



Senate Bill 1386

Natural and Working Lands Climate Solutions Act

By Senator Lois Wolk

Bill Summary

SB 1386 declares it to be state policy that protecting and managing natural and working lands is key to meeting California's climate change goals and directs all relevant state agencies to consider this policy when conducting their work. This bill will solidify funding eligibility for carbon sequestration projects on natural and working lands and will elevate the protection and management of these lands as part of California's efforts to meet our Greenhouse Gas (GHG) goals.

Bill Details

- Declares it to be state policy that protection and management of natural and working lands is a key strategy in meeting California's GHG emission reduction goals;
- Requires that all relevant state agencies consider this policy when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations, expenditures, and grant criteria relating to the protection and management of natural and working lands; and
- Defines "working lands" and "natural lands."

Background

The conservation and management of natural and working lands is a key strategy in California's ongoing efforts to meet its climate change goals—given these sectors' significant potential for storing carbon.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Strategic Growth Council, and other state bodies have programs in place to protect and manage natural and working lands, including programs to undertake carbon sequestration on natural and working lands using Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) dollars.

By declaring it to be state policy that investment in the protection and management of natural and working lands is a key strategy to meet the state's climate change goals, SB 1386 will ensure that the protection and management of these lands, including investment in carbon sequestration projects, will be an ongoing priority for California as part of our efforts to reduce GHG emissions. The bill also supports other important public benefits for all communities including the protection and enhancement of wildlife habitat, parks and open space; recreational and economic opportunities; production of food and fiber; improvement of air and water quality; and flood protection.

Support

Defenders of Wildlife (sponsor)
Audubon California
California Alliance with Family Farmers

California Central Valley Flood Control Association
California Climate & Agriculture Network
California Releaf
California State Parks Foundation
California Tahoe Alliance
Carbon Cycle Institute
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
City of Portola
East Bay Regional Park District
Endangered Habitats League
Environment California
Greenbelt Alliance
Institute for Ecological Health
Lutheran Office of Public Policy – California
Mono Lake Committee
Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority
Ocean Conservancy
Pacific Forest Trust
Placer County
Placer Land Trust
San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority
Save the Redwoods League
Sequoia Riverlands Trust
Sierra Business Council
Sierra Cascade Land Trust Council
Sierra Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Partnership (Sierra CAMP)
Sierra Club California
Sierra Foothill Conservancy
Sierra Institute for Community and Environment
Sierra Nevada Alliance
Sierra Water Workgroup
Southern Sierra Partnership
Tahoe Mountain Sports
Tejon Ranch Conservancy
The Nature Conservancy
The Trust for Public Land
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