

Wildlands Mitigation Bank at Sheridan Placer County, California

Wildlands' first mitigation bank was established in the fall of 1994. This wetland preserve, located 22 miles north of Sacramento in Placer County, California, was the first wetland mitigation bank in the western U.S. to be authorized to sell compensatory mitigation credits.



The planning process for the Bank included the preparation of baseline technical studies and the identification of goals, objectives, and specifications for habitat creation. Wildlands then designed restoration plans, obtained permits, drafted agency agreements, and coordinated earthwork and revegetation. Since this project was the first of its kind in the western United States, Wildlands laid much of the institutional groundwork with federal, state, and local agencies for the establishment and use of mitigation banks.

The preserve encompasses 315 acres and provides compensatory mitigation for the following habitats which have been created and restored by Wildlands: vernal pools and swales; seasonal and perennial marsh; seasonal wetland; perennial stream channel; oak woodland; open water marsh; elderberry scrub and savanna; riparian scrub and woodland.

About Wildlands: Wildlands, Inc. was the first private enterprise west of the Mississippi to be fully authorized to develop a commercial mitigation bank and sell credits that compensate for lost wetland habitat. In addition to planning, permitting, and managing mitigation obligations, Wildlands staff create habitat construction designs, supervise habitat construction, and perform ecological monitoring and long-term land stewardship. Since its first project in 1994, Wildlands has established eleven other large-scale restoration and land preservation projects and manages thousands of acres of natural and restored lands. Wildlands is based in Rocklin, California and has regional offices in San Diego, Oakland, and the Seattle area.

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