

Simplified Permitting Options in California for Voluntary Habitat Restoration Projects in Inland Areas

Agency/Authority	Permit/Availability/Details
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT	<p>Availability: Statewide</p> <p>Details: Categorical Exemption for restoration projects ≤ 5 ac. that assure maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.</p> <p>For a full description: CATEx FOR SMALL HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS</p>
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD	<p>Availability: Statewide</p> <p>Details: Water Quality Certification for voluntary restoration projects ≤ 5 ac. or 500 linear ft.</p> <p>For a full description: 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR SMALL RESTORATION PROJECTS</p>
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE	<p>Availability: Statewide</p> <p>Details: A faster and simpler pathway for voluntary restoration projects ≤ 5 ac. or 500 cumulative linear ft., as an alternative to DFW 1600/2081 permits. Must be eligible for, or already have, the 401 Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects.</p> <p>For a full description: AB 2193 – HABITAT RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT</p> <p>Additional Information: AB 2193 - GUIDANCE DOCUMENT & FAQs</p>
ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS	<p>Availability: Statewide</p> <p>Details: Programmatic permits for temporary construction, aquatic habitat restoration.</p> <p>For a full description: NATIONWIDE PERMITS</p>
US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE	<p>Availability: Central Valley and Foothill Ring</p> <p>Details: Programmatic section 7 consultation for endangered species habitat protection and enhancement, funding and technical assistance.</p> <p>For a full description: PARTNERS IN WILDLIFE PROGRAMMATIC BIOLOGICAL OPINION</p>
	<p>Availability: Contra Costa, Alameda, San Francisco, part of San Mateo, Santa Clara, Monterey, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Napa, Solano, San Benito, Marin, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Cruz Counties</p> <p>Details: Programmatic section 7 consultation for California red-legged frog.</p> <p>For a full description: PROGRAMMATIC BIOLOGICAL OPINION</p>

