

WCB Habitat Improvement Programs

- California Riparian Habitat Conservation Program (CRHCP)
- Inland Wetlands Conservation Program (IWCP)
- Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Program (HERP)
- Ecological Restoration on Agricultural Lands (ERAL)

Criteria common to all WCB Programs

- Contact WCB by phone or email prior to applying
- Applicants: Non-profit organizations and local, state or federal agencies
- Long-term management agreements (typically 25 years)
- WCB meets 4 times/year
- Application at least 6 months prior to Board approval
- Grantee responsible for obtaining CEQA and permits
- DFG support

California Riparian Habitat Conservation Program

- Statewide
- Wide variety of projects, including acquisitions
- Closely coordinated with California Riparian Habitat Joint Venture

Inland Wetlands Conservation Program (IWCP)

- Created to assist the Central Valley Joint Venture
- Central Valley and watersheds only
- Bird benefits, especially waterfowl, shorebirds, riparian songbirds and waterbirds
- Mostly managed wetlands and wildlife friendly ag

Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Program (HERP)

- WCB's first restoration program
- Wetlands outside Central Valley
- T & E Species habitats
- In-stream fish habitats

Ecological Restoration on Agricultural Lands (ERAL)

- Assist farmers in developing wildlife friendly practices
- Ag is the major land use on the property
- Benefit to wildlife, with goal of providing benefits to farmers as well
- Filter strips, hedgerows, riparian restoration, native grasses, etc.



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