

**Summary of Approved California Duck Stamp Projects
FY 2020-21**

(project costs rounded to nearest dollar)

Projects will be completed by May 15, 2023

Canada Habitat Project

Wetland and Upland Conservation – Alberta/Saskatchewan, Canada.....\$139,037

Establish a conservation easement and or restore wetlands associated with key breeding uplands in Alberta for pintail. Specific project parameters are still in development with the landowner. This project will also be matched by North America Wetland Conservation Act dollars.

Ongoing Projects - California

Duck Banding (pintail and mallards) – California Waterfowl Association..... \$64,000

This is a cooperative project to maintain sufficient banded samples of pintail and mallards to assess harvest and survival rates, as well as inputs for the Western Mallard Model.

CA VCF Portion of Breeding Population Survey..... \$45,000

This project will continue the survey to estimate visibility correction factors for the California waterfowl breeding population survey.

Tule Greater White-fronted Goose Population Study..... \$7,000

This project will continue ongoing population estimation, habitat use, and distribution by purchasing and marking birds with radio transmitters.

Department of Fish and Wildlife – Internal Expenditures \$90,000

This funding provides the match for the Pittman Robertson Act funding for the Waterfowl Program in the Wildlife Branch.

Department of Fish and Wildlife – Duck Stamp Administration \$2,500

This funding provides for the delivery of physical stamps to purchasers, as required under Fish and Game Code, and other administrative charges related to ALDS.

Department of Fish and Wildlife – Contingency Fund..... \$29,735

This funding provides the ability to cover for emergencies (drought related or otherwise) and or cost overruns on new and existing projects. The Fish and Game Commission approved the expenditure of \$50,000 to contribute to an easement in conjunction with the Intermountain West Joint Venture, located in northeastern California that protects staging habitat for waterfowl from FY 2018-19. However; funds had to be diverted to cover costs of printing and distributing regulation booklets. The Department intends to contribute to the easement this fiscal year.

New Projects – California

Pintail Harvest Strategy Analysis and Review \$150,000

Contract with experienced waterfowl statistician to review and analyze revised pintail harvest strategy (in development) to ensure regulations allow for hunting opportunity commensurate with population status.

Butte Valley Wildlife Area – Solar Array Project \$890,000

Maintain 2,190 wetland acres by installing a solar array as a means for pumping water to flood the area. The array is estimated to generate \$35-40,000 in useable power credits annually. The electricity credit frees up existing budgets to expand managed wetlands including brood ponds.

Yolo Basin Wildlife Area – Green’s Lake Water Conveyance Improvement....\$1,000,000

Establish a reliable water delivery infrastructure by installing water control structures, HDPE pipe and gates, and vegetation removal.