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An act to amend Sections 4629.6 and 4629.8 of the Public Resources Code, relating to forest resource management.



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

SECTION 1. Section 4629.6 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

4629.6. Moneys deposited in the fund shall, upon appropriation by the Legislature, only be expended for the following purposes:

(a) To reimburse the State Board of Equalization for its administrative costs associated with the administration, collection, audit, and issuance of refunds related to the lumber products and engineered wood assessment established pursuant to Section 4629.5.

(b) To pay refunds issued pursuant to Part 30 (commencing with Section 55001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(c) To support the activities and costs of the department, the Department of Conservation, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the State Water Resources Control Board, and regional water quality control boards associated with the review of projects or permits necessary to conduct timber operations. On or after July 1, 2013, except for fees applicable for fire prevention or protection within state responsibility area classified lands or timber yield assessments, no currently authorized or required fees shall be charged by the agencies listed in this subdivision for activities or costs associated with the review of a project, inspection and oversight of projects, and permits necessary to conduct timber operations of those departments and boards.

(d) For transfer to the department's Forest Improvement ~~Program, upon appropriation by the Legislature, Program~~ for forest resources improvement grants and projects administered by the department pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with



Section 4790) and Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 4799.06) of ~~Part 2.5 of Division 4.2.5.~~

(e) To fund existing restoration grant programs, with priority given to the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program administered by the Department of Fish and Wildlife and grant programs administered by state conservancies.

(f) (1) As a loan to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for activities to address environmental damage occurring on forest lands resulting from marijuana cultivation. Not more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) may be loaned from the fund in a fiscal year pursuant to this paragraph. This paragraph shall become inoperative on July 1, 2017.

(2) Any funds deposited into the ~~Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund~~ fund pursuant to subdivision (d) or (f) of Section 12025 or subdivision (b), (c), (e), or (f) of Section 12025.1 of the Fish and Game Code shall be credited toward loan repayment.

(3) Moneys from the General Fund shall not be used to repay a loan authorized pursuant to this subdivision.

(g) To the ~~department, upon appropriation by the Legislature,~~ department for fuel treatment grants and projects pursuant to authorities under the Wildland Fire Protection and Resources Management Act of 1978 (Article 1 (commencing with Section 4461) of Chapter ~~7 of Part 2 of Division 4~~: 7).

(h) To the ~~department, upon appropriation by the Legislature,~~ department to provide grants to local agencies responsible for fire protection, qualified nonprofits, recognized tribes, local and state governments, and resources conservation districts,



undertaken on a state responsibility area (SRA) or on wildlands not in an SRA that pose a threat to the SRA, to reduce the costs of wildland fire suppression, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote adaptation of forested landscapes to changing climate, improve forest health, and protect homes and communities.

(i) To the Natural Resources Agency to provide a reasonable per diem for attendance at a meeting of the advisory body for the state's forest practice program by a member of the body who is not an employee of a government agency.

SEC. 2. Section 4629.8 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

4629.8. (a) Funds deposited in the ~~Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund~~ fund shall be appropriated in accordance with the following priorities:

(1) First priority shall be for funding associated with the administration and delivery of responsibilities identified in subdivisions (a) to (c), inclusive, of Section 4629.6.

(2) Only after paragraph (1) is funded, the second priority shall be, if deposits are sufficient in future years to maintain the fund, by 2016, at a minimum reserve of four million dollars (\$4,000,000), for use and appropriation by the Legislature in years during which revenues to the account are projected to fall short of the ongoing budget allocations for support of the activities identified in paragraph (1).

(3) Only after paragraphs (1) and (2) are funded, the third priority shall be in support of activities designated in subdivisions ~~(d), (e), and (f)~~ (d) to (f), inclusive, of Section 4629.6.



(4) Only after paragraphs ~~(1), (2), and (3)~~ (1) to (3), inclusive, are funded, the fourth priority shall be to support the activities designated in subdivisions ~~(g) and (h)~~ to (i), inclusive, of Section 4629.6.

(b) Funds shall not be used to pay for or reimburse any requirements, including mitigation of a project proponent or applicant, as a condition of any permit.



## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, \_\_\_\_\_.

General Subject: Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund: per diem.

Existing law creates the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund in the State Treasury and requires that specified revenues received from a lumber or engineered wood products assessment, less amounts deducted for refunds and reimbursements, be deposited in the fund and, upon appropriation by the Legislature, used for specified purposes relating to forest management and restoration, in accordance with specified priorities.

This bill would authorize the Natural Resources Agency to use moneys in the fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature and only after certain of those specified priorities are funded, to provide a reasonable per diem for attendance at a meeting of the advisory body for the state's forest practice program by a member of the body who is not an employee of a government agency. The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes.



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