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SENATE BILL

No. 1180

Introduced by Senator Runner

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Sharon Runner and Smyth)

February 8, 2008

An act to amend Section 33204.4 of the Public Resources Code, relating to parks and open space.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1180, as amended, Runner. Parks and open space: Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor: boundary revisions.

(1) Existing law provides that, if the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy determines, based on relevant scientific information and land use planning studies, that a revision of the boundaries of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor in the vicinity of Placerita Canyon State Park east of Route 14, including Whitney Canyon, is necessary, the executive director of the conservancy is required to prepare and file with the specified state official and committees of the Legislature, a revised map showing the changes in the boundaries of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor.

This bill would, instead, authorize the conservancy to revise the boundaries of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor in the vicinity of the City of Santa Clarita, including Whitney Canyon, Elsmere Canyon, and their adjacent watersheds. An owner of property located in Elsmere Canyon, and its adjacent watershed, would be authorized, at any time, to request of the conservancy, in writing, that his or her property be included within the boundaries of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor. The conservancy, upon receipt of the request, would be authorized, in

accordance with specified procedures, to revise the map showing the boundaries of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor to include within the corridor the property in Elsmere Canyon or its adjacent watersheds that is the subject of the request. The bill would provide that the above authorization to the property owner would not affect inclusion of the property in the corridor pursuant to existing law or other provisions of law. *The bill would prohibit the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy from expending state funds to acquire or develop property in Elsmere Canyon and its adjacent watersheds.*

(2) Existing law provides that the provision related to the revision of boundaries of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor shall not be interpreted to affect any portion of Elsmere Canyon, or to have an effect on the decision whether or not to permit Elsmere Canyon as a solid waste facility, as identified in the final Los Angeles County Countywide Siting Element.

This bill would delete this provision.

(3) This bill would also make a technical, nonsubstantive change.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 33204.4 of the Public Resources Code
2 is amended to read:

3 33204.4. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
4 following:

5 (1) The boundary of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor should
6 be determined exclusively upon the best scientific and
7 resource-based information regarding trail, recreational, and
8 environmental resources in the area.

9 (2) Landowners, local government entities, members of the
10 public, and other affected parties should be afforded maximum
11 participation in the process by which the Rim of the Valley Trail
12 Corridor is delineated.

13 (b) (1) Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 33105.5,
14 if the conservancy determines, based on relevant scientific
15 information and land use planning studies, and after holding at
16 least one public hearing in the area that would be affected by a
17 revision of the boundaries of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor,
18 that a boundary revision in the vicinity of the City of Santa Clarita,

1 including Whitney Canyon, Elsmere Canyon, and their adjacent
2 watersheds, is necessary, the executive director shall prepare and
3 file with the Secretary of State, the Assembly Committee on
4 Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources
5 and Water, a revised map showing the changes in the boundaries
6 of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor.

7 (2) A revised map prepared pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be
8 supported by relevant scientific information and be in accordance
9 with the purposes and objectives of Section 33204.3.

10 (3) (A) An owner of property located in Elsmere Canyon or its
11 adjacent watersheds, at any time, may request of the conservancy,
12 in writing, that his or her property be included within the
13 boundaries of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor. Upon receipt
14 of the request, the conservancy may, in accordance with the
15 procedures prescribed in paragraphs (1) and (2), revise the map
16 showing the boundaries of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor
17 to include within the corridor the property in Elsmere Canyon or
18 its adjacent watersheds that is the subject of the request.

19 (B) ~~Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall affect Subparagraph (A)~~
20 *does not affect the* inclusion of the property in the corridor pursuant
21 to other provisions of this section or other provisions of law.

22 (c) *The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy shall not expend*
23 *state funds to acquire or develop property located in Elsmere*
24 *Canyon and its adjacent watersheds.*

25 (e)

26 (d) Notwithstanding Section 33201, nothing in this section shall
27 affect the jurisdiction of the State Coastal Conservancy.

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