



CCC in El Dorado County

California Conservation Corps

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2009 El Dorado County Summary Report

The young women and men of the Corps work hard protecting and restoring California's environment and responding to disasters, becoming stronger workers, citizens and individuals through their service

How We Interact With Your County

The CCC has enjoyed a presence in El Dorado County since 1983 with two centers, Tahoe and Greenwood, located strategically to best serve the region.

Over the past 25 years the CCC has worked on projects ranging from Emergency Response and Fire Fuels Reduction work to Salmon Restoration and Native Plant Re-vegetation projects. In the last three years, the CCC has partnered with work-sponsors and completed over 300,000 hours of work benefiting the County of El Dorado and its residents.

The CCC brings positive economic gain to cities and communities within El Dorado County. In the last three years the CCC has brought in well over \$15,300,000 in operating funds and payroll with an emphasis on supporting local small businesses.

Civic participation is a fundamental part of our training program and is one of our core values. The CCC believes in volunteering in its local communities and across a wide variety of areas. These areas include the American Red Cross, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a host of local civic events. The CCC has provided El Dorado County with 10,000 volunteer hours over three years.

The CCC is partnered with the John Muir Charter High School, which has helped corpsmembers achieve 21 GEDs and 20 high school diplomas over the last three years. GEDs are tested through El Dorado County in Placerville.

Additionally, the CCC is negotiating with nearby community colleges to establish satellite courses based on conservation and green sector academics for our corpsmembers.

Tahoe and Greenwood also typically provide a combined 8000+ technical training hours per year in Fire, Chainsaw, Arborist /Aerial Rescue and Technical Trails Construction for our corpsmembers.

The CCC looks forward to many more years of assisting El Dorado County and the youth of California.

Please contact us if you have questions or specific interests.



A crewleader corpsmember "bucking up" burned trees as a part of the Angora Fire's, Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation. The CCC was the first work response agency on site and worked initially without funding to keep the work moving.

We Stand Ready...

The CCC stands ready to help El Dorado County!

The CCC maintains preparedness in multiple emergency response disciplines including



Fire, Flood, Mudslides, Evacuation Centers, and Search and Rescue Operations. Up to 140 corpsmembers

A morning briefing prior to rolling out for a 12 hour shift on the Angora Fire Rehabilitation area.

are ready to respond today right in your county!

In the last three years the CCC has responded to the Angora Fire, the Angora Rehabilitation Project, and scores of Search and Rescue missions within El Dorado County. These efforts resulted in over 30,000 hours of work covering fire support, erosion control, soil stabilization, and native plant re-vegetation.

The Tahoe Center is currently establishing a certified Type II (first response) Fire Crew.



The CCC in El Dorado County Fact Sheet

- The CCC operates two centers in your county. The Greenwood Center serves up to 60 corpsmembers and the Tahoe Center, near South Lake Tahoe, serves up to 80 corpsmembers.
- 300,000 plus hours of conservation work performed in your county.

3 Year Study - 05/06 - 06/07 - 07/08		
County	Agency Name	Work Hours
El Dorado	CA Dept of Forestry	85055
El Dorado	CA Dept of Parks and Rec.	77484
El Dorado	CA Tahoe Conservancy	68733
El Dorado	US Forest Service	45325
El Dorado	CA Dept of Transportation	39967
El Dorado	CA Dept of Water Resources	15211
El Dorado	CO of El Dorado	9036
El Dorado	CA Dept of Food & Ag	7203
El Dorado	Gold ridge Forest Homeowners Assoc.	6126
El Dorado	Bureau of Land Management	5323
El Dorado	City of Placerville	4273
El Dorado	Auburn Lake Trails Owners	3426
El Dorado	Multi-Sponsors	2798
El Dorado	Lake Valley Fire District	1211
El Dorado	Tahoe Sailak Institute	1186
El Dorado	Tahoe Paradise Park	906
El Dorado	Georgetown Divide Rec. Dist.	863
El Dorado	Lake Tahoe U.S.D.	774
El Dorado	City of South Lake Tahoe	542
Total Work hours		371442

Comparative Example: One crew of 15, working 8 hours a day results in 3095 days of work for El Dorado County! Or 8.5 years of non-stop work!!

- The CCC supports the local economy of El Dorado county through staff and corpsmember payroll and its operational needs for food, equipment, vehicles, and facility maintenance.

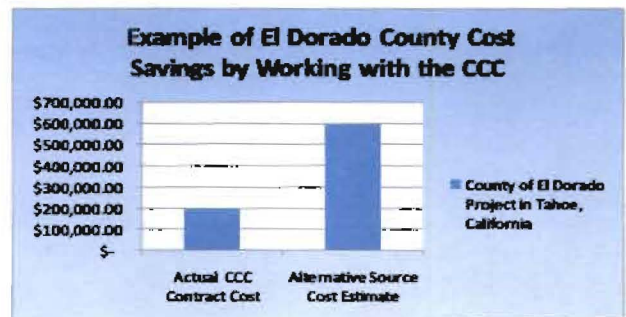
Positive Economic Potential	
By year - 05/06 - 06/07 - 07/08	
Year	Dollars
05/06	\$4,100,000
06/07	\$5,500,000
07/08	\$5,700,000

- Civic volunteerism over the last three years within the County.

Volunteer Project Hours		
By total for - 05/06 - 06/07 - 07/08		
Year	Corpsmembers	Hours
Three year total	497	10301

- The CCC mandates that non-diploma corpsmembers take classes to achieve the diploma during their service.

Academic Improvements	
By type totaled - 05/06 - 06/07 - 07/08	
G.E.D.	High School Diplomas
21+	20



A CCC Corpsmember From El Dorado County!

Ryan Burrows, a 23-year-old corpsmember hired out of El Dorado County, is contemplating his future plans as he nears the end of his CCC career. Ryan reports to work and resides at the Greenwood Residential Center. Ryan explains that he dropped out of high school and went to work with his dad for a few years. He was able to successfully obtain his GED, just prior to joining the CCC at the age of 21.



Ryan Burrows from Semores, CA currently working out of the Greenwood Center.

scholarship which he plans to use to attend vocational school. He is currently considering the possibility of becoming a paramedic or commercial bus driver. Recently asked to describe his time in the CCC, Ryan stated that in addition to teamwork and job skills he has been able to save money. This will help him set up residence upon graduation from the CCC this

June. Another high point for Ryan as a corpsmember is "the opportunity to work with and get to know people from all walks of life." If not for joining the CCC Ryan said, "I honestly don't know what I'd be doing with my life right now."

Since joining the CCC almost two years ago Ryan has learned teamwork and acquired job skills related to trail work, and fire-fuel reduction. He was recently awarded an AmeriCorps

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California Conservation Corps member Terry Kin fills a wheelbarrow with dirt at a restoration project at Angora Creek on Wednesday.

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Conservation Corps tackles Cold Creek project

By Danika Miller
 The California Conservation Corps (CCC) is currently working on a project to improve the Cold Creek watershed. The project involves installing riprap along the creek banks to prevent erosion and improve water quality. CCC members are working in the field, installing the riprap and monitoring the progress of the project. The project is part of a larger effort to restore the Cold Creek watershed to its natural state.

This article on the CCC was published in the Aug. 2, 1983, issue of the Tahoe Daily Tribune.



Jim Grant / Tahoe Daily Tribune
 California Conservation Corps member Edward Torres moves a pallet of school materials from Al Tahoe Elementary School to a moving truck in this 2004 photo.

This article was published in the Aug. 2, 1985, issue of the Tribune.



This Tahoe Life feature on the CCC was published in the March 20, 1994, issue of the Tribune.



California Conservation Corps member Edward Torres works with the 1,001 from 2004 to 2007 recycling collection activity in this photo.

This photo was published in the July 30, 1992, issue of the Tahoe Daily Tribune.

Getting it done



CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS members are working on the riprap installation project along the Cold Creek watershed.

Conservation Corps works in Tahoe

By Danika Miller
 California Conservation Corps members are working on a project to improve the Tahoe watershed. The project involves installing riprap along the creek banks to prevent erosion and improve water quality. CCC members are working in the field, installing the riprap and monitoring the progress of the project. The project is part of a larger effort to restore the Tahoe watershed to its natural state.



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A history of assisting youths and serving the community

California Conservation Corps, formed in 1976, has been at Tahoe since 1983

BY ADAM JENSEN
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Building trails compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act, removing hazardous forest fuels or donning a bear suit to help prevent forest fires all could be in a day's work for members of a California agency that has operated in the Lake Tahoe Basin for more than 25 years.

Created by Gov. Jerry Brown in July 1976, the California Conservation Corps began making a permanent presence in the Lake Tahoe Basin in 1983, partnering with basin agencies to provide the necessary leg-work for numerous conservation projects.

This summer, five crews of 12 to 15 CCC members took on a wide range of projects — from fuel removal on California Tahoe Conservancy urban lots to erosion-control projects for El Dorado County.

Fight CCC members also assisted with boat inspections and washes this summer as part of efforts to keep invasive aquatic species out of Lake Tahoe.

But the average day of a CCC member — who is between the ages of 18 and 23 and earns minimum wage for their conservation work — is filled with more than just labor.

"Besides working eight hours a day and going to school at night, CCC members are also expected to volunteer in the community," said Mark Rathwohl, chief of field operations for the California Conservation Corps.

Approximately half of CCC members do not have high school diplomas when they join, but they can work toward diplomas during yearlong contracts with the corps.

Members also can earn thousands of dollars toward secondary education through their involvement with the corps, Rathwohl said.

Agencies such as the South Lake Tahoe Women's Center and the El Dorado County Animal Shelter benefit from volunteer help from CCC members. A volunteer team from the corps recently helped with evacua-



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California Conservation Corps members Paul Tillisch, left, Nate Tobeser and Dave Villareal remove ground cloth at the Angora Creek restoration project on Wednesday.

tions during the Burnside fire in Hope Valley.

Although the CCC is a disaster-response agency, not every CCC activity stems from such immediate threats.

"When you see Smokey the Bear, there's usually one of our CCC members in (the suit)," said Gary Ray, director of the CCC's Tahoe Center in Meyers.

In the future, the CCC expects to more than quadruple the number of Tahoe corps members attending Lake Tahoe Community College — from 13 currently to about 60 — and hopes to begin an expansion of its Tahoe Center.

The expansion could begin as soon as May and will include new administration offices, a classroom, a multipurpose room and a kitchen.

Looking back on 50 years of news

On June 26, the Tahoe Daily Tribune celebrated a major milestone — its 50th anniversary.

Each Thursday this year, the Tribune will observe the occasion with stories and photographs about the people and events that helped shape South Lake

Tahoe. Tribune reporters and photographers also will document how our history has influenced where we are today and how changes could affect our future. We're proud of our history and hope you find these pages illuminating and intriguing.



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Tahoe Center Project Work

(1996-2008)

CAL FIRE – 78,820 hours

fire & fuel reduction - Bear fire - Lightning Complex fire

Tahoe Conservancy – 54,490 hours

fire hazard reduction - Angora Fire rehabilitation - forest habitat improvements

Department of Parks and Recreation – 42,931 hours

trail construction - campground reconstruction - storm damage repair

U.S. Forest Service – 37,827 hours

fire hazard reduction and fire camp support - campground construction & improvement - trail construction and improvements

Caltrans – 16, 833 hours

tree planting - highway roadside vegetation maintenance

El Dorado County – 9,178 hours

reevegetation - search and rescue - Angora fire erosion control - bike path construction

Nature Conservancy – 6,586 hours

trail construction

Department of Water Resources – 2,037 hours

aqueduct work

Lake Valley Fire District – 1,519 hours

fire protection - fire hydrant snow removal

Tahoe Baikal – 923 hours

help with Tahoe Baikal Institute Exchange

Lake Tahoe Unified School District – 774 hours

erosion control - school district work

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort – 571 hours

Public access brush removal

City of South Lake Tahoe – 542 hours

Angora Fire rehabilitation - fence construction

Tahoe Paradise Park – 520 hours

park improvements

Office of Emergency Services – 312 hours

evacuation center support

Echo Lake Camp – 238 hours

campground reconstruction

Nevada County – 80 hours

tree collection



California Conservation Corps Tahoe Center



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25 Years Keeping Tahoe Blue

The CCC has been helping young adults and the environment in the Tahoe Basin since 1983. The Tahoe Center partners with various local, state and federal partners, such as CAL FIRE - California Department of Parks and Recreation - Caltrans - Tahoe Conservancy - El Dorado County - Nevada County - Nature Conservancy - U.S. Forest Service



Over the past 25 years, Tahoe corpsmembers have worked over 1.7 million hours completing valuable environmental projects such as fire rehabilitation - fire and fuel reduction - trail construction - revegetation - bike path construction - erosion control - park improvements - campground maintenance

Emergency Work

The CCC is perhaps best known for its emergency work fighting fires and floods, assisting with earthquake recovery efforts, cleaning up oil spills, and much more. Tahoe corpsmembers have worked thousands of hours on disaster response.



Angora Fire

The CCC was the first response agency onsite with the Angora Fire for ten days. Over a 2 1/2 month period the Corp worked 30,858 hours, many of which were unfunded and absorbed by the CCC to assist the community. Joining the Tahoe crews, eleven other CCC crews came from all over the state to assist with the fire, including Utah, Redding, Yreka, Pomona, San Diego, Monterey, and Auburn.

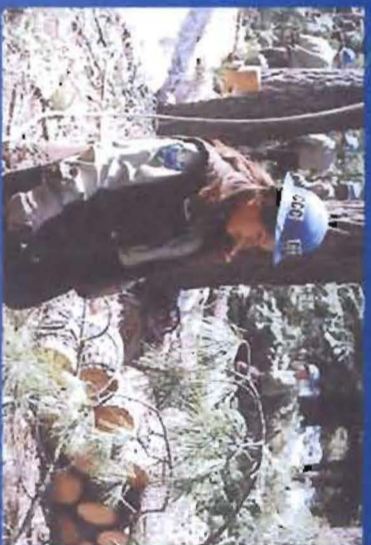


The crews worked hard doing fire hazard reduction and suppression work, providing fuel breaks and fire lines, removing debris, clearing brush, clearing channels, checking dams, erosion control, planting trees, trenching, filling sandbags and building sandbag walls.

The CCC Program

The CCC serves and benefits California's citizens with a training and work program that attracts a cross-section of young men and women between the ages of 18-25. They learn from their experience the value of a day's work for a day's pay. Young men and women are selected on the basis of motivation for hard work, personal development, and public service. They cannot be on probation or parole.

The Tahoe Center employs approximately 80 corpsmembers, many of whom have been recruited locally. Since its inception in 1976, the CCC has remained a model for youth development programs nationally and internationally. The program instills the values of hard work, self-discipline, volunteerism and personal development through the projects corpsmembers undertake.



Benefits of the CCC

Communities in the Tahoe Basin benefit from using corpsmembers for a wide range of projects. CCC crews provide a cost-effective means for local, state and federal agencies to meet important resource conservation and protection needs, while creating work experience, educational and volunteer opportunities for California youth.



CCC Mission

The young women and men of the Corps work hard protecting and restoring California's environment and responding to disasters, becoming stronger workers, citizens and individuals through their service.