

**State of California
Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game**



**Wildlife Conservation Board
Report for Calendar Year 2005**

*The Wildlife Conservation Board
Protects, restores, and provides
public access to California's
natural lands through its
programs:*

- *Habitat Restoration and Enhancement*
- *Inland Wetland Conservation*
- *Land Acquisition*
- *Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit*
- *Oak Woodlands Conservation*
- *Public Access*
- *Rangeland, Grazing Land and Grassland Protection*
- *Riparian Habitat Conservation*

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Fish & Game Commission*

*Michael C. Genest, Director
Department of Finance*

*L. Ryan Brodrick, Director
Department of Fish & Game*

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Senator Sheila Kuehl

Senator Abel Maldonado

Assembly Member Patty Berg

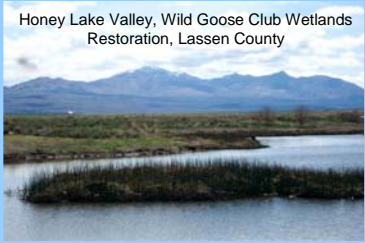
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Assembly Member Lois Wolk

*Executive Director
Al Wright*

What's Behind Conservation in California?

Reflecting on 2005, I've been thinking about reasons for the Board's success in protecting and/or restoring some of the best of California's unprotected lands. One reason is that thoughtful people with different interests, values, and concerns all agree that we must protect the natural resources of this state.



Conservationists, farmers, ranchers, and local governments recognize the ever-increasing loss of native habitat, farm land, range land, and open space. With this recognition comes the valid concern of how to slow down this process and the responsibility of creating conservation strategies for protecting the resources of the state through common goals and mutual benefit.

Fortunately, the Board has helped develop innovative solutions while working with local communities, non-profit foundations, state and federal agencies, and legislators, and has had the resources to begin turning plans into realities.

Most of us doing this work recognize that aligning funding with willing landowners interested in the protection or restoration of their land takes years, if not decades. Patience, persistence, partnerships, and money are critical to success. Fortunately, in the past five years Californians have continued to recognize the need for protecting and restoring the best of our open spaces and have approved multiple bond acts to pay for it.

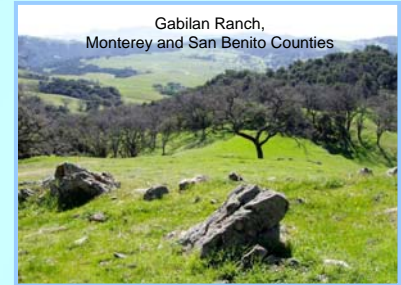
Piece by piece, the vision for protecting valuable habitat, farm land, range land, and open space is coming true. The greatest reward of working for this Board is in knowing that land is protected for the future. Saving our oak woodlands, grasslands, riparian areas, wetlands, and forests are essential investments in our future.

I wish to thank our Board and great staff, our wonderful partners, landowners, and the public, for together we have much to be proud of.

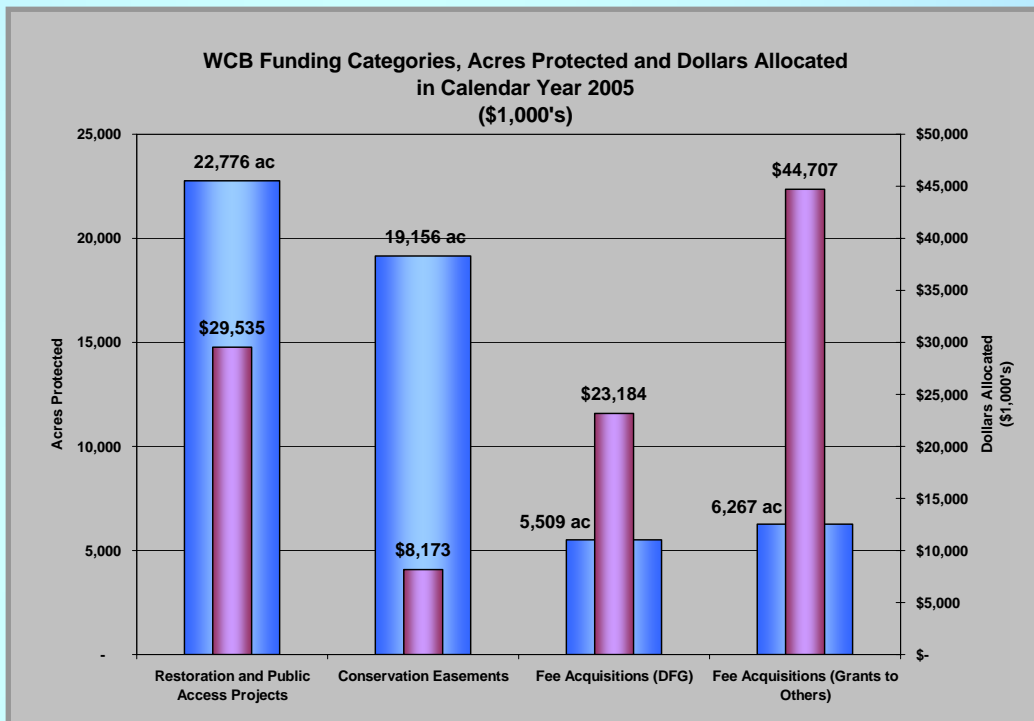
Al Wright, Executive Director



The Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) was created by legislation in 1947 to administer a capital outlay program for wildlife conservation and related public recreation. The primary responsibilities of the WCB are to select, authorize and allocate funds for the purchase of land and waters suitable for recreational purposes, and the protection and restoration of fish and wildlife habitat.



The WCB works only with willing landowners and provides notices to local communities and adjoining landowners on all proposed projects. The WCB relies on input and assistance from Department of Fish and Game (DFG) staff on virtually all projects. The DFG helps identify potential projects and willing landowners, provides assessments and opinions based on the biological merits of each project, and helps WCB set priorities on a statewide and regional basis.



WCB Actions in 2005: Total Acreage and Allocation by County

County	Conservation Easements		Fee Title for DFG/Others		Public Access	Restoration	
	Acres	\$ Allocation	Acres	\$ Allocation	\$ Allocation	Acres	\$ Allocation
Alameda							\$1,300,000
Amador						4	\$25,000
Butte	4,672	\$3,200,000	754	\$3,208,255			
Colusa			257	\$650,000			
Contra Costa			702	\$1,010,000			
Del Norte			250	\$2,000,000			
Fresno			119	\$1,720,000	\$773,900	1,951	\$2,848,233
Glenn						367	\$1,159,000
Humboldt			6	\$1,025,000		5,000	\$893,000
Imperial						20	\$805,000
Kern			2,027	\$3,136,000		803	\$123,000
Lassen						247	\$133,000
Los Angeles			1,706	\$31,075,000	\$277,214	803	\$1,300,000
Madera			220	\$640,740			
Mendocino			1,116	\$1,000,000			
Merced						666	\$136,000
Modoc					\$87,107	60	\$226,000
Monterey	11,190	\$2,005,000					
Napa						6,832	\$12,789,444
Orange			15	\$12,350,000		10	\$1,199,000
Plumas	1,360	\$458,000					
Sacramento						497	\$129,000
San Bernardino						14	\$43,000
San Diego			370	\$270,000			
San Mateo			9	\$10,000			
Santa Barbara	1,894	\$2,505,000				445	\$1,757,469
Santa Cruz			6	\$500,000			
Sierra			2,044	\$1,290,000			
Solano						3,374	\$440,000
Sonoma			1,737	\$1,010,000		300	\$1,925,626
Stanislaus			32	\$98,000			
Sutter			10	\$5,000		668	\$100,000
Tuolumne	40	\$5,000	120	\$447,000			
Ventura			276	\$6,496,000			
Yolo					\$260,107	710	\$805,000

Note: Map legend on reverse side corresponds to columns in this table.
Counties that did not have WCB projects in 2005 are not included in this table.

Protecting California's Natural Heritage

WCB Funded Projects

2005

- Conservation Easement
- ▲ Fee Title
- Public Access
- Restoration/Enhancement

Public Land Ownership

- Dept. of Fish and Game
- Bureau of Land Management
- CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation
- Department of Defense
- National Park Service
- USDA Forest Service



WCB Projects Representative of Statewide Efforts to Protect Wildlife Habitat and Provide Access to Public Land for Calendar Year 2005



Montgomery Woods
1,116 Acres Protected



**Llano Seco Rancho
Conservation Easement**
4,235 Acres Protected



Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area
6,000 Acres to be Restored



**Gabilan Ranch
Conservation Easement**
11,190 Acres Protected



Hallelujah Junction Wildlife Area
2,044 Acres Protected



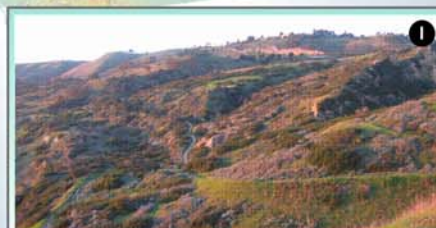
Shaver Lake Boat Ramp



Marshall Canyon Conservation Corridor
258 Acres Protected



**Solstice Creek Steelhead
Barrier Removal**



Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve
463 Acres Protected

Major Acquisition Projects Included:

Canebrake Ecological Reserve, Kern County
Franklin Ridge, Contra Costa County
Gabilan Ranch, Monterey County
Hallelujah Junction Wildlife Area, Sierra County
Humboldt Bay Wildlife Area, Humboldt County
La Posta, San Diego County
Lake Earl Wildlife Area, Pacific Shores, Del Norte County
Llano Seco Rancho Conservation Area, Butte County
Marshall Canyon Conservation Corridor, Los Angeles County
Montgomery Woods, Mendocino County
Musty Buck Ridge Wildlife Area, Butte County
Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve, Los Angeles County
Sierra Valley Conservation Area, Plumas County
Watsonville Slough Ecological Reserve, Santa Cruz County

Major Restoration/Development Projects Included:

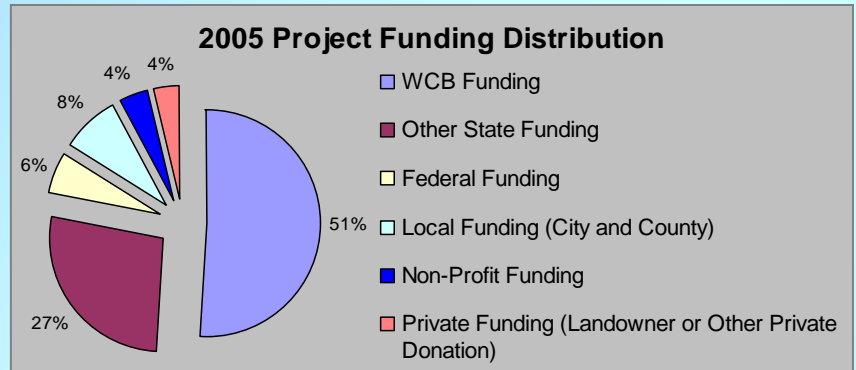
Cache Creek Riparian Restoration, Yolo County
DFG Fisheries Restoration Program, Various Counties
Eden Landing Ecological Reserve, Alameda County
Laguna de Santa Rosa Ludwigia Eradication, Sonoma County
Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area, Napa and Solano Counties
Pine Creek Reservoir Public Access, Modoc County
Rio de Los Angeles State Park, Los Angeles County
Sacramento River Riparian Restoration, Glenn County
Shaver Lake Boat Ramp, Fresno County
Solstice Creek Steelhead Barrier Removal, Los Angeles County
Tulare Basin Wetland Enhancement, Kern County
Upper Mattole River Watershed Rehabilitation, Mendocino County
Wheatville Farms Wetland Restoration, Fresno County

In 2005 the WCB continued to deliver a wide array of conservation projects including:

- Acquiring fish and wildlife habitat, in some cases for expansion of public hunting, fishing and hiking opportunities, and in other cases for the protection of sensitive species
- Working with waterfowl groups, joint ventures and non-profit organizations to restore interior wetlands and other portions of the Pacific Flyway
- Partnering with the DFG and other conservation groups to help restore in-stream habitat up and down the coast for salmon and steelhead fisheries
- Working with ranchers and farmers to protect open space areas through easements and assist with restoring wetland and riparian areas

- Continuing the development of public access uses, including boat ramps, fishing piers and trails
- Leading the effort to protect California's rapidly diminishing oak woodland areas, as urban areas

- grow and expand into the foothills
- Expanding efforts to eradicate invasive species threatening California's natural resources



WCB Partners

The following list consists of federal, state, and local agencies and non-profit organizations that have partnered with WCB since 2000.

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| American Farmland Trust | City of Los Angeles | Lake County Land Trust | Commission |
| American Land Conservancy | City of Malibu | Land Trust For Santa Barbara County | Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy |
| American River Conservancy | City of Monrovia | Land Trust of Santa Cruz County | Santa Rosa Subregional Wastewater System |
| Bechtel Family Foundation | City of Oceanside | Marin-Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control Board | Save-the-Redwoods League |
| Bureau of Land Management | City of Point Arena | Mendocino Coast Audubon Society | Semitropic Water Storage District |
| Bureau of Reclamation | City of Port Hueneme | Mendocino Land Trust Inc. | Sequoia Riverlands Trust |
| Cachuma Resource Conservation District | City of Rancho Mirage | Mid-peninsula Regional Open Space District | Shasta Land Trust |
| California Bay-Delta Authority | City of Rancho Palos Verdes | Monte Rio Recreation and Park District | Shea Homes Limited Partnership |
| California Coastal Commission | City of Red Bluff | Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District | Sierra Business Council |
| California Coastal Conservancy | City of Redding | Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority | Sierra Foothill Conservancy |
| California Conservation Corps | City of San Diego | Napa County Flood Control & Water Conservation District | Sierra Los Tulares Land Trust |
| California Deer Association | City of San Luis Obispo | Napa County Planning Department | Siskiyou Resource Conservation District |
| California Department of Boating and Waterways | City of Santa Barbara | National Audubon Society, Inc. | Smith River Alliance |
| California Department of Conservation | City of Suisun City | National Fish and Wildlife Foundation | Solana County Planning Department |
| California Department of Fish and Game | City of Vacaville | National Park Service | Solano Land Trust |
| California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection | City of Yreka | Natural Wild Turkey Federation | Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District |
| California Department of Parks & Recreation | Claremont Wildlands Conservancy | Natural Resources Conservation Service | Sonoma Land Trust |
| California Department of Transportation | Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy | Nevada Irrigation District | Southern California Edison |
| California Department of Water Resources | Colusa County Resource Conservation District | Northcoast Regional Land Trust | State Water Resources Control Board |
| California Oaks Foundation | Commercial Finance Company of San Francisco | Northern California Regional Land Trust | Student Conservation Association |
| California Rangeland Trust | Conejo Recreation and Park District | O'Neill Sea Odyssey | The Bay Foundation of Morro Bay |
| California Resources Agency | County of Alpine | Ocean View School District | The Big Sur Land Trust |
| California State Parks Foundation | County of Amador | Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy | The Conservation Fund |
| California State University, Chico | County of Del Norte | Peninsula Open Space Trust | The David and Lucile Packard Foundation |
| California State University, Chico Research Foundation | County of Fresno | Pheasants Forever | The Land Trust of Napa County |
| California State University, Dominguez Hills | County of Glenn | Port of San Francisco | The Nature Conservancy |
| California Waterfowl Association | County of Humboldt | Reclamation Board | The San Francisco Foundation |
| California Wildlife Foundation | County of Inyo | Reclamation District 307 | The Trust For Public Land |
| Cambria Community Services District | County of Kern | Reclamation District 999 | Trout Unlimited |
| Catalina Island Conservancy | County of Los Angeles | Regional Water Quality Control Board | Tuolumne County Land Trust |
| Central Modoc Resource Conservation District | County of Modoc | Resources Legacy Fund | Turtle Bay Exploration Park |
| Central Sierra Resource Conservation & Development, Inc. | County of Orange | River Network | U.C. Extension Service |
| Cima del Mundo, LLC | County of Placer | River Partners | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers |
| Circuit Rider Productions, Inc. | County of Riverside | Riverside Land Conservancy | U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| City of Agoura Hills | County of Sacramento | Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation | U.S. Department of Defense |
| City of Anderson | County of San Diego | Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development |
| City of Arcata | County of San Francisco | Sacramento River Partners | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| City of Benicia | County of San Joaquin | Sacramento Valley Open Space Conservancy | U.S. Forest Service (USDA) |
| City of Brisbane | County of Santa Barbara | Salton Sea Authority | University of California, Berkeley |
| City of Calabasas | County of Siskiyou | San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust | University of California, Davis |
| City of Chico | County of Solano | San Diego River Park Lakeside Conservancy | Watsonville Wetlands Watch |
| City of Claremont | County of Sonoma | San Dieguito River Park | Western Placer Unified School District, Lincoln High School |
| City of Duarte | County of Tehama | San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society | Westside Resource Conservation District |
| City of Dunsmuir | County of Yolo | San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy | Wildlands, Inc. |
| City of Eureka | Ducks Unlimited, Inc. | San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, Inc. | Yolo Basin Foundation |
| City of Folsom | East Bay Regional Park District | San Mateo County Harbor District | Yolo Land Trust |
| City of Fresno | Family Water Alliance | Santa Monica Bay Restoration | |
| City of Glendora | Farm Services Agency | | |
| City of Goleta | Feather River Land Trust | | |
| City of Hermosa Beach | Glendora Community Conservancy | | |
| City of Isleton | Great Valley Center | | |
| City of Long Beach | Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy | | |
| | Inland Valley Land Trust | | |
| | Intermountain West Joint Venture | | |
| | Jacoby Creek Land Trust | | |
| | La Verne Land Conservancy | | |
| | Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation | | |