



California Riparian Habitat Conservation Program 2021 Call for Concepts

The [Wildlife Conservation Board](#) (WCB) [California Riparian Habitat Conservation Program](#) (Program) is accepting concept proposals for projects that provide meaningful and sustainable improvements to riparian habitats. Up to \$12 million is available.

Projects located in southern California (south of San Luis Obispo County) will be prioritized, as well as projects that advance the California Biodiversity Initiative ([Executive Order N-82-20](#)). Concept proposals should be for:

1. Implementation of a capital improvement project that restores or enhances riparian habitats and functions, or
2. Design and planning of a riparian habitat restoration project which leads directly to implementing a capital improvement project.

Shovel-ready implementation projects that have a completed CEQA document will be prioritized. The following project types will be emphasized:

- Restoration of native riparian vegetation biodiversity, habitat complexity and structure, and habitat for species of special concern.
- Re-establishing floodplain connectivity.
- Contouring degraded, incised, or undefined streams to restore natural hydrology.
- Upper watershed improvements that will benefit on-site and downstream riparian resources.

Federal, state, and local government entities, non-profit organizations, and public districts are eligible to apply for riparian grants. The Program does not provide funding for maintenance activities or mitigation projects.

Concept proposals will be accepted until March 31, 2021. Proposals will be evaluated based on the above-mentioned priorities and project readiness. Successful concepts will be invited to submit a full application. Use the [pre-application form](#) to submit your concept proposal. See [Appendix A](#) for a preview of the pre-application form. Optional documents (e.g., maps, labeled photos, design drawings) may be transmitted by email as one combined PDF document not to exceed five pages to the contact listed below.

Potential applicants may contact the WCB Program manager to consult about project ideas and ask questions about the Program, WCB, and the grant process.

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