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**Addition of Budget Bill Item 3125-001-1018, Support, and Amendment to Item 3125-101-1018, Local Assistance, California Tahoe Conservancy**

It is requested that Item 3125-001-1018 be added in the amount of \$150,000 and 0.5 position ongoing, and Item 3125-101-1018 be increased by \$30,000 ongoing to support conservancy staff in guiding and managing investments in aquatic invasive species control and public access projects as well as increase the conservancy's ability to invest in on-the-ground projects.

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 Stephen Benson, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 324-0043.

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**Amendment to Budget Bill Items 3355-001-0462 and 3355-001-3302, Support, Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety**

It is requested that Item 3355-001-0462 be increased by \$552,000 and 1 position, and Item 3355-001-3302 be increased by \$165,000 to provide the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety the ongoing resources necessary to transition to its own Microsoft Tenant and establish its own Tier 2 and Tier 3 support services. These support services are currently provided by the Department of Water Resources, however, the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety has grown too large for the Department of Water Resources to be able to continue providing this support.

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**Amendment to Budget Bill Item 3480-001-3046 and Addition of Item 3480-001-3237,  
Support, Department of Conservation**

**Withdrawal of SB 1137 Implementation: Health Protection Zones**—It is requested that Item 3480-001-3046 be decreased by \$9,723,000 and 37 positions ongoing to reflect the Administration's request to withdraw the Senate Bill 1137 implementation proposal included in the Governor's Budget, given the Secretary of State certified that the referendum measure on Senate Bill 1137 has qualified for the November 2024 ballot.

**Implementation of Carbon Sequestration: Carbon Capture, Removal, Utilization, and Storage Program (SB 905)**—It is requested that Item 3480-001-3237 be added in the amount of \$3,682,000 and 4 positions ongoing to establish the Geologic Carbon Sequestration Group within the Department of Conservation, and to support the Natural Resources Agency in developing the legal framework regarding ownership of geologic storage reservoirs with multiple owners to support implementation of Chapter 359, Statutes of 2022 (SB 905).

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

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**Amendment to Various Budget Bill Items and Reimbursements, Support, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection**

**Aviation Program Contracts**—It is requested that Item 3540-001-0001 be increased by \$1,884,000 to support an aviation parts and logistics contract. The Governor's Budget proposed a total of \$34,180,000 one-time over five years to support two optional years of a fixed-wing pilot and mechanics contract as well as three firm years and two optional years for a follow-on aviation parts and logistics contract. The amounts requested for the aviation parts and logistics contract were the best estimates at the time. The proposal indicated that a spring request was anticipated to align costs after the procurement process was finalized in early 2023. This adjustment is the incremental increase necessary to align the Governor's Budget proposal with the final contract award amounts.

**Office of the State Fire Marshal, Fire and Life Safety**—It is requested that Item 3540-001-0001 be increased by \$262,000 and 2 positions, and reimbursements be increased by \$2,887,000 and 11 positions, Item 3540-001-0102 be increased by \$1,000, Item 3540-001-0198 be increased by \$1,000, Item 3540-001-0209 be increased by \$1,000, Item 3540-001-0928 be increased by \$1,000, and Item 3540-002-3228 be increased by \$9,000. This proposal includes a total of \$3,162,000 in fiscal year 2023-24, \$2,826,000 ongoing, and 13 positions to support increased workload in the Office of the State Fire Marshal's Fire and Life safety Division related to plan reviews and construction inspections for state infrastructure projects as well as fire and life safety inspections in state owned, specified state occupied, and various other specified buildings statewide.

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Chris Anthony, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
Daniel Berlant, Acting State Fire Marshal, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
Curtis Brown, Deputy Director of Fire Protection, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
Kerry Garcia, Deputy Director of Fiscal Services, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection





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**Addition of Budget Bill Item 3540-301-0660, Capital Outlay, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection**

**Bieber Forest Fire Station/Helitack Base: Relocate Facility**—It is requested that Item 3540-301-0660 be added in the amount of \$5,044,000 one-time for the construction phase of the Bieber Forest Fire Station/Helitack Base: Relocate Facility project. Revised estimated construction costs for the project were developed during completion of the working drawings phase of the project which indicate an additional appropriation will be required to fund construction.

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If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Michael McGinness, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-9694.

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**Amendment to Various Budget Bill Items, Support, California Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**Dedicated Fish and Game Preservation Fund Realignment**—It is requested that Item 3600-001-0200 be increased by \$6,720,000 and 16 positions ongoing, Item 3600-001-3103 be increased by \$1.2 million and 7 positions ongoing, and Item 3600-001-3364 be decreased by \$1,050,000 ongoing to align program expenditures with the associated revenues of seven dedicated accounts within the Fish and Game Preservation Fund. These resources will help the Department of Fish and Wildlife maintain structural balance and support increased workload.

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

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Charlton H. Bonham, Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Valerie Termini, Chief Deputy Director, Business Operations, Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Dan Reagan, Deputy Director, Fiscal Services Division, Department of Fish and Wildlife



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**Amendment to Budget Bill Item 3720-001-0565, Support, California Coastal Commission**

It is requested that Item 3720-001-0565 be increased by \$463,000 and 2 positions ongoing to provide the California Coastal Commission's enforcement unit with necessary resources to continue work on the resolution of Coastal Act violations, to bring administrative orders to hearing, and to reduce the backlog of enforcement cases statewide.

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**Amendment to Budget Bill Item 3790-301-0952, Capital Outlay, Department of Parks and Recreation**

**Humboldt Redwoods State Park: Founders Grove Parking Lot & Restroom Replacement—**

It is requested that Item 3790-301-0952 be increased by \$1,347,000 one-time for the Humboldt Redwoods State Park: Founders Grove Parking Lot & Restroom Replacement project, as additional funds have been donated to support this project. This project includes construction of new restroom and parking lot facilities in an alternate location. The new site will include a new water source, water treatment system, and an accessible trail connection to Founders Grove.

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**Amendment to Budget Bill Item 3860-001-0890, Support, and Addition of Items 3860-301-6026 and 3860-301-6031, Capital Outlay, Department of Water Resources**

**Salton Sea Accelerated Restoration**—It is requested that Item 3860-001-0890 be increased by \$20 million one-time to support accelerated restoration efforts, including wetland habitat and vegetation enhancement projects, at the Salton Sea.

**South Delta Permanent Operable Gates**—It is requested that Item 3860-301-6026 be added in the amount of \$33,149,000 one-time and Item 3860-301-6031 be added in the amount of \$10,564,000 one-time for the construction and installation of permanent barriers with operable gates in South Delta channels.

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