

**REPORT OF THE  
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

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DATE: June 7, 2022

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM:

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Council File No. 22-0002-S82  
Assignment No: 22-05-0306

SUBJECT: Resolution to SUPPORT AB 2897 (O'Donnell) and SB 1122 (Allen).

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution (Buscaino – Bonin) to include in the City's 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.

SUMMARY

The Resolution (Buscaino – Bonin), introduced May 17, 2022, advises that 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. The Resolution notes that there are two bills pending in the State legislature pertaining to the Conservancy that are similar in nature: AB 2897 (O'Donnell) and SB 1122 (Allen). These bills 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. The Resolution further notes that SB 1122 (Allen) 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 expanded territory of the Conservancy. The Resolution states that 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.

Therefore, the Resolution requests that the City include in its 2021-22 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 and to update the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Parkway and Open Space Plan as specified in order to preserve their unique open space and wildlife habitat.

## BACKGROUND

Both AB 2897 (O'Donnell) and SB 1122 (Allen) use identical language with the intent of expanding the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy in the Natural Resources Agency to include the Dominguez Channel watershed, the coastal watersheds of Manhattan Beach to the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and Santa Catalina Island. Currently, the Conservancy includes specified areas of the Counties of Los Angeles and Orange located along the San Gabriel River and the lower Los Angeles River, and the tributaries along those rivers. The expansion would allow the Conservancy to support projects and provide grants to wilderness conservation efforts thereby benefitting the surrounding communities.

SB 1122 (Allen) would also require 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, the coastal watersheds of Manhattan Beach to the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and Santa Catalina Island.

The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Parkway and Open Space Plan currently includes policies and priorities for the conservation of the San Gabriel River and its watershed, the Lower Los Angeles River, and the San Gabriel Mountains, and identifies underused existing public open spaces and includes recommendations for providing better public use and enjoyment.

### **AB 2897**

AB 2897 (O'Donnell) is currently inactive as it failed to move from the Assembly's Committee process by April 29, 2022, pursuant to Joint Senate and Assembly Rule 61(b)(5). The Rule specifies the last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills to a fiscal committee introduced in their house. The Rule may be suspended by a 2/3 vote of the Assembly. This bill is currently referred to the Assembly's Natural Resources Committee. SB 1122 (Allen) remains active with identical language.

## DEPARTMENTS NOTIFIED

None

## BILL STATUS

### ***AB 2897 (O'Donnell)***

03/17/22 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources  
04/29/22 Inactive pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5)

### ***SB 1122 (Allen)***

02/23/22 Referred to Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water  
03/22/22 Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations  
05/24/22 Introduced in Assembly  
05/27/22 Referred to Assembly Committee on Natural Resources

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Attachment: 1. Resolution (Buscaino – Bonin)  
2. AB 2897 (O'Donnell)  
3. SB 1122 (Allen)

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.

PRESENTED BY: Joe Buscaino  
JOE BUSCAINO  
Councilmember, 15<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: [Signature]

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ORIGINAL

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2897**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member O'Donnell**

February 18, 2022

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An act to amend Sections 32601, 32602, and 32603 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2897, as introduced, O'Donnell. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy: territory: Dominguez Channel watershed and Santa Catalina Island.

Existing law establishes the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains 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. Existing law, for purposes of those provisions, defines "territory" to mean the territory of the conservancy that consists of those portions of the Counties of Los Angeles and Orange located within the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, as described.

This bill would additionally include the Dominguez Channel watershed and Santa Catalina Island, as described, within that definition of territory, and would make various related changes to the boundaries of that territory.

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 32601 of the Public Resources Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 32601. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the San  
4 Gabriel River and its tributaries, the ~~Lower~~ *lower* Los Angeles  
5 River and its tributaries, *the Dominguez Channel watershed*, and  
6 the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, ~~and San Jose Hills~~ *Hills*,  
7 *and Santa Catalina Island* constitute a unique and important  
8 open-space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific,  
9 educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should  
10 be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment  
11 of, and appreciation by, present and future generations.

12 SEC. 2. Section 32602 of the Public Resources Code is  
13 amended to read:

14 32602. There is in the *Natural Resources Agency*, ~~Agency~~ the  
15 San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains  
16 Conservancy, which is created as a state agency for the following  
17 purposes:

18 (a) To acquire and manage public lands within the ~~Lower~~ *lower*  
19 Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, *the*  
20 *Dominguez Channel watershed*, and *Santa Catalina Island*, and  
21 to provide open-space, low-impact recreational and educational  
22 uses, water conservation, watershed improvement, wildlife and  
23 habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvement  
24 within the territory.

25 (b) To preserve the San Gabriel River and the ~~Lower~~ *lower* Los  
26 Angeles ~~River~~ *River*, *the Dominguez Channel watershed*, and  
27 *Santa Catalina Island* consistent with existing and adopted river  
28 and flood control projects for the protection of life and property.

29 (c) To acquire open-space lands within the territory of the  
30 conservancy.

31 (d) To provide for the public’s enjoyment and enhancement of  
32 recreational and educational experiences on public lands in the  
33 San Gabriel Watershed and ~~Lower~~ *lower* Los Angeles River, ~~and~~  
34 the San Gabriel ~~Mountains~~ *Mountains*, *the Dominguez Channel*  
35 *watershed*, and *Santa Catalina Island* in a manner consistent with  
36 the protection of lands and resources in those watersheds.

37 SEC. 3. Section 32603 of the Public Resources Code is  
38 amended to read:

1 32603. As used in this division, the following terms have the  
2 following ~~meaning~~: *meanings*:

3 (a) “Board” means the governing board of the San Gabriel and  
4 Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

5 (b) “Conservancy” means the San Gabriel and Lower Los  
6 Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. The conservancy  
7 may also be known as the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

8 (c) (1) “Territory” means the territory of the conservancy that  
9 consists of those portions of *the Counties of Los Angeles County*  
10 ~~and Orange County~~ located within the San Gabriel River and its  
11 tributaries, the lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, ~~and~~  
12 *the San Gabriel Mountains, the Dominguez Channel watershed,*  
13 *and Santa Catalina Island*, including, without limitation, all of the  
14 following:

15 (A) The hydrologic basin or watershed that coincides with the  
16 upper San Gabriel River watershed, including the Upper Rio Hondo  
17 tributary, but not including any land area within the Santa Monica  
18 Mountains Conservancy as described in Chapter 2 (commencing  
19 with Section 33100) and Chapter 3 (commencing with Section  
20 33200) of Division 23. The hydrologic basin or watershed is  
21 bounded by the San Gabriel Mountains to the north, the San Jose  
22 Hills to the east, the Puente Hills to the south, and by a series of  
23 hills and the Raymond Fault to the west.

24 (B) The hydrologic basin or watershed that coincides with the  
25 lower San Gabriel River watershed.

26 (C) The San Gabriel Mountains, including the Foothills  
27 Mountains Conservancy and the Puente Hills and San Jose Hills  
28 area, except any land area within the Santa Monica Mountains  
29 Conservancy as described in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section  
30 33100) and Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 33200) of  
31 Division 23.

32 (D) The hydrologic basin or watershed that coincides with the  
33 lower Los Angeles River south of the northernmost boundary of  
34 the City of Vernon, as of June 1, 1999, except any land area within  
35 the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, as described in Chapter  
36 2 (commencing with Section 33100) and Chapter 3 (commencing  
37 with Section 33200) of Division 23.

38 (E) *The hydrologic basin or watershed that coincides with the*  
39 *Dominguez Channel watershed bounded by Manchester Boulevard*

1 *in the City of Inglewood to the north and the Los Angeles and Long*  
 2 *Beach Harbors to the south.*

3 *(F) Santa Catalina Island, including the City of Avalon and*  
 4 *unincorporated areas on the island.*

5 (2) To assist persons in understanding the breadth of the territory  
 6 included within the territory described in paragraph (1), the  
 7 Legislature declares ~~that~~ that territory includes the territory in all  
 8 of the following cities and areas:

9 (A) The territory within the city *or community* boundaries, as  
 10 of January 1, ~~2000~~, 2023, of the following ~~cities~~: *cities and*  
 11 *communities*: Alhambra, Anaheim, Arcadia, Artesia, *Avalon*,  
 12 Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Bradbury,  
 13 ~~Brea~~, Buena Park, *Carson*, Cerritos, Claremont, Commerce,  
 14 Compton, Covina, Cudahy, Cypress, Diamond Bar, Downey,  
 15 Duarte, El Monte, Fullerton, *Gardena*, Glendora, Hawaiian  
 16 Gardens, *Hawthorne*, Huntington Park, Industry, Irwindale, La  
 17 Habra, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, La Palma, La Puente, La  
 18 Verne, Lakewood, *Lawndale*, Long Beach, Los Alamitos,  
 19 Lynwood, Maywood, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park,  
 20 Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, ~~Placentia~~, Pomona, *Rancho*  
 21 *Palos Verdes*, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, *San Pedro*,  
 22 Santa Fe Springs, Seal Beach, Signal Hill, South El Monte, South  
 23 Gate, Temple City, Vernon, Walnut, West Covina, *Whittier*,  
 24 *Willowbrook*, and ~~Whittier~~. *Wilmington*.

25 (B) *Portions of the following cities and communities that fall*  
 26 *within the definition of territory described in paragraph (1): Brea,*  
 27 *El Segundo, Los Angeles, Inglewood, Manhattan Beach, Palos*  
 28 *Verdes Estates, Placentia, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling*  
 29 *Hills Estates, and Torrance.*

30 ~~(B)~~

31 (C) The unincorporated areas of *the Counties of Los Angeles*  
 32 ~~County~~ and Orange ~~County~~ adjacent to the San Gabriel River and  
 33 its tributaries, the lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, the  
 34 *Dominguez Channel watershed, Santa Catalina Island, the San*  
 35 *Gabriel Mountains, the Foothill Mountains, the Puente Hills, and*  
 36 *the San Jose Hills area including, but not limited to, East Los*  
 37 *Angeles.*

1 (d) Nothing in this section shall affect the jurisdiction of any  
2 other state conservancy.

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AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 7, 2022

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1122**

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**Introduced by Senator Allen**

February 16, 2022

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~~An act to amend Section 31102 of the Public Resources Code, relating to coastal resources. An act to amend Sections 32601, 32602, 32603, and 32604 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1122, as amended, Allen. ~~State Coastal Conservancy: vice chair. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy: territory.~~

*Existing law establishes the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains 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. Existing law, for purposes of those provisions, defines "territory" to mean the territory of the conservancy that consists of those portions of the Counties of Los Angeles and Orange located within the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, as described.*

*This bill would additionally include the Dominguez Channel watershed, the coastal watersheds of Manhattan Beach to the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and Santa Catalina Island, as described, within that definition of territory, and would make various related changes to the boundaries of that territory.*

*Existing law requires the conservancy to prepare a San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Parkway and Open Space Plan with specified elements to be approved by specified entities.*

*This bill would require 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, the coastal watersheds of Manhattan Beach to the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and Santa Catalina Island.*

~~Existing law establishes the State Coastal Conservancy in the Natural Resources Agency, consisting of 7 members, 4 of which are members of the public, as specified. Existing law requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources agency to select one of the public members to serve as the chair of the conservancy.~~

~~This bill would authorize the members of the conservancy to select a vice chair by majority vote.~~

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 32601 of the Public Resources Code is*  
2 *amended to read:*

3 32601. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the San  
4 Gabriel River and its tributaries, the ~~Lower~~ lower Los Angeles  
5 River and its tributaries, ~~and~~ the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente  
6 Hills, ~~and~~ San Jose Hills Hills, Santa Catalina Island, Dominguez  
7 Channel watershed, and coastal watersheds of Manhattan Beach  
8 to the Palos Verdes Peninsula constitute a unique and important  
9 open-space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific,  
10 educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should  
11 be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment  
12 of, and appreciation by, present and future generations.

13 *SEC. 2. Section 32602 of the Public Resources Code is*  
14 *amended to read:*

15 32602. There is in the ~~Natural Resources Agency, Agency~~ the  
16 San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains  
17 Conservancy, which is created as a state agency for the following  
18 purposes:

19 (a) To acquire and manage public lands within the ~~Lower~~ lower  
20 Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, *the*

1 *Dominguez Channel watershed, the coastal watersheds of*  
2 *Manhattan Beach to the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and Santa*  
3 *Catalina Island, and to provide for open-space, low-impact*  
4 recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed  
5 improvement, wildlife and habitat restoration and protection, and  
6 watershed improvement within the territory.

7 (b) To preserve the San Gabriel River and the ~~Lower lower~~ Los  
8 Angeles ~~River~~ River; *the Dominguez Channel watershed, the*  
9 *coastal watersheds of Manhattan Beach to the Palos Verdes*  
10 *Peninsula, and Santa Catalina Island* consistent with existing and  
11 adopted river and flood control projects for the protection of life  
12 and property.

13 (c) To acquire open-space lands within the territory of the  
14 conservancy.

15 (d) To provide for the public’s enjoyment and enhancement of  
16 recreational and educational experiences on public lands in the  
17 San Gabriel Watershed and ~~Lower lower~~ Los Angeles River, ~~and~~  
18 the San Gabriel ~~Mountains~~ Mountains, *the Dominguez Channel*  
19 *watershed, the coastal watersheds of Manhattan Beach to the*  
20 *Palos Verdes Peninsula, and Santa Catalina Island* in a manner  
21 consistent with the protection of lands and resources in those  
22 watersheds.

23 *SEC. 3. Section 32603 of the Public Resources Code is*  
24 *amended to read:*

25 32603. As used in this division, the following terms have the  
26 following ~~meaning:~~ *meanings:*

27 (a) “Board” means the governing board of the San Gabriel and  
28 Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

29 (b) “Conservancy” means the San Gabriel and Lower Los  
30 Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. The conservancy  
31 may also be known as the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

32 (c) (1) “Territory” means the territory of the conservancy that  
33 consists of those portions of *the Counties of Los Angeles County*  
34 *and Orange County* located within the San Gabriel River and its  
35 tributaries, the lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, ~~and~~  
36 the San Gabriel Mountains, *the Dominguez Channel watershed,*  
37 *the coastal watersheds of Manhattan Beach to the Palos Verdes*  
38 *Peninsula, and Santa Catalina Island, including, without limitation,*  
39 all of the following:

1 (A) The hydrologic basin or watershed that coincides with the  
2 upper San Gabriel River watershed, including the Upper Rio Hondo  
3 tributary, but not including any land area within the Santa Monica  
4 Mountains Conservancy as described in Chapter 2 (commencing  
5 with Section 33100) and Chapter 3 (commencing with Section  
6 33200) of Division 23. The hydrologic basin or watershed is  
7 bounded by the San Gabriel Mountains to the north, the San Jose  
8 Hills to the east, the Puente Hills to the south, and by a series of  
9 hills and the Raymond Fault to the west.

10 (B) The hydrologic basin or watershed that coincides with the  
11 lower San Gabriel River watershed.

12 (C) The San Gabriel Mountains, including the Foothills  
13 Mountains Conservancy and the Puente Hills and San Jose Hills  
14 area, except any land area within the Santa Monica Mountains  
15 Conservancy as described in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section  
16 33100) and Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 33200) of  
17 Division 23.

18 (D) The hydrologic basin or watershed that coincides with the  
19 lower Los Angeles River south of the northernmost boundary of  
20 the City of Vernon, as of June 1, 1999, except any land area within  
21 the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, as described in Chapter  
22 2 (commencing with Section 33100) and Chapter 3 (commencing  
23 with Section 33200) of Division 23.

24 (E) *The hydrologic basin or watershed that coincides with the*  
25 *Dominguez Channel watershed bounded by Manchester Boulevard*  
26 *in the City of Inglewood to the north and the Los Angeles and Long*  
27 *Beach Harbors to the south.*

28 (F) *Santa Catalina Island, including the City of Avalon and*  
29 *unincorporated areas on the island.*

30 (2) To assist persons in understanding the breadth of the territory  
31 included within the territory described in paragraph (1), the  
32 Legislature declares that that territory includes the territory in all  
33 of the following cities and areas:

34 (A) The territory within the city *or community* boundaries, as  
35 of January 1, ~~2000~~, 2022, of the following ~~cities~~: *cities and*  
36 *communities*: Alhambra, Anaheim, Arcadia, Artesia, *Avalon*,  
37 Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Bradbury,  
38 ~~Brea~~, Buena Park, *Carson*, Cerritos, Claremont, Commerce,  
39 Compton, Covina, Cudahy, Cypress, Diamond Bar, Downey,  
40 Duarte, El Monte, Fullerton, *Gardena*, Glendora, Hawaiian

1 Gardens, *Hawthorne*, *Hermosa Beach*, Huntington Park, Industry,  
2 Irwindale, La Habra, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, La Palma, La  
3 Puente, La Verne, Lakewood, *Lawndale*, Long Beach, Los  
4 Alamitos, Lynwood, *Manhattan Beach*, Maywood, Monrovia,  
5 Montebello, Monterey Park, Norwalk, *Palos Verdes Estates*,  
6 Paramount, Pico Rivera, ~~Placentia~~, Pomona, *Rancho Palos Verdes*,  
7 Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, *San Pedro*, Santa Fe Springs,  
8 Seal Beach, Signal Hill, South El Monte, South Gate, Temple City,  
9 Vernon, Walnut, West Covina, *Whittier*, *Willowbrook*, and  
10 ~~Whittier~~. *Wilmington*.

11 (B) *Portions of the following cities and communities that fall*  
12 *within the definition of territory described in paragraph (1): Brea,*  
13 *El Segundo, Los Angeles, Inglewood, Placentia, Redondo Beach,*  
14 *Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and Torrance.*

15 ~~(B)~~

16 (C) The unincorporated areas of *the Counties of Los Angeles*  
17 ~~County~~ and Orange ~~County~~ adjacent to the San Gabriel River and  
18 its tributaries, the lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, the  
19 *Dominguez Channel watershed, Santa Catalina Island, the San*  
20 *Gabriel Mountains, the Foothill Mountains, the Puente Hills, and*  
21 *the San Jose Hills area including, but not limited to, East Los*  
22 *Angeles.*

23 (d) Nothing in this section shall affect the jurisdiction of any  
24 other state conservancy.

25 *SEC. 4. Section 32604 of the Public Resources Code is*  
26 *amended to read:*

27 32604. The conservancy shall do all of the following:

28 (a) Establish policies and priorities for the conservancy regarding  
29 the San Gabriel River and the ~~Lower~~ *lower* Los Angeles River,  
30 and their watersheds, and conduct any necessary planning activities,  
31 in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32602.

32 (b) Give priority to river related projects that create expanded  
33 opportunities for recreation, greening, aesthetic improvement, and  
34 wildlife habitat along the corridor of the river, and in parts of the  
35 river channel that can be improved for the above purposes without  
36 infringing on water quality, water supply, and necessary flood  
37 control.

38 (c) Approve conservancy funded projects that advance the  
39 policies and priorities set forth in Section 32602.

1 (d) Prepare a San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Parkway and  
2 Open Space Plan to be approved by a majority of the cities  
3 representing a majority of the population, the Board of Supervisors  
4 of Los Angeles County, the Central Basin Water Association, and  
5 the San Gabriel Valley Water Association. The plan shall include,  
6 but not be limited to, all of the following elements:

7 (1) A determination of the policies and priorities for the  
8 conservation of the San Gabriel River and its watershed, the ~~Lower~~  
9 *lower* Los Angeles River, and the San Gabriel Mountains, in  
10 accordance with the purposes of the conservancy as set forth in  
11 Section 32602.

12 (2) A plan for incorporating, as relevant, the principles and  
13 planning work contained within the Los Angeles River Master  
14 Plan prepared by the County of Los Angeles.

15 (3) An identification of underused existing public open spaces  
16 and recommendations for providing better public use and  
17 enjoyment in areas identified in the plan.

18 (4) An identification of, and a priority program for  
19 implementing, those additional low-impact recreational and open  
20 space needs, including additional or upgraded facilities and parks  
21 that may be necessary or desirable.

22 (e) *Update the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Parkway*  
23 *and Open Space Plan to include the priorities for conservation*  
24 *and enhanced public use within the Dominguez Channel watershed,*  
25 *coastal watersheds of Manhattan Beach to the Palos Verdes*  
26 *Peninsula, and Santa Catalina Island.*

27 ~~SECTION 1. Section 31102 of the Public Resources Code is~~  
28 ~~amended to read:~~

29 ~~31102. The Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency shall~~  
30 ~~select one of the public members to serve as the chair of the~~  
31 ~~conservancy. The public member shall serve as chair at the pleasure~~  
32 ~~of the secretary. The members of the conservancy may select a~~  
33 ~~vice chair by majority vote. A majority of the total authorized~~  
34 ~~membership of the conservancy shall constitute a quorum for the~~  
35 ~~transaction of any business under this division. The conservancy~~  
36 ~~shall adopt its own regulations.~~