



Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act



The Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act (HREA) established permitting efficiencies for any person, public agency, or nonprofit organization seeking to implement a habitat restoration or enhancement project. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) approval pursuant to HREA can expedite small voluntary habitat restoration and enhancement projects.

Projects have included:



Fish Passage Barrier Removal



Large Woody Debris Installation in Streams



Invasive Non-native Vegetation Removal

HREA Benefits:

- Approval in 30-60 days
- Lower fees for most projects
- No other CDFW approvals required (i.e., Lake or Streambed Alteration and California Endangered Species Act)
- Exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Scan the QR-Code to visit the HREA web page:



wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Environmental-Review/HREA

Is my project eligible?

- Project primary purpose is improving fish and wildlife habitat
- Project meets eligibility requirement for State Water Resources Control Board's Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects (401 SHRP). Currently limited to 5 acres or 500 linear feet
- Project is consistent with best available restoration and enhancement methodologies

Two HREA approval pathways defined in Fish and Game Code:

§1652

- When you have not received 401 SHRP certification
- 60-day approval

§1653

- When you have received 401 SHRP certification.
- 30-day approval