

# CALIFORNIA

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage



## LWCF Funded Places in California

### Federal Program

American River  
Angeles NF  
Antioch Dunes NWR  
Bitter Creek NWR  
Bizz Johnson Trail  
Humboldt County  
Blue Ridge NWR  
Bodie Bowl ACEC  
Cache Creek ACEC  
California Coastal NM  
California Desert NPs  
California NWRs  
California NFs  
California Wilderness/Catellus  
Carrizo Plain NM  
Central Valley Wetlands  
Channel Islands NP  
Chuckwalla Bench ACEC  
Cleveland NF  
Coachella V.-Toed Lizard ACEC  
Coachella Valley NWR  
Consumnes River Preserve  
Desert Tortoise Habitat  
Don Edwards SF Bay NWR  
Dos Palmas/Salt Creek  
East Mojave NSA  
El Dorado County  
El Dorado NF  
Ellicott Slough NWR  
Golden Gate NRA  
Grasslands WMA  
\*Havasu NWR  
Headwaters Conservation  
Humboldt-Toiyabe NF  
Inyo NF  
John Muir NHS  
Johnson Canyon ACEC  
Joshua Tree NP  
King Range NCA  
Kings Canyon NP  
Tahoe NF/L. Tahoe Basin  
Lacks Creek ACEC  
Lassen NF  
Lassen Volcanic NP  
Los Padres NF  
Marin Islands NWR  
Mendocino NF  
Merced WSR  
Middle Fork Feather NSRR  
Mojave NPres  
Morongo Canyons

## LWCF Success in California

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has provided funding to help protect some of California's most special places and ensure recreational access for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. California has received approximately \$2.5 billion in LWCF funding over the past five decades, protecting places such as the Lake Tahoe Basin, California Desert, Point Reyes National Seashore, Headwaters Forest, the San Diego and Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuges, the national forests of the Sierra Nevada.

Forest Legacy Program (FLP) grants are also funded under LWCF, to help protect working forests. The FLP cost-share funding supports timber sector jobs and sustainable forest operations while enhancing wildlife habitat, water quality and recreation. For example, the FLP contributed to places such as the Jenner Headlands in Sonoma County and Chalk Mountain in Humboldt County. The FLP assists states and private forest owners to maintain working forest lands through matching grants for permanent conservation easement and fee acquisitions, and has leveraged approximately \$30 million in federal funds to invest in California's forests, while protecting air and water quality, wildlife habitat, access for recreation and other public benefits provided by forests.

LWCF state assistance grants have further supported hundreds of projects across California's state and local parks including the American River Parkway in Sacramento, Griffith Park in Los Angeles, and Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park in the Central Valley.

## Economic Benefits

Active outdoor recreation is an important part of the California economy. The Outdoor Industry Association has found that active outdoor recreation supports \$92 billion in consumer spending in California, 691,000 jobs across California which generate \$30.4 billion in wages and salaries, and produces \$6.2 billion annually in state and local tax revenue. Further, the U.S. Census reports that each year 7.4 million people hunt, fish, or enjoy wildlife-watching in California, contributing over \$8 billion in wildlife recreation spending to the state economy.



Hiker on the Pacific Crest Trail, Credit: USFS  
Top: Channel Islands NP Credit: NPS

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## LWCF in California

### Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Funding from LWCF, including \$4.1 million in FY11, \$5 million in FY10 and \$4 million in FY09, was leveraged with funding from private donations and other sources to protect the 4,262 acre Rancho Corral de Tierra. Incorporating this land into the Golden Gate National Recreation Area created a new southern gateway into the park and helped connect the Bay Area Ridge Trail with the California Coastal Trail. The project also provided permanent protection of four Coastside watersheds—Denniston, San Vicente, Montara and Martini creeks—and preserved critical habitat for unique and endangered plants and animals.

### Fiscal Year 2020 Agency Priority Project List for California

Agency	Project	Amount	Delegation
BLM	Bodie Hills	\$900,000	Feinstein, Harris/Cook
BLM	Los Gatos Creek Ranch	\$1,200,000	Feinstein, Harris/Eshoo
FWS	North Central Valley Wildlife Management Area	\$500,000	Feinstein, Harris/ LaMalfa, Garamendi
FWS	Humboldt Bay NWR	\$1,100,000	Feinstein, Harris/Huffman
FS	Sanhedrin; Mendocino	\$6,400,000	Feinstein, Harris/LaMalfa, Huffman, Garamendi
FS	Wild and Scenic Kern River Access; Sequoia	\$1,505,000	Feinstein, Harris/McCarthy
FS	Trinity Alps Wilderness Inholdings; Shasta-Trinity	\$1,200,000	Feinstein, Harris/Huffman, LaMalfa
FLP	PUC Forest Phase II	\$1,000,000	Feinstein, Harris/Thompson
FLP	Mattole Headwaters Forest	\$1,565,000	Feinstein, Harris/Huffman

### Status of the Land and Water Conservation Fund

In 2019, permanent authorization of LWCF was secured as part of S. 47, the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act. Passage of the Dingell Act ensures that LWCF no longer faces the uncertainty of potential expiration, and that the unique structure and inflow of funds to LWCF is protected. The focus is now on permanent full funding for LWCF – ensuring that each year the \$900 million deposited into the LWCF account actually goes towards conservation and recreation priorities. Over the 55 years of the program, over \$22 billion has been diverted from LWCF to other, unknown purposes. That means that our public lands, waters, and historic sites have been put in peril. As open space continues to shrink, LWCF investments become even more critical to providing the outdoor opportunities for all future generations

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Permanent Funding Act – S. 1081 and H.R. 3195 – have passed through their respective committees and are ready for floor votes in both chambers.

Muir Woods NM  
 North Fork American River  
 Otay Mountain  
 \*Pacific Crest NST  
 \*Pacific NW Streams  
 Panoche-Coalinga ACEC  
 Patterson Bend/Squaw Leap MA  
 Pechanga Historic Site  
 Pinnacles NM  
 Pixley NWR  
 Point Reyes NS  
 Potrero Creek  
 Redwood NP  
 Sacramento NWR  
 Sacramento River NWR  
 San Bernardino NF  
 San Diego NWR  
 San Joaquin River NWR  
 San Pablo Bay NWR  
 San Sebastian Marsh/San Felipe Creek ACEC  
 San Felipe Creek ACEC  
 Santa Monica Mountains NRA  
 Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains NM  
 Santa Rosa Mountains NSA/NM  
 Seal Beach NWR  
 Sequoia NF  
 Sequoia NP  
 Shasta-Trinity NF  
 Sierra Nevada Checkerboard  
 Six Rivers NF  
 Smith River NRA  
 South Fork Eel River Wilderness  
 Stone Lakes NWR  
 Tijuana Slough NWR  
 Trinity NF/Trinity National WSR  
 Upper Sacramento River ACEC  
 Ventana Wilderness  
 Western Riverside County  
 Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity NRA

**Federal Total** \$ 1,892,700,000

**Forest Legacy Program** \$ 30,600,000

**Habitat Conservation (Sec. 6)** \$ 268,900,000

**State & Local Program**  
 Total State Grants \$ 312,700,000

**Total** \$2,506,800,000



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