



CDFW Land Regulations

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Wildlife Areas

110 wildlife areas

712, 123 acres

Purposes:

- **Conserve wildlife and habitats**
- **Hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, photography, conservation education and research activities**
- **Fish & Game Code Sections 1526, 1528 and 1745**

Ecological Reserves

135 Ecological Reserves

229,953 acres

Purposes:

- **Conserve rare species and specialized habitat types**
- **Conservation education and research**
- **Other uses may be authorized if compatible**
- **Fish & Game Code Sections: 1580, 1584, 1585**



Fish and Game Commission Authority to :

- **Designate land as wildlife areas or ecological reserves**
- **Authorize compatible public uses**

Fish and Game Code
Sections 1525, 1526, 1580, 1584

Sections of Title 14, CA Code of Regulations (regs)

550	Public use regs that apply to all CDFW lands
550.5	Restricted entry (reservations, permits, etc.)
551	List of wildlife areas, site-specific regs
552	Site-specific regs for nine federal refuges under agreement with CDFW
630	List of ecological reserves, site-specific regs

Recommended Changes Overview

- **Designate 9 relatively new properties as ecological reserves or wildlife areas.**
- **“Un-designate” 3 wildlife areas, plus 2 units of Grizzly Island WA where CDFW no longer has management authority.**
- **Site-specific changes for 11 existing wildlife areas and ecological reserves.**
- **Minor clarification/clean-up changes.**

Lands to be Designated

➤ Kern

- Indian Wells ER

➤ Riverside

- Santa Margarita River ER

➤ San Diego

- Cañada de San Vicente ER
- San Vicente Highlands ER

➤ San Luis Obispo

- North Carrizo ER

➤ Santa Barbara

- Cienega Springs ER

➤ Inyo

- Deep Springs ER
- Round Valley WA
- Tecopa ER



Lands to be Un-designated

➤ **Lake Berryessa WA**

- Napa County
- Owned by the Bureau of Reclamation

➤ **South Fork WA**

- Kern County
- Owned by U.S. Forest Service

➤ **White Slough WA**

- San Joaquin County
- Owned by Department of Water Resources

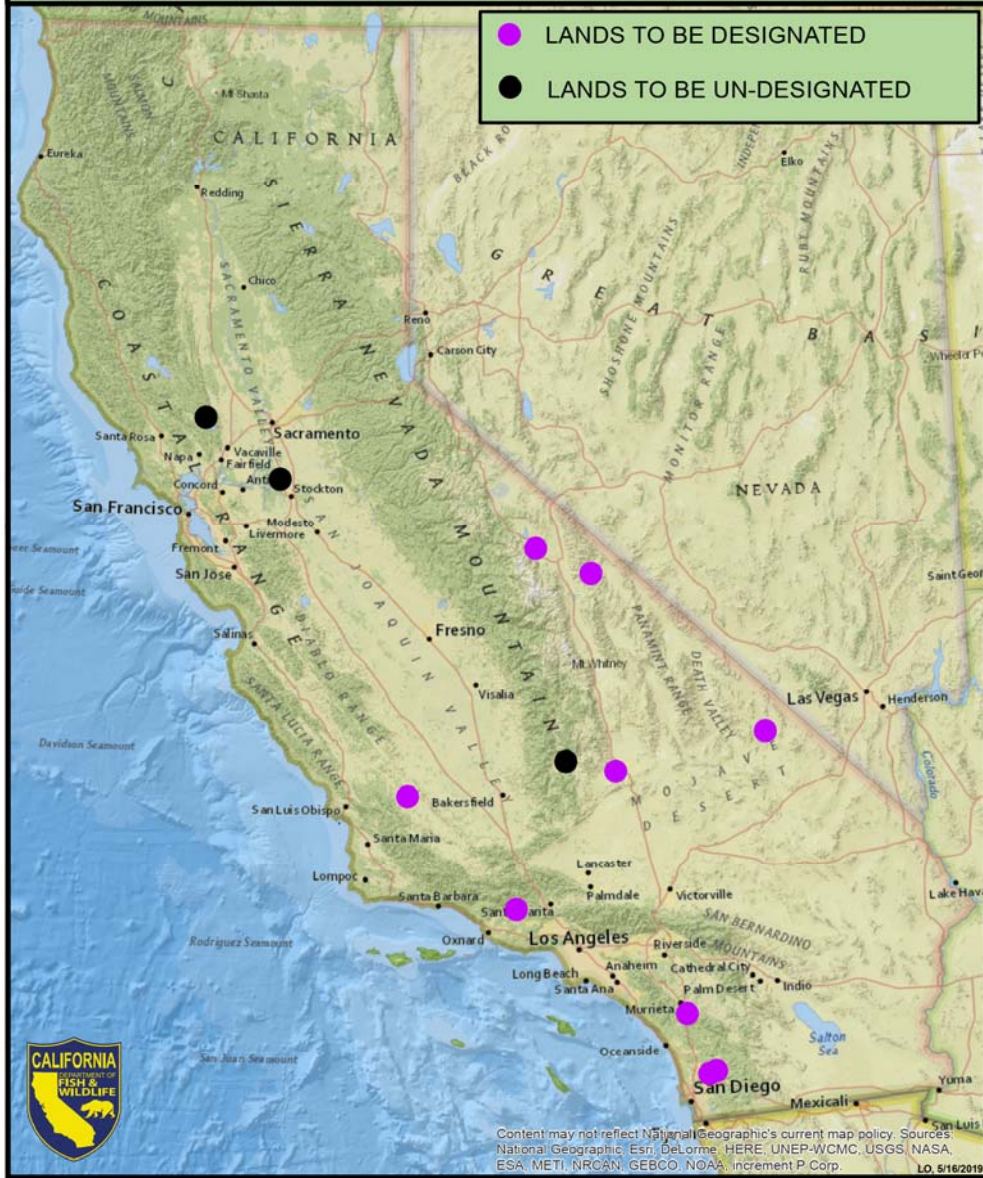
➤ **Gold Hills and Garibaldi Units, Grizzly Island WA**

- Solano County
- Owned by Pacific Flyway Center

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California Department of Fish and Wildlife Lands to Be Designated or Un-Designated May 2019

- LANDS TO BE DESIGNATED
- LANDS TO BE UN-DESIGNATED



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Site-Specific Changes

- **Early season pheasant hunt days.**
- **Biking on a regional trail at Green Island Unit of Napa Sonoma Marsh WA (NSMWA)**
- **Opening the Southern Crossing Unit, NSMWA**
- **Extend crow hunting at Hollenbeck Canyon WA**
- **Prohibit firearms/archery at Truckee River WA**
- **Closure of Del Mar Mesa/Lopez Ridge ER, San Diego**

Minor Clean Up Examples

- **550.5(c)(7): Junior hunters who are under the age of 16, issued an entry permit to hunt only when accompanied by an adult.**
- **Remove references to specific properties proposed for removal from Title 14.**
- **Lake Sonoma Wildlife Area is listed in Section 551(b) and 551(c). Since it is entirely on federal land, it should only be listed in Section 551(c).**
- **Update language for consistency with federal regulations on federal refuges on which hunting is managed by CDFW under an agreement with the USFWS.**

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Any Questions?

