

Assembly Bill No. 2673

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day of
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Private Secretary of the Governor



CHAPTER _____

An act to add Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 8451) to Part 4 of Division 6 of the Public Resources Code, relating to natural resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2673, Simitian. Natural resources: grant of federal lands.

Existing law provides for the Resources Agency within state government. The Resources Agency consists of various boards and departments, including the Department of Conservation and the Department of Parks and Recreation. Existing law authorizes the board of supervisors of a county to transfer real property or an interest in real property to the United States for national park purposes.

This bill would require a city, county, or city and county, prior to applying to the United States government pursuant to specified federal laws for a recordable disclaimer of interest in real property, that is part of a designated wildlife area or refuge, wilderness area, unit of the national park system, or other federal public land, to submit to the Secretary of the Resources Agency, a statement indicating how the property will be used and managed and certifying compliance with applicable state environmental law, as specified.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 8451) is added to Part 4 of Division 6 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

CHAPTER 3.5. CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL LAND

8451. (a) Prior to applying to the United States government pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. Sec. 1701 et seq.) and Part 1864 of Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, for a recordable disclaimer of interest in real property, that is part of a designated wildlife area or refuge, wilderness area, unit of the national park system, or other federal public land, a city, county, or city and county shall submit to the



Secretary of the Resources Agency, a statement indicating how the property will be used and managed, and certifying that the city, county, or city and county has determined that the current and intended use and management is in compliance with applicable state environmental law.

(b) The Secretary of the Resources Agency shall refer a submission of a city, county, or city and county under this section to the appropriate state agency for review upon the request of the city, county, or city and county, or upon receiving credible information indicating a potential violation or failure to comply with applicable state environmental law.



Approved _____, 2004

Governor

