

# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC AND CONSERVATION LANDS STATUS AND TRENDS REPORT

Draft 12/7/99

## Purpose:

To compile and report information about historical, existing and proposed conservation land ownership and land use in California.

## Intended Use:

- Status and Trends Report is not intended to provide a baseline or be an absolute or definitive accounting of conservation land ownership or use.
- Status and Trends Report is a dynamic document which will require updating as changes occur, and is intended to show changes and trends in conservation land ownership and use.
- Status and Trends Report should be used as a planning tool to support conservation and restoration planning and implementation.

## Participants:

CALFED Agencies  
Conservation Non-Profit Organizations  
Water Agencies  
California Farm Bureau  
Great Valley Center

## Geographic Scope (In order of proposed priority for development):

Delta  
North Bay and Suisun Marsh  
San Joaquin Valley  
Update and Expand Sacramento Valley (based on NCWA Report)  
Upper Watersheds

## Schedule:

- Draft report on Delta Region (existing ownership information) - Spring 2000
- Draft report on bay, marsh, and San Joaquin Valley (existing ownership information) -

Summer 2000

- New information on ownership for all regions except upper watersheds in draft by end of year 2000

## **Staffing and Resource Needs:**

Program Manager: Wendy Halverson Martin  
Project Manager: Ray McDowell  
Staff: 1.5 FTE consultants  
Additional State and Federal Agency Staff Commitments Required

## **Develop Outreach Strategy:**

Scientific/Technical  
Public input and information sharing

## **Contents:**

### Historical Context

- Narrative summary of status and trends of conservation land ownership and use - past to present.
- Conversion of lands to urbanization
- Conversion of lands to habitat

### Existing government and conservation organization land ownership

- Up to date GIS information currently exists
- GIS information needs to be updated or developed

### Existing use of government and conservation organization lands

- Nomenclature and categories need to be developed and standardized
- Information on existing government land use needs to be developed and compiled

### Future Efforts of California Conservation and Restoration Programs

## **Potential Issues:**

Type of ownership - fee vs. easement  
Scale/Resolution of existing information  
Difficulty in defining land use, potential for multiple uses  
Overlapping information - eliminating double counting