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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 355**

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

February 24, 2015

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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 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 *its governing board* 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.~~ *representatives of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, and the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities, as prescribed.*

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 Governor, as prescribed, as a voting member. *increase to 15 the number of voting members of the governing board, by adding 2 members who are residents of a city not otherwise represented on the governing board at the time of the member's appointment, one bordering the Lower Los Angeles River and the other bordering the San Gabriel River, as prescribed.* 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~~ 15 voting members and  
4 nine *ex officio*, nonvoting members, as follows:  
5 (a) The ~~13~~ 15 voting members of the board shall ~~consist of all~~  
6 ~~of~~ *be* 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 Governing Board 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~~, *governing board*, and one member shall be appointed  
18 by the Senate Committee on Rules from a list of two or more

1 potential members submitted by the ~~board of directors~~. *governing*  
2 *board*. If the ~~San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments~~  
3 *governing board* fails to provide to the Senate Committee on Rules  
4 a list of two or more potential members, at least 30 days prior to  
5 the date a current member's term of office expires, the Senate  
6 Committee on Rules may appoint a mayor or city council member  
7 of a city bordering along the San Gabriel River or the San Gabriel  
8 Mountains, or a member of the public who resides within the  
9 territory of the conservancy.

10 (3) Two members of the Board of Directors of the Gateway  
11 Cities Council of Governments, one of whom shall be the mayor  
12 of the City of Long Beach or a city council member of the City of  
13 Long Beach appointed by the mayor, and one of whom shall be  
14 appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly from a list of two or  
15 more potential members submitted by the executive committee of  
16 the Board of Directors of the Gateway Cities Council of  
17 Governments. The executive committee shall submit lists of  
18 potential members to the Speaker of the Assembly until an  
19 acceptable member is appointed.

20 (4) ~~One member~~ *Two members* of the Orange County Division  
21 of the League of California Cities, ~~who both of whom~~ shall be a  
22 mayor or city council member of a city bordering along the San  
23 Gabriel River or a tributary thereof. ~~The One member shall be~~  
24 *appointed by a majority of the membership of the city selection*  
25 *committee of Orange County, and one* member shall be appointed  
26 by the Governor from a list of two or more potential members  
27 submitted by the city selection committee.

28 (5) One member shall be a representative of a member of the  
29 San Gabriel Valley Water Association appointed by a majority of  
30 the membership of the board of directors of the San Gabriel Valley  
31 Water Association.

32 (6) One member shall be a representative of the Central Basin  
33 Water Association appointed by a majority of the membership of  
34 the board of directors of the Central Basin Water Association.

35 (7) One member shall be a resident of Los Angeles County  
36 appointed by the Governor from a list of potential members  
37 submitted by local, state, and national environmental organizations  
38 that operate within the County of Los Angeles and within the  
39 territory of the conservancy and that have participated in planning  
40 for river restoration or open space, or both, or river preservation.

1 (8) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a resident  
 2 of a city, not otherwise represented on the board at the time of the  
 3 member's appointment, bordering the Lower Los Angeles River.  
 4 The Governor shall make the appointment from a list of two or  
 5 more potential members submitted by the executive committee of  
 6 the Board of Directors of the Gateway Cities Council of  
 7 Governments. The executive committee shall submit lists of  
 8 potential members to the Governor until he or she appoints a  
 9 member.

10 (9) *One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a resident*  
 11 *of a city, not otherwise represented on the board at the time of the*  
 12 *member's appointment, bordering the San Gabriel River. The*  
 13 *Governor shall make the appointment from a list of two or more*  
 14 *potential members submitted to the Governing Board of the San*  
 15 *Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. The governing board*  
 16 *shall submit lists of potential members to the Governor until he*  
 17 *or she appoints a member.*

18 ~~(9)~~

19 (10) The Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, or his or  
 20 her designee.

21 ~~(10)~~

22 (11) The Secretary for Environmental Protection, or his or her  
 23 designee.

24 ~~(11)~~

25 (12) The Director of Finance, or his or her designee.

26 (b) (1) Seven of the ex officio, nonvoting members shall ~~consist~~  
 27 ~~of~~ *be* the following officers or an employee of each agency  
 28 designated annually by that officer to represent the office or  
 29 agency:

30 (A) The District Engineer of the United States Army Corps of  
 31 Engineers.

32 (B) The Regional Forester for the Pacific Southwest Region of  
 33 the United States Forest Service.

34 (C) The Director of the Los Angeles County Department of  
 35 Public Works.

36 (D) The Director of the Orange County Public Facility and  
 37 Resource Department.

38 (E) A member of the San Gabriel River Watermaster, appointed  
 39 by a majority of the members of the San Gabriel River  
 40 Watermaster.

- 1 (F) The Director of Parks and Recreation.  
2 (G) The Executive Officer of the Wildlife Conservation Board.  
3 (2) (A) Two of the *ex officio*, nonvoting ~~member~~ *members* shall  
4 be the following:  
5 (~~A~~)  
6 (i) One Member of the Senate, appointed by the Senate  
7 Committee on Rules, whose Senate district is at least partially  
8 contained within the territory of the conservancy.  
9 (~~B~~)  
10 (ii) One Member of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of  
11 the Assembly, whose Assembly district is at least partially  
12 contained within the territory of the conservancy.  
13 (~~C~~)  
14 (B) A member appointed pursuant to this paragraph shall meet  
15 with the conservancy and participate in its activities to the extent  
16 that participation is compatible with his or her duties as a Member  
17 of the Legislator.