



**Proposition 1 Program Update
Staff Report**

Approved Project Update

To date, the Conservancy has approved a total of 29 projects, committing approximately \$39.3 million for Proposition 1 grants. A brief overview of each grant cycle, including the status of each funded project for which there is a pending, active, or closed grant agreement, is provided herein.

Cycle 4 – Fiscal Year 2018-2019

The Board awarded approximately \$14.9 million for ten projects (eight planning and two implementation). Seven grant agreements have been executed; staff is working with grantees to negotiate three grant agreements.

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| Project Name | Mello/Jensen Heirs Sandhill Crane Preserve Project (Implementation) |
| Amount Awarded | \$2,273,469 |
| County | Sacramento |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1801 |
| Grantee | Agricultural-Natural Resources Trust |
| Overview | Acquire a conservation easement on 275 acres of farmland to ensure that it remains as wildlife friendly agriculture |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 12/29/2020 |
| New Information | Grant agreement has been executed. |

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| Project Name | Blacklock Restoration: Phragmites Control Study (Planning) |
| Agreement Amount | \$387,440 |
| County | Solano |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1803 |
| Grantee | Department of Water Resources |
| Overview | Test methods for controlling invasive species in future restoration at the Blacklock restoration site |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 3/17/2020 |
| New Information | Phragmites treatments are underway. |

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| Project Name | Delta Waterways Habitat Restoration Planning (Planning) |
| Agreement Amount | \$347,481 |
| County | Solano |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1804 |
| Grantee | Solano Resource Conservation District |
| Overview | Planning for restoration and enhancement of waterways and edge habitats on working lands in Solano County |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 12/19/2019 |
| New Information | None |

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| Project Name | Paradise Cut Conservation and Flood Management Project, Phase 2 (Planning) |
| Amount Awarded | \$265,254 |
| County | San Joaquin |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1806 |
| Grantee | San Joaquin Resource Conservation District |
| Overview | Outreach and planning to advance the Paradise Cut Flood Bypass in San Joaquin County |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 9/23/2020 |
| New Information | Grant agreement has been executed. |

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| Project Name | Elk Slough Fish Passage and Flood Improvement (Planning) |
| Amount Awarded | \$984,695 |
| County | Yolo |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1807 |
| Grantee | Reclamation District 999 |
| Overview | Planning for habitat and flood control enhancements along Elk Slough |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 7/10/2020 |
| New Information | Grantee is forming the Technical Advisory Committee. |

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| Project Name | Lower San Joaquin Riparian Corridor (Planning) |
| Amount Awarded | \$522,027 |
| County | San Joaquin |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1808 |
| Grantee | American Rivers |
| Overview | Planning for restoration of floodplain and riparian habitat along the lower San Joaquin River |
| Grant Agreement Status | Pending |
| New Information | Grant agreement has been sent to the grantee for review. |

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| Project Name | Marsh Creek Channel Restoration (Planning) |
| Amount Awarded | \$519,494 |
| County | Contra Costa |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1809 |
| Grantee | American Rivers |
| Overview | Planning for Marsh Creek floodplain and riparian habitat restoration |
| Grant Agreement Status | Pending |
| New Information | Grant agreement has been sent to the grantee for review. |

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| Project Name | Phase 1 San Joaquin River Floodplain Restoration and Floodway Enhancement at Banta-Carbona Project (Planning) |
| Amount Awarded | \$750,931 |
| County | San Joaquin |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1810 |
| Grantee | Banta-Carbona Irrigation District |
| Overview | Planning for 30 acres of seasonally-inundated floodplain restoration |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 12/10/202 |
| New Information | Grant agreement has been executed. |

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| Project Name | Nutria Eradication Project, Phase 2 (Implementation) |
| Agreement Amount | \$8,483,080 |
| County | Multiple |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1813 |
| Grantee | California Department of Fish and Wildlife |
| Overview | Surveys for and removal of invasive species to minimize or avoid impacts to wetland habitats and water quality |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 6/8/2020 |
| New Information | The Grantee is using a new satellite collar prototype in the Judas Nutria project that seems to be more effective. |

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| Project Name | Oakley Creekside Park Restoration (Planning) |
| Amount Awarded | \$436,465 |
| County | Contra Costa |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1814 |
| Grantee | City of Oakley |
| Overview | Planning for restoration of floodplain and riparian habitat along Marsh Creek |
| Grant Agreement Status | Pending |
| New Information | Grant agreement has been sent to the grantee for review |

Cycle 3 – Fiscal Year 2017-2018

The Board awarded approximately \$16.0 million for eight projects (four planning and four implementation).

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| Project Name | Bay Point Habitat Restoration Project (Implementation) |
| Agreement Amount | \$2,100,000 |
| County | Contra Costa |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1701 |
| Grantee | East Bay Regional Park District |
| Overview | Restore 44 acres of wetland and grassland and 5,595 linear feet of saline emergent marsh channel at Bay Point Regional Shoreline Park |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 4/10/2019 |
| New Information | Construction is complete. Grantee held a virtual reopening celebration on 11/20/2020. |

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| Project Name | Restoration Planning at River Garden Farms: Improving aquatic habitat resiliency on working lands along the Sacramento River (Planning) |
| Agreement Amount | \$647,701 |
| County | Yolo |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1702 |
| Grantee | American Rivers |
| Overview | Develop restoration design plans for seven different project sites at River Garden Farms to restore ecosystem function in floodplain, wetland, and riparian habitats and provide habitat connectivity on a working farm |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 1/22/2019 |
| New Information | As previously reported, the grantee discovered that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is beginning habitat restoration planning on one of the subsites of this project. After meeting with DWR, it seems the best course of action is to drop that subsite from this project. The grantee has submitted an amendment request to do so and to reallocate funds to accommodate increased cultural resource surveying needs. This amendment will be presented to the Board at the March 2020 Board meeting. |

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| Project Name | Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project (Planning) |
| Agreement Amount | \$1,225,000 |
| County | Contra Costa |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1709 |
| Grantee | East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy |
| Overview | Advance planning for restoring wetlands and managing and treating storm water on public land in Knightsen |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 3/20/2019 |
| New Information | The amendment that was approved by the Board is in the process of being executed. |

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| Project Name | Grizzly Slough Floodplain Restoration Project at the Cosumnes River Preserve (Implementation) |
| Agreement Amount | \$8,700,800 |
| County | Sacramento |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1710 |
| Grantee | Department of Water Resources |
| Overview | Restore wetland and riparian habitat to the 334-acre site by breaching the levee and reintroducing tidal and seasonal flooding, and by establishing native vegetation |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 4/30/2020 |
| New Information | Grantee is securing final permits. |

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| Project Name | Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project #2 (Implementation) |
| Agreement Amount | \$990,543 |
| County | Contra Costa |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1711 |
| Grantee | American Rivers |
| Overview | Add one acre of habitat to the current Three Creeks Parkway Restoration project, thereby enhancing the ecological benefits of that project, while satisfying flood conveyance needs to protect the local area and allowing the larger project to move forward. |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 7/26/2019 |
| New Information | Construction is complete and vegetation installation is ongoing. |

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| Project Name | Bees Lakes Habitat Restoration Plan (Planning) |
| Agreement Amount | \$592,500 |
| County | Yolo |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1712 |
| Grantee | City of West Sacramento |
| Overview | Develop a detailed habitat restoration plan to restore disturbed riparian habitat, control non-native species, improve pond water quality, and improve the ability of the Bees Lakes area to support listed species |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 1/9/2019 |
| New Information | Working on tribal AB-52 consultations to complete CEQA. |

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| Project Name | Stone Lakes Restoration Project (Planning) |
| Agreement Amount | \$635,573 |
| County | Sacramento |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1713 |
| Grantee | Ducks Unlimited, Inc. |
| Overview | Planning to restore approximately 257 acres of seasonal wetland and 39 acres of riparian seasonal wetland, and enhance 20 acres of existing low-quality wetland on the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 4/2/2019 |
| New Information | Working on tribal AB-52 consultations to complete CEQA. |

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| Project Name | Nutria Eradication Project (Implementation) |
| Agreement Amount | \$1,125,577 |
| County | Multiple |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1718 |
| Grantee | California Department of Fish and Wildlife |
| Overview | Eliminate nutria from all known and discovered locations in California to prevent nutria from causing significant ecological damage in the Delta |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 1/14/2019 |
| New Information | The current total nutria taken is ~2,000. |

Cycle 2 – Fiscal Year 2016-2017

The Board awarded approximately \$4.4 million for four projects (one planning and three implementation).

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| Project Name | Dutch Slough Revegetation (Implementation) |
| Agreement Amount | \$2,900,000 |
| County | Contra Costa |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1602 |
| Grantee | Reclamation District 2137 |
| Overview | Establish and maintain 468 acres of native tidal marsh, riparian, and grassland vegetation at the Dutch Slough restoration site |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 8/29/2019 |
| New Information | Construction is complete and second round of revegetation is ongoing. |

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| Project Name | Petersen Ranch: Working Waterway Habitat Enhancement Project (Implementation) |
| Agreement Amount | \$444,464 |
| County | Solano |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1605 |
| Grantee | Solano Resource Conservation District |
| Overview | Restore 13.5 acres of riparian habitat and improve water quality through improved cattle management practices on approximately 525 acres of active farmland along Lindsey Slough |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 9/1/2017 |
| New Information | None |

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| Project Name | Investigations of restoration techniques that limit invasion of tidal wetlands (Planning) |
| Agreement Amount | \$104,452 |
| County | Contra Costa |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1612 |
| Grantee | The Regents of the University of California (UC Davis) |
| Overview | Identify improved methods for tidal wetland revegetation that reduce invasion by non-native plants at Dutch Slough |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 1/8/2018 |
| New Information | All monitoring has been completed. Data analysis is ongoing. |

Cycle 1 – Fiscal Year 2015-2015

The Board awarded approximately \$3.9 million to seven projects (four planning and three implementation). To date, four grants have closed.

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| Project Name | Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Habitat and Drainage Improvement Project (Implementation) |
| Agreement Amount | \$2,026,814 |
| County | Yolo |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-Y1-2015-003 |
| Grantee | Ducks Unlimited |
| Overview | Implement habitat and working landscape enhancements in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 6/18/2019 |
| New Information | Newly installed pumps are leaking, in order to repair them the US Army Corps of Engineers must authorize work to be done. The grantee is waiting on this authorization. |

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| Project Name | Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project (Implementation) |
| Agreement Amount | \$836,409 |
| County | Contra Costa |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-Y1-2015-009 |
| Grantee | American Rivers |
| Overview | Convert denuded flood control channel at the confluence of Marsh, Sand, and Deer Creeks into a healthy stream corridor |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 6/27/2017 |
| New Information | Construction is complete and vegetation installation is ongoing. |

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| Project Name | Wildlife Corridors for Flood Escape on the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Project (Implementation) |
| Agreement Amount | \$836,234 |
| County | CountyYolo |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-Y1-2015-016 |
| Grantee | Yolo Resource Conservation District |
| Overview | Restore up to 5 miles (22 acres) of floodway-compatible wildlife and pollinator habitat, providing a transit corridor for wildlife during floods |
| Grant Agreement Status | Active as of 1/24/2017 |
| New Information | Plant establishment is ongoing. |

Closed Projects

To date, a total of five projects funded by Proposition 1 have fully closed (four planning, one implementation).

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| Project Name | Fish Friendly Farming Certification Program for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Planning) |
| Amount Spent | \$89,448 (\$2 unspent) |
| County | All Delta Counties |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-Y1-2015-005 |
| Grantee | California Land Stewardship Institute |
| Overview | Develop a program to work with farmers to improve water quality, that is specific to the crops and water quality concerns in Delta counties |
| Grant Agreement Status | Closed as of 7/31/2020 |
| New Information | None |

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| Project Name | Sherman Island Restoration Project, Phase III (Planning) |
| Amount Spent | \$93,599 (\$6,367 unspent) |
| County | Sacramento |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-Y1-2015-008 |
| Grantee | Ducks Unlimited |
| Overview | Develop plans and permits to restore up to 1,600 acres of wetlands on Sherman Island to provide habitat, reverse subsidence, and sequester carbon |
| Grant Agreement Status | Closed as of 12/31/2018 |
| Post-Close Information | Design plans are still current. Waiting on Phase II to be completed. |

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| Project Name | Paradise Cut Conservation and Flood Management Plan (Planning) |
| Amount Spent | \$99,924 (\$217 unspent) |
| County | San Joaquin |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-Y1-2015-012 |
| Grantee | San Joaquin Resource Conservation District |
| Overview | Advance plans for a new flood bypass that will reduce flood risk, improve habitat, and maintain agricultural land along the San Joaquin River south of Paradise Cut |
| Grant Agreement Status | Closed as of 6/30/2019 |
| Post-Close Information | None |

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| Project Name | Lower Marsh and Sand Creek Watershed Restoration Planning Project (Planning) |
| Amount Spent | \$73,493 (\$2,391 unspent) |
| County | Contra Costa |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-Y1-2015-019 |
| Grantee | American Rivers |
| Overview | Create a Programmatic CEQA document for future restoration activities conducted by Grantee and their partners in the Marsh Creek and Sand Creek watersheds |
| Grant Agreement Status | Closed as of 12/31/2019 |
| Post-Close Information | The Programmatic Mitigated Negative Declaration developed by this project is being used during the planning of the Prop 1-1809 and Prop 1-1814 grants. |

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| Project Name | Restoration of Priority Wetlands for Endangered Species at the Cosumnes River Preserve (Implementation) |
| Agreement Amount | \$942,631 (\$145,798 unspent) |
| County | Sacramento |
| Conservancy ID | Prop 1-1608 |
| Grantee | Sacramento County Regional Parks |
| Overview | Restore 110 acres of freshwater wetlands to benefit listed species |
| Grant Agreement Status | Closed as of 12/31/2020 |
| New Information | Closed, a final report is available for review by the Board. |

Background

The Conservancy's Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program funds \$50 million in multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities. The Grant Program is a two-step process, requiring both a concept proposal and a full proposal. Full proposals are subject to a rigorous scoring and evaluation process by both staff and a professional review panel, and are recommended for funding based upon score and funding availability.

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