

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: April 30, 2007  
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 292  
AUTHOR: P. Wiggins  
RELATED BILLS: AB 1602 (Nunez)

**BILL SUMMARY: State Bond Funds: Allocation**

Proposition 84, passed by the voters in 2006, provides \$90 million for urban greening projects, including a minimum of \$20 million for urban forestry projects pursuant to the California Urban Forestry Act. This bill would provide implementing legislation, which is required by Proposition 84, for grants for urban greening programs.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

The Governor's Budget proposes to allocate \$45.9 million to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for urban forestry projects pursuant to the California Urban Forestry Act through 2016-17. The Budget also includes a multi-year expenditure plan for urban greening grant programs at the San Diego River Conservancy (SDRC) totaling \$15 million and the Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks) totaling \$25 million. This bill would not impact the allocations proposed by the Budget.

**COMMENTS**

Finance is neutral on this bill because it is consistent with Proposition 84, and it is necessary to provide funding for urban greening programs.

Section 75065 (a) of Proposition 84 provides \$90 million for urban greening programs, but requires implementing legislation to make grants except for urban forestry grants made pursuant to the California Urban Forestry Act. Proposition 84 stipulates that projects that provide multiple benefits, use existing public lands, serve communities with the greatest need, and facilitate joint use of public resources and investments including schools shall be given priority.

This bill would provide the necessary legislation to implement the grant programs. The bill would require the Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency to develop and administer the grant programs consistent with the priorities stated in Proposition 84. Specifically, the bill would establish a grant program for local agencies to develop urban greening plans, and a grant program for local agencies and non-profit entities to implement urban greening projects consistent with adopted urban greening plans.

We note that AB 1303 (Smyth) is being sponsored by Parks to provide the necessary statutory authority for their portion of the urban greening grant program funding. AB 1303 does not currently provide the necessary statutory authority for the SDRC, and this bill would serve that purpose.

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Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							
	RV	98	FC	2006-2007	FC	2007-2008	FC	2008-2009	
3540/Forest&Fire	SO	No	-----	See Fiscal Summary	-----	-----	-----	6051	
3480/Conservation	SO	No	-----	See Fiscal Summary	-----	-----	-----	6051	
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
6051	SafeDrinkWtr,WtrQual/Sup,FldCtrl,RvrCstl								