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

Fiscal Year	Business Unit Number	Department
2026-27	Various	Various

Hyperion Budget Request Name	Relevant Program or Subprogram
Various	Various

Budget Request Title
Climate Bond (Proposition 4) 2026-27 Expenditure Plan Adjustments

Budget Request Summary
The Governor's Budget proposed $2.1 billion in 2026-27 from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (Proposition 4 or the Climate Bond), to continue funding critical projects and programs. This proposal requests an additional $148.2 million in 2026-27 for strategic investments to support the acquisition of a 161-acre property for the development of a shoreline park and recreational hub in the Bay Area as well as wildlife refuges and wetlands statewide.

Requires Legislation (submit required legislation with the BCP)	Code Section(s) to be Added/Amended/Repealed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 **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
Attach comments of affected department, signed and dated by the department director or designee.

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

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A. Problem Statement

Since the release of the 2026-27 Governor's Budget proposal for Climate Bond Funding[1], progress has been made on additional opportunities to make investments that advance various state strategies and climate goals. This proposal adds $148.2 million in 2026-27 across four bond sections (Water, Coastal, Outdoor Access, and Biodiversity & Nature-Based Solutions), resulting in the following updated expenditure plan:

Climate Bond Expenditure Plan
($ in Millions)

Investment Category	Bond Allocation	2024-25 Appropriated	2025-26 Appropriated	2026-27 Proposed	Out-Years
Safe Drinking Water, Drought, Flood & Water Resilience	$3,800	$0	$1,199	$815	$1,786
Wildfire & Forest Resilience	$1,500	$181	$417	$314	$588
Coastal Resilience	$1,200	$0	$279	$183	$738
Extreme Heat Mitigation	$450	$0	$110	$241	$99
Biodiversity & Nature-Based Solutions	$1,200	$0	$390	$224	$586
Climate Smart Agriculture	$300	$0	$154	$89	$57
Outdoor Access	$700	$0	$466	$60	$174
Clean Air & Energy	$850	$0	$275	$326	$249
Total	**$10,000**	**$181**	**$3,290**	**$2,251**	**$4,278**

Specifically, the following additional funding is requested:

- Up to $125 million towards the acquisition of the 161-acre Golden Gate Fields property. Funding will come from allocations associated with the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC), California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), and the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB).
- $23.2 million to CNRA for projects that improve conditions on wildlife refuges and wetland habitat areas.

B. Justification

Golden Gate Fields

In February 2026, the Trust for Public Land (TPL) entered into an option agreement to purchase the 161-acre Golden Gate Fields property with the intent to transfer the property to the East Bay Regional Park District. This acquisition is a once-in-a-century opportunity to repurpose a former horse racing track into an iconic shoreline park and recreational hub, which will restore nature and expand open space and Bayshore access for millions of Bay Area residents. This acquisition will enable community-planned recreational amenities, improvements to the San Francisco Bay Trail, new access for historically underserved East Bay communities, and nature-based solutions to protect communities from climate change and sea-level rise.

The total cost of the acquisition is expected to be $175 million. Currently, TPL anticipates $50 million will be available from local and philanthropic funding sources. This proposal requests up to $125 million from the Climate Bond for the acquisition. Specifically, this proposal requests $55 million for SCC from Section 92010(a), $20 million for SCC from Section 92010(b), $25 million for WCB from Section 93010, and $25 million for CNRA from Section 94020. This

[1] https://bcp.dof.ca.gov/2627/FY2627_ORG0540_BCP8708.pdf

proposal includes budget bill language authorizing the Department of Finance to shift funding from this project to SCC's and WCB's respective existing competitive grant programs to the extent additional philanthropic or other non-state funding sources are identified to offset the state's contributions.

Wetlands and Wildlife Refuges

Section 91032(f) of the Climate Bond Provides up to $25 million to CNRA for projects that improve conditions on wildlife refuges and wetland habitat areas. Improving wetlands in the Central Valley and Klamath Basin supports migratory birds on the Pacific Flyway, advances climate adaptation and resilience, and upgrades recreational areas. Consistent with Proposition 4, projects could include water conveyance improvements to enhance delivery of water to wetlands during dry years, floodwater capture to increase water supply availability for habitat areas, pump capacity improvements, and other planning and infrastructure that will support these critical wetlands and refuges. CNRA received funding in 2025-26 to begin developing this program and has received feedback from stakeholders regarding shovel ready projects that could utilize this funding quickly to improve conditions on wildlife refuges. This proposal requests all $23.2 million in available project funding in 2026-27 to maximize the amount available for competitive grant awards.

C. Departmentwide and Statewide Considerations

This proposal represents additional investments to advance several state strategies including Outdoors for All, the Climate Adaptation Strategy, the Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy, and 30x30. Allocations from the Climate Bond also advance the Administration's equity initiatives and will meet the Climate Bond's requirements to provide direct and meaningful benefit to the state's disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations.

D. Outcomes and Accountability

Programs funded from this proposal will deliver and report on direct climate benefits, reduced environmental challenges exacerbated by climate change, and benefits to disadvantaged, severely disadvantaged, and vulnerable populations where appropriate. Programs will also align with bond accountability measures specified in the Climate Bond. Department programs will ensure bond funds are expended within bond requirements with information provided to appropriate control agencies such as the State Treasurer and CNRA. Information about project activities and the intended outcomes of funded projects will be publicly posted on a continuous basis to the Climate Bond accountability website managed by CNRA. All programs and projects funded with the Climate Bond will be subject to audits by the Department of Finance. Departments appropriated funding from the Climate Bond will meet regularly to share best practices, coordinate on upcoming solicitations, and provide opportunities to learn from other departments and stakeholders to continuously improve their program processes and outcomes.

E. Implementation Plan

The strategic investments proposed in this request build on the initial Climate Bond investments made in the 2025-26 budget. Upon appropriation, departments will develop or continue to update program guidelines as necessary, including stakeholder outreach, and coordinate on co-funded acquisition efforts, consistent with their individual authorities.

F. Supplemental Information

Funding is proposed with three years to encumber (until June 30, 2029) and the standard two years to liquidate. For the Golden Gate Fields Acquisition, budget bill language is proposed to allow the Department of Finance to shift funding to SCC and WCB's existing competitive grant programs, and reduce CNRA's appropriation, if philanthropic or other non-state funding sources can be identified to offset the state's contribution via Proposition 4. The following language is included on the SCC and WCB appropriations for this purpose, with similar language included on CNRA's appropriation:

The funding appropriated in this item shall be available for the acquisition of Golden Gate Fields and shall be available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2029. The Department of Finance may adjust this amount to the extent philanthropic funding or other non-state funding sources can be identified to offset this amount by December 31, 2026, and may reallocate, transfer, or shift any funding not utilized for the acquisition to the department's competitive grant program.

BCP Fiscal Detail Sheet

(Dollars in Thousands)

BCP Title: Climate Bond (Proposition 4): Golden Gate Fields Acquisition

BR Name: 0540-137-BCP-2026-MR

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
54XX - Special Items of Expense	0	25,000	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenses and Equipment	**$0**	**$25,000**	**$0**	**$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**	**$25,000**	**$0**	**$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
Local Assistance - 6093 - Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Fund	0	25,000	0	0	0	0
Total Local Assistance Expenditures	**$0**	**$25,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Total All Funds	**$0**	**$25,000**	**$0**	**$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	25,000	0	0	0	0
Total All Programs	**$0**	**$25,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

BCP Fiscal Detail Sheet

(Dollars in Thousands)

BCP Title: Climate Bond (Proposition 4): Wildlife Refuges & Wetland Habitat Areas

BR Name: 0540-141-BCP-2026-MR

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
54XX - Special Items of Expense	0	23,187	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenses and Equipment	**$0**	**$23,187**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Total Budget Request

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Local Assistance - 6093 - Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Fund	0	23,187	0	0	0	0
Total Local Assistance Expenditures	**$0**	**$23,187**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Total All Funds	**$0**	**$23,187**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

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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	23,187	0	0	0	0
Total All Programs	**$0**	**$23,187**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

BCP Fiscal Detail Sheet

(Dollars in Thousands)

BCP Title: Climate Bond (Proposition 4): Golden Gate Fields Acquisition

BR Name: 3640-074-BCP-2026-MR

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
54XX - Special Items of Expense	0	25,000	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenses and Equipment	**$0**	**$25,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Total Budget Request

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Local Assistance - 6093 - Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Fund	0	25,000	0	0	0	0
Total Local Assistance Expenditures	**$0**	**$25,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Total All Funds	**$0**	**$25,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Program Summary

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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
2710 - Wildlife Conservation Board	0	25,000	0	0	0	0
Total All Programs	**$0**	**$25,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

BCP Fiscal Detail Sheet

(Dollars in Thousands)

BCP Title: Climate Bond (Proposition 4): Golden Gate Fields Acquisition

BR Name: 3760-071-BCP-2026-MR

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
54XX - Special Items of Expense	0	75,000	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenses and Equipment	**$0**	**$75,000**	**$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**	**$75,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

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Total Local Assistance Expenditures	**$0**	**$75,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Total All Funds	**$0**	**$75,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Program Summary

Program Funding

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2805032 - Conservancy Programs	0	75,000	0	0	0	0
Total All Programs	**$0**	**$75,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**