

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 6, 2015

SENATE BILL

No. 355

Introduced by Senator Lara
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Rendon)

February 24, 2015

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 amended, 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, *not otherwise represented on the board at the time of the appointment and* bordering the Lower Los Angeles River, *be* appointed by the ~~Senator Committee on Rules,~~ *be Governor, as prescribed, as* 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 nine
4 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~~ *Governing Board*
12 of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, one of whom
13 shall be a mayor or city council member of a city bordering along
14 the San Gabriel River, and one of whom shall be a mayor or city
15 council member of a city bordering the San Gabriel Mountains
16 area. One member shall be appointed by a majority of the
17 membership of that board of directors, and one member shall be
18 appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules from a list of two or
19 more potential members submitted by the board of directors. If
20 the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments fails to provide
21 to the Senate Committee on Rules a list of two or more potential
22 members, at least 30 days prior to the date a current member's
23 term of office expires, the Senate Committee on Rules may appoint
24 a mayor or city council member of a city bordering along the San
25 Gabriel River or the San Gabriel Mountains, or a member of the
26 public who resides within the territory of the conservancy.
27 (3) Two members of the ~~board of directors~~ *Board of Directors*
28 of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, one of whom shall

1 be the mayor of the City of Long Beach or a city council member
2 of the City of Long Beach appointed by the mayor, and one of
3 whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly from a
4 list of two or more potential members submitted by the executive
5 committee of the ~~board of directors~~ *Board of Directors* of the
6 Gateway Cities Council of Governments. The executive committee
7 shall submit lists of potential members to the Speaker of the
8 Assembly until an acceptable member is appointed.

9 (4) One member of the Orange County Division of the League
10 of California Cities, who shall be a mayor or city council member
11 of a city bordering along the San Gabriel River or a tributary
12 thereof. The member shall be appointed by the Governor from a
13 list of two or more potential members submitted by the city
14 selection committee.

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

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

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

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

30 *(8) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a resident
31 of a city, not otherwise represented on the board at the time of the
32 member's appointment, bordering the Lower Los Angeles River.
33 The Governor shall make the appointment from a list of two or
34 more potential members submitted by the executive committee of
35 the Board of Directors of the Gateway Cities Council of
36 Governments. The executive committee shall submit lists of
37 potential members to the Governor until he or she appoints a
38 member.*

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

- 1 (10) The Secretary for Environmental Protection, or his or her
- 2 designee.
- 3 (11) The Director of Finance, or his or her designee.
- 4 (b) (1) Seven of the ex officio, nonvoting members shall consist
- 5 of the following officers or an employee of each agency designated
- 6 annually by that officer to represent the office or agency:
- 7 (A) The District Engineer of the United States Army Corps of
- 8 Engineers.
- 9 (B) The Regional Forester for the Pacific Southwest Region of
- 10 the United States Forest Service.
- 11 (C) The Director of the Los Angeles County Department of
- 12 Public Works.
- 13 (D) The Director of the Orange County Public Facility and
- 14 Resource Department.
- 15 (E) A member of the San Gabriel River Watermaster, appointed
- 16 by a majority of the members of the San Gabriel River
- 17 Watermaster.
- 18 (F) The Director of Parks and Recreation.
- 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
- 25 of 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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