

Introduced by Senator Sher

February 22, 2002

An act to amend Section 2805 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to endangered species.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2052, as introduced, Sher. Natural community conservation plans: endangered species.

Existing law establishes the Natural Community Conservation Planning Act. Under this act, the Fish and Game Commission, upon recommendation from the Department of Fish and Game, may authorize the taking of any candidate species whose conservation, protection, restoration, and enhancement is provided for in a department approved natural community conservation plan.

Under the existing California Endangered Species Act, the commission is required to establish a list of candidate species along with a list of endangered species and a list of threatened species. The act defines candidate species, for purposes of the act, to mean a native species or subspecies of a bird, mammal, fish, amphibian, reptile, or plant that the commission has formally noticed as being under review by the department for addition to either the list of endangered species or the list of threatened species, or a species for which the commission has published a notice of proposed regulation to add the species to either list.

This bill would provide that, for purposes of the Natural Community Conservation Planning Act, the phrase "candidate species" has the same meaning as defined under the California Endangered Species Act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 2805 of the Fish and Game Code is
2 amended to read:

3 2805. The definitions in this section govern the construction
4 of this chapter.

5 (a) *“Candidate species” has the same meaning as defined in*
6 *Section 2068.*

7 (b) *“Natural community conservation plan” means the plan*
8 *prepared pursuant to an agreement entered into in accordance with*
9 *subdivision (a) of Section 2810. The plan identifies and provides*
10 *for the regional or areawide protection and perpetuation of natural*
11 *wildlife diversity, while allowing compatible and appropriate*
12 *development and growth.*

13 ~~(b) *“Wildlife” has the same meaning as defined in Section*~~
14 ~~*711.2.*~~

15 (c) *“Person” has the same meaning as defined in Section*
16 *711.2.*

17 (d) *“Wildlife” has the same meaning as defined in Section*
18 *711.2.*

