STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Budget Change Proposal - Cover Sheet
DF-46 (REV 03/25)

Fiscal Year	Business Unit Number	Department
2026-27	3340	California Conservation Corps

Hyperion Budget Request Name	Relevant Program or Subprogram
3340-010-BCP-2026-GB	2360010-Training and Work Program-Base and Fire Centers

Budget Request Title
Greenwood Residential Center

Budget Request Summary
The California Conservation Corps (CCC) is requesting $12,292,000 ($6,761,000 General Fund and $5,531,000 Collins-Dugan Reimbursement Account) in fiscal year 2026-27 and $9,442,000 ($5,193,000 General Fund and $4,249,000 Collins-Dugan Reimbursement Account) in 2027-28 and ongoing to fund 24.0 positions, 100.0 Corpsmembers, and 6.0 Special Corpsmembers to fully staff the new Greenwood Residential Center, scheduled for occupancy in July 2026.

Requires Legislation (submit required legislation with the BCP)	Code Section(s) to be Added/Amended/Repealed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

Does this BCP contain information technology (IT) components? ☒ Yes ☐ No	Department CIO	Date
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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. **Approval Date:**

Project Approval Document: **Total Project Cost:**

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

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

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A. Problem Statement

Modeled after the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s, the California Conservation Corps (CCC) is comprised of young adults aged 18 to 25 (and veterans to age 29) working on conservation projects on public lands in cities and rural areas. Through their service, Corpsmembers gain work experience, advance their education, and learn about careers while helping to enhance and protect California's natural resources and its communities. Corpsmembers complete over 2,000 conservation projects annually, ranging from restoring fish and wildlife habitat to installing energy and water efficient improvements, building trails, and improving forest health. As one of the state's premier emergency response organizations, the CCC responds to fires, floods, pest infestations, earthquakes, and oil spills.

The CCC recruits young people from across the state and from diverse backgrounds. Many Corpsmembers enter the CCC with limited job skills and experience. The CCC anticipates serving about 1,600 full-time equivalent (FTE) Corpsmembers in 2026-27 at its 10 residential centers, 16 non-residential facilities, and several seasonal backcountry program locations that are situated in rural and remote areas throughout the state. By combining work experience, education, and other training, the CCC's goal is to develop productive citizens that are ready to enter and contribute to the workforce.

The original Greenwood crews moved to the new Delta Residential Center when construction was completed in 2018. Greenwood, with its own capital outlay project to demolish and build new, will be completed by July 2026 for occupancy, for which additional resources are needed to operate the new center.

B. Justification

The Greenwood Center will have more than 54,000 square feet of space. It will have 11 new buildings in addition to the three original buildings for a total of 14 structures including seven dormitory buildings, a new administration building, plus a warehouse, education and recreation building, and a multipurpose building, which will house a kitchen and dining hall. There will also be paved surfaces for service and staging areas, walkways, driveways, and parking. This facility will accommodate up to 100 permanent Corpsmembers.

A residential center in El Dorado County is important to provide the following:

Emergency Response: Corpsmembers working at the Greenwood Center will learn and provide emergency response. This may include assisting in emergency operations, such as natural disaster relief and fire prevention and suppression. The Greenwood Center is strategically located in an area rich in natural resources and adjacent to vulnerable state responsibility areas and federal lands with vegetation management needs that can be best met by the Greenwood Center. Additionally, the Greenwood Center has been utilized as a staging location for emergency personnel in the event of emergency incidents in El Dorado County. The presence of a fully staffed CCC operations at Greenwood allows the agency to support a local emergency response with more immediate aid and resources. This includes emergency response teams, base support, and culinary operations. Also, the Tahoe Center, which is 80 miles away, cannot serve western El Dorado County when roads close in the winter, making Greenwood best able to serve this area.

Regional Employment: A residential center in El Dorado County will provide opportunities for young adults who do not live close enough to one of CCC's non-residential centers. According to the Labor Market Information Division of the Employment Development Department, unemployment in El Dorado County reached five percent in September 2025.

High Demand for Conservation Work: California's natural resources grow ever more precious as the effects of man-made climate change become apparent. With its expansive Sierra forests, numerous rivers, and unique fish habitats, there is a great need for conservation in the El Dorado County area. The CCC has a long history of working on natural resource projects with federal,

state, local, and public sponsors. There has been no shortage of conservation work. Once Greenwood is fully staffed, crews will begin doing much needed conservation work in the area.

Strategic Training Center: The CCC utilizes its residential facilities as a low-cost option to host centralized regional and statewide training classes. The CCC kitchen and dining halls make it possible to temporarily house many Corpsmembers and feed them during large training sessions. Currently, options include housing Corpsmembers in hotels or driving long distances to another residential center for large training classes. Centralized training includes chainsaw use, energy auditing, trail construction, fire training, flood response, safety, and other similar courses. CCC residential centers throughout the state also offer many culinary classes, including emergency response kitchen training, ServSafe® manager testing, spike cookout training, and more.

Furthermore, a residential center, like a college campus, offers many benefits for the Corpsmembers, including those listed below:

Environmental Stability: Residential centers draw young people statewide and allow those who join to serve beyond their local neighborhoods. Residential centers also provide a stable and positive environment for homeless young adults and youth aging out of foster care as well as others who are often disconnected from work, education, and career pathway opportunities. Ninety-one unhoused youths were enrolled in the CCC in 2024-25. More residential centers would increase the capacity of the CCC to offer stable, affordable housing with work experience and education to young people. According to *the 2024 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) Part 1* completed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, California reported that there were 26,159 people under the age of 25 experiencing homelessness on a single night, of which more than 35 percent were unsheltered.

Regular Attendance: Showing up on time and working a full day is fundamental to a young person building a résumé of work experience while in the CCC. Young people enrolled at residential centers are not facing day-to-day family and personal responsibilities or need to arrange for regular transportation to and from the center.

Academic Success: For young adults who join the CCC and do not have a high school diploma or equivalent, the residential setting provides time for Corpsmembers to dedicate to academics. They can attend classes, participate in study groups, and participate onsite in academic projects and a supportive learning community. According to a report by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics titled "Education pays, 2024," those who have a high school diploma earn 26 percent more per week than those without one.

Community Engagement: Living at the center, Corpsmembers can explore different kinds of activities and engage in outreach projects. Ultimately, this allows Corpsmembers to interact with their internal CCC community and make positive contributions to their external community. According to the current Community Engagement webpage of Western Connecticut State University, some of the personal and societal benefits that accrue from community service include:

- Connecting people, allowing volunteers to make new friends and contacts and to improve their social and relationship skills.
- Positively affecting one's mental health, such as increasing self-confidence, successfully battling depression, and improving physical health.
- Helping one to advance their career by providing career experience and teaching valuable job skills.
- Overall increasing the quality of one's life.

Personal Development: Living in dorms, Corpsmembers meet people from different backgrounds and socialize with them throughout the week by attending events onsite or the surrounding areas. This allows Corpsmembers to build meaningful relationships and lifelong friendships with individuals who will challenge, shape, or strengthen their worldview as the Corpsmembers develop into

independent adults. This diverse community provides Corpsmembers with unique experience, building trust between people of all different backgrounds and forging networks of support that extend beyond their term of service with the CCC.

Safety and Security: Living situations for non-residential Corpsmembers may be tenuous as Corpsmembers are on a limited budget. The Greenwood Center is in a rural area. Corpsmembers may experience safer living situations onsite rather than if they were commuting to and from the center. CCC centers also have supervisors who actively monitor the dorms and advise Corpsmembers.

C. Departmentwide and Statewide Considerations

The CCC provides a cost-effective option for state departments to contract for services. Public Resources Code section 14300, subdivision (i), mandates that the CCC assist departments within the California Natural Resources Agency in developing, rehabilitating, and restoring parklands, recreational facilities, and historical resources; restoring and preserving wildlife habitat; and enhancing reforestation in both urban and rural areas. Public Resources Code section 14315 requires that state agencies considering the use of contracted labor give priority to and, to the maximum extent feasible, use the CCC when its mission and the nature of the project are substantially consistent.

Inclusiveness, accountability, hard work, professional and personal development, and stewardship for California's environment are the core values of the CCC. To further build upon the Department's 2025 Strategic Plan's core values and mission to develop young adults into productive and responsible citizens, we continue to strive to provide a safe place and equity for all. This proposal is consistent with the CCC's Strategic Plan 2025, as follows:

Trail 3 – Dynamic Paths: We believe in creating dynamic paths by being a recognized leader and authority in establishing education and training pipelines to prepare young adults for meaningful careers focused on preserving and protecting California's natural resources and communities and mitigating the effects of climate change.

Trail 4 – Tomorrow's Corps Today: We believe in building tomorrow's corps today by anticipating, identifying, and preparing for emerging trends in conservation, climate action, and workforce development. This enables us to position ourselves and the corps movement as leaders in building a global conservation workforce.

This request is consistent with the 2026-27 Budget Policy Guidelines outlined in Budget Letter 25-16, as it aligns with the Administration's primary budget focus to protect core programs, including public safety.

D. Outcomes and Accountability

All stakeholders, including the Regional Deputy, the Administration Deputy Director, Business Services, and the Information Systems and Services Unit will collaborate to ensure Greenwood is ready for full operation by July 2026. In addition, Human Resources will work with the Region I Deputy Director to advertise and hire additional staff, Special Corpsmembers, and Corpsmembers for an expected start date of July 1, 2026.

E. Implementation Plan

Human Resources will begin recruitment in April/May to fill new positions effective July 1, 2026, contingent upon budget enactment.

F. Supplemental Information (If Applicable)

None.

BCP Fiscal Detail Sheet

(Dollars in Thousands)

BCP Title: Greenwood Residential Center

BR Name: 3340-010-BCP-2026-GB

Budget Request Summary

Personal Services

Personal Services	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
Positions - Permanent	0.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0
Total Positions	**0.0**	**24.0**	**24.0**	**24.0**	**24.0**	**24.0**
Earnings - Permanent	0	1,628	1,628	1,628	1,628	1,628
Salaries and Wages Overtime/Other	0	40	40	40	40	40
Total Salaries and Wages	**$0**	**$1,668**	**$1,668**	**$1,668**	**$1,668**	**$1,668**
Total Staff Benefits	0	912	912	912	912	912
Total Personal Services	**$0**	**$2,580**	**$2,580**	**$2,580**	**$2,580**	**$2,580**

Operating Expenses and Equipment

Operating Expenses and Equipment	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
5301 - General Expense	0	316	279	279	279	279
5302 - Printing	0	19	19	19	19	19
5304 - Communications	0	15	14	14	14	14
5306 - Postage	0	8	8	8	8	8
5308 - Insurance	0	23	23	23	23	23
5320 - Travel: In-State	0	39	38	38	38	38
5322 - Training	0	56	56	56	56	56
5324 - Facilities Operation	0	208	208	208	208	208
5326 - Utilities	0	240	240	240	240	240
5340 - Consulting and Professional Services - Interdepartmental	0	9	9	9	9	9
5340 - Consulting and Professional Services - External	0	4,208	4,208	4,208	4,208	4,208
5346 - Information Technology	0	213	131	131	131	131
5368 - Non-Capital Asset Purchases - Equipment	0	3,233	647	647	647	647
539X - Other	0	1,125	982	982	982	982
Total Operating Expenses and Equipment	**$0**	**$9,712**	**$6,862**	**$6,862**	**$6,862**	**$6,862**

Total Budget Request

Total Budget Request	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
Total Budget Request	**$0**	**$12,292**	**$9,442**	**$9,442**	**$9,442**	**$9,442**

Fund Summary

Fund Source

Fund Source	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
State Operations - 0001 - General Fund	0	6,761	5,193	5,193	5,193	5,193
State Operations - 0318 - Collins-Dugan California Conservation Corps Reimbursement Account	0	5,531	4,249	4,249	4,249	4,249
Total State Operations Expenditures	**$0**	**$12,292**	**$9,442**	**$9,442**	**$9,442**	**$9,442**
Total All Funds	**$0**	**$12,292**	**$9,442**	**$9,442**	**$9,442**	**$9,442**

Program Summary

Program Funding

Program Funding	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
2360010 - Training and Work Program--Base and Fire Centers	0	12,292	9,442	9,442	9,442	9,442
Total All Programs	**$0**	**$12,292**	**$9,442**	**$9,442**	**$9,442**	**$9,442**

Personal Services Details

Positions

Positions	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
1003 - Conservationist II	0.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
1029 - Conservationist I	0.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
1138 - Office Techn (Gen)	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
1202 - Conservation Supv	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
1303 - Personnel Spec	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
1402 - Info Tech Spec I	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
2181 - Supvng Cook I	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
2184 - Cook Spec II	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
4558 - Administrative Officer II	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
4567 - Sr Accounting Officer (Spec)	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
4969 - Staff Svcs Mgr II (Mgrial)	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
5278 - Mgmt Svcs Techn	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
5393 - Assoc Govtl Program Analyst	0.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
6940 - Maint Mechanic	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
OT00 - Overtime	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Positions	**0.0**	**24.0**	**24.0**	**24.0**	**24.0**	**24.0**

Salaries and Wages

Salaries and Wages	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
1003 - Conservationist II	0	143	143	143	143	143
1029 - Conservationist I	0	432	432	432	432	432
1138 - Office Techn (Gen)	0	50	50	50	50	50
1202 - Conservation Supv	0	90	90	90	90	90
1303 - Personnel Spec	0	62	62	62	62	62
1402 - Info Tech Spec I	0	100	100	100	100	100
2181 - Supvng Cook I	0	62	62	62	62	62
2184 - Cook Spec II	0	56	56	56	56	56
4558 - Administrative Officer II	0	85	85	85	85	85
4567 - Sr Accounting Officer (Spec)	0	79	79	79	79	79
4969 - Staff Svcs Mgr II (Mgrial)	0	109	109	109	109	109
5278 - Mgmt Svcs Techn	0	50	50	50	50	50
5393 - Assoc Govtl Program Analyst	0	237	237	237	237	237
6940 - Maint Mechanic	0	73	73	73	73	73

Salaries and Wages	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
OT00 - Overtime	0	40	40	40	40	40
Total Salaries and Wages	**$0**	**$1,668**	**$1,668**	**$1,668**	**$1,668**	**$1,668**

Staff Benefits

Staff Benefits	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
5150150 - Dental Insurance	0	912	912	912	912	912
Total Staff Benefits	**$0**	**$912**	**$912**	**$912**	**$912**	**$912**

Total Personal Services

Total Personal Services	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
Total Personal Services	**$0**	**$2,580**	**$2,580**	**$2,580**	**$2,580**	**$2,580**