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what are the costs for two library employees to attend the 2026 CA Library Association Conference in Riverside CA ...

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The estimated costs for **two library employees** to attend the **2026 California Library Association (CLA) Annual Conference** at the Riverside Convention Center (October 22–24, 2026) depend on their membership status and lodging choices.

Assuming the trip starts from Coalinga, CA, a complete breakdown using official 2026 conference rates, standard IRS business mileage metrics, and standard GSA travel per diems is detailed below.

Cost Breakdown Summary

Expense Category	Unit / Basis Rate	Total Cost (2 Employees)
Conference Registration	Member: \$250 per person	\$500.00 <i>(Member)</i>
	Non-Member: \$460 per person	\$920.00 <i>(Non-Member)</i>
Gas Mileage (Driving)	504 miles round-trip @ \$0.76/mile	\$383.04 <i>(Total per vehicle)</i>
Hotel Accommodations	Standard CA GSA Rate: \$113/night	\$226.00 <i>(1 Shared Room)</i>
	(3 days / 2 nights)	\$452.00 <i>(2 Separate Rooms)</i>
Meal Accommodations	Standard GSA M&IE Rate: \$68/day	\$340.00 <i>(Total for both)</i>

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1. Conference Fees

Full conference attendance rates for the 2026 CLA Conference Registration are tiered by membership type:

- **CLA Members: \$250 per employee (\$500 total)**
- **Non-Members: \$460 per employee (\$920 total)**  www.cla-conference.org

2. Gas Mileage (Driving)

According to Google Maps directions from Coalinga to Riverside, the recommended route via I-5 S is roughly **252 miles one way**. 

- **Total Distance:** 504 miles round-trip.
- **Reimbursement Rate:** The official second-half 2026 IRS Business Standard Mileage Rate is **\$0.76 per mile**.
- **Total Mileage Cost: \$383.04** (assuming both employees carpool in one vehicle).  CDF Labor Law LLP +1

3. Hotel Accommodations

The conference runs across 3 days, requiring a **2-night stay** (checking in Oct 22, checking out Oct 24). Under the standard California GSA Per Diem allowances, unlisted cities like Riverside utilize the baseline travel lodging cap of **\$113 per night** (excluding taxes and fees):  California Library Asso... +1

- **1 Shared Room Option:** $\$113 \times 2 \text{ nights} = \226.00
- **2 Separate Rooms Option:** $\$113 \times 2 \text{ nights} \times 2 \text{ rooms} = \452.00 

4. Meal Accommodations

The standard California GSA Per Diem for Meals and Incidental Expenses (M&IE) is **\$68 per full day**. Federal/State travel guidelines stipulate that the first and last travel days are calculated at **75%** of the standard rate (\$51.00/day):  GSA (.gov) +1



Estimated Grand Totals

- **Most Cost-Effective Estimate** (*Both are CLA Members, carpooling, and sharing a room*): **\$1,449.04**
- **Maximum Baseline Estimate** (*Both are Non-Members, carpooling, and booking separate rooms*): **\$2,095.04**

Note: These estimates do not account for city lodging taxes, parking fees at the Riverside Convention Center, or individual institutional membership discounts your library might already possess.

If you want to map out the trip, let me know if you would like me to generate an **interactive route map** from Coalinga to the Riverside Convention Center or compile a **printable travel budget expense sheet**.

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