Fresno County Measure C Riparian-Wildlife Corridor Report

As part of an agreement with the Council of Fresno County Governments, Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners (TBWP) visited seven riparian and wildlife corridors in Fresno County during February and March 2008. TBWP used a numerical ranking system to determine the corridors with the highest potential for habitat/wildlife conservation, recreation, and conjunctive uses, such as flood control, groundwater recharge, tourism and opportunities for private landowner involvement. The three highest-ranking corridors include: Kings River Riparian Corridor, Arroyo Pasajero Riparian Corridor Complex (including Los Gatos, Warthan, Jacalitos and Zapato Chino creeks), and Fresno Slough Riparian Corridor. For each of the three highest ranking corridors, TBWP provides a description and a summary of attributes and conjunctive use opportunities. A brief description of attributes and opportunities for the four additional corridors with lower rankings is provided as well.

Additionally, this report lists the Measure C transportation improvements and briefly discusses the potential wildlife impacts related to each of the projects. An examination of other regional planning efforts involving Fresno County provides information about the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint, the Fresno County Planned Rural Bikeway System, the Pacific Gas & Electric Habitat Conservation Plan and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Upland Species Recovery Plan. The document concludes with information about potential project mitigation areas, including selection criteria and site recommendations.

Read the full report here.