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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 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, 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 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 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 15 voting members and 9 ex
 4 officio, nonvoting members, as follows:
 5 (a) The 15 voting members of the board shall be the following:
 6 (1) One member of the Board of Supervisors of the County of
 7 Los Angeles, or his or her designee, who represents the area or a
 8 portion thereof contained within the territory of the conservancy,
 9 appointed by the Governor.
 10 (2) Two members of the Governing Board of the San Gabriel
 11 Valley Council of Governments, one of whom shall be a mayor
 12 or city council member of a city bordering along the San Gabriel
 13 River, and one of whom shall be a mayor or city council member
 14 of a city bordering the San Gabriel Mountains area. One member
 15 shall be appointed by a majority of the membership of that
 16 governing board, and one member shall be appointed by the Senate
 17 Committee on Rules from a list of two or more potential members
 18 submitted by the governing board. If the governing board fails to
 19 provide to the Senate Committee on Rules a list of two or more
 20 potential members, at least 30 days prior to the date a current
 21 member’s term of office expires, the Senate Committee on Rules
 22 may appoint a mayor or city council member of a city bordering
 23 along the San Gabriel River or the San Gabriel Mountains, or a

1 member of the public who resides within the territory of the
2 conservancy.

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

13 (4) Two members of the Orange County Division of the League
14 of California Cities, both of whom shall be a mayor or city council
15 member of a city bordering along the San Gabriel River or a
16 tributary thereof. One member shall be appointed by a majority of
17 the membership of the city selection committee of Orange County,
18 and one member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list
19 of two or more potential members submitted by the city selection
20 committee.

21 (5) One member shall be a representative of a member of the
22 San Gabriel Valley Water Association appointed by a majority of
23 the membership of the board of directors of the San Gabriel Valley
24 Water Association.

25 (6) One member shall be a representative of the Central Basin
26 Water Association appointed by a majority of the membership of
27 the board of directors of the Central Basin Water Association.

28 (7) One member shall be a resident of Los Angeles County
29 appointed by the Governor from a list of potential members
30 submitted by local, state, and national environmental organizations
31 that operate within the County of Los Angeles and within the
32 territory of the conservancy and that have participated in planning
33 for river restoration or open space, or both, or river preservation.

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

1 potential members to the Governor until he or she appoints a
2 member.

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

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

13 (11) The Secretary for Environmental Protection, or his or her
14 designee.

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

16 (b) (1) Seven of the ex officio, nonvoting members shall be the
17 following officers or an employee of each agency designated
18 annually by that officer to represent the office or agency:

19 (A) The District Engineer of the United States Army Corps of
20 Engineers.

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

23 (C) The Director of the Los Angeles County Department of
24 Public Works.

25 (D) The Director of the Orange County Public Facility and
26 Resource Department.

27 (E) A member of the San Gabriel River Watermaster, appointed
28 by a majority of the members of the San Gabriel River
29 Watermaster.

30 (F) The Director of Parks and Recreation.

31 (G) The Executive Officer of the Wildlife Conservation Board.

32 (2) (A) Two of the ex officio, nonvoting members shall be the
33 following:

34 (i) One Member of the Senate, appointed by the Senate
35 Committee on Rules, ~~whose Senate district is at least partially~~
36 ~~contained within the territory of the conservancy.~~ *Rules.*

37 (ii) One Member of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of
38 the Assembly, ~~whose Assembly district is at least partially~~
39 ~~contained within the territory of the conservancy.~~ *Assembly.*

1 (B) A member appointed pursuant to this paragraph shall meet
2 with the conservancy and participate in its activities to the extent
3 that participation is compatible with his or her duties as a ~~Member~~
4 ~~of the Legislature.~~ *legislator.*

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