CALIFORNIA'S FRESHWATER CONSERVATION BLUEPRINT

A growing population and transformation of California into one of the most productive agricultural and urban landscapes in the world have reduced freshwater habitats to a small fraction of their historic extent. Across the state freshwater-dependent ecosystems have been degraded, resulting in reduced ecological functions and dramatic declines of freshwater species. Currently, there is no statewide conservation plan for preserving California's rich freshwater diversity. The Freshwater Conservation Blueprint project aims to fill this gap by identifying key freshwater species and areas of high conservation value based on where these species occur.

