



*Old growth redwood forest on the Pico Blanco property in Monterey County. Photo courtesy of Kodiak Greenwood/Western Rivers Conservancy.*



STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**Wildlife Conservation Board**

Year in Review | 2024



## WCB MISSION

*WCB protects, restores, and enhances California's spectacular natural resources for wildlife and for the public's use and enjoyment, in partnership with tribes, conservation groups, government agencies, and the people of California.*



# ***This is What We Do!***

A Message from WCB's Executive Director

I am thrilled to share WCB's 2024 Year in Review, showcasing an incredible set of projects and accomplishments from the past 12 months. The work we do together, to protect California's iconic landscapes, restore habitats and increase the opportunity for all of us to enjoy the beautiful outdoors, has never been more important or relevant. I am so proud of our partnerships and our collaborations to build a resilient world for future generations. I can't wait to see what we can achieve in 2025!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia".





*Blue oak woodland in the hills between the San Joaquin Valley and the Sierra Nevada Mountains on the Hershey Ranch property in Tulare County. Photo courtesy of The Conservation Fund.*

## BY THE NUMBERS

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# WCB in 2024

**WCB contributed to 120 projects for the 2024 calendar year, allocating approximately \$320 million in funding including:**



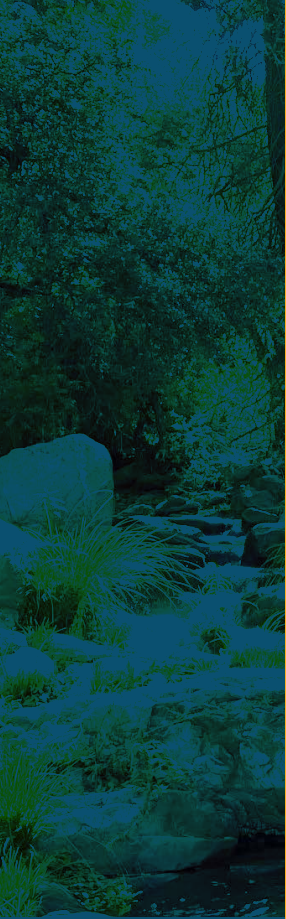
**\$93.5 million**  
for habitat restoration and  
enhancement of over  
**5,000 acres**



**\$162.4 million**  
for purchase or  
conservation easement on  
**90,000 acres of land**

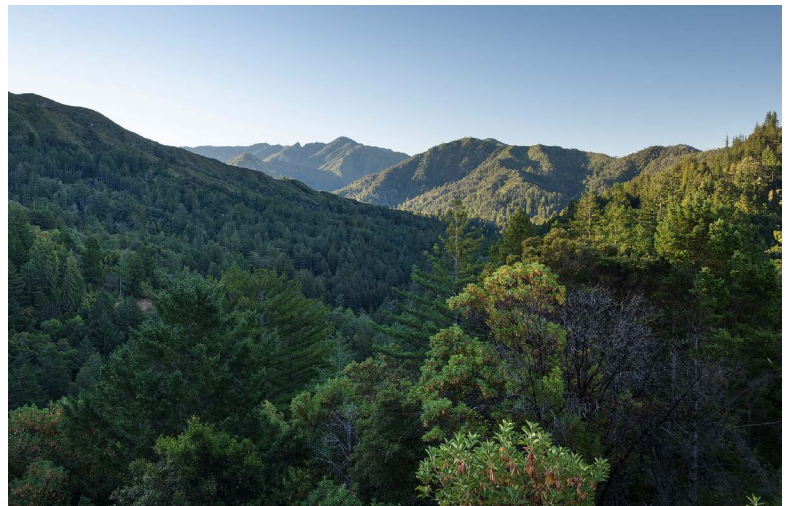


**\$63.9 million**  
for public access, project  
planning, and studies



## ***2024 Native American Tribal Partnership Projects***

In 2024, WCB approved funding for 23 projects working with Native American tribes. Three of these are ancestral land return projects, where tribes received WCB funding to purchase properties in their ancestral homelands. Eleven of the projects included traditional ecological knowledge in restoration design and planning, and five of the projects included tribal access to and co-management of conserved lands.





Community hike on the Puente Hills County Park site in Los Angeles County. Photo courtesy of Studio-MLA.

# 2024 Justice Community Partnerships

**WCB invests in justice communities throughout the state, providing public access, renewed natural landscapes, job opportunities and climate resiliency to historically underrepresented communities.**



**\$200 million**  
(or 63%) of WCB funds supported work in justice communities



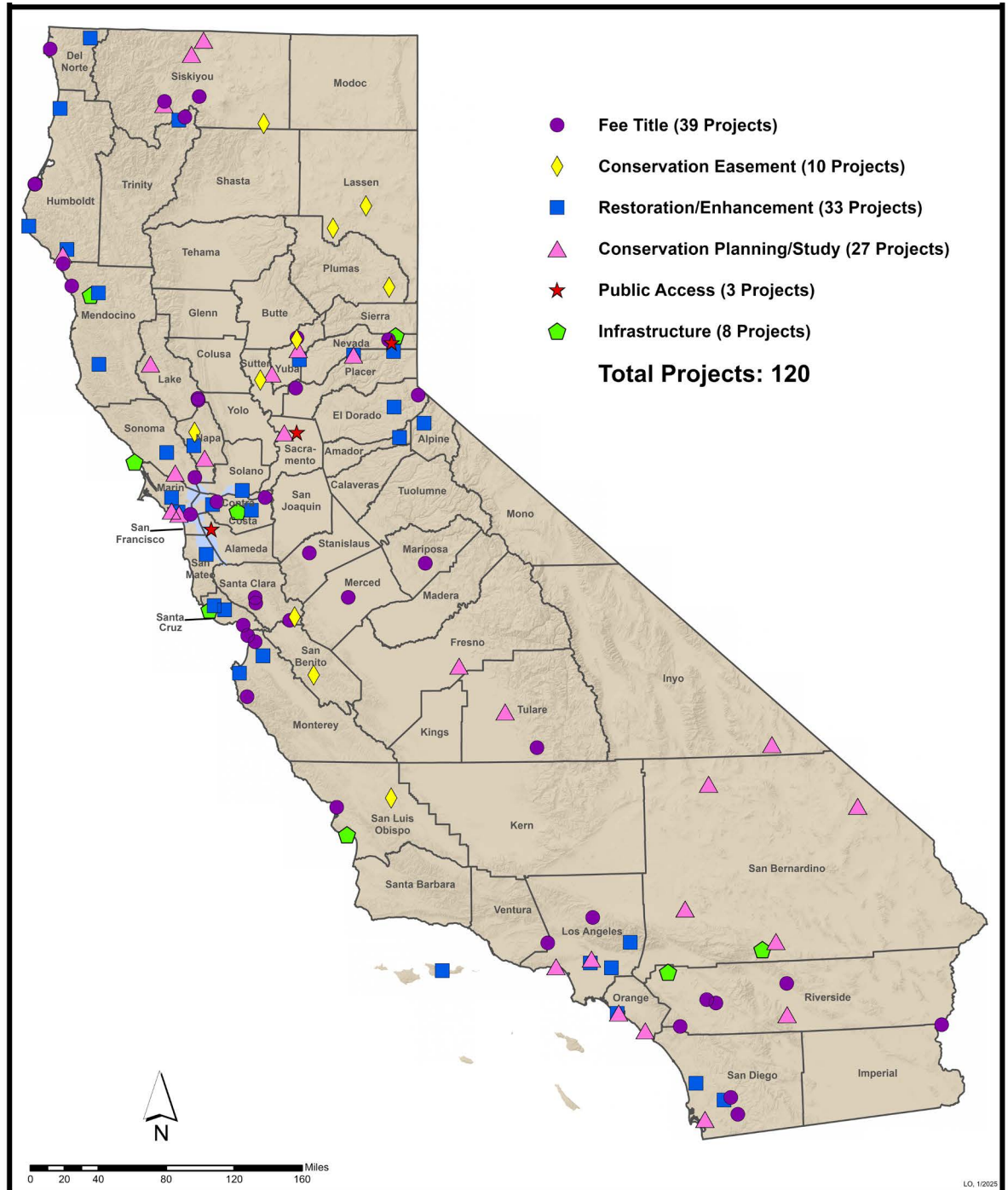
**59 of the 120**  
approved projects were equity projects

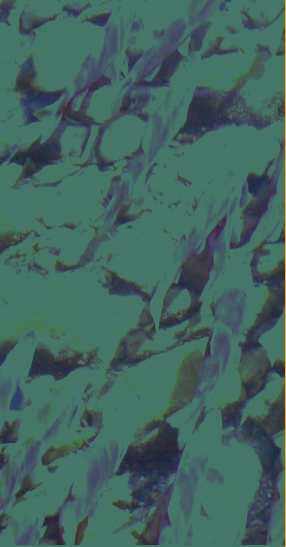


**75,000 acres**  
of land restored, acquired or improved benefiting justice communities



# 2024 PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS





## STORYMAPS

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Please visit our StoryMaps below to learn more about WCB's latest efforts to protect, restore and enhance California's natural resources.



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*WCB's seven-member Board consists of the President of the Fish and Game Commission, the Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Director of the Department of Finance, and four public members, two appointed by the legislature and two by the Governor. Non-voting members include three advisors each from the State Assembly and the State Senate.*



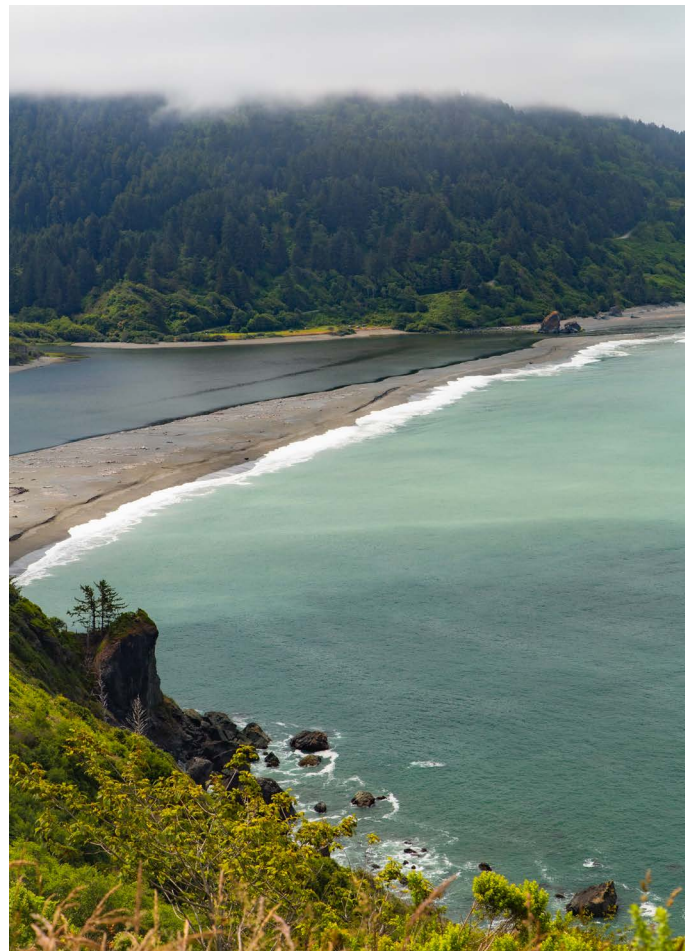


## OUR PARTNERS

- 40 Acre Conservation League
- Amargosa Conservancy
- American Bird Conservancy
- American Indian Council of Mariposa County
- American River Conservancy
- American Rivers, Inc
- Big Sur Land Trust
- Cal Poly Humboldt
- California Botanic Garden
- California Coastal Commission
- California Department of Conservation
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
- California Department of Parks and Recreation
- California Department of Transportation
- California Department of Water Resources
- California Institute of Environmental Studies
- California Natural Resources Agency
- California Rangeland Trust
- California Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- California State Coastal Conservancy
- California State Water Resources Control Board
- California Tahoe Conservancy
- Cayucos Land Conservancy
- City of Fortuna
- City of Industry
- City of Los Angeles
- City of Petaluma
- City of Rancho Cordova
- City of Santa Rosa
- Coastal Corridor Alliance
- County of Alameda
- County of Humboldt
- County of Lake
- County of Los Angeles
- County of Marin
- County of Napa
- County of Placer
- County of Riverside
- County of Sacramento

County of San Diego  
County of Santa Clara  
County of Santa Cruz  
County of Sonoma  
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.  
Earth Discovery Institute  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
East Bay Regional Park District  
Endangered Habitats Conservancy  
Feather River Land Trust  
Friends of the Desert Mountains  
Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy  
Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation  
Grace Us Foundation  
Greater Farallones Association  
Groundworks San Diego – Chollas Creek  
Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy  
Inland Empire Resource Conservation District  
Integrated Regional Water Management  
John Muir Land Trust  
Kounkuey Design Initiative, Inc.  
Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation  
Lakeside’s River Park Conservancy  
Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County  
Land Trust of Napa County  
Land Trust of Santa Cruz County  
Marin Municipal Water District  
Mattole Salmon Group  
Mendocino County Resource Conservation District  
Mike Thompson Congressional Community Funds  
Mojave Desert Land Trust  
Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project  
Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District  
Mount Diablo Interpretive Association  
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Napa County Resource Conservation District  
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation  
National Science Foundation  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
Native American Land Conservancy  
Orange County Community Foundation  
Ore-Cal Resource Conservation and Development Area Council  
Oswit Land Trust  
Pacific Forest Trust  
Peninsula Open Space Trust  
Petaluma River Park Foundation  
Placer Legacy Program  
Port San Luis Harbor District  
Rancho Santa Fe Association  
Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains



Resources Legacy Fund	The Nature Conservancy
River Partners	The Regents of the University of California
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy	Town of Tiburon
Salmonid Restoration Federation	Transition Habitat Cons
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	Trout Unlimited
San Dieguito River Valley Land Conservancy	Truckee Donner Land Trust
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority	Truckee River Watershed Council
San Francisco Zen Center	Trust for Public Land
San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Sanctuary Forest, Inc.	U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA
Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority	U.S. Department of the Interior
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Save The Redwoods League	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Shoshone Village	U.S. National Park Service
Sierra Foothill Conservancy	University of California, Berkeley
Siskiyou Land Trust	University of California, Davis
Soil Born Farms	University of California, Irvine
Sonoma Land Trust	Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority
South Yuba River Citizens League	USDA Forest Service
Southern California Mountains Foundation	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation	Western Rivers Conservancy
Sugarloaf Land & Cattle Company, LLC	Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority
Sutter County Resource Conservation District	Wildlife Conservation Network
Tahoe Donner Association	
The Conservation Fund	





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