Senate Bill No. 1345

CHAPTER 489

An act to amend Section 4597.22 of the Public Resources Code and to amend Sections 8704.2, 73502, and 73514 of the Water Code, relating to natural resources.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1345, Committee on Natural Resources and Water. Natural resources.

The Z’berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 prohibits a person from conducting timber operations on timberland unless a timber harvesting plan has been prepared by a registered professional forester and has been submitted to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and approved by the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection or the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. A violation of the act is a crime.

Existing law authorizes a person who intends to become a working forest landowner, as defined, to file a working forest management plan with the department, with the long-term objective of an uneven aged timber stand and sustained yield through the implementation of the plan. Existing law requires the working forest landowner who owns, leases, or otherwise controls or operates on all or any portion of any timberland within the boundaries of an approved plan, and who plans to harvest any of the timber during a given year, to file a working forest harvest notice, as defined, with the department in writing. Existing law exempts the Southern Subdistrict of the Coast Forest District, as described in regulations, from these provisions.

This bill would correct an erroneous cross-reference to the regulations describing the Southern Subdistrict of the Coast Forest District.

Existing law provides the Central Valley Flood Protection Board with the authority to construct and maintain various flood control works. Existing law makes it unlawful for any person or public agency to interfere with, obstruct the performance, maintenance, or operation of, or otherwise take actions that may adversely affect facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control, designated floodways, or streams that are regulated by the board. Existing law authorizes the board to order the removal, modification, or abatement of an encroachment, flood system improvement, or activity causing a violation, as specified, and to collect the costs from the responsible party by whatever legal remedy is available, including, the placement of a lien on the responsible party’s property. Existing law authorizes the board or the board’s designee to record the lien with the county clerk in the county where the party’s property is located.
This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Existing law, the Wholesale Regional Water System Security and Reliability Act, requires the City and County of San Francisco to adopt a specified program of capital improvement projects designed to restore and improve the bay area regional water system, as defined. Existing law requires, no later than 90 days after receiving from the city and county notice of certain changes to the program or postponements of the scheduled completion dates, the Seismic Safety Commission and the State Department of Public Health to each submit to the city and county and the Joint Legislative Audit Committee written comments with regard to the significance of the change with respect to public health and safety. Existing law makes the act inoperative and repeals these provisions on January 1, 2015.

This bill would extend the time the Seismic Safety Commission and the State Department of Public Health would have to submit the written comments to 120 days and would extend the repeal date of the act to January 1, 2022. By extending the period of time during which certain requirements would apply to regional wholesale water suppliers and the City and County of San Francisco, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4597.22 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

4597.22. This article does not apply to the Southern Subdistrict of the Coast Forest District, as described in Section 895.1 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

SEC. 2. Section 8704.2 of the Water Code is amended to read:

8704.2. (a) Pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 8701.4, the board or the board’s designee shall have the authority to record a lien with the county recorder in the county of this state where the person’s or agency’s property responsible for the violation is located, to recover any and all of the following:

(1) Costs incurred in abating, removing, and restoring a violation, including, but not limited to, costs incurred in seeking modification, removal, abatement, or restoration pursuant to this part.

(2) Costs incurred in the summary abatement of emergencies.

(3) Attorney’s fees associated with actions to enforce this part.

(b) A lien recorded pursuant to this section shall have the same force, effect, and priority as a judgment lien.
(c) Before recording a lien, the board shall provide notice and an opportunity for a hearing to contest the amount of the lien.

(1) Notice shall be provided at least 20 days before the hearing pursuant to Section 8703.

(2) The hearing required by this section may be satisfied by an enforcement order hearing pursuant to Section 8701.4 or, in the summary abatement of emergencies, a hearing pursuant to Section 8708.

SEC. 3. Section 73502 of the Water Code is amended to read:

73502. (a) The city, on or before February 1, 2003, shall adopt the program of capital improvement projects designed to restore and improve the bay area regional water system that are described in the capital improvement program report prepared by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission dated February 25, 2002. A copy of the program shall be submitted, on or before March 1, 2003, to the State Department of Public Health. The program shall include a schedule for the completion of design and award of contract, and commencement and completion of construction of each described project. The schedule shall require that projects representing 50 percent of the total program cost be completed on or before 2010 and that projects representing 100 percent of the total program cost be completed on or before 2015. The program shall also contain a financing plan. The city shall review and update the program, as necessary, based on changes in the schedule set forth in the plan adopted pursuant to subdivision (d).

(b) The plan shall require completion of the following projects:

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(c) The city shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, the Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission, and the State Department of Public Health, on or before September 1 of each year, describing the progress made on the implementation of the capital improvement program for the bay area regional water system during the previous fiscal year. The city shall identify in the report any project that is behind schedule, and, for each project so identified, shall describe the city’s plan and timeline for either making up the delay or adopting a revised schedule pursuant to subdivision (d).

(d) (1) The city may determine that completion dates for projects contained in the capital improvement program adopted pursuant to subdivision (a), including those projects described in subdivision (b), should be delayed or that different projects should be constructed.

(2) The city shall provide written notice, not less than 30 days before the date of a meeting of the city agency responsible for management of the bay area regional water system, that a change in the program is to be considered. The notice shall include information about the reason for the proposed change and the availability of materials related to the proposed change. All bay area wholesale customers shall be permitted to testify or otherwise submit comments at the meeting.

(3) If the city adopts a change in the program that deletes one or more projects from the program, or postpones the scheduled completion dates, the city shall promptly furnish a copy of that change and the reasons for that change to the State Department of Public Health and the Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission. The State Department of Public Health and the Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission shall each submit written comments with regard to the significance of that change with respect to public health and safety to the city and the Joint Legislative Audit Committee not later than 120 days after the date on which those entities received notice of that change.

SEC. 4. Section 73514 of the Water Code is amended to read:

73514. This division shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2022, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2022, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 5. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code.