



TULARE BASIN WILDLIFE PARTNERS

Creating Opportunities for Nature and People

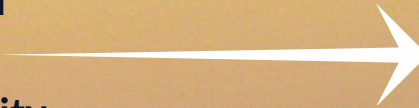
TBWI

**Tulare Basin
Watershed Initiative**

- an Initiative of the Tulare Basin
Wildlife Partners

Strategic Plan 2017 - 2019

Mission: Engage partners, funders, and stakeholders in multi-benefit projects to achieve the goals of promoting ecological and economic health, sustaining agricultural heritage, and enhancing quality of life in the Tulare Basin for current and future generations.



Vision: Create a healthy regional watershed with ecologically functional waterways, wetlands and uplands that provide abundant clean water for both people and wildlife.

Objectives of the Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners 2017-2019 Strategic Plan are to streamline and sharpen the focus of the Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners (TBWP) efforts under the TBWP 2014-2016 Strategic Plan and the September 2015 Conceptual Conservation Projects to Mitigate the Impacts of Climate Change in the Tulare Basin (CCP) list.

Objective #1

Advance the Tulare Basin Watershed Initiative (TBWI) begun in 2011 by providing solutions to regional climate change adaptation needs:

> Engage in and support the DWR-led Tulare Basin Watershed Connections Workgroup (TB WCW), Tulare Basin IRWM groups and SGMA-GSA/GSP groups to facilitate the implementation of CCP or CCP-analogous projects

> Focus on support of Deer Creek Riparian Corridor/SW Tulare County demonstration projects including the BLM Atwell Island Project, the Allensworth-Alpaugh-Atwell Island Trail Project, and projects that will connect the upper and lower watershed; enhance riparian and wildlife corridor ecosystem restoration on Deer Creek from the "Sequoias to the Sloughs"

> Facilitate the development of youth leadership skills, life-long environmental stewardship, and community governance capacity in the underserved communities of Allensworth and Alpaugh -- to ensure long-term conservation project sustainability in those communities and as models for replication in underserved communities elsewhere in the Tulare Basin

> Conduct strong outreach and communications efforts in support of the above through online resources, continually updating the TBWP website and disseminating quarterly TB WCW e-News



Objective #2

Track & measure items under objective #1 and adapt or revise to ensure success:

> Develop annual plans for each bulleted item above for 2017, 2018 and 2019, with detailed quarterly work plans; the success of which will be reported to and evaluated by the TBWP Board at quarterly Board meetings

> Adapt or revise the above-referenced work plans annually or quarterly as needed

> Track social media outreach on the TBWP website, the TBWP Facebook page, and TBWP's Twitter account; compile reports to distribute at quarterly meetings

Important Links

- TBWP 2014-2016 Strategic Plan
- TBWP/TBWI Climate Adaptation Project List

Objective #3

Ensure long-term organizational stability of the TBWP:

> Recruit and mentor the "next generation" of TBWP Board and Advisors, including the next TBWP Executive Director; expand existing relationships with highly expert private and public professionals in support of the TBWP mission and vision

> Continue the existing high level of TBWP financial accountability through outsourcing all financial transactions, compilations, IRS/CA tax documents and audits to experts, with close oversight by the TBWP Board Secretary-Treasurer and all TBWP Board members; continue to ensure strict observance of the TBWP Conflict of Interest Policy by Board members through annual review and signatures to the Policy

> Ensure maintenance of operating reserve funds to cover overhead expenses for a two-to-three year period

> Continue to maintain/update TBWP's annual registration under the federal System for Award Management (SAM)

> Continue to maintain/update TBWP Corporate Notebooks at the TBWP corporate address