

February 2024

Agenda Item: 6b, 6c
Meeting Date: February 29, 2024

Legislative and Tribal Engagement Update



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Legislative Update

SERP Extension Trailer Bill

- In 2021, Governor Newsom signed SB 155, which created the CEQA Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects (SERP) program within CDFW
- Exempts fish and wildlife restoration projects that meet certain requirements from CEQA until 2025
 - Knightsen Wetland Project
 - Staten Island Restoration Project
- Introduced trailer bill removes the sunset date and makes program permanent



AB 2465 (Gibson)

AB 2465 (Gipson D) Equity: socially disadvantaged groups and organizations: nonprofit organizations: grants. + 

Introduced: 2/13/2024

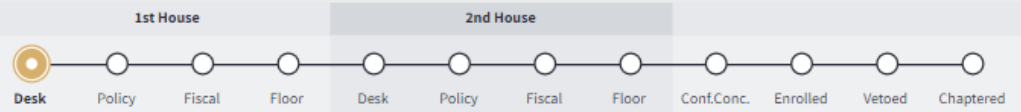
Last Amend:

Status: 2/14/2024-From printer. May be heard in committee March 15.

Location: 2/13/2024-A. PRINT

Brief Summary: The Farmer Equity Act of 2017 requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to ensure the inclusion of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, defined as a member of a socially disadvantaged group, as defined, in the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of food and agriculture laws, regulations, and policies and programs, as specified. This bill would expand the definition of socially disadvantaged group to include descendants of enslaved persons in the United States.

Calendar:



AB 2875 (Friedman)

AB 2875 (Friedman D) Wetlands: state policy. + 

Introduced: 2/15/2024

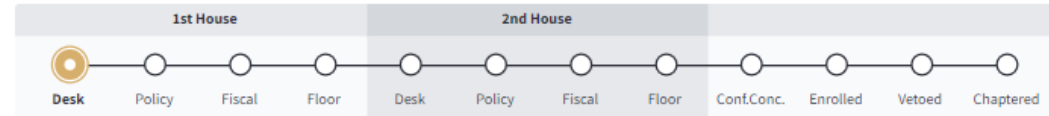
Last Amend:

Status: 2/16/2024-From printer. May be heard in committee March 17.


Location: 2/15/2024-A. PRINT

Brief Summary: Existing law, the Keene-Nejedly California Wetlands Preservation Act, requires the Natural Resources Agency to prepare a plan for the acquisition, protection, preservation, restoration, and enhancement of wetlands, including funding requirements and the priority status of specific proposed wetlands projects. By Executive Order No. W-59-93, former Governor Pete Wilson declared it to be the policy of the state that its Comprehensive Wetlands Policy rests on three primary objectives, including the objective of ensuring no overall net loss and long-term net gain in the quantity, quality, and permanence of wetlands acreage and values, as provided. This bill would declare that it is the policy of the state to ensure no net loss and long-term gain in the quantity, quality, and permanence of wetlands acreage and values in California. The bill would make related legislative findings and declarations.

Calendar:



SB 1139 (Ashby)

SB 1139 (Ashby D) Flood protection: City of Sacramento: Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency. + 

Last Amend:

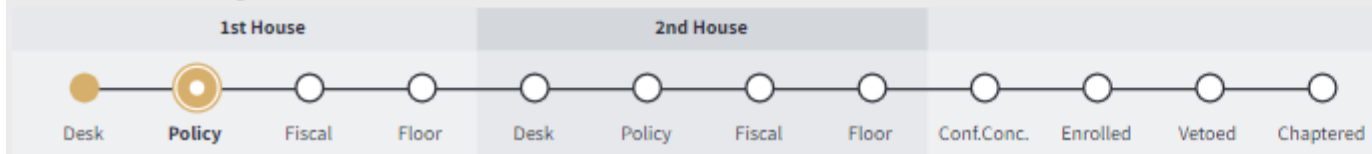
Status: 2/21/2024-Referred to Coms. on N.R. & W. and L. GOV.

Location: 2/21/2024-S. N.R. & W.

AI Summary: This text outlines the restrictions and requirements for city or county governments in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley when it comes to development plans in flood hazard zones. After certain amendments to a general plan go into effect, these governments are not allowed to enter into development agreements or approve permits for projects in flood hazard zones without specific findings being made. One such finding is that the local flood management agency has made progress in constructing a flood protection system that meets certain standards. According to existing law, urban areas must have this type of flood protection by 2025, but this bill extends that deadline to 2030 for the City of West Sacramento, and now it will also be extended to 2030 for the City of Sacramento. The bill also includes a provision regarding the potential liability of the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency for flood damages during this extended time period. The bill includes a statement about the importance of this special statute for the City of Sacramento.

Calendar:

Current Analysis:



SB 1402 (Min)

SB 1402 (Min D) 30x30 goal: state agencies: adoption, revision, or establishment of plans, policies, and regulations. +

Introduced: 2/16/2024

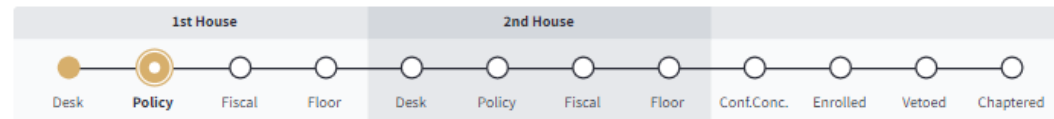
Last Amend:

Status: 2/20/2024-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 18.

Location: 2/16/2024-S. RLS.

AI Summary: Governor Gavin Newsom has issued an Executive Order, No N-82-20, in efforts to address the issues of biodiversity and climate change. As part of this order, the Natural Resources Agency will establish the California Biodiversity Collaborative and work towards conserving at least 30% of the state's land and coastal waters by 2030. The current law also requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the progress made towards achieving this goal. This bill would further mandate all state agencies, departments, boards, offices, commissions, and conservancies to take into account the 30x30 goal when creating or updating their plans, policies, and regulations.

Calendar:



TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Consultation

- Environmental and Tribal Justice Issue Paper
 - Tribal Justice issues, history, and recommendations
- Draft Delta Research Awards Notice
 - Make accessible to Tribes
- Delta Adapts Adaptation Plan
 - Climate strategies
 - Recognize and advance opportunities for Tribes to utilize TK





Amplifying and Listening

- State of the Estuary Conference
 - Culture is Ecology Panel
- Survey for the Delta Research Awards
 - Outreach to Tribes to seek partnerships
- Delta Legislative Tour
- Bay-Delta Science Conference
- California Tribal College Outreach
- Tribal Statewide Events
 - Tribal Nations Summit
 - Tribal Water Summit
 - Native American Day



Traditional Knowledge

- Interweaving Traditional Knowledge Assessment
 - Tribal Interviews
 - Literature Review
 - State Agency Review
- Delta Science Program Strategies, Workshops, and Delta ISB Reviews
 - Adaptive Management Forum
 - Delta ISB Food Webs Workshop
 - Harmful Algal Bloom Strategy

Upcoming...

- Updating Tribal Consultation Policy
- Continued outreach to present and participate in Council/DSP/ISB events
- Delta Research Awards
- Continuing consultation on initiatives
- Continuing coordination with other Delta agencies



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