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Regional Restoration Planning & Partnership

Sierra San Joaquin Jobs First

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Project Overview

The **Regional Restoration Planning & Partnership (R2P2)** component of Sequoia Riverlands Trust's (SRT) **Sierra San Joaquin Jobs (S2J2)** Catalyst grant focuses on developing a Regional Restoration Plan tailored to the unique challenges and opportunities of Madera, Fresno, Kings, and Tulare counties. This initiative builds on previous planning efforts, integrating their findings while

avoiding duplication, to chart a forward-thinking, actionable roadmap for restoration, resilience, and workforce development. SRT will convene partners, synthesize information gathered from partners and other sources, and be responsible for producing the Regional Restoration Plan. Partners will play a critical role in plan development and eventual implementation.



Building on previous efforts

Sequoia Riverlands Trust recognizes the importance of leveraging existing regional plans, studies, and initiatives to inform the Regional Restoration Plan. Key aspects include:

- Integration of Past Findings: Incorporating data, priorities, and recommendations from efforts like the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, SGMA Groundwater Sustainability Plans, and local habitat restoration strategies.
- Focusing on Gaps: Addressing unfulfilled needs, such as large-scale restoration implementation and workforce training, that align with regional conservation goals.
- Regional Collaboration: Ensuring efforts complement, rather than replicate, ongoing efforts by engaging with partners like tribes, communities, other nonprofits, resource conservation districts, and local governments.

This plan will serve as an important bridge between existing frameworks and new opportunities, creating a unified vision for restoration across the central San Joaquin Valley.



Priorities and Focus

Alignment with the S2J2 Investment Plan

Nature-Based Solutions: Ecosystem Restoration as a Shared Vision

S2J2 Priorities

- Using ecological restoration to improve climate resilience and enhance biodiversity.
- Expanding floodplains and restoring degraded habitats to benefit communities and wildlife.

R2P2 Focus

- Developing the Regional Restoration Plan, with actionable strategies for habitat restoration projects across Madera, Fresno, Kings, and Tulare counties.
- Scaling up native plant propagation at the SRT's Dry Creek Native Plant Nursery to support restoration efforts outlined in the plan.

Water Management: Achieving Resilience Through Restoration

S2J2 Priorities

- Sustainable groundwater management and compliance with SGMA.
- Restoring floodplains to enhance groundwater recharge and reduce flood risks.

R2P2 Focus

- Incorporating water management strategies into the Regional Restoration Plan, including natural groundwater recharge, floodplain expansion, and pollutant filtration through restoration projects.
- Collaborating with partners to ensure projects are effective and scalable across the region.

Workforce Development: Building Capacity for Long- Term Impact

S2J2 Priorities

- Creating conservation jobs and workforce training opportunities to support regional restoration initiatives.

R2P2 Focus

- Including workforce development strategies in the Regional Restoration Plan, emphasizing training in native plant propagation, habitat restoration, and sustainable land management.
- Partnering with local Workforce Investment Boards and other organizations to maximize access to training opportunities, particularly in tribal and disadvantaged communities.



Next Steps

How partner organizations can participate

How We Can Work Together

Partners can:

- Participate in the development and implementation of the Regional Restoration Plan, ensuring alignment with biodiversity and climate resilience goals.
- Engage in shaping and executing the water management components of the Regional Restoration Plan, aligning regional expertise and resources to address shared challenges.
- Contribute to the development of workforce programs detailed in the Regional Restoration Plan, ensuring they meet the region's economic and ecological needs.
- Build partnerships by engaging in the Regional Restoration Plan, ensuring it serves as a comprehensive and practical guide for coordinated restoration efforts across Madera, Fresno, Kings, and Tulare counties.

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Why the Regional Restoration Plan Matters

By aligning efforts through the Regional Restoration Plan, we can:

1. Accelerate large-scale restoration projects that achieve shared ecological and economic goals.
2. Avoid duplication by building on previous planning efforts and filling critical gaps.
3. Ensure equitable outcomes by incorporating feedback from disadvantaged communities and tribal groups.
4. Deliver actionable solutions for climate resilience, biodiversity, and sustainable water management.





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