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Thursday, April 8, 2021
8:45 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 4202

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 4/7/2021
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, there have been no changes.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

04/08/2021

Pursuant to the Assembly Rules, the following bills were referred to committee:

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>AB 1592</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 1593</u>	APPR.
<u>ACR 36</u>	RLS.
<u>ACR 58</u>	RLS.
<u>ACR 59</u>	RLS.
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<u>ACR 66</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 32</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 35</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 36</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 37</u>	RLS.
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<u>SCR 2</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 17</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 19</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 20</u>	RLS.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 50

Introduced by Assembly Members Reyes and Bonta
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Gabriel and Mullin)
(Coauthors: Senators Durazo and Kamlager)

March 18, 2021

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 50—Relative to Ramadan.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 50, as introduced, Reyes. Ramadan.

This measure would acknowledge the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and express the Legislature’s respect to Muslims across California and throughout the world on this occasion.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Islam is one of the world’s major religions and
2 part of our shared human heritage; and
3 WHEREAS, California’s Muslim community is one of the most
4 diverse in the nation with ethnic and cultural backgrounds that
5 span the globe; and
6 WHEREAS, Muslims have a long history in the United States,
7 spanning back to the slave trade, in which 10 to 15 percent of the
8 enslaved African people were said to be Muslim; and
9 WHEREAS, Muslims have long served in the nation’s armed
10 forces and fought in all major United States wars, from the
11 American Revolutionary War to modern conflicts today, with some
12 Muslim Americans making the ultimate sacrifice in combat; and

1 WHEREAS, Muslims have contributed to social movements
2 throughout the history of the United States in order to work toward
3 justice and fair inclusion for all; and

4 WHEREAS, From the early days of the pioneers to our present
5 day leaders, Muslim Americans have played a significant role in
6 the history of this state's economic, cultural, spiritual, and political
7 development; and

8 WHEREAS, There are approximately one million Muslim
9 Americans across this state, contributing to its economy, social
10 fabric, and multicultural and pluralistic traditions; and

11 WHEREAS, The Muslim residents of this state, with their hard
12 work and contributions to medicine, science, information
13 technology, education, police, military, and many other fields,
14 have benefited from and enriched the state's open, tolerant, and
15 economically vibrant environment; and

16 WHEREAS, Ramadan is a time to reflect spiritually, build
17 communally, and aid those in need and marks an annual spiritual
18 renewal for each individual, a reason to celebrate and express
19 gratitude in this month; and

20 WHEREAS, Ramadan is the holy month of fasting and spiritual
21 renewal for Muslims worldwide, and is the ninth month of the
22 Muslim calendar year; and

23 WHEREAS, The observance of the Muslim holy month of
24 Ramadan commences at dusk on April 12, 2021, and continues
25 for one lunar month, from sunrise to sunset each day; now,
26 therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
28 *thereof concurring*, That in observance of and out of respect for
29 the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting
30 and spiritual renewal, the Legislature acknowledges the onset of
31 Ramadan and expresses its deepest respect to Muslims across
32 California and throughout the world on this significant occasion;
33 and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
35 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: April 8, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 50 (Reyes) – As Introduced March 18, 2021

SUBJECT: Ramadan.

SUMMARY: Acknowledges the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and expresses the Legislature's respect to Muslims across California and throughout the world on this occasion. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Islam is one of the world's major religions and part of our shared human heritage. California's Muslim community is one of the most diverse in the nation with ethnic and cultural backgrounds that span the globe.
- 2) From the early days of the pioneers to our present day leaders, Muslim Americans have played a significant role in the history of this state's economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development.
- 3) There are approximately one million Muslim Americans across this state, contributing to its economy, social fabric, and multicultural and pluralistic traditions.
- 4) The Muslim residents of this state, with their hard work and contributions to medicine, science, information technology, education, police, military, and many other fields, have benefited from and enriched the state's open, tolerant, and economically vibrant environment.
- 5) Ramadan is a time to reflect spiritually, build communally, aid those in need, and marks an annual spiritual renewal for each individual, a reason to celebrate and express gratitude in this month.
- 6) Ramadan is the holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide, and is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar year.
- 7) The observance of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan commences at dusk on April 12, 2021, and continues for one lunar month, from sunrise to sunset each day.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 62

Introduced by Assembly Member Voepel

April 5, 2021

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 62—Relative to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 62, as introduced, Voepel. Harlem Hellfighters Day.
This measure would proclaim April 6, 2021, as Harlem Hellfighters Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, “Harlem Hellfighters” was a nickname for the
2 369th United States Infantry Regiment, formerly the 15th New
3 York National Guard Regiment, an African American unit that
4 earned its nickname for its combat actions on the battlefields of
5 France in 1918; and

6 WHEREAS, Despite the distinguished service of African
7 Americans in the Armed Forces of the United States dating back
8 to the American Revolutionary War, they faced considerable racial
9 prejudice and strong resistance regarding their deployment as
10 combat troops as the United States Army mobilized in 1917 to
11 fight World War I; and

12 WHEREAS, Although the May 1917 Selective Service Act
13 specified that able-bodied American men of 21 to 30 years of age,
14 inclusive, were eligible for induction “regardless of race,” the War
15 Department initially planned to use African Americans only as
16 manual labor troops, typically as cooks, stevedores, and drivers;
17 and

1 WHEREAS, Political pressure from civil rights organizations
2 and African American leaders, combined with increasingly strident
3 demands from operational commanders for replacement fighting
4 units to bolster Allied ranks, led to the creation of two racially
5 segregated United States infantry combat divisions, the 92nd and
6 93rd Divisions, consisting of African American soldiers led by
7 White and some African American officers; and

8 WHEREAS, The Harlem Hellfighters' combat record leaves no
9 legitimate doubt about the patriotism, combat effectiveness, and
10 fearlessness of African American soldiers. The unit spent 191 days
11 at the front, never lost ground, and was the first Allied unit to reach
12 the Rhine River. The unit suffered 1,500 casualties while fighting
13 in the Second Battle of the Marne from July 15 to 18, 1918,
14 inclusive and in the first month of the Meuse-Argonne Offensive
15 from September 26 to November 11, 1918, inclusive. The 369th's
16 casualties constituted about one-half of the 93rd Division's losses
17 of 3,167 total dead or wounded, despite being just one of four
18 regiments in the division. The 369th was removed from its
19 attachment to the French Army on December 18, 1918; and

20 WHEREAS, The regiment returned to the United States and
21 demobilized on February 28, 1919, at Camp Upton, New York,
22 and then was returned to the New York National Guard. Soldiers
23 of the 93rd Division received more than 500 French and United
24 States valor medals; and

25 WHEREAS, On February 18, 1919, 3,000 veterans of the 369th
26 Infantry, formerly the 15th New York (Colored) Regiment, paraded
27 from Fifth Avenue at 23rd Street to 145th and Lenox in the City
28 of New York. One of the few black combat regiments in World
29 War I, they'd earned the prestigious Croix de Guerre from the
30 French army, under which they'd served for six months of "brave
31 and bitter fighting." Their nickname they'd received from their
32 German foes: "Hellfighters," so they became the Harlem
33 Hellfighters; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
35 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims April
36 6, 2021, as Harlem Hellfighters Day; and be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
38 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: April 8, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 62 (Voepel) – As Introduced April 5, 2021

SUBJECT: Harlem Hellfighters Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims April 6, 2021, as Harlem Hellfighters Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) “Harlem Hellfighters” was a nickname for the 369th United States Infantry Regiment, formerly the 15th New York National Guard Regiment, an African American unit that earned its nickname for its combat actions on the battlefields of France in 1918.
- 2) Despite the distinguished service of African Americans in the Armed Forces of the United States dating back to the American Revolutionary War, they faced considerable racial prejudice and strong resistance regarding their deployment as combat troops as the United States Army mobilized in 1917 to fight World War I.
- 3) Although the May 1917 Selective Service Act specified that able-bodied American men of 21 to 30 years of age, inclusive, were eligible for induction “regardless of race,” the War Department initially planned to use African Americans only as manual labor troops, typically as cooks, stevedores, and drivers.
- 4) The Harlem Hellfighters’ combat record leaves no legitimate doubt about the patriotism, combat effectiveness, and fearlessness of African American soldiers. The unit spent 191 days at the front, never lost ground, and was the first Allied unit to reach the Rhine River. The unit suffered 1,500 casualties while fighting in the Second Battle of the Marne from July 15 to 18, 1918, inclusive and in the first month of the Meuse-Argonne Offensive from September 26 to November 11, 1918, inclusive.
- 5) The 369th’s casualties constituted about one-half of the 93rd Division’s losses of 3,167 total dead or wounded, despite being just one of four regiments in the division. The 369th was removed from its attachment to the French Army on December 18, 1918.
- 6) The regiment returned to the United States and demobilized on February 28, 1919, at Camp Upton, New York, and then was returned to the New York National Guard. Soldiers of the 93rd Division received more than 500 French and United States valor medals.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

COMMENTS: The author has proposed some minor amendments for the committee to consider for adoption. Specifically, the amendments do the following:

- 1) On page 2, in lines 1 and 2, strike out “Political pressure from civil rights organizations and African American leaders combine with increasingly” and insert “Increasingly”
- 2) On page 2, in line 26, strike out “(Colored)”

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ACR 62

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 62

Introduced by Assembly Member Voepel

April 5, 2021



Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 62—Relative to veterans.

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Fiscal committee: no.

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3 York National Guard Regiment, an African American unit that
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7 Americans in the Armed Forces of the United States dating back
8 to the American Revolutionary War, they faced considerable racial
9 prejudice and strong resistance regarding their deployment as
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11 fight World War I; and
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4 replacement fighting units to bolster Allied ~~ranks~~, *ranks* led to the
5 creation of two racially segregated United States infantry combat
6 divisions, the 92nd and 93rd Divisions, consisting of African
7 American soldiers led by White and some African American
+ officers; and

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10 fearlessness of African American soldiers. The unit spent 191 days
11 at the front, never lost ground, and was the first Allied unit to reach
12 the Rhine River. The unit suffered 1,500 casualties while fighting
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19 attachment to the French Army on December 18, 1918; and

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27 from Fifth Avenue at 23rd Street to 145th and Lenox in the City
28 of New York. One of the few black combat regiments in World
29 War I, they'd earned the prestigious Croix de Guerre from the
30 French army, under which they'd served for six months of "brave
31 and bitter fighting." Their nickname they'd received from their
32 German foes: "Hellfighters," so they became the Harlem
33 Hellfighters; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
35 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims April
36 6, 2021, as Harlem Hellfighters Day; and be it further

Amendment 1

Amendment 2

Amendment 3

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 62, as amended, Voepel. Harlem Hellfighters Day.

This measure would proclaim April 6, 2021, as Harlem Hellfighters Day.
Fiscal committee: no.

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AMENDMENTS TO ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62

Amendment 1

On page 2, in lines 1 and 2, strike out “Political pressure from civil rights organizations and African American leaders, combined with increasingly” and insert:

Increasingly

Amendment 2

On page 2, in line 4, strike out “ranks,” and insert:

ranks

Amendment 3

On page 2, in line 26, strike out “(Colored)”

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 63

Introduced by Assembly Member Salas

April 5, 2021

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 63—Relative to California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 63, as introduced, Salas. California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

This measure would designate the week of April 11, 2021, to April 17, 2021, inclusive, as California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, When an emergency occurs, the prompt response
2 of public safety personnel is critical to the protection of life and
3 preservation of property; and
4 WHEREAS, Thousands of dedicated public safety dispatchers
5 serve the citizens of the State of California on a daily basis by
6 answering emergency and nonemergency calls for assistance and
7 coordinating public safety field units; and
8 WHEREAS, These career professionals answer over 27,000,000
9 9–1–1 calls annually; and
10 WHEREAS, These professionals measure their success in the
11 lives that are saved by the 9–1–1 system each and every day; and
12 WHEREAS, Public safety dispatchers have contributed
13 substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires,
14 and helping others during a critical time of need; and

1 WHEREAS, Public safety communications professionals work
2 under challenging and stressful circumstances; and

3 WHEREAS, Public safety communications professionals
4 dedicate their lives and careers to helping others; and

5 WHEREAS, Effective January 1, 2021, Chapter 68 of the
6 Statutes of 2020 recognized public safety dispatchers as first
7 responders in the State of California; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1991, the United States Congress designated
9 the second week in April as National Public Safety
10 Telecommunicators Week; and

11 WHEREAS, California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
12 will recognize all public safety dispatchers who are an integral
13 part of California's first responder team, who work 24 hours per
14 day, seven days per week, and serve as the first critical contact our
15 citizens have with emergency services; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Assembly advocates for an improved
18 emergency telephone number network through research, planning,
19 training, and education, and strives to allow citizens to have
20 immediate access to emergency public safety services in order to
21 protect human life and property and support civic welfare; and be
22 it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Assembly declares the week of April 11,
24 2021, to April 17, 2021, inclusive, to be California Public Safety
25 Telecommunicators Week, and honors and recognizes the
26 importance and contributions of California's public safety
27 communications professionals and commends them for their
28 continued commitment and service to the residents of California;
29 and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
31 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: April 8, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 63 (Salas) – As Introduced April 5, 2021

SUBJECT: California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

SUMMARY: Declares the week of April 11, 2021, to April 17, 2021, inclusive, as California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week; and, honors and recognizes the importance and contributions of California's public safety communications professionals. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) When an emergency occurs, the prompt response of public safety personnel is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property. Thousands of dedicated public safety dispatchers serve the citizens of the State of California on a daily basis by answering emergency and nonemergency calls for assistance and coordinating public safety field units.
- 2) Public safety communications professionals work under challenging and stressful circumstances and dedicate their lives and careers to helping others. These professionals measure their success in the lives that are saved by the 9–1–1 system each and every day.
- 3) Effective January 1, 2021, Chapter 68 of the Statutes of 2020 recognized public safety dispatchers as first responders in the State of California.
- 4) California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week will recognize all public safety dispatchers who are an integral part of California's first responder team, who work 24 hours per day, seven days per week, and serve as the first critical contact our citizens have with emergency services.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

House Resolution

No. 32

Introduced by Assembly Member O'Donnell

March 25, 2021

House Resolution No. 32—Relative to Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week.

1 WHEREAS, The Cambodian people have a long and rich
2 cultural heritage symbolized by the capitol city Temple of Angkor
3 Wat, which flourished during the Khmer Empire from the 9th to
4 the 12th centuries and was considered one of the Wonders of the
5 Ancient World, and now stands as a living icon of the endurance
6 and genius of all Cambodians throughout the world; and

7 WHEREAS, Early connections between the United States and
8 Cambodia began in the 1950s, when Cambodia sent bright and
9 talented college students to universities, including California State
10 Universities in Long Beach and Los Angeles, to study technical
11 trades, engineering, and agriculture with the assistance of the
12 United States Agency for International Development (USAID);
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The relationship between the United States and
15 Cambodia had been forged through educational and professional
16 exchange, and therefore in 1975, with the impending overthrow
17 of the government by the totalitarian Khmer Rouge regime, the
18 United States accepted over 4,000 Cambodian evacuees to ensure
19 their safety; and

20 WHEREAS, April 17, 2021, will mark both the 46th anniversary
21 of the Khmer Rouge, led by Pol Pot, seizing control of Cambodia
22 and the beginning of the Cambodian Genocide; and

1 WHEREAS, Between April 17, 1975, and January 7, 1979, the
2 Khmer Rouge of Democratic Kampuchea, led by Pol Pot, General
3 Secretary of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, and other
4 members of the Standing Committee of the Central Committee of
5 the Communist Party of Kampuchea and their agents, committed
6 acts of genocide and other crimes against humanity; and

7 WHEREAS, The genocide and other crimes against humanity
8 committed against the people of Cambodia, including various
9 religious groups and ethnic minorities, during the Khmer Rouge
10 regime led to the deaths of over 1,700,000 Cambodians, which
11 was 21 percent of the nation's population; and

12 WHEREAS, The Khmer Rouge regime also sought to eliminate
13 all aspects of Cambodian culture by systematically killing those
14 with education, separating families, and destroying institutions
15 such as Buddhist temples, schools, libraries, dance, and music;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Countless victims have since come forward to tell
18 their stories of imprisonment, starvation, slavery, rape, and
19 systematic forced marriage; and

20 WHEREAS, After the overthrow of the Khmer Rouge regime
21 in 1979, over 140,000 Cambodians came to the United States as
22 refugees, a group of individuals of special humanitarian and foreign
23 policy concern to the United States because of the well-founded
24 fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality,
25 membership in a particular social group, or political opinion and
26 thus in need of protection in accordance with the United Nations
27 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees; and

28 WHEREAS, The State of California has the largest population
29 of Cambodians and the City of Long Beach is known around the
30 world as home to the largest Cambodian community outside of
31 Southeast Asia; and

32 WHEREAS, The Cambodian people have drawn from their
33 cultural history to rebuild their lives and communities by
34 participating in American politics on the local and national levels,
35 by establishing local and international businesses, by developing
36 new art forms and community organizations, and by raising a new
37 generation of Americans who promise to contribute to the future
38 of the State of California and the nation; and

39 WHEREAS, The Cambodian Genocide was a human tragedy
40 and must be remembered for the scale of violence and devastation

1 perpetrated against the people of Cambodia so that it does not
2 happen again, there or in any other country; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1994 the United States Congress passed the
4 Cambodian Genocide Justice Act, committing the American
5 government to the pursuit of justice for the victims of the genocide
6 and affirming the policy of the United States to bring members of
7 the Khmer Rouge to justice for their crimes against humanity; and

8 WHEREAS, The genocide and other crimes against humanity
9 did not succeed in destroying the Cambodian people or their
10 culture. In fact, the culture and heritage of the Cambodian people
11 continues to this day through the accomplishments of Cambodians
12 and their descendants; and

13 WHEREAS, The suffering and loss of the Cambodian people
14 and their accomplishments and perseverance in reestablishing
15 families, communities, and enhancing the cultural and historical
16 diversity of our state and nation should be recognized and honored;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week will
19 honor the survivors and their descendants for their courage and
20 contributions to our state and country. This week will serve as a
21 way to remember those who lost their lives in Cambodia and in
22 genocides around the world; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
24 Assembly hereby recognizes the week of April 11 to April 17,
25 2021, inclusive, as Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week, and
26 calls upon all Californians to observe the week by participating in
27 appropriate activities and programs; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
29 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: April 8, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 32 (O'Donnell) – As Introduced March 25, 2021

SUBJECT: Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the week of April 11 to April 17, 2021, inclusive, as Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week, and calls upon all Californians to observe the week by participating in appropriate activities and programs. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Cambodian people have a long and rich cultural heritage symbolized by the capitol city Temple of Angkor Wat, which flourished during the Khmer Empire from the 9th to the 12th centuries and was considered one of the Wonders of the Ancient World, and now stands as a living icon of the endurance and genius of all Cambodians throughout the world.
- 2) Early connections between the United States and Cambodia began in the 1950s, when Cambodia sent bright and talented college students to universities, including California State Universities in Long Beach and Los Angeles, to study technical trades, engineering, and agriculture with the assistance of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).
- 3) The relationship between the United States and Cambodia had been forged through educational and professional exchange, and therefore in 1975, with the impending overthrow of the government by the totalitarian Khmer Rouge regime, the United States accepted over 4,000 Cambodian evacuees to ensure their safety.
- 4) April 17, 2021, will mark both the 46th anniversary of the Khmer Rouge, led by Pol Pot, seizing control of Cambodia and the beginning of the Cambodian Genocide.
- 5) The State of California has the largest population of Cambodians and the City of Long Beach is known around the world as home to the largest Cambodian community outside of Southeast Asia.
- 6) The Cambodian people have drawn from their cultural history to rebuild their lives and communities by participating in American politics on the local and national levels, by establishing local and international businesses, by developing new art forms and community organizations, and by raising a new generation of Americans who promise to contribute to the future of the State of California and the nation.
- 7) The Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week will honor the survivors and their descendants for their courage and contributions to our state and country. This week will serve as a way to remember those who lost their lives in Cambodia and in genocides around the world

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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House Resolution

No. 37

Introduced by Assembly Member Kalra

April 6, 2021

House Resolution No. 37—Relative to Vaisakhi.

1 WHEREAS, Vaisakhi, also spelled Baisakhi, is an ancient
2 festival of great significance to Sikhs, Hindus, and Buddhists in
3 many regions of India and other parts of South and Southeast Asia,
4 and is celebrated annually on April 13 or 14 by many Californians
5 with Sikh and Indian heritage; and

6 WHEREAS, Vaisakhi, in several parts of Northern India,
7 especially Punjab, is a long-established harvest festival, which
8 predates Sikhism, to celebrate the agricultural year and pray for
9 abundant “rabi” crop produce for the next season; and

10 WHEREAS, For Sikhs and Sikh Americans, Vaisakhi holds
11 special religious and historical significance because it
12 commemorates the creation of Khalsa by the 10th Guru Gobind
13 Singh in 1699, whereby five Sikhs called “Panj Piaray” or
14 “Beloved Five” were transformed into leaders of the faith to defend
15 religious freedom in front of thousands at Anandpur Sahib and
16 unified Sikhs into a family of soldier saints, known as the Khalsa
17 Panth; and

18 WHEREAS, Guru Gobind Singh, during the formation of
19 Khalsa, initiated the “Panj Kakkar” or “Five K’s” tradition of the
20 Khalsa that continues to be the basis for the unique Sikh identity,
21 whereby Sikhs wear Kesh (uncut hair), Kanga (a wooden comb),
22 Kara (an iron or steel bracelet worn on the wrist), Kirpan (an article
23 of faith taking the form of a sword), and Kachera (short breeches);
24 and

1 WHEREAS, For Hindus and Hindu Americans, the first day of
2 Vaisakhi marks the traditional solar new year and is celebrated in
3 diverse ways to mark spring harvest and the sacredness of rivers
4 in Hindu culture, and many Hindus celebrate Vaisakhi by going
5 to temple to pay respects and seek blessings, by bathing in the
6 sacred “Ganga” river, and by attending “melas,” or lively fairs;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The Sikh American celebration of Vaisakhi
9 embodies an array of religious and cultural celebrations, including
10 worship, parades, dancing, and singing throughout the day and
11 includes performing seva (selfless service), such as providing free
12 meals to the needy and inviting visitors to Gurdwaras (Houses of
13 Worship); and

14 WHEREAS, Sikh Gurdwaras throughout the world and in
15 California are decorated and hold celebrations, and many Sikh
16 Americans choose to be baptized as Khalsa on this day; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
19 Assembly recognizes this year’s Vaisakhi celebration on Tuesday,
20 April 13, 2021, and encourages Californians to take part in this
21 joyous day of celebration; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Assembly observes Vaisakhi as one of the
23 most significant days for Sikh Americans and Sikh history and in
24 observance of Vaisakhi, expresses its deepest respect for all who
25 observe and celebrate Vaisakhi with South Asian Americans and
26 the Indian diaspora throughout the world on this significant
27 occasion; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
29 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: April 8, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 37 (Kalra) – As Introduced April 6, 2021

SUBJECT: Vaisakhi.

SUMMARY: Recognizes this year’s Vaisakhi celebration on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, encourages Californians to take part in this joyous day of celebration, and expresses deepest respect for all who observe and celebrate Vaisakhi. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Vaisakhi, also spelled Baisakhi, is an ancient festival of great significance to Sikhs, Hindus, and Buddhists in many regions of India and other parts of South and Southeast Asia, and is celebrated annually on April 13 or 14 by many Californians with Sikh and Indian heritage.
- 2) Vaisakhi, in several parts of Northern India, especially Punjab, is a long-established harvest festival, which predates Sikhism, to celebrate the agricultural year and pray for abundant “rabi” crop produce for the next season.
- 3) For Sikhs and Sikh Americans, Vaisakhi holds special religious and historical significance because it commemorates the creation of Khalsa by the 10th Guru Gobind Singh in 1699, whereby five Sikhs called “Panj Piaray” or “Beloved Five” were transformed into leaders of the faith to defend religious freedom.
- 4) For Hindus and Hindu Americans, the first day of Vaisakhi marks the traditional solar new year and is celebrated in diverse ways to mark spring harvest and the sacredness of rivers in Hindu culture.
- 5) The Sikh American celebration of Vaisakhi embodies an array of religious and cultural celebrations, including worship, parades, dancing, and singing throughout the day and includes performing seva (selfless service), such as providing free meals to the needy and inviting visitors to Gurdwaras (Houses of Worship).
- 6) Sikh Gurdwaras throughout the world and in California are decorated and hold celebrations, and many Sikh Americans choose to be baptized as Khalsa on this day

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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April 2, 2021

Hon. Ken Cooley, Chair
Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3016
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Cooley:

I am requesting permission to add an urgency clause to AB 1251, a measure that would require Los Angeles County's public health order to be issued during a public health emergency to be based on scientific data for each service planning area.

The urgency piece within the bill is related to the current COVID-19 and potentially other infectious diseases that may occur.

If you have any questions, please contact Voleck Taing, Voleck.Taing@asm.ca.gov or at (925) 255-5101.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Al Muratsuchi".

Al Muratsuchi
Assemblymember, 66th District

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 5, 2021
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 18, 2021
CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021–22 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1251

Introduced by Assembly Members Muratsuchi and Lackey

February 19, 2021

An act to add Section 53024 to the Government Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1251, as amended, Muratsuchi. Local public health orders.

Existing law, the California Emergency Services Act (CESA), among other things, authorizes the Governor to proclaim a state of emergency in an area affected or likely to be affected. The CESA also authorizes the governing body of any city, county, or city and county, or an official designated by ordinance adopted by that governing body, to proclaim a local emergency, as provided. Existing law authorizes local health officials to take any preventative measures that may be necessary to protect and preserve the public health from any public health hazard during any state of emergency or local emergency.

This bill would require a public health order issued by the County of Los Angeles local health officer during ~~a~~ *the COVID-19 pandemic state or local public health of* emergency to be based on data for each service planning area, as defined, rather than on countywide data. The bill would further require that ~~any a~~ *a* local public health ~~orders~~ *order* related to the COVID-19 pandemic ~~be issued in accordance with the~~ *include the data for each service planning area data.* ~~upon which the order is based.~~ *The bill would specify that these provisions remain operative*

until the termination of the state of emergency declared on March 4, 2020. By requiring the County of Los Angeles to prepare emergency local public health orders based on data for each service planning area, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the County of Los Angeles.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

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

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the following:
- 2 (a) State and county public health departments should develop
- 3 and provide relevant and data-based public health and clinical
- 4 services targeted to the specific health needs of residents in
- 5 different communities and regions.
- 6 (b) The County of Los Angeles, comparable to the geographic
- 7 size of the States of Delaware and Rhode Island combined, has
- 8 the largest population of any county in the United States. The
- 9 County of Los Angeles is larger in population than the nine
- 10 counties of the San Francisco Bay area, with a population of
- 11 approximately 10,000,000 residents.
- 12 (c) The County of Los Angeles is divided into geographic areas,
- 13 known as service planning areas, to allow the Los Angeles County
- 14 Department of Public Health to provide relevant public health and
- 15 clinical services targeted to the specific health needs of the
- 16 residents in each of the service planning areas.
- 17 (d) To achieve the goals of developing and providing more
- 18 relevant and data-based public health services during a statewide
- 19 or local public health emergency, the Los Angeles County
- 20 Department of Public Health public health orders, and the
- 21 enforcement of these orders, must be based on data for each public
- 22 health service planning area and not on countywide data.

1 SEC. 2. Section 53024 is added to the Government Code, to
2 read:

3 53024. (a) For the purposes of this section, “service planning
4 area” means the subdivided areas of the County of Los Angeles
5 intended to facilitate and improve local service and health care
6 planning, as defined in Section 3.29.010 of the Los Angeles County
7 Code.

8 (b) ~~In the event of a “state of emergency” or “local emergency”~~,
9 ~~as defined by Section 8558, a~~ A public health order issued by the
10 County of Los Angeles local health officer pursuant to Section
11 101040 or 120175 of the Health and Safety Code *due to the*
12 *COVID-19 pandemic* shall be based on data for each respective
13 service planning area and not on data for the entire County of Los
14 Angeles. *An order issued pursuant to this section shall include the*
15 *data for each respective service planning area upon which the*
16 *order is based.*

17 (c) ~~The requirements described in subdivision (b) shall apply~~
18 ~~to all public health orders issued by the County of Los Angeles~~
19 ~~due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This section shall remain~~
20 ~~operative until the termination of the state of emergency~~
21 ~~proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, regarding the~~
22 ~~COVID-19 pandemic.~~

23 SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that a special statute
24 is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable
25 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California
26 Constitution because of the unique circumstances regarding the
27 large population of the County of Los Angeles. It is necessary that
28 special legislation be enacted to ensure relevant data-based public
29 health services and orders are based on the specific needs of
30 residents in the respective service planning areas within the County
31 of Los Angeles.

32 SEC. 4. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
33 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
34 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
35 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
36 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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April 5, 2021

The Honorable Ken Cooley, Chair
Assembly Committee on Rules
State Capitol, Room
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Cooley,

I write to request the Rules Committee to consider and approve adding an urgency clause to AB 1500. As you know, AB 1500 is a \$6.7 billion climate resilience bond. With the state once again entering severe drought conditions and on the cusp of the beginning of the next fire season, it is abundantly clear that the Legislature must take immediate action to better prepare for and respond to the impacts of climate change.

In addition, given the possibility that there will be a special election this fall, the Legislature may wish to consider placing AB 1500 on that ballot to expedite a robust response to the emerging drought conditions and upcoming fire season.

For the above reasons, I respectfully request that the Rules Committee approve my request to add an urgency clause to AB 1500. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eduardo Garcia', is written over a light blue circular stamp. The stamp contains the text 'EDUARDO GARCIA' and 'CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE'.

Eduardo Garcia
Chair, Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1500

Introduced by Assembly Members Eduardo Garcia and Mullin
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Bloom, Friedman, Lee,
McCarty, Quirk, Robert Rivas, Ward, and Wood)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Berman, Carrillo, Kalra, and
Wicks)
(Coauthor: Senator Wiener)

February 19, 2021

An act to add Division 48 (commencing with Section 80500) to the Public Resources Code, relating to safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs, by providing the funds necessary therefor through an election of the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California and for the handling and disposition of those funds.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1500, as introduced, Eduardo Garcia. Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022.

The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, approved by the voters as Proposition 68 at the June 5, 2018, statewide primary direct election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,100,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program. Article XVI of the California Constitution requires measures authorizing general obligation bonds to specify the single object or

work to be funded by the bonds and further requires a bond act to be approved by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of each house of the Legislature and a majority of the voters.

This bill would enact the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6,700,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs.

This bill would provide for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the November 8, 2022, statewide general election.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The people of California find and declare all of
- 2 the following:
- 3 (a) The climate crisis presents a significant threat to the health,
- 4 safety, and prosperity of the people of California. The changing
- 5 climate increases the risk of extreme weather events, biodiversity
- 6 loss, catastrophic wildfire, and sea level rise, resulting in harm to
- 7 California's agricultural industry, water supply, unique ecosystems,
- 8 and economy.
- 9 (b) According to the state's Fourth Climate Change Assessment,
- 10 "[e]merging findings for California show that costs associated with
- 11 direct climate impacts by 2050 are dominated by human mortality,
- 12 damages to coastal properties, and the potential for droughts and
- 13 mega-floods."
- 14 (c) Improving climate resiliency will require investments in
- 15 planning and both capital- and non-capital costs.
- 16 (d) Strategic restoration and stewardship of California's natural
- 17 infrastructure will increase the state's resilience to the changing
- 18 climate and can prevent or reduce many of the forecasted impacts
- 19 of climate change.
- 20 (e) Climate risks and impacts vary by region so state investments
- 21 to improve climate resiliency must reflect the varying type and
- 22 severity of climate impacts across the state.

1 (f) Investments to improve climate resiliency must reflect the
2 varying risks to California’s population, especially accounting for
3 vulnerable communities that are often already at greater risks due
4 to climate change.

5 (g) Planning, investment, and action to address current and
6 future climate change impacts must be guided by the best available
7 science, including local and traditional knowledge.

8 (h) Investment in transformative, cost-effective, and
9 evidence-based projects that increase the state’s resilience to
10 climate change will protect the lives of all Californians, conserve
11 our unique ecosystems and biodiversity, and save billions of dollars
12 by preventing or reducing damage that may otherwise occur.

13 (i) The investment of public funds pursuant to Division 48
14 (commencing with Section 80500) of the Public Resources Code
15 will result in public benefits that will address the most critical
16 statewide needs and priorities for public funding.

17 SEC. 2. Division 48 (commencing with Section 80500) is added
18 to the Public Resources Code, to read:

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20 DIVISION 48. SAFE DRINKING WATER, WILDFIRE
21 PREVENTION, DROUGHT PREPARATION, FLOOD
22 PROTECTION, EXTREME HEAT MITIGATION, AND
23 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOND ACT OF 2022
24

25 CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS
26

27 80500. This division shall be known, and may be cited, as the
28 Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation,
29 Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce
30 Development Bond Act of 2022.

31 80501. (a) In expending funds pursuant to this division, an
32 administering state agency shall give priority to projects that
33 leverage private, federal, and local funding or produce the greatest
34 public benefit.

35 (b) A project funded pursuant to this division shall include
36 signage informing the public that the project received funding from
37 the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation,
38 Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce
39 Development Bond Act of 2022.

1 (c) Restoration projects funded pursuant to this division shall
2 include the planning, monitoring, and reporting necessary to ensure
3 successful implementation of the project objectives.

4 (d) When disbursing funds available pursuant to this division,
5 an administering state agency shall give preference to projects that
6 do any of the following:

7 (1) Reduce near-term risks of climate impacts while promoting
8 long-term resilience.

9 (2) Promote equity, foster community resilience, and protect
10 the most vulnerable by prioritizing projects that meaningfully
11 benefit disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations.

12 (3) Avoid solutions that would likely worsen climate impacts
13 or transfer risks unreasonably from one area, location, or social
14 group, to another.

15 (4) Advance solutions to prevent displacement of low-income
16 residents and businesses that could occur as an unintended
17 consequence of a project that causes an increase in the cost of
18 owning or renting property.

19 (e) To the extent practicable, a project that receives moneys
20 pursuant to this division shall provide workforce education and
21 training, contractor, and job opportunities for vulnerable
22 populations.

23 80502. For purposes of this division, the following definitions
24 apply:

25 (a) “Air board” means the State Air Resources Board.

26 (b) “Climate resilience” means the ability of an entity or system,
27 including an individual, a community, or a natural system, and its
28 component parts, to absorb, accommodate, or recover from the
29 effects of a climate event in a timely and efficient manner,
30 including through ensuring the preservation, restoration, or
31 improvement of its essential basic structures and functions. In the
32 case of natural and working lands, climate resilience includes the
33 preservation, restoration, or enhancement of the ability to sequester
34 carbon.

35 (c) “Committee” means the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire
36 Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat
37 Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Finance Committee
38 created pursuant to Section 80602.

39 (d) “Critical community infrastructure” means infrastructure
40 that is necessary to providing vital community and individual

1 functions, including, but not limited to, drinking and waste water
2 infrastructure, emergency shelters, communication and warning
3 systems, evacuation routes, emergency power and public medical
4 facilities, schools, town halls, hospitals, health clinics, community
5 centers, community nonprofit facilities providing essential services,
6 libraries, homeless shelters, senior and youth centers, childcare
7 facilities, food banks, and parks and recreation sites.

8 (e) “Disadvantaged community” has the same meaning as
9 Section 79505.5 of the Water Code.

10 (f) “Severely disadvantaged community” has the same meaning
11 as Section 13476 of the Water Code.

12 (g) “Economically distressed area” has the same meaning as
13 defined in subdivision (k) of Section 79702 of the Water Code.

14 (h) “Fund” means the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention,
15 Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation,
16 and Workforce Development Fund created pursuant to Section
17 80517.

18 (i) “Groundwater sustainability agency” has the same meaning
19 as defined in Section 10721 of the Water Code.

20 (j) “Interpretation” includes, but is not limited to, a
21 visitor-serving amenity that enhances the ability to understand and
22 appreciate the significance and value of natural, historical, and
23 cultural resources and that may use educational materials in
24 multiple languages, digital information in multiple languages, and
25 the expertise of a naturalist or other skilled specialist.

26 (k) “Natural infrastructure” means a network of ecological areas,
27 man-made systems, or practices that use or mimic natural processes
28 to benefit people and wildlife. “Natural infrastructure” reduces
29 vulnerability to the impacts of climate change and includes, but is
30 not limited to, permeable pavements, bioswales, wetlands,
31 floodplains, forests, urban forests, beaches, dunes, tidal marshes,
32 reefs, seagrass, parks, rain gardens, and other engineered systems,
33 such as levees that are combined with restored natural systems, to
34 provide clean water, conserve ecosystem values and functions,
35 and provide a wide array of benefits to people and wildlife.

36 (l) “Nonprofit organization” means a nonprofit corporation
37 qualified to do business in California and qualified under Section
38 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

1 (m) “Preservation” means rehabilitation, stabilization,
2 restoration, conservation, development, and reconstruction, or any
3 combination of those activities.

4 (n) “Protection” means those actions necessary to prevent harm
5 or damage to persons, property, or natural, cultural, and historic
6 resources, actions to improve access to public open-space areas,
7 or actions to allow the continued use and enjoyment of property
8 or natural, cultural, and historic resources. Protection includes site
9 monitoring, acquisition, development, restoration, preservation,
10 and interpretation.

11 (o) (1) “Restoration” means the improvement of physical
12 structures or facilities and, in the case of natural systems and
13 landscape features, includes, but is not limited to, any of the
14 following:

15 (A) The control of erosion.

16 (B) Stormwater capture, treatment, reuse, and storage, or to
17 otherwise reduce stormwater pollution.

18 (C) The control and elimination of invasive species and harmful
19 algal blooms.

20 (D) The planting of native species.

21 (E) The removal of waste and debris.

22 (F) Prescribed burning and other fuel hazard reduction measures.

23 (G) Fencing out threats to existing or restored natural resources.

24 (H) Improving instream, riparian, or wetland habitat conditions.

25 (I) Other plant and wildlife habitat improvement to increase the
26 natural system value of the property, or coastal or ocean resources.

27 (J) Activities described in subdivision (b) of Section 79737 of
28 the Water Code.

29 (2) “Restoration” also includes activities, such as the planning,
30 permitting, monitoring, and reporting that are necessary to ensure
31 successful implementation of the restoration objectives.

32 (p) “Risk reduction buffer” means community design measures
33 that integrate greenspaces or open spaces that are managed to
34 reduce the spread of wildfires, and are located either between the
35 structures and the wildlands or are strategically interspersed among
36 the structures in a community to reduce structure vulnerability to
37 wildfire risks. Risk reduction buffers shall be designed to provide
38 additional benefits that may include shelter from natural disasters,
39 recreation, habitat, stormwater capture, and active transportation.

1 (q) “Small- and medium-sized farms” means farms and ranches
2 of 500 acres or less.

3 (r) “Socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers” has the same
4 meaning as defined in Section 512 of the Food and Agricultural
5 Code.

6 (s) “Structure hardening” means the installation, replacement,
7 or retrofitting of building materials, systems, or assemblies used
8 in the exterior design and construction of existing nonconforming
9 structures with features that are in compliance with Chapter 7A
10 (commencing with Section 701A.1) of Part 2 of Title 24 of the
11 California Code of Regulations, or any appropriate successor
12 regulatory code with the primary purpose of reducing risk to
13 structures from wildfire or conforming to the low-cost retrofit list,
14 and updates to that list, developed pursuant to paragraph (1) of
15 subdivision (c) of Section 51189 of the Government Code.

16 (t) “Tribe” means a California Native American tribe that
17 appears on the California Tribal Consultation List maintained by
18 the Native American Heritage Commission.

19 (u) “Under-resourced community” has the same meaning as set
20 forth in subdivision (g) of Section 71130.

21 (v) “Vulnerable population” means a subgroup of a population
22 within a region or community that faces a disproportionately
23 heightened risk or increased sensitivity to impacts of climate
24 change and that lacks adequate resources to cope with, adapt to,
25 or recover from such impacts.

26 (w) “Water board” means the State Water Resources Control
27 Board.

28 80503. An amount that equals not more than 5 percent of the
29 funds allocated for a program funded pursuant to this division may
30 be used to pay the administrative costs of that program.

31 80504. (a) The Department of Finance shall provide for an
32 independent audit of expenditures pursuant to this division. The
33 Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency shall publish a list of
34 all program and project expenditures pursuant to this division not
35 less than annually, in written form, and shall post an electronic
36 form of the list on the agency’s internet website in a downloadable
37 spreadsheet format. The spreadsheet shall include information
38 about the location and footprint of each funded project, the
39 project’s objectives, the status of the project, anticipated outcomes,
40 any matching moneys provided for the project by the grant recipient

1 or other partners, and the applicable chapter of this division
2 pursuant to which the grant recipient received moneys.

3 (b) If an audit, required by law, of any entity that receives
4 funding authorized by this division is conducted pursuant to state
5 law and reveals any impropriety, the California State Auditor or
6 the Controller may conduct or arrange for a full audit of any or all
7 of the activities funded pursuant to this division.

8 (c) The state agency issuing any grant with funding authorized
9 by this division shall require adequate reporting of the expenditures
10 of the funding from the grant.

11 (d) The costs associated with the publications, audits, statewide
12 bond tracking, cash management, and related oversight activities
13 provided for in this section shall be funded from the proceeds of
14 bonds authorized by this division. These costs shall be shared
15 proportionally by each program through this division. Actual costs
16 incurred to administer nongrant programs authorized by this
17 division shall be paid from the proceeds of bonds authorized by
18 this division.

19 80505. If any moneys allocated pursuant to this division are
20 not encumbered or expended by the recipient entity within the time
21 period specified by the administering state agency, the unexpended
22 moneys shall revert to the administering state agency for allocation
23 consistent with the applicable chapter.

24 80506. A state agency that receives funding to administer a
25 grant program under this division shall report to the Legislature
26 annually in the budget on its expenditures pursuant to this division
27 and the public benefits received from those expenditures.

28 80507. Funds provided pursuant to this division, and any
29 appropriation or transfer of those funds, shall not be deemed to be
30 a transfer of funds for the purposes of Chapter 9 (commencing
31 with Section 2780) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code.

32 80508. At least 25 percent of the funds available pursuant to
33 each chapter of this division shall be allocated for projects that
34 provide meaningful and direct benefits to at least one of the
35 following: vulnerable populations, under-resourced communities
36 or disadvantaged communities. At least 10 percent of the moneys
37 available pursuant to each chapter of this division shall be allocated
38 for projects that provide meaningful and direct benefits to severely
39 disadvantaged communities.

1 80509. For grants awarded for projects under this division, the
2 administering state agency may provide advanced payments in the
3 amount of 25 percent of the grant award to the recipient, including
4 state-related entities, to initiate the project in a timely manner. The
5 administering state agency shall adopt additional requirements for
6 the recipient of the grant regarding the use of the advanced
7 payments to ensure that the moneys are used properly.

8 80510. (a) Up to 10 percent of the funds available pursuant to
9 each chapter of this division may be allocated for technical
10 assistance and capacity building by the administering state agency.
11 The administering state agency shall operate a multidisciplinary
12 technical assistance program for these purposes.

13 (b) Funds used for providing technical assistance and capacity
14 building for disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged
15 communities, under-resourced community, or vulnerable
16 populations may exceed 10 percent if the administering state
17 agency determines that there is a need for the additional funding.

18 80511. Projects funded under this division are required to
19 demonstrate ongoing monitoring and scientific review. Up to 5
20 percent of project funds may be used for this purpose.

21 80512. Funds provided by this division shall not be expended
22 to fulfill any environmental mitigation requirements or compliance
23 obligations imposed by law or to pay the costs of the design,
24 construction, operation, mitigation, or maintenance of Delta
25 conveyance facilities. Those costs shall be the responsibility of
26 the entities that benefit from the design, construction, operation,
27 mitigation, or maintenance of those facilities.

28 80513. Before disbursing grants through any new grant
29 programs established pursuant to this division, each state agency
30 that receives funding to administer a competitive grant program
31 under this division shall do all of the following:

32 (a) Develop and adopt project solicitation and evaluation
33 guidelines. The guidelines shall include monitoring and reporting
34 requirements and may include a limitation on the dollar amount
35 of grants to be awarded. If the state agency has previously
36 developed and adopted project solicitation and evaluation
37 guidelines that comply with the requirements of this subdivision,
38 the state agency may use those guidelines.

39 (b) Conduct at least one public meeting to consider public
40 comments before finalizing the guidelines. The state agency shall

1 publish the draft solicitation and evaluation guidelines on its
2 internet website at least 30 days before the public meetings.

3 (c) Any public meetings held pursuant to this section shall allow
4 for virtual attendance and public participation through any internet
5 platform utilized to host the meeting.

6 (d) Guidelines shall be made available online and shall be
7 consistent with all applicable statutes.

8 80514. An apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program funded
9 pursuant to this division shall be approved by the Division of
10 Apprenticeship Standards.

11 80515. To the extent feasible, a project whose application
12 includes the use of services of the California Conservation Corps
13 or certified community conservation corps, as defined in Section
14 14507.5, shall be given preference for receipt of a grant under this
15 division.

16 80516. The Legislature may enact legislation necessary to
17 implement programs funded by this division.

18 80517. (a) The proceeds of bonds issued and sold pursuant to
19 this division, exclusive of refunding bonds issued and sold pursuant
20 to Section 80612, shall be deposited in the Safe Drinking Water,
21 Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection,
22 Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Fund,
23 which is hereby created in the State Treasury. Moneys in the fund
24 shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for
25 purposes of this division.

26 (b) Proceeds of bonds issued and sold pursuant to this division
27 shall be allocated according to the following schedule:

28 (1) One billion one hundred million dollars (\$1,100,000,000)
29 for wildfire prevention and climate risk reduction, in accordance
30 with Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 80520).

31 (2) One billion two hundred million dollars (\$1,200,000,000)
32 for the protection of coastal lands, bays, and oceans from climate
33 risks, in accordance with Chapter 3 (commencing with Section
34 80530).

35 (3) One billion six hundred million dollars (\$1,600,000,000)
36 for the protection of California's water supplies from multiyear
37 droughts, reducing flood risk from extreme events, and providing
38 safe drinking water, in accordance with Chapter 4 (commencing
39 with Section 80540).

(4) Eight hundred million dollars (\$800,000,000) for the protection of California's wildlife, biodiversity, and fisheries from climate risks, in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 80560).

(5) Three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) for protecting farms, ranches, and working lands from the impacts of climate change in accordance with Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 80570).

(6) Six hundred forty million dollars (\$640,000,000) for addressing extreme heat in accordance with Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 80580).

(7) One billion sixty million dollars (\$1,060,000,000) for regional climate resilience projects that address multiple risks, in accordance with Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 80590).

CHAPTER 2. WILDFIRE PREVENTION, CLIMATE RISK
REDUCTION, AND PROTECTION AGAINST POWER SHUTOFFS

80520. The sum of one billion one hundred million dollars (\$1,100,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the prevention and reduction in the risk of wildfires to lives, properties, and natural resources.

80521. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80520, three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) shall be available to the Office of Emergency Services, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for a prehazard mitigation grant program. The Office of Emergency Services shall coordinate with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in administering these moneys. The grant program shall be allocated to assist local and state agencies to leverage additional funds, including matching grants from federal agencies. The grant program shall fund efforts that include providing loans, rebates, direct assistance, and matching funds for projects that prevent wildfires, increase resiliency, reduce the risk of wildfires to communities, or increase community hardening. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Grants to local agencies, state agencies, joint powers authorities, and tribes for projects that reduce wildfire risks to people and property consistent with an approved community wildfire protection plan.

(2) Grants to local agencies, state agencies, joint powers authorities, tribes, resource conservation districts, fire safe councils, and nonprofit organizations for structure hardening of critical community infrastructure, evacuation centers, structure hardening projects that reduce the risk of wildfire for entire neighborhoods and communities, risk reduction buffers, and incentives to remove structures that significantly increase hazard risk.

(3) Grants, in coordination with the Public Utilities Commission, to local agencies, state agencies, special districts, joint powers authorities, tribes, and nonprofit organizations for zero-emission backup power, energy storage, and microgrids for critical community infrastructure in order to provide continuity of electrical service, and safeguard communities from disruption due to public safety power shutoffs, wildfire, or air pollution caused by wildfire, extreme heat, or other disaster.

(b) The Office of Emergency Services and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection shall prioritize prehazard mitigation grant funding applications from local agencies based on the “Fire Risk Reduction Community” list, upon development of that list, pursuant to Section 4290.1.

(c) The Office of Emergency Services and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection shall provide technical assistance to disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged communities, or vulnerable populations, including those with access and functional needs, socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers, and economically distressed areas to ensure the grant program reduces the vulnerability of those most in need.

80522. Of the funds made available by Section 80520, five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural Resources Agency and to its departments, boards, and conservancies for projects and grants to improve local fire prevention capacity, improve forest health and resiliency, and reduce the risk of wildfire spreading into populated areas from wildlands. Where appropriate, projects may include activities on lands owned by the United States. The funding made available by this section shall be allocated as follows:

(a) One hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) shall be available to the Regional Fire and Forest Capacity Program to increase regional capacity to prioritize, develop, and implement projects that improve forest health and fire resilience, facilitate

1 greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and increase carbon
2 sequestration in forests throughout California. The funding shall
3 be allocated based, to the extent feasible, on the findings of the
4 review of the regional capacity required by Section 4123.7.

5 (b) One hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) shall be
6 available to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for
7 long-term forest health projects, including reforestation;
8 conservation easements; activities that promote long-term carbon
9 storage; and upper watershed, riparian, mountain meadow, and
10 inland wetland restoration. Projects shall reflect the concurrence
11 of the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the water board,
12 respectively, when a project may affect their statutory jurisdiction
13 and shall be consistent with Section 4799.05.

14 (c) One hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) shall be
15 available for watershed improvements projects in forests and other
16 habitats, including, but not limited to, redwoods, conifers, oak
17 woodlands, mountain meadows, chaparral, deserts, and coastal
18 forests. Projects shall include the use of prescribed fire and improve
19 water supply or water quality. Projects shall involve the restoration
20 of natural ecosystem functions in high fire hazard areas and provide
21 multiple benefits, including, but not be limited to, habitat
22 protection, science-based fuel reduction, watershed protection,
23 carbon sequestration, protection of older fire-resistant trees, and
24 improved forest health. The Natural Resources Agency shall require
25 a contribution of matching funds or in-kind work, as determined
26 appropriate, from beneficiaries of the watershed, which may
27 include, but are not limited to, water districts, public utilities, local
28 agencies, or private users. The Natural Resources Agency shall
29 ensure long-term benefits for projects funded pursuant to this
30 subdivision, including an ongoing commitment to future
31 maintenance and a commitment to long-term increases in carbon
32 sequestration.

33 (d) Fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available to the
34 Sierra Nevada Conservancy for watershed improvement, forest
35 health, biomass utilization, and forest restoration workforce
36 development. At least 70 percent of the funds made available by
37 this subdivision shall be available to the Sierra Nevada Watershed
38 Improvement Program created by Section 33345.1.

39 80523. Of the funds made available by Section 80520, not less
40 than thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be available, upon

1 appropriation by the Legislature, to the air board, in consultation
2 with the Natural Resources Agency and the Department of Forestry
3 and Fire Protection, to incentivize new projects in California that
4 provide long-term capital infrastructure to convert forest and other
5 vegetative waste removed for wildfire mitigation to uses that
6 maximize reductions in the greenhouse gas emissions, provide
7 local air quality benefits, and increase local community resilience
8 against climate change impacts.

9 80524. Of the funds made available by Section 80520, seventy
10 million dollars (\$70,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation
11 by the Legislature, to the Department of Parks and Recreation and
12 regional park entities, including districts, counties, and authorities,
13 to plan for and implement projects to reduce the risks of fire and
14 for the fire hardening of infrastructure for units of the state park
15 system, and for grants to restore or enhance public lands and
16 improve carbon sequestration or reduce black carbon emissions.
17 A project funded pursuant to this section shall include at least three
18 of the following cobenefits:

- 19 (a) Fire risk reduction.
- 20 (b) Improved wildlife corridors.
- 21 (c) Improved ability for wildlife species to adapt to climate
22 change.
- 23 (d) Reduced forest fragmentation.
- 24 (e) Improved public access and outdoor recreation.
- 25 (f) Improved vegetation management associated with projects
26 developed pursuant to Section 4123.5.
- 27 (g) Improved stormwater or groundwater benefits.

28 80525. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80520, one
29 hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) shall be available,
30 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural Resources
31 Agency for grants on a block grant basis to eligible city, county,
32 district, and regional park and open space entities for projects that
33 do any of the following:

- 34 (1) Reduce the risk of fire, flood, or drought in order to
35 safeguard public lands and communities.
- 36 (2) Enhance water conservation or natural resource efficiencies
37 for existing outdoor facilities.
- 38 (3) Promote access and facilitate social distancing, as needed,
39 among park users.

(b) Minimum awards for grants issued pursuant to this section are one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for cities and districts and three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for counties and regional entities.

80526. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80520, fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the California Conservation Corps and certified community conservation corps, as defined in Section 14507.5, for demonstrated jobs projects including either of the following:

(1) Projects to mitigate unemployment and assist the state with the implementation of critical natural resources, transportation, energy, and housing infrastructure.

(2) Projects to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and rehabilitate following natural disasters, declared emergencies, or climate-related impacts to communities, including, but not limited to, the following projects:

(A) Community greenspace improvements or restoration.

(B) Restoration of watersheds and riparian zones.

(C) Regional and community-level fuel load reduction.

(D) Development and maintenance of urban tree canopies.

(E) Post-wildfire restoration.

(F) Resource conservation and restoration projects.

(G) Construction of emergency, transitional, and affordable housing.

(H) Identified community emergency response support, such as construction and support at temporary evacuation centers, hospitals, housing, and shelters needed during emergencies and disasters.

(I) Facility or equipment acquisition, development, restoration, and rehabilitation.

(b) At least 60 percent of the amount available pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be available to certified community conservation corps, as defined in Section 14507.5.

(c) Up to 5 percent of the amount available pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be available for training, support, recruitment, and retention, and other wraparound services for corps members.

1 CHAPTER 3. PROTECTING COASTAL LANDS, BAYS, AND OCEANS
2 FROM SEA LEVEL RISE AND OTHER CLIMATE RISKS
3

4 80530. The sum of one billion two hundred million dollars
5 (\$1,200,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the
6 Legislature, for protection of coastal communities from sea level
7 rise, restoration of coastal and ocean resources, mitigation of ocean
8 acidification, and addressing the impacts of climate change along
9 California's coast.

10 80531. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80530, one
11 billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) shall be available, upon
12 appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Coastal Conservancy
13 for grants or projects to protect, restore, and increase the resilience
14 of beaches, bays, coastal dunes, wetlands, coastal forests, and
15 coastal watershed resources pursuant to Division 21 (commencing
16 with Section 31000), including land acquisition, or conservation
17 easements on, land in or adjacent to the California coastal zone
18 with open space, recreational, biological, cultural, scenic, or
19 agricultural values, or lands adjacent to marine protected areas,
20 whose preservation and continued operation will contribute to the
21 ecological quality of those marine protected areas.

22 (b) Of the funds made available by subdivision (a), three
23 hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) shall be available for
24 projects that are consistent with the San Francisco Bay Restoration
25 Authority Act (Title 7.25 (commencing with Section 66700) of
26 the Government Code), including, but not limited to, projects that
27 address sea level rise, flood management, and wetland restoration.

28 (c) Of the funds made available by subdivision (a), ten million
29 dollars (\$10,000,000) shall be available for the San Francisco Bay
30 Area Conservancy Program and ten million dollars (\$10,000,000)
31 shall be available for the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program.

32 (d) Of the funds made available by subdivision (a), one hundred
33 million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available for competitive
34 grants for demonstration and pilot projects that use natural
35 infrastructure to protect critical infrastructure that is vulnerable to
36 sea level rise and flooding.

37 (e) Of the funds made available by subdivision (a), sixty-five
38 million dollars (\$65,000,000) shall be available for projects to
39 remove outdated or obsolete dams and to upgrade associated
40 downstream infrastructure to increase climate resilience, enhance

1 natural sediment transport, improve wildlife and fish passage, and
2 modernize associated infrastructure, including related planning,
3 monitoring, permitting, habitat restoration, and recreational
4 improvements.

5 80532. Of the funds made available by Section 80530, thirty
6 million dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation
7 by the Legislature, to the California Coastal Commission for grants
8 for local adaptation planning and updating local coastal programs
9 and twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) shall be available, upon
10 appropriation by the Legislature, to the San Francisco Bay
11 Conservation and Development Commission for coastal planning
12 and projects within its jurisdiction.

13 80533. (a) Of the fund made available by Section 80530, eighty
14 million dollars (\$80,000,000) shall be available for deposit into
15 the California Ocean Protection Trust Fund for competitive grants
16 consistent with Section 35650. Priority shall be given to projects
17 that assist coastal communities, including those reliant on
18 commercial fisheries, with adaptation to climate change, including
19 projects that address ocean acidification, increasing ocean
20 temperatures, sea level rise, or habitat restoration and protection.

21 (b) Of the funds made available by Section 80530, twenty
22 million dollars (\$20,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation
23 by the Legislature, to the Ocean Protection Council for projects
24 that increase the ability of ocean and coastal ecosystems to capture,
25 sequester, and store carbon dioxide.

26 80534. Of the funds made available by Section 80530, fifty
27 million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation
28 by the Legislature, to the Department of Parks and Recreation to
29 plan for and implement projects to reduce the risks of sea level
30 rise for units of the state park system.

31 80535. Projects funded pursuant to this chapter shall be
32 consistent with climate and sea level rise policies and guidelines
33 established by the California Coastal Commission, the Ocean
34 Protection Council, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and
35 Development Commission, and the State Coastal Conservancy, if
36 applicable.

1 CHAPTER 4. ENSURING SAFE DRINKING WATER, DROUGHT
2 PREPARATION, AND ENHANCING THE STATE'S FLOOD PROTECTION
3

4 80540. The sum of one billion six hundred million dollars
5 (\$1,600,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the
6 Legislature, for the delivery of safe drinking water, drought
7 preparation and response, and flood protection.

8 80541. Grant guidelines adopted pursuant to Section 80513
9 for funding under this chapter shall encourage, where feasible, the
10 inclusion of the following project components:

11 (a) Efficient use and conservation of water supplies.

12 (b) The capture of stormwater to reduce stormwater runoff,
13 reduction of water pollution, or recharge of groundwater supplies,
14 or a combination of those activities.

15 (c) Provision of safe and reliable drinking water supplies to park
16 and open-space visitors, and state fairgrounds that serve as
17 emergency evacuation facilities.

18 (d) Support to groundwater sustainability agencies for regional
19 groundwater sustainability.

20 (e) Increased climate resilience for wildlife and fish species.

21 80542. Nothing in this chapter determines or alters water rights
22 or water right priorities.

23 80543. An eligible applicant under this chapter is a public
24 agency, joint powers authority, nonprofit organization, public
25 utility, tribe, or mutual water company. To be eligible for funding
26 under this chapter, a project proposed by a public utility that is
27 regulated by the Public Utilities Commission or a mutual water
28 company shall have a clear and definite public purpose and shall
29 benefit the customers of the water system and not the investors.

30 80544. Of the funds made available by Section 80540, two
31 hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) shall be available,
32 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Water
33 Resources in collaboration with the water board, for projects that
34 support sustainable groundwater management implementation.
35 These funds shall be dedicated to supporting local groundwater
36 sustainability agencies in implementing projects and programs
37 related to groundwater sustainability plans. No less than 65 percent
38 of the funding in this section shall be allocated for projects and
39 programs in critically overdrafted basins. Special consideration
40 shall be given to projects with multiple benefits that encourage

1 redundancy in the regional water system, including groundwater
2 recharge, infrastructure projects, and interties and that address any
3 reduction in domestic water supplies due to lower groundwater
4 levels.

5 80545. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80540,
6 three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) shall be available,
7 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the water board for
8 competitive grants or loans for the purposes described in Chapter
9 5 (commencing with Section 79720) of Division 26.7 of the Water
10 Code to help provide clean, safe, and reliable drinking water to all
11 Californians.

12 (b) Of the funds made available by subdivision (a), thirty million
13 dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by
14 the Legislature, to the water board for competitive grants or loans
15 to develop and implement regional or countywide drought and
16 water shortage contingency plans, resiliency measures, and
17 programs, including those adopted according to the
18 recommendations and guidance proposed by the Department of
19 Water Resources pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section
20 10609.40) of Part 2.55 of Division 6 of the Water Code.

21 80546. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80540, one
22 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon
23 appropriation by the Legislature, to the water board for loans or,
24 subject to subdivision (b), grants or forgivable loans to public
25 agencies or public-private partnerships for projects that will prevent
26 or substantially reduce the contamination of groundwater or surface
27 water supplies that serve as a source of drinking water and improve
28 access to wastewater infrastructure.

29 (b) The water board may use grants or forgivable loans for
30 projects that benefit vulnerable populations, under-resourced
31 communities, disadvantaged communities, or severely
32 disadvantaged communities.

33 (c) The water board shall give preference in the allocation of
34 these grant or loan funds to one or both of the following:

35 (1) Projects that include the abandonment of onsite wastewater
36 systems through connections with local sewer systems. Funding
37 for these projects may include, but is not limited to, the cost of
38 extensions needed to connect with the local sewer system, the cost
39 of expanding the local sewer system to meet the additional need

1 for treatment, and the cost of decommissioning existing onsite
2 wastewater systems.

3 (2) Complete projects rather than incrementally funding phases
4 of a single project.

5 (d) Grants or loans awarded under this section may be for any
6 amount deemed appropriate by the water board, consistent with
7 the purpose of providing safe and clean drinking water to all
8 Californians.

9 (e) A public agency or a public-private partnership may receive
10 more than one grant or loan for projects if the proposed projects
11 meet the requirements of this section.

12 80547. Of the funds made available by Section 80540, four
13 hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) shall be available, upon
14 appropriation, to the Natural Resources Agency and its
15 departments, boards, and conservancies for the protection and
16 restoration of rivers, lakes, and streams to improve climate
17 resilience, water supplies, or water quality. To the extent feasible,
18 preference shall be given to natural infrastructure projects. Eligible
19 projects include, but are not limited to, any of the following:

20 (a) Multiple benefit river and urban stream parkway projects
21 that protect and restore riparian habitats, improve climate resilience,
22 enhance natural drainages, protect and restore watersheds, and
23 provide urban access, including for statewide obligations involving
24 multistate agreements.

25 (b) (1) At least two hundred forty million dollars (\$240,000,000)
26 shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the
27 Natural Resources Agency for capital outlay projects that provide
28 air quality, public health, and habitat benefits to the Salton Sea
29 and surrounding communities.

30 (2) Of the amount available pursuant to paragraph (1), thirty
31 million dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be available to the Salton Sea
32 Authority for purposes consistent with this subdivision.

33 (3) Of the amount available pursuant to paragraph (1), a
34 minimum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) shall be for projects
35 developed and prioritized using a public process that includes
36 participatory budgeting. Projects shall be consistent with paragraph
37 (1) and with priorities identified by the affected communities.

38 (c) At least thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be
39 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural

Resources Agency for the Tijuana River Border Pollution Control Project.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 5753, twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for projects within the San Fernando Valley that protect or enhance the Los Angeles River watershed and its tributaries or headwaters.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 5753, twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for projects that protect or enhance the Los Angeles River watershed and its tributaries.

(3) Funds allocated pursuant to this subdivision shall be expended pursuant to Section 79508 of the Water Code.

80548. Of the funds made available by Section 80540, fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the California Environmental Protection Agency for purposes consistent with the New River Water Quality, Public Health, and River Parkway Development Program, as described in Section 71103.6.

80549. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80540, two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Water Resources for flood management projects that are components of multiple benefit flood management system improvements that reduce risks to public safety and provide improvements to wildlife habitat. Eligible project types include, but are not limited to, levee setbacks, projects connecting rivers with flood plains, enhancement of flood plains and bypasses, offstream groundwater recharge, and land acquisitions, easements, and improvements necessary for these project types to achieve both flood management and environmental benefits. To the extent feasible, project selection shall be guided by approved local hazard mitigation plans and preference shall be given to natural infrastructure projects. Eligible projects may include any of the following:

(1) Multiple benefit flood management projects that reduce the impacts of climate change on inland or coastal infrastructure, communities, or ecosystems, and provide ecosystem, wildlife, or groundwater recharge benefits.

1 (2) Natural infrastructure projects to reduce flood intensity and
2 slow watershed runoff.

3 (3) Projects that capture, clean, or otherwise productively use
4 stormwater.

5 (4) Projects that provide matching grants for, or otherwise
6 leverage funding from, the Federal Emergency Management
7 Agency, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, or other
8 federal mitigation and resilience funding.

9 (5) Projects that provide benefits to fish, waterfowl, wildlife,
10 and anadromous and other native fish species along migratory
11 corridors.

12 (6) Projects that restore streams to a more natural state by
13 removing drainage obstructions, culverts, and paved channels to
14 enable more stormwater to be absorbed and gradually released by
15 soil and plants.

16 (b) Of the funds made available pursuant to subdivision (a), at
17 least fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be allocated for
18 multiple benefit flood management projects in urban coastal
19 watersheds.

20 (c) (1) Of the funds made available pursuant to subdivision (a),
21 fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available for projects
22 in the delta to improve existing levees to increase flood protection
23 and climate resiliency consistent with the Legislature's direction
24 in Section 12981 of the Water Code. For purposes of this
25 subdivision, "delta" has the same meaning as defined in subdivision
26 (b) of Section 12980 of the Water Code.

27 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "project levee" has
28 the same meaning as defined in subdivision (g) of Section
29 5096.805.

30 (B) The priority for projects that are not project levee projects
31 undertaken pursuant to this subdivision shall be to preserve, protect,
32 and improve the levees to meet the agricultural levee standards as
33 provided in Department of Water Resources' Bulletin 192-82, and
34 as may be adjusted by the Department of Water Resources to
35 address increased flood risk due to sea level rise and climate
36 change.

37 (C) The priority for project levee projects undertaken pursuant
38 to this subdivision shall be to meet the operations, maintenance,
39 repair, rehabilitation, and replacement standards established by
40 the United States Army Corp of Engineers.

1 80550. Of the funds made available by Section 80540,
2 thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) shall be available, upon
3 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Central Valley Flood
4 Protection Board for further development of the State Plan of Flood
5 Control, including the San Joaquin River and Sacramento Valley
6 flood risk management plans. The Central Valley Flood Protection
7 Board shall ensure equitable distribution of funds.

8 80551. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80540,
9 three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) shall be available,
10 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the water board for grants
11 or loans for water recycling projects, including all of the following:

12 (1) Treatment, storage, conveyance, and distribution facilities
13 for potable and nonpotable recycling projects.

14 (2) Dedicated distribution infrastructure to serve residential,
15 commercial, agricultural, and industrial end-user retrofit projects
16 to allow use of recycled water.

17 (3) Multibenefit recycled water projects that improve water
18 quality.

19 (b) At least a 50-percent local cost share shall be required for
20 projects funded pursuant to this section. That cost share may be
21 suspended or reduced for disadvantaged communities or severely
22 disadvantaged communities.

23 (c) In allocating funding pursuant to this section, the water board
24 shall prioritize all of the following:

25 (1) Cost effectiveness.

26 (2) Projects that serve a regional population.

27 (3) Projects that include one or more partnerships between a
28 municipality, a regional sanitation district, or a regional water
29 distribution agency.

30 (4) Projects that reduce the discharge of wastewater to the ocean
31 and avoid or minimize adverse impacts to ocean resources.

32 (5) Projects that reduce reliance on water imports from the San
33 Francisco Bay-Delta and the Colorado River.

34 (6) Projects that advance innovation in recycled water
35 technology.

36 (7) Projects that use energy efficiently, avoid using excessive
37 amounts of energy in relation to the amount of water supplied, and
38 result in fewer greenhouse gas emissions as compared to competing
39 technologies.

1 CHAPTER 5. PROTECTING FISH, WILDLIFE, AND NATURAL AREAS
2 FROM CLIMATE RISKS
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4 80560. The sum of eight hundred million dollars
5 (\$800,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the
6 Legislature, to protect and restore natural lands to better maintain
7 biodiversity and ecosystem benefits as climate conditions change
8 and enhance fish and wildlife corridors and habitat linkages to
9 increase the ability of wildlife to adapt to changing climate
10 conditions.

11 80561. To the extent feasible in implementing this chapter, a
12 state agency receiving funding under this chapter shall seek to
13 achieve wildlife conservation objectives through projects on public
14 lands or voluntary projects on private lands. Projects on private
15 lands shall be evaluated based on the durability of the benefits
16 created by the investment.

17 80562. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80560, four
18 hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) shall be available to the
19 Wildlife Conservation Board for the protection of California's fish
20 and wildlife resources in response to changing climate conditions,
21 as well as for restoration and stewardship projects that restore or
22 manage land or habitat to improve its resilience to climate impacts
23 and natural disasters. Eligible projects include, but are not limited
24 to, the following:

25 (1) Salmon and other fishery preservation, enhancement, and
26 habitat restoration projects.

27 (2) Projects to protect and restore wetlands and other fish and
28 wildlife habitat, including, but not limited to, habitat used by
29 migratory birds.

30 (3) Projects for the protection and restoration of fish and wildlife
31 corridors and habitat linkages, the construction or repair of
32 corridors, and the removal or modification of barriers. Projects
33 may include planning, monitoring, and data collection necessary
34 to track movement of wildlife around and across transportation
35 facilities and to establish the best locations to construct wildlife
36 crossing features, including fish passage improvements.

37 (4) Land acquisition projects, including, but not limited to, those
38 that protect land from development or prevent the conversion of
39 rangeland, grazing land, or grassland to nonagricultural uses.

1 (5) Projects for the protection of threatened and endangered
2 species, including projects within natural community conservation
3 plans adopted pursuant to the Natural Community Conservation
4 Planning Act (Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 2800) of
5 Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code) or habitat conservation
6 plans. Projects may include land acquisition through either
7 easement or fee title.

8 (6) Projects that include acquisition and delivery of water from
9 willing sellers, acquisition of land that includes water rights or
10 contractual rights to water, and other projects that provide water
11 or conveyance of water for fish and wildlife or improve aquatic
12 or riparian habitat conditions. Funds expended for any acquisition
13 of water or conveyance rights shall comply with Section 79709 of
14 the Water Code. Projects may include, but are not limited to,
15 projects to improve conditions on wildlife refuges and wetland
16 habitat areas to achieve full compliance with the terms of
17 subsection (d) of Section 3406 of the Central Valley Project
18 Improvement Act (Public Law 102-575) and other central valley
19 managed wetlands.

20 (7) Projects for the development and implementation of regional
21 conservation investment strategies that include climate resilience
22 elements and are not otherwise funded by the state pursuant to
23 Section 800 of the Streets and Highways Code.

24 (8) Restoration activities to control or eradicate invasive plants
25 or insects that degrade wildlife corridors or habitat linkages, inhibit
26 the recovery of threatened or endangered species, or reduce the
27 climate resilience of a natural system and its species.

28 (9) Protection and restoration of redwood forests in order to
29 accelerate old growth characteristics, maximize carbon
30 sequestration, improve water quality, and build climate resilience.

31 (10) Protection and restoration of oak woodlands pursuant to
32 Section 1363 of the Fish and Game Code and grasslands pursuant
33 to Section 10330 of the Public Resources Code.

34 (11) Projects that preserve, restore, and enhance desert habitat.
35 The Wildlife Conservation Board shall prioritize projects that
36 address the impacts of climate change; provide public access or
37 recreational amenities; or reduce the threats of wildfire, drought,
38 flood, and other catastrophic events.

39 (b) Funding made available by subdivision (a) shall not be used
40 to offset environmental mitigation or compliance obligations

otherwise required, but may be used as part of a funding partnership to enhance, expand, or augment conservation efforts required by mitigation.

80563. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80560, fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Wildlife Conservation Board for groundwater sustainability projects that provide wildlife habitat. Projects may support implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Part 2.74 (commencing with Section 10720) of Division 6 of the Water Code). Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Projects that create, protect, or restore permanent wildlife habitat.

(2) Projects that create, protect, or restore seasonal wetland habitat that provides aquifer replenishment.

(3) Projects that improve groundwater supply, including groundwater recharge, improved baseflows in rivers and streams, and groundwater supply improvement for fish and wildlife habitat.

(4) Projects that convert land to less intensive water uses while maintaining natural and working lands.

(b) Any groundwater recharge achieved under this section shall remain in the basin to improve groundwater conditions. Payments shall be linked to achievement and delivery of defined conservation outcomes, and the duration of those outcomes.

80564. Of the funds made available by Section 80560, fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Fish and Wildlife to improve the climate resilience of fish and wildlife habitat. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Projects on lands managed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife to reduce the risks of fire, flood, inundation, sea level rise, and other risks associated with climate change and for the protection and restoration of infrastructure and natural resources.

(b) Competitive grants for projects that enhance or restore inland or anadromous native fish species habitat. Projects include, but are not limited to, enhanced stream flows, improved fish passage, reconnection of riverine and floodplain habitat, and other actions to help fish adapt to climate change.

80565. (a) Of the funds made available pursuant to Section 80560, the sum of three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000)

1 shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the
2 Baldwin Hills Conservancy, California Tahoe Conservancy,
3 Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, Sacramento-San
4 Joaquin Delta Conservancy, San Diego River Conservancy, San
5 Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains
6 Conservancy, San Joaquin River Conservancy, Santa Monica
7 Mountains Conservancy, and Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Funds
8 shall be for climate resilience and reducing the risks of climate
9 change impacts upon communities, fish and wildlife, and natural
10 resources.

11 (b) Each conservancy identified in subdivision (a) shall receive
12 at least ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) of the funds made
13 available pursuant to this section.

14 (c) When issuing grants pursuant to this section, a conservancy
15 identified in subdivision (a) shall give preference to all of the
16 following:

17 (1) Projects that use natural infrastructure.

18 (2) Projects done jointly by more than one conservancy.

19 (3) Projects that maximize greenhouse gas reductions.

20 (4) The provision of technical assistance to disadvantaged
21 communities, severely disadvantaged communities, vulnerable
22 populations, including those with access and functional needs, or
23 socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers.

24 80566. (a) On or before June 1, 2023, the Baldwin Hills
25 Conservancy, California Tahoe Conservancy, Coachella Valley
26 Mountains Conservancy, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
27 Conservancy, San Diego River Conservancy, San Gabriel and
28 Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, San
29 Joaquin River Conservancy, Santa Monica Mountains
30 Conservancy, and Sierra Nevada Conservancy shall develop a
31 climate resiliency plan that shall be adopted by each conservancy's
32 governing board. Each climate resiliency plan shall do all of the
33 following:

34 (1) Describe how the impacts of climate change relate to the
35 conservancy's mission and how they will affect the lands within
36 its jurisdiction.

37 (2) Describe the conservancy's past investment and work
38 addressing the impacts of climate change, reducing greenhouse
39 gas emissions, and improving climate resiliency.

(3) Outline a list of all projects or programs that the conservancy would propose to fund with an allocation pursuant to Section 80565.

(4) Describe the potential benefits of each project or program in increasing climate resilience and reducing the risks of climate change impacts upon communities, fish and wildlife, and natural resources.

(b) Each conservancy shall make the climate resiliency plan available on its internet website and provide the climate resiliency plan to the Natural Resources Agency.

CHAPTER 6. PROTECTING FARMS, RANCHES, AND WORKING
LANDS FROM THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

80570. The sum of three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for purposes of protecting California's agricultural resources, communities, open spaces, and lands from climate change impacts.

80571. Of the funds made available by Section 80570, one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Food and Agriculture for improvements in climate resilience of agricultural lands and ecosystem health and allocated to eligible projects as follows:

(a) (1) Fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available for grants to promote practices on farms and ranches that improve soil health, accelerate atmospheric carbon removal or soil carbon sequestration, improve air or water quality, enhance groundwater recharge or surface water supplies, or improve fish or wildlife habitat.

(2) At least 35 percent of the funds allocated pursuant to this subdivision shall be allocated to projects that provide direct and meaningful benefits to farmers and ranchers in disadvantaged communities or severely disadvantaged communities.

(3) Preference shall be given to small- and medium-sized farms and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

(b) (1) Forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) shall be available for grants to promote on-farm water use efficiency with a focus on multiple benefit projects that improve groundwater management,

1 resiliency to climate change, water quality, surface water use
2 efficiency, drought and flood tolerance, or water supply and water
3 quality conditions for fish and wildlife.

4 (2) At least 35 percent of the funds allocated pursuant to this
5 subdivision shall be allocated to projects that provide direct and
6 meaningful benefits to farmers and ranchers in disadvantaged
7 communities or severely disadvantaged communities.

8 (3) Preference shall be given to small- and medium-sized farms
9 and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

10 (c) (1) Forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) shall be available
11 for projects that promote the reduction of methane emissions from
12 dairy and livestock operations and improved water quality through
13 alternative manure management and handling, including, but not
14 limited to, the creation of composted manure products. Projects
15 shall not include the funding of anaerobic digesters.

16 (2) Preference shall be given to small- and medium-sized farms
17 and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

18 (d) Twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) shall be deposited in
19 the Invasive Species Account established pursuant to Section 7706
20 of the Food and Agricultural Code for purposes of funding invasive
21 species projects and activities recommended by the Invasive
22 Species Council of California. Priority shall be given to projects
23 that restore and protect biodiversity and ecosystem health.

24 80572. Of the funds made available by Section 80570, one
25 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon
26 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Food and
27 Agriculture for grants that benefit small- and medium-sized farms
28 and socially disadvantaged farmers, and increase the sustainability
29 of agricultural infrastructure and facilities that support food
30 systems, market access, agricultural workforce development,
31 worker safety equipment, or job retention and growth.

32 80573. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80570, fifty
33 million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation
34 by the Legislature, to the Department of Conservation for projects
35 for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of farmland and
36 rangeland, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of fee title
37 or easements, that improve climate resilience, open-space soil
38 health, atmospheric carbon removal, soil carbon sequestration,
39 erosion control, watershed restoration, conservation projects, water
40 quality, or water retention. Projects shall provide multiple benefits.

1 In awarding funds for farmland and rangeland projects pursuant
2 to this section, the Department of Conservation shall give
3 preference to projects for small- and medium-sized farms.

4 (b) The Department of Conservation may develop guidelines
5 to allow for innovative incentives to support multigenerational
6 farmland transitions, entry of new farmers into the sector, or
7 support for small or socially disadvantaged farms. The Department
8 of Conservation may expend up to 20 percent of the funds made
9 available pursuant to this section for projects funded under these
10 guidelines.

11 (c) At least 35 percent of the funds allocated pursuant to this
12 section shall be allocated to projects that provide direct and
13 meaningful benefits to farmers and ranchers in disadvantaged
14 communities or severely disadvantaged communities.

15 (d) The Department of Conservation shall maximize grant
16 timeline flexibility for the funds made available pursuant to this
17 section to ensure that applicants have multiple opportunities to
18 apply for funding throughout each year.

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20 CHAPTER 7. RESPONDING TO EXTREME HEAT

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22 80580. The sum of six hundred forty million dollars
23 (\$640,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the
24 Legislature, for the purposes of strengthening California's climate
25 resilience and mitigation strategies to address extreme heat events
26 through investments in parks, urban green infrastructure, and
27 community forestry projects.

28 80581. (a) The sum of four hundred million dollars
29 (\$400,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the
30 Legislature, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the
31 creation and expansion of safe neighborhood parks in park-poor
32 neighborhoods in accordance with the Statewide Park Development
33 and Community Revitalization Act of 2008's competitive grant
34 program described in Chapter 3.3 (commencing with Section 5640)
35 of Division 5.

36 (1) When developing or revising criteria or guidelines for the
37 grant program, the department shall give additional consideration
38 to projects that reduce urban heat island effect or mitigate extreme
39 heat events.

1 (2) The department shall perform its due diligence by conducting
2 a rigorous prequalification process to determine the fiscal and
3 operational capacity of a potential grant recipient to manage a
4 project to do both of the following:

5 (A) Maximize the project's public benefit.

6 (B) Implement the project in a timely manner.

7 (b) Of the amount available pursuant to subdivision (a), not less
8 than 20 percent shall be available for the rehabilitation,
9 repurposing, or substantial improvement of existing park
10 infrastructure in communities of the state that will lead to increased
11 use and enhanced user experiences.

12 (c) Of the amount available pursuant to subdivision (a), to
13 correct historic underinvestment in the central valley, Inland
14 Empire, gateway, rural, and desert communities, the sum of fifty
15 million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available for local park
16 creation and improvement grants to the communities identified by
17 the department as park deficient for active recreational projects,
18 including aquatic centers, to encourage youth health, fitness, and
19 recreational pursuits. Projects that include the partial or full
20 donation of land, materials, or volunteer services and that
21 demonstrate collaborations of multiple entities and the leveraging
22 of scarce resources may be given special consideration. Entities
23 that receive a grant under this section may also be eligible to
24 receive other grants under subdivision (a) of Section 80526.

25 80582. Of the funds made available by Section 80580,
26 seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) shall be available, upon
27 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural Resources Agency
28 for competitive grants for urban greening. Projects shall benefit
29 vulnerable populations. These funds shall support projects that
30 mitigate the urban heat island effect and extreme heat impacts.
31 Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to, investments
32 that support an expanded urban greening program that supports
33 the creation of green recreational parks in park poor communities.

34 80583. Of the funds made available by Section 80580,
35 seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) shall be available, upon
36 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Forestry
37 and Fire Protection to protect or augment California's urban forests
38 pursuant to Section 4799.12. Projects shall contribute to mitigating
39 the urban heat island effect and extreme heat impacts.

1 80584. Of the funds made available by Section 80580, fifty
2 million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation
3 by the Legislature, to the Department of Community Services and
4 Development for low-income weatherization projects consistent
5 with Section 12087.5 of the Government Code.

6 80585. Of the funds made available by Section 80580, forty
7 million dollars (\$40,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation
8 by the Legislature, to the Strategic Growth Council for a grant
9 program to reduce the urban heat island effect and other extreme
10 heat impacts from climate change. Eligible projects shall mitigate
11 the impacts of the urban heat island effect and extreme heat through
12 any of the following: the use of reflective surface materials in the
13 built environment, the capture and beneficial reuse of water for
14 cooling, the increased use of natural or manmade shade, and the
15 reduction of heat trapping surfaces. Projects shall benefit vulnerable
16 populations. Priority shall be given to projects that provide multiple
17 benefits, including, but not limited to, projects that do more than
18 one of any of the following: capture rainwater, reduce stormwater
19 pollution, use cool roofs and pavements, use shade structures, or
20 increase the use of natural spaces for urban vegetation and forestry.

21
22 CHAPTER 8. STRENGTHENING CALIFORNIA'S REGIONAL CLIMATE
23 RESILIENCE
24

25 80590. The sum of one billion sixty million dollars
26 (\$1,060,000,000) shall be made available, upon appropriation by
27 the Legislature, for the purposes of strengthening California's
28 climate resilience based on regional needs.

29 80591. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80590,
30 eight hundred fifty million dollars (\$850,000,000) shall be
31 available, upon appropriation of the Legislature, to the Strategic
32 Growth Council for the reduction in the risk of climate impacts to
33 communities, including, but not limited to, wildfire, sea level rise,
34 flood, and extreme heat events. The goal of these funds is to
35 encourage the development and implementation of science- and
36 research-informed multiple-benefit, cross-sector projects that
37 respond to each region's greatest climate vulnerabilities.

38 (b) Funds shall be available to regional climate networks to
39 implement the highest priority projects identified in approved
40 regional climate adaptation action plans.

1 (c) Funds shall be for public benefits associated with climate
2 resiliency projects that reduce climate vulnerabilities.

3 (d) Funds shall be allocated to regional climate networks, as
4 follows:

5 (1) At least 60 percent of funds shall be available to regional
6 climate networks based on the percentage of the state's population
7 included in the jurisdiction of the network's regional climate
8 adaptation action plan, but not less than two million dollars
9 (\$2,000,000) per network.

10 (2) The remaining funds may be provided to increase the size
11 of the awards under paragraph (1) to the extent the approved
12 regional climate adaptation action plan does any of the following:

13 (A) Protects vulnerable populations.

14 (B) Protects natural resources prioritized by the state.

15 (C) Enhances statewide climate adaptation strategies, as
16 identified by the most recent update of the Safeguarding California
17 Plan developed by the Natural Resources Agency.

18 (D) Reduces or sequesters carbon emissions.

19 (E) Scales to maximize effectiveness of response.

20 (F) Includes information regarding the regional climate
21 network's ability to secure matching funds for projects identified
22 within the plan.

23 (G) Provides technical assistance to disadvantaged communities,
24 vulnerable populations, under-resourced communities, including
25 those with access and functional needs or with at-risk infrastructure,
26 or both, socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers, and
27 economically distressed areas.

28 80592. Of the funds made available by Section 80590, one
29 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon
30 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Strategic Growth Council
31 for the implementation of the Transformative Climate Communities
32 Program established pursuant to Section 75240 for projects that
33 address wildfire, flood, drought, heat, air pollution, and other
34 climate risks and that improve the resilience of local communities.

35 80593. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80590, fifty
36 million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation
37 by the Legislature, to the Office of Emergency Services and the
38 Strategic Growth Council for competitive grants for the creation
39 of strategically located community resilience centers across diverse
40 regions of the state at eligible community facilities. These grants

1 shall be awarded to eligible community facilities that model
2 integrated delivery of emergency response services during
3 disruptions, including zero-emission backup power, drinking water,
4 clean air, cooling, food storage, shelter, telecommunications and
5 broadband services, economic assistance, and other health
6 protection measures and emergency resources during a disaster,
7 state of emergency, local emergency, or public safety power shutoff
8 event. Grants shall be prioritized to proposed centers that
9 demonstrate involvement of community-based organizations and
10 community residents within governance and decisionmaking
11 processes.

12 (b) The Office of Emergency Services and the Strategic Growth
13 Council shall coordinate with the Department of Food and
14 Agriculture to ensure there is no duplication with funding awarded
15 under Section 80594.

16 (c) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

17 (1) “Eligible community facilities” include senior and youth
18 centers, park and recreation sites, libraries, health clinics, hospitals,
19 schools, town halls, food banks, homeless shelters, childcare
20 facilities, community centers, community nonprofit facilities
21 providing essential services, places of worship, community land
22 trusts, and fairgrounds.

23 (2) “Public safety power shutoff” means a preventative measure
24 to deenergize all, or a portion, of an electric generation,
25 distribution, or transmission system when the electricity provider
26 reasonably believes there is an imminent and significant risk that
27 strong winds, or other extreme and potentially dangerous weather
28 events, increase the probability of a wildfire.

29 80594. Of the funds made available by Section 80590, sixty
30 million dollars (\$60,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation
31 by the Legislature, to the Department of Food and Agriculture for
32 grants to fairgrounds operated by the network of California fairs
33 for modifications or upgrades that do one or both of the following
34 activities:

35 (a) Enhance the ability of those facilities to serve as multirole
36 community, staging, and evacuation centers to provide community
37 resilience benefits during a disaster, state of emergency, local
38 emergency, or public safety power shutoff event.

39 (b) Deploy communications and broadband infrastructure at
40 those facilities to improve their capability to serve as a multirole

1 community, staging, and evacuation centers and enhance local
2 telecommunications service.

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4 CHAPTER 9. FISCAL PROVISIONS
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6 80600. (a) Bonds in the total amount of six billion seven
7 hundred million dollars (\$6,700,000,000), not including the amount
8 of any refunding bonds issued in accordance with Section 80612,
9 may be issued and sold for carrying out the purposes expressed in
10 this division and to reimburse the General Obligation Bond
11 Expense Revolving Fund pursuant to Section 16724.5 of the
12 Government Code. The bonds, when sold, issued, and delivered,
13 shall be and constitute a valid and binding obligation of the State
14 of California, and the full faith and credit of the State of California
15 is hereby pledged for the punctual payment of both the principal
16 of, and interest on, the bonds as the principal and interest become
17 due and payable.

18 (b) The Treasurer shall cause the issuance and sell the bonds
19 authorized by the committee pursuant to subdivision (a) in the
20 amount determined by the committee to be necessary or desirable
21 pursuant to Section 80603. The bonds shall be issued and sold
22 upon the terms and conditions specified in a resolution to be
23 adopted by the committee pursuant to Section 16731 of the
24 Government Code.

25 80601. The bonds authorized by this division shall be prepared,
26 executed, issued, sold, paid, and redeemed as provided in the State
27 General Obligation Bond Law (Chapter 4 (commencing with
28 Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government
29 Code), as amended from time to time, and all of the provisions of
30 that law, except subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 16727 of the
31 Government Code, apply to the bonds and to this division and are
32 hereby incorporated in this division as though set forth in full in
33 this division.

34 80602. (a) Solely for the purpose of authorizing the issuance
35 and sale, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law
36 (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division
37 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code), of the bonds authorized by
38 this division, the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention,
39 Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation,
40 and Workforce Development Bond Finance Committee is hereby

1 created. For purposes of this division, the Safe Drinking Water,
2 Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection,
3 Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond
4 Finance Committee is the “committee,” as that term is used in the
5 State General Obligation Bond Law.

6 (b) The committee consists of the Director of Finance, the
7 Treasurer, the Controller, and the Secretary of the Natural
8 Resources Agency. Notwithstanding any other law, any member
9 may designate a representative to act as that member in that
10 member’s place for all purposes, as though the member were
11 personally present.

12 (c) The Treasurer shall serve as the chairperson of the
13 committee.

14 (d) A majority of the committee may act for the committee.

15 80603. The committee shall by resolution determine whether
16 or not it is necessary or desirable to issue and sell bonds authorized
17 by this division in order to carry out the actions specified in this
18 division and, if so, the amount of bonds to be issued and sold.
19 Successive issues of bonds may be authorized and sold to carry
20 out those actions progressively, and it is not necessary that all of
21 the bonds authorized to be issued be sold at any one time.

22 80604. For purposes of the State General Obligation Bond Law
23 (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division
24 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code), “board,” as defined in
25 Section 16722 of the Government Code, means the Secretary of
26 the Natural Resources Agency.

27 80605. There shall be collected each year and in the same
28 manner and at the same time as other state revenue is collected,
29 in addition to the ordinary revenues of the state, a sum in an amount
30 required to pay the principal of, and interest on, the bonds
31 becoming due in that year. It is the duty of all officers charged by
32 law with any duty regarding the collection of the revenue to do
33 and perform each and every act that is necessary to collect that
34 additional sum.

35 80606. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government
36 Code, there is hereby continuously appropriated from the General
37 Fund in the State Treasury, for the purposes of this division, and
38 without regard to fiscal years, an amount that will equal the total
39 of the following:

1 (a) The sum annually necessary to pay the principal of, and
2 interest on, bonds issued and sold pursuant to this division, as the
3 principal and interest become due and payable.

4 (b) The sum that is necessary to carry out Section 80609.

5 80607. The board may request the Pooled Money Investment
6 Board to make a loan from the Pooled Money Investment Account
7 in accordance with Section 16312 of the Government Code, for
8 the purpose of carrying out this division. The amount of the loan
9 shall not exceed the amount of the unsold bonds that the committee
10 has, by resolution, authorized to be sold for the purpose of carrying
11 out this division, excluding any refunding bonds authorized
12 pursuant to Section 80612, less any amount loaned and not yet
13 repaid pursuant to this section and withdrawn from the General
14 Fund pursuant to Section 80609 and not yet returned to the General
15 Fund. The board shall execute those documents required by the
16 Pooled Money Investment Board to obtain and repay the loan. Any
17 amounts loaned shall be deposited in the fund to be allocated in
18 accordance with this division.

19 80608. Notwithstanding any other provision of this division,
20 or of the State General Obligation Bond Law (Chapter 4
21 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title
22 2 of the Government Code), if the Treasurer sells bonds pursuant
23 to this chapter that include a bond counsel opinion to the effect
24 that the interest on the bonds is excluded from gross income for
25 federal tax purposes under designated conditions or is otherwise
26 entitled to any federal tax advantage, the Treasurer may maintain
27 separate accounts for the bond proceeds invested and for the
28 investment earnings on those proceeds and may use or direct the
29 use of those proceeds or earnings to pay any rebate, penalty, or
30 other payment required under federal law or take any other action
31 with respect to the investment and use of those bond proceeds, as
32 may be required or desirable under federal law in order to maintain
33 the tax-exempt status of those bonds and to obtain any other
34 advantage under federal law on behalf of the funds of this state.

35 80609. For purposes of carrying out this division, the Director
36 of Finance may authorize the withdrawal from the General Fund
37 of an amount or amounts not to exceed the amount of the unsold
38 bonds that have been authorized by the committee to be sold for
39 the purpose of carrying out this division, excluding refunding
40 bonds authorized pursuant to Section 80612, less any amount

1 loaned pursuant to Section 80607 and not yet repaid and any
2 amount withdrawn from the General Fund pursuant to this section
3 and not yet returned to the General Fund. Any amounts withdrawn
4 shall be deposited in the fund to be allocated in accordance with
5 this division. Any moneys made available under this section shall
6 be returned to the General Fund, with interest at the rate earned
7 by the moneys in the Pooled Money Investment Account, from
8 proceeds received from the sale of bonds for the purpose of
9 carrying out this division.

10 80610. All moneys deposited in the fund that are derived from
11 premiums and accrued interest on bonds sold pursuant to this
12 division shall be reserved in the fund and shall be available for
13 transfer to the General Fund as a credit to expenditures for bond
14 interest, except that amounts derived from premiums may be
15 reserved and used to pay the cost of bond issuance before any
16 transfer to the General Fund.

17 80611. Pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law
18 (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division
19 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code), the cost of bond issuance
20 shall be paid or reimbursed out of the bond proceeds, including
21 premiums, if any. To the extent the cost of bond issuance is not
22 paid from premiums received from the sale of bonds, these costs
23 shall be allocated proportionally to each program funded through
24 this division by the applicable bond sale.

25 80612. The bonds issued and sold pursuant to this division
26 may be refunded in accordance with Article 6 (commencing with
27 Section 16780) of Chapter 4 of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of
28 the Government Code, which is a part of the State General
29 Obligation Bond Law. Approval by the voters of the state for the
30 issuance of the bonds under this division shall include approval
31 of the issuance, sale, or exchange of any bonds issued to refund
32 any bonds originally issued under this division or any previously
33 issued refunding bonds. Any bond refunded with the proceeds of
34 a refunding bond as authorized by this section may be legally
35 defeased to the extent permitted by law in the manner and to the
36 extent set forth in the resolution, as amended from time to time,
37 authorizing that refunded bond.

38 80613. Notwithstanding Section 16727 of the Government
39 Code, funds provided pursuant to this division may be used for
40 grants and loans to nonprofit organizations to repay financing

1 described in Section 22064 of the Financial Code related to projects
2 that are consistent with the purpose of the respective provisions
3 of this division.

4 80614. The proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this
5 division are not “proceeds of taxes” as that term is used in Article
6 XIII B of the California Constitution, and the disbursement of
7 these proceeds is not subject to the limitations imposed by that
8 article.

9 80615. Bonds issued under this division shall, whenever
10 practical, be aligned with generally recognized principles and best
11 practice guidelines for financing climate mitigation, adaptation,
12 or resilience projects.

13 SEC. 3. Section 2 of this act shall take effect upon the approval
14 by the voters of the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention,
15 Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation,
16 and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022, as set forth in
17 Section 2 of this act.

18 SEC. 4. Section 2 of this act shall be submitted by the Secretary
19 of State to the voters at the November 8, 2022, statewide general
20 election in accordance with provisions of the Government Code
21 and the Elections Code governing the submission of a statewide
22 measure to the voters.

23 SEC. 5. The provisions of this act are severable. If any
24 provision of this act or its application is held invalid, that invalidity
25 shall not affect other provisions or applications that can be given
26 effect without the invalid provision or application.

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March 8, 2021

Assemblymember Ken Cooley
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3016
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill (AB) 1546 – Alhambra Unified School District: California Voting Rights Act

Dear Assemblymember Cooley:

I request approval to add an urgency clause to AB 1546, which would create a special exception to permit the City of Alhambra and the Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD) to conduct a special election on any established election date as specified in Elections Code, thereby enabling the AUSD to proceed with its transition from at-large to by-trustee-area elections for members of the board of education consistent with the Elections and Education Code requirements.

The urgency clause is necessary because Measure G on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot sought to remove from the Charter all references to the AUSD. However, Measure G only appeared on the ballots of voters residing in the City of Alhambra and not on the ballots of voters in the AUSD residing outside the City boundaries. Under existing law, a charter amendment for a city must be submitted to voters at an established statewide general election. Consequently, the City of Alhambra and the AUSD are prohibited from conducting a special election to amend the Charter prior to the next statewide election on November 8, 2022.

As a result, legislation with an urgency clause is necessary to authorize the City of Alhambra to submit a proposal to remove all references to the AUSD from the charter at a special election held on specified election dates before the next established statewide general election.

Please contact my Chief of Staff, Edmundo Cuevas, at (916) 319-2220 should you have any questions. Thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,

ED CHAU
Assemblymember, 49th District

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1546

Introduced by Assembly Member Chau

February 19, 2021

An act relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 1546, as introduced, Chau. City of Alhambra: charter amendment: Alhambra Unified School District: California Voting Rights Act.

Existing law authorizes the governing body of a city or city and county to propose an amendment to the charter of the city or city and county, and to submit the proposal to the voters at the next established statewide general election, provided there are at least 88 days before the election. The California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (CVRA) prohibits the use of an at-large election in a political subdivision, as defined, if it would impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or otherwise influence the outcome of an election.

This bill would authorize the governing body of the City of Alhambra to submit a proposal to amend the charter of the City of Alhambra to remove all references to the Alhambra Unified School District from the charter at a special election held on specified election dates before the next established statewide general election.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the City of Alhambra because of certain unique circumstances and the need to enable the Alhambra Unified School District to complete its transition to an election system that complies with the CVRA before January 1, 2022.

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

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding Section 34458 of the
2 Government Code or any other law, the governing body of the
3 City of Alhambra, on its own motion, may submit a proposal to
4 amend the charter of the City of Alhambra to remove all references
5 to the Alhambra Unified School District from the charter at a
6 special election held on any of the election dates specified in
7 Section 1000 of the Elections Code before the next established
8 statewide general election.

9 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special statute
10 is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable
11 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California
12 Constitution because of the unique circumstances facing the City
13 of Alhambra and the Alhambra Unified School District regarding
14 the November 3, 2020, election on Measure G and the need to
15 enable the Alhambra Unified School District to complete its
16 transition to an election system that complies with the California
17 Voting Rights Act of 2001 (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section
18 14025) of Division 14 of the Elections Code) before January 1,
19 2022.

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