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SENATE BILL

No. 1622

Introduced by Senator Alarcon

February 22, 2000

An act to amend and renumber Sections 72000 and 72001 of, and to add Sections 25539.5 and 71102 to, the Public Resources Code, relating to environmental justice.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1622, as amended, Alarcon. State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: environmental justice.

Existing law prohibits the construction of any facility or the modification of any existing facility without first obtaining certification for any such site and related facility by the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission. Existing law provides for a procedure to be followed in certifying a facility, including holding a public hearing on the application, and preparing a written decision after the public hearing.

This bill would require the commission to adopt regulations *on or before January 1, 2002*, to ensure that when it certifies sites it is in conformity with an environmental mission statement the bill would require the commission to adopt on or before ~~January~~ *July 1, 2001*, and applicable federal guidance concerning environmental justice.

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. Section 25539.5 is added to the Public
2 Resources Code, to read:
3 25539.5. On or before January 1, 2002, the commission
4 shall adopt regulations to ensure that the commission,
5 when certifying sites and related facilities pursuant to this
6 chapter, is in conformity with the environmental justice
7 mission statement developed and adopted pursuant to
8 Section 71102 and applicable federal guidance relating to
9 environmental justice.
10 SEC. 2. Section 72000 of the Public Resources Code is
11 amended and renumbered to read:
12 71100. The California Environmental Protection
13 Agency, in designing its mission for programs, policies,
14 and standards, shall do all of the following:
15 (a) Conduct its programs, policies, and activities that
16 substantially affect human health or the environment in
17 a manner that ensures the fair treatment of people of all
18 races, cultures, and income levels, including minority
19 populations and low-income populations of the state.
20 (b) Promote enforcement of all health and
21 environmental statutes within its jurisdiction in a manner
22 that ensures the fair treatment of people of all races,
23 cultures, and income levels, including minority
24 populations and low-income populations in the state.
25 (c) Ensure greater public participation in the agency's
26 development, adoption, and implementation of
27 environmental regulations and policies.
28 (d) Improve research and data collection for
29 programs within the agency relating to the health of, and
30 environment of, people of all races, cultures, and income
31 levels, including minority populations and low-income
32 populations of the state.
33 (e) Identify differential patterns of consumption of
34 natural resources among people of different

1 socioeconomic classifications for programs within the
2 agency.

3 SEC. 3. Section 72001 of the Public Resources Code is
4 amended and renumbered to read:

5 71101. On or before January 1, 2001, the California
6 Environmental Protection Agency shall develop a model
7 environmental justice mission statement for boards,
8 departments, and offices within the agency. For purposes
9 of this section, environmental justice has the same
10 meaning as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 65040.12
11 of the Government Code.

12 SEC. 4. Section 71102 is added to the Public Resources
13 Code, to read:

14 71102. On or before ~~January~~ *July* 1, 2001, the State
15 Energy Resources Conservation and Development
16 Commission, in consultation with the Office of Planning
17 and Research, shall develop and adopt an environmental
18 justice mission statement for the commission. For
19 purposes of this section, environmental justice has the
20 same meaning as defined in subdivision (c) of Section
21 65040.12 of the Government Code.

