriations on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

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**Assembly Bill 334 (Mullin) Workers' compensation: skin cancer.**

**Summary:** This bill would provide workers' compensation coverage for skin cancer to the Department's Rangers, as well as Fish and Wildlife Wardens.

**Status:** This bill is scheduled for hearing in Assembly Appropriations on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

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**Assembly Bill 472 (Cooley) Campsite reservations: securing an equitable process.**

**Summary:** This bill would make it unlawful for a person to intentionally use or sell software or services to avoid a security control or measure used to ensure an equitable campsite reservation-making process for visitors.

**Status:** This bill is on Consent in Assembly Appropriations.

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**Assembly Bill 542 (Mathis): State parks: park entrance fees: waivers: 4th grade children.**

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department to waive day use entrance fees in State Parks for 4th graders with a federal "Every Kid Outdoors" pass. This fee waiver would also provide free entrance for all passengers in the vehicle where day use is a per vehicle fee and for up to three adults and all accompanying children under 15 years of age where per person entrance fees are charged. Additionally, this bill would require the Department to post on its website information on how to obtain the federal "Every Kid Outdoors" pass and the internet link to the pass.

**Status:** This bill is on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations.

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**Commission Action**

For information only

**Attachments**

None