

EcoPlan Supports Working Land Improvements on Farms

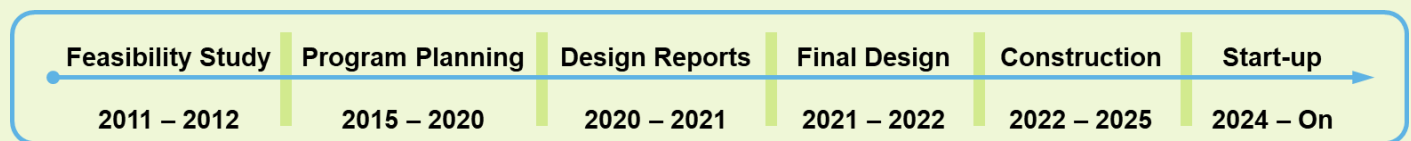


Harvest Water, managed by Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San), will deliver 50,000 acre-feet per year of tertiary-treated recycled water for agricultural irrigation and wildlife habitat in southern Sacramento County. The program will decrease agricultural demands on groundwater pumping and provide habitat improvements to existing working and conservation lands. Harvest Water is funded by the California Water Commission through a Proposition 1 grant for the Water Storage Investment Program and Regional San.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOUTHERN SACRAMENTO COUNTY LANDOWNERS

- Sign up to receive **low-cost recycled water** delivery for irrigation
- Receive **financial assistance** to support habitat improvements on agricultural working lands

OVERALL SCHEDULE FOR HARVEST WATER



WHAT IS THE ECOPLAN?

The *EcoPlan* supports land and water management activities **without interfering with existing farming** by:

- Protecting the Cosumnes River and riparian forests through groundwater substitutions
- Assisting landowners improve habitat conditions for vernal pools, wetlands, and riparian forests
- Providing winter roosting and foraging habitat for Sandhill cranes and other waterfowl
- Preserving working farmland and rangeland in the southern Sacramento County region
- Supporting existing wildlife-friendly agricultural management activities through voluntary agreements



Agricultural fields with grain crops, alfalfa, and pasture may be eligible to support Sandhill cranes.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Priority for *EcoPlan* participation will be given to landowners and operators who own or lease land on eligible parcels within the Harvest Water Program Area (see map on next page)

WHAT AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS AND LAND TYPES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE *ECOPLAN*?

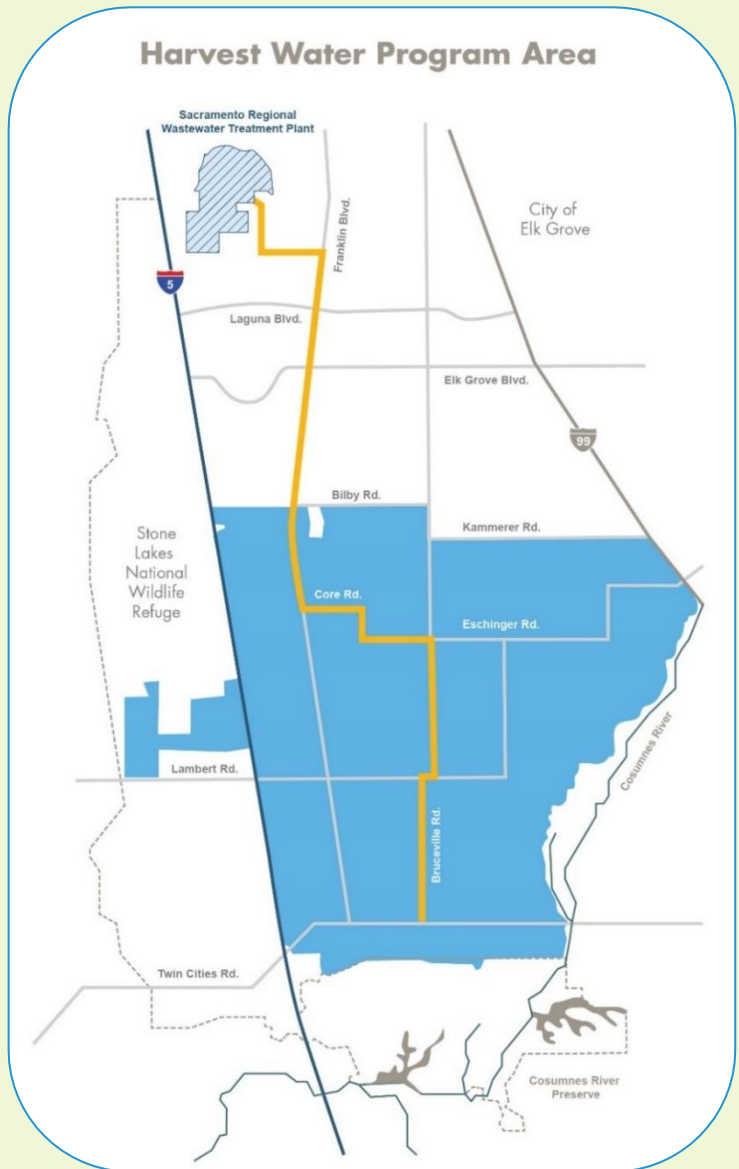
- Annual crop fields and alfalfa
- Pastureland
- Grazing lands
- Existing wetlands and riparian forests

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF *ECOPLAN* PARTICIPATION?

- Opportunities to participate include contracted crop production and grazing and short- and long-term agreements and easements
- In some cases, additional financial incentives may be available
- Preserve rural, agricultural landscape in and around the program area
- No set-up costs to landowner/operator to participate in the *EcoPlan*



Lands with existing riparian habitat may be eligible to participate in the EcoPlan.



Existing grazing lands may be eligible for the EcoPlan.



For more information about Harvest Water, please visit regionalsan.com/harvest-water or contact Regional San at HarvestWater@sacsewer.com or (916) 876-3322.

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