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DIVISION 20. CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT [30000 - 30900] (*Division 20 added by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1330.*)

CHAPTER 4. Creation, Membership, and Powers of Commission and Regional Commissions [30300 - 30355] (*Chapter 4 added by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1330.*)

ARTICLE 1. Creation, Membership of Commission and Regional Commission [30300 - 30305] (*Article 1 added by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1330.*)

30300. There is in the Resources Agency the California Coastal Commission.

(*Amended by Stats. 1981, Ch. 1173, Sec. 1.5.*)

30301. The commission shall consist of the following 15 members:

- (a) The Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency.
- (b) The Secretary of Transportation.
- (c) The Chairperson of the State Lands Commission.
- (d) Six representatives of the public from the state at large. The Governor, the Senate Committee on Rules, and the Speaker of the Assembly shall each appoint two of these members.
- (e) Six representatives selected from six coastal regions. The Governor shall select one member from the north coast region and one member from the south central coast region. The Speaker of the Assembly shall select one member from the central coast region and one member from the San Diego coast region. The Senate Committee on Rules shall select one member from the north central coast region and one member from the south coast region. For purposes of this division, these regions are defined as follows:
 - (1) The north coast region consists of the Counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino.
 - (2) The north central coast region consists of the Counties of Sonoma and Marin and the City and County of San Francisco.
 - (3) The central coast region consists of the Counties of San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey.
 - (4) The south central coast region consists of the Counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.
 - (5) The south coast region consists of the Counties of Los Angeles and Orange.
 - (6) The San Diego coast region consists of the County of San Diego.
- (f) Of the representatives appointed by the Governor pursuant to subdivision (d) or (e), one of the representatives shall reside in, and work directly with, communities in the state that are disproportionately burdened by, and vulnerable to, high levels of pollution and issues of environmental justice, including, but not limited to, communities with diverse racial and ethnic populations and communities with low-income populations. The Governor shall appoint a representative qualified pursuant to this subdivision to a vacant position from the appointments available pursuant to either subdivision (d) or (e) no later than the fourth appointment available after January 1, 2017.

(*Amended by Stats. 2016, Ch. 578, Sec. 3. (AB 2616) Effective January 1, 2017.*)

30301.2. (a) The appointments of the Governor, the Senate Committee on Rules, and the Speaker of the Assembly, pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 30301, shall be made as prescribed in this section. Within 45 days from the date of receipt of a request for nominations by the appointing authority, the board of supervisors and city selection committee of each county

within the region shall nominate supervisors, mayors, or city council members who reside in the region from which the Governor, the Senate Committee on Rules, or the Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint a replacement. In regions composed of three counties, the board of supervisors and the city selection committee in each county within the region shall each nominate one or more supervisors and one or more mayors or city council members. In regions composed of two counties, the board of supervisors and the city selection committee in each county within the region shall each nominate not less than two supervisors and not less than two mayors or city council members. In regions composed of one county, the board of supervisors and the city selection committee in the county shall each nominate not less than three supervisors and not less than three mayors or city council members. Immediately upon selecting the nominees, the board of supervisors and the city selection committee shall send the names of the nominees to either the Governor, the Senate Committee on Rules, or the Speaker of the Assembly, whoever will appoint the replacement.

(b) Within 30 days from the date of receipt of the names of the nominees pursuant to subdivision (a), the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, or the Senate Committee on Rules, whoever will appoint the replacement, shall either appoint one of the nominees or notify the boards of supervisors and city selection committees within the region that none of the nominees are acceptable and request the boards of supervisors and city selection committees to make additional nominations. Within 45 days from the date of receipt of a notice rejecting all of the nominees, the boards of supervisors and city selection committees within the region shall nominate and send to the appointing authority the names of additional nominees in accordance with subdivision (a). Upon receipt of the names of those additional nominees, the appointing authority shall appoint one of the nominees.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 683, Sec. 38. (SB 798) Effective January 1, 2016.)

30301.5. A member of the commission serving pursuant to subdivision (a), (b), or (c) of Section 30301 shall be a nonvoting member and may appoint a designee to serve at his or her pleasure who shall have all the powers and duties of the member pursuant to this division.

(Amended by Stats. 2004, Ch. 746, Sec. 3. Effective January 1, 2005.)

30304. Any member of the commission may, subject to the confirmation of his or her appointing power, appoint an alternate member to represent him or her at any commission meeting. An alternate for a locally elected official need not also be a locally elected official. An alternate may serve prior to confirmation for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of appointment unless and until confirmation is specifically refused. The alternate shall serve at the pleasure of the member who appointed him or her and shall have all the powers and duties as a member of the commission, except that the alternate shall only participate and vote in meetings in the absence of the member who appointed him or her.

All provisions of law relating to conflicts of interest that are applicable to a member shall apply to an alternate member. Whenever a member has, or is known to have, a conflict of interest on any matter, the member's alternate is not eligible to vote on that matter.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 683, Sec. 39. (SB 798) Effective January 1, 2016.)

30305. Except as otherwise provided in this division, the commission shall succeed to any and all obligations, powers, duties, responsibilities, benefits, or legal interests of regional coastal commissions which existed prior to July 1, 1981.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 1981, Ch. 1173, Sec. 5.)