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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 315

Introduced by Assembly Member De León

February 18, 2009

~~An act to add Section 33217 to the Public Resources Code, relating to public resources. An act relating to public resources, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 315, as amended, De León. Public resources: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy: Los Angeles River parkway projects.

Existing law establishes the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in the Natural Resources Agency and specifies the authority and purposes of the conservancy.

~~This bill would require the conservancy to develop a feasibility study on or before June 30, 2011, for the creation of Los Angeles River Parkway projects in the Los Angeles State Historic Park and Rio de Los Angeles State Park (Bowtie Parcel). The bill would require the conservancy to use existing budget resources and voluntary private and nonprofit resources when preparing the study, and to request voluntary cooperation of other governmental authorities with jurisdiction over~~

the Los Angeles State Historic Park and Bowtie Parcel. The bill would require the study to provide for, among other things, the acquisition of real property in and abutting the Los Angeles State Historic Park and the Bowtie Parcel, and the subsequent lease, rental, sale, or other transfer of that property for park purposes.

This bill would require the conservancy to develop a feasibility study on or before June 30, 2012, for the creation of Los Angeles River parkway projects in, and adjacent to, the Los Angeles State Historic Park and Rio de Los Angeles State Park (Bowtie Parcel). The bill would require the study to include, among other things, objectives for extending regional wildlife linkages and exploring river recreational activities. The bill would require the conservancy to develop the study with community input and to request voluntary cooperation of other governmental authorities with jurisdiction in the parks. The bill would also require the conservancy to use existing budget resources, and authorize the conservancy to use funds received from private and nonprofit sources in preparing the study.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ~~majority~~^{2/3}. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) For purposes of this section, the following
- 2 terms have the following meanings:
- 3 (1) “Conservancy” means the Santa Monica Mountains
- 4 Conservancy.
- 5 (2) “Los Angeles State Historic Park” means the 32 acres of
- 6 open space directly adjacent to Chinatown and east of Elysian
- 7 Park in the City of Los Angeles.
- 8 (3) “Rio de Los Angeles State Park (Bowtie Parcel)” means
- 9 the 18.6 acres of undeveloped land directly adjacent to one of the
- 10 few remaining soft-bottomed stretches of the Los Angeles River
- 11 Channel and located within the 58-acre park along the Los Angeles
- 12 River, north of downtown in the City of Los Angeles.
- 13 (b) On or before June 30, 2012, the conservancy shall complete
- 14 a feasibility study for the creation of Los Angeles River parkway
- 15 projects in and adjacent to the Los Angeles State Historic Park

1 *and Rio de Los Angeles State Park (Bowtie Parcel). The study*
2 *shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:*

3 *(1) Objectives for extending regional wildlife linkages and*
4 *exploring river recreational activities.*

5 *(2) Objectives for riparian habitat conservation, water quality*
6 *improvements, and in-channel reconfiguration.*

7 *(3) An analysis of the potential of connecting Central High*
8 *School #13, which is expected to open in the Fall of 2011, to the*
9 *Bowtie Parcel.*

10 *(4) An analysis of the potential of linking the network of parks*
11 *and local schools within the study's geographical boundaries*
12 *through trails, bikeways, nature kiosks, and user access points.*

13 *(5) Identification of real property in and abutting the Los*
14 *Angeles State Historic Park and the Bowtie Parcel that show*
15 *potential for development for recreational and habitat purposes.*

16 *(c) The conservancy shall develop the feasibility study with*
17 *community input and shall request voluntary cooperation of other*
18 *governmental authorities with jurisdiction over the Los Angeles*
19 *State Historic Park and Bowtie Parcel.*

20 *(d) In preparing the study required by subdivision (b), the*
21 *conservancy shall use existing budget resources. The conservancy*
22 *may also use funds received from private and nonprofit sources*
23 *for this purpose.*

24 *SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*
25 *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within*
26 *the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into*
27 *immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

28 *In order to determine as soon as possible the feasibility of*
29 *creating park projects in the Los Angeles State Historic Park and*
30 *Rio de Los Angeles State Park, thereby better protecting the*
31 *surrounding environment from flooding, it is necessary that this*
32 *act take effect immediately.*

33 ~~SECTION 1. Section 33217 is added to the Public Resources~~
34 ~~Code, to read:~~

35 ~~33217. (a) On or before June 30, 2011, the conservancy shall~~
36 ~~develop a feasibility study for the creation of Los Angeles River~~
37 ~~parkway projects in the Los Angeles State Historic Park and Rio~~
38 ~~de Los Angeles State Park (Bowtie Parcel). The study shall include,~~
39 ~~but not be limited to, all of the following:~~

- 1 ~~(1) Establish objectives for extending regional wildlife linkages~~
- 2 ~~and exploring river recreational activities.~~
- 3 ~~(2) Establish objectives for riparian habitat conservation, water~~
- 4 ~~quality improvements, and in-channel reconfiguration.~~
- 5 ~~(3) Analyze the potential of connecting Central High School~~
- 6 ~~#13, which is expected to open in the Fall of 2011, to the Bowtie~~
- 7 ~~Parcel.~~
- 8 ~~(4) Analyze the potential of linking the network of parks and~~
- 9 ~~local schools through trails, bikeways, nature kiosks, and user~~
- 10 ~~access points.~~
- 11 ~~(b) In preparing the study required by subdivision (a), the~~
- 12 ~~conservancy shall use existing budget resources and voluntary~~
- 13 ~~private and nonprofit local resources, and request voluntary~~
- 14 ~~cooperation of the other governmental authorities with jurisdiction~~
- 15 ~~over the Los Angeles State Historic Park and the Bowtie Parcel.~~
- 16 ~~(c) The study required by subdivision (a) shall provide for both~~
- 17 ~~of the following:~~
- 18 ~~(1) Acquisition of real property in and abutting the Los Angeles~~
- 19 ~~State Historic Park and the Bowtie Parcel, and the subsequent~~
- 20 ~~lease, rental, sale, or other transfer of that property for park~~
- 21 ~~purposes.~~
- 22 ~~(2) A means by which to apply for grants or loans to purchase~~
- 23 ~~or restore park, recreation, conservation, or open-space~~
- 24 ~~opportunities in the Los Angeles State Historic Park and the Bowtie~~
- 25 ~~Parcel.~~
- 26 ~~(d) The Legislature intends that at the beginning of its new~~
- 27 ~~charge to prepare a study pursuant to subdivision (a), the~~
- 28 ~~conservancy do so within its existing budgetary resources. As~~
- 29 ~~opportunities become available, the Legislature intends that the~~
- 30 ~~conservancy apply for grants described in paragraph (2) of~~
- 31 ~~subdivision (c). In instances when it cannot apply for grants due~~
- 32 ~~to ineligibility, the Legislature encourages the conservancy to~~
- 33 ~~partner with community-based organizations with an interest in~~
- 34 ~~seeing the establishment of the Los Angeles River parkway projects~~
- 35 ~~in the Los Angeles State Historic Park and the Bowtie Parcel.~~
- 36 ~~(e) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the~~
- 37 ~~following meanings:~~
- 38 ~~(1) “Los Angeles State Historic Park” means the 32 acres of~~
- 39 ~~open space directly adjacent to Chinatown and east of Elysian~~
- 40 ~~Park.~~

1 (2) ~~“Rio de Los Angeles State Park (Bowtie Parcel)” means the~~
2 ~~18.6 acres of undeveloped land directly adjacent to one of the few~~
3 ~~remaining soft-bottomed stretches of the Los Angeles River~~
4 ~~Channel and located within the 58-acre park along the Los Angeles~~
5 ~~River, north of downtown Los Angeles.~~

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