
THIRD READING

Bill No: SB 1394
Author: Limón (D)
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Vote: 21

SENATE NATURAL RES. & WATER COMMITTEE: 7-0, 4/7/26
AYES: Becker, Seyarto, Allen, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Grove, Stern

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: 7-0, 5/14/26
AYES: Cervantes, Seyarto, Cabaldon, Dahle, Grayson, Richardson, Wahab

SUBJECT: Environmental protection: lands and coastal waters: conservation goals: reports

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This bill requires the report on the progress made in the prior calendar year toward achieving the goal to conserve 30% of California’s land and coastal waters by 2030 (“30x30”) to include sufficient information to accurately quantify and identify the acreage reported to be newly conserved and distinguish it from acreage previously reported as conserved. The bill requires the secretary to post the report on the Natural Resources Agency’s (CNRA) internet website where it is publicly accessible.

ANALYSIS:

Existing law:

- 1) Authorizes, pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (Proposition 4), \$1.2 billion to protect California’s biodiversity and to protect nature and restore landscape health to achieve California’s climate change goals (Public Resources Code (PRC) § 93000).

- 2) Establishes CNRA and vests it with the responsibility to restore, protect, and manage the state's natural, historical, and cultural resources for current and future generations (Government Code § 12805).
- 3) Establishes a goal to conserve 30 percent of California's land and coastal waters by 2030 (PRC § 71450 and Executive Order No. N-82-20).
- 4) Requires the Secretary of CNRA to annually submit a report to the Legislature on the progress made in the prior calendar year toward achieving the 30x30 goal (PRC § 71452).

This bill:

- 1) Requires the report on the progress toward achieving 30x30 include sufficient information to accurately quantify and identify the acreage reported to be newly conserved and distinguish it from acreage previously reported as conserved.
- 2) Requires the Secretary of CNRA to post the progress report on the CNRA website where it is publicly accessible.

Background

30x30. California's 30x30 initiative to conserve 30% of the state's land and coastal waters by 2030 is part of an international movement to conserve natural areas across our planet, through which scores of countries have established their own 30x30 commitments. California's initiative seeks to protect and restore biodiversity, expand access to nature, and mitigate and build resilience to climate change.

30x30 progress. According to the CNRA July 2025 annual progress report, the state has conserved 26.1% of lands and 21.9% of coastal waters for 30x30, adding approximately 1.044 million acres to lands and coastal waters conserved over the past year. In order to reach the 30x30 goal, the report indicates the state must conserve approximately 4 million more acres of land and 283,000 acres of coastal waters.

Clarity in accounting. This bill requires CNRA to provide greater specificity when, in the annual 30x30 report, they calculate new acres saved each year, to distinguish the new acres saved from acres saved in previous years. To establish additional clarity, this bill would also require the report be posted on its website, where it is publicly accessible.

Related/Prior Legislation

AB 900 (Papan, Chapter 385, Statutes of 2025) required CNRA to develop strategies to reduce barriers and increase support for stewardship of conserved lands.

AB 2440 (Reyes, Chapter 716, Statutes of 2024) required CNRA to prioritize promoting and supporting partnering state agencies and departments that acquire and steward state land, and required the progress report include information on the amount of funding expended by each partnering state agency and department for land and water conservation, science and research, public outreach and engagement, and managing, monitoring, and restoring conserved lands and water, as well as information on state funding invested in equitable outdoor access.

SB 1402 (Min, 2024) would have required all state agencies, departments, boards, offices, commissions, and conservancies to consider the 30x30 goal when adopting, revising, or establishing plans, policies, or regulations that directly affect the use of coastal waters or land, management of natural resources, or biodiversity conservation. The bill was held on the Assembly Appropriations suspense file.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No

According to the Senate Appropriations analysis, CNRA estimates one-time costs of \$915,000 (General Fund) for set up and initial implementation as well as ongoing costs of \$640,000 or more annually (General Fund) for ongoing data collection and management.

SUPPORT: (Verified 5/14/26)

Sierra Consortium
The Trust for Public Land

OPPOSITION: (Verified 5/14/26)

None received

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT: According to the author, “In 2020, California established the goal of conserving 30% of our land and coastal waters by 2030. This bill makes minor changes to the reporting requirements to ensure the reporting is standardized and widely available. It requires reporting to include which lands are newly conserved and for that information to be published online.”

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