

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER S-24-06**

**WHEREAS** the State of California has a long tradition of volunteer service and citizen initiative that has animated generations of people from all walks of life to actively contribute their talents and time to assist others and serve the greater good of society; and

**WHEREAS** there are people in every community and neighborhood who are ready and willing to answer the call to volunteer service in a broad range of fields, projects, and efforts; and

**WHEREAS** greater participation in service and volunteerism promotes civic responsibility and participation, develops community leadership and brings Californians together; and

**WHEREAS** federal and state law recognize, foster, and support volunteer service and citizen initiative in the private and public sectors that meet the human, educational, environmental, and public safety needs of our society, without displacing existing workers; and

**WHEREAS** the people of this state have historically vested the First Lady of California with the responsibility to establish, support, and lead a broad range of service and citizen initiatives that develop and strengthen the human, cultural, and natural resources in our state; and

**WHEREAS** the California Service Corps, previously named the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV), was re-established in 2004, by Executive Order S-14-04, as the lead state agency for promoting service and volunteerism throughout California; and

**WHEREAS** the effectiveness of the California Service Corps will be improved if it is re-established in the Governor's Office as CaliforniaVolunteers with the specific mission to recruit and mobilize citizens for volunteer service by identifying service opportunities throughout the state and by recognizing citizen contributions as volunteers and participants in public service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of California, do hereby issue this Executive Order to become effective immediately:

1. Executive Order S-14-04 is rescinded in its entirety.
2. The California Service Corps is hereby re-established in the Governor's Office as CaliforniaVolunteers.

3. Consistent with federal and state law, the duties and responsibilities of CaliforniaVolunteers shall include, but not be limited to:

A. Recruiting and mobilizing citizens for volunteer service by identifying service opportunities throughout the state and by recognizing citizens for the contributions they make as volunteers and participants in public service programs;

B. Serving as the state's lead agency for community service and volunteerism, informing the public of the value of and need for greater community service and volunteerism in California, calling upon all Californians to become involved, and challenging public and private institutions to create and support community service and volunteer opportunities; and

C. Partnering with other public agencies at the state, county and local levels, and the private and not-for-profit sectors to leverage greater resources and create more opportunities for service and volunteerism.

4. The Executive Director, the Deputy Director, and other staff of CaliforniaVolunteers shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The present staff of the California Service Corps shall continue to serve at the pleasure of the Governor as staff CaliforniaVolunteers.

5. The existing California Service Corps Commission (Commission) is hereby reorganized and established as CaliforniaVolunteers Commission, which shall henceforth serve as California's "State Commission" for purposes of the National and Community Service Trust Act (42 U.S.C.A. Â§ 12501 et seq.) and its implementing rules and regulations. The members of this Commission shall be appointed by the Governor.

6. In keeping with the requirements of the National Community Service Trust Act, the Commission shall include the following as voting members:

A. An individual with expertise in the educational, training and development needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth;

B. An individual with expertise in promoting the involvement of older adults in service and volunteerism;

C. A representative of community-based agencies or organizations within the state;

D. The Superintendent of Public Instruction;

E. A representative of local government;

F. A representative of local labor organizations;

G. A representative of business;

H. An individual between the ages of 16 and 25 who is a participant or supervisor of a service program for school-age youth, or of a campus-based or national service program; and

I. A representative of a qualifying national service program.

7. The Governor may appoint to the Commission other voting or ex-officio, non-voting members such that total membership shall not exceed 25. A representative of the Corporation for National and Community Service shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

8. Voting members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor for renewable terms of three years. Additionally, no more than fifty percent of the Commission, plus one member, shall be from the same political party, as required by federal law.

9. The voting members of the Commission shall elect one of the voting members to serve as Chairperson of the Commission.

10. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in keeping with our state's long tradition of recognizing the First Lady of California as the lead volunteer for the state, it is appropriate that the First Lady serve as Honorary Chairperson of CaliforniaVolunteers. In this capacity, the First Lady shall, with the assistance of her office, lead a broad range of service and citizen initiatives that develop and strengthen the human, cultural, and natural resources in our state.

11. The First Lady and Commission members shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for travel expenses and receive a per diem as appropriate.

12. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the present members of the California Service Corps Commission shall continue to serve as members of the CaliforniaVolunteers Commission for the remainder of their current terms.

13. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all state agencies and departments are hereby requested to cooperate with and assist CaliforniaVolunteers in carrying out its duties.

14. This order does not alter the existing authorities or roles of the executive branch departments, agencies, or offices. Nothing in this order shall supersede any requirement made by or under law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2006.

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ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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BRUCE McPHERSON  
Secretary of State