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INTERESTED IN AN MLRP PROJECT?

SRT can help you apply for funding to develop, implement, or build capacity to design a repurposing project. In addition to the Kaweah subbasin we can assist with projects in Tule and Westlands. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Emily Boettger for more information, to learn about stakeholder engagement opportunities, or to explore other subbasins doing MLRP work.

ABOUT SEQUOIA RIVERLANDS TRUST:

Sequoia Riverlands Trust protects more than 40,000 acres of land in the Southern Central Valley. Since our founding in 2000 we have created and continue to manage seven nature preserves, helped countless landowners protect the land they love in perpetuity, permanently protected vital working and agricultural lands in the Central Valley, and pioneered outdoor education programs for students across Tulare County.

SRT's mission to conserve the land and waters of California's heartland is achieved by working with diverse partners in these ways:



Protecting
nature



Protecting
farmland



Land
management



Restoring
habitat



Connecting
stakeholders



Educating

Explore more of what we do, or plan a visit to a preserve at: sequoiariverlands.org

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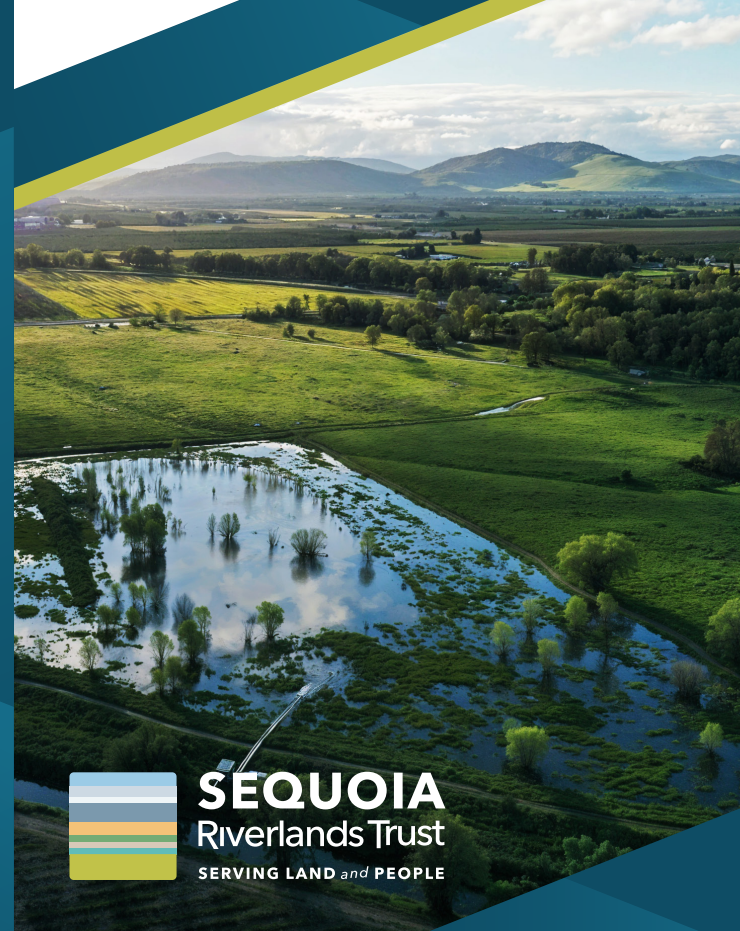
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UNDERSTANDING THE MULTIBENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM



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WHAT IS MULTIBENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING (MLRP)?

Multibenefit land repurposing is the practice of transitioning irrigated land to new uses that conserve water and deliver benefits to communities and ecosystems. MLRP projects are designed to be flexible so that they can best serve the goals of their local communities. Some examples include but are not limited to:

- Creation or restoration of habitat
- Development of groundwater recharge areas
- Restoration of floodplains
- Transition to dryland farming or non-irrigated rangeland
- Transition to less water-intensive crops, including natives
- Planting of cover crops or conservation cover
- Reestablishment of Tribal land uses
- Implementation of Tribal cultural practices
- Facilitation of renewable energy projects
- Creation of parks or other community recreation areas

WHAT IS THE MULTIBENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM (MLRP)?

In 2021, California established the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP) as an investment to reduce reliance on groundwater while providing community health, economic well-being, water supply, habitat, renewable energy and climate benefits. The program is run by California's Department of Conservation, with support from Self-Help Enterprises, Environmental Defense Fund, and Environmental Incentives. It delivers block grants of up to \$10 million to local entities to support coordinated planning and implementation of land repurposing projects. Projects can be permanent or maintained for a minimum of 10 years.



ABOUT THE KAWEAH SUBBASIN MLRP PROGRAM:

In partnership with 7 other organizations, SRT is a block grantee for the Kaweah Subbasin. In coordination with them, we collaboratively plan for future land use transitions, cover land repurposing costs, and provide incentive payments to growers who voluntarily participate.



Projects in the Kaweah Subbasin focus on the sustainable management of groundwater supplies, providing drought relief, restoring wildlife habitat, and providing other direct benefits to disadvantaged communities and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, while protecting the region's land-based economy.

A major component of the Kaweah MLRP program is outreach and engagement with diverse stakeholders, and integration of their feedback into the program's development. The principal engagement efforts include: meetings with stakeholder groups, in-person campaigns to rural unincorporated communities, outreach to farmers and landowners, outdoor educational opportunities for youth and opportunities for community members to engage in citizen science.