Table 1. Overview of Federal & State Natural Resource Laws and Regulations Potentially Applicable in California’s Coastal Zone

| **Environmental Law** | **Federal or State Law** | **Responsible Agency** | **Implement-ing Agency** | **Permit, Authorization, Study or Agreement** | **Regulated Activity and Resource** | **Additional Information** |
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| 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/>2014 CEQA Statue and Guidelines: <http://resources.ca.gov/ceqa/docs/2014_CEQA_Statutes_and_Guidelines.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://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/permits/index.html> |
| 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> |
| California Public Trust Lands | State | SLC | SLC | State Land Use Lease or Amendment | Work in public trust lands | <http://www.slc.ca.gov/Online_Forms/Online_Forms_Home_Page.html> |
| 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 PreservationBCDC – San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development CommissionCCC – California Coastal CommissionCDFW – California Department of Fish and WildlifeCEQ – Council on Environmental QualityEPA – Environmental Protection AgencyNMFS – National Marine Fisheries ServiceNOAA – National Oceanic & Atmospheric AdministrationOCRM – Office of Ocean & Coastal Resource Management | OPR – Office of Planning and ResearchRWQCB – Regional Water Quality Control BoardSCH – State ClearinghouseSHPO – State Historic Preservation OfficerSLC – California State Lands CommissionSWRCB – State Water Resources Control BoardUSACE – U.S. Army Corps of EngineersUSFWS – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |