

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC AND CONSERVATION LANDS STATUS AND TRENDS REPORT

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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