STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Budget Change Proposal - Cover Sheet
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Fiscal Year	Business Unit Number	Department
2026-27	0650, 0540, 3360	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, California Natural Resources Agency, California Energy Commission

Hyperion Budget Request Name	Relevant Program or Subprogram
0650-005-BCP-2026-GB; 0540-009-BCP-2026-GB; 3360-011-BCP-2026-GB	0360-State Planning and Policy Development; 2380010 - Power Plant Site Certification and Transmission Line Corridor Designation Program; 0320 - Administration of Natural Resources Agency

Budget Request Title
California's Sixth Climate Change Assessment

Budget Request Summary

The Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, California Natural Resources Agency, and the California Energy Commission request $9.9 million Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) over five years to implement California's Sixth Climate Change Assessment per Chapter 136, Statutes of 2020 (SB 1320). This request will allow California to deliver a scientific assessment to inform California's efforts to reduce climate risks.

Requires Legislation (submit required legislation with the BCP)	Code Section(s) to be Added/Amended/Repealed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? ☐ Yes ☒ No *If yes, departmental Chief Information Officer must sign.*	Department CIO	Date
	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 **Approval Date:** N/A

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

If proposal affects another department, does other department concur with proposal? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Attach comments of affected department, signed and dated by the department director or designee.

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Department of Finance Use Only

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

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A. Problem Statement

Climate change continues to pose alarming risks to California's economy, public health and safety, food and water security, infrastructure, assets and more. Extraordinary budget and staffing cuts to climate science are a core part of the federal government's attack on climate action. Advancing climate science and research through the Sixth California Climate Change Assessment (CCCA6) is critical to bolstering California communities, maintaining the state's global climate leadership and ensuring the decision-makers have access to informational resources otherwise recently retracted at a federal scale, including the National Climate Change Assessment (NCA).

Since 2006, California has invested in cutting-edge science to understand future climate risks to the state and arm decision-makers with information they need to prepare for and reduce the impact of these risks. These investments have proven to be critical in adapting to the impacts of climate change. According to NCA5 (2023), California has outpaced the rest of the country in adaptation action at the state and local level while driving down emissions. However, climate change events continue to worsen and more frequently harm communities. Matched with diminishing federal support to address these challenges across the nation and specifically in hard-hit states like California, the state's climate research portfolio brings more value than ever before to guiding effective action toward a resilient and equitable future within California's borders and beyond.

As mandated by Chapter 136, Statutes of 2020 (SB 1320), the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI), the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) within LCI, the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), and the California Energy Commission (CEC) are required to jointly deliver a California Climate Change Assessment (Assessment or CCCA throughout) to the public no less frequently than every five years. To fulfill this statutory obligation, reduce California's climate risk, and maintain California's leadership in climate science investments, LCI, CNRA and CEC request $9.9 million Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) over five years to implement the CCCA6 research and data portfolio, and associated climate services.

As required by SB 1320, CCCA6 will produce research and decision support tools that directly enhance the state's capacity to advance science-informed climate action in California and meet statutory mandates. This investment is crucial to ensure a seamless transition from CCCA5 to the launch and implementation of CCCA6.

This funding will support 6.0 existing staff positions (5.0 existing positions at LCI and 1.0 existing position at CEC). By providing support through 2030–31, California will preserve institutional knowledge and continuity in leadership, operations, and scientific capacity. This includes funding to continue 5.0 existing positions at LCI that will administer the regional and tribal research portfolio, engagement and publication processes, and provide climate services to ensure climate data is accessible and more actionable for communities, local governments, and decision-makers while supporting broader resilience and equity goals. This proposal will also support 1.0 existing position at CEC that will be dedicated to administering contracts with climate researchers, ensuring the research is focused on the state's most critical gaps in climate science, and partnering with the interagency to improve integration of CCCA6 climate science into relevant policies and investments. Finally, an existing staff position at CNRA will be reclassified to allow hiring of a Research Data Specialist I to coordinate and administer a robust interagency research needs assessment and ensure efficient and effective integration of research results into state operations, policies, and programs.

CCCA6 Total Budget by Department ($ in millions)			
Department	**Category**	**Description**	**Total Amount**
LCI	Regional and Statewide Reports	Regional and Statewide Reports	$2.4
	Tribal	Tribal Advisory Group (TAG) and Tribal Engagement	$0.5
	Climate Services	Data Resources, Tools, and Technical Assistance	$0.9
	Engagement and Public Outreach	Community Engagement and Public Outreach	$0.5
	Editing, Review, and Publication	External Editorial Board and Recruited Reviewers	$0.5
	General Administration	Program Implementation	$1.3
		LCI Total	**$6.1**
CEC	Tribal	Tribal Research Grant Program (TRGP)	$2.3
		CEC Total	**$2.3**
CNRA	Original Research	Original Research - Integrate Assessment Research and Data	$1.5
		CNRA Total	**$1.5**
		Total	**$9.9**

Background & History

California's sustained investment in climate change science is a cornerstone of its global leadership on climate action. At the heart of this effort are the CCCAs, a series of statewide studies designed to improve understanding of climate risks and inform solutions. For nearly two decades, the CCCAs have delivered a proven track record of directly informing state policies, driving investments, and shaping action at every level. For example:

- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requires the use of CCCA climate forecasts, pathways, and studies for adaptation planning for electricity and natural gas investor-owned utilities, under the adaptation rulemaking R-18-04-019 for electricity and gas adaptation planning.
- The California Department of Transportation requires the use of CCCA-funded coastal storm and sea-level rise models to inform planning and implementation of SB-1 adaptation grants.
- The California Air Resources Board used CCA4 data to inform the state's 2022 Scoping Plan.
- The Department of Water Resources identifies vulnerabilities in small water systems using Assessment projections for wildfire and precipitation.
- The Governor's Office of Emergency Services utilizes CCCA data to update the State Hazard Mitigation Plan and the MyHazards Tool, used by local jurisdictions to build Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.
- The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission and Ocean Protection Council use Fourth Assessment findings to provide targeted support for actions that reduce sea-level rise risks, including infrastructure vulnerabilities in the San Francisco Bay and the Delta.

- In addition, cities, counties, community organizations, and other practitioners rely heavily on CCCAs to increase preparedness for rising sea levels, extreme weather, and other hazards.

The state has completed four CCCAs at the direction of Executive Order S-3-05. Each assessment has delivered specific policy drivers and outcomes:

- CCCA1 (2006) confirmed that lower greenhouse gas emissions could significantly reduce climate change impacts across the state of California and helped pass Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006 (AB 32), California's landmark climate law requiring reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
- CCCA2 (2009) explored the economic impacts of climate change and showed that California faces significant climate risks even with strong emission reductions. This led to the development of the first California Climate Adaptation Strategy (2009).
- CCCA3 (2012) increased our understanding of regional climate vulnerability in natural and human systems and supported the passage of new climate adaptation laws such as Chapter 608, Statutes of 2015 (SB 379), which requires local governments to plan for climate risks, and Chapter 606, Statutes of 2015 (SB 246), which established the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP).
- CCCA4 (2018) provided regional, community-level insights and elevated the voices of Indigenous and frontline communities. Its findings are used statewide for planning around wildfire, sea-level rise, extreme heat, and energy resilience. It supported CPUC's rulemaking on electricity and natural gas sector adaptation. The success of this portfolio helped inspire the development of a formal interagency Climate Assessment program as directed in Chapter 136, Statutes of 2020 (SB 1320), which requires updates at least every five years.
- CCCA5 (est. 2026) builds upon the previous assessment model by including new data resources, original research, and regional and statewide topical reports. Based on public input, and as directed in SB 1320, and Executive Orders N-15-19, and B-10-11, it also convenes the first-of-its-kind Tribal Research Grant Program (TRGP) and a Tribal Advisory Group (TAG) that funds tribally led climate adaptation projects. CCCA5 heavily emphasizes a community-driven research approach and addresses how communities are uniquely grappling with unprecedented and more frequent extreme events, such as the 2025 Los Angeles wildfires. New partnerships with leaders at California universities are supporting the broader dissemination of findings, development of CCCA-informed curricula, and coordinated research models across the scientific community.

Climate assessments exist in other regions and at broader scales, including global assessments from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and, formerly, the U.S. National Climate Assessment. While other regions and nations conduct climate assessments, California's approach stands apart. First, California is the only state to take global projections of climate impacts and downscale them to a state level to understand the impacts regions across California can expect in the future. Second, California's Assessments fund new, original research designed to answer California-specific questions. Third, California's Assessments include a compensated external expert review process to ensure scientific integrity. Fourth, California invests in tribally-led climate change research initiatives through the CCCA5 TRGP. Importantly, the success of this Assessment model relies on regular and frequent outreach and engagement with diverse partners throughout all steps of the research scoping and development process.

California's Assessments are more than reports, they are tools for action. With CCCA6, the State will explore how to best leverage funding to meet the needs of diverse users, particularly those with low capacity and less experience with climate science through guidance, technical assistance, and tailored tools. Through the CCCA6, the state will support local governments, Tribal nations, community-based organizations, planners, and practitioners by developing user-friendly

resources that make complex science accessible and useful for diverse practical applications. By connecting cutting-edge science to on-the-ground action, California is helping communities, businesses, and decision-makers prepare for a changing climate while also setting the standard for climate leadership worldwide.

B. Justification

Building on the previously successful interagency structure, the CCCA6 budget will fund the most foundational elements of an Assessment: the latest California-specific climate projections data, original research, tribally led research, regional reports, and a statewide summary. It will also fund general administrative services, editing and publishing, and public engagement, as detailed below. Through this model, the CCCA6 will focus on filling the most critical research gaps needed to guide the state toward a climate resilient future. In addition, the CCCA6 will leverage existing staff capacity in the LCI Climate Services Program to develop user centered adaptation guidance, analysis and visualization tools, and technical assistance. This facilitates wider and more general use of the CCCA data and tools portfolio, fulfilling SB 1320 directives to include decision-support tools for planners, decisionmakers, and others, including organizations that serve vulnerable communities, that allow for actionable application of assessment research findings. This support framework builds on an extensive user needs assessment and public and interagency feedback on applying climate research tools to decision-making and draws on existing staff expertise in climate data analysis tools, research computing and adaptation practice.

CCCA 6 Total Budget by Category

($ in thousands)

Description	BY 26-27	BY 1 27-28	BY 2 28-29	BY 3 29-30	BY 4 30-31	Total
Regional and Statewide Reports (LCI)	$0	$0	$1,890	$290	$90	**$2,270**
Core Climate Research (CNRA)	$0	$1,500	$0	$0	$0	**$1,500**
TAG and Engagement (LCI)	$20	$20	$158	$158	$158	**$514**
TRGP (CEC)	$0	$1,619	$238	$238	$238	**$2,333**
Climate Services (LCI)	$50	$50	$267	$267	$267	**$901**
Engagement & Communications (LCI)	$20	$10	$148	$148	$188	**$514**
Editing, Review, and Publication (LCI)	$0	$0	$0	$250	$250	**$500**
General Administration (LCI)	$265	$265	$265	$265	$265	**$1,325**
					Total	**$9,857**

Regional and Statewide Reports* (LCI): *$2.3 million

CCCA6 will create a suite of resources that directly inform a range of policy, investment, and programmatic decisions about how to navigate the state's climate future. This aligns with SB 1320 statutory direction to "assess liabilities in the state budget" and "inform legislative policy." The CCCA6 suite will build on CCCA5 structure by including regional reports that analyze the newest climate projections, uplifts the best available science and locally relevant information about climate change impacts, and responds to state and community priorities. This funding will be used to strategically update the current CCCA5 regional framework to address outstanding research questions that are critical to informing local and statewide policy decisions. In lieu of funding multiple topically specific statewide reports in CCCA6, statewide issues of significance discussed

across all regional reports and across the original research and data portfolio of CCCA6 will be synthesized and highlighted in a single Statewide Summary Report. Maintaining continuity of a common regional framework in CCCA6 will enhance the state's ability to strategically build on scientific advancements, monitor progress toward meeting state climate resilience goals, and expand usability by establishing consistent expectations for users.

Core Climate Research (CNRA): $ 1.5 million

The funds requested will support original research contracts through CNRA that are foundational to the Assessment portfolio and address critical knowledge gaps across a wide array of sectors, climate impacts, and topics, as outlined in SB 1320. This request reduces the $6 million CCCA5 Core Climate Research Program budget administered by CNRA to a total request of $1.5 million. This request will allow the state to maintain a baseline portfolio of climate research focused on the most pertinent research gaps – which will be determined through interagency and external engagement and consultations.

Tribal

Existing law requires CCCAs to include research that reflects the unique climate risks Tribes face, and their distinct research and monitoring methods. To meet this requirement, and based on community input during past CCCAs, CCCA5 established the inaugural TRGP to directly fund Tribally led climate research and ensure meaningful Tribal engagement and consultation. The Tribal Research Program includes:

- A TAG
- Tribal Engagement and formal Government-to-Government consultation
- Tribally led research administered through the TRGP

Respectful, reciprocal, and long-term Tribal engagement has been foundational to the success and integrity of recent CCCAs and the fulfillment of statutory mandates under SB 1320 and Executive Orders B-10-11 and N-15-19. Proposed funding will ensure that Tribal expertise is reflected in programmatic decisions, and that the Assessment follows culturally appropriate, community informed protocols in all Tribal research and engagement activities. While LCI leads the overall coordination of the Tribal Research Program, the joint distribution of these funds between LCI and CEC leverages interagency capacity to meet statutory and State priorities that enable Tribes to engage as long-term scientific partners in shaping the Assessment, advancing State climate policy, and strengthening California's commitment to equitable Tribal partnerships. The proposed funding for the TRGP maintains the baseline infrastructure necessary for California to remain a national leader in uplifting Indigenous Knowledge, Tribal sovereignty, and climate resilience through rigorous, culturally grounded research. This support is especially critical as federal backing for Tribal climate efforts is dismantled.

TAG and Tribal Engagement (LCI): $514,000

Proposed funding provides baseline essential services to meet statutory mandates and State goals to improve relations with sovereign Tribal Nations in California. This budget would maintain essential administrative staff support to coordinate Tribal engagement and continue Tribally led research, and ensure that the Assessment scoping and development processes are informed by Tribal advisors who will be contracted to uplift Tribal expertise, values and cultural protocols throughout CCCA6.

TRGP (CEC): $2.3 million

The CCCA6 TRGP will be jointly managed by LCI and CEC, with CEC administering $1.5 million in grant funding starting in 2027-28 and LCI advising the award structure and design. This interagency partnership builds upon the successful implementation of two rounds of Tribal research grant funding through the CCCA5 TRGP.

Climate Services, Data & Tools (LCI): $901,000

Connecting the LCI Climate Services program to the CCCA6 interagency programmatic structure will guarantee broader access to Assessment climate data resources to a general user base. This funding request supports a continued climate services portfolio at LCI that meets the statutory requirement in SB 1320 to fund and develop decision-support tools that enable the application of research findings by planners, decision-makers, and other users, including organizations serving vulnerable communities. By formally connecting Climate Services to CCCA6, climate data and analytical tools developed through the Assessments can be more effectively shared, coordinated, and applied across agencies, regions, and sectors.

LCI's Climate Services Program, backed by deep technical expertise, will conduct a robust/thorough evaluation and user needs assessment, create innovative, user-centered visualizations and tools, and provide sustained technical support to break down access barriers and serve a broader range of users.

Engagement & Communications (LCI): $514,000

Following the existing CCCA5 structure for conducting robust community engagement and public outreach, guided by the Strategic Growth Council's Participatory Research to Policy Model, CCCA6 will generate community-driven research to inform actionable and more equitable policy solutions by prioritizing:

1. **Sustainable and inclusive engagement and outreach** that employs multiple, varied, and timely opportunities for diverse partners and communities to participate in all stages of the research process. This includes consistent communications and outreach, public workshops, listening sessions, surveys, and consultations to inform the scope and development of the CCCA6 research portfolio. It also includes improvements to existing public outreach channels and ensures a robust public rollout process to foster public awareness about the research findings, data products and tools.
2. **Community-centered partnerships** by compensating diverse experts (researchers, community-based organizations, businesses, local or regional governments, Tribal representatives, Tribal organizations, and other community participants) for their contributions across all stages of the program.
3. **Outcomes-based research** that will be collectively defined, responsive to community input, and linked to actionable solutions that drive equitable outcomes, in particular for low-income, disadvantaged, and vulnerable communities.

The CCCA5 portfolio development was possible thanks to direct partnerships with hundreds of researchers and contributors. Per SB 1320, the CCCA engages a broad community, including, "regional and local governments, tribes, vulnerable communities, businesses, and members of the public," to determine the scope of the Assessment. This funding will be used to implement core engagement processes that help the state determine CCCA6 research questions and priorities about climate change and ensure that CCCA6 resources are made available to a public audience.

Editing, Review & Publication (LCI): $500,000

To ensure the factual integrity and cohesive content and framing of the CCCA's broad portfolio of reports, recent CCCAs established Editorial Boards and recruited third-party reviewers in a review process analogous to a scientific journal. For CCCA5, this process supported editing for over 30 CCCA5 reports, including two Editorial Board Leadership roles as well as dozens of Associate Editors and Reviewers. For the first time, all these roles were compensated.

CCCA6 will follow a similar model to support an external editorial board and provide other critical services such as document layout, design, translation, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance for all CCCA5 products and associated administrative staff support. This will maintain the factual integrity of CCCA6, continue the practice of reimbursing contributors for their work, and ensure accessibility of CCCA6 products.

General Administration (LCI): $1.3 million

CCCAs require significant matrixed coordination across state agencies, local governments, community organizations, research institutions, Tribal entities, contractors, and other expert groups. Ensuring a robust and coordinated CCCA6 approach also requires a deep review of literature, data analysis, and services to track, document and compile all relevant information in shared platforms. This request reflects staffing costs needed to manage the interagency coordination of the broader portfolio and includes costs to employ external expert consultants at critical steps in the portfolio development process.

C. Departmentwide and Statewide Considerations

California depends on timely information to help understand future climate impacts and ensure proactive adaptation. From extreme precipitation and flooding in 2023 to the state's hottest summer in 2024 and the catastrophic Los Angeles wildfires in January 2025, California's communities are facing increasingly dangerous, frequent, and intersecting climate disasters. Sustained investment in climate research at the state level is imperative for understanding our projected climate future and how these unprecedented changes are impacting our natural, built, and social systems. This includes understanding direct impacts to communities, such as exposure to health hazards, home damage, and displacement; economic impacts, such as loss of insurance coverage and tourism disruption; and impacts to the state's natural resources, including our water systems, iconic natural places, and agricultural sector.

As mentioned previously, state agencies rely on CCCA research, data and tools to inform and guide grant funding decisions, utility operations, vulnerability assessments, strategic plans, decision-support tools, and research that guides effective action on climate change across sectors. CCCA6 will continue strengthening the foundation of this actionable science to ensure effective and strategic decision-making that achieves the Administration's priorities of reducing climate risk, enhancing adaptation capacity, and promoting equitable outcomes for the most vulnerable communities while transitioning to a carbon neutral economy by 2045. It will contribute to the Administration's ongoing work to proactively and adaptively prepare communities for extreme heat, wildfire risk, flooding events, drought impacts, sea level rise, including the cascading and compounding effects of these impacts on built, natural, and social systems.

D. Outcomes and Accountability

Upon approval of this request, the mandated agencies will launch:

- A seamless transition between CCCA5 and CCCA6 engagement processes, including disseminating key findings and collecting feedback on outstanding research questions.
- A robust research gap assessment and prioritization process based on findings of CCCA5 and interagency collaboration to inform the scope of CCCA6 research. This process will ensure CCCA6 addresses the most critical gaps in understanding of how best to protect the state's investments, resources, and communities from the impacts of climate change.
- Advances in climate and weather data, modeling, and analytics to inform resilient planning; inform California's transition to reliable, zero-carbon energy systems, and provide foundational resources for publicly accessible data platforms, analytics, and visualizations.
- Developing tailored technical assistance resources and decision-support tools for a wide range of users based on an expanded user needs assessment. This will include guidance on

use-cases, best practices, and analysis and decision support pathways that respond to emerging priorities and drive science to action.
- A CCCA6 TAG to ensure future research respects Indigenous Knowledges and prioritizes partnerships with Tribes in the development of research on climate impacts and adaptation pathways.
- A sustained and equity-centered engagement process that builds the capacity of communities across the state to use CCCA5 resources and uplifts local priorities to inform the scope and structure of CCCA6.
- A suite of new research projects and tools reflecting CCCA6 research priorities, developed by subject matter experts.

The development of the CCCA6 will also help guide other separately funded but complementary resources in the State Adaptation Portfolio, including but not limited to:

- The Adaptation Clearinghouse, pursuant to SB 246, which aggregates climate adaptation resources and decision-support tools, and offers initial guidance on how to navigate this library of resources;
- The Vulnerable Communities Platform, pursuant to Chapter 240, Statutes of 2021, a new web-hub which leverages the CCCA data to identify communities with the highest combined social and climate vulnerability, helping prioritize adaptation actions and direct investments to those most in need of additional support; and
- The State Adaptation Strategy pursuant to Chapter 603, Statutes of 2015 (AB 1482), which is California's overarching framework for building community, economic, and environmental resilience to climate impacts, such as fire, floods, heat, drought, and sea level rise.

This portfolio will provide strategically prioritized science-based informational resources to decision-makers, practitioners, and communities to advance action toward a climate resilient future for the state.

Projected Outcomes

The requested $9.9 million is anticipated to achieve the following across a five-year timeline (with references to the alignment or dissemination from CCCA5 portfolio):

- 1-2 virtual regional workshops for each of the CCCA nine regions to foster community and Tribal engagement, recruit regional report authors, and identify local and cultural priorities to inform CCCA6 research scopes.
- 9-10 TAG contracts.
- 3-5 original climate research contracts with expert author teams
- 3-5 Tribal grants focused on tribally led climate research.
- 9 Regional Synthesis Report research contracts with expert author teams.
- 1 Statewide Summary Report contract with expert advisors.
- 1 Engagement contract supporting public and Tribal engagement, and public rollout events.
- 2 Publication contracts supporting CCCA6 editing and design.
- 1 service support contract and internal analytical capacity to develop user-centered data resources and tools.
- Quarterly interagency coordination meetings across all five years of the CCCA6 timeline.

- Regular coordination with local, federal and Tribal government entities, CBOs, practitioners, and subject matter experts.
- Updates to the public websites hosting CCCA6 produced data, research and decision-support tools.
- Continued partnership with over 500 direct research contributors and advisors.

E. Implementation Plan

Timeline and major deliverables for CCCA6, based on a five-year cycle per SB 1320 directives:

Year 1: Gap Assessment & Scoping

- Develop a strategic engagement plan to refine research priority areas, research development processes, and public rollout for the CCCA6 research portfolio.
- Conduct a climate research gap assessment to inform the scope of each CCCA6 program, including public engagement, Tribal engagement, and coordination with subject matter experts, policy leads, and State leadership.
- Conduct a public user needs assessment to inform the refinement of existing and development of new decision-support tools.
- Recruit and contract with a TAG.
- Determine guidelines, standards, coordination protocols, and governance requirements for all CCCA6 products.
- Coordinate the development of climate and weather data, modeling, and analytics.
- Continue outreach around CCCA5 reports to ensure key findings from CCCA5 are widely provided to relevant audiences, including local, regional, and statewide decision-makers and planners.

Year 2: Research Solicitations & Expert Recruitment

- Release solicitations for original research programs and establish funding agreements.
- Provide technical assistance to grantees and data users.
- Launch Regional Report development, including scoping, public engagement, and author team recruitment and contracting.

Year 3: Research Development

- Advance research report and product development, including ongoing interorganizational coordination and author team support to ensure research is addressing State priorities.
- Continue public engagement efforts to connect researchers with relevant partners and community representatives.
- Develop decision-support tools based on user needs assessments.
- Commence scoping and development process for Statewide Summary Report and associated materials, including recruiting expert contributors and advisors.

Year 4: Research Development & Report Reviews

- Develop the expert peer review process for the CCCA6 research portfolios.
- Finalize original research report drafts and commence peer review and editing processes.

- Finalize Regional report drafts, including new findings from the original research projects and other relevant literature, and commence peer review and editing processes.
- Draft Statewide Summary Report, including key findings from the CCCA6 climate and weather data, modeling, and analytics; and original, regional and statewide research reports.
- Continued public engagement, including technical assistance.
- Conduct testing of decision-support tools, including public engagement for feedback and updates.

Year 5 and Beyond: Editing, Publication & Dissemination of Findings

- Finalize Statewide Summary Report, including review and editing processes.
- Finalize all CCCA6 products and prepare for public release, including final editing, ADA compliance, design, translation (where feasible), and website design.
- Implement a robust rollout strategy for the full CCCA6 portfolio, with a focus on major findings, decision-support tools, and regional outreach.
- Host public workshops with a focus on capacity building and technical assistance to use findings, tools, and products.
- Launch an evaluation of the CCCA6 findings and gaps to inform the foundation for the next CCCA (i.e., CCCA7).
- Commence post-Assessment activities to ensure a seamless transition between CCCA6 and CCCA7.

F. Supplemental Information

LCI requests a two-year extended encumbrance availability to better support continued assessment activities. A gap analysis will be conducted at the conclusion of the fifth assessment to evaluate progress, identify remaining needs, and determine the most effective approach for the sixth assessment phase. A two-year encumbrance period allows decisions to be informed by community and state research priorities, data and outcomes rather than predetermined timelines. This strategic, phased approach ensures responsible fiscal management, supports program effectiveness, and maximizes the state's investment by aligning funding use with demonstrated needs and results.

Consistent with the approach used for funding provided for the CCCA5, CEC requests a three-year extended encumbrance period for the TRGP local assistance funding.

BCP Fiscal Detail Sheet

(Dollars in Thousands)

BCP Title: Sixth California Climate Change Assessment

BR Name: 0540-009-BCP-2026-GB

Budget Request Summary

Operating Expenses and Equipment

Operating Expenses and Equipment	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
5340 - Consulting and Professional Services - External	0	0	1,500	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenses and Equipment	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,500**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Total Budget Request

Total Budget Request	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
Total Budget Request	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,500**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Fund Summary

Fund Source

Fund Source	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
State Operations - 3228 - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	0	0	1,500	0	0	0
Total State Operations Expenditures	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,500**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Total All Funds	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,500**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Program Summary

Program Funding

Program Funding	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
0320 - Administration of Natural Resources Agency	0	0	1,500	0	0	0
Total All Programs	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,500**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

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Personal Services

Personal Services	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
Salaries and Wages Earnings - Permanent	0	129	129	712	712	712
Total Salaries and Wages	**$0**	**$129**	**$129**	**$712**	**$712**	**$712**
Total Staff Benefits	0	86	86	86	86	86
Total Personal Services	**$0**	**$215**	**$215**	**$798**	**$798**	**$798**

Operating Expenses and Equipment

Operating Expenses and Equipment	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
539X - Other	0	140	130	1,930	580	420
Total Operating Expenses and Equipment	**$0**	**$140**	**$130**	**$1,930**	**$580**	**$420**

Total Budget Request

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Total Budget Request	**$0**	**$355**	**$345**	**$2,728**	**$1,378**	**$1,218**

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 - 3228 - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
Total State Operations Expenditures	**$0**	**$355**	**$345**	**$2,728**	**$1,378**	**$1,218**
Total All Funds	**$0**	**$355**	**$345**	**$2,728**	**$1,378**	**$1,218**

Program Summary

Program Funding

Program Funding	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
0360 - State Planning & Policy Development	0	355	345	2,728	1,378	1,218
Total All Programs	**$0**	**$355**	**$345**	**$2,728**	**$1,378**	**$1,218**

Personal Services Details

Salaries and Wages

Salaries and Wages	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
VR00 - Various	0	129	129	712	712	712
Total Salaries and Wages	**$0**	**$129**	**$129**	**$712**	**$712**	**$712**

Staff Benefits

Staff Benefits	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
5150900 - Staff Benefits - Other	0	86	86	86	86	86
Total Staff Benefits	**$0**	**$86**	**$86**	**$86**	**$86**	**$86**

Total Personal Services

Total Personal Services	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
Total Personal Services	**$0**	**$215**	**$215**	**$798**	**$798**	**$798**

BCP Fiscal Detail Sheet

(Dollars in Thousands)

BCP Title: Sixth Climate Change Assessment

BR Name: 3360-011-BCP-2026-GB

Budget Request Summary

Personal Services

Personal Services	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
Salaries and Wages Earnings - Temporary Help	0	0	72	143	143	143
Total Salaries and Wages	**$0**	**$0**	**$72**	**$143**	**$143**	**$143**
Total Staff Benefits	0	0	36	72	72	72
Total Personal Services	**$0**	**$0**	**$108**	**$215**	**$215**	**$215**

Operating Expenses and Equipment

Operating Expenses and Equipment	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
5301 - General Expense	0	0	11	23	23	23
54XX - Special Items of Expense	0	0	1,500	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenses and Equipment	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,511**	**$23**	**$23**	**$23**

Total Budget Request

Total Budget Request	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
Total Budget Request	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,619**	**$238**	**$238**	**$238**

Fund Summary

Fund Source

Fund Source	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
State Operations - 3228 - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	0	0	119	238	238	238
Total State Operations Expenditures	**$0**	**$0**	**$119**	**$238**	**$238**	**$238**
Local Assistance - 3228 - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	0	0	1,500	0	0	0
Total Local Assistance Expenditures	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,500**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Total All Funds	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,619**	**$238**	**$238**	**$238**

Program Summary

Program Funding

Program Funding	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
2380010 - Power Plant Site Certification and Transmission Line Corridor Designation Program	0	0	1,619	238	238	238
Total All Programs	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,619**	**$238**	**$238**	**$238**

Personal Services Details

Salaries and Wages

Salaries and Wages	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
TH00 - Temporary Help (Eff. 07-01-2027)(LT 06-30-2031)	0	0	72	143	143	143
Total Salaries and Wages	**$0**	**$0**	**$72**	**$143**	**$143**	**$143**

Staff Benefits

Staff Benefits	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
5150350 - Health Insurance	0	0	12	23	23	23
5150500 - OASDI	0	0	5	11	11	11
5150600 - Retirement - General	0	0	19	38	38	38
Total Staff Benefits	**$0**	**$0**	**$36**	**$72**	**$72**	**$72**

Total Personal Services

Total Personal Services	FY25-26 Current Year	FY26-27 Budget Year	FY27-28 BY+1	FY28-29 BY+2	FY29-30 BY+3	FY30-31 BY+4
Total Personal Services	**$0**	**$0**	**$108**	**$215**	**$215**	**$215**