STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Budget Change Proposal - Cover Sheet
DF-46 (REV 07/23)

Fiscal Year	Business Unit Number	Department
2025-26	3855	Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Hyperion Budget Request Name	Relevant Program or Subprogram
3855-043-BCP-2025-MR	3220 – Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Budget Request Title
Sierra Nevada Conservancy Fund Ongoing Local Assistance Reimbursement Authority

Budget Request Summary
The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is requesting ongoing reimbursement authority of $1 million for local assistance under the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Fund (Fund 8120).

Requires Legislation (submit required legislation with the BCP)	Code Section(s) to be Added/Amended/Repealed
☐ Trailer Bill Language ☒ Budget Bill Language ☐ N/A	N/A

Does this BCP contain information technology (IT) components?	Department CIO	Date
☐ Yes ☒ No	N/A	N/A

For IT requests, specify the project number, the most recent project approval document (FSR, SPR, S1BA, S2AA, S3SD, S4PRA), the approval date, and the total project cost.

Project No. N/A **Project Approval Document:** N/A

Approval Date: N/A **Total Project Cost:** N/A

If proposal affects another department, does other department concur with proposal? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Department of Finance Use Only

Additional Review: ☐ Capital Outlay ☐ ITCU ☐ FSCU ☐ OSAE ☐ Dept. of Technology

Principal Program Budget Analyst	Date submitted to the Legislature
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A. Problem Statement

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is requesting ongoing reimbursement authority of $1 million for local assistance under the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Fund (SNC Fund) (Fund 8120). This will serve as a placeholder in the budget for future years as new reimbursement agreements with local assistance subgrants are received. The SNC is also requesting that provisional language be included to authorize short-term loans for local assistance, not to exceed a cumulative total of $1 million, to be made from the General Fund to the SNC Fund to meet the cash flow needs resulting from the delay in receipt of reimbursements.

B. Justification

The SNC Fund was added to SNC's budget in fiscal year 2019-20 to be used for the various non-federal reimbursement agreements SNC receives. Originally, a state operations appropriation was established that was used for both support and local assistance. In 2024-25, however, a local assistance appropriation was established with a three-year encumbrance period. No reimbursement authority was established for future fiscal years for 2025-26 and ongoing as no new reimbursement agreements with local assistance funding were anticipated at the time. This request is for an ongoing $1 million reimbursement authority to be used as a placeholder in the budget. This will allow the SNC to adjust its reimbursement authority for local assistance in future fiscal years as new reimbursement agreements are received. Adding the cash flow transfer provisional language will ensure SNC has an adequate balance in the local assistance appropriation to support the cash flow needs associated with making up-front payments and awaiting reimbursements.

C. Departmentwide and Statewide Considerations

SNC's reimbursement agreements do not come at regular intervals and are not always known in advance to allow time for a Budget Change Proposal (BCP) to request an adjustment to SNC's authority. Adding the ongoing reimbursement authority for local assistance would allow SNC to process reimbursements timely. Rather than needing to submit a BCP each year an agreement is received, SNC would only need to submit an authority increase request, as needed.

D. Outcomes and Accountability

Approval of this request would make it easier and more efficient for SNC to request an increase to its reimbursement authority if new reimbursement agreements with local assistance funding are received.

E. Implementation Plan

This item will become effective July 1, 2025.

F. Supplemental Information (If Applicable)

Proposed Budget Bill Language – add the following provision for Item 3855-101-8120:

1. Notwithstanding any other law, one or more loans, not to exceed a cumulative total of $1,000,000, shall be made available from the General Fund to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Fund, to be transferred as needed to meet cash needs resulting from the delay in receipt of reimbursements. All moneys so transferred shall be repaid as soon as sufficient reimbursements have been collected to meet immediate cash needs, but not later than by October 31 of the fiscal year following the year in which the loan was authorized. Interest charges may be waived pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 16314 of the Government Code.

BCP Fiscal Detail Sheet

(Dollars in Thousands)

BCP Title: Sierra Nevada Conservancy Fund (Fund 8120) Ongoing Local Assistance Reimbursement Authority

BR Name: 3855-043-BCP-2025-MR

Budget Request Summary

Operating Expenses and Equipment

Operating Expenses and Equipment	FY25 Current Year	FY25 Budget Year	FY25 BY+1	FY25 BY+2	FY25 BY+3	FY25 BY+4
54XX - Special Items of Expense	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Operating Expenses and Equipment	**$0**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**

Total Budget Request

Total Budget Request	FY25 Current Year	FY25 Budget Year	FY25 BY+1	FY25 BY+2	FY25 BY+3	FY25 BY+4
Total Budget Request	**$0**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**

Fund Summary

Fund Source

Fund Source	FY25 Current Year	FY25 Budget Year	FY25 BY+1	FY25 BY+2	FY25 BY+3	FY25 BY+4
0995 - Reimbursements	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Local Assistance Expenditures	**$0**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**
Total All Funds	**$0**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**

Program Summary

Program Funding

Program Funding	FY25 Current Year	FY25 Budget Year	FY25 BY+1	FY25 BY+2	FY25 BY+3	FY25 BY+4
3220 - Sierra Nevada Conservancy	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total All Programs	**$0**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**