

GET PAID TO FLOOD YOUR WETLANDS!

Enhance the habitat potential of your wetlands

BirdReturns Wetland Incentive Program pays private wetland owners to provide habitat for shorebirds and other waterbirds by flooding outside of the hunting season. By adjusting the management of water depth and timing, private wetlands can meet habitat needs for a greater diversity of waterbird species!



SPRING

Drawdown water in April to provide migratory shorebird habitat



SUMMER

Provide nesting and brood-rearing habitat for shorebirds and waterfowl



FALL

Provide early flooded habitat for migrating shorebirds and molting waterfowl

BirdReturns

Creating flexible bird habitat
in California's Central Valley

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Wetland operators within the Central Valley, Suisun, Delta, Tulare, and San Joaquin region. Requirements may vary for each program.

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

To apply, submit an easy 1 page application at birdreturns.org. Enrolled wetlands must meet specific flooding practices and allow for monitoring.

UPCOMING APPLICATIONS

SPRING

Application Period: January 12th - February 4th, 2024



Flooding Practice:

- Soils must remain flooded or fully saturated from the end of the hunting season until the drawdown period
- Conduct a gradual drawdown to reach 50% mudflats by the end of the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd week of April

SUMMER

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Flooding Practice:

- Enrolled units must be fully flooded from April 1st- July 15th (minimum 12-24 inches)
- Select from Standard Drawdown (50% mudflats on August 1st) or Delayed Drawdown (remain fully flooded until at least October 1st)

Full details, including payment rates, available on the website

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