

CREATING ESSENTIAL HABITAT

across the Bay-Delta Watershed

The Healthy Rivers and Landscapes program is transforming California's waterways by restoring habitat across the Sacramento River Basin and Delta. 58 Early Implementation projects have been completed, are under construction, or will complete final design by the end of 2026.

These efforts benefit critical freshwater life stages, addressing spawning gravels, rearing habitats, predator mitigation, and pulse flow timing, to advance regulatory and environmental standards set by modern science. This public and private collaboration ensures that water quantity and quality coupled with habitat infrastructure will support the recovery of our native fish, birds and wildlife.

MARRYING FUNCTIONAL FLOWS WITH HABITAT NEEDS

The HRL program will improve environmental conditions by pairing strategically timed river flow with habitat creation – the two critical actions needed to support fish and wildlife recovery.

Modern science shows fish populations have adapted to the environmental benefits created by land and water interaction that was experienced under historic conditions. When flows and habitat are paired together, we are able to provide better access to habitat, reduce predation, and increase food supply – all critical factors in the long-term health of our fish and wildlife.



MOMENTUM ALREADY UNDERWAY IN HABITAT CREATION

The Bay-Delta Watershed has seen significant progress through the early implementation of the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes program. Since December 2018, collaborative efforts have resulted in 58 Early Implementation projects designed to restore and enhance the region's vital ecosystems. (View the complete list [here](#))

These habitat improvements are already yielding results across the American, Feather, Mokelumne, Sacramento, and Yuba rivers, as well as Putah Creek, the Delta and the broader Sacramento Valley floodplains. The success of these initiatives relies on a dedicated partnership between local water management entities, conservation organizations, and state and federal fish and wildlife agencies



THE BEST PATH FORWARD *for California*

Advancing the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program means investing in multi-benefit water management strategies, habitat projects and state-wide policies that unite cities, communities, agriculture and conservationists. Together, we can build a resilient Bay-Delta where rivers, farms, refuges, and communities thrive. Our diverse coalition represents 32 million Californians from Redding to San Diego and will improve conditions for fish and wildlife that rely on healthy rivers and landscapes.

The following water agencies are MOU signatories and actively participating in the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program.

