

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: May 8, 2007
POSITION: Neutral, note concern

BILL NUMBER: SB 669
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BILL SUMMARY: Continuous Regional Recreation Corridors

Proposition 84 provides \$90 million to encourage the development of sustainable communities. This bill would make continuous regional recreation corridors eligible for Proposition 84 funding.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The Delta Protection Commission (Commission) is required to adopt and implement the Great California Delta Trail (Delta Trail), which would create a continuous regional recreation corridor around the Delta. The Commission indicates the costs to develop the Delta Trail would be approximately \$4 million over three years. This bill would make the Delta Trail eligible for Proposition 84 funding.

Finance notes that the revised Governor's Budget proposes a multi-year expenditure plan to allocate the \$90 million provided in Proposition 84 for sustainable communities in the following manner:

- \$61 million for the Department of Conservation (Conservation) to encourage the development of sustainable communities.
\$19 million for the State Water Resources Control Board for watershed basin planning projects.
\$10 million for Conservation for Conservation Easement Planning Grants.

COMMENTS

This bill would make the Delta Trail eligible to be funded from Proposition 84, but would not make an appropriation for this purpose. Therefore, Finance has a neutral position on this bill because it would have no fiscal impact. Nevertheless, we are concerned that the bill would create a pressure to fund the Delta Trail project, which is inconsistent with the Administration's Proposition 84 expenditure plan.

Proposition 84 allocates \$90 million for planning grants and incentives, including revolving loan programs and other methods, to encourage the development of regional and local land use plans that are designated to promote water conservation, reduce automobile use and fuel consumption, encourage greater infill and compact development, protect natural resources and agricultural lands, and revitalize urban and community centers.

Chapter 839, Statutes 2006, created the Delta Trail. The intent of the measure was to create a continuous regional recreation corridor that would extend around the Delta and link the San Francisco Bay Trail system to the planned Sacramento Rivers trails.

This bill would make Proposition 84 grant funds available for the planning and implementation of the Delta Trail. Additionally, it would require the Delta Trail planning process to promote water conservation, encourage greater infill and compact development, protect natural resources and agricultural lands, and revitalize urban and community centers.

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	CO	PROP							
	RV	98	FC	2006-2007	FC	2007-2008	FC	2008-2009	
3840/DeltaProtCom	SO	No			-----	See Fiscal Summary	-----	6051	
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
6051	SafeDrinkWtr,WtrQual/Sup,FldCtrl,RvrCstl								