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
3340-009-BCP-2026-GB	2360010-Training and Work Program-Base and Fire Centers

Budget Request Title
Vehicle Replacement

Budget Request Summary
The California Conservation Corps (CCC) is requesting $8.7 million one-time Collins-Dugan Reimbursement Account in fiscal year 2026-27 to replace 84 vehicles in its aging fleet.

Requires Legislation (submit required legislation with the BCP)	Code Section(s) to be Added/Amended/Repealed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

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 up 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 wildland fuel reduction, improvement of forest health, fish and wildlife habitat restoration, installation of energy and water efficient improvements, and building and maintaining trails. As one of the state's premier emergency response organizations, the CCC responds to fires, floods, pest infestations, earthquakes, and oil spills. In 2023-24, Corpsmembers provided over 414,000 hours of emergency response support across 316 projects. In 2024-25, the CCC experienced a significant increase in demand, providing more than one million hours of emergency response across 527 projects. Because emergency response and conservation projects occur throughout the state, CCC vehicles are used extensively, driven from one of the 26 CCC locations to project sites, and quickly log in high mileage. For this reason, the fleet already has 84 vehicles that need to be replaced.

The 2016-17 Vehicle Replacement BCP provided $812,000 annually for three years to replace 90 vehicles in the CCC fleet. The last approved augmentation for vehicle replacement was through a 2022-23 BCP, which provided $7,305,000 one-time General Fund to replace 114 vehicles, including 77 pickup trucks, 28 crew carrying vehicles (CCVs), and nine minivans.

Resource History
(Dollars in thousands)

Program Budget	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Authorized Expenditures	$0	$0	$7,305	$0	$0	$0
Actual Expenditures	$0	$0	$1,201	$5,325	$505	$0

As indicated in the table above, funds received through the 2022-23 BCP were not fully utilized. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, the cost of CCVs and original equipment manufacturer (OEM) vehicles increased significantly, making it financially unfeasible to replace existing units with new CCVs. In some cases, several purchase orders had to be re-negotiated with different vendors due to unavailability of the primary OEM provider that was causing a cost differential.

B. Justification

The CCC relies heavily upon crew support trucks, mini vans, pickups, large passenger vans, and CCVs daily to safely transport Corpsmember crews, project materials, tools, and other equipment to and from project sites. Travel distances can increase significantly when all available CCC crews, regardless of location, are called to respond to emergencies and natural disasters.

The CCC has identified two primary categories of vehicles needing replacement. The first category is the most urgent: vehicle is in poor condition, requires extensive repairs, and costs more to repair than the value of the vehicle. These vehicles may have significant mechanical issues, major electrical problems, high mileage, and physical problems such as a broken seat. In addition, some of these vehicles may have been disposed of and the center needs a replacement. The second category consists of vehicles overdue for replacement which are in fair to poor condition. The cost of repairs is beginning to exceed the value of these vehicles. Summary is provided below:

Vehicle Replacement Costs – Most Urgent

Vehicle Type	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
CCV	9	$239,890	$2,159,010
Van	7	$76,585	$536,095
Pickup Truck	21	$59,347	$1,246,287
SUV	3	$48,828	$146,484
Totals	**40**		**$4,087,876**

Vehicle Replacement Costs – Overdue for Replacement

Vehicle Type	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
CCV	11	$239,890	$2,638,790
Van	3	$76,585	$229,755
Pickup Truck	25	$59,347	$1,483,675
SUV	5	$48,828	$244,140
Totals	**44**		**$4,596,360**

Grand Total	**84**		**$8,684,236**

Replacing these vehicles would allow the CCC to carry out its mission without undue health and safety concerns, excessive and unreasonable operational costs or service interruptions and is consistent with SAM Section 4100.

The current vehicles in need of replacement are subject to change both in priority and cost estimate. For this reason, we request flexibility to reprioritize and/or shift funds, as needed.

C. Departmentwide and Statewide Considerations

Vehicle Fleet Requirements. In January 2011, Governor Brown issued Executive Order (EO) B-2-11 requiring state departments to analyze their vehicle fleets and develop a plan to relinquish non-essential and cost-inefficient vehicles and equipment. EO B-2-11 also prohibited departments from purchasing new vehicles until they have relinquished these vehicles pursuant to the plan approved by the Department of General Services (DGS). This request is consistent with the DGS approved baseline vehicle count and with the CCC's replacement plan focused on those vehicles that have reached the allowable threshold for replacement as follows:

- State Administrative Manual (SAM) Chapter 4125 (State Fleet Asset Oversight) addresses DGS Office of Fleet and Asset Management (OFAM) oversight of all mobile assets that departments wish to acquire or replace for over 30 consecutive days. It also establishes the criteria in which specific asset items are under OFAM approval authority or are delegated directly to departments but are still reportable.

- SAM Chapter 4120 (State Fleet Annual Acquisition Plan) addresses vehicle replacement requirements that are substantiated and in compliance with EO B-2-11, including vital and

necessary to provide mission critical services; are needed to protect the health, safety, or security of the public; and/or will result in significant cost savings to the state.

This request is consistent with the Budget Policy Guidelines because it aligns with the Administration's primary budget focus to maintain budget resilience and long-term stability while protecting core programs, such as public health care, public safety, and public education to the maximum extent possible. This proposal has no facility needs.

D. Outcomes and Accountability

CCC will replace 84 vehicles as quickly as possible to minimize safety liabilities.

E. Implementation Plan

The CCC will work with OFAM to replace these vehicles in a systematic manner, contingent upon the enactment of 2026 budget.

F. Supplemental Information (If Applicable)

None.

BCP Fiscal Detail Sheet

(Dollars in Thousands)

BCP Title: Vehicle Replacement

BR Name: 3340-009-BCP-2026-GB

Budget Request Summary

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
5368 - Non-Capital Asset Purchases - Equipment	0	8,700	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenses and Equipment	**$0**	**$8,700**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

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**	**$8,700**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

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 - 0318 - Collins-Dugan California Conservation Corps Reimbursement Account	0	8,700	0	0	0	0
Total State Operations Expenditures	**$0**	**$8,700**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Total All Funds	**$0**	**$8,700**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

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	8,700	0	0	0	0
Total All Programs	**$0**	**$8,700**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**