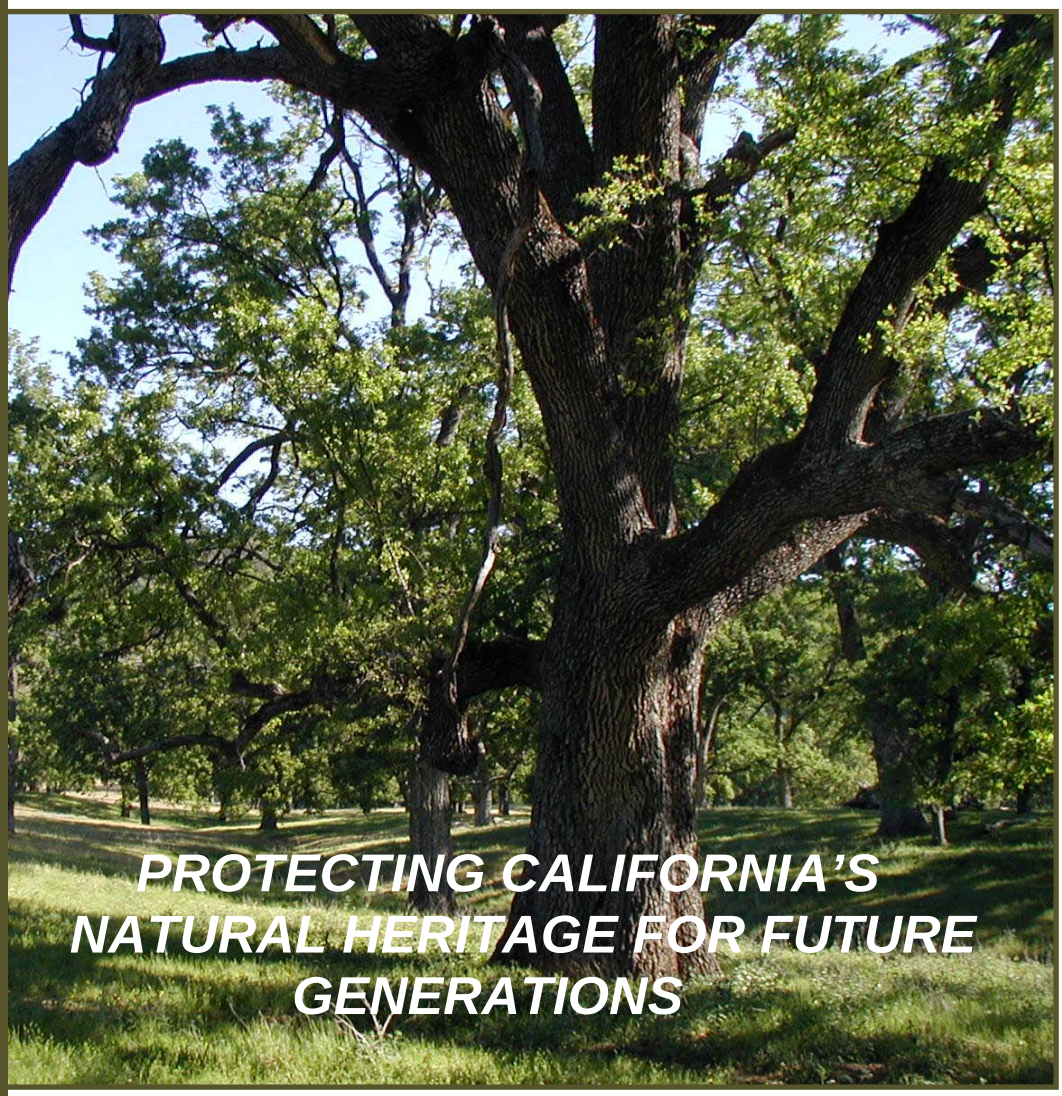
State of California
The Resources Agency

Wildlife Conservation Board

The Wildlife Conservation Board…
Protects, restores, and provides public access to California's natural lands through its programs:

- ***Land Acquisition***
- ***Habitat Restoration and Enhancement***
- ***Inland Wetland Conservation***
- ***Riparian Habitat Conservation***
- ***Oak Woodlands Conservation***
- ***Rangelands, Grazing and Grasslands Protection***
- ***Public Access***
- ***Natural Heritage Tax Credit Program***



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Jim Kellogg, President of Fish & Game Commission

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Executive Director
Al Wright

Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area

WCB provides habitat protection in many ways…

"The Wildlife Conservation Board has a proud history protecting and restoring California's spectacular natural resources for wildlife and for people to enjoy. Partnerships with other agencies, land trusts, and communities have made this possible with the generous support of the people of California. Enjoy our heritage and take care of it for those who will follow."

-- Al Wright, Executive Director

Riparian habitat and wetland restoration…

Cosumnes River Ecological Reserve

Public access projects…

Canebrake Ecological Reserve

Land conservation through fee and easement acquisitions…

WCB Funding Categories, Acres Protected, and Dollars Spent (000's) from January 2000 through December 31, 2004

*In Fiscal Year 2003-04, the Board's operating costs were less than 1% of its total allocations for habitat protection and restoration.

Bodega Lagoon, Sonoma County

WCB Statewide Allocations and Acres Protected and/or Restored Throughout California
January 2000-December 2004

Major Acquisition Projects include:

Lake Earl Wildlife Area, Del Norte County
Grizzly Creek Forest, Humboldt County
Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area, Yuba County
Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, Yolo County
San Francisco Baylands, Alameda County
Diablo Range Conservation Area, Monterey County
Joshua Creek Canyon Ecological Reserve, Monterey County
Carrizo Plain Ecological Reserve, San Luis Obispo County
Ellwood Mesa, Santa Barbara County
Ahmanson Ranch, Ventura County
Ballona Wetlands, Los Angeles County
San Jacinto Wildlife Area, Riverside County
San Felipe Wildlife Area, San Diego County

North Coast-Northern California
$71,945,174 Allocated
80,728 Acres Protected or Restored

Sacramento Valley- Central Sierras
$101,862,069 Allocated
153,873 Acres Protected or Restored

Central Coast –
San Francisco Bay Area
$300,865,304 Allocated
286,704 Acres Protected or Restored

San Joaquin Valley – Southern Sierras
$63,219,663 Allocated
49,987 Acres Protected or Restored

718,000 acres protected or restored through the allocation of nearly $1,234,000,000 over five years...

Southern California Inland Deserts --
Eastern Sierras
$145,078,245 Allocated
74,080 Acres Protected or Restored

South Coast – Southern California
$550,901,753 Allocated
72,585 Acres Protected or Restored

Major Restoration Projects include:

Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, Butte County
Feather River Wildlife Area, Sutter County
Sacramento River Wildlife Area, Various counties
San Francisco Bay Area Wetlands, Various counties
Eden Landing Ecological Reserve, Alameda County
Herbert Wetland Prairie, Tulare County
South Fork Kern River Fish Barrier, Tulare County
Lower Owens River, Inyo County
Bolsa Chica Wetlands Restoration, Orange County
Goat Canyon, San Diego County
Salton Sea, Imperial County
Lower Colorado River, Imperial County

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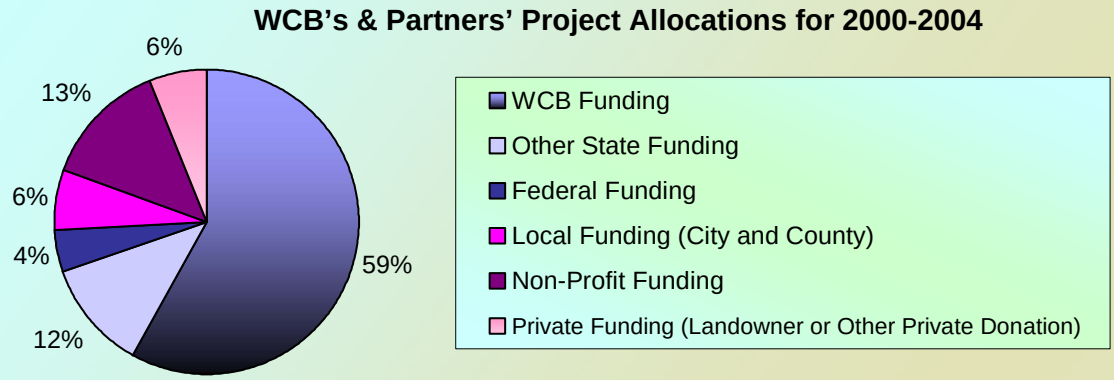

The Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) was created by legislation in 1947 to administer a capital outlay program for wildlife conservation and related public recreation. WCB has authority and funding to carry out an acquisition and development program for wildlife conservation. The WCB consists of the President of the Fish and Game Commission, the Director of the Department of Fish and Game, and the Director of the Department of Finance. Legislation that created the Board also established a Legislative Advisory Committee consisting of three members of the Senate and three members of the Assembly, who meet with the Board, providing legislative oversight. The primary responsibilities of the WCB are to select, authorize and allocate funds for the purchase of land and waters suitable for recreation purposes, and the protection and restoration of wildlife habitat. The Board can also authorize the construction of facilities for recreational purposes on property in which it has a proprietary interest.

Partnerships and Conservation

The WCB places major emphasis on partnerships with other conservation groups, including federal, state and local resource agencies, conservancies, joint ventures and non-profit conservation organizations. With these groups' input, the WCB effectively identifies and completes projects throughout all bioregions of the State. Even though the Board is relatively small in terms of staff size, building partnerships has expanded the WCB's capacity by helping it leverage state funds with other matching funds. Partners provide additional resources and expertise, as well as build community outreach programs to gain local support, and assist with project operations and maintenance costs.

Developing these partnerships with local conservation groups has helped to promote on-going WCB programs and potential projects to private landowners and local communities. The WCB works only with willing landowners and provides notice to local communities and adjoining landowners on all proposed projects.

One major partner of note is the Department of Fish and Game (DFG). The WCB relies on input and assistance from DFG staff on virtually all projects. DFG helps identify potential projects, willing landowners, provides assessments and opinions based on the biological merits of each project and helps WCB set priorities on a statewide and regional basis.

Below is a list of partners that the WCB has recently worked with on projects:

American Farm Land Trust
American Land Conservancy
American River Conservancy
Angeles Volunteer Association
California Bay Delta Authority
California Department of Conservation
California Department of Fish and Game
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
California Department of Parks and Recreation
California Department of Transportation
California Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
California Rangeland Trust
California State Coastal Conservancy
California State Lands Commission
California Tahoe Conservancy
Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy
California Waterfowl Association
California Wildlife Foundation
Central Valley Joint Venture
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
East Bay Regional Park District
Fall River Resource Conservation District
Fisheries Resource Volunteer Corps
Great Valley Center
Inyo County Water Department
Jacoby Creek Land Trust
Morro Estuary Greenbelt Alliance/ Friends of the Estuary
Muir Heritage Land Trust
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy
Resources Legacy Fund
Riparian Habitat Joint Venture
Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
Riverside Land Conservancy
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
San Francisco Bay Joint Venture
San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority
San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy
San Joaquin River Conservancy
San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust
San Mateo County Harbor District
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Save-the-Redwoods League
Sierra Business Council
Solano Land Trust
Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation& Open Space District
Sonoma Land Trust
Spalding Community Services District
The Conservation Fund
The Nature Conservancy
The Trust for Public Land
University of California, Davis
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. National Park Service
Yolo Land Trust

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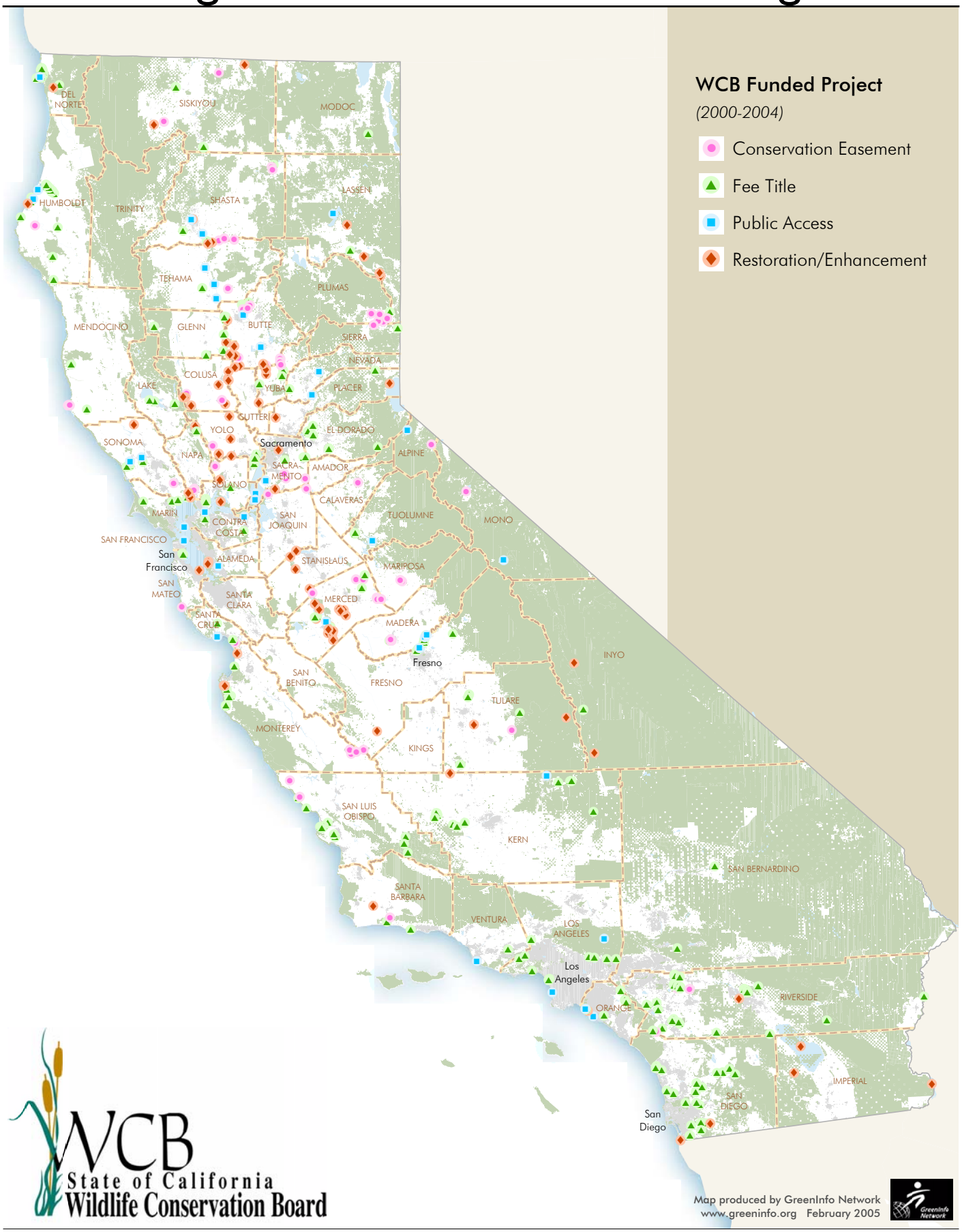
Protecting California's Natural Heritage



WCB Actions in 2000-2004: Total Acreage and Allocation

	Conservation Easements		Fee Title for DFG/Others		Public Access	Restoration	
County	Acres	$ Allocation	Acres	$ Allocation	$ Allocation	Acres	$ Allocation
Alameda			16,500	$74,000,000	$200,214.00	7,791	$5,170,000.00
Alpine	n/a	$2,580,000.00			$250,000.00		
Butte	10,369	$8,977,000.00	4,557	$3,308,200.00	$339,540.00	13,452	$3,560,805.00
Calaveras	3,669	$1,448,000.00					
Colusa	13,131	$1,676,500.00				5,157	$2,683,280.00
Contra Costa			3,808	$3,210,000.00	$1,000,540.00		
Del Norte			25,675	$20,859,000.00	$60,135.00	2,000	$3,520,000.00
El Dorado	1,178	$590,000.00	1,295	$5,489,000.00			
Fresno			1,310	$9,551,600.00	$3,522,880.00	278	$199,200.00
Glenn			24,158	$13,726,000.00		491	$1,764,240.00
Humboldt	3,640	$921,250.00	5,905	$30,609,000.00	$510,530.00	200	$115,000.00
Imperial						2,006	$21,412,135.00
Inyo			218	$958,000.00		2,684	$1,095,800.00
Kern			4,743	$5,185,000.00	$120,135.00		$110,000.00
Lake			269	$260,350.00			
Lassen			278	$300,000.00	$500,512.00	6,356	$1,273,500.00
Los Angeles			4,178	$179,999,000.00	$474,270.00	180	$980,000.00
Madera	443.5	$725,726.00	1,140	$17,533,760.00	$75,000.00		
Marin			737	$5,171,750.00			
Mariposa	6,801	$3,314,700.00					
Mendocino	560	$3,700,000.00	39,704	$10,619,500.00		236	$1,400,000.00
Merced	15,620.9	$13,948,671.00	4,359	$3,565,000.00	$35,000.00	10,633	$1,584,500.00
Modoc			2,080	$1,332,000.00			
Mono	6,350	$3,210,000.00			$42,630.00		
Monterey	27,715	$6,688,000.00	14,598	$20,552,000.00		237	$1,407,260.00
Napa	17	$1,780,000.00	12,817	$7,000,000.00		64	$120,635.00
Nevada			494	$685,000.00	$100,000.00		
Orange			6,508	$83,187,000.00	$741,900.00	890	$10,069,135.00
Placer			155	$175,250.00	$1,404,610.00	58	$50,000.00
Plumas	21,137	$2,958,000.00	279	$540,000.00			
Riverside	1,324	$782,000.00	60,926	$113,968,208.00			$100,000.00
Sacramento	5,526	$3,188,000.00	4,819	$5,585,500.00	$1,599,780.00	372	$778,000.00
San Bernardino			572	$3,617,472.00			
San Diego			54,871	$117,131,834.00		23	$1,800,260.00
San Francisco					$200,270.00		
San Joaquin	3,515	$1,915,000.00			$591,270.00	35	$125,000.00
San Luis Obispo	82,106	$34,500,000.00	32,551	$34,029,850.00			
San Mateo	1,000	$0.00	6,020	$15,020,000.00	$99,270.00		$75,000.00
Santa Barbara	1,406	$3,031,000.00	948	$14,837,477.00		25	$330,000.00
Santa Clara			5,205	$9,485,000.00			
Santa Cruz	18	$3,000.00	464	$5,730,000.00	$472,000.00		
Shasta	3,784	$597,000.00	1,524	$4,495,000.00	$577,800.00	381	$1,244,000.00
Sierra	500	$310,000.00	2,147	$2,750,000.00			
Siskiyou	2,479	$105,000.00	118	$130,000.00	$55,540.00	4,738	$1,087,107.00
Solano	535	$1,018,000.00	5,536	$3,880,000.00	$937,210.00	21,819	$959,600.00
Sonoma	165	$1,705,000.00	5,484	$12,500,200.00	$239,140.00	5,258	$908,300.00
Stanislaus						837	$345,000.00
Sutter						348	$1,327,975.00
Tehama	21,557	$2,493,000.00	8	$352,500.00	$659,800.00		
Tulare	722	$127,000.00	2,667	$1,102,150.00		83	$1,308,539.00
Tuolumne			333	$100,667.00	$120,135.00		
Ventura			3,018	$137,373,500.00	$400,135.00		
Yolo	6,983	$2,450,000.00	21,106	$18,260,000.00	$158,400.00	836	$2,428,100.00
Yuba	2,115	$119,283.34	2,153	$4,632,216.66		538	$124,000.00
Multiple Counties in Bay Area							$40,000,135.00

Note: Map legend color-coding on reverse side corresponds to columns in table.