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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED _____
ORIGINAL DATE 2/5/24
BILL
SHORT TITLE Storrie Lake Native Aquatic Species NUMBER Senate Bill 267
ANALYST Wan Smith

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

FY24	FY25	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$10,000.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From

Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

State Land Office (SLO)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Bill 267

Senate Bill 267 appropriates \$10 million from the general fund to the Department of Game and Fish (DGF) for the purpose of constructing a native aquatic species restoration facility at Storrie Lake. The funds are appropriated for FY25 and subsequent fiscal years and shall not revert to the general fund.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, or May 15, 2024, if enacted.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$10 million contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Although this bill does not specify future appropriations, multiyear appropriations, particularly if used to fund services and those services perform well, create an expectation the program will continue in future fiscal years; therefore, this cost could become recurring after the funding period.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DGF reports that a native species restoration facility would increase the agency's ability to address declines in aquatic species such as Mexican garter snakes, leopard frogs, boreal toads, and a variety of small native fishes. Currently, recovery initiatives for these species are supported by limited resource assistance from federal partners or other states.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Development of a native species restoration facility may improve DGF's performance on metrics related to restoration and species availability.

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