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Descriptive Summary

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Creator: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee, 2003-present

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.

Repository: California State Archives

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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

Access

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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

DeLap, T.H. (Rep.-Dem.), 1947-1948

Mayo, Jesse M. (Rep.-Dem.), 1949-1950

Busch, Burt W. (Rep.-Dem.), 1951-1954

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

Nejedly, John A. (Rep.), 1973-1980

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

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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 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 interested in the welfare of animals may be interested in SB67 (1993-1994) and SB1221(2011-2012), which dealt with hunting black bears with dogs, AB985 (2001-2002) which gives details of the California Endangered Species Act and "take permits," and three bills relating to ferret legislation, AB409 (1997-1998), AB854 (1999-2000), and AB647 (2005-2006). AB820 (2005-2006), regarding the keeping and breeding of wild animals, had a massive public campaign.

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.

Those interested in wildlife conservation may want to review SB28 (1995-1996), which dealt with Proposition 113 - Habitat Conservation Fund, and SB1143 (1997-1998), which dealt with the Natural Community Conservation Planning (NCCP) Program. AB376 (2011-2012) prohibited the sale of shark fins and had a large public campaign, and AB711 (2013-2014) banned the use of lead ammunition in hunting.

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

1972: SB2-SB1471, SCA19, SCR18-SCR65, SR10-SR28 (13ff) **MF** LP164:123-135

1972: AB200-AB2350, ACA48, ACR9-ACR74 (3ff) **MF** LP164:136-138

1973-1974: SB5, SB1498, SB1981 (4ff) **MF** LP208:269-272

1973-1974: SB185-SB2303, SCR55-SCR57, SJR35-SJR73, SR11 (7ff) LP164:185-191

1973-1974: AB227 (2ff) LP212:191-192

1973-1974: AB385-AB3569 (2ff) LP164:192-193

1975-1976: SB35-SB2125, SCR24-SCR73, SJR25-SJR55 (26ff) **MF** LP208:273-298

1975-1976: SB756 (3ff) LP255:54-56

1975-1976: SB1277 (3ff) LP212:193-195

1975-1976: AB15-AB4513, ACR99 (13ff) **MF** LP208:299-311

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: SB5-SB1953, SCA25, SCR60, SJR8, SJR34 (22ff) **MF** LP208:341-362

1979-1980: SB1300 (3ff) LP255:61-63

1979-1980: AB13-AB2741, ACR22-ACR62, AJR64 (9ff) **MF** LP208:363-370

1981-1982: SB4-SB993 (13ff) **MF** LP212:255-267

1981-1982: SB708-SB1427 (3ff) LP255:66-68

1981-1982: SB1027-SB1920 (10ff) **MF** LP213:1-10

See Series Description.

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](#)

See Appendix B
for LP Numbers.

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](#)

See Appendix C
for LP Numbers.

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](#)

LP164:199,
LP383:817-843

Series 5 **Salmon Files 1957-1969 1997-1998**

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](#)

LP383:1248-1268

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) LP383:1251-1954

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