

## Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum

### MISSION

*The Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum (Forum) works with communities, agricultural interests, landowners, organizations and agencies along the Sacramento River from Keswick to Verona to facilitate resource management and restoration efforts to be effective, balanced and sensitive to the needs of local communities. The Forum supports restoration done well and serves as a forum for sharing, a facilitator of solutions and a partner for projects that protect both the natural values of the Sacramento River and the communities it runs through.*

### OUR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

#### Safe Harbor

The Sacramento River Forum is the Program Administrator of a Sacramento River Programmatic Safe Harbor. A Safe Harbor Agreement is a voluntary agreement. Willing landowners receive formal assurances under the federal Endangered Species Act that covered actions, which contribute to the recovery of protected species, will not result in additional regulatory liability for farming practices.



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#### Corridor Management Planning

The Forum is seeking input from stakeholders along the river to investigate local interest in developing an effort to manage a stretch of the river from a corridor perspective. The effort would build on the development of the Mid and Upper Sacramento River Regional Flood Management Plan and would seek to move projects forward that can enhance public safety, habitat, recreation and local land use priorities.

*Kopta Slough Flood Damage Reduction and Habitat Restoration Project*

The Forum is working with the Department of Water Resources to provide public outreach and partner coordination as the Department develops designs for a project to remove rock revetment and restore habitat near Woodson Bridge. The objectives of the project are to:

**Restore** riparian habitat.

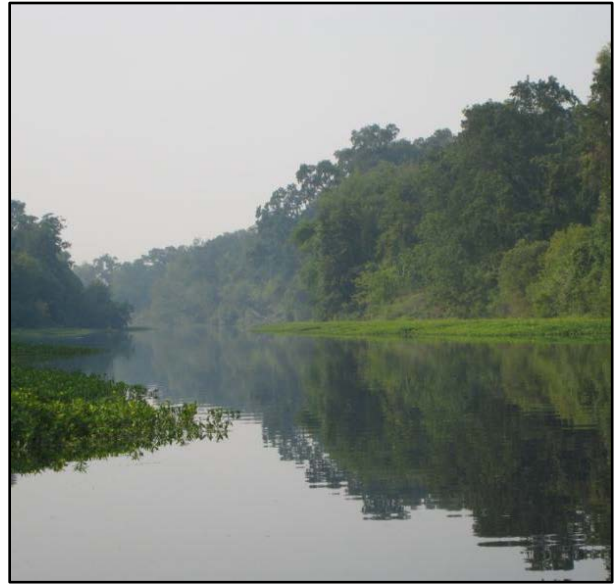
**Restore** hydrologic and geomorphic function.

**Reduce** flood management system O&M responsibilities.

**Provide** advance mitigation for future flood management projects.

**Reduce** damaging erosion and protect public resources.

**Enhance** recreation opportunities.



*Habitat Mapping and Economic Analysis Project*

The Forum is working with the CSU, Chico Geographical Information Center and Department of Economics to identify the change in natural habitat between 1988 and 2009, to identify those parcels that changed from agriculture to habitat and vice versa, to analyze the economic change associated with the land use change, to estimate the value of recreational use on the river through a one-year period of recreational user surveys, and to conduct a literature review of the published literature on ecosystem services from riverine riparian habitat.

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