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## Who am 1?

- My title:
  - Restoration Ecologist
- But I'm also a...
  - Project Manager
  - Mentor
  - Environmental Advocate
  - Life-long Learner



## Who is River Partners?

- Nonprofit organization founded in 1998
- Create a thriving and hopeful future for the state's environment and communities
- Scientifically driven riparian habitat restoration using modern farming practices
- The largest on-the-ground restoration footprint of any nonprofit in the western US

### BY THE NUMBERS



18,000+

Acres of habitat restored for imperiled species



58

Imperiled species protected



4 million

Native trees planted



10+ billion

gallons of fresh water conserved



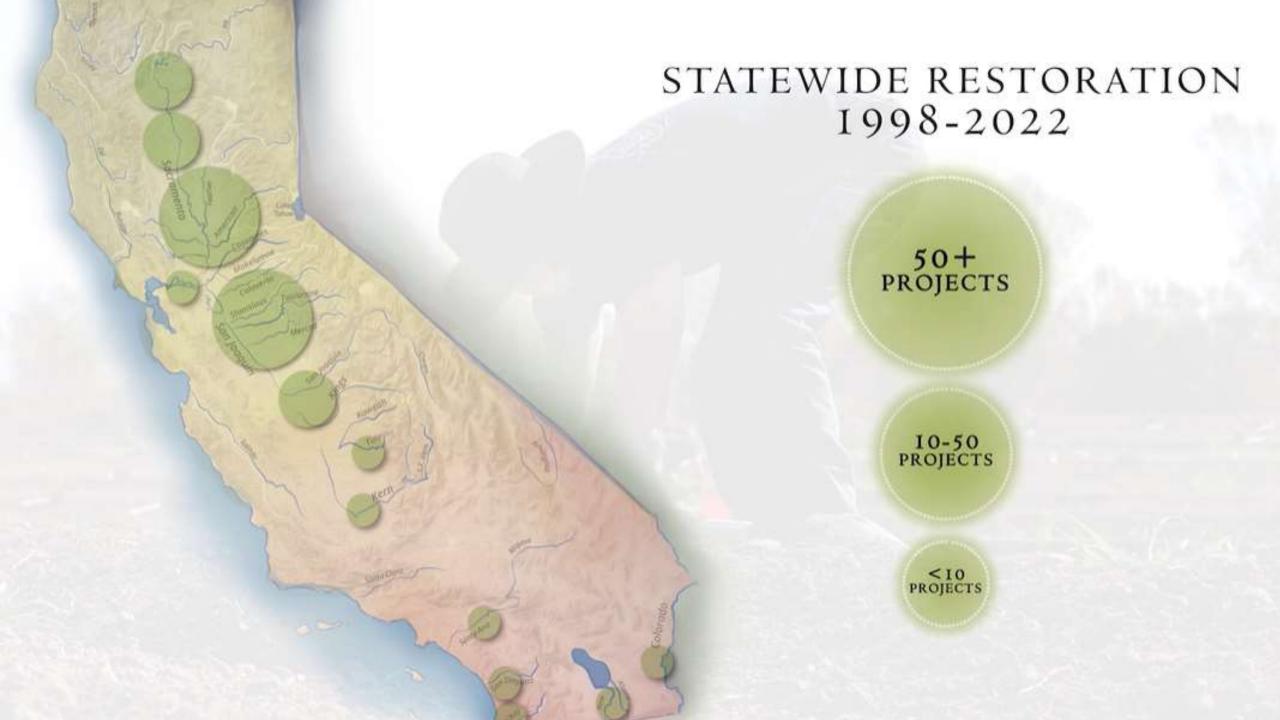
1+ million

tons of greenhouse gases captured



\$150+ million

channeled to the communities we serve



# We Bring Life Back To Rivers



# Our Impact is State-Wide

## Southern California: Panorama Vista Preserve

 Located in Bakersfield, CA, this project provides critical habitat along the Kern river

Location used to propagate and

reestablish the endangered

**Bakersfield Cactus** 







(Above) In total, River Partners installed roughly 35,000 native trees and plants, provided jobs to over 20 California Conservation Corpsmembers, and offered numerous volunteer opportunities to area students and residents to enhance their local environment.



150 Acres Restored +50 Acres for



35,000



River Miles



9 Priority Species Supported



8 Miles of Trails Opened



## Our Impact is State-Wide

## San Joaquin Valley: **Dos Rios Ranch Preserve**

- The largest public-private floodplain restoration in California's history
- Restoration led to de-listing of the endangered Aleutian **Cackling Goose**
- In the process of becoming California's newest State Park



#### BY THE NUMBERS





350,000+





**Priority Species** Supported





Disadvantaged Community





## Dos Rios Ranch Reserve: Then and Now

**2009: Pre-restoration** 



**2019: Post-restoration experiencing flooding** 



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# Sacramento Valley: Hamilton City Restoration

- Multi-benefit restoration project that also serves as flood control
- Started in 2000, the first riparian restoration project in USACE history







(Left) Locally hired field staff plant native vegetation along the Sacramento River near Hamilton City, the residents of which had to evacuate six times since the 1980s due to flooding. (Right) Restoring floodplains represents a powerful model for simultaneous flood and habitat protection.











# Our Work Enacts Change

## Only 5% of California's native riverside habitat remains

**Bringing Back Disappearing Wildlife** 

Boosting Flood Safety

**Growing California's climate resilience** 

Conserving Fresh Water

**Creating Healthy Communities** 

**Building Strong Economies** 

## How You Can Support Our Mission



### **Donate**

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