



AB 2440 (Reyes): 30 for 30: State Parks

SUMMARY

This bill would incorporate the State Parks Department and other agencies managing state-owned lands into the state's goals to conserve 30% of lands and coastal waters by 2030. The bill would ensure equitable access to the outdoors for all and specify reporting requirements around the 30x30 goal.

BACKGROUND

In 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-82-20, which set forth the bold goal to durably protect and conserve 30% of California's land and coastal waters by 2030. In 2023, this goal was codified by SB 337 (Min).

The 30x30 initiative is a critical step to preserve the state's extraordinary biodiversity, ensure equitable access to nature, and build resilience to climate change, and California State Parks has an important role to play through both acquisition and stewardship.

Comprising 1.6 million acres of protected land — including almost one quarter of California's coastline — and preserving a wide range of ecosystems from coastal wetlands to inland desert to every major forest ecosystem in the state, California's state parks are an invaluable asset in conservation and providing public access to California's incredible landscapes.

California State Parks partners with public agencies, nonprofits, and Native governments to facilitate landscape-scale

conservation efforts and steward parks to be more climate-resilient and support biodiversity. This work significantly contributes to the 30x30 initiative's goals, and it is critical that the state promote and support the acquisition and stewardship of state lands and strive to create opportunities for equitable access to the outdoors while fulfilling the 30x30 goal.

THIS BILL

AB 2440 would require the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) to promote and support the acquisition and responsible stewardship of state lands as a part of fulfilling the 30x30 goal.

The bill would also require an annual report to the Legislature on progress towards reaching the 30x30 goal, a summary of the amount of state funding allocated to each partnering state agency in the previous calendar year to support 30x30 goals, and an update on progress towards expanding access to nature for all Californians.

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