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PUBLIC COMMENT ONLY

NATURAL RESOURCES

VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Issue 1: Proposition 4 Spending Plan (GB)

Proposition 4. According to the LAO:

The Governor’s budget proposes \$2.1 billion in Proposition 4 bond funding in 2026-27, which is approximately 21 percent of the total \$10 billion authorized by Proposition 4, as shown in the figure below:

Governor’s Proposition 4 Proposal: 2026-27 Spending Plan
(In Millions)

Category	Bond Total	2025-26	2026-27 Proposed	Remaining Balance ^a
Safe Drinking Water, Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience	\$3,800	\$1,199	\$792	\$1,809
Wildfire and Forest Resilience	1,500	598 ^b	314	588
Coastal Resilience	1,200	279	107	814
Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions	1,200	390	199	611
Clean Energy	850	275	326	249
Park Creation and Outdoor Access	700	486	35	199
Extreme Heat Mitigation	450	110	241	99
Climate Smart Agriculture	300	153	89	58
Totals	\$10,000	\$3,470	\$2,103	\$4,427

^aAmounts displayed are reduced by the estimated statewide bond costs, which the administration estimates will be \$75 million in total for all chapters of the bond. The remaining balance also includes program delivery and state operations costs, some of which are scheduled for appropriation in future fiscal years.
^b\$181 million of this amount was provided through Chapter 2 of 2025 (AB 100, Gabriel) and was available for administering departments to expend beginning in April 2025.
Note: Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

Source: Legislative Analyst’s Office

Proposition 4: Budget Bill Language. The Governor’s budget proposal includes budget bill language adding a new control section intended to reduce the administrative burdens associated with implementing large-scale or state-administered Proposition 4-funded projects.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Defer with details to be worked out in 3-party agreement.

Issue 2: Proposition 4: Amendment to and Addition of Various Budget Bill Items, Support, and Local Assistance, Various Climate Bond (Proposition 4) Departments (April Finance Letter (AFL))

Governor’s Proposal. An AFL requests the following:

- **Office of Emergency Services:** Increase Item 0690-008-6093 be increased by \$1.03 million one-time and Item 0690-108-6093 be decreased by \$1.03 million one-time to provide technical assistance funding for the Wildfire Mitigation Grant Program.
- **CalFire:** Add Item 3540-491 to reappropriate Item 3540-107-6093 and Item 3540-108-6093 from the 2025 Budget Act, extending the encumbrance periods to June 30, 2027. The extension is intended to provide adequate time for CalFire to finalize contractual agreements with the Wildfire Conservancy and the California Fire Foundation, respectively.
- **State Coastal Conservancy:** Amend 3760-001-6093 to correct Schedule (1) to reflect the correct program name of “2790-Coastal Conservancy Programs.”
- **Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy:** Add Item 3810-490 to reappropriate the unencumbered administrative support dollars in Item 3810-004-6093 and Item 3810-005-6093 from the 2025 Budget Act, until June 30, 2028, to support administration and management of corresponding Proposition 4 local assistance appropriations made in the 2025 Budget Act. This adjustment is intended to align the encumbrance period of administrative support dollars with the encumbrance period of the associated local assistance items.
- **State Department of Education:** Add Item 6100-499 to revert Item 6100-001-6093 and Item 6100-101-6093, Budget Act of 2025. It is also requested that Item 6100-001-6093 be added in the amount of \$1.05 million onetime and Item 6100-101-6093 be added in the amount of \$13.84 million one-time to provide additional time for the Department of Education to coordinate with the Department of Food and Agriculture on implementation of Proposition 4 funding for grants to post-secondary education institutions to develop research farms to improve climate resiliency. This adjustment is also intended to align the encumbrance period of administrative support dollars with the encumbrance period of the associated local assistance item.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 3: Climate Bond (Proposition 4) 2026-27 Expenditure Plan Adjustments (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests an additional \$148.2 million in 2026-27 for investments to support the acquisition of a 161-acre property, Golden Gate Fields located in Berkeley overlooking the San Francisco Bay, for the development of a shoreline park and recreational area as well as wildlife refuges and wetlands.

The proposal appropriates funding from four bond sections (Water, Coastal, Outdoor Access, and Biodiversity & Nature-Based Solutions), resulting in the following updated, overall Proposition 4 expenditure plan proposed by the Administration:

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

Source: Department of Finance

Specifically, the following additional funding is requested:

(1) Golden Gate Fields Acquisition. This proposal and 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 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.

(2) Wetlands and Wildlife Refuges. \$23.2 million to CNRA for projects that improve conditions on wildlife refuges and wetland habitat areas. 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.

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Staff Recommendation. **Reject without prejudice and defer with details to be worked out in 3-party agreement.**

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Issue 4: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals (Governor's Budget (GB))

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests to make various bond and technical adjustments such as reappropriations and reversions.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted, except for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) items — for any item funded with GGRF, withhold action, conforming with actions taken on Issue #61 of Part B Agenda.

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Issue 5: CNRA Chaptered Legislation Proposals (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests resources from the General Fund and special funds to implement legislation chaptered in 2025, as follows:

CNRA. AB 900 (Papan), Chapter 385, Statutes of 2025. *Environmental protection: 30x30 goals: land conservation: stewardship: reporting.* \$1.21 million General Fund in 2026-27 and \$963,000 in 2027-28.

This bill required CNRA to update the 2027 Pathways to 30x30 Report to include recommendations to increase and improve stewardship of 30x30 lands, including innovative ways to reduce barriers and increase federal, state, and local support for science-based management and stewardship.

CEC. SB 237 (Grayson), Chapter 118, Statutes of 2025. *Oil spill prevention: gasoline specifications: suspension: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): exemptions: County of Kern: transportation fuels assessment: coastal resources.* \$660,000 Energy Resources Programs Account one-time.

This bill contained a number of provisions that seek to safely and responsibly increase in-state oil production (such as through testing of previously-idled pipelines, greater disclosure of financial assurances, and resolving ongoing litigation in favor of easier approval of drilling permits in Kern County), while also soliciting additional information to mitigate rising fuel costs (such as by relaxing California gasoline standards) and assess medium- to long-term strategies in line with recent work from CEC.

CEC. AB 368 (Ward), Chapter 145, Statutes of 2025. *Passive House Standards.* \$342,000 Energy Resources Programs Account in 2026-27 and 2027-28. Energy: building standards: passive house standards.

This bill required CEC to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of passive house building energy efficiency standards by climate zone and submit a report to the Legislature on its findings.

CEC. SB 767 (Richardson), Chapter 657, Statutes of 2025. *Crude Oil Reportable Pipelines.* \$396,000 Energy Resources Programs Account in 2026-27 and 2027-28; and \$205,000 in 2028-29 ongoing; and one position. Energy: transportation fuels: supply: reportable pipelines.

This bill required oil pipeline operators to report specified information about pipeline flows to CEC, starting on March 30, 2027.

CDFW. SB 237 (Grayson), Chapter, Statues of 2025. *Oil spill prevention: gasoline specifications: suspension: CEQA: exemptions: County of Kern: transportation fuels assessment: coastal resources.* \$125,000 Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fund one-time.

This bill contained several provisions regarding safely and responsibly increasing in-state oil production (such as through testing of previously idled pipelines, greater disclosure of financial assurances, and resolving ongoing litigation in favor of easier approval of drilling permits in Kern County), while also soliciting additional information to mitigate rising fuel costs (such as relaxing California gasoline standards) and assess medium- to long-term strategies in line with recent work from CEC.

Coastal Commission. SB 484 (Laird), Chapter 416, Statutes of 2025. Coastal resources: coastal development permits: infill area categorical exclusion: Categorical Exclusions for Affordable Housing. \$220,000 General Fund in 2026-27 and 2027-28.

This bill required the California Coastal Commission to identify coastal zone infill areas in three jurisdictions where the commission retains coastal development permitting authority for a 10-year categorical exclusion from that permitting requirement for residential housing projects comprised entirely of very low-, low-, and moderate-income housing units.

Coastal Commission. AB 462 (Lowenthal), Chapter 491 Statutes of 2025. Land use: accessory dwelling units (ADUs): Permitting in the coastal zone. \$217,000 General Fund ongoing.

This bill required coastal development permits for ADUs to be approved or denied within 60 days, waives prohibitions on issuing certificates of occupancy for ADUs on lots without a primary dwelling unit following a disaster, and eliminates the ability to appeal a coastal development permit for an ADU issued by a local government to the California Coastal Commission.

Parks. SB 586 (Jones), Chapter 588, Statutes of 2025. Off-Highway Electric Motorcycles. \$200,000 one-time from the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund.

This bill classified “off-highway electric motorcycle” or “eMoto” as an off-highway motor vehicle (OHV) thereby requiring them to follow OHV rules, including displaying an identification plate or device issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

0540 CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY (CNRA)
3480 DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION (DOC)
3600 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (CDFW)
3720 CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION (COMMISSION)
3940 STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB)

Issue 6: Joint Wildfire and Vegetation Management Streamlining (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision request \$719,000 Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund (TRFRF) and \$1.8 million in reimbursement authority in 2026-27 and \$710,000 TRFRF and \$1.6 million in reimbursement authority in 2027-28 to SWRCB, DOC, CDFW, and the California Coastal Commission (Commission) to support the expedited review and implementation of vegetation management throughout California’s forested ecosystems to reduce fire risk and build the state’s resilience to wildfires. This proposal includes four positions at the Commission, two positions at DOC, and three positions at CDFW to support these activities on a temporary basis, consistent with the funding request. Additionally, CNRA requests \$250,000 TRFRF in 2026-27 and ongoing for Information Technology (IT) support to address application intake and vegetation treatment tracking needs.

LAO Recommendation. LAO recommends the Legislature approve this proposal to allow the departments to continue their review and implementation of these projects and help address pressing wildfire risk reduction efforts. However, we also recommend the Legislature require CNRA (and relevant departments) to report back on the outcomes of and lessons learned from the SOE-expedited vegetation management process to inform future efforts.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted and add provisional language requiring CNRA (and relevant departments) to report back to the Legislature on outcomes of and lessons learned from the State of Emergency-expedited vegetation management process.

0540 CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY (CNRA)
3860 DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR)**Issue 7: Salton Sea Habitat Restoration (MR)**

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision proposes to revert \$16.8 million Proposition 68, Section 80111(a), and provide a new appropriation of \$16.2 million capital outlay to DWR and \$600,000 to CNRA for an agreement with the Salton Sea Authority (SSA) for the North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project. This project is intended to become a component of the adjacent North Lake Wetlands Project and is intended to protect public health by suppressing dust from exposed lakebed and restore habitat for fish and birds. The Administration states that this project is also needed to comply with the state’s restoration requirements under SWRCB Stipulated Order 2017-0134.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

0540 CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY (CNRA)**Issue 8: Lake Tahoe Clarity Management Tools (GB)**

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$700,000 one-time in 2026-27 from the Lake Tahoe Science and Lake Improvement Account to support the Tahoe Science Advisory Council's (Council's) work to understand and improve Lake Tahoe's clarity in the face of changing climate conditions. CNRA intends to contract with the Council to use the requested resources to leverage recent research and monitoring and develop contemporary clarity prediction tools that are intended to reflect evolving ecological and climate conditions, and support management decisions at Lake Tahoe.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 9: California Ocean Protection Trust Fund Authority Increase (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision requests a one-time augmentation of approximately \$25 million for the Ocean Protection Council from the California Ocean Protection Trust Fund in 2026-27 to account for the increase in mitigation funds received by the state for the Once-Through Cooling Interim Mitigation Program.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 10: Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation Program Fund Augmentation (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision requests \$8.84 million Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Fund one-time in 2026-27, as well as associated provisional language, to provide additional support for Phase 2 of the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing project for estimated project completion by the end of the 2026 calendar year.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 11: Museum of Tolerance (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision requests that Item 0540-101-0001 be increased by \$12 million one-time with provisional language authorizing an extended encumbrance period until June 30, 2028, to support the Museum of Tolerance, which provides education and messaging of tolerance and empowerment of the Jewish community.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3125 CALIFORNIA TAHOE CONSERVANCY

Issue 12: Minor Capital Outlay (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$500,000 (\$100,000 from the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access Fund (Proposition 68) and \$400,000 from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84)) for various minor capital outlay projects on Conservancy land. These projects involve demolishing existing structures, stabilizing and improving previously acquired property, installing public safety features, and completing upgrades on developed facilities. Additionally, the Conservancy requests the reversion of the following items:

1. 3125-301-6051, ENY 2022 (Conceptual Feasibility Planning)
2. 3125-301-6051, ENY 2024 (Conceptual Feasibility Planning)

The funding is intended to help resolve a list of issues based on an inventory of site improvement needs for improved public access and safety, fencing, property surveys, and water quality improvements.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 13: Reappropriation of Item 3125-301-0262 Budget Act of 2022 (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests the reappropriation of an existing \$500,000 Habitat Conservation Fund capital outlay appropriation for the working drawings phase for the multiple-benefit Upper Truckee River, Reach 6 Project without delay. As part of the project's working drawings phase, the Conservancy intends to develop engineering plans and specifications to restore a degraded section of the Upper Truckee River (River) and adjacent floodplain. Total project costs are estimated at \$11.5 million. The project is intended to reduce sediment and nutrients that flow from the River into Lake Tahoe; enhance aquatic and terrestrial habitat; protect biodiversity; sequester carbon; improve public access; and restore climate resilience.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 14: Lake Tahoe and Tahoe Conservancy Funding Realignment (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests a reduction of \$320,000 of ongoing funding from the Lake Tahoe Conservancy Account and a reduction of \$108,000 in ongoing funding from the Tahoe Conservancy Fund. The requested adjustments are intended to help to create stability in the respective fund's fiscal health.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 15: Opportunity Acquisitions (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$6 million for the acquisition of lands in environmentally sensitive or significant resource areas. The requested funding is comprised of:

1. \$1.5 million of Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, and Drought Preparedness (Proposition 4)
2. \$4.5 million of reimbursement authority to the Environmental License Plate Fund.

Staff Comments. Part of this request appropriates Proposition 4 funding. Although there are no substantive concerns with the proposal, it will be considered as part of the larger Proposition 4 deliberations.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve \$4.5 million of reimbursement authority to the Environmental License Plate Fund and defer on \$1.5 million Proposition 4 with details to be worked out in 3-party agreement.

Issue 16: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Extensions of Liquidation (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3125-492 be added to extend the period of liquidation for Item 3125-001-0140 (Environmental License Plate Fund (ELPF)), Budget Act of 2023, to June 30, 2027, to provide additional time for the completion of a contract to access legal library services. It is further requested that the period to liquidate encumbrances be extended for Item 3125-101-1018 (Lake Tahoe Science and Lake Improvement Account), Budget Act of 2021, to June 30, 2027, to allow additional time for completion of an active grant-funded project.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted, except for GGRF items — for any item funded with GGRF, withhold action, conforming with actions taken on Issue #61 of Part B Agenda.

Issue 17: Lake Tahoe Boulevard: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Sidewalk Improvements (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision proposes to appropriate \$500,000 from California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Fund (Proposition 68) to reconstruct and improve a heavily used sidewalk located on Conservancy property. The sidewalk is severely deteriorated, poses a public safety concern, and directly abuts a newly constructed California Department of Transportation crosswalk on Lake Tahoe Boulevard/U.S. Highway 50, a major thoroughfare in South Lake Tahoe. The project is intended to upgrade the sidewalk to meet current ADA and state standards.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 18: Lake Tahoe Boulevard: Demolition and Site Stabilization (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests that Item 3125-496 be added to revert Schedule 3 of Item 3125-301-6088, Budget Act of 2025. This supplemental appropriation was included in the budget to ensure that the Conservancy could fund its construction contract. However, bids came in under the initial estimates, and the Conservancy no longer requires the entire appropriation.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 19: Lakefront ADA Improvements (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests \$1.04 million one-time from the Lake Tahoe Science and Lake Improvement Account in 2026-27 to fund special repairs and ADA accessibility improvements at two Conservancy-owned public beach facilities on the north shore of Lake Tahoe. The two projects will address accessibility barriers, including uneven walkways and boardwalks, a shortage of accessible picnic areas and lake access points, and noncompliant restroom fixtures and site amenities. The request is consistent with the purpose of the Account, as the two projects will enhance public access to Lake Tahoe by removing accessibility barriers and upgrading essential facilities.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 20: Upper Truckee Marsh South Project (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests a supplemental appropriation of \$500,000 in reimbursements to the Environmental License Plate Fund (ELPF) for the study phase of the Upper Truckee Marsh South Project. This funding would supplement existing Proposition 68 authority for the project and would authorize the Conservancy to use recently awarded grant to study restoration and recreation opportunities and complete environmental review for the project. The grant is federally funded, but will be passing through a local jurisdiction to the Conservancy.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 21: Proposition 1 Technical Adjustment (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests that Item 3125-001-0286 be increased by \$4,000 ongoing and Item 3125-001-6083 be decreased by \$4,000 ongoing to reflect a net-zero shift of Control Section 3.60, employee compensation, staff benefits and Other Post-Employment Benefits adjustments from Proposition 1 to the Lake Tahoe Conservancy Account.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3340 CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS (CCC)

Issue 22: Greenwood Residential Center Staffing and Operations (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$12.29 million (\$6.76 million General Fund and \$5.53 million Collins-Dugan Reimbursement Account) in 2026-27 and \$9.44 million (\$5.19 million General Fund and \$4.25 million Collins-Dugan Reimbursement Account) in 2027-28 and ongoing to fund 24 positions, 100 Corpsmembers, and six Special Corpsmembers to fully staff the new Greenwood Residential Center, scheduled for occupancy in July 2026.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 23: Wildfire Readiness Seven-Day Per Week Schedule – CCC Hand Crews (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$11.66 million General Fund in 2026-27 and \$10.79 million General Fund ongoing to fund 49 positions and 47 full-time equivalent Corpsmember and Special Corpsmember positions to implement a year-round, seven-day per week schedule that provides adequate relief and support positions to allow CCC to align with CalFire's Hand Crew Program schedule.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 24: Deferred Maintenance (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests one-time expenditure authority of \$5 million Collins-Dugan Reimbursement Account in 2026-27 to address high priority deferred maintenance needs. Each location varies in age and levels of repairs required to meet building code, ADA standards, and potential OSHA requirements for living and workspaces. The cost of these repairs varies based on the age and complexity of meeting the required standards listed. The current deferred maintenance items are subject to change both in priority and cost estimate.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 25: Vehicle Replacement (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$8.7 million one-time Collins-Dugan Reimbursement Account in 2026-27 to replace 84 vehicles in its aging fleet.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 26: Auberry, New Residential Center: Demolition (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3340-495 be added to effectuate the reversion of an appropriation from the Collins-Dugan CCC Reimbursement Account. This reversion is requested following the cancellation of the Auberry, New Residential Center project. The project was cancelled because of significant cost escalations and because CCC has determined that continuing this project no longer aligned with its mission.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 27: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 68 Reversion (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3340-495 be added to effectuate the reversion of the Nonresidential Center, Los Angeles: Acquire Existing Facility project. The acquisition of the center has been completed, and this reversion is being requested to allow savings to be used for other proposals.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 28: Agricultural Emergency Response (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3340-001-0318 (Collins-Dugan California Conservation Corps Reimbursement Account) be increased by \$600,000 annually in 2026-27 and 2027-28 to fund crews sponsored by the California Department of Food and Agriculture for emergency pest eradication activities.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

**Issue 29: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 68 New Local Assistance
Appropriation (AFL)**

Governor’s Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3340-101-6088 be added in the amount of \$229,000 one-time in 2026-27 to provide certified local conservation corps grants. Affordability of this request is dependent on the corresponding reversion requested in the Department of Finance’s capital outlay AFL.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3480 DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION (DOC)**Issue 30: Maintaining and Strengthening Resilience of California's Seismic Network (GB)**

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$2.13 million in 2026-27, and \$1.87 million annually in 2027-28, 2028-29, and 2029-30, from the Strong Motion Instrumentation and Seismic Hazard Mapping Fund; and 10 permanent positions to maintain and upgrade the California Strong Motion Instrumentation Program (CSMIP).

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 31: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 68 New Appropriations (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3480-001-6088 be added in the amount of \$89,000 one-time in 2026-27 and \$161,000 in 2027-28 and ongoing for administration and management of new and ongoing agricultural land conservation easements and land improvement projects. It is also requested that Item 3480-101-6088 be added in the amount of \$1.52 million one-time for grants to acquire agricultural land conservation easements and conduct land improvement projects on conserved lands, with the funding available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2029.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 32: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 50 Watershed Program Implementation and Delivery (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3480-101-6031 be added in the amount of \$2.14 million one-time to fund new Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program grants, with the funding available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2029.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 33: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 50 Reappropriation (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3480-492 be amended to reappropriate Item 3480-001-6031, Budget Act of 2025 until June 30, 2030, to support the completion of water resilience projects through the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 34: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 50 Reversions AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3480-495 be added to revert the specified amounts in the following items. These reversions are intended to clean up prior Proposition 50 appropriations and partially support the new appropriation as noted above.

- Up to \$86,000 in Item 3480-101-6031, Budget Act of 2019
- Up to \$702,000 in Item 3480-001-6031, Budget Act of 2023
- Up to \$769,000 in Item 3480-001-6031, Budget Act of 2024

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 35: Division of Mine Reclamation SMARA-4 (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision requests \$869,000 one-time from the Surface Mining and Reclamation Account for fiscal year 2026-27 to continue its work on configuring, maintaining, and operating SMARA-4, a new Software as a Service (SaaS) case management system. DOC is completing the Project Approval Lifecycle (PAL) process, and it is likely to conclude in June 2026.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 36: Technical Adjustment: Reduction in Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Administrative (OGGA) Fund Allocation for Plugging and Abandoning Wells (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision requests that Item 3480-001-3046 be decreased by \$7.5 million one-time pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 3258. As specified in statute, in the absence of a matching non-OGGA fund appropriation for the purpose of plugging and abandoning wells, DOC should not have this additional expenditure authority.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3480 DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION (DOC)
3940 STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB)**Issue 37: Gravity-Based Energy Storage Well Pilot Program (SB 567) (MR)**

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests an increase in appropriations from OGGA of \$1.8 million in 2026-27 and \$1.8 million in 2027-28 to implement the Gravity-Based Energy Storage Well Pilot Program pursuant to SB 567 (Limón), Chapter 419, Statutes of 2025. Among other things, SB 567 established the program and authorized the State Oil and Gas Supervisor to authorize the conversion of 250 oil and gas wells for use as gravity-based energy storage wells, as defined, in order to evaluate their use to safely generate energy.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3540 DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION (CALFIRE)

Issue 38: Permanent Resources for Enhanced Defensible Space Inspections (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$6.24 million and 31 positions starting in 2026-27, \$6.21 million in 2027-28, \$6.44 million in 2028-29, \$5.68 million in 2029-30, and \$5.62 million ongoing from the General Fund to directly support the state inspection goal of 250,000 annual parcel inspections by obtaining: (1) permanent funding and authority for 17 Forestry Technicians and two Research Data Analyst (RDA) Is; (2) ongoing funding for three existing Forestry Technicians currently supported with limited duration funding from the 2022-23 Wildfire and Forest Resilience (WFR) Package; and (3) additional position authority for 12 Forestry Technicians to be funded by an adjustment of existing budget allocations. Of the amounts requested annually, \$958,000 represents the statutory proportional share for the six Contract Counties.

LAO Comment. One of LAO recommendations is to approve funding these positions on a one-time rather than ongoing basis, as forthcoming state regulations to strengthen defensible space requirements likely will increase the amount of time required to complete each inspection, triggering a rationale for revisiting the program's staff and structure in coming years.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Reject. Approve 3-year limited term of \$6.24 million General Fund annually, which includes \$958,000 annually for the statutory proportional share for the six Contract Counties.

Issue 39: Fixed-Wing Pilot and Mechanics Contract Increases (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor requests up to \$66.5 million in 2026-27 through 2028-29, \$69.64 million in 2029-30, and \$74.15 million ongoing from the General Fund for fixed-wing pilot and mechanics contract cost increases.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 40: Boggs Mountain Helitack Base (HB): Relocate Facility (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$4.76 million General Fund for the working drawings phase of the Boggs Mountain HB: Relocate Facility project in Lake County. This is a continuing project. The project includes site acquisition, design, and construction of a new Boggs HB, including: a helicopter hangar, support vehicle garage, barracks building, generator/pump/storage building, wash rack canopy, hazmat/retardant storage, an operation building, and helicopter-training tower. The scope of work will include site work and utilities as needed. Total estimated project cost is \$79.77 million.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 41: Hemet-Ryan Air Attack Base (AAB): Replace Facility (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests a supplemental appropriation of \$1.81 million General Fund for the working drawings phase of the Hemet-Ryan AAB: Replace Facility project, located in Riverside County. This is a continuing project. This supplemental appropriation is intended to fund higher than expected design costs related to natural gas and sewer connections for the facility. The project includes the construction of an air operations building, barracks/mess hall, an apparatus storage and warehouse building, aircraft hangars, protective aircraft weather canopy for airtankers, and a helicopter training tower. Total estimated project costs are \$93.05 million.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 42: Hollister Air Attack Base (AAB)/Bear Valley Helitack Base (HB): Relocate Facility (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests a supplemental appropriation of \$5.52 million General Fund for the working drawings phases of the Hollister AAB/Bear Valley HB: Relocate Facilities project, located in San Benito County. This project includes construction of an air operations building, barracks/mess hall, apparatus storage and warehouse building, auto shop, hangar, protective aircraft weather canopy for an air tanker, hazardous material storage building, office building, and a helicopter training tower. Site work includes demolition of existing structures, fire retardant chemical mixing plant, taxiway tie-in work, on-site tarmac improvements (including retardant loading pits with associated utilities and waste/runoff mitigation), helipad, radio tower, sewer connections, fencing, grading, and paving (including access road), fire suppression water storage tank, fire pump test pit, fuel vault, site fencing and lighting, photovoltaic system, landscaping, utilities, and appurtenances, as needed. Total estimated project cost is \$204.45 million.

The purpose of this supplemental appropriation is to include the relocation of retardant pits and helipad. There is insufficient room to accommodate the larger modern aircraft as intended in the original proposal.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 43: Howard Forest Helitack Base (HB): Replace Facility (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$1.9 million General Fund for the preliminary plans phase for the Howard Forest HB: Replace Facility project to replace the existing facility in Mendocino County. This is a continuing project. Total estimated project costs are \$76.5 million.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 44: Humboldt-Del Norte Unit Headquarters (UH): Relocate Facility (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$3.95 million General Fund for the working drawings phase of the Humboldt-Del Norte Unit Headquarters (UH): Relocate Facility project, located in Humboldt County. This is a continuing project. The project includes site acquisition and construction of an administration/training building, an Emergency Command Center (ECC)/support building, a self-contained breathing apparatus repair building, a Service Center building, an auto shop, a covered vehicle wash rack with water recycle system and building, a telecommunications building, a covered parking structure for vehicles (with photovoltaic panels), a multi-engine fire station with a dozer/transport dozer shed, generator/pump/storage buildings (with generators), a radio communications tower, site development, utilities, propane or natural gas system, a septic system, a domestic water well with water treatment and storage, a fire suppression water system with water storage, landscaping and irrigation, site lighting and fencing, and telephone and radio cabling. Demolition and hazardous materials abatement, at the existing site, will be required upon completion of the new site. Total estimated project costs are \$69.18 million.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 45: L.A. Moran Reforestation Center (LAMRC) Improvements (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests a supplemental appropriation of \$1.21 million General Fund for the preliminary plans phase of the L.A. Moran Reforestation Center (LAMRC) project, located in Yolo County. This is a continuing project. The project includes the construction of an administration building, a Seed Processing Building (Kiln/Dewinger/Freezer), a Multi- Purpose Building (styrobloc washing, soil conditioning, packaging, cold storage, and freezer), Greenhouses, and a Shade-house(s). Additionally, the scope will include site work as needed, connecting the sewer main to the city, and providing appurtenances to support the reforestation center. Total project costs are estimated at \$26.19 million.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 46: Parlin Fork Fire Center: Repair Kitchen (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$4.11 million General Fund for the immediate repair of the kitchen at Parlin Fork Fire Center (FC) located in Mendocino County due to a structure fire. The project will consist of preliminary plans, working drawings, and construction. Repairs include new electrical wiring and water and sewer plumbing to be installed up to current code. This repair project is intended to expedite the design and construction of the kitchen. Total project costs are estimated at \$4.11 million including the preliminary plans (\$268,000), working drawings (\$298,000), and construction (\$3.54 million). The project is anticipated to be complete in July 2028.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 47: Property Acquisitions: Happy Valley Fire Center (FC) and Table Mountain FC (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$6 million General Fund for the acquisition phase of Property Acquisition: Happy Valley Fire Center project located in Shasta County. This is a new project. This project proposes to acquire a site in Shasta County to expand the current CalFire infrastructure. This facility will be used to provide housing and training grounds for the department’s hand crews. The acquisition phase is estimated to begin in July 2026 and be completed in June 2028. The total estimated project costs are \$6 million.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 48: Riverside Unit Headquarters (UH): Relocate Facility (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests a supplemental appropriation of \$10 million General Fund for the acquisition phase of the Riverside UH: Relocate Facility project, located in Riverside County. This is a continuing project. Total estimated project cost is \$110.48 million.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 49: Shasta Trinity Unit Headquarters/Northern Operations: Relocate Facility (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$247.5 million in lease-revenue bonds for the construction phase of the Shasta Trinity Unit Headquarters (SHU HQ) / Northern Operations (NOPS): Relocate Facility project, located in Shasta County. This is a continuing project. Total estimated project costs are \$261.08 million. The scope of work will include the design and construction of jointly used: auto shop, service center, dozer-mobile command center storage, fueling tanks with flammable storage building, visitor and photovoltaic covered parking, emergency generator/pump/storage building and a covered vehicle wash rack.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 50: Tehama Glenn Unit Headquarters: Relocate Facility (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests a supplemental appropriation of \$4.5 million General Fund for the acquisition phase of the Tehama Glenn Unit Headquarters: Relocate Facility project. The project is located in Tehama County. The supplemental appropriation is requested due to increased costs due to the limited number of properties available outside of the flood plain that meet essential services standard. The total estimated project costs are \$90.1 million.

The project includes land acquisition, design, and construction of a new Unit Headquarters including an administration building, emergency command center (ECC), auto shop, fire station, dozer transport building, service center, training building, physical fitness building, telecommunications building, maintenance building, a self-contained breathing apparatus charging building, covered vehicle wash rack, flammables storage building, ECC telecommunications tower, covered parking spaces, and an emergency generator building. Other work will include site development, asphalt paving, curbs, sidewalks, utilities, fire suppression system, fire hose wash rack with drying slab, solar power, fire pump test pit, a security system with cameras, and security fencing with access control gates. Additionally, the scope will include site work as needed on the acquired parcel.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 51: Witch Creek Fire Station: Relocate Facility (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$3.3 million General Fund for the acquisition phase of the Witch Creek Fire Station: Relocate Facility project, located in San Diego County. This is a new project. The project is intended to include acquisition of a new site to relocate the Witch Creek Fire Station, as well as the following: a fire station, combined barracks/apparatus building, Battalion Chief Office, generator/pump building, storage building, telecommunication tower, fuel vaults, septic system, water system, electrical system, security systems, storm water detention systems, and other appurtenances to support operations. The project will include site work and utilities as needed. Total project costs are estimated at \$25.45 million.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 52: SB 345 Cleanup (Trailer Bill Language (TBL)) (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests TBL that includes technical clarification and clean-up language to SB 345 (Hurtado): California Fire Service Training and Education Program: California Fire and Arson Training Act: fees.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. April 16, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as proposed.

Issue 53: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program Federal Trust Fund Authority Updates (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3540-002-0890 (Federal Trust Fund) be decreased by \$74,000 one-time in 2026-27 and Item 3540-101-0890 be eliminated in 2026-27. AB 107 (Gabriel), Chapter 5, Statutes of 2025, amended the 2025 Budget Act to accelerate the authorized expenditure of this funding into 2025-26. These requests reflect the corresponding offsetting adjustments in 2026-27. The net effect of the AB 107 amendments and these requests maintain the entire \$43.2 million of overall Federal Trust Fund expenditure authority for the Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program and allows for earlier expenditure of the funding.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 54: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Forest Products Lab Collection Agreement Reappropriation (AFL)

Governor’s Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3540-491 be added to reappropriate up to \$42,000 in Item 3540-001-3237 (Cost of Implementation Account, Air Pollution Control Fund), Budget Act of 2023, with funding available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2027. This reappropriation is necessary to extend the contract with the University of Tennessee for a forest products lab collection agreement with the US Forest Service Forest Products Lab.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 55: Fresno Air Attack Base: Infrastructure Improvements (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests a supplemental appropriation of \$3.55 million General Fund for the construction phase of the Fresno Air Attack Base Infrastructure Improvement project, located in Fresno County. This is a continuing project. The request for a supplemental appropriation is due to increased project costs, primarily driven by the addition of a stormwater pollution prevention plan; escalation of material and labor costs; delays driven by supply chain and logistics issues; and added labor costs for additional construction management time, inspection time, and materials testing. Additionally, builder’s risk insurance has increased drastically in high fire hazard areas.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 56: Potrero Fire Station: Replace Facility (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests \$30.29 million Public Buildings Construction Fund for the construction phase of the Potrero Fire Station: Replace Facility project, located in San Diego County. This is a continuing project. Total estimated project cost is \$33.38 million. Estimated project costs have increased to address larger than anticipated site work requirements addressing environmental and poor soil conditions (high seismic zone, poor soil stability and poor percolation) to meet Essential Services Building Code requirements.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 57: Ramona Air Attack Base: Infrastructure Improvements (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests a supplemental appropriation of \$1.2 million General Fund for the construction phase of the Ramona Air Attack Base: Infrastructure Improvements project, located in San Diego County. This is a continuing project. Total estimated project costs are \$7 million. The 2019 Budget included funding for CalFire to acquire and operate seven C-130 aircraft. This project is necessary for the use and maintenance of those aircraft. The request for a supplemental appropriation is due to increased project costs, primarily driven by the escalation of material and labor costs, supply chain and logistics issues, increased construction management time, additional inspection time, and materials testing. Additionally, builder’s risk insurance has increased drastically in high fire hazard areas, exceeding the initial estimate included in the budget for the project.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 58: Rohnerville Air Attack Base: Replace Fuel System (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests a supplemental appropriation of \$475,000 General Fund for the redesign of the working drawings phase of the Rohnerville Air Attack Base: Replace Fuel System project, located in Humboldt County. This is a continuing project. The total estimated costs of the project are \$4.94 million. This request for a supplemental appropriation is intended for an update the project design to comply with current code requirements, finalize plans, and prepare for bidding.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 59: Santa Clara Helitack Base: Relocate Facility (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests \$1 million General Fund for the site selection portion of the acquisition phase of the Santa Clara Helitack Base: Relocate Facility project, located in Santa Clara County. This is a continuing project which was previously known as the Alma Helitack Base: Relocate Facility project. The name of the project has changed to reflect a change in the intended location of the project. A separate proposal will be submitted in a future budget for the remainder of the acquisition phase once a site is identified. Total estimated project costs are \$155.85 million.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 60: Statewide: Replace Communications Facilities, Phase V (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests a supplemental appropriation of \$28.92 million General Fund for the construction phase of the Statewide: Replace Communications Facilities – Phase V project, located in various counties. This is a continuing project. CalFire requests supplemental appropriation due to significant cost increases resulting from regulatory review delays, labor shortages, and market inflation. Both hard and soft costs increased due to increased steel prices, increased labor and equipment costs, extended procurement, builder’s risk insurance increase, and extended review and backcheck timelines. Additional costs include increased construction management for concurrent tower projects, required Parks monitoring, increased Division of State Architecture and State Fire Marshal fees due to more involvement in tower projects than previous projects.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 61: Various Capital Outlay Reappropriations and Reversions (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision proposes that Item 3540-490 be added to reappropriate various phases of continuing projects as needed to complete critical projects supporting CalFire’s mission. It is also requested that Item 3540-495 be added to effectuate reversion of appropriations not needed in 2026-27 as determined by current project schedules.

LAO Comments and Recommendation. *Approve.* Proposes a total of \$65.4 million (\$35.1 million General Fund, \$30.3 million Public Buildings Construction Fund) to improve the infrastructure and housing on air attack and helitack bases and replace various outdated communications facilities. LAO recommends approval, as they address the health and safety of CalFire personnel as well as support the state’s wildfire response capacity. (This is consistent with LAO’s recommended approach to other CalFire capital outlay project funding proposed in the Governor’s Budget.)

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3560 STATE LANDS COMMISSION (SLC)**Issue 62: Long Beach Office Lease Renewal (GB)**

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$31,000 (\$9,000 General Fund and \$22,000 Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fund (OSPAP)) in 2026-27, \$63,000 (\$18,000 General Fund and \$45,000 OSPAP) in 2027-28, \$96,000 (\$28,000 General Fund and \$68,000 OSPAP) in 2028-29, \$129,000 (\$37,000 General Fund and \$92,000 OSPAP) in 2029-30, and \$237,000 (\$69,000 General Fund and \$168,000 OSPAP) in 2030-31 and ongoing to pay for the increasing difference in the projected new rent for its Long Beach Office over its existing rent after lease renewal. The lease is currently set to expire on February 28, 2027.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 63: Ongoing Inspections, Remediations, and Repairs of Previous Closures of Abandoned Mine Features on State-Owned School Lands (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$102,000 School Land Bank Fund in 2026-27 and ongoing to conduct mandatory safety inspections of abandoned mine features on school lands, use updated equipment to improve the safety of staff involved in these inspections, perform mine closures that present a safety risk to the public, and remediate features that require repair or have been breached therefore removing the safety risk to the public. The requested funding is intended to enable staff to secure contracts with appropriate contractors and support the scheduling of mine remediations and repairs as needed. Funding will also support regular field inspection trips, the purchase of necessary field and safety supplies, and provide staff with greater control over the prioritization and timing of remediation work at school land mine sites.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 64: Regulatory Operations and Enforcement to Support Increased Import Demands (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests six positions and \$2.09 million OSPAP in 2026-27 and \$2.04 million ongoing to support six new Senior Engineers, Petroleum Structures (Specialist) positions in the Marine Environmental Protection Division (MEPD) to meet the growing demands of the Marine Oil Terminal (MOT) industry and regulatory mandates. These positions require technical expertise and understanding of structural, mechanical, electrical and pipeline engineering.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3600 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (CDFW)

Issue 65: Reimbursement Position Authority (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests 21.5 positions (permanent position authority only) in 2026-27 and ongoing, to replace temporary positions used to complete work that has been funded historically by long-term reimbursement agreements. These reimbursement agreements allow the department to further its mission and help ensure the protection of California's ecosystems and wildlife. For CDFW to continue to meet the objectives in the agreements and the associated permitting, the department requires reimbursement position authority.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 66: Cannabis Impacted Lands (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests 22 positions (permanent position authority only) to further assess, mitigate and remediate cannabis impacted lands owned by the department, California Native American Tribes, and local jurisdictions, in addition to increasing enforcement support in Northern California. The positions will be funded by the department's existing authority provided through the continuous appropriation from the Cannabis Tax Fund – Department of Fish and Wildlife, Environmental Restoration and Protection Account - Allocation 3 (Allocation 3). The requested positions are needed to expand and strengthen CDFW's capacity to protect public and tribal lands from the escalating threats posed by illegal cannabis cultivation. By establishing specialized scientific teams dedicated to unique geographic regions and watersheds, the department intends to enhance its ability to assess, mitigate, and remediate environmental impacts while fostering vital partnerships with local jurisdictions and local tribes to safeguard their ancestral resources.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 67: San Joaquin River Basin Spring and Fall-Run Chinook Salmon Restoration (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests three permanent positions, resources for existing staff, \$5 million General Fund in 2026-27 and \$5.4 million in 2027-28 and ongoing to provide necessary resources for the operation of the newly constructed San Joaquin Research and Conservation Hatchery Facility (SCARF), and to continue the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP), and the Merced River Hatchery (MRH). This proposal is intended to help ensure continued success for salmon reintroduction and restoration in the San Joaquin River Basin which represents the southern segment of the Central Valley salmon population.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 68: Nutria Eradication Program (NEP) (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests one permanent position, \$8.2 million General Fund in 2026-27, and \$8 million General Fund in 2027-28 and ongoing, to support the continued and expanded operations of the NEP, which addresses the spread of the invasive nutria species. This request includes one-time funding for three 4x4, crew cab pickups to move staff to more locations through the 8.3-million-acre project area. The NEP currently operates with a total of 28 trucks, six of which have been temporarily borrowed. NEP vehicles are utilized five to seven days per week, year-round. Temporary, loaned vehicles are not long-term solutions to the NEP’s workload and need, which are daily and year-round.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 69: Golden Mussel Containment Program (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests eight permanent positions to increase the department’s capacity to prevent the spread of golden mussel from infested waters. The requested resources are intended to support efforts by federal, state, and local agencies to prevent the introduction of golden mussel to un-infested waters throughout California. These positions will be funded for three years from \$20 million previously appropriated from Proposition 4 in the 2025 Budget.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 70: Protecting California’s Federally Listed Species (AB 1319) (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests five permanent positions, \$1.4 million General Fund in 2026-27 and \$1.3 million annually in 2027-28 through 2031-32 to implement requirements imposed by AB 1319 (Schultz), Chapter 639, Statutes of 2025, through the bill’s sunset date, December 31, 2031. To fully implement this bill and protect the habitat and biodiversity in the state, CDFW will need to expand the number of scientific and legal staff to monitor federal actions, evaluate impacts on species, conduct status reviews, add species to the list of provisional candidates, develop protective measures and guidance, and implement permitting and conservation programs for the federally listed species that will be listed pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act as a result of this process.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 71: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Reimbursement Fund Authority Increase (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3600-001-0001 (General Fund) be amended by increasing reimbursements by \$16.88 million in 2026-27, \$16.5 million in 2027-28, \$13.7 million in 2028-29, and \$6 million in 2029-30 and ongoing. This request is intended to support various local, state, private, and tribal reimbursement agreements aligned with the Biodiversity Conservation Program and include efforts such as Golden Mussel mitigation, permitting, and other activities.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 72: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 50 Appropriation (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3600-001-6031 be added in the amount of \$2 million one-time to support ecosystem restoration program implementation.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 73: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 84 Appropriation (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3600-001-6051 be added in the amount of \$724,000 one-time to support the Bay-Delta and Coastal Fishery Restoration programs.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 74: Automated License Data System Contract (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision requests \$1.6 million Fish and Game Preservation Fund (FGPF) Non-Dedicated in 2026-27, \$1.8 million in 2027-28, \$1.9 million in 2028-29, \$2.1 million in 2029-30, and \$2.3 million in 2030-31 and ongoing for the increased cost of the agreement between CDFW's Data and Technology Division and Aspira. Aspira provides maintenance, development, and support to keep the Automated License Data System operational.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 75: Coexisting with Wildlife (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests \$1.02 million one-time Fish and Game Preservation Fund to allow CDFW to use existing ELPF to fund temporary resources to support the Coexisting with Wildlife Initiative that will allow for proactive mitigation of human-wildlife conflict and foster safe coexistence with native wildlife in California.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 76: Fish and Game Preservation Fund (FGPF) Dedicated Realignment and Technical Adjustment (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests various adjustments to FGPF dedicated accounts. The adjustments to the specified FGPF dedicated accounts are designed to keep the accounts structurally balanced with a prudent fund reserve. CDFW also requests a net zero technical adjustment to Administration/Distributed Administration authority to correct previously received administrative positions where CDFW did not appropriately request nor receive the commensurate Administration/Distributed Administration authority.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 77: Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) Fleet Replacement (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests a one-time increase of \$3.28 million from the Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fund in 2026-27 to replace fleet assets used for oil spill response and support. OSPR has identified an immediate need for additional resources to close an operational gap to ensure adequate and reliable fleet resources necessary for response activities.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 78: OSPR Regulatory Staffing (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests two permanent positions, \$488,000 in 2026-27 and \$472,000 in 2027-28 and ongoing from the Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fund to address the workload associated with evaluating the adequacy of the Certificate of Financial Responsibility requirements and conducting Reasonable Worst-Case Spill calculations on a regular basis. These positions are intended to modernize CDFW systems to improve transparency and engagement with the public, information and documentation collection, and update internal processes and workflows for increased efficiencies.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 79: Ongoing Funding for Statewide Administrative Support Positions (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests \$3.5 million Special Funds (including \$2 million FGPF- Non-Dedicated) in 2026-27 and ongoing to fund various existing positions. This request is intended to provide ongoing funding for the 20 positions CDFW received in the 2022 Budget for statewide administrative support in the Drought Resilience and Response Package and funded by various one-time General Fund investments.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

**3600 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (CDFW)
3640 WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD (WCB)****Issue 80: Wildlife Conservation Board Accounting Positions Transfer (MR)**

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision requests the transfer of seven permanent accounting positions from CDFW to WCB. WCB currently contracts with CDFW for accounting services, with WCB covering the full cost of all seven permanent positions plus overhead contracting costs via Interagency Agreement. Moving the positions directly under WCB authority will yield savings of overhead costs and eliminate contract administration. WCB will utilize existing funds to continue covering the cost of the positions.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3600 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (CDFW)
3640 WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD (WCB)
3860 DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR)
3940 STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB)

Issue 81: Proposition 1 (2014) Redistribution of Statewide Costs (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision proposes redistribution of \$76.7 million that was set aside for statewide bond costs for Proposition 1 (2014) (Prop 1). Funding is proposed for redistribution to departments identified in Prop 1 to support additional projects consistent with Prop 1 provisions.

This proposal will return funding to the following sections of Proposition 1 consistent with amounts previously set aside for statewide bond costs:

Chapter	Sub Section	Department Program	Allocation
Ch. 8	79750(b)	California Water Commission: Water storage projects that improve the operation of the state water system	\$17,750,000
Ch. 9	79765	State Water Resources Control Board: Water recycling and advanced treatment technology projects	\$12,500,000
Ch. 6**	79736	Department of Water Resources: Fulfill the obligations of the State of California	\$9,500,000
Ch. 11	79781 (a-d)	Department of Water Resources and Central Valley Flood Protection Board: Reduce the risk of levee failure and flood in the Delta	\$5,900,000
Ch. 6	79737(a)	California Department of Fish and Wildlife: Watershed restoration projects statewide	\$5,700,000
Ch. 6	79738(a)	California Department of Fish and Wildlife: Water quality, ecosystem restoration and fish protection facilities	\$1,750,000
Ch. 10	79771 (a)	State Water Resources Control Board: Projects to prevent or clean up the contamination of groundwater that serves or has served as a source of drinking water	\$5,200,000
Ch. 5	79723	State Water Resources Control Board: Wastewater treatment projects	\$5,200,000
Ch. 5	79724(a)(1)	State Water Resources Control Board: Public water system infrastructure improvements	\$5,200,000
Ch. 6	79733	Wildlife Conservation Board: Enhanced stream flow	\$4,000,000
Ch. 7	79747 (a)	State Water Resources Control Board: Multibenefit stormwater management projects	\$4,000,000

Prop 1 funding is proposed to be allocated to specified programs that help meet legal obligations, advance priorities in the Governor’s existing water supply and salmon strategies, address groundwater contamination, and support water recycling projects, including:

- \$12.5 million to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to fund the planning, design and construction of water recycling and advance treatment project

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- \$5.9 million to DWR is proposed to advance high priority multi-benefit flood management projects.
 - \$5.7 million to CDFW and \$4 million to the Wildlife Conservation Board to advance near-term, high-priority actions in the Salmon Strategy in coordination with the State Salmon Strategy Implementation Team.
 - \$1.75 million to CDFW to fund grants for water quality, ecosystem restoration, and fish protection facilities that benefit the Delta.
 - \$5.2 million to SWRCB to fund grants for municipalities serving small, disadvantaged communities for the planning, design, and construction of wastewater infrastructure.
 - \$5.2 million to SWRCB to fund grants to public water systems serving small, disadvantaged communities for the planning, design, and construction of drinking water infrastructure.
 - \$5.2 million to SWRCB to fund grants for the prevention or clean-up of contaminated groundwater sources that serve as a drinking water source, including septic-to-sewer projects.
 - \$4 million to the State Water Board to fund grants to municipalities for multi-benefit stormwater projects.

The California Water Commission's Prop 1 Water Storage Investment Program is continuously appropriated. \$17.75 million is proposed to be allocated to purchase more public benefits and/or cover inflation of water storage projects, including Sites Reservoir. Sites Authority is seeking full financial commitments in the spring of 2026, including an updated conditional state award and a final award by the end of 2026.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3600 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (CDFW)
3720 CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION
3790 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (PARKS)
**3820 SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION (SF BCDC)**
3930 DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION (DPR)
3940 STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB)
3960 DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL (DTSC)
**3970 DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY
(CALRECYCLE)**

Issue 82: Elimination of Vacant Positions

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget assumes on-going savings associated with the permanent elimination of vacant positions across all state agencies and departments. In total, [6,002.4 vacant positions were proposed for elimination](#) beginning in 2025-26, with savings totaling \$478.1 million (\$182.3 million General Fund) and \$487.1 million (\$191.3 million General Fund) in 2026-27, ongoing. Control Section 4.12 of the 2025 Budget Act gave the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) until January 1, 2026, to review and express nonconcurrency to the elimination of a subset of vacant positions. Specifically, JLBC had the authority to review and non-concur with the proposed elimination of positions authorized to implement legislation passed in 2022 and 2023 and positions at nine specified departments. The nine departments included the Office of Inspector General, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Pesticide Regulation, State Water Resources Control Board, Department of Toxic Substances Control, Department of Industrial Relations, Department of Food and Agriculture, and the Department of Veteran Affairs. After reviewing responses from the various departments to questions posed by the JLBC, the committee identified 650.1 positions that merited additional review by the Legislature and issued a [response letter](#) on December 29, 2025 non-concurring with their elimination. The Governor’s budget continues to assume saving associated with the elimination of the 650.1 positions in fiscal year 2026-27.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Modify the Governor’s proposal as follows:

- **California Department of Fish and Wildlife.** Reject the elimination of 65.1 full-time equivalents (FTEs) of the 77.1 FTEs reviewed by the JLBC and \$9,421,000 (\$4,382,000 General Fund) at CDFW including game wardens positions, positions that support activities tied to California Endangered Species Act permitting, positions within the Office of Oil Spill Prevention, and positions that assist with the Cutting Green Tape initiative.
- **California Coastal Commission.** Reject the elimination of the six positions and \$1,235,000 General Fund approved as part of the BCP for the implementation of SB 272 (Laird), Chapter 384, Statutes of 2023.

- ***Department of Parks and Recreation.*** Reject the elimination of 36 positions of the 62 positions reviewed by the JLBC and \$5,586,000 General Fund at State Parks including state park peace officers/park ranger positions, positions that support the protection of public resources and positions associated with the Fix Our Parks initiative.
- ***San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.*** Reject the elimination of one position and \$96,000 General Fund approved as part of the BCP for the implementation of SB 272 (Laird), Chapter 384, Statutes of 2023.
- ***Department of Pesticide Regulation.*** Reject the elimination of 15 FTEs reviewed by the JLBC and \$2,850,000 Special Funds which include positions the department used in estimating staffing needs for the 2024-25 program expansion adopted as part of AB 2113 (Garcia).
- ***State Water Resources Control Board.*** Reject the elimination of 33 FTEs of the 43 positions reviewed by the JLBC and \$6,429,000 (\$856,000 General Fund) which include positions responsible for enforcement and permitting of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems, positions that support permitting and compliance of water discharge requirements, positions that assist with issuing water rights permits and licenses or managing change permits, positions that help with the administration of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, positions responsible for Water Quality/Bay-Delta Plans/Stormwater Quality Control Plans and positions that assist with monitoring per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAs) and maximum contaminant levels (MCLs).
- ***Department of Toxic Substances Control.*** Reject the elimination of 75.1 FTEs of the 80.1 reviewed by the JLBC and \$10,578,000 Special Funds which include positions responsible for criminal investigations, conducting health and safety enforcement activities, approved as part of the 2022 reforms, supporting or administering the Safer Consumer Product Program, supporting brownfield cleanup programs, administering or overseeing fee collection and enforcement and permitting applications of hazardous waste facilities.
- ***Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.*** Reject the elimination of nine FTEs and \$1,235,000 Special Funds approved in BCPs for the implementation of AB 1526 (Committee on Natural Resources), Chapter 848, Statutes of 2023, AB 2440 (Irwin), Chapter 351, Statutes of 2022, SB 1013 (Atkins), Chapter 610, Statutes of 2022 and SB 1215 (Newman), Chapter 370, Statutes of 2022.

3720 CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION**Issue 83: Public Education Program Support (GB)**

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$183,000 one-time from the California Beach & Coastal Enhancement Account (CBCEA) to support a temporary position in the Public Education program. The administration states that this temporary position is needed to support grant recipients, conduct outreach, broaden access to coastal educational opportunities, and help manage social media accounts.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3760 STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY**Issue 84: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 50 New Support Appropriation (AFL)**

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3760-001-6031 be increased by \$1.33 million one-time to support the administration and management of existing projects funded by Proposition 50.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 85: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 68 New Support Appropriation (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3760-001-6088 be increased by \$2 million in 2026-27, \$1 million in 2027-28, \$501,000 in 2028-29, and \$41,000 in 2029-30 to support the administration and management of existing projects funded by Proposition 68.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 86: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 84 and Proposition 68 Local Assistance Reappropriations (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3760-490 be amended to extend the encumbrance period of Item 3760-101-6051 (Proposition 84), Budget Act of 2020, and Item 3760-101-6088 (Proposition 68), Budget Act of 2023, until June 30, 2029, to continue to support the Santa Ana River Conservancy program and Lower Overnight Coastal Accommodations program, respectively.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 87: SCC Fund Appropriation and Reimbursement Authority (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision requests \$7 million one-time in 2026-27 from the State Coastal Conservancy Fund and \$7 million in reimbursement authority one-time. This funding is intended to provide additional resources for coastal resource enhancement and public access projects. Reimbursement authority is intended to allow SCC to encumber a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project. Funds are requested to be available for encumbrance or expenditure through June 30, 2028, given the multi-year nature of projects.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3790 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (PARKS)

Issue 88: Hollister Hills State Vehicle Recreation Area (SVRA): Entrance Kiosk (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$133,000 one-time from the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund (OHVTF) for the working drawings phase of the Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) Entrance Kiosk project in San Benito County. This project includes an entrance kiosk, site work, utilities, and accessible parking. Total project costs are estimated at \$1.66 million. Construction is scheduled to begin in January 2028 and will be completed in October 2028.

Budget Bill Language (BBL): Parks requests provisions for encumbrance availability for two years, rather than one year because this project is in a park with culturally and naturally sensitive areas. This results in longer than average time requirements for design, permitting, environmental compliance and construction.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted

Issue 89: Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund (OHVTF) Local Assistance Grants (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests one-time funding of \$29 million in 2026-27 from the OHVTF for local assistance grants.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 90: Statewide: OHV Opportunity Purchases (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$5 million OHVTF one-time for the acquisition of opportunity purchases. This project is intended to 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 Parks's five-year plan for program expansion. These funds would also be used for property appraisals prior to departmental requests for further acquisition funding. 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. Parks may contract with other state agencies or private entities to provide the work. The current project schedule estimates acquisition activities are intended to begin in July 2026 and reach completion by June 30, 2029.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 91: Fort Ord Dunes State Park (SP): New Campground and Beach Access (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests a supplemental appropriation of \$1 million in 2026-27 from the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) for the construction phase of the Fort Ord Dunes SP: New Campground and Beach Access project in Monterey County. This project is intended to result in the construction of up to 110 new campsites. Half of these are intended to be incorporated with full utility hook-ups for recreational vehicles. This project includes other pertinent improvements, operations facilities, and a beach access trail with restrooms and paved parking.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 92: California Indian Heritage Center (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests transfer of \$2.1 million in 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Natural Resources and Parks Preservation Fund (NRPPF) for the construction phase of the California Indian Heritage Center (CIHC) project in Yolo County. Parks is in the process of bidding the first construction phase of the Immediate Public Use (IPU) project. This request does not reflect a net increase to the state’s share of the \$200 million total; instead, it provides funding in the NRPPF to augment the project now, shifting \$2.1 million from a later phase of construction to provide additional enhancements in the IPU portion of construction.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 93: California Indian Heritage Center — Access and Community (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$842,000 General Fund in 2026-27, \$805,000 General Fund in 2027-28 and ongoing, and three permanent positions, to support the California Indian Heritage Center (CIHC). These resources are intended to develop recreational and interpretive infrastructures such as parking lots, interpretive shelters, and restrooms to enhance public access and improve visitor recreation experience at the site.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 94: California State Parks Library Pass Program (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests an ongoing transfer of \$6.75 million General Fund to the State Park Recreation Fund (SPRF) for the Library Pass Program, which began as a pilot program in 2021-22. This proposal is intended to continue providing 33,000 State Library Parks Passes to more than 1,100 library branch locations throughout the state.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve \$6.75 million General Fund, for a limited term of three fiscal years, transfer to the State Park Recreation Fund for the Library Pass Program for a limited term of three fiscal years.

Issue 95: Angel Island State Park (SP). Low-Cost Accommodations (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$450,000 in reimbursement authority in 2026-27 to the State Parks and Recreation Fund (SPRF) for the preliminary plans phase of the Angel Island SP: Low-Cost Accommodations project, which is located in the San Francisco Bay. This new project will include planning, development, construction, operation, and maintenance of low-cost accommodations at Angel Island SP. Total cost of the project is \$5.9 million and expected to be completed in December 2029. Parks will use grant funds from the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) to support this request.

Budget Bill Language (BBL): Parks requests provisions for encumbrance availability for two years, rather than one year, due to fact that the project site is a coastal area and possibly an area of natural resources sensitivity. The planning and initial development process will require coordination between multiple agencies, resulting in longer-than-average time requirements for studies, design, permitting, and environmental compliance.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 96: Emma Woods State Beach (SB). Low-Cost Accommodations (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$600,000 in 2026-27 from the State Parks Contingent Fund for the preliminary plans phase of the Emma Woods SB: Low-Cost Accommodations project. This project will provide planning, development, construction, operation, and maintenance of low-cost accommodations at Emma Wood SB. Total project costs are estimated at \$7.7 million and the project is expected to be completed in May 3030. Emma Wood SB is located north of Ventura.

BBL: Parks requests provisions for encumbrance availability for two years, rather than one year, due to fact that the project site is a coastal area and possibly an area of natural resources sensitivity. The planning and initial development process will require coordination between multiple agencies, resulting in longer-than-average time requirements for studies, design, permitting, and environmental compliance.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 97: Pfeiffer Big Sur SP: Low-Cost Alternative Lodging (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$1 million in 2026-27 from Proposition 68 for the construction phase of the Pfeiffer Big Sur SP: Low-Cost Alternative Coastal Lodging project in Monterey County. Total project costs are estimated at \$7.47 million and the project is expected to be completed in March 2027. This continuing project includes construction of up to 15 new, lower-cost alternative lodging cabins along the coast to enhance visitor experience and increase visitors by non-traditional users within Pfeiffer Big Sur SP. A portion of funds for this project will come from the California Coastal Commission as a donation in-lieu of mitigation fees totaling up to \$3.46 million over the next several years. Parks intends to use Proposition 68 for additional project costs.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 98: Silver Strand SB: Low-Cost Accommodations (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$750,000 in reimbursement authority to SPRF for the working drawings phase of the Silver Strand SB: Low-Cost Accommodations project. Silver Strand SB is located south of the City of San Diego. This continuing project will allow for the planning and initial development of low-cost accommodations at Silver Strand SB. The funds for this request will come from a grant from SCC. This project will be funded by SPRF, State Park Contingent Fund, and Proposition 68. Total project costs are estimated at \$17 million and the project is expected to be completed in April 2029.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. February 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 99: Winter Recreation Fund Program Support (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3790-001-0449 (Winter Recreation Fund) be increased by \$101,000 in 2026-27 and ongoing to maintain the existing service level of Parks's winter recreation program, SNO-PARK Program. Funding is intended to support increased operating costs of the SNO-PARK Program and can be sustained by the Program revenues generated through SNO-PARK permit fees.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 100: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 50 New Support Appropriation (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3790-001-6031 be increased by \$1.44 million one-time to support statewide bond costs associated with the close out of Proposition 50. Provisional language authorizing an extended encumbrance period until June 30, 2030, is requested for this item to align with the close out plan for Proposition 50.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 101: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 68 New Support Appropriation (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3790-002-6088 be added in the amount of \$10.68 million one-time to support accelerated implementation of the Redwoods Rising Project in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, among other projects. Provisional language is requested authorizing an extended encumbrance period until June 30, 2031.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 102: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 68 New Local Assistance Appropriation (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3790-101-6088 be added in the amount of \$12.38 million one-time to support additional projects in the next round of the Statewide Park Program, with provisional language authorizing an extended encumbrance period until June 30, 2029.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 103: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 12 Reversion (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3790-496 be added to revert the unencumbered balance of Item 3790-002-0005, Budget Act of 2021, to align with the close out plan for Proposition 12.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 104: Fort Ord Dunes Campground Operations (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision requests \$3.59 million General Fund and 7.5 positions in 2026-27, \$1.96 million and 7.5 positions in 2027-28, and \$1.05 million and 14 positions in 2028-29 and ongoing to support operations of the new Fort Ord Dunes State Park campground; as well as \$1.31 million State Parks and Recreation Fund in 2027-28 and \$2.22 million in 2028-29 and ongoing for the same purpose. The new campground, which is expected to be completed in Spring 2027, is intended to offer 108 new campsites and provide beach access and aquatic recreation opportunities.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 105: Attorney General Office Legal Services (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision requests \$2 million General Fund ongoing beginning in 2026-27 for the cost of representation from the Attorney General's Office (AGO) in various lawsuits filed against Parks. The Administration notes that these services are critical as the AGO provides expertise in complex legal fields and is skilled when it comes to negotiating settlements in court that are cost-effective to Parks. Additional resources are necessary to cover the cost of service provided by the AGO.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 106: Oceano Dunes State Vehicle Recreation Area (SVRA): Le Sage Bridge Replacement (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests a supplemental appropriation of \$225,000 Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund for the working drawings phase of the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA): Le Sage Bridge Replacement project in San Luis Obispo County. This project is intended to rehabilitate the Le Sage Bridge to provide critical structural improvements and enhanced design features for combined vehicle and pedestrian use. This supplemental design funding is intended to enable Parks to achieve approximately \$675,000 in net project savings by avoiding more costly construction associated with the initial design approach.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 107: Pismo Beach State Beach (SB): Entrance Kiosk Replacement (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests \$400,000 in 2026-27 from the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund for the construction phase of the Pismo SB: Entrance Kiosk Replacement project. Parks received bids for the construction contract, which exceeded the original project budget by more than 20 percent. This supplemental appropriation is intended to allow Parks to successfully rebid and award the project contract in 2026-27. Additionally, this funding includes increases for escalation using standard escalation procedures.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 108: Rio de Los Angeles State Park (SP): Public Use Facilities at Bowtie (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests \$7.8 million in reimbursements to the State Parks and Recreation Fund (SPRF) for the construction phase of the Rio de Los Angeles SP: Public Use Facilities at Bowtie project. The project includes infrastructure, site improvements, and day-use amenities. Upon completion, the project is intended to provide public access, passive recreation opportunities, and habitat restoration.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 109: State Park Police Officer Cadet Recruitment (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests one-time funding of \$3 million SPPF in 2026-27 and one-time funding of \$7.5 million SPRF in 2026-27, to increase State Park Peace Officer (SPPO) Cadet Academy throughput. Currently, approximately 23 percent of SPPO positions are vacant, with rank and-file vacancies exceeding 26 percent. Without the capacity to hire and train additional cadets, vacancies are projected to climb above 25 percent.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 110: Various Capital Outlay Reappropriations and Reversion (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests reappropriation and extension of liquidation of existing capital outlay appropriations and to allow completion of current projects without delay, as well as reversion of savings from completed projects.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 111: Will Rogers and Dockweiler SBs Operations Transition (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests \$19.21 million General Fund in 2026-27, \$3.5 million General Fund in 2027-28, \$3.82 million General Fund in 2028-29, and \$3.83 million in 2029-30 and ongoing for the operation of Will Rogers and Dockweiler SBs. Additionally, Parks requests \$5.17 million SPRF in 2026-27 and \$8.62 million SPRF in 2027-28 and ongoing as well as 31 positions phased in over three years for the same purpose. Will Rogers SB and Dockweiler SB are currently operated by Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation (LA County) through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the City of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (LA City). Parks will be responsible for operating both Will Rogers SB and Dockweiler SB beginning in 2026-27 as LA County has notified all parties of its intent to terminate the JPA on September 17, 2026.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 112: California Indian Heritage Center Support Organization (Trailer Bill Language (TBL)) (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision proposes trailer bill language adding Section 526 to the Public Resources Code to establish a support organization for the California Indian Heritage Center (CIHC) that reflects the CIHC’s tribal partnership context and cultural mission. The requested changes are intended to provide a governance and partnership framework that will allow California Native tribes to shape elements of CIHC operations, including interpretation, exhibit development, cultural stewardship, care of collections and patrimony, and management of the site’s natural and ceremonial spaces.

Staff Comment. This proposal includes substantive, statutory changes. AB 1592 (Ramos) is currently going through the legislative policy bill process and is similar to this proposal. To avoid multiple avenues of process on the same issue, staff recommends using AB 1592 as the vehicle to carry this matter forward.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Reject without prejudice and defer to legislative policy process.

3790 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (PARKS)
3970 DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY
CALRECYCLE

Issue 113: Border Field State Park Cross-Border Pollution Management (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests one-time funding from the California Tire Recycling Fund via reimbursement authority to support the hauling of additional sediment and debris from the Tijuana Estuary and Border Field State Park. CalRecycle, which administers the California Tire Recycling Management Fund, will provide up to \$2 million in one-time funding to Parks. Parks intends to utilize these funds to support immediate needs while pursuing additional sources of grant funding to expand sediment and debris management efforts and support restoration of critical habitat through the beneficial reuse of sediment from the Tijuana River Valley. Consistent with statutory requirements for interagency coordination, Parks intends to coordinate with CalRecycle to implement these activities through an interagency agreement.

The Tijuana Estuary within Border Field State Park is critically threatened by sedimentation and debris, which can smother salt marsh habitat and damage critical infrastructure, including park roads, trails, and wastewater management systems.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3825 SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)**Issue 114: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Federal Fund and Reimbursement Authority (AFL)**

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3825-001-0140 (ELPF) be amended to increase reimbursements by \$470,000 ongoing, Item 3825-101-0140 (ELPF) be added with reimbursements of \$15.2 million in 2026-27 and \$5 million ongoing, and Item 3825-101-0890 (Federal Trust Fund) be added in the amount of \$1 million ongoing, to provide authority to meet operational needs for interagency agreements, grants, and other funding awarded to RMC for purposes specified in various agreements from state, federal, and other sources.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3840 DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION**Issue 115: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area (MR)**

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision proposes that Item 3840-001-0890 be increased by \$320,000 and one position ongoing to implement the Delta National Heritage Area management plan. The US National Park Service will provide additional funding for this program, and the Commission intends to engage in public education, historic preservation, tourism and recreation development, visitor amenities, and economic development activities.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3850 COACHELLA VALLEY MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (CVMC)**Issue 116: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 84 New Support Appropriation**

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3850-001-6051 be added in the amount of \$27,000 one-time to provide for CVMC's administration, monitoring, and implementation of acquisition projects funded by Proposition 84.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 117: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 68 New Support Appropriation (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3850-001-6088 be increased but \$132,000 in 2026-27, \$176,000 in 2027-28, \$100,000 in 2028-29, and \$110,000 in 2029-30 to provide for CVMC's administration, monitoring, and implementation of active grants funded by Proposition 68.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 118: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 1 New Local Assistance Appropriation (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3850-101-6083 be added in the amount of \$1.6 million one-time to provide funding for CVMC grant programs or acquisition projects, with provisional language authorizing funds for local assistance or capital outlay with an extended encumbrance period until June 30, 2029.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 119: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 84 New Capital Outlay Appropriations (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3850-301-6051 be added in the amount of \$5.55 million one-time to provide funding for CVMC acquisition projects or grant programs, with provisional language authorizing funds for capital outlay or local assistance with an extended encumbrance period until June 30, 2029.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3855 SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY (SNC)**Issue 120: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 68 New Local Assistance Appropriations (AFL)**

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3855-101-6088 be added in the amount of \$375,000 one-time to fund wildfire and forest resilience grants through SNC's Watershed Improvement Program. It is also requested that Item 3855-102-6088 be added in the amount of \$450,000 one-time to fund grants through SNC's Watershed Improvement Program that align with its overall statutory purposes, including supporting sustainable recreation and tourism planning and infrastructure, and improve outdoor access for historically excluded communities.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 121: Accounting Resources (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision proposes that Item 3855-001-0140 be increased by \$214,000 and two permanent full-time positions ongoing to right-size accounting resources for SNC. These resources will enhance operational efficiency of the Conservancy as well as produce estimated average annual savings of \$111,000 ELPF from 2027-28 through 2030-31 and \$150,000 annually thereafter.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 122: Increase Federal Reimbursement Authority (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision requests that Item 3855-001-0890 be increased by \$1.1 million one-time to match the projected cost of work associated with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's three federal grant agreements in 2026-27.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3860 DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR)**Issue 123: River Forecast and Snow Survey Resources (GB)**

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$9.5 million General Fund ongoing and 15 permanent positions to mitigate the impacts of federal reductions in staffing and capabilities and ensure that DWR can continue to provide 24-hour flood emergency response, issue river forecasts, and collect snow course measurements for water supply forecasting.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 124: California Dam Safety Program Funding (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$1.4 million Dam Safety Fund ongoing to address new and increased operating expenses and equipment (OE&E) costs associated with DWR's Division of Safety of Dams' (DSOD's) Dam Safety Program. This funding is intended to support DSOD's enforcement efforts (\$850,000), existing/increased travel costs (\$470,000), and increased/new IT costs (\$100,000).

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 125: Delta Levees Program Mitigation (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests, for DWR's Division of Multibenefit Initiatives (DMI), \$14 million General Fund to support the compensatory mitigation needs of the Delta Levees Program, which includes the Delta Levees Special Flood Control Projects and Delta Levee Maintenance Subventions Programs in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The purchase of credits from an established mitigation bank alleviates the need for a local Reclamation District to record a permanent conservation easement, establish an endowment, and manage a site in perpetuity.

Most of the requested funds will be used for a standalone advanced mitigation site. The initial investment is needed to sustain the program over time as well as reverse the deficit.

LAO Comments. The LAO notes that up to \$3 million of the proposed amount is to buy mitigation credits, yet the administration indicates that credits currently are not available for purchase. Therefore, the LAO recommends the Legislature reduce the proposal to \$11 million since \$3 million may not be urgently needed or used.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve \$11 million General Fund one-time in lieu of the \$14 million requested.

Issue 126: Modernization of the California Water Plan (SB 72) (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$5.8 million General Fund in 2026– 27 and annually for the first five years, and \$2.4 million General Fund in 2031-32 and ongoing to fulfill the requirements of SB 72 (Caballero), Chapter 210, Statutes of 2025.

SB 72 requires DWR to develop an actionable plan by 2033 that identifies watershed-scale actions necessary to achieve long-term water supply targets by 2040. SB 72 also requires the 2028 and 2033 updates to the California Water Plan to include planning targets for additional water, water conservation, and water storage capacity to be achieved by 2040 and 2050 respectively.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 127: San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement State Obligations — Eastside Bypass Control Structure Fish Passage Rock Ramp (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$9.5 million Proposition 1 to implement the Eastside Bypass Control Structure Fish Passage Rock Ramp project to further the work towards the state obligated San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP). This funding is intended to be combined with the requested \$15.5 million Proposition 4 in the administration’s Proposition 4 rollout plan to support up to nine existing positions to develop plans and specifications, complete the permitting, and construct the project that includes modification of a control structure and construction of a rock ramp to improve fish passage for adult salmon and other native fish within the San Joaquin River (SJR).

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 128: Urban Flood Risk Reduction (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$12.5 million (\$8.7 million General Fund and \$3.8 million Proposition 4) to support and manage the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Urban Flood Risk Reduction (UFRR) projects during 2026-27. The \$12.5 million in state operations is needed to support ongoing, critical USACE/UFRR urban projects which require oversight and project management by state subject matter experts and to ensure state obligations are met. As a result of past significant federal appropriations, including the \$1.5 billion in supplemental funding in 2019 and large annual federal appropriations (\$90 - \$404 million per year since 2019), USACE has accelerated the current authorized work in Central Valley urban areas.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve \$8.7 million General Fund and defer on \$3.8 million Proposition 4 with details to be worked out in 3-party agreement.

Issue 129: Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB): Unauthorized Activities: Enforcement (TBL) (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests TBL for CVFPB related to enforcement actions of unauthorized activities.

Staff Comment. This bill makes substantive policy changes and should be vetted through the legislative policy process; not the budget process.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. **Reject without prejudice and defer to the legislative policy process.**

Issue 130: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 50 Flood-Managed Aquifer Recharge (Flood-MAR) Technical Assistance (AFL)

Governor’s Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3860-001-6031 be increased by \$1.45 million one-time to support the implementation of Flood-MAR pilot projects.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. **Approve as budgeted.**

Issue 131: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 68 Floodplain Management, Protection, and Risk Awareness – Technical Assistance (AFL)

Governor’s Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3860-495 be amended to revert a total of \$5.65 million, as follows: \$1.96 million from the 2019 Budget Act, \$2.02 million from the 2020 Budget Act, and \$1.68 million from the 2021 Budget Act; and increase 3860-001-6088 be increased by \$5.65 million one-time to support technical assistance for the Floodplain Management, Protection, and Risk Awareness Program.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. **Approve as budgeted.**

Issue 132: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 68 Floodplain Management, Protection, and Risk Awareness – Planning and Monitoring (AFL)

Governor’s Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3860-495 be amended to revert \$44,000 from the 2019 Budget Act and Item 3860-001-6088 be increased by \$44,000 one-time to support the Oroville Wildlife Area Robinson’s Riffle Restoration Project under the Floodplain Management, Protection, and Risk Awareness Program.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 133: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Delta Grants and Flood Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Program (AFL)

Governor’s Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3860-495 be amended to revert \$800,000 from the 2022 Budget Act, and Item 3860-101-6083 (Proposition 1) be increased by \$800,000 one-time to support the Delta Grants and Flood Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Program.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 134: Delta Levees Program Mitigation (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision proposes to modify a Governor’s Budget request in response to newly available mitigation credits for purchase. DWR’s Division of Multibenefit Initiatives (DMI) requests \$7.9 million General Fund to support the compensatory mitigation needs of the Delta Levees Program.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 135: Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) Program Implementation (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests \$25 million one-time General Fund to support necessary monitoring, habitat restoration projects, water purchases, and administration towards implementation of the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program (commonly known as Voluntary Agreements) for the first year of implementation to comply with an updated Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. This funding is in addition to the \$560 million that the state has already appropriated for the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program.

The \$25 million is intended to be used as follows:

- \$10 million for habitat restoration acreage for the Feather River flood and Southern Sutter Bypass. These projects are intended to create shallow water floodplain for fish migration.
- \$10 million to support the Instream Flow Purchase Program for the state’s obligations for water purchases.
- \$3.75 million for science and monitoring by supporting efforts to launch the initial required science and monitoring network as part of the state’s commitments to the program.

DWR expects this additional funding and staffing resources to be sufficient to effectively deliver and administer the DWR requirements pursuant to the HRL Program.

Staff Comments. As noted in the BCP, this proposal would support implementation of the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program to comply with an updated Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. The State Water Resources Control Board has not yet formally adopted a revised plan; and anticipates adopting an updated plan sometime in the 2026 calendar year.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted and add provisional language making encumbrance of the \$25 million contingent upon the State Water Resources Control Board’s adoption of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (also known as the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan or Bay-Delta Plan).

Issue 136: Northern Regional Office Facility Relocation (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests \$8.6 million General Fund over five years and ongoing \$1.7 million annually to secure a leased facility for the Northern Region Office facilities located in Red Bluff, California. This request includes \$2.2 million in 2026-27, \$1.5 million in 2027-28, \$1.6 million in 2028-29, \$1.6 million in 2029-30, \$1.7 million in 2030-31 and \$1.7 million ongoing for future fiscal years. Significant facility concerns necessitate an office relocation.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 137: Salton Sea Habitat Restoration (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision, for DWR's Salton Sea Restoration Office (SSRO) requests the reversion of \$16.8 million Proposition 68, Section 80111(a), and a new appropriation of \$16.2 million capital outlay to DWR and \$600,000 to CNRA for an agreement with the Salton Sea Authority (SSA) for the North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project. This project is intended to become a component of the adjacent North Lake Wetlands Project and protect public health by suppressing dust from exposed lakebed and restore habitat for fish and birds. The Administration states that this project is also needed to comply with the state's restoration requirements under SWRCB Stipulated Order 2017-0134.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 138: Proposition 50 South Delta Gates (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision requests \$31.46 million from Proposition 50 (Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002) and \$4.37 million from Proposition 13 (Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Act) to fund the state's share of costs for implementing the South Delta Gates (SDG), formerly South Delta Permanent Operable Gates, project. This request is intended to be partially funded through the reversion of \$11.3 million Proposition 50. DWR also requests \$110 million Federal Trust Fund Authority. The Administration states that the SDG project is a critical project under the CALFED Bay-Delta program aimed at improving water supply reliability and addressing long-standing issues in South Delta through a permanent solution. The project includes constructing and installing three permanent structures with operable gates across three South Delta channels. DWR requests provisional language to provide extended encumbrance to June 30, 2030.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 139: Proposition 1 (2014) Redistribution of Statewide Costs (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision proposes that Item 3860-301-6083 be added in the amount of \$5.9 million in 2026-27 for projects to reduce the risk of levee failure and flood in the Delta.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3875 SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY**Issue 140: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 1 Appropriation (AFL)**

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3875-001-6083 be increased in the amount of \$75,000 in 2026-27 and \$30,000 in 2027-28 to provide continued staff support for the administration of the grant program.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 141: CNRA Bond and Technical Proposals: Proposition 68 Appropriation (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3875-101-6088 be increased by \$180,000 one-time and the encumbrance period be extended from June 30, 2028, to June 30, 2029, to fund projects that address recreation and tourism, historic and cultural preservation, and environmental education.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3885 DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL (DSC)**Issue 142: Independent Peer Review for Science and Monitoring (GB)**

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$539,000 General Fund ongoing and three permanent positions to support the DSC's Delta Science Program and the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) in performing independent scientific review, advice, and monitoring for the implementation of SWRCB's Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan.

DSC also requests \$139,000 General Fund ongoing and the inclusion of annual budget bill language to cover statutorily required rate increases for the members of the Delta ISB.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 143: Information Security Officer (ISO) (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$185,000 General Fund ongoing and one permanent position to serve as DSC's Information Security Officer (ISO) 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.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

0555 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (CALEPA)
3900 CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (CARB)
3940 STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB)
3960 DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL (DTSC)
3970 CALIFORNIA RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY
(CALRECYCLE)

Issue 144: Landfill Support, Response, and Enforcement (GB)
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Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests 12 permanent full-time positions \$5.14 million from various funds, which includes \$1 million for local assistance programs, and ongoing contract dollars in the amount of \$1.4 million to address Subsurface Elevated Temperature (SET) events at Class III Landfills. More specifically:

CalEPA. CalEPA requests \$606,000 and two positions in 2026-27 and ongoing for distributed administration, which includes \$63,000 in ongoing contract costs to coordinate the response to landfills and SET events. The \$63,000 in ongoing contract funds are to be used to take over the maintenance and operations of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL) website.

CalRecycle. CalRecycle requests a total of \$1.96 million and four permanent positions (waste management engineer, staff manager, program analyst, and environmental scientist) in 2026-27 and ongoing. The resources are needed to address ongoing workload related to oversight and cost recovery of landfills experience in a SET event, as well as to assist local governments and landowners on mitigating illegal disposal as a result of landfills experiencing early closures or reduced operations.

CalRecycle requests \$250,000 in contract funding to provide a statewide annual forum focused on methods to prevent, investigate, enforce, and mitigate illegal dumping and disposal in the state.

CalRecycle requests \$1 million for grant distributions for LEAs to assist in meeting their certification requirements to review documents or reports generated pursuant to engineering requirements associated with landfills.

DTSC. DTSC requests \$2.1 million (\$1.8 million TSCA and \$318,000 HWCA) and four positions (two engineers, a geologist, and environmental scientist) in 2026-27 and ongoing to address SET events at Class III landfills, including CCL and others, to control emerging threats to public health. This request includes \$1.1 million annually in contracting costs to bring in subject matter experts to assist DTSC staff better analyze, select software, model, develop appropriate mitigation measures, and monitor the SET event once mitigative measures are taken. Subject matter experts would also help DTSC staff to better analyze slope stability, which can be affected during these events.

SWRCB. SWRCB requests \$463,000 ongoing and two permanent positions (engineering geologist and water resource control engineer/geotechnical engineer) to strengthen the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board’s technical and operational capacity to prevent, investigate, and respond to threats from landfill SET events to water quality and public health that go beyond day-to-day landfill regulation

activities. The two positions would perform the following tasks: participate in multi-agency coordination; technical investigation and advice; regulatory review and permitting; compliance oversight and inspections; and readiness; outreach; and enforcement support.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. March 19, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 145: Consolidated Administrative Operations (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests 14 permanent positions and reimbursement authority in the amount of \$2.6 million Motor Vehicle Account (MVA) in 2026-27 and ongoing to consolidate administrative activities to support an efficient and effective government pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 71121 through 71126 relating to CalEPA consolidation. CalEPA's BDOs request an increase to their expenditure authority in the amount of \$2.6 million proportionally split across various funds. The administration clarifies that OEHHA's total impact to the Motor Vehicle Account (MVA) is \$21,000 and CalEPA's share impacting MVA is \$88,000.

The proposed consolidation of administrative functions of Human Resources, Accounting, Budgets, and Acquisitions within CalEPA is intended to create a more efficient, effective way to deploy administrative services across the Agency and its BDOs while reducing duplicative efforts, and improving services.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. March 19, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 146: CalEPA Bond and Technical Adjustments (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests various bond appropriations, reappropriations, and reversions; technical adjustments; and baseline adjustments to continue implementation of previously authorized programs.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. March 19, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted, except for GGRF items — for any item funded with GGRF, withhold action, conforming with actions taken on Issue #61 of Part B Agenda.

3900 CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (CARB)
3940 STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB)
3960 DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL (DTSC)
3970 DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY
(CALRECYCLE)

Issue 147: CalEPA Bond and Technical Adjustments (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision proposes various bond and technical adjustments such as reappropriations and extensions of liquidation.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted, except for GGRF items — for any item funded with GGRF, withhold action, conforming with actions taken on Issue #61 of Part B Agenda.

0555 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (CALEPA)**Issue 148: Agency Information Technology (IT) Operations (GB)**

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$2.83 million from various special funds and four permanent positions to enhance IT service delivery and strengthen the agency’s operational capabilities. This request includes \$2.5 million in reimbursement authority for three positions supporting audio-visual communication services and IT project oversight services; and \$325,000 from distributed administration of various funds for one position needed for managing operations.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. March 19, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 149: California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) Project (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$6.82 million in spending authority from the Unified Program Account in 2026-27 to implement a technology refresh project on the California Environmental Reporting System known as CERS NextGen. CERS Nextgen is an ongoing information technology project. This request includes continued funding for five permanent positions approved in the 2022 Budget Act. The project is intended to update the technical platform, improve data quality and the processes supporting data quality, and modernize a critical public-facing system that enables more than 160,000 businesses and 104 local regulators to meet their legal reporting obligations.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. March 19, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 150: Rural Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) (AB 993) (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$720,000 ongoing resources from the Rural CUPA Reimbursement Account established in the General Fund to implement AB 993 (Hadwick), Chapter 176, Statutes of 2025.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. March 19, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 151: Agency Information Technology Operations (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests \$941,000 in new funding authority (\$870,000 ongoing and \$125,000 one-time funding) from various funds and two permanent positions to drive the agency’s technology innovation strategy, governance, and practical adoption in alignment with California Department of Technology’s Envision 2026 statewide IT strategic plan and to improve the administration of public meetings in accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 152: General Fund Solution: Ongoing Fund Shift for State Operations (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision proposes that Item 0555-001-0001 be eliminated and the various items noted below be increased by a total of \$3.12 million and 22.1 positions in 2026-27, \$3.18 million in 2027-28 and ongoing to shift resources for state operations activities from the General Fund to various special funds.

- Item 0555-001-0028 be increased by \$1,108,000 and 22.1 positions in 2026-27, \$1,171,000 in 2027-28 and ongoing
- Item 0555-001-0044 be increased by \$419,000 ongoing
- Item 0555-001-0106 be increased by \$314,000 ongoing
- Item 0555-001-0115 be increased by \$419,000 ongoing
- Item 0555-001-0133 be increased by \$127,000 ongoing
- Item 0555-001-0193 be increased by \$314,000 ongoing
- Item 0555-001-0439 be increased by \$419,000 ongoing

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3930 DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION (DPR)**Issue 153: Fumigant Exposure Mitigation (GB)**

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$394,000 DPR Fund ongoing and two positions to lead and expand department work for modeling, data tracking, analysis, mitigation, and regulatory development related to fumigants, including 1,3-dichloropropene (1,3-D), and support continuous evaluation for other high-use fumigants. These positions are consistent with the fiscal impact identified in DPR's recent regulatory work and are intended to support broader fumigant evaluation and appropriate mitigation action throughout the department.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. March 19, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 154: Spray Days (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests two permanent positions and \$809,000 DPR Fund ongoing for the operations, maintenance, and continued outreach for SprayDays California, a public-facing pesticide application notification system. SprayDays provides timely public access to information on scheduled California restricted material pesticide applications statewide. This BCP is intended to ensure adequate staffing and resources are available to respond to feedback, to operate and maintain the platform in compliance with regulation as well as help address common challenges raised by users, including the need for clearer mapping visuals, more inclusive sign-up, access options, and notifications with broader accessibility.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. March 19, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 155: California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) Consolidated Administration (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3930-001-0106 (DPR Fund) be increased by \$64,000 ongoing to align with the department's portion of proposed consolidation of administrative activities under the CalEPA Office of the Secretary. The Governor's Budget proposes \$2.6 million ongoing resources split proportionately between the various Boards, Departments, and Offices within the agency. This request corrects a technical error.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3940 STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB)**Issue 156: Permitting Impacts of Recent Supreme Court Decisions (GB)**

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$2.6 million Waste Discharge Permit Fund in 2026-27 and ongoing, and 12 permanent positions to conduct essential water quality permitting and enforcement work due to the 2023 US Supreme Court decision in *Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency* that reduces federal jurisdiction over several waterbodies.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 157: Recycled Water Program Needs (SB 31) (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests the following:

- \$1 million in 2026-27 and ongoing, and four permanent positions from the Waste Discharge Permit Fund and SDWA to permit and oversee the new types of water recycling uses authorized by SB 31 (McNerney), Chapter 736, Statutes of 2025.
- \$500,000 annually between 2026-27 and 2028-29 from the Waste Discharge Permit Fund to fund two 3-year limited-term positions for developing necessary updates to water recycling regulations in the Division of Drinking Water.

Costs for the two limited-term positions developing regulations and the costs for the two permanent Division of Water Quality positions would be incurred primarily to the Waste Discharge Permit Fund. The remainder of the costs are intended to be passed through as billable review time to the recycled water projects for the two permanent Division of Drinking Water positions, thus reimbursable to the state through SDWA.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 158: Border Water Quality Protection Unit (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$1 million Waste Discharge Permit Fund ongoing and four permanent positions to establish a Border Water Quality Protection Unit at the San Diego RWQCB to address cross-border pollution from Mexico and support the protection of human health, water quality, and beneficial uses associated with the Tijuana River and Estuary, and near-shore Pacific Ocean.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 159: California Environmental Regulatory Data Security Initiative (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$1 million one-time in contract funds from the Safe Drinking Water Account (SDWA) in 2026-27 to complete the project planning process for a secure, modern database to safeguard existing data, maintain uninterrupted accreditation services, and protect the integrity of the state’s Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) regulatory infrastructure. The \$1 million in contract resources is intended to address ELAP’s outdated database, which has experienced multiple system outages and data loss incidents.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 160: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Administration Fund (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$3.5 million in expenditure authority for 2026-27 and ongoing from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Administration Fund to support the personnel costs of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program.

This proposal is intended to provide a source of long-term funding to support SWRCB’s administration of the DWSRF program and help ensure this drinking water financing program revolves in perpetuity per state and federal requirements. This proposal, combined with future DWSRF four percent Administration Set-Aside funding, is intended to help offset rising personnel costs for the DWSRF program, including funding positions authorized three years ago under the additional DWSRF Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IJA) capitalization that is sunsetting in 2026-27, but will revolve in perpetuity. This proposal also is intended to provide funding to help ensure a baseline of DWSRF administrative activities if future DWSRF federal grants are reduced.

This proposal establishes expenditure authority for the DWSRF Administration Fund while SWRCB, along with DWSRF stakeholders, develops and proposes long-term solutions for the optimal administration of the DWSRF program. These solutions aim to reduce and eventually eliminate SWRCB’s dependence on future DWSRF four percent Administration Set-Aside funding, if DWSRF federal grants continue to be appropriated.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 161: San Diego County Water Recycling Oversight (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$785,000 SDWA ongoing and three permanent positions to oversee and regulate water recycling projects in San Diego County following the county’s termination of its oversight delegation agreement.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 162: School Lead Reporting (AB 1096) (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$500,000 SDWA in 2026-27 for one-time contract funding to upgrade existing information systems to streamline the collection, compilation, and posting of data on lead sampling in elementary schools and childcare facilities to SWRCB’s website as required by AB 1096 (Connolly), Chapter 290, Statutes of 2025.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 163: Site Cleanup Subaccount (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$6 million Site Cleanup Subaccount ongoing to reimburse costs associated with the investigation, mitigation, and remediation of surface or groundwater contamination at sites where there are no financially viable responsible parties.

The requested increase is an augmentation to the existing program funding of \$34 million annually, providing for a total of \$40 million, and implements SWRCB’s increased allocation of petroleum storage fees for Site Cleanup Subaccount projects.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 164: CalEPA Consolidated Administration (AFL)
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Governor’s Proposal. An AFL requests the following items be decreased to align with SWRCB’s portion of the proposed consolidation of administrative activities under CalEPA:

- Decrease Item 3940-001-0001 (General Fund) by \$48,000 in 2026-27 and \$10,000 in 2027-28 and ongoing.
- Decrease Item 3940-001-0193 (Waste Discharge Permit Fund) by \$320,000 in 2026-27, and \$68,000 in 2027-28 and ongoing.
- Decrease Item 3940-001-0306 (Safe Drinking Water Account) by \$84,000 in 2026-27, and \$18,000 in 2027-28 and ongoing.
- Decrease Item 3940-001-0439 (Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund) by \$357,000 in 2026-27, and \$76,000 in 2027-28 and ongoing.
- Decrease Item 3940-001-3058 (Water Rights Fund) by \$65,000 in 2026-27, and \$14,000 in 2027-28 and ongoing.

This request modifies the budget change proposal in the Governor’s Budget to correct a technical error.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 165: Contra Costa and Kings Counties Local Primacy Agency Delegation Agreement Termination (MR)
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Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests \$952,000 ongoing Safe Drinking Water Account and four permanent positions to regulate small water systems (SWS) in Contra Costa County and Kings County. Both counties have notified SWRCB that they are terminating their local primacy agency delegation agreements and returning the SWS regulatory programs to the state during the 2026 calendar year. The SWS programs are intended to be absorbed by SWRCB’s Division of Drinking Water.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 166: Fresno Office Relocation (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests \$8.9 million in 2026-27, \$503,000 in 2027-28, \$553,000 in 2028-29, \$606,000 in 2029-30, and \$661,000 in 2030-31 and ongoing from the General Fund and various special funds to relocate and consolidate the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board’s (Regional Board) Fresno office and SWRCB’s Division of Drinking Water’s Fresno district office. The Regional Board’s Fresno office has experienced ongoing safety issues and facility deficiencies, and a new location is required. Through consolidating the Regional Board’s and Division of Drinking Water’s Fresno offices, SWRCB will ensure a safe work environment for staff and maximize operational efficiencies for the region.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 167: Proposition 1 (2014) Redistribution of Statewide Costs (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision proposes that Item 3940-101-6083 be added in 2026-27 to provide \$12.5 million for water recycling and advance treatment, \$5.2 million for wastewater infrastructure, \$5.2 million for drinking water infrastructure, \$5.2 million for groundwater cleanup, and \$4 million for multi-benefit stormwater projects — a total of \$32.1 million. Bond funds that were previously allocated to cover costs for administering and issuing bonds are no longer needed for that purpose; and can be redistributed back to programs and departments in Proposition 1.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 168: Extension of Liquidation for Water Rights Data Modernization (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision proposes that Item 3940-490 be added in 2026-27 to extend the period of liquidation from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2028, for \$43.75 million California Emergency Relief Fund appropriated in the 2021 Budget for water rights data modernization.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3960 DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL (DTSC)**Issue 169: Hazardous Waste Management Program Statewide Planning Division (GB)**

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests eight permanent positions and \$1.9 million Hazardous Waste Control Account (HWCA) in 2026-27 and 13 permanent positions and \$2.8 million HWCA in 2027-28 and ongoing to restructure the Office of Policy (OP) as the Statewide Planning Division within the Hazardous Waste Management Program (HWMP). These resources are intended to be used for evaluating and pursuing long-term, transformative improvements to generator reporting and hazardous waste management requirements as well as to provide local support to hazardous waste generators and CUPAs.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. March 19, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 170: Cost Recovery Enforcement Unit (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests six permanent positions and \$1.1 million (\$990,000 TSCA and \$110,000 from the Lead Acid Battery Cleanup Fund (LABCF)) in 2026-27 and 2027-28, and \$959,000 (\$863,000 TSCA and \$96,000 LABCF) in 2028-29 and ongoing to perform cost recovery enforcement work and to do Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) and real property title searches to locate entities responsible for historical hazardous substance releases throughout California. The proposed resources are intended to address the need for the PRP identification and title searches to support the growing number of contaminated sites being discovered by the Site Mitigation and Restoration Program (SMRP) including but not limited to the Discovery and Enforcement (D&E) program under Cleanup in Vulnerable Communities initiative (CVCI) and the Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Facility Investigation and Cleanup (LABRIC) program.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. March 19, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 171: Exide: Continued Funding for Residential Cleanup (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests \$70 million (\$20 million LABCF and \$50 million to be loaned from General Fund to TSCA) in 2026-27 and \$70 million (\$20 million LABCF and \$50 million to be loaned from General Fund to the TSCA) in 2027-28 to clean up an additional ~1,000 residential properties, with a lead concentration level above 80 parts per million (ppm), surrounding the former Exide Technologies facility in the City of Vernon.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. March 19, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 172: Implementation and Enforcement of Product Bans (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$3.1 million (\$582,000 TSCA, \$1.8 million from the PFAS Enforcement Fund (PEF), and \$728,000 from the TAMPON Act Fund (TAF)) and nine permanent positions in 2026-27 and \$2.5 million (\$458,000 TSCA, \$1.4 million PEF, and \$573,000 TAF) in 2027-28 and ongoing in order for the Safer Consumer Products (SCP) Program to comply with mandates established by:

- AB 347 (Ting), Chapter 932, Statutes of 2024;
- AB 2515 (Papan) Chapter 1008, Statutes of 2024; and,
- SB 1266 (Limón), Chapter 790, Statutes of 2024.

This proposal includes the development of new regulations, product testing, and compliance and enforcement activities. The proposal includes loans in the amount of \$1.8 million from TSCA to PEF and \$728,000 from TSCA to TAF in 2026-27, \$1.4 million from TSCA to PEF and \$573,000 from TSCA to TAF in 2027-28 for the initial implementation of the new PEF and TAF funds identified in AB 347 and AB 2515 until the registration fees and penalties generate sufficient revenues to sustain the funds and repay the loans.

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 173: Lab Equipment for Analytical Testing (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$2 million (\$1 million HWCA and \$1 million TSCA) in 2026-27 and ongoing to replace obsolete or broken instruments and related equipment used for sample preparation and chemical analysis.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. March 19, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 174: Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Facility Investigation and Cleanup: Berg Metals (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests \$3.5 million LABCF in 2026-27 and \$2.5 million LABCF in 2027-28 to conduct investigations of approximately 330 residential properties and other sensitive properties (residential properties, schools, daycare centers, and recreational properties) within the Berg Metals Reasonable Certainty Designation (RCD) Area in Los Angeles.

This request includes the purchase of the necessary equipment to build capability and capacity within DTSC’s laboratories to investigate and confirm the sources of metals contamination for lead-acid battery recycling facilities to support potential enforcement actions against responsible parties.

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 175: National Priorities List and State Orphan Sites (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests a transfer of \$40.2 million from TSCA to the Site Remediation Account (SRA) and \$40.2 million expenditure authority from SRA in 2026-27 to fund the state's National Priorities List (NPL) obligations and state orphan sites with Priorities 1A, 1B, 2, and 3, and statewide service contracts.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. March 19, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 176: Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Topock Compressor Station (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests an increase in expenditure authority from HWCA of \$450,000 in 2026-2027, \$500,000 in 2027-2028, \$550,000 in 2028-2029, \$600,000 in 2029-2030, and \$166,000 in 2029-2030 and ongoing for travel to conduct field oversight of groundwater remedy construction and ensure proper protection of cultural and ecological resources during all site activities. The funding is intended to pay for a total of about 50 trips each year, including 30 field oversight trips, quarterly public Stakeholder meetings with Tribes, monthly tribal and public participation meetings, two DTSC management meetings with Tribal Leadership, and bi-annual Topock Orientations for leadership and project members to interact. The number of staff that would participate in these oversight visits and meetings ranges from 3 to 12 personnel.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. March 19, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 177: Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022 (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests one permanent position and \$216,000 Covered Battery Recycling Fund (CBRF) in 2026-27 and ongoing for administration of the Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022 (AB 2440 (Irwin), Chapter 351, Statutes of 2022), including overseeing stewardship program plan submissions to DTSC and ensuring compliance with Hazardous Waste Control Law (HWCL). Additionally, DTSC requests a one-time loan from TSCA of \$216,000 in 2026-27 for the initial implementation and administration costs of AB 2440. The resources requested are necessary to execute DTSC’s responsibilities pursuant to the Covered Battery Act once CalRecycle’s regulations are implemented. These resources are intended to support DTSC’s oversight of proper battery management and compliance with HWCLs and regulations, as well as facilitate efforts to reduce the risk of environmental contamination and fire hazards.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. March 19, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 178: Generation & Handling Fee Cleanup (TBL) (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests TBL, which, among other things, does the following:

- Authorizes DTSC and CDTFAs to continue to administer and collect the fee if it was due and payable on or before September 30, 2022, rather than on or before June 30, 2022.
- Makes various changes to the Hazardous Substances Tax Law. Among other things this TBL specifies that provisions that apply to the returns and payments of the G&H fee also apply to specified G&H fees for specified projects. (Current law imposes a different G&H fee for specified projects.)
- For imposing a penalty, the TBL changes the standard of proof from “willfully or knowingly” (intentional and conscious act) to “preponderance of the evidence” (more likely than not) of a feepayer who provides incorrect information or withholds information that results in a deficient payment or nonpayment.
- Makes various technical changes.

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Staff Recommendation. Adopt placeholder trailer bill language.

Issue 179: CalEPA Consolidated Administration (AFL)

Governor’s Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3960-001-0014 (Hazardous Waste Control Account) be increased by \$113,000 ongoing and Item 3960-001-0557 (Toxic Substances Control Account (TSCA)) be increased by \$113,000 ongoing to align with DTSC’s portion of the proposed consolidation of administrative activities under the CalEPA Office of the Secretary. This request modifies the budget change proposal in the Governor’s Budget to correct a technical error.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 180: CalEPA Bond and Technical Adjustments (AFL)

Governor’s Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3960-001-0890 (Federal Trust Fund) be decreased by \$86,000 and Item 3960-101-0890 be increased by \$86,000 to align support and local assistance amounts with projected federal awards.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 181: CalEPA Bond and Technical Adjustments (AFL)

Governor’s Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3960-490 be amended to extend the encumbrance period from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2028, for up to \$104,000 TSCA from the 2021 Budget Act, to remediate properties contaminated with lead in the communities surrounding the former Exide Technologies facility.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 182: Exide: 2014 Enforcement Order Program Continued Oversight (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests four permanent positions and \$1.1 million Lead-Acid Battery Cleanup Fund in 2026-27 and ongoing to continue supporting activities to oversee and implement the ongoing corrective action or Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) cleanup work associated with the February 2002 Corrective Action Consent Order, subsequent Interim Measures Orders and Imminent and Substantial Endangerment (IS&E) Determination Order against Exide Technologies, LLC (Exide). DTSC has transitioned from Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) to (CERCLA) cleanup following the completion of the facility closure in April 2025.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 183: Realignment of Metal Shredder Facilities Resources (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests an ongoing reduction of \$1.9 million and 4.9 positions to align DTSC’s resources for oversight of metal shredding facilities to operational needs, consistent with AB 2851 (Bonta), Chapter 743, Statutes of 2024. This includes a net-zero ongoing technical shift of \$2.2 million and 5.0 positions from the Hazardous Waste Control Account to the newly established Metal Shredder Facilities Account (MSFA). AB 2851 mandated DTSC to require metal shredding facilities to monitor hazardous waste constituents, report on the results of that monitoring, and implement facility-wide fence-line hazardous waste constituent monitoring requirements.

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 184: Realignment of Hazardous Waste Facilities Resources (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision proposes that Item 3960-001-0014 be decreased by \$7.83 million ongoing, and Item 3960-001-1033 be added in the amount of \$7.83 million ongoing to shift existing resources from the Hazardous Waste Control Account (HWCA) into the Hazardous Waste Facilities Account.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 185: General Fund Solution: Ongoing Fund Shift for State Operations (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision proposes that Item 3960-001-0001 be decreased by \$4.3 million ongoing, and Item 3960-001-0557 be increased by \$4.3 million ongoing to shift resources for emergency response activities from the General Fund to the Toxic Substance Control Account (TSCA).

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. May 21, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3970 DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY (CALRECYCLE)

Issue 186: Minimum Standards for Compostable Materials (SB 279) (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests two permanent positions and \$327,000 Integrated Waste Management Account (IWMA) in 2026-27 and ongoing to perform lead duties associated with the implementation of SB 279 (McNerney), Chapter 651, Statutes of 2025, and regulatory development of the Compostable Material Handling Facilities & Operations and technical assistance for Local Enforcement Agencies (LEAs). The proposed additional resources are intended to help with the revision and implementation of regulations pursuant to the changes in statute.

Date Heard in Subcommittee 2. March 19, 2026.

Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 187: New Dealer Registration and Dealer Cooperative Resources (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests seven permanent positions and \$1 million Beverage Container Recycling Fund (BCRF) in 2026-27 and ongoing, to perform compliance and enforcement tasks associated with the Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Program (BCRP) new dealer requirements and dealer cooperatives authorized pursuant to SB 1013 (Atkins), Chapter 610, Statutes of 2022. Additional special investigators are needed to investigate the increased state-wide potentially fraudulent activity with increased dealer redemption obligations and new dealer cooperative redemption contractors, and additional inspection staff are required to ensure compliance with the Act and regulations associated with these changes from SB 1013.

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 188: Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (AB 1046) (GB)

Governor's Proposal. The Governor's budget requests one permanent position and \$188,000 in 2026-27 and ongoing from IWMA to implement AB 1046 (Bains), Chapter 719, Statutes of 2025, requiring CalRecycle to complete the full Administrative Procedure Act (APA) process for regulations on statewide mandatory organic waste collection, pursuant to SB 1383 (Lara), Chapter 395, Statutes 2016. CalRecycle intends to require additional staff to handle the workload to implement AB 1046, which includes the following:

- Revising the regulations associated with SB 1383;
- Developing and providing technical assistance to agricultural crop preparation services;
- Developing and delivering education and outreach for jurisdictions to verify accuracy in documents submitted to CalRecycle;
- Monitoring the exemptions and providing proper notice to impacted agricultural crop preparation services;

- Developing and maintaining data information systems to manage timelines; and,
- Developing a re-application process.

CalRecycle will need extensive outreach to educate the regulated entities on these new requirements. This includes ongoing communication, responding to technical questions, and conducting follow-up as required. Outreach will also involve webinars, meetings, and correspondence with regulated entities.

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 189: Large Volume Transfer Processor Facility Based Material Characterization Study (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests one-time resources of \$500,000 (\$200,000 IWMA and a \$300,000 loan from BCRF to the California Circular Economy Fund (CCEF)) to fund two studies: (1) a statewide large volume transfer processor (LVTP) facility-based material characterization study; and, (2) a contracted Reclaimer study to characterize the reclaimers’ entities that receive material from California LVTPs.

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 190: Statewide Disposal Facility-Based Material Characterization Study (GB)

Governor’s Proposal. The Governor’s budget requests one-time funding of \$1 million (\$700,000 loan from BCRF to the California Circular Economy Fund (CCEF) and \$300,000 from IWMA) in 2026-27 for a statewide disposal facility-based materials and waste characterization study. This study will satisfy the statutory requirement to perform a materials and waste characterization study of covered material pursuant to SB 54 (Allen), Chapter 75, Statutes 2022, provide estimates of statewide waste amounts to track progress towards SB 1383 (Lara), Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016, targets, and measure and track materials disposed of in California landfills.

The one-time request of \$1 million to conduct the disposal facility-based material characterization study is intended to be split into two components: (1) \$700,000 to perform the materials and waste characterization study with costs directly related to the implementation of SB 54; and (2) \$300,000, for materials outside of those required in SB 54.

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 191: CalEPA Consolidated Administration (AFL)

Governor’s Proposal. An AFL requests that various items be decreased to align with CalRecycle’s portion of the proposed consolidation of administrative activities under CalEPA, as follows:

- Item 3970-001-0001 (General Fund) be decreased by \$143,000 ongoing.
- Item 3970-001-0133 (California Beverage Container Recycling Fund (BCRF)) be decreased by \$496,000 ongoing.
- Item 3970-001-0226 (California Tire Recycling Management Fund) be decreased by \$96,000 ongoing.
- Item 3970-001-0387 (Integrated Waste Management Account) be decreased by \$104,000 ongoing.
- Item 3970-001-3065 (Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Account) be decreased by \$124,000 ongoing.

This request modifies a budget change proposal in the Governor’s Budget to correct a technical error.

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 192: CalEPA Bond and Technical Adjustments (AFL)

Governor’s Proposal. An AFL requests that Item 3970-490 be added to extend the encumbrance period from June 30, 2027, to June 30, 2029, for up to \$5 million BCRF from the 2022 Budget Act, and up to \$3.6 million BCRF from the 2024 Budget Act, for recycling program start-up costs associated with mobile recycling, reverse-vending machines, and bag drop programs, as well as associated costs.

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 193: Beverage Container Quality Infrastructure Grant Program (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests \$100 million one-time from the Beverage Container Recycling Fund (BCRF) to support grants for the Beverage Container Quality Infrastructure Grant Program to improve California processors’ capacity to sort California Redemption Value (CRV) materials and produce cleaner, higher-quality material streams.

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 194: Plastic Market Development Payment Extension (BCP & TBL) (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision requests trailer bill language to extend the Plastic Market Development Payment Program until July 1, 2029, increase the maximum payment rate per ton to \$200, and appropriate \$60 million BCRF over three years: \$30 million in 2026-27, \$20 million in 2027-28, and \$10 million in 2028-29. In addition, CalRecycle requests \$5 million BCRF annually in 2026-27 through 2028-29 for a plastic reclaimers and manufacturers grant program to support investments in recycling infrastructure.

Staff Comment. A policy bill, AB 1149 (Jackson) addresses the issue of

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted and adopt placeholder trailer bill language.

Issue 195: Rural Recycling Incentive Payments (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision requests \$282,000 and two positions ongoing and \$50 million one-time in 2026-27 from BCRF for allocations to support up to 40 rural local governments over five years to establish California Redemption Value (CRV) redemption locations.

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 196: BKK Landfill Gas Collection System (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision requests one-time expenditure authority for \$3.33 million Integrated Waste Management Account (IWMA) to fund the replacement of the landfill gas monitoring system at the BKK Sanitary Landfill to protect public health and safety and the environment.

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 197: Establish Environmental Scientist Positions in the Waste Tire Enforcement Section (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision requests \$2.39 million and six positions in 2026-27, and \$893,000 in 2027-28 and ongoing, from the California Tire Recycling Management Fund to support waste tire compliance and statutory enforcement responsibilities.

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 198: Tijuana River Litter Cleanup (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests \$2.15 million in 2026-27 and \$154,000 in 2027-28 in one-time funding from the California Tire Recycling Management Fund to be available for CalEPA to support the waste tire cleanup efforts along the California-Mexico border region.

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 199: Various Technical Adjustments (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests the following:

- ***Statewide Disposal Facility-Based Material Characterization Study.*** Decrease Item 3970-001-0133 by \$700,000 and increase Item 3970-001-3408 by \$700,000, as a technical correction to the Governor’s Budget proposal, Statewide Disposal Facility-Based Material Characterization Study.
- ***Large Volume Transfer Processor Facility Based Material Characterization Study.*** Decrease Item 3970-001-0133 by \$300,000 and increase Item 3970-001-3408 by \$300,000, as a technical correction to the Governor’s Budget proposal, Large Volume Transfer Processor Facility Based Material Characterization Study.
- ***Landfill Support, Response, and Enforcement.*** Decrease Item 3970-001-0387 by \$1 million and increase Item 3970-101-0387 by \$1 million, as a technical correction to the Governor’s Budget proposal, Landfill Support, Response, and Enforcement.

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 200: California Beverage Container Recycling Fund Reversions (MR)

Governor’s Proposal. The May Revision requests that Item 3970-495 be added to revert specified amounts from Item 3970-101-0133 of the 2022 Budget Act, as follows:

- Up to \$30 million in Item 3970-101-0133, Budget Act of 2022 for the Beverage Container Loan Program.
- Up to \$865,000 in Item 3970-101-0133, Budget Act of 2022 for the Workforce Development Program.
- Up to \$1,228,000 in item 3970-101-0133, Budget Act of 2022 for the Beverage Container Quality Infrastructure Grant Program.
- Up to \$18 million in Item 3970-101-0133 for the Reusable Beverage Containers Infrastructure Grant Program.

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

3980 OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT (OEHHA)

Issue 201: CalEPA Consolidated Administration (AFL)

Governor's Proposal. An AFL requests adjustments to various items to align with OEHHA's portion of the proposed consolidation of administrative activities under CalEPA, as follows:

- Increase Item 3980-001-0001 (General Fund) by \$13,000 ongoing.
- Increase Item 3980-001-0044 (Motor Vehicle Account) by \$8,000 ongoing.
- Increase Item 3980-001-0106 (DPR Fund) by 4,000 ongoing.

This request modifies the budget change proposal for consolidated administration in the Governor's Budget to correct a technical error.

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.

Issue 202: Protecting Californians from Acrolein and Ethylene Oxide (EtO): Cancer Causing Air Toxics (MR)

Governor's Proposal. The May Revision requests \$300,000 Air Pollution Control Fund for one-time contracting to help address the high cancer risk from the air toxics acrolein and ethylene oxide. This proposal seeks to carry out foundation science and research needed to support actions to reduce the high risk from EtO and acrolein. OEHHA funding would support the scientific analysis to inform the Scientific Review Panel to finalize IURs for EtO and acrolein as quickly as possible so that risk reduction efforts can begin.

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Staff Recommendation. Approve as budgeted.