

WETLAND HABITAT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

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In response to the extreme drought in California's Central Valley, the California Department of Water Resources has made \$2 million available this winter to private wetlands in the Sacramento Valley to increase the amount of available wintering habitat for waterfowl and other waterbirds. This funding opportunity recognizes that landowners with groundwater capabilities may rely more heavily on groundwater pumping than normal to flood and maintain wetland habitat. Several organizations including the California Rice Commission, Audubon California, California Waterfowl Association, Ducks Unlimited, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, The Nature Conservancy, and Point Blue Conservation Science have teamed up to provide drought relief for wetlands and help offset the costs of flooding private wetlands with groundwater in winter 2021-2022.

Application period opens:
Monday,
September 27,
2021

Application deadline:
5pm Monday,
October 11, 2021



DETAILS

- **Who is eligible:**

- Wetland owners with groundwater wells
- Wetland owners with groundwater wells using district facilities to wheel the water
- Wetland owners relying on district wells to provide them groundwater
- Water districts applying on behalf of a wetland owner(s)
- Participation in this program can be combined with participation in other wetland habitat management programs (e.g., Presley)

- **Funding Options:**

- Flood Dry Wetlands & Maintain
- Maintain Wetlands that were Previously Flooded.

- **Maximum Enrollment:** 50% of Wetland Acres
- **Timeframe:** November 1, 2021 - January 31, 2022
- **Water Source:** Groundwater
- **Excluded Areas:**
 - 5 miles from Sacramento International and Beale airports.
 - Heavily depleted groundwater areas.

SELECT THE LINK BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY

<https://calricewaterbirds.org/wetland-habitat-programs/>

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