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An act to amend Section 5854 of the Public Resources Code, relating to parks and recreation, and making an appropriation therefor, to take effect immediately, bill related to the budget.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 5854 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

5854. (a) In accordance with the requirements of subdivision (c), the commission shall develop and adopt a plan and implementation program, including a finance and maintenance plan, for a continuous regional recreational corridor that ~~will extend~~ extends around the delta, including, but not limited to, the delta's shorelines in Contra Costa, Solano, San Joaquin, Sacramento, and Yolo Counties. This plan shall link the San Francisco Bay Trail system to the planned Sacramento River trails in Yolo and Sacramento Counties. This plan shall include a specific route of a bicycling and hiking trail, the relationship of the route to existing and proposed park and recreational facilities and land and water trail systems, and links to existing and proposed public transportation and transit. The transportation and transit links may include, but are not limited to, roadside bus stops, transit facilities, and transportation facilities. The continuous regional recreational corridor planned and executed pursuant to this chapter shall be called the Great California Delta Trail. The continuous regional recreational corridor shall include, but not be limited to, bikeway systems, and hiking and bicycling trails.

(b) The Great California Delta Trail plan shall do all of the following:

(1) Provide that designated environmentally sensitive areas, including wildlife habitats and wetlands, shall not be adversely affected by the trail.

(2) Provide for appropriate buffer zones along those portions of the bikeway system adjacent to designated environmentally sensitive areas and areas with private uses, when appropriate.

(3) Provide that the land and funds used for any purposes under this chapter are not considered mitigation for wetlands losses.

(4) Provide alternative routes to avoid impingement on environmentally sensitive areas, traditional hunting and fishing areas, and areas with private uses, when appropriate.

(5) Provide that no motorized vehicles, except to the extent necessary for emergency services, including, but not limited to, medical and structural emergencies, and for handicap access, be allowed on the trail.

(c) The commission may develop and adopt the plan and the implementation program if it receives sufficient funds, from sources other than the General Fund, to either (1) finance the full costs of developing and adopting the plan or (2) develop and implement a defined portion of the plan, such as specific trail segments and related facilities identified in the plan. The commission shall submit the plan and the implementation program to the Legislature and each of the counties within the commission's service area not later than two years after the commission determines that sufficient funds will be available to complete all or a defined portion of the plan and implementation program.

(d) The commission shall administer the funds used in the planning of the trail.

SEC. 2. This act is a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill within the meaning of subdivision (e) of Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution, has been identified as related to the budget in the Budget Bill, and shall take effect immediately.



LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.
as introduced, _____.
General Subject: The Great California Delta Trail System.

(1) Existing law establishes the Delta Protection Commission to preserve, protect, maintain, and enhance the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta region's environmental resources and quality, including preserving and protecting agriculture, wildlife habitats, open spaces, outdoor recreational activities, public access, and use of public lands. Existing law requires the commission to develop and adopt a plan and implementation program, including a finance and maintenance plan, for a continuous regional recreational corridor that extends around the delta, as described. Existing law further authorizes the commission to develop and adopt the plan and implementation program if it receives sufficient funds, from sources other than the General Fund, to finance the full costs of developing and adopting the plan. Existing law requires the commission to submit the plan and the implementation program to the Legislature and each of the counties within the commission's service area no later than 2 years after the commission determines that sufficient funds will be available to complete the plan and implementation program.

This bill would instead authorize the commission to develop and adopt the plan and implementation program if it receives sufficient funds, from sources other than the General Fund, to either (1) finance the full costs of developing and adopting the plan or (2) develop and implement a defined portion of the plan, such as specific trail segments and related facilities identified in the plan. The bill would require the commission to submit the plan and the implementation program to the Legislature and each of the counties within the commission's service area no later than 2 years after the commission determines that sufficient funds will be available to complete all or a defined portion of the plan and implementation program.

(2) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill.

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

