

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2184

Introduced by Assembly Member Chesbro

February 20, 2014

An act to amend Section 4629.6 of the Public Resources Code, relating to forestry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2184, as introduced, Chesbro. Timber and engineered wood products assessment: forest restoration grants.

Existing law establishes the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund in the State Treasury, and requires that all revenues received from specified assessments imposed on certain timber and engineered wood products, less amounts deducted for specified refunds and reimbursements, be deposited into the fund, and used, upon appropriation, only for specified purposes including, among other things, by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to provide grants to certain public and private entities for fire protection, wildland fire suppression, and activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote adaptation of forested landscapes to changing climate, improve forest health, and protect homes and communities.

This bill would additionally authorize moneys from the fund, upon appropriation, to be used by the department to provide grants to remediate former marijuana growing operations.

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 4629.6 of the Public Resources Code is
2 amended to read:

3 4629.6. Moneys deposited in the fund shall, upon appropriation
4 by the Legislature, only be expended for the following purposes:

5 (a) To reimburse the State Board of Equalization for its
6 administrative costs associated with the administration, collection,
7 audit, and issuance of refunds related to the lumber products and
8 engineered wood assessment established pursuant to Section
9 4629.5.

10 (b) To pay refunds issued pursuant to Part 30 (commencing
11 with Section 55001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation
12 Code.

13 (c) To support the activities and costs of the department, the
14 Department of Conservation, the Department of Fish and Game,
15 the State Water Resources Control Board, and regional water
16 quality control boards associated with the review of projects or
17 permits necessary to conduct timber operations. On or after July
18 1, 2013, except for fees applicable for fire prevention or protection
19 within state responsibility area classified lands or timber yield
20 assessments, no currently authorized or required fees shall be
21 charged by the agencies listed in this subdivision for activities or
22 costs associated with the review of a project, inspection and
23 oversight of projects, and permits necessary to conduct timber
24 operations of those departments and boards.

25 (d) For transfer to the department’s Forest Improvement
26 Program, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for forest resources
27 improvement grants and projects administered by the department
28 pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4790) and
29 Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 4799.06) of Part 2 of Division
30 4.

31 (e) To fund existing restoration grant programs.

32 (f) To the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature,
33 for fuel treatment grants and projects pursuant to authorities under
34 the Wildland Fire Protection and Resources Management Act of
35 1978 (Article 1 (commencing with Section 4461) of Chapter 7 of
36 Part 2 of Division 4).

37 (g) To the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature,
38 to provide grants to local agencies responsible for fire protection,

1 qualified nonprofits, recognized tribes, local and state governments,
2 and resources conservation districts, undertaken on a state
3 responsibility area (SRA) or on wildlands not in an SRA that pose
4 a threat to the SRA, to reduce the costs of wildland fire suppression,
5 reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote adaptation of forested
6 landscapes to changing climate, *remediate former marijuana*
7 *growing operations*, improve forest health, and protect homes and
8 communities.

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