

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 19-20, 2026

From: TANISHA TAYLOR, Executive Director

Reference Number: 4.11, Action

Prepared By: Naveen Habib
Associate Deputy Director

Published Date: March 6, 2026

Subject: California Natural Resources Agency's Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Allocation Amendment, Resolution F-25-90, Amending Resolutions FP-23-85, FP-22-64, FP-21-55, FP-19-68, FP-17-44, FP-16-27, FP-15-38, and FP-14-44

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve an allocation amendment for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program to deallocate \$10,534,336 in unexpended funds previously allocated under prior programming cycles, as provided in Attachment A.

Issue:

The California Natural Resources Agency identified project cost savings totaling \$10,534,336 in previously allocated funds from prior Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program grant cycles and recommends deallocating unexpended funds to restore available funding capacity for future programming actions. Several projects were completed under budget, experienced scope reductions, or no longer required the full allocated amount. This deallocation does not affect any in progress or completed project work and reflects the Commission's standard program oversight and fiscal stewardship.

Background:

The Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program was established by the state Legislature in 1989 to fund environmental enhancement and mitigation projects directly or indirectly related to the environmental impact of modifying new or existing transportation facilities.

Pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 164.56, seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) is appropriated annually to the program from the State Highway Account. The Commission awards annual grants to fund projects as recommended by the California Natural Resources Agency.

The California Natural Resources Agency establishes program guidelines, determines eligibility, evaluates applications, and recommends projects for Commission approval. Eligible applicants include local, state, and federal agencies and nonprofit entities. Eligible projects must fit at least one of the following three categories:

1. **Urban Forestry** - projects designed to offset vehicular emissions of carbon dioxide.
2. **Resource Lands** - projects for acquisition or enhancement of resource lands to mitigate the loss of, or the detriment to, resource lands lying within the right-of-way acquired for proposed transportation improvements.
3. **Mitigation Projects Beyond the Scope of the Lead Agency** - projects to mitigate the impact of proposed transportation facilities or to enhance the environment, where the ability to effectuate the mitigation or enhancement measures is beyond the scope of the lead agency responsible for assessing the environmental impact of the proposed transportation improvement.

Financial Resolution:

Resolved that Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Resolutions FP-23-85, FP-22-64, FP-21-55, FP-19-68, FP-17-44, FP-16-27, FP-15-38, and FP-14-44 are hereby amended to deallocate \$10,534,336 in unexpended funds from prior programming cycles, as identified in Attachment A.

Attachment:

- Attachment A: California Natural Resources Agency's Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program – Available Funding Summary

Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program - Available Funding Summary

Reference No.: 4.11
March 19-20, 2026
Attachment A

Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation - Available Funding						
PCA 30031 - 12/13 Grant Cycle (FY 13/14 Budget) Ref 601						
	Grant #	Grantee	ENC by 6.30.27	EXP by 6.30.29	Last reappropriated 24/25	*Included in 2025 Funding Recommendation
			Project		Notes	
Terminated	E03131-0	The Nature Conservancy	Terminated	Terminated	Project withdrawn	
Disencumbered	E03104-0	Butte County Department of Public Works	Ord Ferry Bridge Bat Colony Restoration		Cost savings	
Terminated	E03132-0	Trust for Public Land	Kelsey Ranch Conservation Easement Acquisition		Project withdrawn	
Disencumbered	E03112-0	Friends of the Dunes	Coastal Habitat Conservation through Acquisition		Cost savings	
Disencumbered	E03109-0	Contra Costa Resource Conservation District	Pinole Creek Fish Passage Enhancements at I-80 Culverts		Cost savings	
Disencumbered	E03124-0	San Diego County Public Works Department	Barnett Ranch Preserve Enhancement		Cost savings	
Disencumbered	E03119-0	Mendocino County RCD	Denmark Creek Fish Barrier Removal & Riparian Enhancement, Phas II		Cost savings	
Disencumbered	E03101-0	Amigos de los Rios	Emerald Necklace Expanded Green Infrastructure Network: East County Los Angeles		Cost savings	
Disencumbered	E03125-0	City of San Marcos	North Twin Oak Valley Urban Trail		Cost savings	
Disencumbered	E03115-0	City of Irvine	Alton Parkway Landscape Enhancement		Cost savings	
Disencumbered	E03116-0	Koreatown Youth & Community Center, Inc.	Expo Line Neighborhood Forestation		Cost savings	
Disencumbered	E03107-0	City of Chico	Phase III Bikeway 99 / State Route 32 Widening Interface		Cost savings	
Disencumbered	E03121-0	Our City Forest	Green & Healthy San Jose Neighborhoods		Cost savings	
Disencumbered	E03123-0	River Partners	Proctor Valley Habitat Restoration		Cost savings	
Available Balance		\$757,464.71				
PCA 30133 - 13/14 Grant Cycle (FY 13/14 Budget) Ref 101						
	Grant #	Grantee	ENC by 6.30.27	EXP by 6.30.29	Last reappropriated 24/25	*Included in 2025 Funding Recommendation
			Project		Notes	
Disencumbered	E13301-0	City of Paso Robles	Riverside Corridor Restoration and Enhancement		Cost savings	
Available Balance		\$214,279.80				
PCA 30134 - 13/14 Grant Cycle (FY 14/15 Budget)						
	Grant #	Grantee	ENC by 6.30.25	EXP by 6.30.27	Last reappropriated 22/23	
			Project		Notes	
Disencumbered	E13424-0	Zen Foundation	Green Gulch Creek Habitat Enhancement		Cost savings	
Disencumbered	E13401-0	American River Conservancy	Salmon Falls Ranch Recreational Trail		Cost savings	
Disencumbered	E13416-0	Redwood Community Action Agency	Chah-GAH-Cho Enhancement		Cost savings	
Disencumbered	E13402-0	American River Conservancy	Wakamatsu Community Farm and Accessible Trail		Cost savings	
Disencumbered	E13417-0	River Partners	Daley Preserve Habitat Restoration		Cost savings	
Disencumbered	E13408-0	California State Parks	Red Rock Canyon State Park Habitat Restoration		Cost savings	
Available Balance		\$59,326.44				
PCA 30135 - 14/15 Grant Cycle (FY 15/16 Budget)						
	Grant #	Grantee	ENC by 6.30.28	EXP by 6.30.30	Last reappropriated 25/26	*Included in 2025 Funding Recommendation
			Project		Notes	
Disencumbered	E13504-0	California State Parks	Carpinteria State Beach Dune Restoration		Cost savings	
Disencumbered	E13503-0	State Coastal Conservancy	White Slough Restoration Project		Cost savings	
Terminated	E13516-0	City of Torrance	Torrance Southern Tarplant Preserve		Grant terminated	
Available Balance		\$545,155.61				

Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation - Available Funding

PCA 30136 - 15/16 Grant Cycle (FY 16/17 Budget)			ENC by 6.30.28	EXP by 6.30.30	Last reappropriated 25/26	*Included in 2025 Funding Recommendation
	Grant #	Grantee	Project		Notes	
Terminated	E13610-0a	The Nature Conservancy	Reef to Ridge Coastal Protection: Ten Mile River Watershed Acquisition		Project Withdrawn	
Disencumbered	E13609-0	Mojave Desert Land Trust	Juniper Canyon Acquisition		Cost savings	
Disencumbered	E13613-0	Regents of the University of California, Santa Barbara	North Campus Open Space Coastal Habitat Enhancement		Cost savings	
Available Balance		\$806,865.77				

PCA 30139 - 2019 Grant Cycle FY 19/20			ENC by 6.30.24	EXP by 6.30.26	Full reappropriation requested for 26/27	
	Grant #	Grantee	Project		Notes	
Award Reduction	E13903-0	Laurel Canyon Land Trust	Let's Buy A Mountain Phase 3		Award reduced	
Disencumbered	E13905-0	City of Palmdale	City of Palmdale Avenue S Environmental Enhancement and Urban Greening		Cost savings	
Terminated	E13911-0	Trinidad Coastal Land Trust	Strawberry Rock Redwood Forest Conservation Easement Acquisition		Project terminated	
Disencumbered	E13902-0	Lakeside's River Park Conservancy	75 Ac. Digenan Acquisition in the El Monte Valley		Cost savings	
Disencumbered	E13903-0	Laurel Canyon Land Trust	Let's Buy A Mountain Phase 3 (LBAM #3)		Cost savings	
Available Balance		\$594,768.07				

PCA 30139 - 2020 Grant Cycle FY 20/21			ENC by 6.30.26	EXP by 6.30.28	Full reappropriation requested for 26/27	*Included in 2025 Funding Recommendation
	Grant #	Grantee	Project		Notes	
Terminated	E13929-0	Regents of University of California, Santa Barbara	UCSB Campus Point: Coastal Terrace Restoration		Project withdrawn	
Terminated	E13922-0	Trust for Public Land	Clara Oaks Acquisition		Project withdrawn	
Disencumbered	E13928-0	Save Oswit Canyon, Inc.	Mesquite Ridge Acquisition		Cost savings	
Available Balance		\$1,106,200.80				

PCA 30139 - 2021 Grant Cycle FY 21/22			ENC by 6.30.24	EXP by 6.30.26	Full reappropriation requested for 26/27	
	Grant #	Grantee	Project		Notes	
Disencumbered	E13935-0	Sierra Foothills Conservancy	Wandern Ranch Conservation Easement Acquisition Phase 1		Cost savings	
Terminated	E13936-0	Sonoma Land Trust	Felder Ranch Conservation Easement Acquisition		Project withdrawn	
Terminated	E13937-0	Truckee Donner Land Trust	Martis Valley Headwaters Project		Project withdrawn	
Available Balance		\$2,011,524.33				

PCA 30139 - 2022 Grant Cycle FY 22/23			ENC by 6.30.25	EXP by 6.30.27	Notes	
	Grant #	Grantee	Project			
Terminated	E22002-0	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Gilmour Ranch Acquisition		Project withdrawn	
Terminated	E22001-0	City of Dinuba	L Street Pocket Park		Project withdrawn	
Available Balance		\$1,360,500.00				

Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation - Available Funding

PCA 30139 - 2023 Grant Cycle FY 23/24			ENC by 6.30.26	EXP by 6.30.28	*Included in 2025 Funding Recommendation
	Grant #	Grantee	Project		Notes
Terminated	E23004-0	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Paradise Hill Open Space		Project withdrawn
Available Balance		\$1,378,250.00			

PCA 30139 - 2025 Grant Cycle FY 25/26			ENC by 6.30.28	EXP by 6.30.30	*Included in 2025 Funding Recommendation
		Grantee	Project		Notes
Appropriation	\$6,700,000.00				
Original Awards	(\$5,000,000.00)	Caltrans	Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing - Stage 2A		Awarded January 2026
Available Balance		\$1,700,000.00			

Total Available \$10,534,335.53