

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1927

Introduced by Assembly Member Kuehl

February 15, 2000

An act to amend Sections 33105.5, 33105.6, 33204.3, and 33204.4 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1927, as introduced, Kuehl. Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor.

Existing law recognizes the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor and requires the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to prepare and adopt a coordinated trail development plan and recreational access program for the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor.

This bill would rename the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor the "Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor." The bill would request the conservancy to determine the cost of erecting appropriate plaques and markers showing the special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers.

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. The Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor
2 shall be known as the Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley
3 Trail Corridor. The Santa Monica Mountains
4 Conservancy is requested to determine the cost of
5 erecting appropriate plaques and markers showing the
6 special designation, and upon receiving donations from
7 nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques
8 and markers.

9 SEC. 2. Section 33105.5 of the Public Resources Code
10 is amended to read:

11 33105.5. (a) For purposes of providing a recreational
12 trail corridor, the zone shall also include hiking and
13 equestrian trail connections and accessways generally
14 following the *Marge Feinberg* Rim of the Valley Trail
15 *Corridor* as identified in the Equestrian and Hiking Trails
16 Guide of the City of Los Angeles.

17 (b) The executive director of the conservancy shall file
18 with the Secretary of State a map specifically delineating
19 a feasible recreational trail corridor as identified in
20 subdivision (a) by July 1, 1984.

21 (c) The executive director of the conservancy shall
22 submit the map prepared pursuant to subdivision (b) to
23 the Assembly Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife
24 and to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources at
25 least 30 days prior to taking any action for the purposes
26 of this section pursuant to Section 33203.

27 SEC. 3. Section 33105.6 of the Public Resources Code
28 is amended to read:

29 33105.6. The recreational trail corridor for the *Marge*
30 *Feinberg* Rim of the Valley Trail *Corridor* shall include
31 the Santa Clarita Woodlands portion of the Santa Susana
32 Mountains. The executive director of the conservancy
33 shall file a map with the Secretary of State by March 1,
34 1990, showing the revised trail corridor boundary
35 including the Santa Clarita Woodlands. The boundaries of
36 the addition to the trail corridor shall substantially
37 conform to the boundaries of the Santa Clarita Woodlands
38 depicted in the map included in the Preliminary Study of



1 Possible Parkland Acquisition in the Santa Susana
2 Mountains (March 1, 1989) by the Department of Parks
3 and Recreation. Nothing in this section ~~shall be~~
4 ~~interpreted to inhibit~~ *inhibits* the development of
5 facilities necessary for the protection of public health and
6 safety.

7 SEC. 4. Section 33204.3 of the Public Resources Code
8 is amended to read:

9 33204.3. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of
10 the following:

11 (1) The existing parks and open space owned by
12 federal, state, and local agencies within the *Marge*
13 *Feinberg* Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor, as defined in
14 Section 33105.5, are important recreational and
15 environmental resources for the people of California,
16 especially residents of the San Fernando, La Crescenta,
17 and San Gabriel Valleys, and it is in the public interest to
18 facilitate the connection of existing parks and open-space
19 resources and to provide for further improvement of
20 underutilized public easements and other existing public
21 open spaces.

22 (2) There is a need for overall trail and recreational
23 access planning and coordination between the 11 local
24 agencies, two joint powers park agencies, two state
25 agencies, and three federal agencies with jurisdiction
26 over lands in the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor.

27 (b) The conservancy, using the voluntary cooperation
28 of governmental jurisdictions within the corridor, shall
29 prepare and adopt a coordinated trail development plan
30 and recreational access program for the *Marge Feinberg*
31 Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor that includes, but is not
32 necessarily limited to, all of the following:

33 (1) Identification of major hiking and equestrian trails
34 and important secondary and feeder trails that cross
35 jurisdictional lines, and a priority program for improving
36 those trails.

37 (2) Identification of special purpose trails, where
38 appropriate, for special population groups and special
39 user groups, such as mountain bicycles where the special



1 purpose trails will have no significant environmental
2 impact.

3 (3) Identification of, and a priority program for
4 implementing, those additional recreation access needs,
5 including new or expanded trails that should be added to
6 the *Marge Feinberg* Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor, and
7 additional or upgraded facilities, parks, or open spaces
8 that may be necessary.

9 (4) Identification of underused existing public open
10 spaces and recommendations for providing better public
11 use and enjoyment of these areas.

12 (c) Notwithstanding Section 33105.5, the conservancy
13 may make minor boundary changes to the *Marge*
14 *Feinberg* Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor solely for the
15 purpose of implementing the plan prepared pursuant to
16 this section. Any boundary change shall be in the form of
17 maps and descriptions ~~which~~ *that* shall be included in the
18 plan submitted pursuant to subdivision (d) and shall be
19 filed with the Secretary of State not later than July 31,
20 1990.

21 (d) The conservancy shall hold at least one public
22 hearing in each city and the unincorporated area of each
23 county within the *Marge Feinberg* Rim of the Valley Trail
24 Corridor prior to the submission of the plan and program
25 pursuant to this subdivision. The plan and program
26 prepared under subdivision (b), and any changes to the
27 corridor boundary, shall be coordinated with each
28 affected jurisdiction prior to adoption by the
29 conservancy. The plan and program shall be submitted to
30 the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and the
31 Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife at
32 least 30 days prior to the approval of any acquisition or
33 improvement under the plan or program pursuant to this
34 division, but not later than June 30, 1990.

35 (e) Upon adoption by a local government of the plan
36 and program prepared under this section, the plan and
37 program shall be part of the plan that the local
38 government implements for purposes of compliance with
39 Section 33009.



1 SEC. 5. Section 33204.4 of the Public Resources Code
2 is amended to read:

3 33204.4. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of
4 the following:

5 (1) The boundary of the *Marge Feinberg* Rim of the
6 Valley Trail Corridor should be determined exclusively
7 upon the best scientific and resource-based information
8 regarding trail, recreational, and environmental
9 resources in the area.

10 (2) Landowners, local government entities, members
11 of the public, and other affected parties should be
12 afforded maximum participation in the process by which
13 the *Marge Feinberg* Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor is
14 delineated.

15 (b) (1) Notwithstanding the requirements of Section
16 33015.5, if the conservancy determines, based on relevant
17 scientific information and land use planning studies, and
18 after holding at least one public hearing in the area that
19 would be affected by a revision of the boundaries of the
20 *Marge Feinberg* Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor, that a
21 boundary revision in the vicinity of Placerita Canyon
22 State Park east of State Route 14, including Whitney
23 Canyon and its adjacent watersheds, is necessary, the
24 executive director shall prepare and file with the
25 Secretary of State, the Assembly Committee on Natural
26 Resources and the Senate Committee on Natural
27 Resources and Wildlife, a revised map showing the
28 changes in the boundaries of the *Marge Feinberg* Rim of
29 the Valley Trail Corridor.

30 (2) A revised map prepared pursuant to paragraph (1)
31 shall be supported by relevant scientific information and
32 be in accordance with the purposes and objectives of
33 Section 33204.3.

34 (c) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to
35 affect any portion of Elsmere Canyon. In addition,
36 nothing in this section shall be interpreted to have any
37 effect on the decisions whether or not to permit Elsmere
38 Canyon as a solid waste facility, as identified in the final
39 Los Angeles County Countywide Siting Element,



1 prepared and approved pursuant to Division 30
2 (commencing with Section 40000).
3 (d) Notwithstanding Section 33201, nothing in this
4 section ~~shall affect~~ *affects* the jurisdiction of the State
5 Coastal Conservancy.

