



April 1, 2026

Honorable John Laird, Chair
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Attention: Elisa Wynne, Staff Director

Honorable Jesse Gabriel, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee

Attention: Christian Griffith, Chief Consultant

Amendment to Budget Bill Item 0160-001-0001, Support, Legislative Counsel Bureau

Technical Adjustment: Section 3.60 Pension Contribution Adjustment—It is requested that Item 0160-001-0001 be increased by \$77,000 ongoing to make a technical correction and provide sufficient resources to cover retirement rate adjustments included in the Governor's Budget.

The effect of my requested action is reflected on the attachment.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Jessie Romine, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-8913.

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Amendment to and Addition of Various Budget Bill Items, Support, Judicial Branch

Continuation of Courts of Appeal Workload—It is requested that Item 0250-001-0001 be decreased by 18 positions in fiscal year 2026-27. It is also requested that Item 0250-001-3060 be decreased by \$1,269,000 and increased by 18 positions in 2026-27. These adjustments correct the expenditure and position authority in a proposal included in the Governor's Budget.

Orange Central Justice Center Facility Modification—It is requested that Item 0250-001-0001 be increased by \$36 million in 2026-27 and \$35 million in 2027-28, Item 0250-001-3066 be decreased by \$36 million in 2026-27 and \$35 million in 2027-28, and Item 0250-012-0001 be decreased by \$36 million in 2026-27 and \$35 million in 2027-28. This is a net-zero technical adjustment to correct the funding source for a proposal included in the Governor's Budget.

Reappropriation: Racial Justice Act—It is requested that Item 0250-494 be added to reappropriate up to \$2,120,000 from Item 0250-001-0001, Budget Act of 2023, to provide legal representation in capital cases, and to remove the requirement that counsel must be appointed by July 1, 2023. These changes are necessary to continue providing legal representation in capital cases and to expand the use of these funds to support more cases (see Attachment 1).

The effect of my requested action is reflected on the attachment.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Mark Jimenez, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-8913.

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Angela Cowan, Manager, Budget Services, Judicial Council
Sarah Rattanasamay, Fiscal Supervisor, Judicial Council

0250-494—Reappropriation, Judicial Branch. The amounts specified in the following citations are reappropriated for the purposes provided for in those appropriations and shall be available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2029:

0001—General Fund

- (1) Up to \$2,120,000 of Provision 22 of Item 0250-001-0001, Budget Act of 2023 (Chs. 12, 38, and 189, Stats. 2023), shall be used solely for legal representation in capital cases in which private counsel was appointed. Funds shall supplement and shall not supplant existing funding for court-appointed counsel. Funds may be used for attorneys' fees, experts, investigators, paralegals, or other ancillary needs related to potential or actual claims pursuant to Section 745 of the Penal Code or subdivision (e) of Section 1473 of the Penal Code.



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Amendment to Budget Bill Item 0540-491, Local Assistance, Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency

Natural Resources Agency Bond and Technical Proposals: Various Reappropriations—It is requested that Item 0540-491 be amended to extend the encumbrance period of Item 0540-101-0183, Budget Acts of 2014, 2020, 2022, and 2023 until June 30, 2028 (see Attachment 1). Funding will support an additional round of grant awards for projects that mitigate environmental impacts from transportation facilities.

The effect of my requested action is reflected on the attachment.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Elizabeth Urie, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 324-0043.

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Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency
Bryan Cash, Assistant Secretary of Administration and Finance, California Natural
Resources Agency
Amanda Martin, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration and Finance,
California Natural Resources Agency
Julie Alvis, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, California Natural
Resources Agency

Amend Item 0540-491 as follows:

"0540-491—Reappropriation, Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency. The balances of the appropriations provided in the following citations are reappropriated for the purposes provided for in those appropriations and shall be available for encumbrance, or expenditure until June 30, 2028:

0001—General Fund

- (1) The amount transferred in Provision 2 of Item 0540-101-0001 of the Budget Act of 2018 (Chs. 29 and 30, Stats. 2018) to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, as reappropriated by Item 0540-491, Budget Act of 2023 (Chs. 12, 38, and 189, Stats. 2023).
- (2) The amount transferred in Provision 9 of Item 0540-101-0001 of the Budget Act of 2019 (Chs. 23 and 55, Stats. 2019) to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, as reappropriated by Item 0540-491, Budget Act of 2023 (Chs. 12, 38, and 189, Stats. 2023).

0183—Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Fund

- (1) Item 0540-101-0183 Budget Act of 2014 (Chs. 25 and 663, Stats. 2014), as reappropriated by Item 0540-490, Budget Act of 2017 (Chs. 14, 22, and 54, Stats. 2017), and Item 0540-490, Budget Act of 2022 (Chs. 43, 45, and 249, Stats. 2022).
- (2) Item 0540-101-0183, Budget Act of 2020 (Chs. 6 and 7, Stats. 2020), as reappropriated by Item 0540-492, Budget Act of 2023 (Chs. 12, 38, and 189, Stats. 2023).
- (3) Item 0540-101-0183, Budget Act of 2022 (Chs. 43, 45, and 249, Stats. 2022).
- (4) Item 0540-101-0183, Budget Act of 2023 (Chs. 12, 38, and 189, Stats. 2023)."



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Amendment to Budget Bill Item 0555-001-0028 and Addition of Item 0555-490, Support, Secretary for Environmental Protection

California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) Project—It is requested that Item 0555-001-0028 be increased by \$1,175,000 ongoing to align with updated cost projections to continue the implementation of CERS NextGen. This request modifies the request in the Governor's Budget.

California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) Bond and Technical Adjustments—It is requested that Item 0555-490 be added to extend the encumbrance period from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027, for up to \$300,000 Air Pollution Control Account from the 2023 Budget Act, to implement project portfolio management software tools to advance the maturity of CalEPA's Project Management Office and support strategy management (see Attachment 1).

The effect of my requested action is reflected on the attachment.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Nathanael Williams, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 324-0043.

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Yana Garcia, Secretary, California Environmental Protection Agency
Catalina Hayes-Bautista, Undersecretary, California Environmental Protection
Agency
Brany Hunt, Deputy Secretary, California Environmental Protection Agency

0555-490—Reappropriation, Secretary for Environmental Protection. The amounts specified in the following citations are reappropriated for the purposes provided for in those appropriations and shall be available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2027:

0115—Air Pollution Control Fund

(1) Up to \$300,000 in Item 0555-001-0115, Budget Act of 2023, (Chs. 12, 38, and 189, Stats. of 2023)



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Amendment to Budget Bill Item 0820-001-0001, Support, Department of Justice

Technical Adjustment: Firearms IT Systems Modernization Project—It is requested that Item 0820-001-0001 be amended by the following one-time amounts to reflect a net-zero technical adjustment to the proposal included in the Governor's Budget. This adjustment also makes net-zero technical changes to display the administrative costs associated with the proposal.

- Schedule (1) – Administration be increased by \$502,000
- Schedule (2) – Administration - Distributed be decreased by \$502,000
- Schedule (4) – Law Enforcement be decreased by \$8,792,000
- Schedule (5) – California Justice Information Services be increased by \$8,792,000

Technical Adjustment: Racial Justice Act Expansion (AB 1071)—It is requested that Schedule (1) of Item 0820-001-0001 be increased by \$850,000 in 2026-27 and \$779,000 in 2027-28 through 2029-30 and Schedule (2) of Item 0820-001-0001 be decreased by \$850,000 in 2026-27 and \$779,000 in 2027-28 through 2029-30 to make a net-zero technical adjustment to correctly display administrative costs associated with the proposal included in the Governor's Budget.

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