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Scotts Valley, CA
July 2, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: 07 Legislative Update

STAFF: Marivel Barajas, Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: California Legislation

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Legislative report - Information Only

II. BACKGROUND/SUMMARY

This report provides summary excerpts and the status of legislation affecting the California State Park System. Information contained in this report is accurate as of June 1, 2026.

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OBJECTIVE

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DESCRIPTION

SB 1268 (Gonzalez) Outdoor public recreation spaces: equitable access.
Summary: This bill would establish the Outdoors for All initiative, to be administered by the Natural Resources Agency, in consultation with the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) and other relevant state entities, to implement the November 2023, Outdoors For All Strategy priorities, including, establishing outdoor public recreation spaces, connecting people and the outdoors, building equitable career pathways and representative workforce, and aligning funding from various sources to achieve the priorities, as specified. The bill includes two separate reporting requirements for Agency as well as consultation and public input requirements, as specified.
Status: Referred to Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee

SB 1326 (Wahab) California Environmental Quality Act: tribal cultural resources: mitigation measures.
Summary: This bill would expand the definition of tribal cultural resources to include listing on the National Register of Historical Places, Native American Heritage Commission, or local tribal register, as specified. This bill would require a lead agency to adopt mitigation measures to avoid or minimize the significant adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources under CEQA, as specified.
Status: Assembly Desk

AB 35 (Alvarez) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act: exemption: program guidelines and selection criteria.
Summary: This bill would exempt the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024, approved by voters as Proposition 4, from the Administrative Procedures Act, subject to the specified requirements. This bill would require a state entity to develop and publish draft project solicitation and evaluation guidelines on its internet website for a public comment period of at least 30 days, and publish and respond to public comments, as specified. This bill would require the state entity to offer an opportunity for tribal consultation to impacted tribes. This bill would subsequently require a state entity to finalize project solicitation and evaluation guidelines and submit to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency for verification, as specified, and require the Agency Secretary to post an electronic form with verifications to its internet website. This bill contains an Urgency clause and would take effect immediately upon signature.
Status: Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water

AB 1592 (Ramos) California Indian Heritage Center support organization.
Summary: This bill would authorize the Department to enter into an agreement with a California Indian Heritage Center (CIHC) support organization to partner in the operations and programming of the CIHC, as specified.
Status: Senate Rules Committee

AB 1804 (Hart) State parks: parks passes: libraries.
Summary: This bill would authorize the Department to work with the California State Library and individual library systems to provide park passes, which provide free day-use access to the State Park System for passholders.
Status: Senate Rules Committee

AB 1881(Ramos) California Indian Freedom Act of 2026.
Summary: This bill would prohibit a governmental agency from substantially burdening a California Indian or California Native American tribe’s exercise of religious beliefs or spiritual practices on state lands, as specified. The bill would authorize a California Indian or tribe to assert a violation of these provisions as a claim or defense in any judicial or administrative proceeding, as specified. The bill would require a governmental agency to provide access to and use of sacred sites on state lands, which includes land, water, cultural landscapes, and sacred sites, as specified.
Status: Senate Rules Committee

AB 2254 (Addis) Coastal resources: monarch butterfly habitat.
Summary: This bill would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), in coordination with the Coastal Commission, to identify monarch butterfly overwintering sites in the coastal zone and current local government monarch overwintering habitat management plans or policies, by January 1, 2028. This bill would also require DFW, in coordination with the Coastal Commission, to develop guidance on model policies that can be used by local governments for the protection of overwintering sites, as specified. This bill would require local governments with overwintering sites in their jurisdiction and the coastal zone, to

develop and implement enforceable overwintering site protection policies, consistent with this guidance. This bill would encourage local governments to apply for grants from the Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue Program.
Status: Senate Rules Committee

AB 2410 (Ellis) Wildfire safety: fuels reduction projects: California Environmental Quality Act: California Coastal Act.
Summary: This bill would establish Coastal Development Permit (CDP) and CEQA exemptions for critical fuels reduction projects that meet specified requirements. Critical fuels reduction projects that would qualify for these exemptions include, but are not limited to, those that remove hazardous, dead, or dying trees, removal of vegetation around electric utility lines, poles, and rights-of-way, as specified. This bill would specify that vegetation removal projects to create strategic fuel breaks, and along roads for safer ingress and egress, as specified, only apply if the vegetation removed is a nonnative species, is 12 inches or less in diameter, and is a common species. This bill includes a January 1, 2030, sunset for both the CDP and CEQA exemptions.
Status: Senate Rules Committee

AB 2770 (Alvarez) State Property: San Pasqual Battlefield State Park.
Summary: This bill would require the Department of General Services (DGS) to quitclaim the three parcels the State owns within San Pasqual Battlefield State Park, totaling 3.68 acres, to the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians (tribe), at no cost to the tribe, as specified. This bill would encourage the City of San Diego (City) to transfer the land the City owns (approximately 65 acres) within San Pasqual Battlefield State Park to the tribe, and, if the City transfers the land, require the state to relinquish or transfer to the tribe, all rights and interest the state has through, lease, permit, or otherwise, as specified. This bill contains use restrictions on the tribe's use of the transferred land, including that commercial use must be restricted to operating a cultural or educational center, as specified.
Status: Senate Rules Committee

NEXT STEPS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Informational only.

COMMISSION ACTION(S)

N/A

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

None.