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The Natural Resources Agency consists of 26 departments, boards, commissions, and conservancies responsible for administering programs to conserve, protect, restore, and enhance the natural, historical, and cultural resources of California.

The May Revision includes total funding of \$9.5 billion (\$2.8 billion General Fund) for all programs included in the Agency.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

The Department of Parks and Recreation protects and preserves significant cultural and natural resources while providing recreational opportunities, including horseback riding, boating, mountain biking, hiking, camping, mountain climbing, and off-highway vehicle activities. There are 280 state parks organized into 22 field districts.

In 2015, the Administration established a Transformation Team to help strengthen state parks through a series of initiatives supporting strategic goals, such as improving visitors' experiences and making the system more relevant to a broader and more diverse population. One initiative is to update the Department's organizational structure. The Transformation Team, comprised of experienced Department staff and outside experts, continues to work with internal and external stakeholders as it develops a new model for the Department. Through this process, the Transformation Team, together with the Department, will update the organizational structure to eliminate duplicative services, realign divisions and programs to better support field operations, consolidate some field

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districts, flatten field management structures, and establish career paths to leadership for a broad range of professional backgrounds.

Significant Adjustment:

- California History Interpretation Pilot Program—An increase of \$348,000 State Parks Protection Fund to fund a two-year pilot project to develop and implement an innovative approach to improving public interpretation. This pilot program builds upon a new collaborative partnership with the University of California at California Citrus State Historic Park and El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park. A successful pilot program will establish a new model for interpretation of California’s rich history and culture through state parks. This program, along with the community liaison project included in the Governor’s Budget, creates culturally relevant interpretive and environmental programs. The Department will also seek expansion of this project through partnerships and philanthropic support.