

**Introduced by Senator Lara**  
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An act to amend Section 32605 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 355, as introduced, Lara. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

Existing law establishes the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, which is responsible for the preservation and protection of specified lands within the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains area, as defined. Existing law prescribes the duties of the conservancy, and requires that it be comprised of 13 voting members and 7 nonvoting members, as specified. Existing law requires that the voting members include, among other members, 2 members of the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities, both of whom shall be a mayor or city council member of a city bordering the San Gabriel River or tributary thereof.

This bill would instead require that only one member of the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities be a voting member, and would require that a resident of a city bordering the Lower Los Angeles River, appointed by the Senator Committee on Rules, be a voting member. The bill would also increase the number of nonvoting members to 9, and would require that one Member of the Senate, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and one Member of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, serve as those nonvoting members. The bill would require that those legislators serving

as nonvoting members represent a district that is at least partially contained within the territory of the conservancy and participate in activities of the conservancy only to the extent that participation is compatible with his or her duties as a legislator.

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 32605 of the Public Resources Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 32605. The board shall consist of 13 voting members and ~~seven~~  
4 *nine* nonvoting members, as follows:

5 (a) The 13 voting members of the board shall consist of all of  
6 the following:

7 (1) One member of the Board of Supervisors of the County of  
8 Los Angeles, or his or her designee, who represents the area or a  
9 portion thereof contained within the territory of the conservancy,  
10 appointed by the Governor.

11 (2) Two members of the board of directors of the San Gabriel  
12 Valley Council of Governments, one of whom shall be a mayor  
13 or city council member of a city bordering along the San Gabriel  
14 River, and one of whom shall be a mayor or city council member  
15 of a city bordering the San Gabriel Mountains area. One member  
16 shall be appointed by a majority of the membership of that board  
17 of directors, and one member shall be appointed by the Senate  
18 Committee on Rules from a list of two or more potential members  
19 submitted by the board of directors. If the San Gabriel Valley  
20 Council of Governments fails to provide to the Senate Committee  
21 on Rules a list of two or more potential members, at least 30 days  
22 prior to the date a current member’s term of office expires, the  
23 Senate Committee on Rules may appoint a mayor or city council  
24 member of a city bordering along the San Gabriel River or the San  
25 Gabriel Mountains, or a member of the public who resides within  
26 the territory of the conservancy.

27 (3) Two members of the board of directors of the Gateway Cities  
28 Council of Governments, one of whom shall be the mayor of the  
29 City of Long Beach or a city council member of the City of Long  
30 Beach appointed by the mayor, and one of whom shall be appointed  
31 by the Speaker of the Assembly from a list of two or more potential

1 members submitted by the executive committee of the board of  
2 directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. The  
3 executive committee shall submit lists of potential members to the  
4 Speaker of the Assembly until an acceptable member is appointed.

5 ~~(4) Two members~~ *One member* of the Orange County Division  
6 of the League of California Cities, ~~both of whom~~ *who* shall be a  
7 mayor or city council member of a city bordering along the San  
8 Gabriel River or a tributary thereof. ~~One member shall be appointed~~  
9 ~~by a majority of the membership of the city selection committee~~  
10 ~~of Orange County, and one~~ *The* member shall be appointed by the  
11 Governor from a list of two or more potential members submitted  
12 by the city selection committee.

13 (5) One member shall be a representative of a member of the  
14 San Gabriel Valley Water Association appointed by a majority of  
15 the membership of the board of directors of the San Gabriel Valley  
16 Water Association.

17 (6) One member shall be a representative of the Central Basin  
18 Water Association appointed by a majority of the membership of  
19 the board of directors of the Central Basin Water Association.

20 (7) One member shall be a resident of Los Angeles County  
21 appointed by the Governor from a list of potential members  
22 submitted by local, state, and national environmental organizations  
23 that operate within the County of Los Angeles and within the  
24 territory of the conservancy and that have participated in planning  
25 for river restoration or open space, or both, or river preservation.

26 (8) *One member, who is a resident of a city bordering the Lower*  
27 *Los Angeles River, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.*

28 ~~(8)~~

29 (9) The Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, or his or  
30 her designee.

31 ~~(9)~~

32 (10) The Secretary for Environmental Protection, or his or her  
33 designee.

34 ~~(10)~~

35 (11) The Director of Finance, or his or her designee.

36 ~~(b) The seven~~ *(1) Seven of the* ex officio, nonvoting members  
37 shall consist of the following officers or an employee of each  
38 agency designated annually by that officer to represent the office  
39 or agency:

40 ~~(1)~~

- 1 (A) The District Engineer of the United States Army Corps of
- 2 Engineers.
- 3 ~~(2)~~
- 4 (B) The Regional Forester for the Pacific Southwest Region of
- 5 the United States Forest Service.
- 6 ~~(3)~~
- 7 (C) The Director of the Los Angeles County Department of
- 8 Public Works.
- 9 ~~(4)~~
- 10 (D) The Director of the Orange County Public Facility and
- 11 Resource Department.
- 12 ~~(5)~~
- 13 (E) A member of the San Gabriel River Watermaster, appointed
- 14 by a majority of the members of the San Gabriel River
- 15 Watermaster.
- 16 ~~(6)~~
- 17 (F) The Director of Parks and Recreation.
- 18 ~~(7)~~
- 19 (G) The Executive Officer of the Wildlife Conservation Board.
- 20 (2) *Two of the nonvoting member shall be the following:*
- 21 *(A) One Member of the Senate, appointed by the Senate*
- 22 *Committee on Rules, whose Senate district is at least partially*
- 23 *contained within the territory of the conservancy.*
- 24 *(B) One Member of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of*
- 25 *the Assembly, whose Assembly district is at least partially*
- 26 *contained within the territory of the conservancy.*
- 27 *(C) A member appointed pursuant to this paragraph shall meet*
- 28 *with the conservancy and participate in its activities to the extent*
- 29 *that participation is compatible with his or her duties as a Member*
- 30 *of the Legislator.*

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