

Conservation Programs on California Ricelands



California Winter Rice Habitat Incentive Program CWRHIP

Provides financial assistance for flooding harvested rice fields for 70 continuous days during the winter months. This program is funded by the Department of Fish and Wildlife and more details are available at calricewaterbirds.org

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) EQIP and RCPP

Provides financial assistance to implement a diversity of conservation practices, including flooding for habitat, cover cropping and habitat enhancements to provide environmental benefits. Payment rates vary annually and details are available at local NRCS County offices.

California Ricelands Waterbird Foundation (CRWF) Bid4Birds

Provides financial assistance for rice farmers, mostly through competitive auctions, to create habitat with targeted seasonal flooding in the Spring and Fall for migratory birds. More details available at calricewaterbirds.org

Drought Relief Waterbird Program DRWP

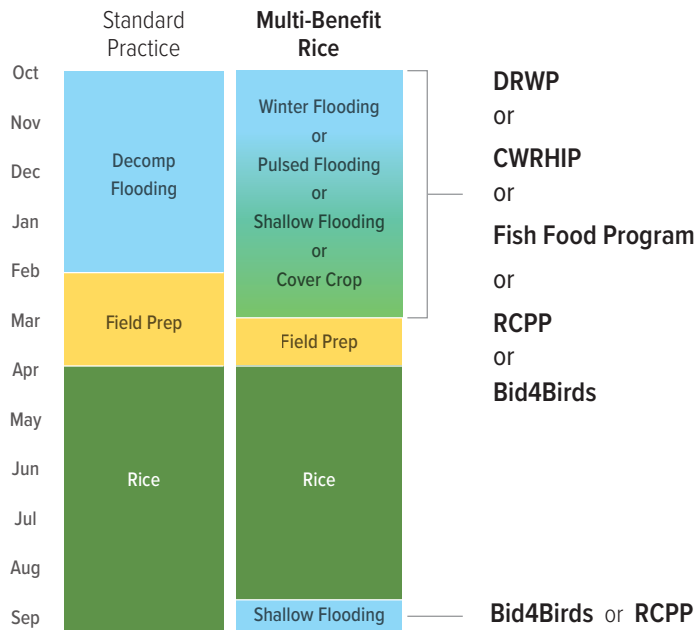
Provides financial assistance to rice farmers and wetland owners in the Sacramento Valley. Funded by the Department of Water Resources, this program's focus is to offset the reduced availability of surface water with groundwater in unaffected basins to provide necessary habitat for migratory birds in the face of severe drought. More details available at calricewaterbirds.org

California Trout (Cal Trout) Fish Food Program

Provides financial assistance for pulsed flooding of rice fields to produce food for fish (aquatic bugs) and export floodwater back to the rivers, where fish can access this important resource. This program can have concurrent enrollment with EQIP, RCPP and CWRHIP. For more details contact Jacob Montgomery at jacob@caltrout.org

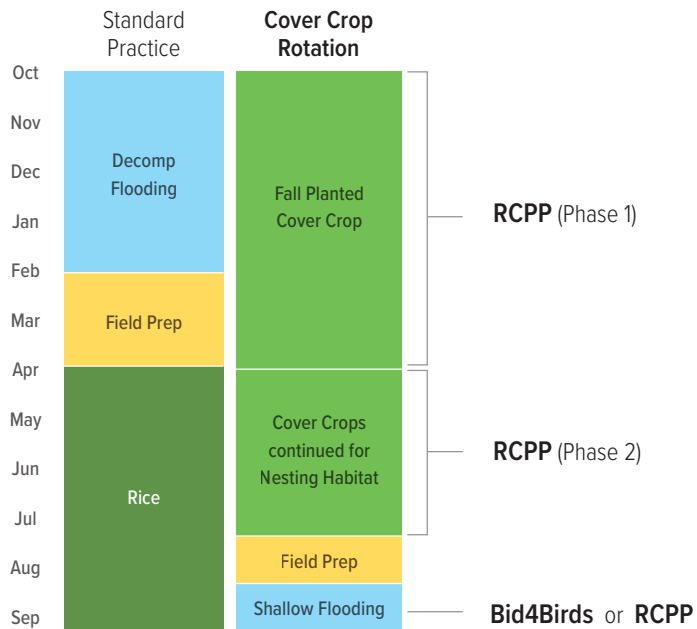
Name	Admin	\$/Acre	Practices	Requirements	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Winter Rice Habitat Incentive Program	CRC	\$40 or \$20	Flooding	Water depth: 2 – 12"	■	■	■							■	■	■
Drought Relief Waterbird Program	CRC	\$135 or \$80	Flooding	Water depth: 2 – 8"	■									■	■	■
EQIP/RCPP	NRCS	\$17 or \$56	Flooding	Water depth: 4 – 18" and gradual drawdown after Feb 1	■	■	■							■	■	■
Fish Food Program	Cal Trout	Bid	Pulsed fld	3 week flood and drawdown with multiple cycles possible	■	■	■	■						■	■	■
Bid4Birds - Spring	CRWF	Bid	Shallow fld	Water depth: 1 – 4"		■	■	■	■							
EQIP/RCPP	NRCS	\$135	Shallow fld	Water depth: 1 – 4"				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Bid4Birds - Fall	CRWF	Bid	Shallow fld	Water depth: 1 – 4"							■	■	■			
EQIP/RCPP *	NRCS	\$51 - \$83	Phase 1 Cover Crop	Plant cover crops	■	■	■									■
RCPP *	NRCS	\$24	Phase 2 Cover Crop	Leave cover crops on unplanted rice fields for nesting birds				■	■	■	■					

* Phase 2 Cover Crop can be stacked with the Phase 1 Cover Crop and is compatible with both prevented planting insurance and water transfers.



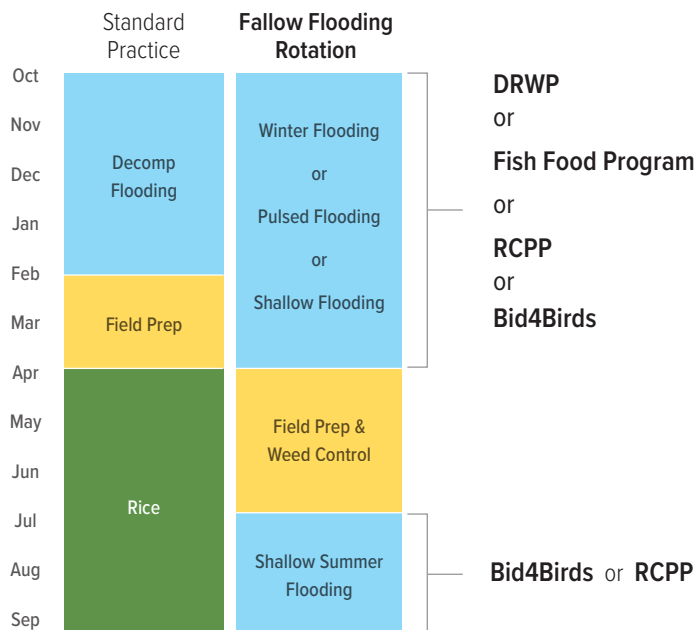
Multi-Benefit Rice Benefits

- Soil carbon improvements
- Weed control and reduced herbicide use/costs
- Groundwater Recharge
- Diversified migratory bird habitat for species in decline
- Fish food production for migratory salmon
- Incentive payments



Cover Crop Rotation Benefits

- Soil carbon improvements
- Weed control and reduced herbicide use/costs
- Key upland nesting habitat for local breeding birds in decline
- Diversified migratory bird habitat for species in decline
- Incentive payments
- Compatible with Prevented Planting Insurance and Water Transfers



Fallow Flooding Rotation Benefits

- Soil carbon improvements
- Weed control and reduced herbicide use/costs
- Groundwater Recharge
- Diversified migratory bird habitat for species in decline
- Fish food production for migratory salmon
- Incentive payments