

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 857

Introduced by Assembly Member Wiggins

February 22, 2001

An act to amend Sections 65044, 65045, 65046, and 65049 of, to repeal Sections 65047 and 65048 of, and to repeal and add Sections 65041, 65042, and 65043 of the Government Code, relating to state planning.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 857, as introduced, Wiggins. State Comprehensive Plan.

Existing law requires the Governor to prepare and cause to be maintained a comprehensive State Environmental Goals and Policy Report.

This bill would revise and recast these provisions to require the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to prepare by June 30, 2003, a State Comprehensive Plan to articulate a statewide, 20-year vision for the state based upon specified goals. It would require every state agency and department to cooperate in the preparation and maintenance of the plan.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 65041 of the Government Code is
2 repealed.
3 ~~65041. —The Governor shall prepare and thereafter shall cause~~
4 ~~to be maintained, regularly reviewed and revised a comprehensive~~

1 ~~State Environmental Goals and Policy Report. In the preparation~~
2 ~~of the report, priority shall be given to the development of~~
3 ~~statewide land use policy, including the recommendations~~
4 ~~resulting from the land use planning and implementation program~~
5 ~~set forth in Section 65040.6, and including the recommendations~~
6 ~~of the Planning Advisory and Assistance Council established~~
7 ~~pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 65040.6. The report shall~~
8 ~~contain, but not be limited to, the following:~~

9 ~~(a) An overview, looking 20 to 30 years ahead, of state growth~~
10 ~~and development and a statement of approved state environmental~~
11 ~~goals and objectives, including those directed to land use,~~
12 ~~population growth and distribution, development, the~~
13 ~~conservation of natural resources, and air and water quality.~~

14 ~~(b) Description of new and revised state policies, programs and~~
15 ~~other actions of the executive and legislative branches required to~~
16 ~~implement statewide environmental goals, including~~
17 ~~intermediate range plans and actions directed to natural resources,~~
18 ~~human resources and transportation.~~

19 SEC. 2. Section 65041 is added to the Government Code, to
20 read:

21 65041. The Governor's Office of Planning and Research
22 shall, by June 30, 2003, prepare a State Comprehensive Plan. The
23 plan shall articulate a statewide, 20-year vision for the state based
24 on the following goals:

25 (a) Minimize taxpayer costs for the construction and
26 maintenance of infrastructure.

27 (b) Maximize the protection of open space, agriculture lands,
28 and natural resources through compact and contiguous
29 development.

30 (c) Revitalize existing developed areas through well-designed
31 infill development.

32 (d) Promote an adequate housing supply.

33 (e) Facilitate the attraction and retention of jobs, especially for
34 residents of economically distressed communities.

35 (f) Reduce traffic congestion and preserve air quality by
36 minimizing demand on highways, streets, and roads.

37 SEC. 3. Section 65042 of the Government Code is repealed.

38 ~~65042. Every officer, agency, department or instrumentality~~
39 ~~of state government shall cooperate in the preparation and~~
40 ~~maintenance of the State Environmental Goals and Policy Report~~



1 ~~and shall comply with any request for advice, assistance,~~
2 ~~information or other material.~~

3 SEC. 4. Section 65042 is added to the Government Code, to
4 read:

5 65042. (a) The State Comprehensive Plan shall be a
6 direction-setting document, giving policy guidance to state
7 agencies, as well as to regional agencies and local governments,
8 and shall also include a system of measurement to identify the
9 extent to which the vision and its associated goals are
10 accomplished.

11 (b) Every state agency and department shall cooperate in the
12 preparation and maintenance of the State Comprehensive Plan and
13 shall comply with any request for advice, assistance, information,
14 or other material, including the preparation of reports.

15 (c) During the preparation of the State Comprehensive Plan,
16 the Office of Planning and Research shall hold public meetings in
17 various locations to solicit public input. Advance notice of any
18 meeting shall be provided to the public, including posting of a
19 notice on the Internet site of the Office of Planning and Research.

20 (d) Adoption and revision of the State Comprehensive Plan
21 shall be exempt from Division 13 (commencing with Section
22 21000) of the Public Resources Code.

23 SEC. 5. Section 65043 of the Government Code is repealed.

24 ~~65043. The maximum public understanding and response to~~
25 ~~alternative statewide environmental goals, policies and actions~~
26 ~~shall be sought in the preparation and maintenance of the State~~
27 ~~Environmental Goals and Policy Report. The Governor shall~~
28 ~~consider the desirability of periodic public hearings, the formation~~
29 ~~of citizen advisory groups and other appropriate actions to~~
30 ~~accomplish this purpose.~~

31 SEC. 6. Section 65043 is added to the Government Code, to
32 read:

33 65043. The Office of Planning and Research shall monitor the
34 state's progress in accomplishing the vision and goals of the State
35 Comprehensive Plan. Every four years, the office shall review the
36 State Comprehensive Plan with the state agencies that are
37 significantly affected by provisions of the plan, and may propose
38 to the Governor, in writing, amendments to the plan, accompanied
39 by an explanation of the need for the amendments. These



1 amendments shall be approved in the same manner as the adoption
2 of the original plan.

3 SEC. 7. Section 65044 of the Government Code is amended
4 to read:

5 65044. Upon completion of the State ~~Environmental Goals~~
6 ~~and Policy Report~~ *Comprehensive Plan*, the Governor, prior to
7 approval, shall seek the advice of the Legislature and for this
8 purpose shall transmit the ~~report~~ *plan* to the Speaker of the
9 Assembly and to the Senate ~~Rules~~ *Committee on Rules*.

10 SEC. 8. Section 65045 of the Government Code is amended
11 to read:

12 65045. The Legislature may assign the ~~report~~ *State*
13 *Comprehensive Plan* for study to one or more standing
14 committees, or to a joint committee and may hold hearings, solicit
15 testimony and take other appropriate action to secure review of the
16 report. Following ~~such~~ *this* review, the Legislature may act by
17 resolution to approve the ~~environmental~~ goals and policies
18 proposed in the ~~report~~ *plan* as an indication of legislative intent;
19 or state findings and conclusions and offer changes, deletions or
20 modifications in the goals and policies of the ~~report~~ *plan*, or both.

21 SEC. 9. Section 65046 of the Government Code is amended
22 to read:

23 65046. The Governor shall consider any advice offered by the
24 Legislature as provided in Section 65045 and, upon his *or her*
25 approval, shall transmit the ~~report~~ *plan* to the Legislature, to state
26 agencies, departments and boards, appropriate federal agencies
27 and to the chief executive officer of every city and county in the
28 state.

29 SEC. 10. Section 65047 of the Government Code is repealed.

30 ~~65047. Upon approval by the Governor, the State~~
31 ~~Environmental Goals and Policy Report shall serve to:~~

32 ~~(a) Record approved goals, policies and decisions of state~~
33 ~~government related to statewide growth and development and the~~
34 ~~preservation of environmental quality.~~

35 ~~(b) Advise the Legislature of statutory action required to~~
36 ~~implement state environmental goals and objectives.~~

37 ~~(c) Inform other levels of government and the public at large of~~
38 ~~approved state environmental goals and objectives and the~~
39 ~~proposed direction of state programs and actions in achieving~~
40 ~~them.~~



1 ~~(d) Provide a clear framework of goals and objectives as a~~
2 ~~guide to the preparation and evaluation of state functional plans.~~

3 ~~(e) Serve as a basis for judgments about the design, location and~~
4 ~~priority of major public programs, capital projects and other~~
5 ~~actions, including the allocation of state resources for~~
6 ~~environmental purposes through the budget and appropriation~~
7 ~~process.~~

8 SEC. 11. Section 65048 of the Government Code is repealed.

9 ~~65048. The State Environmental Goals and Policy Report~~
10 ~~shall be revised, updated and shall be transmitted by the Governor~~
11 ~~to the Legislature every four years. The Governor, may at any~~
12 ~~time, inform and seek advice of the Legislature on proposed~~
13 ~~changes in state environmental goals, objectives and policies.~~

14 SEC. 12. Section 65049 of the Government Code is amended
15 to read:

16 65049. Following approval of the State ~~Environmental Goals~~
17 ~~and Policy Report~~ *Comprehensive Plan* as provided in Section
18 65046, the ~~report plan~~ shall serve as a guide for state expenditures
19 for ~~environmental~~ *the purposes described in the plan*. In
20 transmitting the annual budget to the Legislature, information
21 shall be included relating proposed ~~environmental~~ *State*
22 *Comprehensive Plan* expenditures to the achievement of statewide
23 goals and objectives set forth in the ~~report plan~~.

