



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL CONSERVATION CORPS

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Agenda



- What current law requires (SB 99)
- Conservation Corps overview
- Corps' capabilities
- How to partner with a Corps
- Contact info

State Law



Legislative Intent to Use Corps: Provides the opportunity for young adults to be engaged in entry-level job opportunities on transportation projects.

SB 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) requires Caltrans to score projects on various criteria, including use of the California Conservation Corps (CCC) and Certified Local Conservation Corps (local corps):

“(10) Use of California Conservation Corps or qualified community conservation corps, as defined in Section 14507.5 of the Public Resources Code, as partners to undertake or construct applicable projects in accordance with Section 1524 of Public Law 112-141.”

Who are the Conservation Corps of California?

- Conservation Corps enroll young adults 18-25 to perform important conservation projects through California
- Conservation Corps are rigorous programs that combine work, education, leadership and career development



Local Conservation Corps



- 14 independent, private non-profit organizations
- Collectively serving ~2500 young people/year at 14 sites
- Certified through the CCC to meet strict requirements and be eligible as a partner in the Active Transportation Program



California Conservation Corps



- A state department within the Natural Resources Agency
- Modeled after the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's
- 27 sites across the state including seven residential centers



What Can Corps Do?

- Supervised crews of 10-15 young adults
- Trained in safety, tool use, landscaping, irrigation and other public works skills
- Labor intensive projects
- Contracting agencies provide some technical supervision & training



Project Examples

- Repair, remove and replace sidewalks
- Sign installation
- Irrigation
- Drought-tolerant landscaping
- Demolition & deconstruction
- Tree planting
- Median maintenance
- Trail construction
- Urban park construction
- Graffiti removal
- Bike locker and bike rack installation
- Fencing
- Outreach & Education And more. . .



Benefits of partnering with a corps

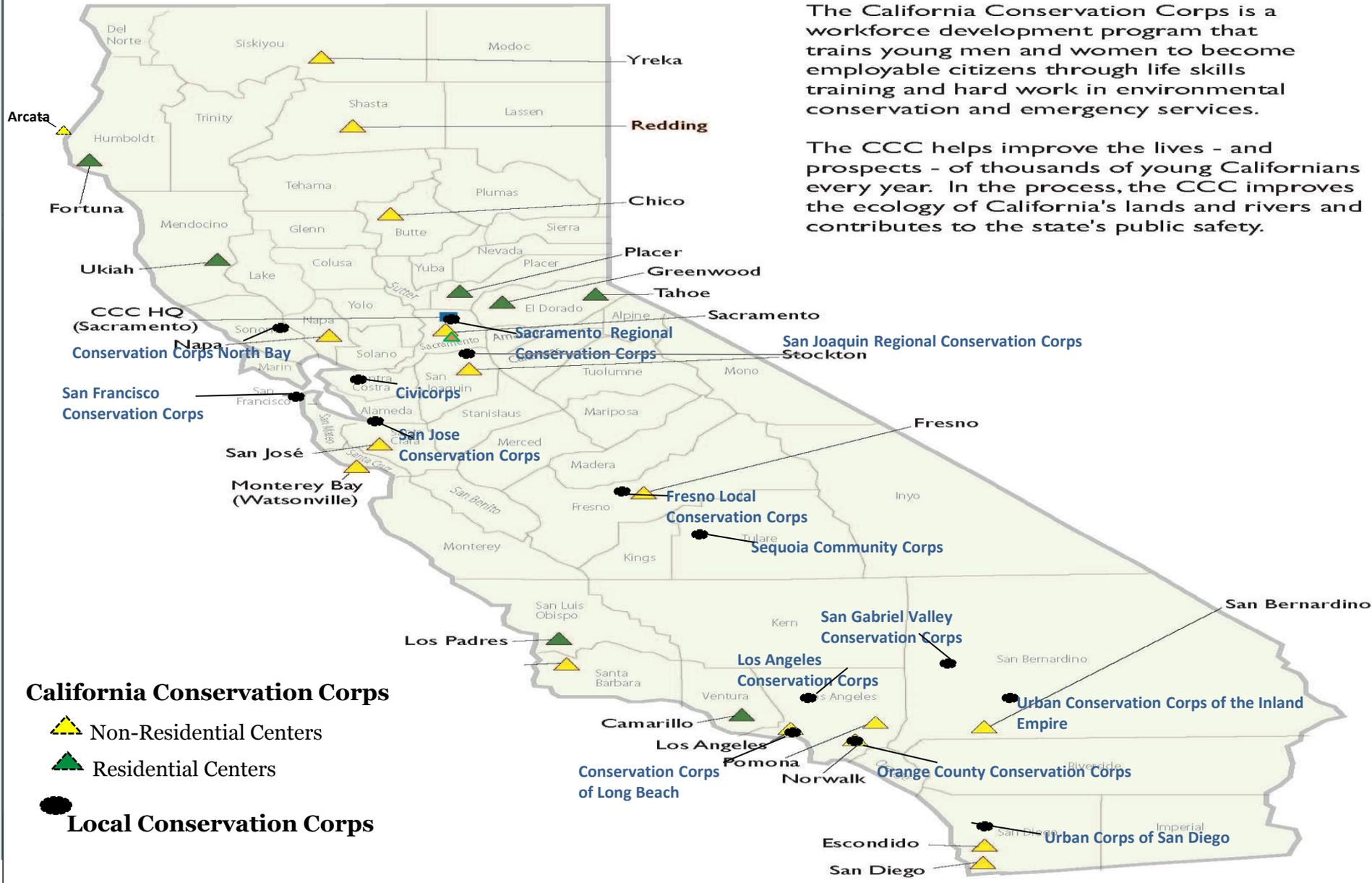


- Compliance with the law and program guidelines
- Corps work in and are located in many disadvantaged communities
- Transportation projects become pathways for young adults to successfully enter the workforce
- Avoided point deduction on current project application (0 to -5 points)
- Avoided point deduction on future project applications (up to -10 points)

California Conservation Corps & Local Conservation Corps Locations

The California Conservation Corps is a workforce development program that trains young men and women to become employable citizens through life skills training and hard work in environmental conservation and emergency services.

The CCC helps improve the lives - and prospects - of thousands of young Californians every year. In the process, the CCC improves the ecology of California's lands and rivers and contributes to the state's public safety.



ATP Guidelines: Scoring use of a corps



An applicant will be scored based on use of a conservation corps as a partner by deducting up to 5 points:

“if an applicant does not seek corps participation or if an applicant intends not to utilize a corps in a project in which the corps can participate”.

ATP Application process



Prior to application submittal to Caltrans:

Step 1: Applicant contacts CALCC and CCC

Applicant sends CCC and CALCC:

Description, map, schedule, detailed budget/estimate; and preliminary plan

Step 2: Corps review to assess capacity to partner

Step 3: Corps inform applicant of corps capacity to partner

Step 4: Applicant incorporates corps contact information and project role(s) into application

Step 5: Caltrans ATP panel reviews applications

Corps maintains records and informs Caltrans



Corps maintain:

- ✦ List of applications reviewed
- ✦ List of projects for which the Corps can & can not partner

Corps inform Caltrans of review to ensure accurate scoring

Note: There will be no penalty to the applicant if – after the Corps review - a corps can not partner with an applicant

What Caltrans will do:



- Caltrans ATP review panel assigns points for the use of conservation corps:
 - ✦ 0 points: Applicant intends to partner with a conservation corps (either CCC and/or CALCC) to the maximum extent possible
 - ✦ Minus 5 points: Applicant did not seek partnership with either corps or indicated that they do not intend to partner with a corps

Applicant's Performance on Past Grants



If applicant indicated on the application they intended to use a corps then failed to use/chose not to use corps after funding was received, the entity will receive negative points (up to minus 10 points) on next ATP application.

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