

2011 Project Outlook

Northeastern California

Project Locations: Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Modoc NWR, McArthur Swamp, 6 Private Properties

Funding Sources: North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA), Wetland Reserve Program

Partners: USFWS, NRCS, Pacific Gas & Electric

Acres Affected: 2,500

Work will help expand and enhance the habitat base, including breeding grounds and spring staging areas, on several private properties in Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou and Lassen counties as well as Mc Arthur Swamp and Modoc NWR. Tule Lake NWR's Walking Wetlands program will be expanded.

California Waterfowl biologists are looking at another aggressive construction season in 2011. Working hard to improve habitat on both the public and private fronts, California Waterfowl will be enhancing habitat across the state. Healthy waterfowl populations will mean happy hunting come fall, so thank you for your continued support of our conservation efforts.

Sacramento Valley

Project Locations: Colusa NWR, Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area (WA), Gray Lodge WA

Funding Sources: NAWCA, CDFG Duck Stamp Program

Acres Affected: 2,000

Habitat improvements will take place on six private lands and parts of Colusa NWR and Gray Lodge WA. New perennial grasses to improve nesting cover will be planted on areas of the Howard Slough and Little Dry Creek units of the Upper Butte Basin WA. Nearby brood ponds will also be enhanced.

Yolo Bypass and Delta

Project Locations: Yolo Bypass WA

Funding Sources: CDFG Duck Stamp Program, Department of Fish and Game

Acres Affected: 800

A waterfowl production area, including nesting cover and brood pond enhancement, will be developed at Yolo Bypass WA. A new lift pump station will be installed to provide water to the expanded habitat base as a result of several years of improvement projects.

San Joaquin Valley

Project Locations: O'Neill Forebay WA, Salt Slough WA, Los Banos WA, Volta WA, 8 Private Clubs

Funding Sources: NAWCA, CDFG Duck Stamp Program

Acres Affected: 2,500

Work will focus on developing new water delivery systems and establishing and enhancing upland and riparian habitats. Several private land projects will restore habitats in the North, South, and East Grasslands.

Southern San Joaquin/Tulare Basin

Project Locations: Kern NWR, Medota WA, 5 Private Properties

Funding Sources: NAWCA, CDFG Duck Stamp Program

Acres Affected: 1,900

Funding will concentrate on projects to improve water supplies, conservation, and management capabilities. Three new deep wells will provide reliable water supplies to three different properties.

Suisun Marsh

Project Locations:

Grizzly Island WA, 20 Private Clubs

Funding Sources: NAWCA, CDFG Duck Stamp Program, Wildlife Conservation Board, Solano County

Acres Affected: 8,000

Habitat enhancement projects will take place on 20 private lands as well as the wildlife area, including the Joice Island, Gold Hills, and Goodyear Slough units. The Marsh's long term waterfowl monitoring program will continue with nest searching and banding efforts on Grizzly Island WA.

Southern California

Project Location: Imperial WA

Funding Sources: CDFG Duck Stamp Program, Wildlife Conservation Board

Acres Affected: 750

Work will improve water delivery, field leveling, and seeding, which will provide higher quality waterfowl foraging conditions. Other enhancements include island construction, invasive plant removal, and hunting unit expansion on the Wister Unit.

For more detailed information on these and other recent California Waterfowl habitat projects, visit <http://www.calwaterfowl.org>.