Currently, 8.8 million acres of California are at risk from flooding. These flood zones cover 16% of the state's urban and suburban development, and 36% of the state's land dedicated to cultivated crops. As the climate changes, many predict flooding will become more frequent and more intense. Restoring our floodplains and reconnecting our rivers will protect people and farms from flooding. The Nature Conservancy has developed the Flood Risk Reduction Network to demonstrate a variety of nature-based solutions to reduce the risk of flooding now and in the future.

Statewide Percent in Flood Zones
California's human-dominated landscapes are disproportionately threatened by floods. While only 9% of the entire state is in a flood zone, 16% of the developed area and 36% of the cultivated area are subject to flooding.