Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage

LWCF in CALIFORNIA

HELP PROTECT CALIFORNIA'S QUALITY OF LIFE BY SUPPORTING FULL FUNDING FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

LWCF Funded Units in California

Federal Program

American River
Angeles NF
Antioch Dunes NWR
Bitter Creek NWR
Bizz Johnson Trail
Humboldt County
Blue Ridge NWR
Bodie Bowl ACEC
Cache Creek ACEC
California Coastal NM
California Desert NPs
California NWRs
California NFs
California Wilderness/Catellus
Carrizo Plain
Central Valley Wetlands
Channel Islands NP
Chuckwalla Bench ACEC
Cleveland NF
Coachella V.-Toed Lizard ACEC
Coachella Valley NWR
Consumnes River Preserve
Desert Tortoise Habitat
Don Edwards SF Bay NWR
Dos Palmas/Salt Creek
East Mojave NSA
El Dorado County
El Dorado NF
Ellicott Slough NWR
Golden Gate NRA
Grasslands WMA
*Havasu NWR
Headwaters Conservation
Humboldt-Toiyabe NF
Inyo NF
John Muir NHS
Johnson Canyon ACEC
Joshua Tree NP
King Range NCA
Kings Canyon NP
Tahoe NF/L. Tahoe Basin
Lacks Creek ACEC
Lassen NF
Lassen Volcanic NP
Los Padres NF
Marin Islands NWR
Mendocino NF
Merced WSR
Middle Fork Feather NSRR
Mojave NPres
Morongo Canyons

LWCF Success in California

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has provided funding to help protect some of California's most special places and ensure recreational access for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. California has received approximately $2.411 billion in LWCF funding over the past five decades, protecting places such as the Lake Tahoe Basin, California Desert, Point Reyes National Seashore, Headwaters Forest, the San Diego and Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuges, the national forests of the Sierra Nevada.

Forest Legacy Program (FLP) grants are also funded under LWCF, to help protect working forests. The FLP cost-share funding supports timber sector jobs and sustainable forest operations while enhancing wildlife habitat, water quality and recreation. For example, the FLP contributed to places such as the Jenner Headlands in Sonoma County and Chalk Mountain in Humboldt County. The FLP assists states and private forest owners to maintain working forest lands through matching grants for permanent conservation easement and fee acquisitions, and has leveraged approximately $23 million in federal funds to invest $84 million in California's forests, while protecting air and water quality, wildlife habitat, access for recreation and other public benefits provided by forests.

LWCF state assistance grants have further supported hundreds of projects across California's state and local parks including the American River Parkway in Sacramento, Griffith Park in Los Angeles, and Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park in the Central Valley.

Economic Benefits

Active outdoor recreation is an important part of the California economy. The Outdoor Industry Association has found that active outdoor recreation supports $92 billion in consumer spending in California, 691,000 jobs across California which generate $30.4 billion in wages and salaries, and produces $6.2 billion annually in state and local tax revenue. Further, the U.S. Census reports that each year 7.4 million people hunt, fish, or enjoy wildlife-watching in California, contributing over $8 billion in wildlife recreation spending to the state economy.

Hiker on the Pacific Crest Trail, Credit: USFS
Top: Channel Islands NP Credit: NPS

Muir Woods NM
North Fork American River
Otay Mountain
*Pacific Crest NST
*Pacific NW Streams
Panoche-Coalinga ACEC
Patterson Bend/Squaw Leap MA
Pechanga Historic Site
Pinnacles NM
Pixley NWR
Point Reyes NS
Potrero Creek
Redwood NP
Sacramento NWR
Sacramento River NWR
San Bernardino NF
San Diego NWR
San Joaquin River NWR
San Pablo Bay NWR
San Sebastian Marsh/San Felipe Creek ACEC
Santa Monica Mountains NRA
Santa Rosa Mountains NSA/NM
Seal Beach NWR
Sequoia NF
Sequoia NP
Shasta-Trinity NF
Sierra Nevada Checkerboard
Six Rivers NF
Smith River NRA
South Fork Eel River Wilderness
Stone Lakes NWR
Tijuana Slough NWR
Trinity NF/Trinity National WSR
Upper Sacramento River ACEC
Ventana Wilderness
Western Riverside County
Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity NRA

Federal Total $ 1,852,000,000

Forest Legacy Program $ 23,000,000

Habitat Conservation (Sec. 6) $ 248,000,000

State & Local Program
Total State Grants
$ 288,000,000

Total $2,411,000,000

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LWCF in California

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Funding from LWCF, including $4.1 million in FY11, $5 million in FY10 and $4 million in FY09, was leveraged with funding from private donations and other sources to protect the 4,262 acre Rancho Corral de Tierra. Incorporating this land into the Golden Gate National Recreation Area created a new southern gateway into the park and helped connect the Bay Area Ridge Trail with the California Coastal Trail. The project also provided permanent protection of four Coastside watersheds—Denniston, San Vicente, Montara and Martini creeks—and preserved critical habitat for unique and endangered plants and animals.

Fiscal Year 2018 Agency Priority Project List for California

Agency	Project	Amount	Delegation
BLM	Mojave Trails National Monument	$1,400,000	Feinstein, Harris/Cook
FWS	North Central Valley WMA	$2,500,000	Feinstein, Harris/ LaMalfa, Garamendi
NPS	Redwood National Park	$6,000,000	Feinstein, Harris/Huffman
FS	Trinity Divide: Shasta-Trinity NF	$5,000,000	Feinstein, Harris/ Huffman, LaMalfa
FS	Red Hill: Sequoia NF	$2,600,000	Feinstein, Harris/McCarthy
FS	Sierra Nevada Checkerboard: Tahoe NF & El Dorado NF	$1,700,000	Feinstein, Harris/ McClintock, LaMalfa, Garamendi
FS	Sanhedrin: Mendocino NF	$6,700,000	Feinstein, Harris/ Garamendi, Huffman, LaMalfa
FLP	Mailliard Working Forest	$6,205,000	Feinstein, Harris/Huffman
FLP	Grizzly Creek	$995,000	Feinstein, Harris/Huffman
FLP	PUC Demonstration Forest	$1,000,000	Feinstein, Harris/ Thompson

The Fiscal Year 2018 President's Budget:
The President's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget proposal would virtually eliminate the Land and Water Conservation Fund, reducing the program's budget by nearly 85% from this year's enacted level. Under this proposal, funding for federal land conservation at America's National Parks, National Forests, National Wildlife Refuges and other public lands would be slashed as much as 89%. State grant programs to support local recreation facilities, state parks, wildlife habitat and other community conservation priorities would also be largely wiped out. Working forest protection—which opens up public access and protects drinking water supplies while still keeping jobs in the woods—is eliminated altogether. Without robust LWCF funding in FY 2018, California's conservation and outdoor recreation needs could be put on hold or lost forever.

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Note - All approximate totals derived from appropriations bills
- Forest Legacy Program & Sec. 6 funded from LWCF starting in 2004