

**Summary of Approved California Duck Stamp Projects
FY 2023-24**

(project costs rounded to nearest dollar)

Projects will be completed by May 1, 2026

Canada Habitat Project

Wetland and Upland Conservation – Alberta/Saskatchewan, Canada.....\$146,786

Establish a conservation easement and or restore wetlands associated with key breeding uplands in Alberta or Saskatchewan 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 \$95,000

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 (provide adaptive regulatory approach for establishing hunting frameworks in the Pacific Flyway).

CA VCF Portion of Breeding Population Survey-Fuel \$15,000

This project is for the helicopter portion of the survey that is used to estimate visibility correction factors for the California Breeding Population Survey in the fixed-wing.

Tule Greater White-fronted Goose Population Study \$12,000

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 \$119,812

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 \$3,500

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..... \$79,184

This funding provides the ability to cover emergencies (drought related or otherwise) and or cost overruns on new and existing projects caused supply shortages.

New Projects – California

Ash Creek Wildlife Area – Wayman Reverse Cycle Wetland \$165,843

Restore 75 acres of brood and molting habitat by rebuilding levees, grading, swales/potholes and islands, and replacing water structures.

Colusa NWR-Tracts 10A and 12A.....\$172,024

Enhance 127 wetland acres by conducting topo survey and developing engineer plan, swales, rebuilding levees, ditch cleaning, water structure and spraying invasive weeds.

Upper Butte Basin WA-Llano Seco Unit Field 310.....\$223,517

Enhance 41 wetland and 4 upland acres by developing an engineer plan, recontouring, islands, swales, replacing water structures, drainage ditch, spraying invasive weeds, planting native grasses, recontouring, creating islands and swales and replacing old water structure,removal of defunct drain pipe.

North Grasslands WA – Salt Slough Unit.....\$314,830

Enhance 225 wetland (seasonal and semi-permanent) acres by recontouring , swales, water structures, rebuilding levees.

Black Brant Connectivity Between Breeding and Wintering Areas.....\$61,040

Describe breeding origination of Brant wintering at Humboldt Bay. Viable SNPs on Brant genome will be developed from already collected breeding ground samples (Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and Arctic Coastal Plain). Hunter harvested birds will be sampled at Humboldt Bay to determine breeding ground origination based on reference sample.