

The SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WETLANDS RECOVERY PROJECT (WRP)

is a partnership of 18 State and Federal agencies, chaired by the California Natural Resources Agency and supported by the California State Coastal Conservancy.

Through the WRP partnership, public agencies, scientists, and local communities work cooperatively to support acquisition and restoration of wetlands in Southern California. The WRP uses a non-regulatory approach by coordinating among member agencies.

WRP WORK PLAN PROJECTS & BENEFITS

The WRP's <u>Work Plan</u> is a list of high priority preservation, acquisition, restoration, and enhancement projects for wetlands and streams in the coastal watersheds of Southern California that will accomplish the Goals and Objectives of the WRP's <u>WRP's Regional Strategy 2018</u>.

The Work Plan identifies projects for all four of the WRP's Goals, including:

- **GOAL 1** Preserve and restore resilient tidal wetlands and associated marine and terrestrial habitats.
- **GOAL 2** Preserve and restore streams, adjacent habitats, and other non-tidal wetland ecosystems to support healthy watersheds.
- **GOAL 3** Support education and compatible access related to coastal wetlands and watersheds.
- **GOAL 4** Advance the science of wetland restoration and management.

Work Plan project proponents have the advantage of the following benefits and services:

- Receiving input from WRP member agencies, including multiple state and federal funding and regulatory agencies, on project design, impacts, tasks, budgets, etc.
- Permit pre-application coordination meetings where permitting agencies offer meaningful insight and assistance prior to the permit application process.
- Technical assistance in identifying relevant grant opportunities and coordination with the appropriate agency
- Acceptance to the Work Plan may result in the project being more competitive for agency funding.

While inclusion on the Work Plan does guarantee technical assistance and agreement by WRP member agencies that the project is a high priority, it does not guarantee funding or that permits will be secured.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Work Plan is periodically updated through a Request for Proposals process. However, project proponents may also apply out-of-cycle. Projects are vetted by the Wetland's Managers Group and recommended to the WRP's governing body, the Directors Group at an annual meeting for adoption to the WRP Work Plan.

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