2026

HEALTHY RIVERS & LANDSCAPES

# CREATING ESSENTIAL HABITAT

## across the Bay-Delta Watershed

The Healthy Rivers and Landscapes program is transforming California's waterways by restoring habitat across the Sacramento River Basin and Delta. 58 Early Implementation projects have been completed, are under construction, or will complete final design by the end of 2026.

These efforts benefit critical freshwater life stages, addressing spawning gravels, rearing habitats, predator mitigation, and pulse flow timing, to advance regulatory and environmental standards set by modern science. This public and private collaboration ensures that water quantity and quality coupled with habitat infrastructure will support the recovery of our native fish, birds and wildlife.

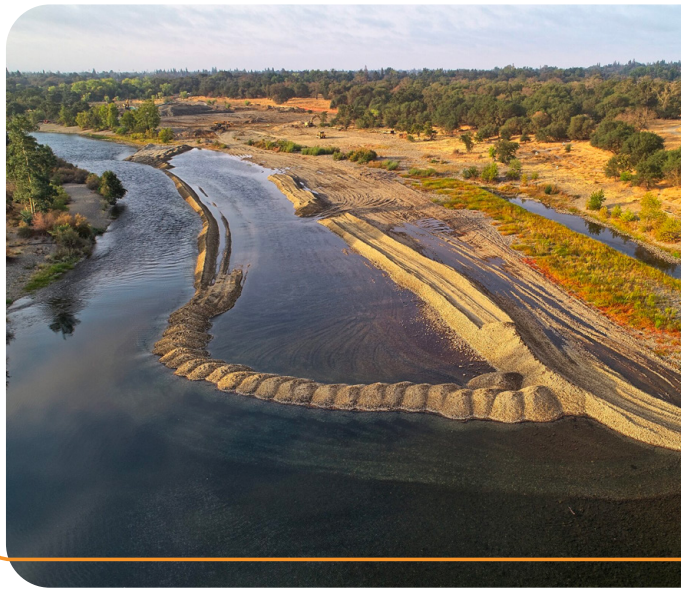
## MARRYING FUNCTIONAL FLOWS WITH HABITAT NEEDS

The HRL program will improve environmental conditions by pairing strategically timed river flow with habitat creation – the two critical actions needed to support fish and wildlife recovery. Modern science shows fish populations have adapted to the environmental benefits created by land and water interaction that was experienced under historic conditions. When flows and habitat are paired together, we are able to provide better access to habitat, reduce predation, and increase food supply – all critical factors in the long-term health of our fish and wildlife.

# MOMENTUM ALREADY UNDERWAY IN HABITAT CREATION

The Bay-Delta Watershed has seen significant progress through the early implementation of the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes program. Since December 2018, collaborative efforts have resulted in 58 Early Implementation projects designed to restore and enhance the region's vital ecosystems. (View the complete list here)

These habitat improvements are already yielding results across the American, Feather, Mokelumne, Sacramento, and Yuba rivers, as well as Putah Creek, the Delta and the broader Sacramento Valley floodplains. The success of these initiatives relies on a dedicated partnership between local water management entities, conservation organizations, and state and federal fish and wildlife agencies



# THE BEST PATH FORWARD *for California*

Advancing the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program means investing in multi-benefit water management strategies, habitat projects and state-wide policies that unite cities, communities, agriculture and conservationists. Together, we can build a resilient Bay-Delta where rivers, farms, refuges, and communities thrive. Our diverse coalition represents 32 million Californians from Redding to San Diego and will improve conditions for fish and wildlife that rely on healthy rivers and landscapes.

**The following water agencies are MOU signatories and actively participating in the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program.**

SWC
NCWA Northern California Water Association
ACWA
RWA Regional Water Authority Building Alliances in Northern California
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
SCWC
EBMUD
San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
YUBA Water Agency
Kern County Water Agency
Friant Water Authority
PVID Est. 1918
Sacramento River Settlement Contractors
Napa County Flood Control and Conservation District
AVEK
DWA Desert Water Agency
Western Canal Water District Nelson, CA
Mojave Water Agency
San Bernardino Valley A Regional Water Agency Since 1954
TID Water & Power
Water District
SCV Water
TCCA Tehama Colusa Canal Authority
Central Coast Water Authority
San Francisco Water Power Sewer Services of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Solano County Water Agency
NID
SSWD South Sutter Water District
Casitas Municipal Water District
Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Westlands Water District
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