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

Fiscal Year	Business Unit Number	Department
2026-27	3790	Parks and Recreation

Hyperion Budget Request Name	Relevant Program or Subprogram
3790-039-BCP-2026-GB	2840

Budget Request Title
California State Parks Library Pass Program

Budget Request Summary
The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) requests an ongoing transfer of $6,750,000 from the General Fund to the State Park Recreation Fund for the Library Pass program. The California Outdoors for All Initiative increases equitable access for Californians to visit state parks free of charge. This proposal will continue providing 33,000 State Library Parks Passes to more than 1,100 library branch locations throughout the state.

Requires Legislation (submit required legislation with the BCP)	Code Section(s) to be Added/Amended/Repealed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

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

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A. Problem Statement

The California Outdoors for All Initiative launched in 2021-22 provides increased equitable access for Californians to visit state parks free of charge.

The Department is committed to enabling safe, equitable, and enjoyable access to parks, open spaces, natural and cultural resources, and recreational amenities for all Californians. The California Natural Resource Agency (Agency) affirms expanding access for all Californians to recreational opportunities and the cultural, historic, and natural resources found across the state. Together, the Department and Agency have prioritized the need to expand all Californians' access to parks, open space, natural and cultural amenities.

Resource History

Program Budget	PY – 4	PY – 3	PY – 2	PY-1	PY	CY
Authorized Expenditures	N/A	$3,000	$13,500	$0	$6,750	$6,750
Actual Expenditures	N/A	$3,000	$13,500	$0	$6,750	$6,750

(Dollars in thousands)

Workload History

Workload Measure	PY-3	PY-2	PY-1	PY
Library Passes Provided	5,000 Library Passes	29,000 Library Passes	33,000 Library Passes	33,000 Library Passes

B. Justification

Since launching a three-year pilot program in 2021-22, the Department has successfully expanded equitable access to state parks by creating two brand new passes, one of which was the California State Library Parks Pass. This program has successfully increased access and continued to grow in popularity as more Californians learn about the program.

The Department has partnered with the State Library to provide 33,000 State Library Parks Passes to more than 1,100 library branch locations throughout the state. The State Library Parks Pass can now be used to gain free day use access to more than 200 state parks. These passes increase equitable park access for Californians by making passes available for checkout at every public library branch in the state.

To ensure that passes are accessible to more income disadvantaged Californians, a larger proportion of the passes have been provided to library branch locations in areas with a high poverty index percentage and high population density. Survey data provided by users has shown that between 40 percent and 60 percent of users who have checked out the pass earn under $60,000 per year, with over 60 percent of users indicating cost of day-use fees as being the primary reason for not previously visiting state parks.

The Department has also expanded the program to provide passes to tribal libraries which are not part of the public library system. These passes can now be used by tribal members to access ancestral lands free of charge.

C. Departmentwide and Statewide Considerations

This proposal reflects the Administration's current policies, priorities, and initiatives including providing access to the outdoors for disadvantaged youth. It is consistent with the Department's mission to provide for the health, inspiration, and education of the people of

California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation. This proposal furthers the California State Parks Path Forward Strategic Plan 2023-2024 to connect people to the California State Park System by working with diverse and underserved communities to build awareness of park resources, recreational opportunities, and foster links between participants and park values. Connecting communities, particularly young people, to the outdoors is one of the most important things the Department can do to protect our natural resources, advance California's public health initiatives, and promote wellness. Through these connections, we create ambassadors for our public lands and citizen conservationists.

D. Outcomes and Accountability

General accountability is well ensured in all operations. Numerous controls, processes, and procedures have been developed to ensure proper program administration and fiscal tracking. Programmatic controls for the Department utilize expenditure data monitoring and tracking.

Projected Outcomes

Workload Measure	CY	BY	BY+1	BY+2	BY+3	BY+4
Library Passes Provided for Checkout	33,000 Library Passes	33,000 Library Passes	33,000 Library Passes	33,000 Library Passes	33,000 Library Passes	33,000 Library Passes

E. Implementation Plan

The Library Pass Program would continue as an ongoing program beginning July 1, 2026, or upon enactment of the 2026 Budget Act.

F. Supplemental Information (If Applicable)

N/A.

BCP Fiscal Detail Sheet

BCP Title: California State Parks Library Pass Program

BR Name: 3790-039-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
5301 - General Expense	0	6,750	6,750	6,750	6,750	6,750
Total Operating Expenses and Equipment	**$0**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**

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**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**

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 - 0001 - General Fund	0	6,750	6,750	6,750	6,750	6,750
Total State Operations Expenditures	**$0**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**
Total All Funds	**$0**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**

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
2840 - Support of the Department of Parks and Recreation	0	6,750	6,750	6,750	6,750	6,750
Total All Programs	**$0**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**	**$6,750**