Inventory of the California State Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee Records, 1957-2014

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Descriptive Summary
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Creator/Collector: Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee, 1970-2002
Creator/Collector: Senate Natural Resources Committee, 1957-1969
Collection Size: Approximately 93 cubic feet including videotapes, audiotapes, and CDs.
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Abstract: The Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee six record series consists of Senate Bill Files (1971-2014), Hearing Files (1959-2013), Subject Files (1972-2003), Committee Files (1960-2003), Salmon Files (1957-1969, 1997-1998), and Session Binder Files (2005-2011). These files show the close involvement of the committee in such issues as animal welfare, recreation, forest management, water resources, toxic chemicals and energy, and its close involvement with the Departments of Water Resources and Parks and Recreation.

Physical location: California State Archives, Office of the Secretary of State, Sacramento, California
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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Acquisition History
The California State Archives acquired the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee records according to state law.
Committee History

The Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee is the most recent Senate committee to oversee legislation regarding California's natural resources and wildlife.

The first committee that had natural resources under its purview was the Senate Natural Resources Committee. It began studying legislation on January 8, 1941. Its purpose was to investigate legislation regarding bills amending the Public Resources Code and uncodified legislation relating to mines and mining, oil, forestry, parks, and to the public domain.

In 1967, its purpose was modified to include bills amending that portion of the Harbors and Navigation Code relating to the Department of Harbors and Watercraft.

In 1970, this committee was changed. The Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee was formed by Senate Resolution 83, passed on February 18, 1970. In addition to bills amending the Public Resources code and the Harbors and Navigation code, it also reviewed bills on the Fish and Game code. Geothermal issues were added in 1972.

The Senate passed Senate Resolution 8 on January 5, 1981 which shifted the committee's focus. It began reviewing bills relating to the conservation and the management of public resources, fish and wildlife, regulation of oil, mining, geothermal development, and forestry practices, recreation, parks, and historical resources, and legislation affecting California boating and solid waste.

Senate Resolution 16, which passed on March 7, 1991, added to the committee's scope acid deposition, wetlands and lakes, global atmospheric effects, and beverage container recycling. It also removed the subject of solid waste.

On January 13, 1995, Senate Resolution 10 added ocean and bay pollution as a new concern for the committee.

On December 2, 2002, this committee was changed. The committee was renamed the Natural Resources and Water Committee by Senate Resolution 4, although the scope of the committee remained constant.

Senate Resolution 10, passed on March 17, 2005, added the subject of coastal resources and water supply management to the committee's focus, and beverage container recycling was removed.

The chairs of these committees from 1942 to 2014 were as follows:

**Senate Natural Resources, 1941-1969**

Wagy, J.I. (Rep.-Dem.), 1942
Fletcher, Edward (Rep.-Dem.), 1943-1946
Mayo, Jesse M. (Rep.-Dem.), 1949-1950
Johnson, Harold T. (Dem.), 1955-1958
Berry, Swift (Rep.), 1959-1960
Arnold, Stanley (Dem.), 1961-1962
Farr, Fred S. (Dem.), 1963-1966
Lagomarsino, Robert J. (Rep.), 1967-1969

**Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee, 1970-2002**

Lagomarsino, Robert J. (Rep.), 1970-1972
Presley, Robert D. (Dem.), 1981-1986
McCorquodale, Dan (Dem.), 1987-1992
Thompson, Mike (Dem.), 1993-1994
Hayden, Tom (Dem.), 1995-2000
Kuehl, Sheila J. (Dem.) 2001-2002

**Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee, 2003-present**

Kuehl, Sheila J. (Dem.) 2003-2006
Steinberg, Darrell (Dem.), 2007-2008
Pavley, Fran (Dem.), 2009-2014

**Scope and Content**

The Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee six record series consists of Senate Bill Files (1971-2014), Hearing Files (1959-2013), Subject Files (1972-2003), Committee Files (1960-2003), Salmon Files (1957-1969, 1997-1998), and Session Binder Files (2005-2011).

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**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
- California State Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
- Wildlife conservation-California
- Water-California
- Parks-California
- Forests and forestry-California
- Energy Policy-California
See Series Description.

See LP Numbers below.

Series 1 Bill Files 1971-2014

Physical Description: 1,175 file folders.

Arrangement

Bill files are arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number.

Scope and Content Note

Bill files created by the Senate Natural Resources and Water committee may include bill analyses, amendments and resolutions, author's statements, testimony, press releases, editorial and newspaper clippings, correspondence, committee statements, and other information.


Those researching recreation in California may be interested in SB331 (1989-1990), which dealt with the preservation of the Donner Party Trail, as well as SB1062 (1991-1992), which dealt with the potential creation of the Port Disney theme park in Long Beach. SB1327 (2003-2004) related to the California State Park system and SB1381 (2003-2004) promoted bicycling and walking.


Researchers reviewing water conservation and management may be interested in SB317 (2003-2004) which sought to restore the Salton Sea and had a huge public campaign, SB820 (2005-2006) regarding water conservation, AB2270 (2007-2008) which created a revision to recycled water quality, SB263 (2011-2012) which recommended well logs, and SB1201 (2011-2012) which sought to restore the Los Angeles River.

Those interested in the subjects of toxic substances and energy development may want to research SB403 (2005-2006) which sought to regulate the tanker movement of hazardous materials in state waters, and SB4 (2013-2014) which sought to regulate fracking.

Microfilm copies of bill files are available for the years 1971-1988 where indicated with MF before the LP number.

Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee:

1971: SB107-SB1555, SR144 (8ff) MF LP162:276-283
1971: AB600-AB3066 (4ff) MF LP162:284-287
1975-1976: SB756 (3ff) LP255:54-56
1977-1978: SB4-SB2209, SCR23 (19ff) MF LP208:312-330
1977-1978: SB344-SB1505 (19ff) LP212:196-214
1977-1978: SB1353-SB1357 (4ff) LP255:57-60
1977-1978: AB1-AB3416 (10ff) MF LP208:331-340
1979-1980: SB4-SB1879 (40ff) LP212:215-254

1979-1980: SB1300 (3ff) LP255:31-35
1979-1980: AB13-AB2741, ACR22-ACR62, AJR64 (9ff) MF LP208:363-370
1981-1982: SB708-SB1427 (3ff) LP255:66-68

See Series Description.
Series 1 Bill Files 1971-2014
See Appendix A for LP Numbers.

Series 2 Hearing Files 1959-2013
Physical Description: 528 file folders, 357 Audio Cassettes, 22 Videotapes, 138 Compact Discs.

Arrangement
Hearing files are arranged chronologically by date of hearing.

Scope and Content Note
Hearing types include informational hearings, joint informational hearings, and round tables. Files may contain agendas, testimony, transcripts, reports, and background material. Audio cassettes, videotapes, and compact discs have been separated from the files and are stored separately for preservation purposes. A separation sheet is placed in the folders to alert researchers to the existence of such material. Hearings of interest include: Stockton ship channels (04/23/1971), Surface mining issues (11/20/1974), Federal Clean Air Act (10/14/1976), Offshore oil drilling (11/14/1983), the Fountain Fire of 1992 (03/12/1993), the Clinton Forestry Plan (08/18/1993 and 01/05/1993), the Governor's Flood Protection Plan (02/22/2004), the State of California's Environment (02/02/2005), the Water Bond (01/24/2006-02/21/2006), Proposed Infrastructure Bonds (03/01/2006), Proposition 84 (08/08/2006, 02/27/2007-03/13/2007), the Los Angeles River (05/11/2007, 10/12/2011), Catastrophic Fires Prevention (03/07/2008), State Park Closures (08/28/2009), and the Delta Update (03/08/2011).

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

Additional Series Information
Appendix A: List of Hearing Files

Series 3 Subject Files 1972-2003
Physical Description: 16 file folders.

Arrangement
Subject Files are arranged alphabetically by subject heading.

Scope and Content Note
Subject Files include correspondence, background materials, notes, and reports regarding the Division of Forestry, State Parks system, cultural resources, domestic violence, environmental impact report, genetics, Headwaters Forest Stewardship Plan, Methyl Teri-Butyl Ether (MTBE), and recycling.

For a complete listing of subject file titles and dates, see Appendix B in Additional Series Information.

Additional Series Information
Appendix B: List of Subject Files

Series 4 Committee Files 1960-2003
Physical Description: 21 file folders

Arrangement
The Committee Files are arranged chronologically by session.

Scope and Content Note
The Committee Files contain: rules and waivers regarding the Standing Rules of the Senate and Joint rules, Legislative Counsel forms, jurisdictions, list of bill authors, file notices in regards to forestry, coastal resources, endangered species, commercial fishing, as well as referrals and information on bills referred to the committee.

For a complete list of committee files, see Appendix C in Additional Series Information.

Additional Series Information
Appendix C: List of Committee Files

See Series Description.

Physical Description: 28 file folders

Arrangement
The Salmon Files have been retained in the order in which they were received.

Scope and Content Note
The Salmon Files contain historical information on salmon decline, scientific studies, petitions, as well as information regarding spring-run salmon, salmon spawning, legal requirements, and California Endangered Species Act “take permits.” There is background on laws and regulations regarding salmon fishing, as well as scientific studies and information regarding salmon spawning and migration.

For a folder list of salmon files, see Appendix D in Additional Series Information.

Additional Series Information

Appendix D: List of Salmon Files

Series 6 Session Binder Files 2005-2011

Physical Description: 21 file folders.

Arrangement
The Session Binder Files are arranged chronologically by year.

Scope and Content Note
The Session Binder Files contain Committee Rules, Action Reports, Bill Referral Requests, File Notices, Informational Hearing Requests, End of Session Reports, Hearing Agendas, Roll Call Votes, Full Committee Logs, and Disposition Reports.

2005 (3ff) LP383:1248-1250
2006 (4ff) LP383:1251-1254
2007 (3ff) LP383:1255-1257
2008 (4ff) LP383:1258-1261
2009 (3ff) LP383:1262-1264
2010 (2ff) LP383:1265-1266
2011 (2ff) LP383:1267-1268