

Assembly Bill No. 1883

CHAPTER 259

An act to amend Section 4953 of the Public Resources Code, relating to fire.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1883, Keene. Fire: inmate crews: nonprofit organizations.

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is required to use inmates and wards assigned to conservation camps for fire prevention, fire control, and other work of the department. The department is authorized to enter into contracts and cooperative agreements with public agencies for the performance of other conservation projects appropriate for that public agency, under the policies established by the Prison Industry Authority.

This bill would enact the Wildfire Prevention Assistance Act of 2008 and would expand the department's authority to include entering into contracts and cooperative agreements with qualified nonprofit organizations that have a demonstrated ability to plan, implement, and complete a conservation project and meet other criteria, as determined by the department.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Wildfire Prevention Assistance Act of 2008.

SEC. 2. Section 4953 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

4953. (a) The department shall utilize inmates and wards assigned to conservation camps in performing fire prevention, fire control, and other work of the department. At times it deems proper and on terms it deems wise, the department may enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with a public agency, local, state, or federal, or with a qualified nonprofit organization that has a demonstrated ability to plan, implement, and complete a conservation project and meets other criteria, as determined by the department, for the performance of other conservation projects that are appropriate for those public agencies or that nonprofit organization under policies that shall be established by the Prison Industry Authority. The charge for the service shall be determined by the director. All these contracts are subject to the approval of the director and the Director of General Services.

(b) For the purposes of this section, “nonprofit organization” means any California corporation exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(5) of the federal Internal Revenue Code.

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