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SB-831 Monterey County Water Resources Agency: Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio. (2015-2016)

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Senate Bill No. 831

CHAPTER 338

An act relating to water resources, and making an appropriation therefor, to take effect immediately, bill related to the budget.

[Approved by Governor September 13, 2016. Filed with Secretary of State September 13, 2016.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 831, Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review. Monterey County Water Resources Agency: Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio.

Existing law establishes the Monterey County Water Resources Agency as a flood control and water agency within the County of Monterey. Existing law authorizes the agency to award a design-build contract for the combined design and construction of a project to connect Lake San Antonio, located in the County of Monterey, and Lake Nacimiento, located in the County of San Luis Obispo, with an underground tunnel or pipeline for the purpose of maximizing water storage, supply, and groundwater recharge.

This bill would appropriate \$10,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Water Resources for the purposes of a water conveyance tunnel between Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio and spillway modifications at Lake San Antonio to increase storage by approximately 60,000 acre-feet. The bill would require the department to grant the \$10,000,000 appropriated for the purposes of the water conveyance tunnel and spillway modifications to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency for the purposes of constructing the water conveyance tunnel and spillway modifications, as specified.

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

Vote: majority Appropriation: yes Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

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

SECTION 1. Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) from the General Fund is hereby appropriated to the Department of Water Resources for the purposes of a water conveyance tunnel between Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio and spillway modifications at Lake San Antonio to increase storage by approximately 60,000 acre-feet.

SEC. 2. The Department of Water Resources shall provide a grant of the ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) appropriated for the purposes of a water conveyance tunnel between Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio and spillway modifications at Lake San Antonio to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency for the purposes of constructing, in accordance with the design-build process authorized by Section 11.1 of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Act (Chapter 1159 of the Statutes of 1990, as amended by Chapter 865 of the Statutes of 2014), the water conveyance tunnel and spillway modifications in order to maximize water storage, water supply, flood management, and groundwater recharge at Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio, within the Salinas River groundwater basin, and the Salinas Valley.

SEC. 3. This act is a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill within the meaning of subdivision (e) of Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution, has been identified as related to the budget in the Budget Bill, and shall take effect immediately.