



New Demonstration Project Launched

Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners, in partnership with the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority (DCTRA) initiated a four-phase demonstration project with regional implications for wildlife-friendly groundwater recharge and banking. The first phase will implement structural and engineered improvements to an existing DCTRA groundwater recharge basin; provide and enhance habitat for endangered and threatened species; increase the frequency and volume of water available at the appropriate times of

year to benefit wetland species; enhance groundwater banking; and generate baseline and ongoing monitoring data to use in an adaptive approach to operations and management. In addition, project partners will be working to create opportunities for public environmental education and non-consumptive recreation, such as nature study, bird watching and wildlife photography. This first phase of the project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2010.

Assessing Water Needs in Tulare Basin

Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners, working with Provost & Pritchard Engineering Group, Inc., is developing strategies to assess the water needs for conservation and restoration projects in the Tulare Basin and for obtaining the needed water supply. These strategies will be used to define the environmental water supply needs for high-priority, multi-purpose, conjunctive use conservation projects throughout the Basin. This project will also evaluate environmental water needs and inform the integrated regional water management planning efforts already in progress through the region.



Land & Water Solutions Symposium

Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners is in the initial planning stages to host a symposium to build a land ethic in the Tulare Basin. Slated for spring 2010, this event will feature plenary sessions, panel discussions, workshops and field trips that provide tips and tools for land and water solutions to private land owners, agricultural associations, water agencies, land use decision-makers and conservation funders. Check the News & Events tab at www.tularebasinwildlifepartners.org for updated information in the coming months.

Tulare Lake "En Plein Air" Saturday, April 4, 2009

Celebrate the biodiversity of spring in the Tulare Basin! Join Rob Hansen, leading natural history expert and TBWP president, and Carole Combs, TBWP executive director, on a tour of tule marshes, vernal pool prairie and desert wildflower fields. Enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch while plein air landscape artists recreate nature's vernal pool wildflower palette. Offered through the San Joaquin River Parkway & Conservation Trust's parties for the parkway program as Party #4. For more information, visit <http://www.riverparkway.org/parties.asp>.