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

Fiscal Year	Business Unit Number	Department
2026-2027	3885	Delta Stewardship Council

Hyperion Budget Request Name	Relevant Program or Subprogram
3885-001-BCP-2026-GB	3370 – Delta Stewardship Council

Budget Request Title
Information Security Officer

Budget Request Summary
The Delta Stewardship Council requests $185,000 ongoing and 1.0 permanent position from the General Fund to serve as the Council's Information Security Officer and address critical information technology (IT) gaps including security and privacy, assist with security monitoring and enhancement, and ensure alignment with mandated IT security regulations and policies.

Requires Legislation (submit required legislation with the BCP)	Code Section(s) to be Added/Amended/Repealed
☐ Trailer Bill Language ☐ Budget Bill Language ☒ N/A	

Does this BCP contain information technology (IT) components? ☐ Yes ☒ No *If yes, departmental Chief Information Officer must sign.*	Department CIO	Date

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. Project Approval Document:

Approval Date: Total Project Cost:

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

Government Code section 11549.3 and State Administrative Manual (SAM) section 5300.2 require all state entities to comply with the information security and privacy policies, standards, and procedures issued by the California Department of Technology (CDT). All state agencies are required to designate an Information Security Officer (ISO) to oversee the agency's compliance with information security requirements to protect the reliability, integrity, and confidentiality of data, and safeguard information assets. With current staffing levels the Council does not have the resources to oversee and conduct technical security operations activities and is unable to adequately protect its existing IT infrastructure.

The Delta Stewardship Council is comprised of approximately 73.0 staff, 10.0 fellows, and 1.0 retired annuitant.

The IT Section is currently staffed with 1.0 Chief Information Officer (CIO) and 4.0 staff:

- 2.0 full-time staff are devoted to the ongoing maintenance and operations of three critical business systems (the Council's contracts management and procurement database, a searchable database of science activities, and a regulatory database that tracks covered actions and appeals), as well as the web administration of six dynamic websites. This includes comprehensive backup of code, files, and databases from the web hosting environment. Any one of these systems or websites going down would significantly impact departmental operations. One of the two staff members serves as the Privacy Officer.

- 1.0 full-time IT staff position is devoted to configuring and maintaining network infrastructure, implementing network security protocols, managing bandwidth allocation and traffic prioritization, performing network audits and vulnerability assessments, imaging and deploying devices with standardized configurations, managing device inventory and lifecycle, enforcing endpoint security, supporting Council software, managing software licenses and compliance, supporting enterprise applications, coordinating with vendors for escalated issues, and customizing software settings for department-specific needs.

- Finally, 1.0 full-time IT staff position is dedicated to technical IT support for staff, audio visual support for Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Gov. Code, §§ 11120-11132.) and other public meeting requirements, asset management, telecommunications, and IT procurement.

Information security is performed on a part-time/ancillary basis by the above staff in the unit. This conflicts with Government Code section 11546.1, subdivision (d), which states that each state entity shall have an ISO who is appointed by the head of the state entity and reports to the chief information officer of their state entity. Current staffing also conflicts with Statewide Information Management Manual (SIMM) section 5305-A which states that the entity ISO shall not be assigned multiple roles which present a conflict of interest, such as having direct responsibility for application development, information processing, technology operations, internal auditing functions, or for state entity programs. All of the staff have conflicts given the size of the department and the programmatic demands on staff to maintain existing core operations.

Current staffing levels are insufficient to address information security weaknesses identified in assessments and audits. Chapter 518, Statutes of 2015 (AB 670), requires the CDT to regularly complete Independent Security Assessments to measure the cybersecurity maturity of state entities. Additionally, the Office of Information Security (OIS) within the CDT conducts Information Security Program Audits to evaluate compliance with state security and privacy policies. Together these audits have produced a Plan of Action and Milestones (POAM) for the

Council consisting of outstanding findings and action items for tracking and planning the resolution of information security weaknesses. Addressing these weaknesses and complying with state policies, standards, and procedures is a significant and ongoing workload that the Council can't perform without the requested addition of a full-time, dedicated ISO.

Resource History: IT Section
(Dollars in thousands)

Program Budget	**2020-21**	**2021-22**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Authorized Expenditures	1,405	1,134	1,164	1,325	1,436	1,571
Actual Expenditures	2,843	1,181	1,372	1,379	1,377	N/A
Revenues	--	--	--	--	--	--
Authorized Positions	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Filled Positions	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Vacancies	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

B. Justification

Information security is an ongoing concern in government. Threats are not just increasing, they're increasingly difficult to discover and prevent. As a result, there is a much greater demand for resources to respond and maintain information security.

At the time that the Council was created in 2010, information security was not as mature as it is today. As a result, the current IT staffing model for the organization lacks dedicated staff to fill the required ISO role. Government Code section 11549.3 and SAM section 5300.2 require all state entities to comply with the information security and privacy policies, standards, and procedures issued by the OIS. All state agencies are required to designate an ISO to oversee the agency's compliance with information security requirements to protect the reliability, integrity, and confidentiality of data, and safeguard information assets.

Because the Council does not have an ISO, information security is handled part time as an ancillary duty by the CIO and existing 4.0 IT Specialists that also provide other critical IT services to the department. As a part-time ancillary duty, staff do not have the requisite knowledge or time resources to perform this function commensurate with the level of diligence required to adequately protect information assets.

Over the past several years, the Council has completed mandatory information security assessments and audits to highlight gaps and deficiencies. While some of the security gaps have been resolved, there are still many that need to be addressed. The remaining gaps and deficiencies require staff resources and the expertise of a dedicated ISO. These are not short-term activities, but mandatory ongoing activities.

State policy and procedural requirements have led to increased workload in the following areas:

- Responding to increased oversight and accountability requirements for mandated reporting and mitigation tracking.
- Monitoring and reporting of cyber threats (network intrusions, viruses, cyber-attacks, etc.).
- Monitoring and reporting of tangible security risks.
- Researching, analyzing, and implementing more sophisticated encryption technologies.
- Mandates from the OIS regarding technological changes, including the immediate removal of certain encryption technologies.
- Deployment and support of a broader array of personal electronic, mobile equipment, or software.
- Applications for both employees and the public.
- Maintaining safe wireless technologies.
- Conducting risk analysis on critical IT infrastructure systems.
- Responding to new standards for protecting and transmitting data.
- Attendance of the CIO and support staff at more conferences and outside meetings to keep up with legislative, technological, and policy changes.

The requested position will reinforce the Council's security program, and improve compliance with:

- SIMM section 5300 Security Framework, established by the OIS.
- The California Information Practices Act (Civ. Code, §§ 1798-1798.78.).
- Other state and federal security requirements and standards, such as the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Special Publication 800-53.

The position requested will support the following areas:

- Network security
- Application security
- Security Risk assessment
- Endpoint security
- Internal and external audits
- Security governance
- Cloud Security
- Security and incident documentation
- Vulnerability management

C. Departmentwide and Statewide Considerations

Additional staffing resources in the area of IT security infrastructure will allow the Council to align and be compliant with the following statewide IT initiatives:

- Executive Order B-34-15 that directs all state departments and agencies to ensure compliance with existing information security and privacy policies, promote awareness

of information security standards with their workforce, and assist the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the California Cybersecurity Integration Center in executing this order.

- Chapter 518, Statutes of 2015 (AB 670) which directs the Office of Emergency Services and the Department of Technology to perform independent security assessments to ensure departmental compliance with information security and privacy policies, standards, and procedures.
- Government Code section 11549.3 which requires all state entities to comply with the information security and privacy policies, standards, and procedures issued by the OIS.
- SAM section 5305.1 which directs all state entities to develop, implement, and maintain an Information Security Program Plan.
- SIMM section 5305-A which states that the entity ISO shall not be assigned multiple roles which present a conflict of interest, such as having direct responsibility for application development, information processing, technology operations, internal auditing functions, or for state entity programs.

D. Outcomes and Accountability

Approval of the proposal will provide the resources to understand and mitigate security vulnerabilities, reduce risks of information disclosure or ransom, ensure Cal-Secure compliance with security standards, and ensure that the IT systems are as protected as possible to support the mission of the Council. Moving forward, approving this proposal will allow the Council to begin to work on data classification and data loss prevention and improve the overall data governance posture. POAM findings are expected to be reduced significantly, eventually to zero.

E. Implementation Plan

Upon approval and effective July 1, 2026, the Council would immediately begin recruitment for the approved position

F. Supplemental Information (If Applicable)

N/A

BCP Fiscal Detail Sheet

(Dollars in Thousands)

BCP Title: Information Security Officer

BR Name: 3885-001-BCP-2026-GB

Budget Request Summary

Personal Services

Personal Services	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
Positions - Permanent	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total Positions	**0.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**
Earnings - Permanent	0	110	110	110	110	110
Total Salaries and Wages	**$0**	**$110**	**$110**	**$110**	**$110**	**$110**
Total Staff Benefits	0	56	56	56	56	56
Total Personal Services	**$0**	**$166**	**$166**	**$166**	**$166**	**$166**

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
5301 - General Expense	0	19	19	19	19	19
Total Operating Expenses and Equipment	**$0**	**$19**	**$19**	**$19**	**$19**	**$19**

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**	**$185**	**$185**	**$185**	**$185**	**$185**

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 - 0001 - General Fund	0	185	185	185	185	185
Total State Operations Expenditures	**$0**	**$185**	**$185**	**$185**	**$185**	**$185**
Total All Funds	**$0**	**$185**	**$185**	**$185**	**$185**	**$185**

Program Summary

Program Funding

Program Funding	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
3370 - Delta Stewardship Council	0	185	185	185	185	185
Total All Programs	**$0**	**$185**	**$185**	**$185**	**$185**	**$185**

Personal Services Details

Positions

Positions	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
1402 - Info Tech Spec I	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total Positions	**0.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**

Salaries and Wages

Salaries and Wages	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
1402 - Info Tech Spec I	0	110	110	110	110	110
Total Salaries and Wages	**$0**	**$110**	**$110**	**$110**	**$110**	**$110**

Staff Benefits

Staff Benefits	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
5150900 - Staff Benefits - Other	0	56	56	56	56	56
Total Staff Benefits	**$0**	**$56**	**$56**	**$56**	**$56**	**$56**

Total Personal Services

Total Personal Services	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
Total Personal Services	**$0**	**$166**	**$166**	**$166**	**$166**	**$166**