

**Mendocino Council of Governments
Transportation Enhancement Program
Additional Information on
Conservation Corps Requirement**

The following is supplemental information to assist agencies in implementing the new State directive for Conservation Corps Partnership or exemption in the Transportation Enhancement program:

- The California Conservation Corps can be used on any TE project, a local Conservation Corps can only be used on projects off of the Federal Aid system.
- Agencies do not need to contact the local branch of a Corps directly. Applications should be sent to the Sacramento offices for a determination on the ability to partner.

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California Conservation Corps	Virginia Clark	916-341-3147	Virginia.clark@ccc.ca.gov
California Association of Local Conservation Corps (representing the Community Conservation Corps)	Association Manager Scott Dosick	916-285-8743	manager@calcc.org

- Because it is difficult to determine what exactly they will be able to do, Caltrans has recommended preparing the entire application, then sending it to the corps and asking them if they can do it in its entirety. If the answer is no, then they certify that they can't do it, and the application can compete equally without participation from the Corps.
- If the Corps says that they can't do the entire project, but can do portions of it, the applicant agency may refuse to break up the project. If the applicant agency chooses to use the Corps on only part of the project, two separate contracts would be required.
- If a Corps can do the project, then a cost effectiveness analysis and Public Interest Finding are required to show that it is more cost effective than using a private contractor.
- Confirmation of participation of a Conservation Corps or Certification of Exemption does not have to be submitted at the same time as the TE application to MCOG, but must be submitted to MCOG no later than 5:00 p.m., November 13, 2009, to be considered.

Questions regarding the involvement of a Conservation Corps can be directed to Nephele Barrett at MCOG, 707-463-1859, or John Haynes, Caltrans TE Coordinator, 916-653-8077.