

Bioregional Habitat Restoration

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is implementing Bioregional Habitat Restoration (BHR) to provide high-quality habitat compensation for endangered species to mitigate for construction impacts related to the Water System Improvement Program (WSIP). This unique approach to mitigation for construction project impacts combines the impacts of several different WSIP projects into one suite of projects. This pooling of resources maximizes our ability to make significant improvements to habitat for rare and endangered species.

The BHR includes the development of compensation sites to preserve, enhance, restore, or create approximately 1,800 acres of tidal marsh, vernal pools, sycamore and oak riparian woodland, oak woodland and savannah, and serpentine and annual grasslands. It also includes the design, environmental permitting, construction, construction management, maintenance and performance monitoring during a three-year plant establishment period and up to 10 years of performance monitoring. The BHR includes habitat restoration and enhancements on 19 separate sites on property owned by the SFPUC in our Alameda and Peninsula watersheds.

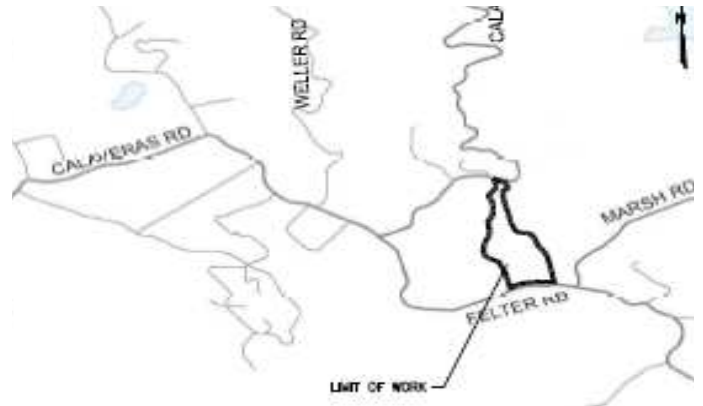
Goldfish Pond Restoration Project

The Goldfish Pond Restoration Project is one of the projects within this program. It will enhance the existing habitat site for several endangered species in our watershed in Santa Clara County, off Felter Road near Calaveras Road. Once restored, this site will provide wetland areas and endangered species habitat as mitigation for the impacts from several WSIP projects in the Sunol Valley Region. In September 2011, Yerba Buena Engineering was awarded the construction contract to rebuild this site. Construction began in the late spring 2012.



Existing goldfish pond to be restored in the Sunol Valley.

Project Location Map



Project Components Include:

- Grading (excavating and filling) existing Goldfish Pond, which is located off Felter Road near Calaveras Road
- Rebuilding the embankments with engineered fill and clay
- Incorporating an outlet standpipe to pass a 100-year recurrence storm
- Over 10 acres of planting for the various wetlands
- 5 acres of riparian habitat creation

Project Schedule

Construction Work Began: Late Spring 2012

Estimated Completion: August 2015 (includes a three year long-term plant establishment period).

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