

Existing law requires application for a coastal use permit prior to commencement of any activity in the coastal zone.

New law requires that prior to issuance of a coastal use permit, the secretary of the Dept. of Natural Resources shall ensure that the activity for which application is being made is consistent with the state's master plan for integrated coastal protection. Prohibits the issuance of a permit for any activity which is not consistent with the plan.

New law further requires that any permit granted to repair or replace a pipeline that would impact integrated coastal protection in the state's master or annual plan shall include a requirement that the pipeline owner shall be responsible for the cost to repair or replace such pipeline.

New law provides that the pipeline owner shall be responsible for the performance of any pipeline relocation work to accommodate the construction of any integrated coastal protection. Further provides that any incremental costs associated with such relocation work shall be reimbursed to the pipeline owner by the appropriate federal, state, or local governmental agency.

New law defines "incremental costs" as the cost of the pipeline relocation required by the appropriate governing authority less the cost that the pipeline operator would have incurred for the maintenance project.

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