



IEPR Workshop on SB 605

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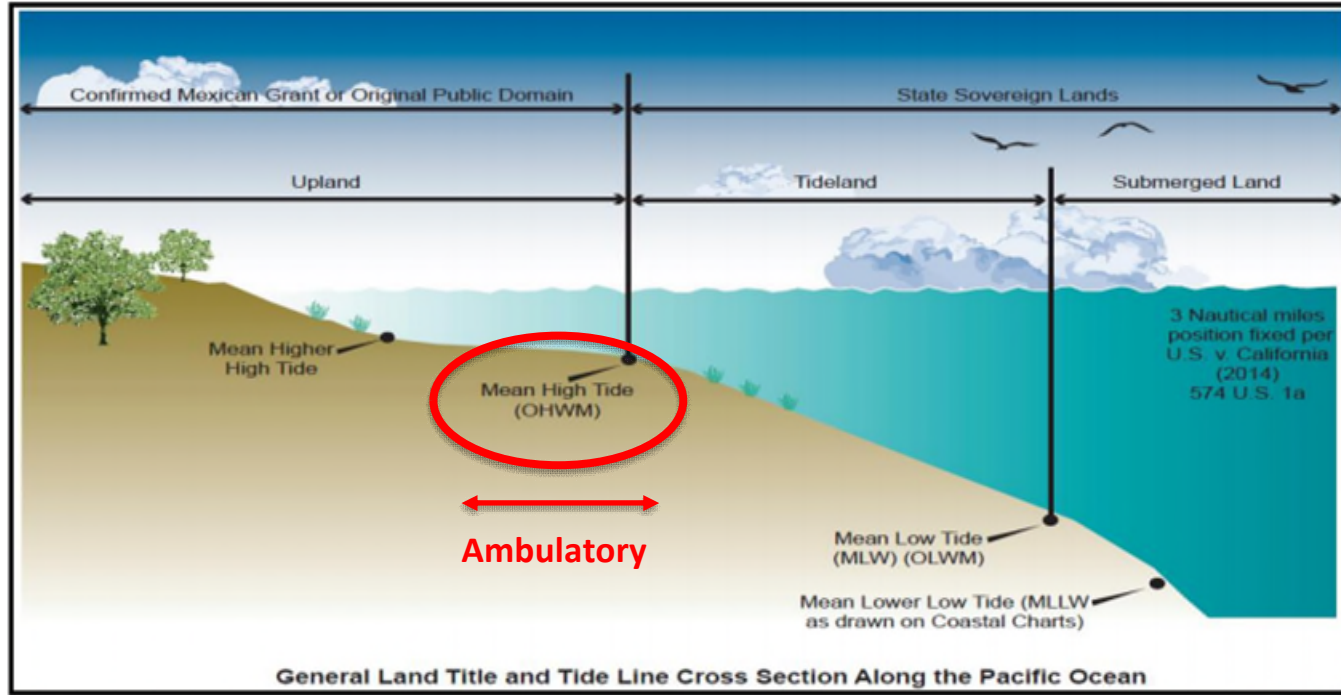
Jurisdiction: The Public Trust Doctrine

The California State Lands Commission's jurisdiction is rooted in the Public Trust Doctrine. Tide and submerged lands and the beds of lakes, streams, and other navigable waterways are held in trust by the State of California for the benefit of the people of California.



- 1100 miles of coastline
- 3 nautical miles offshore
- 4 million acres
- 120 rivers and sloughs
- 40 lakes
- Thousands of miles of non-coastal shorelines

Jurisdiction: Boundary



Jurisdiction: Public Trust Lands, Resources, Uses, and Values

The State Lands Commission is the trustee of the State's Public Trust lands and resources



The Commission's Role in Permitting

- Geophysical surveys and geological sampling to understand seafloor and site features
- CEQA review (potentially lead agency in state waters)
- Process and approve leases for wave and tidal infrastructure in (facilities) or transiting (cables) State waters
- Coordinate/consult with other federal, state, local agencies, Tribes, and communities

CEQA and Leasing

- Needed for wave and tidal component parts (e.g., export cables) to be placed in/on state lands
- Evaluate environmental impacts (CEQA) and develop mitigation measures, including evaluation of ocean user conflicts (e.g., navigation, fishing, and recreational uses)
- Engage in Tribal Consultation (AB52)
- Engage communities and environmental justice organizations
- Develop lease terms, conditions, bond, rent
- Make findings:
 - Best interests of the state
 - Consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine