

Conservancy Comparison

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Established	1985	1976	2004	1992	2002	1980	2004
Mission	"The California Tahoe Conservancy's mission is to preserve, protect, restore, enhance and sustain the unique and significant natural resources and recreational opportunities of the Lake Tahoe Basin."	"The Coastal Conservancy acts with others to preserve, protect and restore the resources of the California Coast."	"The Sierra Nevada Conservancy initiates, encourages, and supports efforts that improve the environmental, economic and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region, its communities and the citizens of California."	"The mission of the San Joaquin River Conservancy is to provide leadership and acquire, preserve, manage, and promote access to lands within the flood plain on both sides of the San Joaquin River from Friant Dam to Highway 99."	"The mission of the San Diego River Conservancy is to further the goals of its enabling legislation (i.e., land conservation, recreation and education, natural and cultural resources preservation and restoration, water quality and natural flood conveyance), by conserving and restoring its land and water for the enjoyment of present and future generations."	"Through direct action, alliances, partnerships, and joint powers authorities, the Conservancy's mission is to strategically buy back, preserve, protect, restore, and enhance treasured pieces of Southern California to form an interlinking system of urban, rural and river parks, open space, trails, and wildlife habitats that are easily accessible to the general public."	"To protect and restore the Great Lakes."
Vision	None stated	"Our vision is of a beautiful, restored and accessible coastline."	"The magnificent Sierra Nevada Region enjoys outstanding environmental, economic and social health with vibrant communities and landscapes sustained for future generations."	None stated	None stated	None stated	None stated

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Mandates(or Objectives)	Established in 1984 to develop and implement programs through acquisitions and site improvements to improve water quality in Lake Tahoe, preserve the scenic beauty and recreational opportunities of the region, provide public access, preserve wildlife habitat areas, and manage and restore lands to protect the natural environment.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protects and improves coastal wetlands, streams, and watersheds; 2. Helps people get to coast and bay shores by building trails and stairways and by acquiring land and easements. 3. Assists in the creation of low-cost accommodations along the coast, including campgrounds and hostels; 4. Works with local communities to revitalize urban waterfronts; 5. Helps to solve complex land-use problems; 6. Purchases and holds environmentally valuable coastal and bay lands; 7. Protects agricultural lands and supports coastal agriculture; and 8. Accepts donations and dedications of land and easements for public access, wildlife habitat, agriculture, and open space. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide increased opportunity for tourism and recreation in the Region; 2. Protect, conserve and restore the Region's physical, cultural, archaeological, historical and living resources; 3. Aid in the preservation of working landscapes; 4. Reduce the risk of natural disasters, such as wildfire; 5. Protect and improve water and air quality; 5. Assist the regional economy; 6. Enhance public use and enjoyment of lands owned by the public; and 7. Support efforts that advance both environmental preservation and the economic well-being of Sierra residents in a complementary manner 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implementing the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan, a 22-mile regional greenspace and wildlife corridor along both sides of the river extending from Friant Dam to Highway 99, with an interconnected trail system and recreational and educational features. 2. Acquiring approximately 5900 acres from willing sellers. 3. Operating and managing lands for public enjoyment consistent with protection of natural resources. 4. Protecting, enhancing and restoring riparian and riverine habitat and ecological diversity. 5. Facilitating the development of the Parkway, garnering public support, and securing its future. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To acquire and manage public lands within the San Diego River area, and to provide recreational opportunities, open space, wildlife habitat and species restoration and protection, wetland protection and restoration, protection of historical and cultural resources, and protection, maintenance and improvements of the quality of the waters in the San Diego River and its watershed, its tributaries and historic flumes emanating from the river for all beneficial uses, lands for educational uses within the area, and natural floodwater conveyance. 2. To provide for the public's enjoyment, and to enhance the recreational and educational experience and historic interpretation on public lands in the territory in a manner consistent with the protection of land and natural resources, as well as economic resources, in the area. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Further Cooperation with Local Governments in the Region to Secure Open Space and Parkland 2. Expand Efforts to Integrate Nature into the Urban Environment 3. Expand Education, Public Access, and Resource Stewardship Components in a Manner That Best Serves the Public, Protects Habitat, and Provides Recreational Opportunities 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prevent the introduction and stop the spread of aquatic invasive species 2. Prevent the loss and degradation of habitat 3. Improve water quality 4. Stop the spread of and repair contaminated sediments 5. Address non point source runoff contamination 6. Eliminate the discharge of any persistent toxic substance 7. Develop consistent measures to monitor key indicators of ecological health 8. Develop a balance between economic, societal, and ecological needs

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Funding	855,000 - Prop 40 and Environmental License Plate Fund (ELPF)	140M per year	Prop 84	Prop 84	Prop 40 (has never received General Fund funding) and ELPF	4.1 M - Prop 40 460,000 - Prop 50 (2009)	Not stated
Land Ownership	Own +/- 6,000 acres (roughly 5,000 parcels)	Yes, but mostly deal in easements and dedications	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, may not retain ownership of land for more than 10 years	No
Jurisdiction/Area	Lake Tahoe Basin to the State line	North Coast (Del Norte through coastal Marin counties) San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy (nine Bay Area counties) Central Coast (coastal San Mateo through Santa Barbara) South Coast (Ventura through San Diego counties)	25 million acres, all or part of 22 counties, 20 incorporated cities, 40 special districts and 212 communities.	22 miles of river corridor in Madera and Fresno counties - about 6,000 acres	52 miles of river corridor from the town of Julian to the Pacific Ocean	The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy zone covers an area from the edge of the Mojave Desert to the Pacific Ocean. The zone encompasses the whole of the Santa Monica Mountains, the Simi Hills, the Verdugo Mountains and significant portions of the Santa Susana and San Gabriel Mountains.	The Great Lakes to the Canadian border
Foundation	None	None	None	San Joaquin River Parkway & Conservation Trust, Inc. (River Parkway Trust)	San Diego River Park Foundation	None	None
Administer Grant Programs?	Yes	Yes	Yes, 10M for FY 2010-2011	Not stated	Yes	Yes	No

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Program Areas	Environmentally Sensitive Lands Public Access and Recreations Erosion Control Wildlife Enhancement Stream Environment Zone Land Management Land Coverage and Other Marketable Rights Forest Ecology	Public Access The San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Coastal Resource Conservation Ocean Protection Council	Tourism and Recreation Physical, Cultural, Archaeological, Historical, and Living Resources Working Landscapes Natural Disaster Risks Water and Air Quality Regional Economy Public Lands	Acquire and manage public lands in the San Joaquin River Parkway	Land Conservation Recreation and Education Natural and Cultural Resources Preservation and Restoration Water Quality and Natural Flood Conveyance	Programs administered through Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Aquatic Invasive Species Initiatives* Toxic Pollutants Initiatives* Wetlands Initiative Beach Project Initiative Great Lakes Botulism Type E Coordination and Response Initiative* *Implemented by the US EPA
Partner Relationships	None stated	Work with more than 100 local land trusts and non-profit groups	None stated	Audubon California Ducks Unlimited Natural Resources Defense Council Revive the San Joaquin River Partners Sierra Foothills Conservancy San Joaquin River Parkway & Conservation Trust Nature Conservancy Trust for Public Land	San Diego River Park Foundation	Member of 7 JPA's: -Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority -Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority -Eastern Ventura County Conservation Authority -Mountains Conservation & Education Authority -Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority -Newhall Ranch High Country Recreation and Conservation Authority -Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation & Conservation Authority -Whittier-Puente Hills Conservation Authority -Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority	Native American Tribal communities

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