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Descriptive Summary
Title: California State Assembly Natural Resources Committee Records
Dates: 1974-2008
Collection number: See series descriptions for LP numbers.
Collection Size: 74 cubic feet of textual material, 206 audiotapes, 14 CDs, 13 videotapes, 4 DVDs, 7 slides, 6 Dictabelts, and 26 photographs
Repository: California State Archives
Sacramento, California
Abstract: The Assembly Natural Resources Committee records consist of seventy-one cubic feet of textual records and three cubic feet of audiovisual records dating from 1954-2008. The committee's first predecessor, the Resources and Land Use Committee was delineated as an investigative standing committee by Assembly Rule 11.5, authorized and directed to ascertain, study, and analyze all facts relating to any subjects that the committee on Rules shall assign to them upon request of the assembly or upon its own initiative. The Natural Resources Committee is the most recent of four Assembly committees established to oversee the quality and preservation of California’s natural resources.
Physical location: California State Archives
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English
Access
While the majority of the records are open for research, any access restrictions are noted in the record series descriptions.
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Acquisition and Custodial History
The State Archives received these records in accordance with California Government Code 9080(b) which requires legislative committees to transfer their records to the State Archives when they are no longer needed by the committee.
Note
The California State Archives received the records of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee over a number of years and archives staff arranged them at various times. While the physical arrangement of the records reflects this variety, this inventory describes all of the records according to present archival descriptive standards for legislative committee records. Therefore, the physical arrangement of these records does not necessarily follow the order listed in this inventory.

Committee History
The Natural Resources Committee is the most recent Assembly committee to oversee the quality and preservation of California's natural resources.

The first predecessor committee that had natural resources under its purview was the Assembly Resources and Land Use Committee, created by House Resolution 208 on August 28, 1974. The Resources and Land Use Committee was delineated as an investigative standing committee by Assembly Rule 11.5, authorized and directed to ascertain, study, and analyze all facts relating to any subjects that the committee on Rules shall assign to them upon request of the assembly or upon its own initiative. It evolved from the consolidation of two former Assembly standing committees: the Natural Resources and Conservation Committee, and the Planning, Land Use, and Energy Committee.

On September 10, 1975 the committee name changed again per HR50 to Assembly Resources, Land Use, and Energy. The Assembly’s list of standing committees for the 1981-1982 session originally listed the committee's name as the Natural Resources and Energy Committee, however House Resolution 15 amended the list of standing and standing investigative committees to record the name as the Energy and Natural Resources Committee on January 29, 1981. In 1981, the committee is noted as having jurisdiction over a variety of subjects including non-vehicular air pollution (including airport noise and agricultural land burning), State lands, agricultural land use, energy conservation, and alternative energy sources. The committee also reviewed legislation affecting the California Pollution Control Financing Authority, the California Energy Commission, the California Coastal Commission, and the Subdivision Map Act (re: timber, coastal, and agricultural land use). The committee also oversaw issues relating to litter and solid waste management excepting hazardous substances, tidelands and submerged lands, wild and scenic rivers, oil spills and water pollution, harbors, siting of power plants, as well as the regulation of oil, mining, geothermal and forestry resources. Housing elements in general plans were also under the purview of the committee until March 25, 1981 when it was re-allocated to the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.

The number of committee members fluctuates between nine and fifteen. Originally consisting of thirteen members, the Resources, Land Use, and Energy Committee increased its membership of representative Assemblymen to fifteen on January 5, 1976 and the Energy and Natural Resources Committee established it again at fifteen on January 11, 1982. However, the Natural Resources Committee total membership changed almost every other year in the 1990s and 2000s.

From its inception as the Resources and Land Use Committee through its present status in 2008, ten Assembly Members chaired the Natural Resources Committee.

The chairs of these committees from 1973 to 2008 were:

**Assembly Resources and Land Use, 1974-1975**
Edwin L. Z’Berg (Dem.) 1973-1974

**Assembly Resources, Land Use, and Energy, 1975-1980**
Charles Warren (Dem.) 1975-1977
Victor Calvo (Dem.) 1977-1980

**Assembly Energy and Natural Resources, 1981/Natural Resources and Energy, 1982**
Thomas M. Hannigan (Rep.) 1981-1982

**Assembly Natural Resources, 1983-present**
Terry Goggin (Dem.) 1983-1984
Byron D. Sher (Dem.) 1985-1996
Deborah Bowen (Dem.) 1997-1998
Howard Wayne (Dem.) 1999-2002
Hannah-Beth Jackson (Dem.) 2003-2004
Loni Hancock (Dem.) 2005-2008

Scope and Content
The Assembly Natural Resources Committee records consist of seventy-one cubic feet of textual records and three cubic feet of audiovisual records dating from 1954-2008. Series include bill files, hearing files, subject files, and correspondence reflecting the activities of the committee in introducing and investigating legislation related to the sources, allocation,
pollution, regulation, and use, of California's natural resources.

The Assembly Natural Resources Committee records also include the records of many select, special, and subcommittees: the Select Committee on Coastal Protection, Special Committee on Fuel Scarcity, Subcommittee on Coastal Zone Planning, Subcommittee on Energy, Subcommittee on Land Use, Subcommittee on Parks and Forestry, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Subcommittee on Resource Status and Trends, and the Subcommittee on Timber. The subcommittee files focus on specific natural resources issues such as energy (oil, gas, solar, coal, geothermal, LNG), nuclear power, parks, public lands, litter, pollution, air quality, wetlands, and forests. The files may consist of public hearing files, bill files, subject files, correspondence, reports, and committee files encompassing the activities, budget, correspondence, and findings of the committees.

The bill files document legislation authored by and directed to the committee and include committee analyses, letters from interested parties, and the comments of affected agencies. These files show the close involvement of the committee in resource related topics such as air quality, water quality, nuclear initiatives, the handling of hazardous waste, resource allocation and conservation, oil and natural gas, marine and coastal resources, forestry, mining, and recycling. The committee also collected extensive materials on the state energy shortages during the late 1970s. These energy materials include reports, videotapes, correspondence, and fact sheets, which were used to form energy allocation and alternative fuel policy. Joint hearing and correspondence demonstrate the close involvement of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee, as well as the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials, Assembly Local Government and the Senate Utilities and Commerce Committees. The California Bottle Bill, AB2020 enacted in 1986 and revisited in later sessions, received substantial attention from the committee resulting in detailed records on the topic of recycling and beverage containers during the 1985-1986 and the 1987-1988 sessions. Bill files, hearing files, and subject files on this topic are included in this collection.

The subject files include correspondence, memoranda, statistical findings, published and unpublished reports, notes, and newspaper clippings regarding subjects heard and reviewed by the committee covering topics such as toxic waste, water quality and use, liquefied natural gas, and marine and environmental preservation. The committee's files on toxic waste in Ward Valley are especially detailed and extensive covering the date range of 1991-1997. Voluminous hearing files from 1991 and 1993 hearings related to the subject are also available.

**Accruals**

Further accruals expected.

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

California. Legislature. Assembly. Natural Resources Committee
Natural resources
Land use
Energy
Pollution

**Related Collections at the California State Archives**

Assembly Agriculture Committee Records
Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee Records
Assembly Local Government Committee Records
Assembly Natural Resources and Conservation Committee Records
Assembly Planning, Land Use, and Energy Committee
Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee Records
Senate Natural Resources and Wild Life Committee Records
Department of Natural Resources Records
Loni Hancock Papers
Thomas Hannigan Papers
Hannah-Beth Jackson Papers
Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee Records
Charles Warren Papers
Howard Wayne Papers
Edwin L. Z'Berg Papers

See series descriptions for LP numbers.
Oral Histories

Thomas H. Willoughby, Oral History Interview, Conducted by Ann Lage, Regional Oral History Office, University of California at Berkeley, for the State Government Oral History Program, California State Archives.

David E. Pesonen, Oral History Interview, Conducted by Ann Lage, Regional Oral History Office, University of California at Berkeley, for the State Government Oral History Program, California State Archives.

Microfilm

Some of the records are available on microfilm at the California State Archives, including bill files from the 1975-1978 and 1985-1990 sessions.
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Series 1 Bill Files 1974-2006

Physical Description: 1,110 file folders, 2 cassette tapes, 2 CDs

Alternative Form of Materials Available

Microfilm copies of bill files are available for the years 1975-1980 and 1985-1990 as indicated by MF before the LP number.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number.

Access Information

Access to audiovisual material requires the production of use copies.

Scope and Content Note

The committee analyzed bills relating to the regulation, sources, use, re-use, and pollution of California’s natural resources. Bill files created by the committee may include analyses, amendments, author’s statements, testimony, press releases, newspaper clippings, correspondence, committee statements, and background reports. The committee kept particularly complete files on the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, commonly referred to as the Williamson Act (AB991, AB1215, 1981), and AB2468 (1993-1994) regarding State energy resources conservation and development. AB2310 (1999-2000), relating to resources planning and management in addition to the waste tire storage and recycling bill, SB876 (1999-2000), the traditional tribal cultural sites; SB18 (2003-2004); and the Aircraft emissions bills, AB2501 (2005-2006) all are particularly large bill files kept by the committee.

Assembly Resources, Land Use, and Energy, 1975-1980

1977-1978: AB1-AB3765, ACA64, ACA88, ACR9-ACR105, AJR12-AJR97, HR59 (10ff) MF LP183:196-205

Assembly Energy and Natural Resources (1981-1982)


Assembly Natural Resources (1983-present)

1983-1984: AB128-AB4020, AJRs, ACRs (4ff) LP306:3-6
1983-1984: SB5X (1ff), LP405:16
1985-1986: AB20-AB3416 (22ff) MF LP253:206-227
1985-1986: AB10-AB3811, ACRs, AJRs, AB14X, AB47X (5ff) LP306:53-108
1987-1988: SB2- SB2241 (65ff) LP405:212-256; 258-277
1993-1994: SB34-SB2056, SJR4-SJR10 (5ff) LP405:96-150
1995-1996: AB35-AB3446, AJRs, AB9X, AB19XX, AB20XX (51ff) LP306:144-194
1997-1998: AB65-AB2754, AJR7 (5ff) LP405:151-164,166-211
1997-1998: SB2- SB2241 (65ff) LP405:212-256; 258-277
1999-2000: AB9-AB3817 (76ff) LP405:20-95
1995-1996: AB35-AB3446, AJRs, AB9X, AB19XX, AB20XX (51ff) LP306:144-194
1997-1998: AB65-AB2754, AJR7 (5ff) LP405:151-164,166-211
1997-1998: SB2- SB2241 (65ff) LP405:212-256; 258-277

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See series descriptions for LP numbers.
Series 2 Hearing Files 1970-2008

Physical Description: 305 file folders, 135 audiotapes, 8 CDs, 11 videotapes, 1 reel-to-reel film, 4 dictabelts, 5 volumes

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by hearing date.

Access Information
Access to audiovisual material requires the production of use copies.

Scope and Content
Hearing files for the committee may contain agendas, audiotapes, transcripts, testimony, background, and working files for regular session hearings as well as interim hearings and select joint committee hearings. Audiotapes and videotapes have been separated to a cold-storage vault for preservation purposes and separation sheets are in the hearing files to alert the researcher to the existence of these tapes. Common hearing topics include the Coastal Commission and Local Coastal Programs, solid waste facilities, electrical services, safe water supplies, natural gas, alternative fuel, and beverage container recycling and fees. The record series includes a number of hearings, such as the October 8, 1991 Ward Valley Radio Active Waste Facility hearing and the September 2 and 10, 1997 hearings on SB638 Air Pollution and Burning the American Flag, which are particularly detailed and would be interest to the researcher. The November 8, 2001 Burn dump site clean-up hearing and the February 10, 2003 joint hearing on the Perch Lorate Contamination of Ground Water hearing are also detailed files.

For a list of hearing dates and topics, see Appendix A in Additional Series Information.

Additional Series Information
Appendix A: List of Hearing Files

Series 3 Subject Files 1954-2004

Physical Description: 75 file folders, 3 CDs, 2 videotapes, 1 DVD, 6 volumes.

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by subject heading.

Access Information
Access to audiovisual material requires the production of use copies.

Scope and Content
Subject files created by the committee may include correspondence, printed email, memoranda, statistical findings, published and unpublished reports, notes, and newspaper clippings. The most extensive files in this series are the Liquefied Natural Gas Site Proposal files, the Ward Valley Toxic Waste files, and the Rice Straw Burning and Trihalomethanes files.

For a list of Subject Files, see Appendix B in Additional Series Information.

Additional Series Information
Appendix B: List of Subject Files
Series 4 Correspondence 1977-2006

Physical Description: 13 file folders

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by date.

Scope and Content
This series contains the Chairman's correspondence from 1977-1979 (LP199:46-48) and the Committee's correspondence from 1997 through 2006 (LP405:972-981). The Chairman's files include letters received, copies of letters sent, memoranda, reports, speeches, and miscellaneous background materials concerning hearing scheduling and arrangements, as well as proposed and pending legislation before the committee. The Assembly Natural Resources Committee correspondence includes requests for referral to committee, waiver requests, request for resources and reimbursements from committee members and their staff, letters of authorization, invitations, letters to applicants, follow-up letters on subject consideration, written expressions of concern, letters of gratitude and support, testimonies, form letters, and similar correspondence between the committee members, legislature, constituents, and staff.

Series 5 Office Files 1981-1982

Physical Description: 1 file folder

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content
The series includes lists of bills heard before the committee which can include information on the author and subject of bills, the name of the analyst assigned to each bill by the committee, the seated hearing date, the action taken, and the roll call of votes from committee members present.

Assembly Select Committee on Coastal Protection 2004

Series 1 Hearing Files 2004

Physical Description: 2 file folders, 1 CD, 1 DVD

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by date of hearing.

Access Information
Access to audiovisual material requires the production of use copies.

Scope and Content
This series consists of two file folders from the March 24, 2004 hearing in Sacramento on Improving Stewardship of California's Ocean and Coastal Resources: Key Findings of the Pew Ocean Commissions. The records include news articles, correspondence, personal statements, reports, and audiovisual materials.

Assembly Special Committee on Fuel Scarcity 1979-1980

Scope and Content
Records from the Assembly Special Committee on Fuel Scarcity consist of 0.5 cubic feet of material reflecting the activity of the committee investigating California's fuel shortages in 1979. The committee collected background information relating to California's fuel sources, allocation, and future usage. The series comprises hearing files, chairman's correspondence files, and report files from 1979-1980. The report files consist of documentation regarding the committee's commission and the final report of the committee.
Series 1 Hearing Files 1979

Physical Description: 6 file folders, 3 audiocassette tapes

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by date of hearing.

Access Information
Access to audiovisual material requires the production of use copies.

Scope and Content Note
This series contains six files regarding energy issues heard before the subcommittee on energy in 1979. Files include press releases, agendas, notes, charts tracking California gas consumption, testimonies, background and executive summaries, a report to the President and the White House Presidential statement.

05/14/1979: Overview of Petroleum and Refined Product Shortages in California (1ff, 3 Audiocassettes), Sacramento, LP199:32

05/18/1979: Gas Shortages: Federal Allocation and pricing Regulations (1ff), Los Angeles, LP199:33

05/30/1979: California's Fuel Scarcity: Perspectives of Shell Oil Co. and Texaco, Inc (1ff), Sacramento, LP199:34

06/04/1979: California's Fuel Scarcity: Perspective of Union Oil Co. (1ff), Sacramento, LP199:35

06/13/1979: California's Fuel Scarcity: Perspectives of ARCO and Exxon (1ff), Sacramento, LP199:36

06/26/1979: Joint Hearing with the A/C on Agriculture: Fuel Allocation as it Affects California Agriculture (1ff), Sacramento, LP199:37

Series 2 Chairman's Correspondence File 1979-1980

Physical Description: 1 file folder

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by year.

Scope and Content Note
The Chairman's Correspondence file covers the Fuel Scarcity Committee from its creation on May 9, 1979 through its termination on March 26, 1980 and includes background information on the committee hearings, suggestions received on fuel conservation and alternate fuels as well as proposed legislation.

Series 3 Report Files 1979

Physical Description: 2 file folders

Arrangement
One file consists of a single bound report, the other file is arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note
This series contains the staff report and final findings of the Special Committee on Fuel Scarcity prepared in the summer of 1979. The files include the staff report, background information and materials related to the committee's report.

Assembly Subcommittee on Coastal Zone Planning 1975-1976

Scope and Content
Records from the Assembly Subcommittees on Coastal Zone Planning consists of 11 file folders, 13 audiocassette tapes, and 2 dictabelts reflecting the activity of the committee in introducing and investigating legislation related to the Coastal Plan, Nuclear Initiatives, and Litter Abatement in the coastal zones of California. The series consists of records from 1975-1976 including hearing files, background reports, committee files, and report files.
**Series 1 Hearing Files 1976**

- **Physical Description:** 13 Audiocassettes, 2 Dictabelts
- **Arrangement:** Arranged chronologically by date of hearing.
- **Access Information:** Access to audiovisual material requires the production of use copies.
- **Scope and Content Note:**
  This series contains audio material from a series of five hearings held by the Subcommittee on Coastal Planning regarding the Implementation of California’s Coastal Plan in 1976. The records are untranscribed.
- **Hearing Dates:** 03/01/1976, 03/09/1976, 03/15/1976, 03/23/1976, 03/29/1976
- **Hearing Topic:** Implementing the Coastal Plan (13 Audiocassette tapes, untranscribed, 2 Dictabelts, untranscribed), Sacramento
- **Identification Numbers:** LP198:136(1-2), LP198:137(1-4), LP198:138(1), LP198:139(1-4), LP198:141(1)

**Series 2 Background Reports 1975-1976**

- **Physical Description:** 2 file folders
- **Arrangement:** Arranged chronologically.
- **Scope and Content Note:**
  Background reports consists of three reports filed by the committee regarding the Coastal Plan: the economic impact of the proposed plan, the summary, review and analysis of the commission to carry out the Coastal Plan, and the Legislative Analyst review of the Coastal Plan. Reports are dated October 1975 and April 1976.

**Committee Files Subject Files 1975-1976**

- **Physical Description:** 8 file folders
- **Arrangement:** Arranged chronologically.
- **Scope and Content Note:**
  Committee files relate to Nuclear Initiative hearings taking place October 14, 1975 through May 14, 1976. Files include correspondence with the public and potential witnesses, committee plans and staff records on background, budget, scheduling, hearing summaries and analysis. Also included are analyses, Legislative Counsel reports, and other general information on the Nuclear Initiative, as well as witness biographies and newspaper clippings showing the pros and cons of nuclear power, the nuclear initiative, and committee hearings.

**Series 4 Report File 1975**

- **Physical Description:** 1 file folder
- **Arrangement:** Arranged chronologically.
- **Scope and Content Note:**
  This series contains the report and report summary for "California Litter-A Comprehensive Analysis and Plan for Abatement."
Assembly (Permanent) Subcommittee on Energy 1976-1982

Scope and Content
Records from the Assembly (Permanent) Subcommittee on Energy consist of four cubic feet of material reflecting the activity of the committee in introducing and investigating legislation related to energy shortages, alternative energy sources, air quality, and taxation related to energy and energy resources in California. The records cover the years 1977-1982. They are comprised of Bill Files, 1977-1980; Hearing Files, 1977-1980; and Subject Files, 1977-1982.

See Scope and Content note for LP numbers

Series 1 Bill Files 1977-1980
Physical Description: 17 file folders
Alternative Form of Materials Available
Microfilm copies of bill files are available for the years 1970-1980 as indicated by MF before the LP number.
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number.
Scope and Content Note
This series contains files documenting legislation before the subcommittee on energy and relating to energy issues and shortages in the State of California. Bill files created by the committee may include analyses, amendments, author's statements, testimony, press releases, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and committee statements, and background reports. Common topics covered include solar rights, and energy conservation and development.
1977-1978: AB3250 (1ff), LP405:986
1979-1980: SB16-SB1797 (7ff), MF LB218:211-217; SB778 (1ff), LP405:987

See Appendix A for LP numbers

Series 2 Hearing Files 1976-1980
Physical Description: 49 file folders, 29 audiotapes
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by hearing date.
Access Information
Access to audiovisual material requires the production of use copies.
Scope and Content Note
Hearing files for the subcommittee may contain agendas, audiotapes, transcripts, testimony, background, and working files for regular session hearings as well as interim hearings and select joint hearings. Common topics include liquefied natural gas (LNG) and nuclear safety.
For a list of hearing dates and topics, see Appendix A in Additional Series Information.
Additional Series Information
Appendix A: List of Hearing Files
Assembly (Permanent) Subcommittee on Energy 1976-1982
Series 3 Subject Files 1977-1982

See Appendix C for LP numbers

Series 3 Subject Files 1977-1982

Physical Description: 11 file folders

Alternative Form of Materials Available
A microfilm copy of the subject file titled Agendas, Roll Calls, Reports of Actions Taken is available relating to the years 1979-1980 as indicated by MF before the LP number.

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by subject heading.

Scope and Content Note
Subject files created by the committee may include correspondence, memoranda, statistical findings, published and unpublished reports, notes, and newspaper clippings.

For a list of Subject Files, see Appendix C in Additional Series Information.

Additional Series Information
Appendix C: List of Subject Files

Assembly Subcommittee on Land Use 1976-1978

See Scope and Content note for LP numbers

Series 1 Hearing Files 1976-1978

Physical Description: 6 file folders, 24 audiotapes

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by hearing date.

Access Information
Access to audiovisual material requires the production of use copies.

Scope and Content Note
Hearing files for the subcommittee contain textual records and audiotapes relating to air quality, land use projects, region wide planning, and regional agencies for the years 1976-1978.


03/29/1976: Oversight Hearing, Office of Planning and Research (2 Audiocassettes, untranscribed), Sacramento, LP198:140

05/24/1976,06/21/1976: Air Resources Planning, Air Pollution Control Districts Administration and Implementation of the Air Quality Program (2ff, 1 Audiocassette Tape, untranscribed), Sacramento, LP198:113-114

12/02/1976-12/03/1976: Oversight hearing, Solid Waste Management Board (1ff), Sacramento, LP198:130


09/21/1978: Region Wide Land Use Planning and Regional Agencies, San Diego County (4 audiocassette tapes), LP199:5 (1-4)

10/23/1978: Region Wide Land Use Planning and Regional Agencies, San Diego County (3 audiocassette tapes), LP199:7 (1-3)

Assembly Subcommittee on Public Lands 1976-1980

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