

Mission of the SRCAF

The SB1086 Advisory Council charged the SRCAF to:

“implement the Sacramento River Conservation Area Program as described in the Upper Sacramento River Fisheries and Riparian Habitat Management Plan and the Sacramento River Conservation Area Handbook”

An aerial photograph of the Sacramento River, showing a wide, winding waterway surrounded by dense green forest. The river flows from the upper left towards the lower right, with a sandy or silty bank visible on the right side. The background shows a hazy horizon under a clear sky.

Goal of the Sacramento River Conservation Area Program

“to preserve the remaining riparian habitat and re-establish a continuous riparian ecosystem along the Sacramento River between Chico and Redding and re-establish riparian vegetation along the river from Verona to Chico.”

Guiding Principles

- 1) Utilizes an ecosystem approach that contributes to recovery of threatened and endangered species and is sustainable by natural processes

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2) Uses the most effective and least environmentally damaging bank protection techniques to maintain a limited meander, where appropriate

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3) Operates within the parameters of local, state, and federal flood control and bank protection programs

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- 4) Encourages participation by private landowners and affected local entities that is voluntary, never mandatory
- 5) Gives full consideration to landowner, public, and local government concerns

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An aerial photograph of a wide river meandering through a dense, green forest. The river is dark blue, and the surrounding land is covered in lush trees. The background shows a hazy horizon under a clear sky.

6) Provides for the accurate and accessible information and education that is key to sound resource management

Current Roles and Functions

An aerial photograph of a wide river meandering through a dense, green forest. The river is a deep blue color, and the surrounding land is covered in lush vegetation. The sky is a pale, hazy blue, suggesting a clear day. The overall scene is serene and natural.

- Forum for discussion
- Support/facilitation for riparian restoration
- Planning assistance to landowners, agencies, other stakeholders
- Education and Outreach
- Project Review and Monitoring

Accomplishments

Education and Outreach

- Website www.sacramentoriver.org
- Project Tracker
- Annual Report/Open Forum/SRCAF Updates
- Public Meetings
- Presentations/Displays

Accomplishments

Project Planning

- Colusa Sub-reach Planning
- M&T Ranch
- Woodson Bridge/Kopta Slough
- Hamilton City
- Bank Swallow Working Group

Project Review

Accomplishments

Landowner Assurances

- Good Neighbor Policy
- Programmatic Safe Harbor Agreement/
Voluntary Local Program
 - improves conditions for listed species
 - protects landowner for incidental take

SRCAF Fund Sources to Date

- DWR-Northern District provided start-up funds; provides office space and technical support
- Contracts for specific tasks
- Grants
 - CalFed ERP Grant (ended 2007)
 - Directed action Grant for base funding (current)
 - CalFed Working Landscapes Grant (current)

Future Funding Options

- Base funding from signatory agencies
- Conservancy
 - establish new state-funded conservancy
 - merge with existing conservancy
(e.g.; Sierra Nevada Conservancy)
- Seek new grant sources

Future SRCAF Functions??

- Acquisition
- Brokering
- Restoration/Management
- Site Specific Monitoring
- Other