

# WORKSHOP #3 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY | PRIORITY NATURAL RESOURCES

## CENTRAL VALLEY LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION PROJECT

June 3, 2015

### Workshop Description

Twenty-two experts in Central Valley species and habitats from 16 Central Valley resource management organizations were invited to participate in a day-long workshop on June 3, 2015, with the goal of developing a list of Central Valley priority natural resources for climate change vulnerability analyses and adaptation strategies that will address key management questions of partners.

Attendees were split into Habitat Groups (Riparian, Upland, Wetland, and Woodland) based on their expertise, provided an extensive preliminary list with information about management importance, and were asked to identify priority sub-habitats, species groups, and individual species, adding any resources they thought missing. Where possible, important species were deemed covered by the analysis of the sub-habitat or species group, and individual species were prioritized only when they wouldn't be adequately assessed by one of those groupings. Following group work, discussions were held with all the participants to clarify and cross-check decisions across the groups. The results were sent out to participants for review and comment in the two weeks following the workshop, and input was included in the final results and report.

For a detailed description of the workshop, including a list of attendees and the methodology for developing the initial priority resource lists, please refer to the Priority Natural Resources Workshop Report on the [Project Website](#).

Below is a summary of the priority sub-habitats, species groups, and individual species chosen by the working groups. "E" represents a resource identified as "Essential" for vulnerability analysis and adaptation plan, and "IP" represents a resource to include "If Possible." Note: The priority natural resources listed below reflect those for which we have agreement. There are a few other resources for which we need additional expert opinion. Please see the more detailed Priority Natural Resource Spreadsheet on the [Project Website](#) for these as well as the rationales for resources selected and those considered but not selected.

### Next Steps

There will be a review by additional experts and the Project Leadership Team to finalize the list of priority natural resources.

The selection of priority resources represents the final step in the first phase of the Central Valley Landscape Conservation Project, "Define Climate-Smart Goals and Priority Resources". The next phase, "Assess Vulnerability to Climate Change" will begin with assembly of information about the selected priority resources and a vulnerability assessment workshop in the fall.

Please see the [Project Website](#) for all materials related to the project.

**Workshop Results: Selected Priority Resources**

<b>Riparian Habitat</b>		
<i>Sub-habitats:</i>	<i>Key Species:</i>	<i>Species Groups:</i>
E: Floodplain Inundation Areas	E: Chinook salmon	E: Riparian songbirds
E: Riparian / Riparian Woodland	E: Pacific lamprey	
E: Stream Channel	E: Cottonwood	
IP: Estuarine	E: Bank Swallow	
	E: Western yellow-billed cuckoo	
<b>Upland Habitat</b>		
<i>Sub-habitats:</i>	<i>Key Species:</i>	<i>Species Groups:</i>
E: San Joaquin Desert	E: Western burrowing owl	E: Vernal pool crustaceans
E: Grasslands (native and non-native)	E: Blunt-nosed leopard lizard	E: Kangaroo rats
E: Dunes	IP: Atriplex polycarpa	E: Burrowing animals
E: Vernal pools and swales	IP: Ephedra californica	IP: Orcuttia grasses
<b>Wetland Habitat</b>		
<i>Sub-habitats:</i>	<i>Key Species:</i>	<i>Species Groups:</i>
E: Flooded cropland		E: Amphibians
E: Seasonal wetlands	No individual species were identified.	E: Wintering and breeding water birds and giant garter snake
E: Permanent wetlands		E: Songbirds and overwater nesters
IP: Tidal and salt marsh		E: Wintering shorebirds
IP: Semi-permanent wetlands		E: Obligate plants
		E: Wetland-dependent mammals
<b>Woodland Habitat</b>		
<i>Sub-habitats:</i>	<i>Key Species:</i>	<i>Species Groups:</i>
E: East Foothills	E: Red legged frog	E: Mast-associated species
E: Northwest Coast Range	E: Yellow legged frog	E: Cavity nesters and roosters
E: Southwest Coast Range	E: Yellow-billed magpie	E: Western bumblebee and pollinators
E: Chaparral and Serpentine soils		