STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Capital Outlay Budget Change Proposal (COBCP) - Cover Sheet
DF-151 (REV 07/21)

Fiscal Year	Business Unit	Department	Priority No.
2026-27	3540	Forestry and Fire Protection	MA-01

Budget Request Name	Capital Outlay Program ID	Capital Outlay Project ID
3540-029-COBCP-2026-GB	2485	0000183

Project Title
Parlin Fork Fire Center - Repair Kitchen

Project Status and Type
Status: ☒ New ☐ Continuing Type: ☒Major ☐ Minor

Project Category *(Select one)*

☐CRI *(Critical Infrastructure)*	☐WSD *(Workload Space Deficiencies)*	☐ECP *(Enrollment Caseload Population)*	☐SM (*Seismic)*
☒FLS *(Fire Life Safety)*	☐FM *(Facility Modernization)*	☐PAR *(Public Access Recreation)*	☐RC *(Resource Conservation)*

Total Request (in thousands)	Phase(s) to be Funded	Total Project Cost (in thousands)
$ 4,108	Preliminary Plans, Working Drawings, Construction	$ 4,108

Budget Request Summary

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) requests $4,108,000 General Fund for the immediate repair of the kitchen at Parlin Fork Fire Center located in Mendocino County due to a structure fire. The location of the facility requires an on-site kitchen and the interim solution is costly and not well suited for long-term use.

Requires Legislation	Code Section(s) to be Added/Amended/Repealed	CCCI
☒ Yes ☐ No	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

Requires Provisional Language	Budget Package Status
☐ Yes ☒ No	☒ Needed ☐ Not Needed ☐ Existing

Impact on Support Budget

One-Time Costs	☒ Yes	☐ No	Swing Space Needed	☐ Yes	☒ No
Future Savings	☐ Yes	☐ No	Generate Surplus Property	☐ Yes	☒ No
Future Costs	☒ Yes	☐ No			

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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Principal Program Budget Analyst	Date submitted to the Legislature
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A. COBCP Abstract:

CAL FIRE requests $4,108,000 General Fund for the repair of the Kitchen at Parlin Fork Fire Center (FC). The project will repair the kitchen at Parlin Fork FC located in Mendocino County. The project will consist of preliminary plans, working drawings, and construction to repair the kitchen at Parlin Fork FC. Repairs include new electrical wiring to be installed up to current code, new water plumbing and sewer plumbing to be installed up to current code. This repair project will expedite the design and construction of the kitchen.

Total project costs are estimated at $4,108,000 including the preliminary plans ($268,000), working drawings ($298,000), and construction ($3,542,000). The construction amount includes the construction contract ($2,976,000), contingency ($298,000), architectural and engineering services ($149,000), and other project cost ($119,000).

The preliminary plan phase is estimated to begin in July 2026 and estimated to be completed in January 2027. The working drawings phase is estimated to begin in January 2027 and is estimated to be completed in June 2027. The construction phase is estimated to begin in June 2027 and is estimated to be completed in July 2028.

B. Purpose of the Project:

Background/History

The Parlin Fork FC was previously known as the Parlin Fork Conservation Camp (Parlin Fork CC) until January 2026. Constructed in 1949 on property owned by the State of California within the 48,652-acre Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF), Parlin Fork FC is part of CAL FIRE's Mendocino Unit (MEU). It is the oldest conservation camp in the Northern Region and second oldest in the State. In January 2026 the incarcerated fire crews from Parlin Fork CC consolidated to Konocti Conservation Camp. Parlin Fork CC was a Blue-Booked 100-bed camp with five inmate fire crews. Parlin Fork FC is located 11 miles east of Fort Bragg in Mendocino County on Highway 20. Following the consolidation in January 2026, Parlin Fork FC will be utilized to support fire crews during emergency incidents and cover crews to maintain MEU's response readiness. Parlin Fork FC will also support JDSF staff, MEU's CAL FIRE staff associated with their National Guard and California Conservation Corp crews, and house seasonal firefighters during required training. Repairing the kitchen is vital for the long-term functionality and versatility of this facility. It also ensures MEU can meet the operational demand for supporting fire crews in the future.

Problem

The kitchen at Parlin Fork caught on fire on November 7, 2024, at 8pm. The fire started in the electrical panel in the middle of the kitchen and spread back to the storage area. The front dining area had heavy smoke damage, but no damage to the framing. The kitchen area had fire damage to the drywall and some structural framing. The storage area had heavy fire damage to the structural framing and roof trusses. About 30 percent of the kitchen was burned on the interior. The fire did not burn through the exterior siding. The fire vented through the roof in one area above the kitchen storage area.

C. Relationship to the Strategic Plan:

This project relates to the following goals in the CAL FIRE 2024 Strategic Plan:

Goal 6: Identify core capabilities and strengthen operational capacity.

Objective 1: Ensure the Department has the resources and infrastructure to adapt to evolving operational demands and legal frameworks.

D. Alternatives:

1. Approve the funding request for the repair of the kitchen.

   Advantages

- This alternative will allow preliminary plans, working drawings, and repair construction to proceed quickly.
- Two-thirds of the framing and all the concrete slab/foundation are undamaged.
- New electrical wiring can be installed up to current code.
- New water plumbing and sewer plumbing can be installed up to current code
- A repair project will expedite the design and construction of the kitchen.

Disadvantages

- This alternative does not have any disadvantages.

2. Defer project

Advantages

- This alternative does not have any advantages.

Disadvantages

- Deferring the project adds to the backlog of the department's critical capital improvements.
- Deferment of the project will likely cause costs to increase when undertaken in the future.

E. Recommended Solution:

1. Which alternative and why?

   The recommended solution is Alternative #1 — approve the funding request for the repair of the Kitchen at Parlin Fork FC.

2. Detailed scope description.

   The project will consist of preliminary plans, working drawings, and construction projects to repair the kitchen at Parlin Fork FC to include new electrical wiring to be installed up to current code, and new water plumbing and sewer plumbing to be installed up to current code. This repair project will expedite the design and construction of the kitchen.

3. Basis for cost information.

   The attached cost estimate, prepared by CAL FIRE Technical Services staff, is based on actual costs incurred on similar projects.

4. Factors/benefits for recommended solutions other than the least expensive alternative.

   Failure to implement the facility improvements outlined is this submittal will impact the operation of this mission critical facility.

5. Complete description of impact on support budget.

   In accordance with funding agreements with contract counties that provide SRA fire protection, the state must allocate, in the form of a support budget item to the contract counties, a proportionate share (19.29 percent) of capital outlay funds provided to CAL FIRE for fire station projects. Maintenance and repair costs for the new facility will be low at the beginning of its 50-year lifespan. The new facility may require new/additional furnishings and supplies.

6. Identify and explain any project risks.

   There are no risks associated with completion of this project; however, the risk of deferring this project includes failure of mission critical facility infrastructure.

7. List requested interdepartmental coordination and/or special project approval (including mandatory reviews and approvals, e.g. technology proposals).

   This project requires a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance review. The plans for the new facility will be subject to review and approval by the State Fire Marshal and the Division of State Architect.

F. Consistency with Government Code Section 65041.1:

Does the recommended solution (project) promote infill development by rehabilitating existing infrastructure and how? Explain.

Yes. CAL FIRE promotes infill when possible, by renovating or replacing existing infrastructure in areas served by existing facilities.

Does the project improve the protection of environmental and agricultural resources by protecting and preserving the state's most valuable natural resources? Explain.

Yes. Due to the nature of the Department's mission, it can be necessary to locate facilities into areas that could have negative environmental and agricultural impacts; however, strategic placement of these facilities to provide more effective responses to wildland fires will ultimately protect nearby forests, watersheds, agricultural land, and other valuable natural resources.

Does the project encourage efficient development patterns by ensuring that infrastructure associated with development, other than infill, supports efficient use of land and is appropriately planned for growth? Explain.

Yes. CAL FIRE facilities are strategically located to meet the Department's mission. To the maximum extent possible, CAL FIRE prefers to develop close to existing roads, water, sewer, and other utilities to promote efficient development in the area and to mitigate future support costs for facility maintenance.