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SB-208 Sierra Nevada Conservancy: Sierra Nevada Region: subregion: definitions: annual report. (2021-2022)

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Senate Bill No. 208

CHAPTER 182

An act to amend Section 33302 of, and to amend, repeal, and add Section 33350 of, the Public Resources Code, relating to resource conservation.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 208, Dahle. Sierra Nevada Conservancy: Sierra Nevada Region: subregion: definitions: annual report.

Existing law establishes the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and prescribes the functions and duties of the conservancy with regard to the preservation of specified lands in the Sierra Nevada Region, as defined. Existing law requires the conservancy to make an annual report to the Legislature and to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency regarding expenditures, land management costs, and administrative costs.

This bill would modify areas listed under the definitions of the "Sierra Nevada Region" and its "subregions," as specified, for these purposes. The bill would require the conservancy to include, in its report regarding expenditures, land management costs, and administrative costs for the year 2022, recommendations to the Legislature for legislation to change the name of the conservancy and the governing board of the conservancy, and to change the structure of the regions, subregions, and board, to align the conservancy with its recent expansion in the Counties of Shasta, Siskiyou, and Trinity.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 33302 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

33302. For purposes of this division, the following terms have the following meanings:

- (a) "Board" means the Governing Board of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.
- (b) "Conservancy" means the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.
- (c) "Fund" means the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Fund created pursuant to Section 33355.
- (d) "Local public agency" means a city, county, district, or joint powers authority.
- (e) "Nonprofit organization" means a private, nonprofit organization that qualifies for exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the United States Code, and whose charitable purposes are consistent with the purposes of the conservancy as set

forth in this division.

(f) (1) "Region" or "Sierra Nevada Region" means the area lying within the Counties of Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba, described as the area bounded as follows:

(2) On the east by the eastern boundary of the State of California; the crest of the White/Inyo ranges; and State Routes 395 and 14 south of Olancha; on the south by State Route 58, Tehachapi Creek, and Caliente Creek; on the west by the line of 1,250 feet above sea level from Caliente Creek to the Kern/Tulare County line; the lower level of the western slope's blue oak woodland, from the Kern/Tulare County line to the Sacramento River near the mouth of Seven-Mile Creek north of Red Bluff; the Sacramento River from Seven-Mile Creek north to Cow Creek below Redding; Cow Creek, Little Cow Creek, Dry Creek, and up to the southern boundary of the Pit River watershed where Bear Creek Mountain Road and Dry Creek Road intersect; the southern boundary of the Pit River watershed; the western boundary of the upper Trinity watershed in the County of Trinity; on the north by the boundary of the upper Trinity watershed in the County of Trinity and the upper Sacramento, McCloud, and Pit River watersheds in the County of Siskiyou; and within the County of Modoc, the easterly boundary of the Klamath River watershed; and on the north in the County of Modoc by the northern boundary of the State of California; excluding both of the following:

(A) The Lake Tahoe Region, as described in Section 66905.5 of the Government Code, where it is defined as "region."

(B) The San Joaquin River Parkway, as described in Section 32510.

(g) "Subregions" means the six subregions in which the Sierra Nevada Region is located, described as follows:

(1) The north Sierra subregion, comprising the Counties of Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, and Trinity.

(2) The north central Sierra subregion, comprising the Counties of Butte, Plumas, Sierra, and Tehama.

(3) The central Sierra subregion, comprising the Counties of El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, and Yuba.

(4) The south central Sierra subregion, comprising the Counties of Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, and Tuolumne.

(5) The east Sierra subregion, comprising the Counties of Alpine, Inyo, and Mono.

(6) The south Sierra subregion, comprising the Counties of Fresno, Kern, Madera, and Tulare.

(h) "Tribal organization" means an Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, or a tribal agency authorized by a tribe, which is one or both of the following:

(1) Recognized by the United States and identified within the most current Federal Register.

(2) Listed on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission as a California Native American tribe.

SEC. 2. Section 33350 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

33350. (a) The conservancy shall make an annual report to the Legislature and the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency regarding expenditures, land management costs, and administrative costs.

(b) The conservancy shall include, in its report regarding expenditures, land management costs, and administrative costs for the year 2022, recommendations to the Legislature for legislation to change the name of the conservancy and board, and to change the structure of the regions, subregions, and board, to align the conservancy with its recent expansion in the Counties of Shasta, Siskiyou, and Trinity.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2027, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 3. Section 33350 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

33350. (a) The conservancy shall make an annual report to the Legislature and the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency regarding expenditures, land management costs, and administrative costs.

(b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2027.