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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Al Wright

Llano Seco Rancho Conservation Easement, Butte County
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 WCB Funding Categories, Acres Protected and Dollars Allocated in Calendar Year 2005 ($1,000's)

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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**

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

Major Acquisition Projects Included:
- Canebrake Ecological Reserve, Kern County
- Franklin Ridge, Contra Costa County
- Gabilian 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
- Río 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

### 2005 Project Funding Distribution

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<th>Source</th>
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### WCB Partners

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

- American Farmland Trust
- American Land Conservancy
- American River Conservancy
- Bechtel Family Foundation
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Cacheuma Resource Conservation District
- California Bay-Delta Authority
- California Coastal Commission
- California Coastal Conservancy
- California Conservation Corps
- California Deer Association
- California Department of Boating and Waterways
- California Department of Conservation
- California Department of Fish and Game
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
- California Department of Parks & Recreation
- California Department of Transportation
- California Department of Water Resources
- California Oaks Foundation
- California Rangeland Trust
- California Resources Agency
- California State Parks Foundation
- California State University, Chico
- California State University, Chico Research Foundation
- California State University, Dominguez Hills
- California Waterfowl Association
- California Wildlife Foundation
- Cambrria Community Services District
- Catalina Island Conservancy
- Central Modoc Resource Conservation District
- Central Sierra Resource Conservation & Development, Inc.
- Cima del Mundo, LLC
- Circuit Rider Productions, Inc.
- City of Agoura Hills
- City of Anderson
- City of Arcata
- City of Benicia
- City of Bismarck
- City of Calabasas
- City of Chico
- City of Claremont
- City of Duarte
- City of Dunsmuir
- City of Eureka
- City of Folsom
- City of Fresno
- City of Glendora
- City of Goleta
- City of Hermosa Beach
- City of Isleton
- City of Long Beach
- City of Los Angeles
- City of Malibu
- City of Monrovia
- City of Oceanside
- City of Point Arena
- City of Port Hueme
- City of Rancho Mirage
- City of Rancho Palos Verdes
- City of Red Bluff
- City of Redding
- City of San Diego
- City of San Luis Obispo
- City of Santa Barbara
- City of Susan City
- City of Vacaville
- City of Yreka
- Claremont Wildlands Conservancy
- Conejo Recreation and Park District
- Commercial Finance Company of San Francisco
- Colusa County Resource Conservation District
- Contra Costa Resource Recovery District
- County of Alpine
- County of Amador
- County of Del Norte
- County of Fresno
- County of Glenn
- County of Humboldt
- County of Inyo
- County of Kern
- County of Los Angeles
- County of Modoc
- County of Orange
- County of Placer
- County of Sacramento
- County of San Diego
- County of San Francisco
- County of San Joaquin
- County of Santa Barbara
- County of Siskiyou
- County of Solano
- County of Sonoita
- County of Tehama
- County of Yolo
- Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
- East Bay Regional Park District
- Family Water Alliance
- Farm Services Agency
- Feather River Land Trust
- Glendora Community Conservancy
- Great Valley Center
- Huffman Beach Wetlands Conservancy
- Inland Valley Land Trust
- Interstate North Joint Venture
- Jacoby Creek Land Trust
- La Verne Land Conservancy
- Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation
- Lake County Land Trust
- Land Trust For Santa Barbara County
- Land Trust of Santa Cruz County
- Marin-Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control Board
- Mendocino Coast Audubon Society
- Mendocino Land Trust Inc.
- Mid-peninsula Regional Open Space District
- Monte Rio Recreation and Park District
- Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District
- Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
- Napa County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
- Napa County Planning Department
- Natural Audubon Society, Inc.
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- National Park Service
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- National Resources Conservation Service
- Nevada Irrigation District
- Northcoast Regional Land Trust
- Northern California Regional Land Trust
- O'Neill Sea Odyssey
- Ocean View School District
- Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy
- Penelope Open Space Trust
- Pheasants Forever
- Port of San Francisco
- Reclamation Board
- Reclamation District 107
- Reclamation District 999
- Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Resources Legacy Fund
- River Network
- River Partners
- Riverside Land Conservancy
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District
- Sacramento River Partners
- Sacramento Valley Open Space Conservancy
- Salton Sea Authority
- San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust
- San Diego River Park Trust
- San Diego River Park Conservancy
- San Diego River Park Conservancy
- San Joaquin River Conservancy
- San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, Inc.
- San Mateo County Harbor District
- Santa Monica Bay Restoration
- Commission
- Santa Monica Mountains
- Santa Rosa Subregional Wastewater System
- District, Lincoln High School
- Seminopine Water Storage District
- Sequoia Riverlands Trust
- Shasta Land Trust
- Shea Homes Limited Partnership
- Sierra Business Council
- Sierra Foothill Conservancy
- Sierra Los Tulares Land Trust
- Skylocher Resource Conservation District
- Smith River Alliance
- Solano County Planning Department
- Solano Land Trust
- Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District
- Sonoma County Land Trust
- Southern California Edison
- State Water Resources Control Board
- Student Conservation Association
- The Big Basin Foundation
- The Big Sur Land Trust
- The Conservation Fund
- The David and Lucille Packard Foundation
- The Land Trust of Napa County
- The Nature Conservancy
- The San Francisco Foundation
- The Trust For Public Land
- Trout Unlimited
- Tuolumne County Land Trust
- Turtle Bay Exploration Park
- U.C. Extension Service
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service (USDA)
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Davis
- Watsonville Wetlands
- Western Plaza Unified School District
- Westside Resource Conservation District
- Wetlands, Inc.
- Yolo Basin Foundation
- Yolo Land Trust