



CDFW Awards \$37 Million for Ecosystem and Watershed Restoration, Protection and Scientific Study Projects

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The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) today announced the selection of 40 multi-benefit ecosystem restoration and protection projects to receive funding under its Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 grant programs.

The awards, totaling \$37 million, were made under CDFW's 2020 Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 Grant Opportunities Proposal Solicitation Notice.

Of the \$37 million, approximately \$24 million was awarded to 19 projects statewide through the Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program. Approximately \$7 million was awarded to seven projects through the Proposition 1 Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program to projects that directly benefit the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Approximately \$6 million was awarded to 14 projects through the Proposition 68 Rivers and Streams Grant Program.

While California faces numerous challenges related to COVID-19 (coronavirus), CDFW will continue to administer its grant programs and will implement awarded grant projects while working with grantees to incorporate necessary accommodations under these circumstances.

“We are all currently going to get through this public health emergency together. In the longer term, this year’s awards represent a visionary effort to invest in our ecosystems statewide which will outlast our current challenges,” said CDFW Director Charlton H. Bonham. “These awards represent our focus on continuing

necessary support for our restoration partners in local government, Tribes, nongovernmental organizations and communities who support these efforts, which is why we wanted to keep this business going in this difficult time with the announcement of these awards.”

The awarded projects represent priorities outlined in the solicitation, as well as the California Water Action Plan, State Wildlife Action Plan, Sacramento Valley Salmon Resiliency Strategy, Delta Plan, California EcoRestore, Safeguarding California Plan, the California Biodiversity Initiative and the fulfillment of CDFW’s mission.

The following projects were approved for funding through the Proposition 1 Watershed Grant Program.

Planning Projects:

- Final Fish Passage Design for the I-5 and Metrolink barriers in Trabuco Creek (\$1,499,499 to California Trout, Inc.)
- Russian River Floodplain Restoration Planning Grant (\$717,900 to Endangered Habitats Conservancy)
- Final Design for Santa Margarita River Fish Passage Project and Bridge Replacement (\$714,865 to California Trout, Inc.)
- Lower Sutter Bypass Anadromous Fish Habitat Restoration Planning (\$500,000 to River Partners)
- Upper Rose Bar Restoration Project: Planning (\$365,157 to South Yuba River Citizens League)
- Lakeville Creek Restoration Project, Phase 1 Planning (\$332,495 to Sonoma Land Trust)
- Lagunitas Creek Watershed Enhancement Plan (\$300,000 to Marin Municipal Water District)
- Advancing Fish Passage in the Little Shasta Watershed (\$292,405 to California Trout, Inc.)
- Sulphur Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project – 100 Percent Designs (\$220,000 to California Trout, Inc.)

General information about CDFW’s Prop. 1 and Prop. 68 Restoration Grant Programs, as well as a schedule for upcoming grant solicitations, once available, can be found at wildlife.ca.gov/grants.

Funding for these projects comes from Prop. 1 and Prop. 68 bond funds, a portion of which are allocated annually through the California State Budget Act. More information about Prop. 1 and Prop. 68 can be found on the [California Natural Resources Agency website](#).