

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: April 14, 2008
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 1180
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BILL SUMMARY: Boundary Expansion, Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor

Existing law allows the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) to revise and/or expand the boundaries of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor (Corridor). This bill would allow the expansion of the boundaries to include Whitney Canyon, Elsmere Canyon, and their adjacent watersheds if certain conditions are met.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expanding the boundaries to include Whitney Canyon, Elsmere Canyon, and their adjacent watersheds would have no fiscal impact to the state. However, it would create an expectation that the state would provide funds for land acquisitions, restoration projects, and recreational access program in the expanded areas. Proposition 84 allocates \$56 million to the Conservancy for Santa Monica Bay and Upper Los Angeles River watershed protection projects. Consequently, we believe that these funds could be used for the projects in the expanded areas.

COMMENTS

This bill could have a bond fund fiscal impact and concerns a policy matter on which we are neutral.

Existing law requires the Conservancy to prepare and adopt a coordinated trail and development plan and recreational access program for the Corridor that includes hiking and equestrian trails and other special purpose trails. Existing law also allows the Conservancy to revise and/or expand the boundaries of the Corridor. This bill would allow the expansion of the boundaries of the Corridor to include Whitney Canyon, Elsmere Canyon, and their adjacent watersheds. Specifically, this bill would allow the following:

- Authorize the Conservancy to revise the boundaries of the Corridor in the vicinity of the City of Santa Clarita, including Whitney Canyon, Elsmere Canyon, and their adjacent watersheds.
- Allow an owner of property located in Elsmere Canyon, and its adjacent watershed, at any time, to request the Conservancy, in writing, that his or her property be included within the boundaries of the Corridor.
- Authorize the Conservancy, upon receipt of the request, in accordance with specified procedures, to revise the map showing the boundaries of the Corridor to include the requested areas within the Corridor.

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	CO	PROP							
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3810/Smonica Mtns	SO	No		-----	See Fiscal Summary	-----		6051	
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
6051	SafeDrinkWtr, WtrQual/Sup, FldCtrl, RvrCstl								