CaliforniaVolunteers is the largest state service commission in the country. The organization manages a variety of programs and initiatives aimed at increasing the number of Californians engaged in service and volunteering.

CaliforniaVolunteers is led by Karen Baker, Chief Service Officer, and is supported by a bipartisan 25-member commission appointed by the Governor.

**AmeriCorps:** AmeriCorps is often referred to as the “domestic Peace Corps.” Participants – known as AmeriCorps members – perform a year of service with a program that meets local community needs in return for a modest living allowance and education award. For the 2013-14 program year, CaliforniaVolunteers funds 42 programs totaling more than $23 million that will support over 3,000 members serving statewide in programs that address critical community needs in education, public safety, health and human needs, and the environment.

**Business Partners Program:** Recent research has demonstrated that employees entering the workforce would prefer to work for companies that give them opportunities to contribute their talents to nonprofit organizations. To stay competitive and attract the best and brightest talent, many companies need help in creating or improving their business volunteer programs. The Business Partners Program provides tools, resources and recognition for businesses to build high-quality volunteer programs that support their communities.

**California Volunteer Matching Network:** CaliforniaVolunteers developed and maintains the largest online statewide volunteer matching network in the nation on CaliforniaVolunteers.org.

**Disaster Donations:** By Executive Order, CaliforniaVolunteers is the lead state office charged with coordinating monetary donations during disasters. In the event of a disaster, CaliforniaVolunteers will provide information on CaliforniaVolunteers.org on how to donate to assist communities as they respond and recover.

**Disaster Volunteering:** CaliforniaVolunteers administers volunteers active in disaster. Programs include: Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Volunteers in Police Service, Fire Corps and Neighborhood Watch. Finally, CaliforniaVolunteers developed a statewide Disaster Corps that will unify affiliated volunteer programs and provide a common standard for training, certification and classification of disaster volunteers.