

Salinas River Long-Term Management Plan (LTMP)

DRAFT Purpose and Goals (v.2)

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The purpose of the Salinas River LTMP is to describe a multi-benefit management program that addresses needs related to MCWRA facilities and operations, as well as related issues such as flood risk reduction, water supply, water quality, natural resource conservation, threatened and endangered species management, and federal and state Endangered Species Act compliance. The primary goals of the LTMP include the following:

- Identify long-term solutions for management of the Salinas River that include flood reduction, water resource management, stream maintenance, and habitat management for threatened and endangered species;
- Investigate the Salinas River Lagoon for the potential of reducing flooding and improving habitat conditions;
- Identify potential improvements to steelhead migration issues in the Salinas River utilizing management efforts and anticipated future projects;
- Develop the framework for implementing the LTMP that meets a variety of multi-benefit management goals, including implementation of the forthcoming Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Salinas River Basin.
- Build upon and incorporate public/private partnerships, compatible with existing land, water rights and uses.
- Document the historical conditions in the Salinas River watershed, specifically in Monterey County.
- Describe the existing conditions in the Salinas River watershed—including the physical, biological, and chemical changes in the system over time—and to the extent possible, the sources driving those changes.
- Inform development of a future MCWRA habitat conservation plan (HCP) and other planning documents.