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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2214

Introduced by Assembly Member Fuentes

February 18, 2010

~~An act to add Sections 33103.5 and 33216 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 2214, as amended, Fuentes. Public resources: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy: Pacoima Wash.

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~~ *complete* a feasibility study on or before June 30, ~~2011~~ 2012, for the Pacoima Wash, ~~as the bill would define that term identified by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.~~ The bill would require the conservancy to use existing budget resources ~~and voluntary~~ *when preparing the study and would allow the conservancy to also use funds received from private and nonprofit resources when preparing the study, and to request voluntary cooperation of other governmental authorities with jurisdiction over the Pacoima Wash sources for this purpose.*

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 the purposes of this section, the following
 2 terms have the following meanings:
 3 (1) “Conservancy” means the Santa Monica Mountains
 4 Conservancy.
 5 (2) “Pacoima Wash” means the Los Angeles River tributary
 6 system identified by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District
 7 as the Pacoima Wash, extending from the Lopez Debris Basin to
 8 the Pacoima Spreading Grounds and the Pacoima Diversion
 9 Channel between the Pacoima Spreading Grounds and its
 10 confluence with Tujunga Wash.
 11 (b) On or before June 30, 2012, the conservancy shall complete
 12 a feasibility study for the Pacoima Wash, that shall include, at a
 13 minimum, all of the following:
 14 (1) Objectives for development of a greenbelt around the
 15 Pacoima Wash for the purposes of expanding recreational
 16 opportunities and the improvement of natural habitat to support
 17 wildlife.
 18 (2) An inventory of existing land and its uses.
 19 (3) Identification of land parcels along the Pacoima Wash that
 20 show potential for development of a greenbelt and other
 21 recreational developments.
 22 (c) The conservancy shall develop the feasibility study with
 23 community input and shall request voluntary cooperation of other
 24 governmental authorities with jurisdiction over the Pacoima Wash.
 25 (d) In preparing the study required by subdivision (b), the
 26 conservancy shall use existing budget resources. The conservancy
 27 may also use funds received from private and nonprofit sources
 28 for this purpose.
 29 SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
 30 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within
 31 the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into
 32 immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:
 33 In order to determine as soon as possible how to expand
 34 recreational opportunities and develop a greenbelt along the

1 *Pacoima Wash, thereby better protecting the environment, it is*
2 *necessary that this act take effect immediately.*

3 ~~SECTION 1. Section 33103.5 is added to the Public Resources~~
4 ~~Code, to read:~~

5 ~~33103.5. "Pacoima Wash" means the Los Angeles River~~
6 ~~tributary extending from the Lopez Debris Basin to the Tujunga~~
7 ~~Wash/Pacoima Wash confluence.~~

8 ~~SEC. 2. Section 33216 is added to the Public Resources Code,~~
9 ~~to read:~~

10 ~~33216. (a) On or before June 30, 2011, the conservancy shall~~
11 ~~develop a feasibility study for the Pacoima Wash. The study shall~~
12 ~~include, but not be limited to, all of the following:~~

13 ~~(1) Establish objectives for development of a greenbelt around~~
14 ~~the Pacoima Wash for the purposes of expanding recreational~~
15 ~~opportunities and the improvement of natural habitat to support~~
16 ~~wildlife.~~

17 ~~(2) Establish the boundaries of the study.~~

18 ~~(3) Inventory existing land and its uses.~~

19 ~~(4) Analyze land parcels along the Pacoima Wash that show~~
20 ~~potential for development of a greenbelt and other recreational~~
21 ~~developments.~~

22 ~~(5) Engage in community outreach and input.~~

23 ~~(6) Analyze the topography of the Pacoima Wash.~~

24 ~~(b) In preparing the study required by subdivision (a), the~~
25 ~~conservancy shall use existing budget resources and voluntary~~
26 ~~private and nonprofit resources, and request voluntary cooperation~~
27 ~~of the other governmental authorities with jurisdiction over the~~
28 ~~Pacoima Wash.~~

29 ~~(c) The Legislature intends that at the beginning of its new~~
30 ~~charge to prepare a study pursuant to subdivision (a), the~~
31 ~~conservancy do so within its existing budgetary resources. As grant~~
32 ~~opportunities become available, the Legislature intends that the~~
33 ~~conservancy apply for those grants. In instances when it cannot~~
34 ~~apply for grants due to ineligibility, the Legislature encourages~~
35 ~~the conservancy to partner with community-based organizations~~
36 ~~with an interest in seeing the Pacoima Wash develop into a~~
37 ~~greenbelt.~~

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