

## Waterfowl benefits of proposed water bond initiative

**\$100 million must be spent on waterfowl projects**

**Additional total of more than one billion which can be spent on wetlands projects.**

Each of the indicated sections has funds which can or must be used for waterfowl habitat projects

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All of these Southern California areas have few restorable wetlands, but improving those wetlands would be very important in this area for waterfowl that migrate to the south.

(d) one hundred forty five million dollars (\$145,000,000) for the protection and restoration of watersheds of Los Angeles, Ventura and Orange Counties as follows:

(1) fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to the fund established pursuant to Section 32616(b) of the Public Resources Code for the watersheds of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers pursuant to Division 22.8 (commencing with Section 32600) of the Public Resources Code.

(2) fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to the fund established pursuant to Section 33215 of the Public Resources Code for watersheds of the Santa Monica Mountains, including those of Santa Monica Bay, Upper Los Angeles River and upper Santa Clara River pursuant to Division 23 (commencing with Section 33000) of the Public Resources Code, and the watersheds defined in subdivision (c) of Section 79570.

(3) twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) to the account established pursuant to Section 31179(a) of the Public Resources Code for the protection and restoration of watersheds of the Santa Ana River pursuant to Chapter 4.6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (commencing with Section 31170).

(4) twenty five million dollars (\$25,000,000) to the fund established pursuant to Section 32574(b) of the Public Resources Code for the protection and restoration of the Baldwin Hills and Ballona Creek watersheds pursuant to Division 22.7 (commencing with Section 32550) of the Public Resources Code.

(e) forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) to the fund established pursuant to Section 32657 of the Public Resources Code for the protection and restoration of watersheds in San Diego County pursuant to Division of 22.9 (commencing with Section 32630) of the Public Resources Code.

**The Coastal Conservancy has undertaken many important wetland restoration projects**

(f) one hundred thirty five million dollars (\$135,000,000) to the trust fund established pursuant to Section 31012(a) of the Public Resources Code for the protection and restoration of coastal watersheds pursuant to Division 21 (commencing with Section 31000) of the Public Resources Code. First priority for projects will be areas not covered by subdivisions (c) or (d).

86080(c) one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) to the account established pursuant to Section 31164(a) of the Public Resources Code for the protection and restoration of watersheds of the San Francisco Bay Area, pursuant to Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (commencing with Section 31160).

**The Delta Conservancy plays an important role in wetland restoration.**

(g) (1) (1) forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) to the fund established pursuant to Section 32360(b)(1) of the Public Resources Code for Delta restoration pursuant to Division 22.3 (commencing with Section 32300) of the Public Resources Code.

**The Wildlife Conservation Board obviously plays a key role in wetlands restoration and acquisition**

(j) two hundred forty million dollars (\$240,000,000) to the California Wildlife Conservation Board for the following

(1) for the protection and restoration of the watersheds of the Sacramento, Smith, Eel, and Klamath Rivers and other rivers of Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, pursuant to Chapter 4 of Division 2 (commencing with section 1300) of the Fish and Game Code.

(3) for acquisition and restoration of riparian habitat, migratory bird habitat, anadromous fisheries, wetland habitat and other watershed lands pursuant to Chapter 4 of Division 2 (commencing with Section 1300) of the Fish and Game Code.

**Ocean Protection Council can undertake wetlands restoration projects**

(o) one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) to the California Ocean Protection Council for projects that: (1) reduce the amount of pollutants that flow to beaches, bays, coastal estuaries, and near-shore ecosystems; and (2) projects that protect coastal and near-shore ocean resources from the impacts of rising sea levels, storm surges, ocean acidification and related hazards, including, but not limited to, increasing the resiliency of near-shore ocean habitats. Projects may include, but are not limited to, projects that protect or restore beaches, coastal estuaries and watersheds, bays, and near-shore ecosystems including marine protected areas.

**Salton Sea is critical to many migratory waterfowl**

(p) fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to the California Natural Resources Agency for projects relating to water, including ecosystem restoration projects, that fulfill the obligations of the State of California in complying with the terms of Chapters 611, 612, 613, and 614 of the Statutes of 2003, which were enacted to facilitate the execution and implementation of the Quantification Settlement Agreement, including restoration of the Salton Sea.

**Expansion of the bypass system can have major waterfowl benefits**

**86100(a)** The sum of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) is appropriated from the fund to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board for:

(1) Enlargement and environmental enhancement of existing floodways and bypasses within the jurisdiction of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, and

(2) Improvement of flood control facilities and environmental enhancement within the jurisdiction of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board.

(b) To be eligible for funding under this section, a project shall provide (1) reduced flood risk, reduced liability or reduced maintenance responsibility for state agencies or local flood control districts or both; and (2) net improvement of habitat for native fish and wildlife. The Central Valley Flood Protection Board shall provide additional priority for projects that provide multiple benefits that may include increased groundwater storage, improved water supply resilience, expanded public access along rivers, enhanced commercial and recreational fisheries, enhanced recreational opportunities, or enhanced riparian and floodplain habitat.

#### San Francisco Bay Restoration has huge waterfowl benefits

**86105.** The sum of two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) is appropriated from the fund to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority to provide matching grants for flood management, wetlands restoration, and other projects consistent with Article 2 (commencing with Section 66704.5) of Chapter 5 of Title 7.25 of the Government Code. For purposes of this section, matching funds may include funds provided by local governments, regional governments, the federal government, private parties, or other funds raised by the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority. No grant shall exceed fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the project.

#### Water for wildlife will provide water for private lands which have waterfowl habitat

**86121.** The sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) is appropriated from the fund to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the purpose of improving water supply and water quality conditions for fish and wildlife on private lands. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife may provide incentives to landowners for conservation actions on private lands or use of voluntary habitat credit exchange mechanisms. Such incentives shall be designed to be appropriately flexible and responsive to the highly variable amounts of water required by fish and wildlife.

#### This section provides specific waterfowl benefits

**861223.** The sum of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) is appropriated from the fund to the California Wildlife Conservation Board for projects to protect migratory birds through habitat acquisition, easements, restoration, or other projects, and to provide water for wildlife refuges and wildlife habitat areas to fulfill the purposes identified in the Central Valley Joint Venture Implementation Plan, as it may be amended, including:

(a) Projects to implement this section which may include conservation actions on private lands.

(b) Protection and restoration of riparian and wetland habitat in the Sacramento Valley, including the Butte, Colusa, Sutter, and Yolo Basins, and the Feather River watershed.

(c) Other eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the California Waterfowl Habitat Account for the purposes of implementing the California Waterfowl Habitat Program pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 3460) of Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 4 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Landowner Incentive Program of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Permanent Wetland Easement Program of the California Wildlife Conservation Board, the establishment or enhancement of waterfowl nesting and other wildlife habitat cover on fallowed lands including projects authorized pursuant to Section 1018, and the Inland Wetlands Conservation Program described in Division 2, Chapter 4.3 of the Fish and Game Code.

### Stormwater projects given high priority if they provide wetlands benefits

86050 (e) Funds spent pursuant to this section shall be used for competitive grants for projects that develop, implement, or improve multi-benefit projects identified and prioritized in Stormwater Resource Plans adopted by the state board consistent with Part 2.3 (commencing with Section 10560) of Division 6, as that part may be amended, and shall include as many as possible of the following benefits: use Best Management Practices that improve environmental quality to capture and treat stormwater or dry weather runoff for beneficial uses; remove pollutants from the captured and treated runoff; create or restore habitat or parkland to capture and treat stormwater or dry weather runoff for beneficial uses ; store, infiltrate or use the captured and treated runoff to augment local water supplies; create or restore native habitat, trails, park land or other natural open space; reduce urban heat islands, and **Projects that include wetlands and native habitat or project elements designed to mimic or restore natural watershed functions shall be given the highest priority. provide other public recreational opportunities.**

### Conservation Corps can undertake wetlands restoration projects with their own funds

**86140** The sum of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be available to the California Conservation Corps for projects to protect, restore, and improve the health of watershed lands, including forest lands, meadows, wetlands, chaparral, riparian habitat and other watershed lands. Projects may include, but are not limited to, regional and community fuel hazard reduction projects on public lands, invasive species removal, and stream, river, and riparian restoration projects. The California Conservation Corps shall allocate at least fifty percent ( 50%) of the funds pursuant to this section for grants to certified local conservation corps or other programs certified by the California Conservation Corps for the purposes of this section. Projects shall improve water quality, water supply reliability, or riparian or watershed health.