| Table 1: Overview of Federal & State Natural Resource Laws and Regulations Potentially Applicable in California’s Coastal Zone | | | | | | | |
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| **Environmental Law** | **Federal or State Law** | **Responsible Agency** | **Implement-ing Agency** | **Permit, Authorization, Study or Agreement** | | **Regulated Activity and Resource** | **Additional Information** |
| California Coastal Act (CCA) (PRC §30000 et. seq.) | State | CCC / BCDC | CCC / BCDC / Local Govt | Coastal Development Permit (CDP) | | Activities that modify land or water use in the coastal zone | <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/cdp/cdp-forms.html>  <http://www.bcdc.ca.gov/forms/forms.shtml> |
| California Endangered Species Act (CESA)  (FGC § 2081 & 2090) | State | CDFW | CDFW | Incidental Take Permit (Section 2081) or Consistency Determination (Section 2080.1) | | Activities affecting state-listed species | <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/habcon/cesa/> |
| California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)  (PRC § 21000-21177 ) | State | OPR and SCH (oversight) | State Lead Agency | Initial Study (IS); Negative Declaration (ND); Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND); Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | | Discretionary actions proposed to be carried out or approved by California public agencies | <http://ceres.ca.gov/ceqa/>  2012 CEQA Handbook: <http://ceres.ca.gov/ceqa/docs/CEQA_Handbook_2012_wo_covers.pdf> |
| Section 1600-1616, California Fish and Game Code (FGC § 1602 et. seq.) | State | CDFW | CDFW | Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement | | Activities that divert or obstruct the natural flow or substantially change the bed, bank or channel of a river, stream or lake, or use material from a streambed | <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/habcon/1600/> |
| Section 401, Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 USC 1341) | Federal | SWRCB (EPA Oversight) | RWQCB | Water Quality Certification | | Discharges requiring a federal license or permit to comply with state or federal water quality standards | <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/> |
| Section 402, Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 USC 1342) | Federal | SWRCB | SWRCB | NPDES Permit | | Point source discharges to surface waters of the U.S. | <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/> |
| Section 404, Clean Water Act (CWA)  (33 USC 1344) | Federal | USACE  (EPA oversight) | USACE | General Permit (Nationwide, Regional); Standard Permit (Individual); Letter of Permission | | Discharge of dredge or fill material into waters of the U.S., including wetlands | <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/RegulatoryProgramandPermits.aspx> |
| Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) (16 USC 1451) | Federal | NOAA | CCC / BCDC | Federal Consistency Determination | | Project modifies land or water use in the coastal zone of a state with an approved CMP | <http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/welcome.html> |
| Section 7 & 10, Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1531-1544) | Federal | USFWS / NMFS | USFWS / NMFS | Incidental Take Statement / Biological Opinion (BO) (Section 7); Incidental Take Permit (Section 10) | | Activities affecting species listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA | <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/section7/>  <http://www.fws.gov/cno/es/>  <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/sro.htm> |
| Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)  (16 USC 1361 et. seq.) | Federal | USFWS / NMFS | USFWS / NMFS | Letter of Authorization (LOA); Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) | | Activities affecting marine mammals and their products | <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/laws/mmpa/>  <http://www.fws.gov/international/permits/by-species/marine-mammals.html> |
| McAteer-Petris Act (Government Code § 66650-66661) | State | BCDC | BCDC | San Francisco Bay Development Permit | | Activities within San Francisco Bay and its shoreline | <http://www.bcdc.ca.gov/permits/permits.shtml> |
| National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)  (42 USC 4312) | Federal | CEQ and EPA oversight | Federal Lead Agency | Environmental Assessment (EA); Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI); Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) | | Major federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment | <http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/>  <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/basics/nepa.html> |
| National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 USC 470) | Federal | ACHP / SHPO | Federal Lead Agency | Memorandum of Agreement / Programmatic Agreement | | Activities affecting cultural resources | <http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/>  <http://www.achp.gov/> |
| Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act  (Division 7, California Water Code) | State | SWRCB | RWQCB | Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) | | Activities that may affect surface or groundwater quality | <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/land_disposal/waste_discharge_requirements.shtml> |
| Section 10, Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) (33 USC 403) | Federal | USACE | USACE | Section 10 Permit | | Work in, under, or over a navigable waterway | <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/RegulatoryProgramandPermits.aspx> |
| Suisun Marsh Preservation Act (PRC § 29000-29612) | State | BCDC | BCDC | Suisun Marsh Development Permit | | Activities within Suisun Marsh | <http://www.bcdc.ca.gov/permits/permits.shtml> |
| Acronyms:  ACHP – Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  BCDC – San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission  CCC – California Coastal Commission  CDFW – California Department of Fish and Wildlife  CEQ – Council on Environmental Quality EPA – Environmental Protection Agency  NMFS – National Marine Fisheries Service  NOAA – National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration | | | | | OCRM – Office of Ocean & Coastal Resource Management  OPR – Office of Planning and Research  RWQCB – Regional Water Quality Control Board  SCH – State Clearinghouse  SHPO – State Historic Preservation Officer  SWRCB – State Water Resources Control Board  USACE – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  USFWS – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | | |