



TBWP AWARDED \$36K GRANT FROM CENTRAL VALLEY JOINT VENTURE

In July 2009, the Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners (TBWP) received a generous, one-year \$36,000 grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Central Valley Joint Venture that begins October 2009. This critically important funding will assist TBWP in building organizational capacity and implementing its highest priority conservation projects, as well as the goals of the USFWS's Migratory Bird Program and the Central Valley Joint Venture 2006 Implementation Plan for the Tulare Basin.

Upon completing four Tulare Basin Conservation Plans that now serve as California Department of Fish & Game Conceptual Area Protection Plans, TBWP developed a list of 57 high-priority public/private multi-benefit "land and water solution" projects. These projects are prioritized and require funding in excess of \$100 million over time. As a result of the State of California financial crisis, which greatly diminished not only established State funding sources, but also the most prominent private funding sources, this grant from the Central Valley Joint Venture is especially and uniquely important in these tough economic times to help implement important conservation projects that benefit wildlife and people in the Tulare Basin.

The Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners deeply appreciates this assistance from the Central Valley Joint Venture, and in particular, Marie Strassburger, Chief, Migratory Bird Program, and Bob Shaffer, Coordinator, Central Valley Joint Venture. This funding will help leverage additional funding needed to build organizational capacity and provide land and water solutions in the Tulare Basin.