

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: April 20, 2010
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 1334
AUTHOR: L. Wolk

BILL SUMMARY: Natural Community Conservation Plans

The Natural Community Conservation Planning Act authorizes the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to enter into agreements with a public entity for the purpose of preparing a natural community conservation plan to provide comprehensive management and conservation of multiple wildlife species. Before the plan can be approved DFG must declare a finding that the plan has been developed consistent with the planning agreement process. This bill would require an additional finding of cooperation with all local agencies that have land use permit authority over the activities proposed to be addressed in the plan.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill would have no fiscal impact.

COMMENTS

This bill would have no fiscal impact and concerns a policy matter on which we are neutral.

The author states that current law establishes the need to involve local land use agencies in the planning of a natural community conservation plan; however, there remains a need to also include cooperation among agencies during the planning process. The author relates this need to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and states that there has been a lack of cooperation in the planning phase that began in 2007.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							
	RV	98	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	
3600/Dept FishGam	SO	No		-----	No/Minor Fiscal Impact	-----			0200
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0200	Fish and Game Preservation Fund								

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