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MOVING BEYOND A SALMON RESTORATION ECONOMY

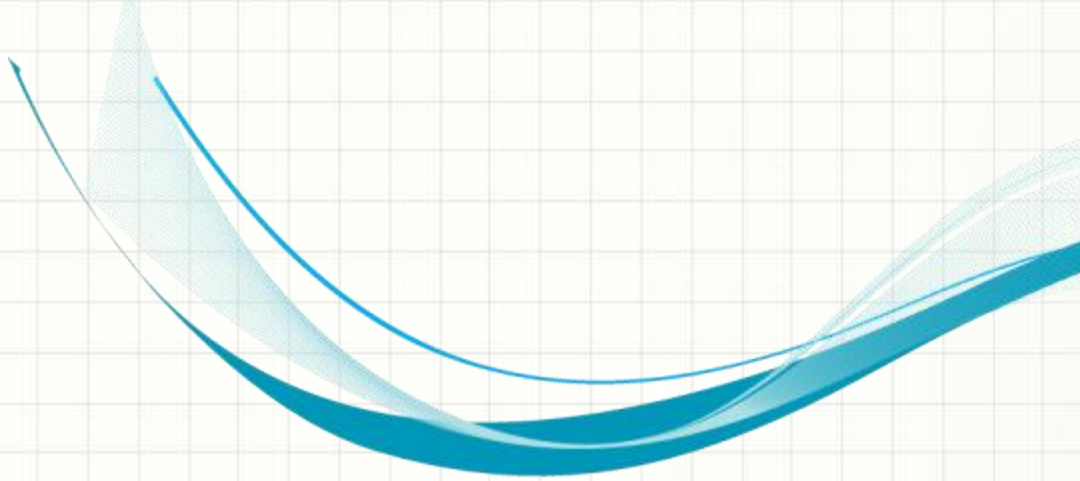




**THE LACK OF ADEQUATE FUNDING CAUSES
SINGLE SPECIES APPROACHES, A LACK OF
MONITORING, LIMITED ORG SUPPORT; WE
NEED MORE \$**

HOW DO WE GET THERE????

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- Time to Imbed Preventative Financial Incentives in Everyday Land Use Decisions and Economies



Restoration is not
Sustainable...It would mean
that Watershed Degradation
is continuing



Prevention is
Sustainable and
More Cost Effective



The Restoration Economy is
built of a House of Cards

Grant Funds are running out
and are unreliable



So how do we build a Program of Bricks and Mortar ?

**How do we Imbed Financial
Incentives into Good Land
Stewardship???**

Many Challenges

- Permitting Hurdles
- Single species approaches do not work
- Disincentives for good stewardship
- Bond Moneys are drying Up
- A Water Bond or Parks & Wildlife Bond are a distant possibility that will not take effect for several years at best

Opportunities

- Programmatic Permits for all restoration work regardless of state funding source; ie expand the DFW programmatic Program to all state funding programs
- Permit Streamlining for Stewardship Landowners
- Tax Breaks: direct tax credits for prevention and restoration work
- Increased agricultural product value from Stewardship Certification Program



**CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS ARE ONLY
ENFORCED ON THE COMPLIANT**

THE INCOMPLIANT CARRY ON...

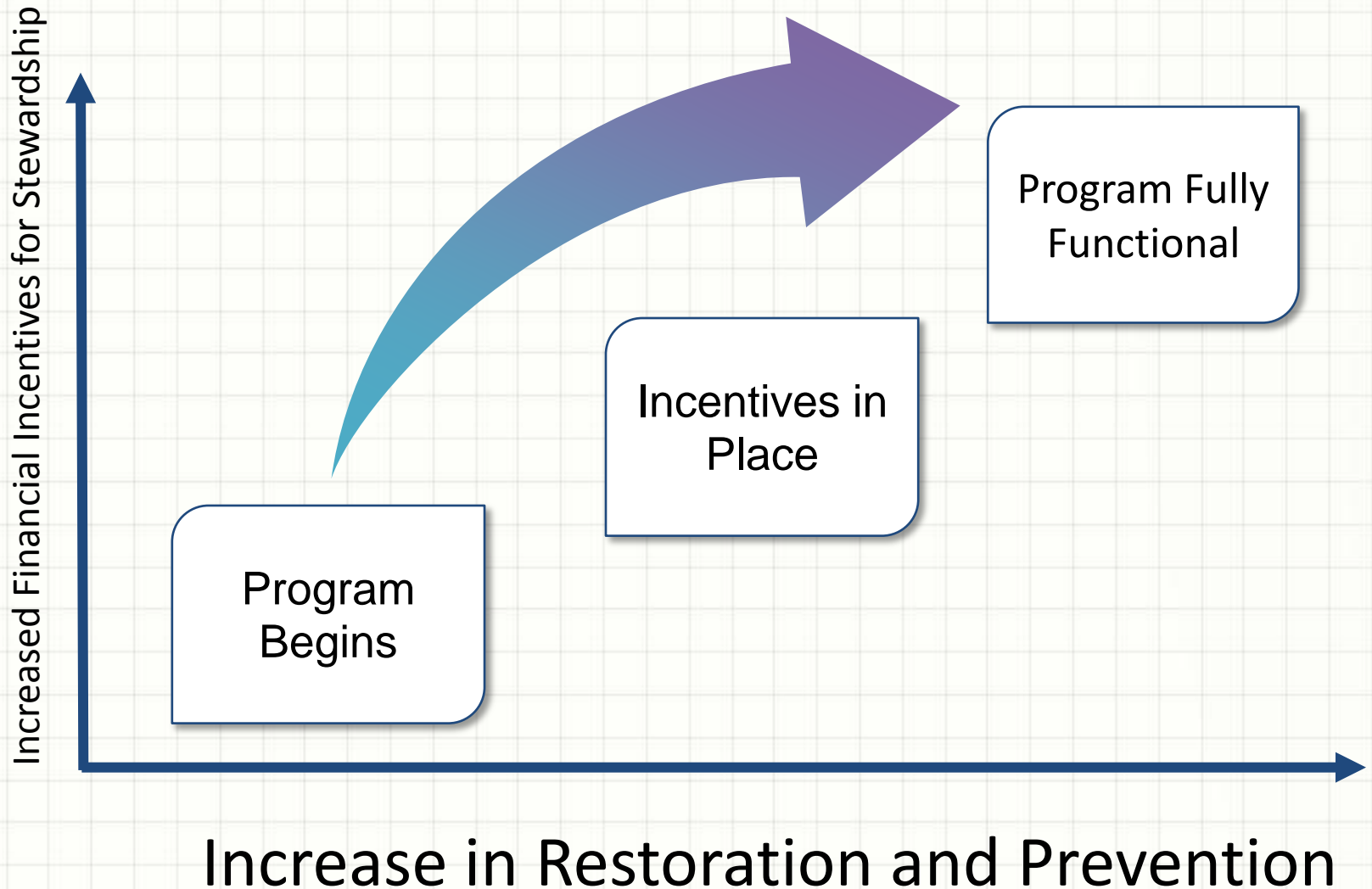
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- There is no continuing Damage to our watersheds
- An All Species Act that rewards prevention before the species become imperiled
- A Time where good land stewardship is rewarded
- Using Eco System Services is as common as hiring a plumber or electrician
- There is a Salmon heaven here on earth
- All the fishes swimming wild and free!!!

Economics 101

- Carrots are more effective than a stick
- Currently there are very few incentives for good land stewardship
- Most landowners want to be good stewards
- Comprehensive approaches to conservation are more cost and results effective than the single species approaches we currently use

Working Toward Stewardship



Example

- Williamson and Timber Production Zoning

Current Picture...

Property Tax Break for keeping lands in ag or timber but does not dictate the condition that these lands must be maintained in

- Imagine a Williamson Act Plus (+) or if you will a “GOLD Standard” for how that land is maintained
- Keep it in ag or timber with Best Management practices and receive multiple tax and permit breaks

Stewardship Act

A full menu of state and federal tax breaks and permit incentives to include:

1. Property Tax reductions for qualified parcels
2. Permit streamlining for qualified landowners
3. Tax write offs (credits) for all expenses related to protecting water, wildlife & soil

Large Wood and Boulders (nuts and bolts)

How would the Stewardship Act work?

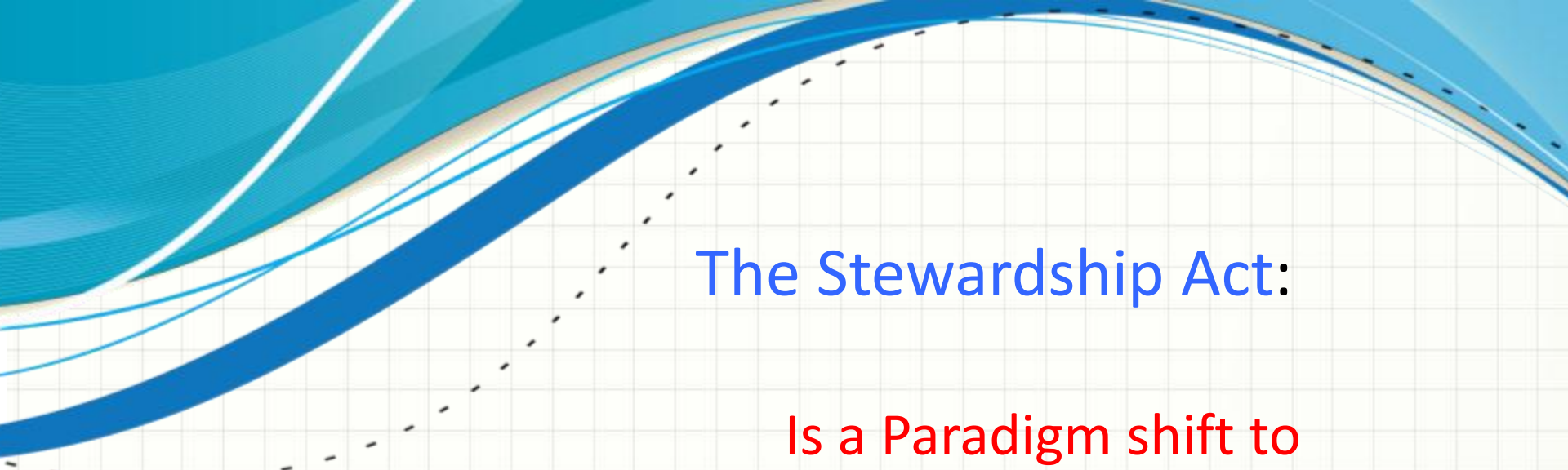
- 1st General Plan Updates and corresponding Ordinances designed to encourage stewardship
- 2nd Conservation Lands Zoning Overlays
- 3rd Qualifying Audits by NRCS (fed), RCD (state), and Watershed Councils to be entered into program and every 3 years to stay qualified

Qualified Land Stewards

1. Qualify for state and federal tax credits
2. Qualify for streamlined permits and reduced permit fees
3. Stay qualified if Audit shows that landowner is at 80% or better for Best management Practices as identified in the NRCS and CA DFW manuals

Failed Audit

- Probation period with set time limits to correct BMP measures
- Landowner pays additional inspection fees
- 2 failed audits and landowner has to start over with new application
- Zoning reverts to existing underlay of zoning such as ag exclusive or TPZ etc.



The Stewardship Act:

Is a Paradigm shift to

A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO MULTIPLE SPECIES PROTECTION; IT DOES NOT MATTER IF YOU ARE GROWING GRAPES, TREES, MARIJUANA, OR COWS

Rewards Good Land Stewardship, and funds enforcement of in-compliant landowners



IMAGINE



PREVENTION IS CHEAPER THAN RESTORATION

ANY SHIFT OR LOSS IN RESOURCES FOR COUNTIES AND THE STATE WILL BE MADE UP BY COST SAVINGS FROM REDUCED ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE, FLOODING, AND OTHER SPIN OFF NEGATIVE EFFECTS