

**WETLANDS RECOVERY PROJECT
COMMUNITY WETLAND RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM 2011**

Project: Goleta Slough Urban Interface Restoration Project

Grantee: Growing Solutions

Award: \$19,800

This project will involve students and volunteers in the hands-on restoration of a currently un-restored 5-acre portion of Goleta Slough, providing practical educational workshops. The restoration will help reverse wetland degradation and symptoms of urban development through weed removal and revegetation, enhance the rare species plant population within the airport property, and bank wetland habitat against the possibility of future climate change induced sea-level rise.

Project: Cañada del Puerto Riparian Enhancement Project

Grantee: Channel Islands Restoration

Award: \$29,900

The project will conduct twelve, 4-day trips to control *Vinca major* and *Pennisetum clandestinum* in all of Cañada del Puerto Creek on Santa Cruz Island. Both species will be controlled by herbicide application or hand-removal.

Project: West Barranca Riparian Restoration

Grantee: The CREW

Award: \$40,000 (NFWF is funding this project enabling \$10k exceedance in CWRGP max)

This project will restore the riparian ecosystem of the lower West Barranca Riparian corridor in Ojai's Libbey Park. The restoration will remove garbage, debris, and non-native plants, and revegetate the area with native plants.

Project: Ballona Wetlands Restoration through Community Engagement

Grantee: Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation

Award: \$29,850

The project will manually remove invasive vegetation, create a native plant nursery and broaden the Ballona wetland advocacy constituency. Community members that are not currently involved in wetland restoration efforts at Ballona Wetlands will be engaged.

Project: Bouquet Canyon Creek Restoration

Grantee: Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District

Award: \$20,240

The project will control the spread of 60 to 100 sites of *Arundo donax* within a 3.5 mile stretch of Bouquet Canyon creek utilizing integrated pest management. The sites will be revegetated with native plant species endemic to the region (*Baccharis salicifolia*, *Artemisia californica*, and *Quercus agrifolia*) in order to enhance the natural ecology and preserve biodiversity.

Project: Invasive Tree Removal, Restoration and Community Education Project
Grantee: Friends of Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve, Inc
Award: \$30,000

The project will remove 84 invasive trees in the wetland preserve. A diverse local community will be engaged in planting and maintaining local, native vegetation and educated about Dominguez Slough and the crucial role of the Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve as a remnant of southern California's natural wetland ecosystems.

Project: Zedler Marsh Meadows and Hellman Lowlands Restoration Project at Los Cerritos Wetlands
Grantee: Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust
Award: \$25,000

The project will expand the community-based restoration efforts at Los Cerritos Wetlands to the newly purchased Hellman Ranch Lowlands, while restoring the plant community in 6 acres of alkali meadow in the Zedler Marsh restoration area. This work will be incorporated into a public program focused on wetlands education, community outreach, stewardship and conservation for the continued and long-term preservation and enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands. The project will install coastal wetlands vegetation, control non-native plant species, remove thousands of pounds of debris, conserve rare plant populations, propagate wetlands plant species, and introduce non-traditional environmental constituents to these urban wetlands.

Project: Bayview Habitat Restoration Project
Grantee: Newport Bay Conservancy
Award: \$29,500

The project will complete and integrate four nearly restored projects into one complete 10 acre restoration of coastal sage scrub, native grassland, riparian and upper salt marsh habitat. The work will involve the temporary fencing and revegetation of areas damaged by illegal trail activity, and the remediation of other areas that were unsuitable for community-based planting activities because of heavily compacted soil and other issues.