

RESOLUTION NO. 21-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 804.**

WHEREAS, existing law establishes the California Conservation Corps in the Natural Resources Agency and requires the corps to implement and administer the conservation corps program. Existing law authorizes the Director of the California Conservation Corps to establish the Education and Employment Reentry Program within the corps to develop, partner with, and create opportunities for certain forestry corps program objectives, collaborate with the Employment Development Department to provide access to workforce services, collaborate with nongovernmental organizations dedicated to providing access to counseling, mentorship, supportive housing, health care, and educational opportunities, and employ collaborations and partnerships available to the corps, as specified.; and

WHEREAS, This bill would require the director, in partnership with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, to establish a forestry training center in northern California to provide enhanced training, education, work experience, and job readiness for entry-level forestry and vegetation management jobs. The bill would require the training center to include counseling, mentorship, supportive housing, health care, and educational services and authorize the training center to provide training modules on specified activities. The bill would require the director to enroll at the training center formerly incarcerated individuals and to prioritize enrollment for those formerly incarcerated individuals who have either successfully served on a California Conservation Camp program crew and were recommended by the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, as provided, or successfully served on a hand crew at the county level and were recommended for participation by county probation and county fire departments. The bill would provide that successful completion of a training program at the training center constitutes qualifying experience for an entry-level forestry or vegetation management position at a state agency; and

WHEREAS, Existing law requires the corps to report by December 31 of each year the total number of corpsmembers in the cohort who permanently separated from the corps, as provided. Existing law requires the report to include specified information; and

WHEREAS, This bill would require the report, commencing December 31, 2023, and annually thereafter, to contain specified information regarding formerly incarcerated individuals enrolled in corps programs or centers, as provided; and

WHEREAS, This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for northern California; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature finds and declares that a special statute is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the unique ecological needs of northern California in reducing the impact of wildfires in the region;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District affirms its support of SB 804 California Conservation Corps: forestry training center: formerly incarcerated individuals.

June 16, 2021
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PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2021 at the regular meeting of the District Board of Directors held virtually on June 16, 2021, on motion made by Director **Danziger**, seconded by Director **Donner**, and duly carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS DANZIGER, DONNER, JEX, AND JORGENS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: DIRECTOR BAITX


ABSTAIN: NONE

Dated: **June 16, 2021**


Craig N. Jorgens (Jun 23, 2021 19:04 PDT)

Craig Jorgens, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Marcia Holbrook, District Clerk