


**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

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TITLE	Informational Update Regarding Early Budget Action
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RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item.

BACKGROUND

On April 4, 2025 Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 100 (Gabriel D-Encino), which allocates over \$170 million in accelerated funding to conservancies for forest and vegetation management across California. The bill also allocates \$10 million to support wildfire response and resiliency.

This follows a State of Emergency Declaration by the Governor on March 1, 2025 and a subsequent Executive Order. The Executive Order seeks to ensure the wildfire safety projects funded under AB 100 benefit from streamlining under the emergency proclamation. The emergency proclamation fast-tracks critical wildfire prevention projects statewide. The proclamation suspends provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and California Coastal Act (CCA) for expediting critical fuels reduction projects. The proclamation also provides for suspension of state statutes, rules, regulations and requirements beyond CEQA and CCA which fall within the jurisdiction of boards, departments and offices within the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) and California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA). Following a request to the appropriate Agency Secretary, the Agency Secretary or the Secretary's designee must determine if the proposed activities are eligible to be conducted under this Emergency Declaration.

Critical Wildfire Prevention Projects include:

- Removal of hazardous, dead and/or dying trees;
- Removal of vegetation for the creation of strategic fuel breaks;
- Removal of vegetation for community defensible space;
- Removal of vegetation along roadways, highways and freeways for safer ingress and egress routes;
- Removal of vegetation using cultural and traditional ecological knowledge for cultural burning and/or prescribed fire treatments for fuels reduction;
- Maintenance of previously established fuel breaks for fuels modification projects.

ANALYSIS

AB 100 implements the “early action” 2025 budget package to address items necessary to adopt this fiscal year including a large portion of the Proposition 4 Climate Bond funding for wildfire funding. Funding to state conservancies includes:

\$30,904,000 to the State Coastal Conservancy

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\$23,524,000 to the California Tahoe Conservancy

\$31,349,000 to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

\$30,904,000 to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

\$23,524,000 to the San Diego River Conservancy

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.