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	3790	Parks and Recreation	

Budget Request Name	Capital Outlay Program ID	Capital Outlay Project ID
3790-027-COBCP-2026-GB	2860	0000243

Project Title
Statewide: OHV Opportunity Purchases

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)
$ 5,000	Acquisition	$ 5,000

Budget Request Summary

The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) requests $5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 from the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund (OHVTF) for the acquisition of opportunity purchases. This project will provide for the purchase of real property benefitting and supported by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (Division) throughout the state.

These purchases may include, but are not limited to in-holdings, parcels adjacent to or near State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRAs), or parcels available through tax defaults that fall within the Department's five-year plan for program expansion. These funds would also be used for property appraisals prior to Departmental requests for further acquisition funding.

Requires Legislation	Code Section(s) to be Added/Amended/Repealed	CCCI
☐ Yes ☒ No		

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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A. COBCP Abstract:

Statewide: OHV Opportunity Purchases – $5,000,000 for Acquisition. This project includes the purchase of real property benefiting and supported by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (Division) throughout the state. The current project schedule estimates acquisition activities will begin in July 2026 and will reach completion by June 30, 2029.

B. Purpose of the Project:

Public Resources Code 5090.32 defines the duties and responsibilities of the Division, including the development of off-highway motor vehicle recreational areas, facilities, and acquisition opportunities to be managed and maintained for sustained long-term use. These opportunity purchase funds would allow the Department to expeditiously conduct due diligence and secure property appraisals prior to Departmental requests for further acquisition appropriations.

Given increasing land costs, the reduction of recreational open space available for off-highway vehicle recreation, and competition from the private sector, it is essential for the Department to acquire available property on the open market without unnecessary delay. Parcels may include in-holdings located within park boundaries, property near, adjacent or contiguous to a park boundary, and parcels which may become available through tax default. The Department requires funding for the submission of fair market appraisals in the fiscal year preceding acquisition funding to close the purchase. Additionally, this funding would cover the following costs: the expense of obtaining comprehensive title information, inspections, environmental assessments, relocation assistance estimates, surveys, and appraisal work. The Department may contract with other State agencies or private entities to provide the work.

C. Relationship to the Strategic Plan:

The mission of the Department is 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 project furthers the California State Parks Strategic Action Plan 2013-14 of the Department's mission by contributing to the following goals:

- *Protect and preserve resources and facilities in the existing State Park system*
- *Connecting people to California's State Park system*
- *Build the foundation for a sustainable future*

The mission of the Division is to provide statewide leadership concerning OHV recreation; to acquire, develop, and operate state owned SVRAs; and to otherwise provide for a statewide system of managed OHV recreational opportunities through funding to other public agencies. This includes ensuring quality recreational opportunities remain available for future generations by providing for education, conservation, and enforcement efforts that balance OHV recreation impact with programs and that conserve and protect cultural and natural resources to sustain the lands for future recreational use.

The OHMVR Division Strategic Plan was published in 2009 after an extensive public participation and review process. This proposal addresses the strategic theme of maintaining existing OHV areas in good condition and preventing environmental damage, and addresses two of the goals included in the Strategic Plan:

- Goal 1 - Sustain Existing Recreation
  Protect, preserve, and enhance existing OHV opportunities in a manner that ensures well managed, interesting, and high-quality experiences, and address the environmental impacts that may be associated with those activities.

- Goal 2 - Increase OHV Opportunity
  Add new OHV opportunities, where appropriate and needed, to replace loss of existing opportunities and respond to changing and future demand.

  This proposal furthers the OHMVR Division's Strategic Plan by contributing to the following objectives:

  - Maintain the system of dedicated lands and areas to ensure opportunities for OHV recreation are sustained and remain available for future generations.
  - Expand recreational opportunities to meet public demand.
  - Identify and implement best management practices for compliance with resource management to reduce environmental impacts.

  Identify and take actions to respond to the potential for urban development to threaten OHV opportunities and the loss of open space.

D. Alternatives:

The following alternative solutions were considered to address the identified deficiencies:

Alternative 1: OHV Opportunity Purchases (this project). Request capital outlay funding for property appraisals and acquisitions of parcels benefiting the Division and SVRA units. These purchases can include, but are not limited to, in-holdings, parcels adjacent to or near SVRAs, or parcels available through tax default that fall within the Department's five-year plan for program expansion.

Alternative 2: No Project. This alternative could result in loss of desirable parcels and substandard budget information, making it difficult to justify projects for funding. It could also result in lawsuits against existing parks and the potential loss of existing or proposed OHV recreational areas.

E. Recommended Solution:

1. Which alternative and why?

   The recommended solution is Alternative 1: OHV Opportunity Purchases. This will provide funding for opportunity purchases and schematic plans. This would avoid potential losses of desirable acquisitions and improvements in the future.

2. Detailed scope description.

   The Department will use these funds statewide to:

   - Conduct property appraisals prior to Division requests for acquisition appropriations.
   - Purchase real property in-holdings and parcels adjacent to or near OHV areas that are supported by the OHMVR Program and parcels available through tax default that fall within the Division's five-year plan for program expansion.

3. Basis for cost information.

   The requested amount is based on the anticipated costs of acquisition.

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

   The least expensive alternative would be to do no project. This scenario could lead to higher costs in the long run as real property values escalate before the Department is able to act or may result in possible management problems if properties are purchased by other parties.

5. Complete description of impact on support budget.

If the Department is successful in acquiring the property, there may be subsequent support or capital outlay requests utilizing the OHVTF as needed for management of the new parcels. The Department will not request from the General Fund.

6. Identify and explain any project risks.

   An acquisition may increase visitation and thus traffic on local streets.

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

   The Department will work with the Department of General Services and Department of Finance, as needed.

F. Consistency with Government Code Section 65041.1:

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

Yes. The recommended alternative could lead to the acquisition of land to be connected to the park's existing infrastructure.

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

Yes. This project could lead to the acquisition of land containing valuable natural resources and will allow the Department to protect these 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. This project could lead to the acquisition of land currently within an area of a state park. This land will then be incorporated into the existing park unit with connection to existing infrastructure.