

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, existing law establishes the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) in the Natural Resources Agency and prescribes the functions and duties of the Conservancy with regard to the protection, preservation and enhancement of specified areas of the Counties of Los Angeles and Orange located along the San Gabriel River and the lower Los Angeles River and tributaries along those rivers; and

WHEREAS, the territory of the Conservancy consists of portions of the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River, their respective tributaries, as well as the San Gabriel Mountains; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in the State legislature, are two bills pertaining to the Conservancy that are similar in nature, AB 2897 (O'Donnell) and SB 1122 (Allen); and

WHEREAS, AB 2897 and SB 1122 seek to expand the territory of the Conservancy by including the Dominguez Channel watershed, the coastal watersheds of Manhattan Beach to the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and Santa Catalina Island; and

WHEREAS, SB 1122 would also direct the Conservancy to update the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Parkway and Open Space Plan to include the priorities for conservation and enhanced public use within the Dominguez Channel watershed, coastal watersheds of Manhattan Beach to the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and Santa Catalina Island; and

WHEREAS, by including these areas within the Conservancy's jurisdiction, the State is ensuring that their unique open space and wildlife habitat and conservation efforts will be preserved and enhanced for the surrounding communities and generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2897 (O'Donnell) and SB 1122 (Allen) which seek to expand the territory of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy by including the Dominguez Channel watershed, the coastal watersheds of Manhattan Beach to the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and Santa Catalina Island and to update the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Parkway and Open Space Plan in order to preserve their unique open space and wildlife habitat.

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Councilmember, 15th District

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