

CARNEROS CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

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SOURCES OF PUBLIC FUNDING & ASSISTANCE

Several sources of public funds are available to assist in projects or programs that protect, preserve, or restore ecosystem functions. Many of the financial assistance programs are available for implementation on private lands. Sources of funds include various resource agencies from Federal, State, and Local government as well as private foundations. Below is a list of possible funding sources with a brief description of the organization, the types of projects they might be interested in funding and a link to an appropriate website (or other contact information). Some funding programs will contract directly with landowners; others will only contract with state or local agencies or non-profit organizations. Please note that this list is not exhaustive and is subject to change over time.

US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS)

The NRCS maintains a local office in Napa and can provide general conservation assistance to agricultural landowners in Napa County. They also operate several grant programs that can provide cost sharing for implementation of conservation practices on agricultural land. Conservation practices may include but are not limited to: cover crops, streamside buffer vegetation, bio-engineered streambank stabilization, livestock troughs and water development, erosion control practices, management of noxious weeds, and Pierce's disease management. Additional information is available at www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov or inquiries can be made to Phillip.Blake@ca.usda.gov.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The EPA has a regional office in San Francisco. Grant programs administered by the EPA generally involve pollution prevention; terrestrial aquatic, and coastal ecosystem research and monitoring; wetland protection; and ecosystem restoration projects. Additional information about specific grants offered through EPA can be found through a federal grant site at <http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/index.html>.

US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

The Mission of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is to work with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. They generally fund projects that involve habitat protection and restoration, species status surveys, public education and outreach, and restoration of species at risk. Additional information about grant programs administered by FWS can be found at: <http://grants.fws.gov>. Alternatively, FWS grant programs can also be searched on a federal grant website through the Department of Interior: <http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/index.html>.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – Fisheries Division (NOAA Fisheries)

NOAA Fisheries (previously National Marine Fisheries Service) is dedicated to the stewardship of living marine resources through science-based conservation and management, and the promotion of healthy ecosystems. They have a local office in Santa Rosa. They generally fund projects that involve habitat protection and restoration (particularly habitat for threatened and endangered species), public education and outreach, and restoration of species at risk. Additional

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information about current grants offered through NOAA Fisheries can be found at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/mb/grants/>. Alternatively, NOAA Fisheries grant programs can be searched on a federal grant website through the Department of Commerce at <http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/index.html>.

California Bay-Delta Authority & CALFED Bay-Delta Program

The California Bay-Delta Authority oversees 23 state and federal agencies working cooperatively through the CALFED Bay-Delta Program to improve the quality and reliability of California's water supplies while restoring the Bay-Delta ecosystem. The mission of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is to develop and implement a long-term comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta System. The program supports 11 different elements to support its 4 objectives: Water Supply Reliability, Levee System Integrity, Water Quality, and Ecosystem Restoration. Grant opportunities available can generally be found at the Bay-Delta homepage: <http://calwater.ca.gov/>.

California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

The SWRCB's mission is to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations. The SWRCB and their Regional Offices administer a variety of water quality and habitat restoration funds. Available grants are posted on the following website: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/funding/index.html>.

California State Coastal Conservancy – SF Bay Area Conservancy Program

The San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program, administered by the Coastal Conservancy, was established to address the natural resource and recreational goals of the nine-county Bay Area in a coordinated and comprehensive way. The Conservancy may award grants to help achieve the following Bay Program goals: (1) protect, restore, and enhance natural habitats and other open-space resources of regional significance throughout the nine-county area; (2) improve public access and related facilities to and around the Bay, its surrounding hills, and the coast, through completion of bay, coast, and ridge trails that are part of a regional trail system; and (3) promote projects that provide open space that is accessible to urban populations for recreational and educational purposes. Applications for funding are accepted on a continual basis. Additional information about the Program and the application package are available on line at: <http://www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov/Programs/BACP.htm>.

California Department of Conservation

The Department of Conservation provides services and information that promote environmental health, economic vitality, informed land-use decisions and sound management of our state's natural resources. Most of the applicable assistance provided is offered through the Division of Land Resource Protection and includes voluntary programs that help to meet individual needs, including [property tax incentives](#), grants for the purchase of [agricultural conservation easements](#), and funding for conservation projects conducted by [Resource Conservation Districts](#). Additional information is available at: <http://www.consrv.ca.gov/DLRP/index.htm>.

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California Department of Fish and Game (DFG)

The Mission of the Department of Fish and Game is to manage California's diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and for their use and enjoyment by the public. They administer a number of grant programs that make funds available for several types of projects including: restoration implementation, education, assessment, and monitoring. Additional information about DFG can be found at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov>.

Wildlife Conservation Commission of Napa County

The Wildlife Conservation Commission awards grant funds to local projects that support the preservation, propagation, and protection of birds, mammals, fish and amphibians. Funds are generated through local fines levied by the California Department of Fish & Game and may be used for a variety of projects including, but not limited to: education, monitoring, land acquisition, or restoration work. Contact Patrick Lowe at the Napa County Conservation, Development and Planning Department for additional information: 707.253.4188.

Napa County Public Works Program

Napa County has funds available to help with watershed restoration work related to creeks for properties that are not eligible for alternative funds, such as NRCS Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). Mike Forte, with Napa County Public Works Department, can be contacted regarding these funds.

Napa County Resource Conservation District (Napa RCD)

The Napa RCD is a local non-regulatory agency whose mission is to promote responsible watershed management through voluntary community stewardship and technical assistance. The RCD is available to assist with grant writing for projects and is available on a limited basis to provide advice and assistance to landowners and managers.