

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1641**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Huff**

February 23, 2007

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An act to amend Sections 75050 and 75070 of the Public Resources Code, relating to natural resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1641, as introduced, Huff. Natural resources.

(1) The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, an initiative statute adopted by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, among other things, makes \$928,000,000 in bond funds available for the protection and restoration of rivers, lakes and streams, their watersheds, and associated land, water, and other natural resources in accordance with a specified schedule.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that allocation.

(2) The act requires every proposed activity or project that will be financed pursuant to the act to be in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

The bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.

State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 75050 of the Public Resources Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 75050. The sum of nine hundred ~~twenty-eight~~ *twenty-eight*  
4 million dollars (\$928,000,000) shall be available for the protection  
5 and restoration of rivers, lakes and streams, their watersheds and  
6 associated land, water, and other natural resources in accordance  
7 with the following schedule:

8 (a) The sum of one hundred eighty million dollars  
9 (\$180,000,000) shall be available to the Department of Fish and  
10 Game, in consultation with the department, for Bay-Delta and  
11 coastal fishery restoration projects. Of the funds provided in this  
12 section, up to ~~\$20,000,000~~ *twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000)*  
13 shall be available for the development of a natural community  
14 conservation plan for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and up to  
15 ~~\$45,000,000~~ *forty-five million dollars (\$45,000,000)* shall be  
16 available for coastal salmon and steelhead fishery restoration  
17 projects that support the development and implementation of  
18 species recovery plans and strategies for salmonid species listed  
19 as threatened or endangered under state or federal law.

20 (b) The sum of ninety million dollars (\$90,000,000) shall be  
21 available for projects related to the Colorado River in accordance  
22 with the following schedule:

23 (1) Not more than ~~\$36,000,000~~ *thirty-six million dollars*  
24 *(\$36,000,000)* shall be available to the department for water  
25 conservation projects that implement the Allocation Agreement  
26 as defined in the Quantification Settlement Agreement.

27 (2) Not more than ~~\$7,000,000~~ *seven million dollars (\$7,000,000)*  
28 shall be available to the Department of Fish and Game for projects  
29 to implement the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat  
30 Conservation Plan.

31 (3) ~~\$47,000,000~~ *Forty-seven million dollars (\$47,000,000)* shall  
32 be available for deposit into the Salton Sea Restoration Fund.

33 (c) The sum of ~~fifty-four~~ *fifty-four* million dollars (\$54,000,000)  
34 shall be available to the department for development, rehabilitation,  
35 acquisition, and restoration costs related to providing public access  
36 to recreation and fish and wildlife resources in connection with  
37 state water project obligations pursuant to *Section 11912 of the*  
38 ~~Water Code~~ *Section 11912*.

1 (d) The sum of ~~seventy-two~~ *seventy-two* million dollars  
2 (\$72,000,000) shall be available to the secretary for projects in  
3 accordance with the California River Parkways Act of 2004  
4 ~~Chapter~~ (*Chapter* 3.8 (commencing with Section 5750) of Division  
5 5 5). Up to ~~\$10,000,000~~ *ten million dollars (\$10,000,000)* may be  
6 transferred to the Department of Conservation for the Watershed  
7 Coordinator Grant Program.

8 (e) The sum of eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000) shall be  
9 available to the department for the Urban Streams Restoration  
10 Program pursuant to *Section 7048 of the Water Code* ~~Section 7048~~.

11 (f) The sum of ~~thirty-six~~ *thirty-six* million dollars (\$36,000,000)  
12 shall be available for river parkway projects to the San Joaquin  
13 River Conservancy.

14 (g) The sum of ~~seventy-two~~ *seventy-two* million dollars  
15 (\$72,000,000) shall be available for projects within the watersheds  
16 of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers according to the  
17 following schedule:

18 (1) ~~\$36,000,000~~ *Thirty-six million dollars (\$36,000,000)* to the  
19 San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains  
20 Conservancy pursuant to Division 22.8 (commencing with Section  
21 32600).

22 (2) ~~\$36,000,000~~ *Thirty-six million dollars (\$36,000,000)* to the  
23 Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for implementation of  
24 watershed protection activities throughout the watershed of the  
25 Upper Los Angeles River pursuant to Section 79508 of the Water  
26 Code.

27 (h) The sum of ~~thirty-six~~ *thirty-six* million dollars (\$36,000,000)  
28 shall be available for the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy.

29 (i) The sum of ~~forty-five~~ *forty-five* million dollars (\$45,000,000)  
30 shall be available for projects to expand and improve the Santa  
31 Ana River Parkway. Project funding shall be appropriated to the  
32 State Coastal Conservancy for projects developed in consultation  
33 with local government agencies participating in the development  
34 of the Santa Ana River Parkway. Of the amount provided in this  
35 paragraph the sum of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be  
36 equally divided between projects in Orange, San Bernardino and  
37 Riverside Counties.

38 (j) The sum of ~~fifty-four~~ *fifty-four* million dollars (\$54,000,000)  
39 shall be available for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

1 (k) The sum of ~~thirty-six~~ *thirty-six* million dollars (\$36,000,000)  
2 shall be available for the California Tahoe Conservancy.

3 (l) The sum of ~~forty-five~~ *forty-five* million dollars (\$45,000,000)  
4 shall be available to the California Conservation Corps for resource  
5 conservation and restoration projects and for facilities acquisition,  
6 development, restoration, and rehabilitation and for grants and  
7 state administrative costs, in accordance with the following  
8 schedule:

9 (1) The sum of ~~twenty-five~~ *twenty-five* million dollars  
10 (\$25,000,000) shall be available for projects to improve public  
11 safety and improve and restore watersheds including regional and  
12 community fuel load reduction projects on public lands, and stream  
13 and river restoration projects. Not less than ~~50%~~ *50 percent* of  
14 these funds shall be in the form of grants to local conservation  
15 corps.

16 (2) The sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) shall be  
17 available for grants to local conservation corps for acquisition and  
18 development of facilities to support local conservation corps  
19 programs, and for local resource conservation activities.

20 (m) The sum of ninety million dollars (\$90,000,000) to the state  
21 board for matching grants to local public agencies for the reduction  
22 and prevention of stormwater contamination of rivers, lakes, and  
23 streams. The Legislature may enact legislation to implement this  
24 subdivision.

25 (n) The sum of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall  
26 be available to the secretary for the purpose of implementing a  
27 court settlement to restore flows and naturally-reproducing and  
28 self-sustaining populations of salmon to the San Joaquin River  
29 between Friant Dam and the Merced River. These funds shall be  
30 available for channel and structural improvements, and related  
31 research pursuant to the court settlement. The secretary is  
32 authorized to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with the United  
33 States Secretary of the Interior and other parties, as necessary, to  
34 implement this provision.

35 SEC. 2. Section 75070 of the Public Resources Code is  
36 amended to read:

37 75070. Every proposed activity or project to be financed  
38 pursuant to this division shall be in compliance with the California

- 1 Environmental Quality Act, ~~Division~~ (*Division* 13 (commencing
- 2 with Section ~~21000~~ 21000)).

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