

# WATER WORKING *for California*

**HEALTHY  
RIVERS &  
LANDSCAPES**

Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) is a collaborative approach based on modern science to restore river health, floodplains, and natural landscapes in the Bay-Delta, while supporting fish, farms, wildlife, communities, recreation and hydropower.

The actions outlined through Healthy Rivers and Landscapes will increase river flows and expand habitat in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, their tributaries, and the Bay-Delta.

## HEALTHY RIVERS & LANDSCAPES MEANS...



**Better Habitat for  
Salmon Returning  
to Rivers**



**Robust Bird & Wildlife  
Populations along  
the Pacific Flyway**



**Productive  
Ricelands, Orchards  
& Field Crops**



**Cleaner Water &  
Healthier Soil**



**Stronger Urban &  
Rural Communities**

Through scientific monitoring and collaborative decision making, Healthy Rivers and Landscapes will allow water managers to adapt statewide operations based on real-time conditions and enable broad coordination across watersheds to manage flows that interact with critical habitat for maximal benefits. This holistic approach paves the way for more robust fish and wildlife populations, while creating sustainable water access for farms, recreation, hydropower, and 32 million Californians living in rural and urban communities.

**by Advancing a Comprehensive Program,** we can provide the balance necessary to protect all beneficial uses of water.

**by Reconnecting Our Rivers and Floodplains,** we can mimic natural flows onto the landscape, and through the marriage of the sun, land, and water, we can create robust habitat for fish and wildlife, while protecting communities from floods.

**by Supporting Diverse Landscapes,** we can integrate our rivers with wetlands, ricelands, and wildlife refuges to ensure multi-beneficial uses by people and wildlife.

**by Developing Partnerships,** we can bring together state and local agencies, conservation organizations, tribes, water districts, and landowners to best serve California and produce long-term, collaborative solutions.

# HRL IS THE BEST CHOICE FOR CALIFORNIA BECAUSE IT PROVIDES



## WATER SECURITY

Balances agricultural, urban, and environmental water needs.



## CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Creates natural buffers against droughts and floods.



## WILDLIFE HABITAT

Expands seasonal floodplains for salmon, waterfowl, shorebirds, reptiles and hundreds of other types of species.



## SUSTAINABLE WORKING LANDS

Aligns farming with conservation for long-term prosperity.

# THE BEST PATH FORWARD *for California*

Advancing HRL means investing in a combination of flows integrated with on-the-ground habitat projects, creating multi-benefit water management strategies and state-wide policies that unite cities, communities, agriculture and conservationists from Redding to San Diego in a way rarely seen in California.

Together, we can build a resilient Bay-Delta where rivers, farms, refuges, and communities thrive. Our diverse coalition represents 32 million Californians and will improve conditions for fish and wildlife that rely on healthy rivers and landscapes.

