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SB-266 State park system: Chino Hills State Park: expansion. (2021-2022)

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Senate Bill No. 266

CHAPTER 760

An act to add Section 5015.8 to the Public Resources Code, relating to state parks.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 266, Newman. State park system: Chino Hills State Park: expansion.

Existing law designates all parks, public campgrounds, monument sites, landmark sites, and sites of historical interest established or acquired by the state, or that are under its control, as the state park system, except as specified. Under existing law, the Department of Parks and Recreation controls the state park system, which is made up of units, one of which is the Chino Hills State Park.

This bill would require the department to provide assistance acquiring and accepting land immediately adjacent to, and that expands, Chino Hills State Park, by transferring 3 specified properties into the state park system. The bill would require the department to manage the acquired properties and parcels with specified funds as part of the Chino Hills State Park, as provided.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 5015.8 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

5015.8. (a) The department shall provide assistance acquiring and accepting land immediately adjacent to, and that expands, Chino Hills State Park, by transferring three properties into the state park system. The properties are known as First National Investment Properties, which consists of nine parcels, Eastbridge, which consists of four parcels, and Beattie, which is one parcel. The department shall agree to accept and manage each of these properties as a part of the Chino Hills State Park. All acquisitions shall come from willing landowners.

(b) The department shall manage the properties and parcels acquired pursuant to subdivision (a) with funds held for that purpose or obtained through the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California settlement agreement. Only 131 acres, which shall consist of the Beattie property and the northern most 120-acre parcel of the First National Investment Properties, shall be managed as mitigation lands compliant with that settlement agreement. The remaining parcels of the First National Investment Properties and the Eastbridge parcels shall be managed simply as additional parklands.