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An act to add Chapter 1.1.6 (commencing with Section 5079.80) to
Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, relating to public resources.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1.1.6 (commencing with Section 5079.80) is added to Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

CHAPTER 1.1.6. NATURAL RESOURCES AND PARKS PRESERVATION FUND

5079.80. (a) The Natural Resources and Parks Preservation Fund is hereby created in the State Treasury, to be administered by the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency.

(b) The fund shall consist of moneys deposited in the fund pursuant to any law.

(c) Moneys in the fund shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for programs to restore, preserve, protect, manage, or enhance California's natural, historical, or cultural resources or the environmental quality of the state.

(d) Programs eligible for funding include, but are not limited to, programs that would further the purposes of the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Division 43 (commencing with Section 75001)) or the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Division 26.7 (commencing with Section 79700) of the Water Code).

(e) Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code does not apply to the development and adoption of program guidelines and selection criteria adopted to provide grants from the fund. This



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subdivision shall not be construed to exempt other uses of the fund from application of that chapter.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, _____.

General Subject: Public resources: projects: funding.

Under existing law, various bond acts have been approved by the voters to provide funds for projects, facilities, and programs. The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, an initiative bond act approved by the voters as Proposition 84 at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,388,000,000 for the purposes of financing a safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood control, and resource protection program. The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, a bond act approved by the voters as Proposition 1 at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$7,545,000,000 to finance a water quality, supply, and infrastructure improvement program.



This bill would create the Natural Resources and Parks Preservation Fund in the State Treasury, to be administered by the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency and to consist of moneys deposited in the fund pursuant to any law. The bill would authorize moneys in the fund to be used, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for programs to restore, preserve, protect, manage, or enhance California's natural, historical, or cultural resources or the environmental quality of the state. The bill would provide that eligible programs include, but are not limited to, programs that would further the purposes of the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 or the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

Existing law requires regulations adopted by state agencies to be adopted in accordance with prescribed procedures and requirements and requires the Office of Administrative Law to review adopted regulations and to make certain determinations.

This bill would exempt, from those provisions, the development and adoption of program guidelines and selection criteria adopted to provide grants from the fund.

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

