

Proposition 12 Text Initiative

SECTION 1. Chapter 1.692 (commencing with Section 5096.300) is added to Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

Chapter 1.692. Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (The Villaraigosa-Keeley Act)

Article 1. General Provisions

5096.300. This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (the Villaraigosa-Keeley Act).

5096.301. Responding to the recreational and open-space needs of a growing population and expanding urban communities, this act will revive state stewardship of natural resources by investing in neighborhood parks and state parks, clean water protection, and coastal beaches and scenic areas.

5096.302. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) Historically, California's local and neighborhood parks often serve as the recreational, social, and cultural centers for cities and communities, providing venues for youth enrichment, senior activities, and family recreation.

(b) Neighborhood and state parks provide safe places to play in the urban neighborhoods, splendid scenic landscapes, exceptional experiences, and world-recognized recreational opportunities, and in so doing, are vital to California's quality of life and economy.

(c) For over a decade, the state's commitment to parks and natural resources has dwindled. California has not kept pace with the needed funding to adequately manage and maintain its multibillion dollar investment in neighborhood, urban, and state parks and natural areas resulting in disrepair and overcrowding of many park facilities and the degradation of wild lands.

(d) The magnificent Pacific Coast, outstanding mountain ranges, and unique scenic regions are the source of tremendous economic opportunity and contribute enormously to the quality of life of Californians.

(e) Continued economic success and enjoyment derived from California's natural resources depends on maintaining clean water, healthy ecosystems, and expanding public access for a growing state.

(f) The backlog of needs for repair and maintenance of local and urban parks exceeds two billion five hundred million dollars and the need for maintenance of state parks exceeds one billion dollars. The state's conservancies and wildlife agencies report a need for habitat acquisition and restoration exceeding \$1.8 billion.

(g) This act will begin to address these critical neighborhood park and natural resources needs.

5096.303. The Legislature further finds and declares all of the following:

(a) Air pollution continues to be a major problem in California which harms the health of our residents, costs our economy billions of dollars related to health care costs, reduced agricultural productivity, and damage to our infrastructure, and otherwise decreases the quality of life in our state.

(b) Forests and trees improve air quality by removing carbon dioxide, particulates, and other pollutants from the air, and by producing oxygen.

(c) Park, open-space, and tree planting projects also improve air quality and decrease congestion by reducing sprawl, improving the quality of life in areas that are already developed by helping local agencies implement sound land use plans that promote energy efficiency, and by providing incentives to reduce development in inappropriate areas.

5096.306. It is the intent of the Legislature to strongly encourage every state or local government agency receiving the bond funds allocated pursuant to this chapter for an activity to give full and proper consideration to the use of recycled and reusable products whenever possible with regard to carrying out that activity.

5096.307. (a) Every proposed activity to be funded pursuant to this chapter shall be in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000)).

(b) Lands acquired with funds allocated pursuant to this chapter shall be acquired from a willing seller of the land.

5096.3075. Upon a finding by the administering entity that a particular project for which funds have been allocated cannot be completed, or that the funds are in excess of the total needed, the Legislature may reallocate those funds for other high priority needs consistent with this act.

5096.308. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Acquisition" means the acquisition from a willing seller of a fee interest or any other interest, including easements and development rights, in real property from a willing seller.

(b) "Board" means the Secretary of the Resources Agency designated in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 5096.362.

(c) "Certified local community conservation corps programs" means programs operated by public or private nonprofit agencies pursuant to Section 14406.

(d) "Committee" means the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection (Villaraigosa-Keeley Act) Finance Committee created pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 5096.362.

(e) "District" means any regional park district, regional park and open-space district, or regional open-space district formed pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 5500) of Chapter 3, any recreation and park district formed pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 5780), or an authority formed pursuant to Division 26 (commencing with Section 35100). With respect to any community or unincorporated region that is not included within a district, and in which no city or county provides parks or recreational areas or facilities, "district" also means any other district that is authorized by statute to operate and manage parks or recreational areas or facilities, employs a full-time park and recreation director, offers year-round park and recreation services on lands and facilities owned by the district, and allocates a substantial portion of its annual operating budget to parks or recreation areas or facilities.

(f) "Fund" means the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection (Villaraigosa-Keeley Act) Bond Fund created pursuant to Section 5096.310.

(g) "Historical resource" includes, but is not limited to, any building, structure, site area, place, artifact, or collection of artifacts that is historically or archaeologically significant in the cultural annals of California.

(h) "Program" means the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection (Villaraigosa-Keeley Act) Program established pursuant to this chapter.

(i) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Resources Agency.

(j) (1) "Stewardship" means the development and implementation of projects for the protection, preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and improvement of natural systems and outstanding features of the state park system and historical and cultural resources. Those efforts may not include activities that merely supplement normal park operations or that are usually funded from other sources.

(2) (A) "Cultural resources stewardship" may include, but is not limited to, stabilization and protection of historical resources, including archaeological resources, in the state park system. Those resources may include sites, features, ruins, archaeological deposits, historical landscape resources, rock art features, and artifacts making up the physical legacy of California's past.

(B) "Cultural resources stewardship" does not include the rehabilitation, restoration, reconstruction, interpretation, or mitigation of historical resources typically required as part of a development program.

(3) "Natural resources stewardship" may include, but is not limited to, such objectives as the control of major erosion and geologic hazards, the restoration and improvement of critical plant and animal habitat, the control and elimination of exotic species encroachment, the stabilization of coastal dunes and bluffs, and the planning necessary to implement those objectives.

(k) "Wildlife conservation partnership" means a cooperative acquisition, restoration, or management of wildlife habitat for which the Wildlife Conservation Board provides matching funds to leverage other public, private, or nonprofit resources to maximize the conservation benefits to wildlife and wildlife habitat.

5096.309. Pursuant to guidelines issued by the secretary, all recipients of funding pursuant to this chapter shall post signs acknowledging the source of the funds.

Article 2. Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection (Villaraigosa-Keeley Act) Program

5096.310. The proceeds of bonds issued and sold pursuant to this chapter shall be deposited in the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection (Villaraigosa-Keeley Act) Bond Fund, which is hereby created. Unless otherwise specified and except as provided in subdivision (m), the money in the fund shall be available for appropriation by the Legislature, in the manner set forth in this chapter, only for parks and resources improvement, in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) The sum of five hundred two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$502,750,000) to the department for the following purposes:

(1) To rehabilitate, restore, and improve units of the state park system that will ensure that state park system lands and facilities will remain open and accessible for public use.

(2) To develop, improve, rehabilitate, restore, enhance, and protect facilities and trails at existing units of the state park system that will provide for optimal recreational and educational use, activities, improved access and safety, and the acquisition from a willing seller of inholdings and adjacent lands. Adjacent lands are lands contiguous to, or in the immediate vicinity of, existing state park system lands and that directly benefit an existing state park system unit.

(3) For stewardship of the public investment in the preservation of the critical natural heritage and scenic features, and cultural heritage stewardship projects that will preserve vanishing remnants of California's

landscape, and protect and promote a greater understanding of California's past, and the planning necessary to implement those efforts.

(4) For facilities and improvements to enhance volunteer participation in the state park system.

(5) To develop, improve, and expand interpretive facilities at units of the state park system, including educational exhibits and visitor orientation centers.

(6) To rehabilitate and repair aging facilities at winter recreation facilities pursuant to the Sno-Park program, as provided for in Chapter 1.27 (commencing with Section 5091.01), that provide for improved public safety.

(7) For projects that improve air quality related to the state park system, including, but not limited to, the purchase of low-emission or advanced technology vehicles and equipment and clean fuel distribution facilities that will avoid or reduce air emissions at state park facilities.

(b) The sum of eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000) to the department to undertake stewardship projects, including cultural resources stewardship and natural resources stewardship projects, that will restore and protect the natural treasures of the state park system, preserve vanishing remnants of California's landscape, and protect and promote a greater understanding of California's past.

(c) The sum of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to the department for facilities and improvements to enhance volunteer participation in the state park system.

(d) The sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) to the department for grants to local agencies administering units of the state park system under an operating agreement with the department, for the development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, protection, and interpretation of lands and facilities of, and improved access to, those locally operated units.

(e) The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the department for purposes consistent with Section 5079.10, for competitive grants, in accordance with Section 5096.335.

(f) The sum of three hundred eighty-eight million dollars (\$388,000,000) to the department for grants, in accordance with Sections 5096.332, 5096.333, and 5096.336, on the basis of population, for the acquisition, development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, and interpretation of local park and recreational lands and facilities, including renovation of recreational facilities conveyed to local agencies resulting from the downsizing or decommissioning of federal military installations.

(g) The sum of two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) to the department for grants to cities, counties, and districts for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, and restoration of park and recreation areas and facilities pursuant to the Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Urban Open-Space and Recreational Program Act (Chapter 3.2 (commencing with Section 5620)).

(h) The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the department for grants, in accordance with Section 5096.337, for the improvement or acquisition and restoration of riparian habitat, riverine aquatic habitat, and other lands in close proximity to rivers and streams for river and stream trail projects undertaken in accordance with Section 78682.2 of the Water Code, and for purposes of Section 7048 of the Water Code.

(i) The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the department for grants, in accordance with Section 5096.337, for the development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, and interpretation of nonmotorized trails for the purpose of increasing public access to, and enjoyment of, public areas for increased recreational opportunities. Not less than one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000)

of this amount shall be allocated toward the completion of a project that links existing bicycle and pedestrian trail systems to major urban public transportation systems, to promote increased recreational opportunities and nonmotorized commuter usage in the City of Whittier. Of this amount, no less than two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000) shall be allocated to the East Bay Regional Park District toward the completion of the Iron Horse Trail. Of this amount, not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) shall be allocated to a regional park district for the completion of a bike trail in the City of Concord.

(j) The sum of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) to the department for grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations for park, youth center, and environmental enhancement projects that benefit youth in areas that lack safe neighborhood parks, open space, and natural areas, and that have significant poverty.

(k) The sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to the California Conservation Corps to complete capital outlay and resource conservation projects and administrative costs allocable to the bond funded projects.

(l) The sum of eighty-six million five hundred thousand dollars (\$86,500,000) to the department for the following purposes:

(1) The sum of seventy-one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$71,500,000) for grants, in accordance with Sections 5096.339 and 5096.340, for urban recreational and cultural centers, including, but not limited to, zoos, museums, aquariums, and facilities for wildlife, environmental, or natural science aquatic education or projects that combine curation of archaeological, paleontological, and historic resources with education and basic and applied research, and that emphasize specimens of California's extinct prehistoric plants and animals.

(2) The sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) for grants for regional youth soccer and baseball facilities operated by nonprofit organizations. Priority shall be given to those grant projects that utilize existing school facilities or recreation facilities and serve disadvantaged youth.

(m) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, the sum of two hundred sixty-five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$265,500,000) is, except as provided in Section 5096.350, hereby continuously appropriated to the Wildlife Conservation Board, without regard to fiscal years, in accordance with Section 5096.350.

(n) The sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to the California Tahoe Conservancy, in accordance with Section 5096.351.

(o) The sum of two hundred twenty million four hundred thousand dollars (\$220,400,000) to the State Coastal Conservancy, in accordance with Section 5096.352.

(p) The sum of thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, in accordance with Section 5096.353.

(q) The sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, in accordance with Section 5096.354.

(r) The sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) to the San Joaquin River Conservancy, in accordance with Section 5096.355.

(s) The sum of twelve million five hundred thousand dollars (\$12,500,000) to the California Conservation Corps for grants for the certified local community conservation corps program to complete capital outlay and resource conservation projects.

(t) The sum of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) to the Department of Conservation in accordance with Section 5096.356.

(u) The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for urban forestry programs in accordance with Section 4799.12. The grants made pursuant to this subdivision shall be for costs associated with the purchase and planting of trees, and up to three years of care which ensures the long-term viability of those trees.

(v) Notwithstanding Section 711 of the Fish and Game Code, the sum of twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) to the Department of Fish and Game for the following purposes:

(1) The sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for expenditure in accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 5096.357.

(2) The sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for expenditure in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 5096.357.

(3) The sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to remove nonnative vegetation harmful to ecological reserves in San Diego County.

(w) The sum of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be available for purposes of Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 31160) of Division 21. Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) shall be allocated to Mount Diablo State Park.

(x) The sum of seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for grants to local agencies to assist them in meeting state and federal accessibility standards relating to public playgrounds if the local agency guarantees that 50 percent of the grant funds will be used for the improvement or replacement of playground equipment or facilities through the use of recycled materials and that matching funds in an amount equal to not less than 50 percent of the total amount of those grant funds will be provided through either public or private funds or in-kind contributions. The board may reduce this matching fund requirement to not less than 25 percent if it determines that the 50-percent requirement would impose an extreme financial hardship on the local agency applying for the grant. The board may expend the funds allocated pursuant to this subdivision, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purposes specified herein.

(y) The sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) to a city for rehabilitation, restoration, or enhancement to a city park that is over 1,000 acres that serves an urban area of over 750,000 population in northern California and that provides recreational, cultural, and scientific resources.

(z) (1) The sum of six million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$6,250,000) to the secretary to administer grants to the Sierra Nevada-Cascade Program, in accordance with Section 5096.347.

(2) The sum of thirty-three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$33,500,000) to the secretary to administer a river parkway and restoration program to assist local agencies and other districts to plan, create, and conserve river parkways. The secretary shall make funds available in accordance with Sections 7048 and 78682.2 of the Water Code, and any other applicable authority, for the following purposes:

(A) Twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) for the acquisition or restoration of public lands within the Los Angeles River Watershed, the San Gabriel River Watershed, and the San Gabriel Mountains and to provide open space, nonmotorized trails, bike paths, and other low-impact recreational uses and wildlife and habitat restoration and protection. Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) shall be allocated for the Los Angeles River Watershed, and fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be allocated for the San Gabriel River Watershed and the San Gabriel Mountains and lower Los Angeles River.

(B) Two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for river parkway projects along the Kern River between the mouth of the Kern Canyon and I-5.

(C) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) for land acquisition in the Santa Clarita Watershed.

(D) Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for watershed, riparian, and wetlands restoration along the Sacramento River in Yolo, Glenn, and Colusa Counties.

(E) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the construction of a visitor center at a state recreation area encompassing a body of water along the American River.

(3) The sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the secretary for resource conservation and urban water recycling that addresses multicounty regional recreational needs, provides habitat restoration, and enjoys joint sponsorship by multiple local agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County of Sonoma.

(4) The sum of one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) to the secretary, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of which shall be made available to fund a community center in San Benito County, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of which shall be made available to fund a veterans park in San Benito County, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) of which shall be made available to fund a community center in the City of Galt, and four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) of which shall be made available to fund a community center in the City of Gilroy.

(5) The sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the secretary for Camp Arroyo in Alameda County.

(6) The sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the secretary to construct a rehabilitation center for injured endangered and indigenous wild animals at the Wildhaven Center in the San Bernardino Mountains.

Article 3. State Park System Program

5096.320. The Legislature hereby recognizes that public financial resources are inadequate to meet all capital outlay needs of the state park system and that the need for the acquisition, development, restoration, rehabilitation, improvement, and protection of state park system lands and facilities has increased to the point that their continued well-being and the realization of their full public benefit is in jeopardy.

(a) The department shall annually submit to the Legislature and to the secretary a report, consisting of a prioritized listing and comparative evaluation of needs.

(b) Projects approved by the secretary shall be forwarded by the secretary to the Director of Finance for inclusion in the Budget Bill.

5096.322. (a) No later than November 1, 2001, the director shall determine the amount of funding that is necessary to complete all deferred maintenance projects within each unit of the state park system.

(b) Except as provided in subdivision (c), no proceeds of the bonds issued and sold pursuant to this chapter may be used to acquire improved property for a unit of the state park system until 75 percent of the amount determined pursuant to subdivision (a) has been appropriated, and allocated to complete deferred maintenance projects within that unit from an appropriated funding source other than the proceeds of the bonds issued and sold pursuant to this chapter.

(c) Real property may be acquired under this chapter for a unit of the state park system that does not meet the requirements of subdivision (b) only if the director finds, with respect to that unit, that a unique opportunity is presented to acquire real property that will constitute a significant improvement of the state park system.

(d) As used in this section, "deferred maintenance project" means any project identified in the department's 2001 Deferred Maintenance Assessment that rehabilitates or repairs a facility to a safe and usable condition for the visiting public.

5096.323. Fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) of the funds allocated pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 5096.310 shall be expended for the acquisition of land from willing sellers that are a high priority for both the state parks system and for habitat purposes, with priority given to projects that protect habitat for rare, threatened, or endangered species pursuant to a natural community conservation plan adopted pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 2800) of Division 10 of the Fish and Game Code, if the acquisition of the land is conducted in conjunction with a natural community conservation plan approved by the Department of Fish and Game prior to January 1, 1999, or if the acquisition is approved by statute. Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 5096.310, those land acquisitions may be for either new or existing units of the state park system.

5096.324. Funds appropriated to the department pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 5096.310 shall be made available for the following purposes:

(a) The sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) to preserve and restore a unit of the state parks system that preserves and restores cultural and historical immigration resources in northern California.

(b) The sum of two million six hundred thousand dollars (\$2,600,000) to construct visitor centers in state parks, state recreation areas, and state historic parks. The department shall give priority to projects at Chino Hills State Park and California Citrus State Historic Park.

(c) Up to six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) for playground equipment upgrades in state recreation areas.

(d) The sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for restoration of state reserves that maintain the state flower.

(e) The sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for restoration of state beaches.

(f) The sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for restoration, study, and curation of paleontological, archaeological, and historical resource site protection. Priority shall be given to projects that combine curation of archaeological, paleontological, and historical resources with education and basic and applied research, and that emphasize specimens of California's extinct prehistoric plants and animals.

(g) The sum of two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,750,000), two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) of which shall be allocated for capital outlay projects at the Empire Mine State Historic Park, and two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) of which shall be allocated for Columbia State Historic Park.

(h) The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the acquisition of lands from willing sellers of lands that are forested with redwoods or that will enhance the protection or preservation of the redwood forest ecosystem. The department shall give preference to projects where matching contributions in funding from other public agencies, private parties, or nonprofit organizations are available.

(i) Up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to construct trails, trailheads, and parking, and to provide nonvehicular public access between the Bear and Mendoza Ranch open space and adjacent Henry Coe State Park.

Article 4. Grant Program

5096.331. The Legislature hereby recognizes that public financial resources are inadequate to meet all of the funding needs of local public park and recreation providers and that there is an urgent need for safe, open, and accessible local park and recreational facilities and for the increased recreational opportunities that provide positive alternatives to social problems. Accordingly, it is declared to be the policy of this state that the funds allocated pursuant to subdivisions (f) and (g) of Section 5096.310 to local agencies shall be appropriated primarily for projects that accomplish all of the following:

(a) Rehabilitate facilities at existing local parks that will provide for more efficient management and reduced operational costs. This may include grants to local agencies for the renovation of recreational facilities conveyed to local agencies resulting from the downsizing and decommissioning of federal military installations.

(b) Develop facilities that promote positive alternatives for youth and that promote cooperation between local park and recreation service providers and youth-serving nonprofit organizations.

(c) Promote family oriented recreation, including art activities.

(d) Provide for open, safe, and accessible local park lands, facilities, and botanical gardens.

5096.332. (a) Sixty percent of the total funds available for grants pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 5096.310 shall be allocated to cities and to districts other than a regional park district, regional park and open-space district, or regional open-space district. Each city's and district's allocation shall be in the same ratio as the city's or district's population is to the combined total of the state's population that is included in incorporated areas and unincorporated areas within the district, except that each city or district shall be entitled to a minimum allocation of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000). In any instance in which the boundary of a city overlaps the boundary of such a district, the population in the area of overlapping jurisdictions shall be attributed to each jurisdiction in proportion to the extent to which each operates and manages parks and recreational areas and facilities for that population. In any instance in which the boundary of a city overlaps the boundary of such a district, and in the area of overlap the city does not operate and manage parks and recreational areas and facilities, all grant funds shall be allocated to the district.

(b) Each city and each district subject to subdivision (a) whose boundaries overlap shall develop a specific plan for allocating the grant funds in accordance with the formula specified in subdivision (a). If, by April 1, 2001, the plan has not been agreed to by the city and district and submitted to the department, the director shall determine the allocation of the grant funds among the affected jurisdictions.

5096.333. (a) Forty percent of the total funds available for grants pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 5096.310 shall be allocated to counties and regional park districts, regional park and open-space districts, or regional open-space districts formed pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 5500) of Chapter 3.

(b) Each county's allocation under subdivision (a) shall be in the same ratio as the county's population, except that each county shall be entitled to a minimum allocation of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).

(c) In any county that embraces all or part of the territory of a regional park district, regional park and open-space district, or regional open-space district, whose board of directors is not the county board of supervisors, the amount allocated to the county shall be apportioned between that district and the county in proportion to the population of the county that is included within the territory of the district and the population of the county that is outside the territory of the district.

(d) In any county that currently embraces all or a part of the territory of a regional open-space district and an authority formed pursuant to Division 26 (commencing with Section 35100), the allocation shall be distributed between the county and these entities as follows:

(1) First, the funds shall be apportioned between the district and the county in proportion to the population of the county that is included within the territory of the district, and the proportion of the population of the county that is outside the district. The amounts resulting from this calculation shall be known as the district's share, and the county's first balance. The district's share shall be allocated to the district. The county's first balance shall be further apportioned as provided in paragraph (2).

(2) The county's first balance, as determined in accordance with paragraph (1), shall be further apportioned between the authority and the county in proportion to the population of the county that is included within the territory of the authority, and the proportion of the population of the county that is outside the authority. The amounts resulting from this calculation shall be known as the authority's share, and the county's second balance.

(3) The authority's share shall be divided equally between the county and the authority. The county shall receive all of the county's second balance.

5096.334. Notwithstanding Section 5096.331, of the funds allocated on the basis of population pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 5096.310 within counties with a population of five million persons or more, not less than 75 percent of the total amount shall be available as follows:

(a) Not less than 20 percent for land acquisition, construction, development, and rehabilitation of at-risk youth recreation facilities. As used in this section, "at-risk youth" means persons who have not attained the age of 21 years and are at high risk of being involved in, or are involved in, one or more of the following: gangs, juvenile delinquency, criminal activity, substance abuse, adolescent pregnancy, or school failure or dropout.

(b) Not less than 40 percent for projects within the most economically disadvantaged areas, which may include projects along river parkways, conservation corridors, and parkways along corridors of economic significance.

(c) Not less than 10 percent for urban reforestation projects.

(d) Not more than 5 percent for projects that convert publicly owned land to a neighborhood park providing open-space, recreational, cultural, and festival opportunities, if the bond proceeds do not exceed 25 percent of the total project cost and there is a 75 percent funding match.

5096.335. Funds authorized pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 5096.310 shall be administered by the State Office of Historic Preservation and shall be available as grants, on a competitive basis, to cities, counties, districts, local agencies formed for park purposes pursuant to a joint powers agreement

between two or more local entities, and nonprofit organizations for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and interpretation of historical resources.

5096.336. (a) Of the funds authorized pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 5096.310, three hundred thirty-eight million dollars (\$338,000,000) shall be available for grants to cities, counties, and districts on the basis of their populations, as determined by the department in cooperation with the Department of Finance, on the basis of the most recent verifiable census data and other population data that the department may require to be furnished by the applicant city, county, or district.

(b) Of the funds authorized pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 5096.310, fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) available for grants pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 5096.310 shall be allocated to cities and districts in urbanized counties providing park and recreation services within jurisdictions of 200,000 or less in population. For purposes of this subdivision, "urbanized counties" means a county with a population of 200,000 or greater.

5096.337. (a) Funds authorized pursuant to subdivisions (h), (i), and (z) of Section 5096.310 shall be available as grants, on a competitive basis, to cities, counties, districts, local agencies formed for park purposes pursuant to a joint powers agreement as defined in subdivision (b), and other districts, as defined in subdivision (c).

(b) For purposes of this section, "local agency" means any local agency formed for park purposes pursuant to a joint powers agreement between two or more local entities, excluding school districts.

(c) For purposes of this section, "other districts" include any district authorized to provide park, recreational, or open-space services, or a combination of those services, except a school district.

5096.338. The funds allocated pursuant to subdivision (j) of Section 5096.310 shall, upon appropriation in the annual Budget Act, be available for existing or new entities or programs designated by statute for grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations, and for related administrative costs. At least 50 percent of the funds shall be available for grants to local public agencies and districts.

5096.339. (a) Not less than 11 percent of the funds authorized in paragraph (1) of subdivision () of Section 5096.310 shall be available as grants administered by the department to cities, counties, and nonprofit organizations for the development, rehabilitation, or restoration of facilities accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) and operated by cities, counties, and nonprofit organizations, and to cities, counties, and nonprofit organizations for the development, rehabilitation, or restoration of zoos and aquariums operated by cities, counties, and nonprofit organizations, but not yet accredited by the AZA. This program shall be known, and may be cited, as the Dr. Paul Chaffee Zoological Program. Allocation in awarding grants pursuant to this section shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

(1) Individual grants of up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or an amount to be determined by dividing 95 percent of the total zoo and aquarium funds available pursuant to this subdivision by the number of AZA accredited institutions at the time of enactment of this section, shall be made available to zoos and aquariums that are AZA accredited.

(2) Not less than 20 percent or two million dollars (\$2,000,000), whichever is greater, of the funds available pursuant to this subdivision shall be reserved for institutions with annual operating budgets of less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

(3) Not more than 5 percent of the total funds available pursuant to this subdivision, shall be made available as grants to zoos and aquariums that have initiated the AZA accreditation process but are not yet accredited at the time of the enactment of this section. Grants awarded under this subdivision shall be dedicated to projects which will enhance the institution's ability to meet standards of AZA accreditation.

(4) Not more than 5 percent of the total funds available pursuant to this subdivision shall be granted for publicly owned or nonprofit zoos and wildlife centers that may not be accredited, but that care for animals that have been injured or abandoned and that cannot be returned to the wild. To be eligible for this portion of those funds, applicants shall demonstrate that they serve a regional area, foster the environmental relationships of animals within that region, and operate outreach and onsite programs communicating those objectives to the public.

(b) At least ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) of the funds allocate pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision () of Section 5096.310 shall be provided to the California Science Center for implementation of the Exposition Master Plan. Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) of this amount shall be made available to the California African-American Museum for completion of its education and visitor facility in Exposition Park and seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) of this amount shall be made available for the California Science Center School.

(c) Not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) of the funds allocated pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision () of Section 5096.310 shall be available as grants for facilities for education programs focused on the National Marine Sanctuaries along California's coast.

(d) Not less than forty-four million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$44,750,000) of the funds allocated pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision () of Section 5096.310 shall be made available for the following purposes:

(1) At least ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) shall be provided to the Discovery Science Center in Santa Ana for capital improvement.

(2) At least ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) shall be provided to the California Academy of the Sciences for capital improvement projects.

(3) At least two million dollars (\$2,000,000) shall be provided toward the creation of the Delta Science Center to carry out significant marine and delta aquatic education and interpretive programs.

(4) At least fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be provided to the Alliance of Redding Museums for capital improvements for the Turtle Bay-Museums and the Arboretum on the River.

(5) An individual grant of four million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$4,250,000) shall be made to the California Division of Fairs and Expositions of the Department of Food and Agriculture for capital outlay to assist with an approved contract entered into on or before January 1, 2000, for an exposition or state fair relocation in any county with a population greater than 5,000,000.

(6) The sum of three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) to enhance the two-acre historical exhibit at the Kern County Museum.

5096.340. (a) Not less than 11 percent of the funds authorized in paragraph (1) of subdivision (l) of Section 5096.310 shall be available as grants on a competitive basis to cities, counties, and nonprofit organizations for the development or rehabilitation of real property consisting of urban recreational and cultural centers, museums, and facilities for wildlife education or environmental education.

(b) To be eligible for funding, a project shall initially be nominated by a Member of the Legislature for study by the department. The department shall study each project so nominated and, prior to the April 1 preceding the fiscal year in which funds are proposed to be appropriated, shall submit to the Legislature a prioritized listing and comparative evaluation of all projects nominated prior to the preceding July 1.

(c) In establishing priorities of projects, the department shall consider any favorable project characteristics, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(1) The project will interpret one or more important California historical, cultural, economic, or resource themes or an important historical, cultural, economic, technological, or resource theme in a major region of California. Higher priority shall be assigned to projects whose themes are not interpreted in any existing museum or have demonstrable deficiencies in their presentation in an existing museum.

(2) The project is proposed to be operated on lands that are already in public ownership or on lands that will be acquired and used for the project in conjunction with adjoining public lands.

(3) Projects that are closely related geographically to the resources, activity, structure, place, or collection of objects to be interpreted, and are close to population centers and access routes.

(4) Projects that are in, or close to, population centers or are adjacent to, or readily served by, a state highway or other mode of public transportation.

(5) Projects for which there are commitments, or the serious likelihood of commitments, of funds or the donation of land or other property suitable for the project.

(d) The department shall annually forward a list of the highest priority projects to the Department of Finance for inclusion in the Budget Bill.

(e) An application for a grant for a cooperative museum project shall be submitted jointly by the city, county, or other public agency, an institute of higher learning, or a nonprofit organization that cooperatively is operating, or will operate, the project.

5096.341. (a) The director shall prepare and adopt criteria and procedures for evaluating applications for grants allocated pursuant to subdivisions (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) of Section 5096.310. Individual applications for funds shall be submitted to the department for approval as to their conformity with the requirements of this chapter. The application shall be accompanied by certification from the planning agency of the applicant that the project for which the grant is requested is consistent with the park and recreation element of the applicable city or county general plan or the district park and recreation plan, as the case may be, and will satisfy a high priority need. To utilize available grant funds as effectively as possible, overlapping or adjoining jurisdictions are encouraged to combine projects and submit a joint application.

(b) Any applicant may allocate all or a portion of its per capita share for a regional or state project.

(c) The director shall annually forward a statement of the total amount to be appropriated in each fiscal year for projects approved for grants pursuant to subdivisions (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) of Section 5096.310 to the Director of Finance for inclusion in the Budget Bill. A list of eligible jurisdictions and the amount of grant funds to be allocated to each shall also be made available by the department.

(d) (1) Funds appropriated for grants pursuant to subdivisions (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) of Section 5096.310 shall be encumbered by the recipient within three years from the date that the appropriation became effective. Regardless of the date of encumbrance of the granted funds, the recipient is expected to complete all funded projects within eight years of the effective date of the appropriation.

(2) Commencing with the Budget Bill for the 2009-10 fiscal year, any grant funds appropriated pursuant to subdivisions (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) of Section 5096.310 that have not been expended by the grantee shall revert to the fund and be available for appropriation by the Legislature for one or more of the categories specified in Section 5096.310 that the Legislature determines to be of the highest priority statewide.

5096.342. (a) Grant funds appropriated pursuant to subdivisions (f), (g), (h), (i), and () of Section 5096.310 may be expended by the grantee only for projects on lands owned by, or subject to a lease or other interest held by, the grantee.

(b) If a grant applicant does not have fee title to the lands, the applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department that the proposed project will provide public benefits that are commensurate with the type and duration of the interest in land that is held by the applicant.

5096.343. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (c), no grant funds authorized pursuant to subdivisions (f), (g), (h), (i), and () of Section 5096.310 may be disbursed unless the applicant has agreed, in writing, to both of the following:

(1) To maintain and operate the property funded pursuant to this chapter for a period that is commensurate with the type of project and the proportion of state funds and local matching funds or property allocated to the capital costs of the project. With the approval of the department, the grantee, or the grantee's successor in interest in the property, may transfer the responsibility to maintain and operate the property in accordance with this section.

(2) To use the property only for the purposes for which the grant was made and to make no other use or sale or other disposition of the property, except as authorized by specific act of the Legislature.

(b) The agreements specified in subdivision (a) shall not prevent the transfer of the property from the applicant to a public agency, if the successor public agency assumes the obligations imposed by those agreements.

(c) If the use of the property is changed to a use that is not permitted by the category from which the grant funds were appropriated, or if the property is sold or otherwise disposed of, an amount equal to (1) the amount of the grant, (2) the fair market value of the real property, or (3) the proceeds from the sale or other disposition, whichever is greater, shall be used by the grantee for a purpose authorized by that category, pursuant to agreement with the department as specified in subdivision (a), or shall be reimbursed to the fund and be available for appropriation by the Legislature only for a purpose authorized by that category. If the property sold or otherwise disposed of is less than the entire interest in the property funded with the grant, an amount equal to either the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the interest or the fair market value of the interest sold or otherwise disposed of, whichever is greater, shall be used by the grantee for a purpose authorized by the category from which the funds were appropriated, pursuant to agreement with the department as specified in subdivision (a), or shall be reimbursed to the fund and be available for appropriation by the Legislature only for a use authorized by that category.

5096.344. All grants, gifts, devises, or bequests to the state, that are conditioned upon being used for park, conservation, recreational, agricultural, or other such purposes, may be accepted and received on behalf of the state by the appropriate departmental director, with the approval of the Director of Finance, and those grants, gifts, devises, or bequests may be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for expenditure for the purposes specified in Section 5096.310.

5096.345. Except for funds continuously appropriated by this chapter, all appropriations of funds pursuant to Section 5096.310 for purposes of the program shall be included in the Budget Bill for the 2001-02 fiscal year, and each succeeding fiscal year, for consideration by the Legislature, and shall bear the label "Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection (Villaraigosa-Keeley Act) Fund." The Budget Bill section shall contain separate items for each project, each class of project, or each element of the program for which an appropriation is made.

Article 4.5. Clean Air Improvement Program

5096.346. (a) In allocating funds pursuant to subdivision (u) of Section 5096.310, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection shall give preference to the planting of trees that provide greater air quality benefits and to urban forestry projects that provide greater energy conservation benefits.

(b) The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection shall consult with the State Air Resources Board in developing guidelines for the allocation of grant funds pursuant to subdivision (u) of Section 5096.310 that promote air quality benefits.

(c) State and local agencies shall consider potential air quality benefits when allocating funds received pursuant to this chapter.

Article 4.6. Sierra Nevada-Cascade Mountain Region

5096.347. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountain Region constitutes a unique and important environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, water, watershed, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust for the enjoyment of, and appreciated by, present and future generations.

(b) The secretary shall administer grants to the Sierra Nevada-Cascade Program to assist local governments, agencies, districts, and nonprofit organizations working in collaboration with those local governments, agencies, and districts to plan, create, and conserve the Sierra-Cascade natural ecosystem. The secretary shall make funds available on a competitive basis for all of the following activities:

(1) The acquisition and restoration of riparian habitat in accordance with Sections 7048 and 78682.2 of the Water Code to improve water quality, and to protect, restore, or rehabilitate watersheds, streams, wetlands, or other aquatic habitat.

(2) Capital improvement projects that provide park and recreational opportunities.

(3) Access to trails and public lands, in accordance with Article 6 (commencing with Section 5070) of Chapter 1 of Division 5.

(4) Acquisition of park lands or recreational facilities.

(c) The secretary shall give priority to fund up to two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for Commons Beach improvements on properties owned or administered by local agencies in the Lake Tahoe area, that will provide improved lake access, bicycle and pedestrian trail linkages, and interpretative facilities.

(d) The secretary may provide the following capital outlay grants:

(1) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for capital outlay to an incorporated city all or part of the territory of which is located within five miles of the boundary line between San Joaquin County and Sacramento County.

(2) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to the department for the renovation of a state historical point of interest near the intersection of Jack Tone Road and State Highway 88.

(e) For the purposes of this article, the Sierra Nevada-Cascade Mountain Region includes those portions of Fresno County, Kern County, Stanislaus County, and Tulare County, and counties with populations of less than 250,000 as of the 1990 United States Census, that are located in the mountains, the foothills, and the area adjacent to the geologic formations of the Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountain ranges.

Article 4.7. Murray-Hayden Urban Parks and Youth

Service Program

5096.348. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, funds allocated pursuant to subdivision (j) of Section 5096.310 shall be allocated, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for parks, park facilities, or environmental youth service centers that are within the immediate proximity of a neighborhood that has been identified by the department as having a critical lack of park or open-space lands or deteriorated park facilities, that are in an area of significant poverty and unemployment, and that have a shortage of services for youth. Priority shall be given to capital projects that employ neighborhood residents and at-risk youth.

(b) (1) Fifty percent of the funds allocated pursuant to subdivision (j) of Section 5096.310 shall be made available on a competitive basis to heavily urbanized counties and cities or to nonprofit organizations or park districts in those counties and cities, in compliance with subdivision (a) and the matching requirements of the Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Urban Open-Space and Recreation Program Act (Chapter 3.2 (commencing with Section 5620)).

(2) No more than 10 percent of the amounts made available pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be allocated to fund grants pursuant to Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 990) of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, at least 50 percent of which shall be granted to youth service organizations eligible for tax-exempt status pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that are chartered by a national youth service organization.

Article 5. Wildlife Program

5096.350. (a) Funds appropriated pursuant to subdivision (m) of Section 5096.310 shall be available for expenditure by the Wildlife Conservation Board for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of real property benefiting fish and wildlife, for the acquisition, restoration, or protection of habitat that promotes recovery of threatened, endangered, or fully protected species, maintains the genetic integrity of wildlife populations, and serves as corridors linking otherwise separate habitat to prevent habitat fragmentation, and for grants and related state administrative costs pursuant to the Wildlife Conservation Law of 1947 (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 1300) of Division 2 of the Fish and Game Code), for the following purposes:

(1) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the acquisition or restoration of wetland habitat, as follows:

(A) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for the acquisition, preservation, restoration, and establishment, or any combination thereof, of habitat for waterfowl or other wetlands-associated wildlife, as provided for in the Central Valley Habitat Joint Venture Component of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and the Inland Wetlands Conservation Program, notwithstanding Section 711 of the Fish and Game Code. Preference shall be given to projects involving the acquisition of perpetual conservation easements; habitat development projects on lands which will be managed primarily as waterfowl habitat in perpetuity; waterfowl habitat development projects on agricultural lands; the reduction of fishery impacts resulting from supply diversions that have a direct benefit to wetlands and waterfowl habitat; or programs to establish permanent buffer areas, including, but not limited to, agricultural lands that are necessary to preserve the acreage and habitat values of existing wetlands.

(B) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for the acquisition, development, restoration, and protection of wetlands and adjacent lands, or any combination thereof, located outside the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley.

(2) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the development, acquisition from a willing seller, or restoration of riparian habitat and watershed conservation programs.

(3) Forty-five million dollars (\$45,000,000), upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the restoration, or acquisition from a willing seller, of habitat for threatened and endangered species or for the purpose of promoting the recovery of those species. Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) of that amount shall be for the acquisition of property along the central coast containing coastal terrace prairie, federally listed spineflower, state listed San Francisco popcorn flower, and candidates for federal listing including ohlone tiger beetle and opler's longhorned moth. No funds may be expended pursuant to this paragraph for the acquisition of real property or other actions taken pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 2800) of the Fish and Game Code.

(4) Thirteen million dollars (\$13,000,000) for the acquisition from a willing seller, or restoration of forest lands, including, but not limited to, ancient redwoods and oak woodlands. Not more than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) of this amount shall be expended on the federal Legacy Forest Program (16 U.S.C. Sec. 2103) to meet federal matching requirements and not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) of this amount shall be allocated for the preservation of oak woodlands. Not more than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) of this amount shall be expended on the federal Legacy Forest Program (16 U.S.C. Sec. 2103) to meet federal matching requirements and not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) of this amount shall be allocated for the preservation of oak woodlands.

(5) Eighty-two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$82,500,000), upon appropriation by the Legislature, to match funds contributed by federal or local agencies or nonprofit organizations for the acquisition, restoration, or protection of habitat or habitat corridors that promote the recovery of threatened, endangered, or fully protected species. Projects funded pursuant to this paragraph may include restoration projects authorized pursuant to Public Law 105-372, the Salton Sea Reclamation Act of 1998. The board shall require matching contributions of funds, real property, or other resources from other public agencies, private parties, or nonprofit organizations, at a level designed to obtain the maximum conservation benefits to wildlife and wildlife habitat. No funds may be expended pursuant to this paragraph for the acquisition of real property or other actions taken pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 2800) of the Fish and Game Code.

(6) One hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000), upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purpose of funding the acquisition of real property subject to a natural community conservation plan adopted pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 2800) of the Fish and Game Code, if the acquisition of the real property is conducted in conjunction with a natural community conservation plan approved by the Department of Fish and Game prior to January 1, 1999, or if the acquisition is approved by statute.

(7) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for environmental restoration projects for the following purposes approved pursuant to the Salton Sea Restoration Project authorized by Public Law 105-372, the Salton Sea Reclamation Act of 1998, and identified in the Final Environmental Impact Statement of the Salton Sea Restoration Project:

(A) Reduce and stabilize the overall salinity of the Salton Sea.

(B) Stabilize the surface elevation of the Salton Sea.

(C) Reclaim, in the long term, healthy fish and wildlife resources and their habitats.

(D) Enhance the potential for recreational uses of the Salton Sea.

(b) Not more than 5 percent of the funds authorized for expenditure by this section may be used for public access and wildlife-oriented public use projects.

Article 6. Lake Tahoe Program

5096.351. (a) The Legislature has recognized the need to protect and restore the fragile environment at Lake Tahoe; and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency has prepared an Environmental Improvement Program that outlines a capital outlay approach to help achieve environmental thresholds in the Lake Tahoe Basin, which allocates funding responsibilities over the first 10 years of the program in the amounts of approximately two hundred seventy-four million dollars (\$274,000,000) to the State of California, two hundred ninety-seven million dollars (\$297,000,000) to the federal government, eighty-two million dollars (\$82,000,000) to the State of Nevada, one hundred one million dollars (\$101,000,000) to local governments, and one hundred fifty-three million dollars (\$153,000,000) to the private sector.

(b) Funds allocated pursuant to subdivision (n) of Section 5096.310 shall be available for expenditure for the development, restoration, acquisition from a willing seller, and enhancement of real property, by the California Tahoe Conservancy within the Lake Tahoe region pursuant to Title 7.42 (commencing with Section 66905) of the Government Code for the following purposes:

(1) Protecting the natural environment through preservation of environmentally sensitive lands, soil erosion control, restoration or enhancement of watershed lands, and restoration or enhancement of streams and other natural areas.

(2) Providing public access and public recreation opportunities.

(3) Enhancing and restoring wildlife areas.

(c) The provision of these funds is to meet applicable state responsibilities pursuant to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Environmental Improvement Program.

(d) The allocation of these funds has been made in the expectation that the federal government, the State of Nevada, local jurisdictions, and the private sector will fulfill their respective obligations pursuant to the Environmental Improvement Program. The secretary shall report annually to the Legislature on the progress of the development and implementation of the Environmental Improvement Program, and the provision of these funds may be restricted in the event that the parties are found to be making inadequate progress or are not making good faith efforts towards fulfilling their respective obligations.

Article 7. Coastal Protection Program

5096.352. Funds allocated pursuant to subdivision (o) of Section 5096.310 shall be available for expenditure by the State Coastal Conservancy pursuant to Division 21 (commencing with Section 31000) for the acquisition from a willing seller, preservation, restoration, and enhancement of real property or an interest in real property in coastal areas and watersheds within its jurisdiction and the development of public use facilities in those areas in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) Twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) for projects funded pursuant to the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program established pursuant to Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 31160) of Division 21.

(b) (1) Twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be made available to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project to fund grants to public entities and nonprofit organizations to implement storm water and urban runoff pollution prevention programs, habitat restoration, and other priority actions specified in the Santa Monica Restoration Plan. The Santa Monica Bay Watershed Council shall determine project eligibility and establish grant priority.

(2) The Santa Monica Bay Watershed Council or the State Coastal Conservancy may require the grant recipient to provide a portion of matching funds for any funding received. The council or the state conservancy may use the funds as matching funds for federal or other grant funding.

(c) Sixty-four million two hundred thousand dollars (\$64,200,000) of the funds available may be expended by the State Coastal Conservancy directly or as grants to government entities and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 21 (commencing with Section 31000), and for the following and related purposes, including, but not limited to, the acquisition, enhancement, restoration, protection, and development of coastal resources, beaches, waterfronts, and public accessways in accordance with the following schedule:

(1) An amount not to exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000) may be expended on regional approaches to reduce beach erosion. Up to thirteen million dollars (\$13,000,000) shall be made available for the restoration and protection of the Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve.

(2) At least fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be expended in coastal areas north of the Gualala River.

(3) At least twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be expended within Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, or Santa Barbara Counties. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) shall be allocated to the City of Monterey to fund public access and open space along the waterfront for the Window on the Bay.

(4) At least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be expended on completion of the Coastal Trail.

(5) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) shall be dedicated to projects for the Guadalupe River Trail and the San Francisco Bay Ridge Trail.

(d) Twenty-two million dollars (\$22,000,000) may be expended by the State Coastal Conservancy directly or as grants to government entities and nonprofit organizations consistent with Division 21 (commencing with Section 31000), and for administrative costs in connection therewith, for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, and protection of real property, or other actions that benefit fish and wildlife. At least ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) of those funds shall be expended in coastal areas north of the Gualala River. Eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) shall be spent to restore the arroyo chub, partially armored stickleback, and southern steelhead fisheries to their native creeks of San Mateo Creek, and its tributary Devil Canyon Creek, and San Onofre Creek located in San Diego County.

(e) Twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Coastal Conservancy and the Department of Fish and Game for direct expenditure and for grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to protect, restore, acquire, and enhance habitat for salmon. These funds may be used to match federal funding available for those purposes.

(f) Twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) of the funds shall be allocated to acquire, protect, and restore wetlands projects that are a minimum of 400 acres in size in any county with a population greater than 5,000,000.

(g) Twelve million five hundred thousand dollars (\$12,500,000) shall be allocated to acquire land needed to connect important coastal watershed and scenic areas in the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park.

Article 8. Mountain Resource Program

5096.353. Funds allocated pursuant to subdivision (p) of Section 5096.310 shall be available to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and grants for the acquisition from a willing seller, enhancement, and restoration of natural lands, improvement of public recreation facilities, and for grants to local agencies and nonprofit organizations to increase access to parks and recreational opportunities for underserved urban communities, in accordance with the following schedule:

Thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) to acquire, improve, or restore park, wildlife, or natural areas, including areas near or adjacent to units of the state park system wherever such units may be situated within a local jurisdiction within the Santa Monica Mountains Zone or Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor.

5096.354. Funds allocated pursuant to subdivision (q) of Section 5096.310 shall be available to the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy for expenditure for the acquisition, development, enhancement, and protection of land, and for administrative costs incurred in connection therewith, in accordance with Division 23.5 (commencing with Section 33500).

Article 9. San Joaquin River Program

5096.355. Funds allocated pursuant to subdivision (r) of Section 5096.310 shall be available to the San Joaquin River Conservancy for expenditure of the acquisition, development, enhancement, and protection of land, and for administrative costs incurred in connection therewith, in accordance with Division 22.5 (commencing with Section 32500).

Article 10. Agriculture Program

5096.356. (a) Funds allocated pursuant to subdivision (t) of Section 5096.310 shall be available to the Department of Conservation for grants, on a competitive basis, to state and local agencies and nonprofit organizations for farmland protection and administration of the Agricultural Land Stewardship Program Act of 1995 (Division 10.2 (commencing with Section 10200)), or its successor program. This purpose shall include, but not be limited to, the placement of improvements and acquisition of agricultural conservation easements and other interests in land pursuant to the Agricultural Land Stewardship Program.

(b) At least 20 percent of the funds allocated pursuant to subdivision (t) of Section 5096.310 shall be available for projects that preserve agricultural lands and protect water quality in the counties that serve the San Pablo Bay.

Article 11. Fish and Game Program

5096.357. (a) Funds allocated pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (v) of Section 5096.310 shall be available to the Department of Fish and Game for the development, enhancement, restoration, and preservation of land pursuant to Sections 1580 and 10503 of, and subdivision (b) of Section 1525 of, the Fish and Game Code. The provision of these funds shall be in accordance with an expenditure plan developed by the Department of Fish and Game and approved by the Department of Finance.

(b) Funds allocated pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (v) of Section 5096.310 shall be made available to the Department of Fish and Game for the exclusive purpose of acquiring habitat preservation and enhancement agreements on private wetlands pursuant to the California Waterfowl Habitat Program-Phase II and administrative costs incurred in connection therewith. Expenditure of those funds shall be consistent with the purposes identified in Section 3702 of the Fish and Game Code.

Article 12. California Indian Tribe Participation

5096.358. To the extent funds authorized pursuant to this chapter are available for competitive grants to local government entities, federally recognized California Indian tribes may apply for those grants, the tribe's application shall be considered on its merits, and the tribes shall expend any funds received for the purpose authorized by this chapter for which the funds are made available.

Article 13. Fiscal Provisions

5096.360. Bonds in the total amount of two billion one hundred million dollars (\$2,100,000,000), not including the amount of any refunding bonds issued in accordance with Section 5096.370, or so much thereof as is necessary, may be issued and sold to provide a fund to be used for carrying out the purposes set forth in Section 5096.310 and to be used to reimburse the General Obligation Bond Expense Revolving Fund pursuant to Section 16724.5 of the Government Code. The bonds, when sold, shall be and constitute a valid and binding obligation of the State of California, and the full faith and credit of the State of California is hereby pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of, and interest on, the bonds as the principal and interest become due and payable. Pursuant to this section, the Treasurer shall sell the bonds authorized by the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection (the Villaraigosa-Keeley Act) Finance Committee created pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 5096.362 at any different times that are necessary to service expenditures appropriated pursuant to this chapter.

5096.361. The bonds authorized by this chapter shall be prepared, executed, issued, sold, paid, and redeemed as provided in the State General Obligation Bond Law (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code), and all of the provisions of that law apply to the bonds and to this chapter and are hereby incorporated in this chapter as though set forth in full in this chapter.

5096.362. (a) Solely for the purpose of authorizing the issuance and sale, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, of the bonds authorized by this chapter, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection (Villaraigosa-Keeley Act) Finance Committee is hereby created. For purposes of this chapter, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection (Villaraigosa-Keeley Act) Finance Committee is "the committee" as that term is used in the State General Obligation Bond Law. The committee consists of the Controller, the Director of Finance, and the Treasurer, or their designated representatives. The Treasurer shall serve as chairperson of the committee. A majority of the committee may act for the committee.

(b) For purposes of the State General Obligation Bond Law, the secretary is designated the "board."

5096.363. The committee shall determine whether or not it is necessary or desirable to issue bonds authorized pursuant to this chapter to carry out Section 5096.310 and, if so, the amount of bonds to be issued and sold. Successive issues of bonds may be authorized and sold to carry out those actions progressively, and it is not necessary that all of the bonds authorized to be issued be sold at any one time.

5096.364. There shall be collected each year and in the same manner and at the same time as other state revenue is collected, in addition to the ordinary revenues of the state, a sum in an amount required to pay the principal of, and interest on, the bonds maturing each year. It is the duty of all officers charged by law with any duty in regard to the collection of the revenue to do and perform each and every act which is necessary to collect that additional sum.

5096.365. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, there is hereby appropriated from the General Fund in the State Treasury, for the purposes of this chapter, an amount that will equal the total of the following:

(a) The sum annually necessary to pay the principal of, and interest on, bonds issued and sold pursuant to this chapter, as the principal and interest become due and payable.

(b) The sum necessary to carry out Section 5096.366, appropriated without regard to fiscal years.

5096.366. For purposes of carrying out this chapter, the Director of Finance may authorize the withdrawal from the General Fund of an amount or amounts not to exceed the amount of the unsold bonds that have been authorized to be sold for the purpose of carrying out this chapter. Any amount withdrawn shall be

deposited in the fund. Any money made available under this section shall be returned to the General Fund from proceeds received from the sale of bonds for the purpose of carrying out this chapter.

5096.367. Pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code, the cost of bond issuance shall be paid out of the bond proceeds. These costs shall be shared proportionally by each program funded through this bond act.

5096.367.5. Actual costs incurred in connection with administering programs authorized under the categories specified in Section 5096.310 shall be paid from the funds authorized by this act.

5096.368. The secretary may request the Pooled Money Investment Board to make a loan from the Pooled Money Investment Account, including other authorized forms of interim financing that include, but are not limited to, commercial paper, in accordance with Section 16312 of the Government Code, for purposes of carrying out this chapter. The amount of the request shall not exceed the amount of the unsold bonds that the committee, by resolution, has authorized to be sold for the purpose of carrying out this chapter. The secretary shall execute any documents required by the Pooled Money Investment Board to obtain and repay the loan. Any amounts loaned shall be deposited in the fund to be allocated by the board in accordance with this chapter.

5096.369. All money deposited in the fund that is derived from premium and accrued interest on bonds sold shall be reserved in the fund and shall be available for transfer to the General Fund as a credit to expenditures for bond interest.

5096.370. The bonds may be refunded in accordance with Article 6 (commencing with Section 16780) of Chapter 4 of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code, which is a part of the State General Obligation Bond Law. Approval by the voters of the state of the issuance of the bonds described in this chapter includes the approval of the issuance of any bonds to refund any bonds originally issued under this chapter or any previously issued refunding bonds.

5096.371. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or the State General Obligation Bond Law, if the Treasurer sells bonds pursuant to this chapter that include a bond counsel opinion to the effect that the interest on the bonds is excluded from gross income for federal tax purposes, subject to designated conditions, the Treasurer may maintain separate accounts for the investment of bond proceeds and the investment earnings on those proceeds. The Treasurer may use or direct the use of those proceeds or earnings to pay any rebate, penalty, or other payment required under federal law or to take any other action with respect to the investment and use of bond proceeds required or desirable under federal law to maintain the tax-exempt status of those bonds and to obtain any other advantage under federal law on behalf of the funds of this state.

5096.372. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that, inasmuch as the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this chapter are not "proceeds of taxes" as that term is used in Article XIII B of the California Constitution, the disbursement of these proceeds is not subject to the limitations imposed by that article.

(b) Funds provided pursuant to this chapter, and any appropriation or transfer of those funds, shall not be deemed to be a transfer of funds for the purposes of Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 2780) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code.