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National Policy Update: Full Funding for the LWCF
CA Trails & Greenways Conference
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Campaign to secure full, dedicated, and permanent funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

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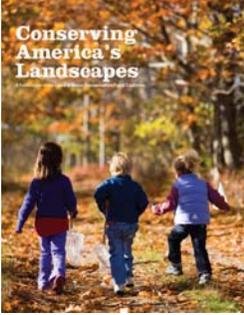
The Trust for Public Land conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come.



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National Campaign

The LWCF Coalition is an informal coalition of national, state, and local partners working together to secure full and dedicated funding for the LWCF.



Conserving America's Landscapes

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The LWCF program protects land, water, recreation and cultural areas – and countless miles of trails!

- State & local parks
- National parks and forests
- Rivers, lakeshores and coastal lands
- Trails and recreational corridors
- Working farms and ranches
- Fish and wildlife refuges



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The Broken Promise of LWCF

- Congress established the Land and Water Conservation Fund in 1965 as a visionary program to acquire and protect our nation's natural, cultural and outdoor recreation heritage
- Today, LWCF is the federal complement to state, local, tribal and private conservation efforts – one piece of the larger conservation puzzle
- Chronic underfunding has handicapped the potential of the LWCF to achieve its intended purposes.



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Unmet LWCF Need in CA

- California has received more than 2 billion dollars for state and federal projects since the inception of LWCF. More than 500 stateside projects have received an investment of \$285 million
- \$2.8 billion in unmet needs across CA parks reported in NPS 2010 Annual Report for LWCF
- \$37.5 million in Administration FY11 budget request for federal units across CA

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Land and Water Conservation Fund

STATE GRANTS
Acquire state and local parks, trails and recreation facilities

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Fee and conservation easement purchases by USFS, NPS, BLM and USFWS

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LWCF State Assistance Grants

- Stateside Program funded annually in Interior appropriations bill
- Additional dedicated funding from GOMESA
- 50: 50 Matching Grants to state and local governments
- Competitively awarded by CA State Parks
- Apportioned annually to states based upon population
- Last Year CA received \$3.248 million

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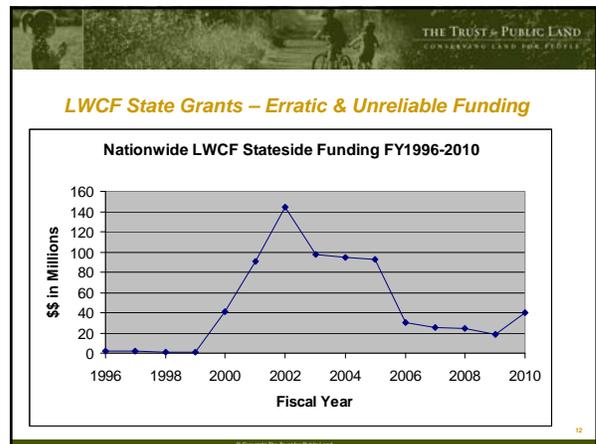
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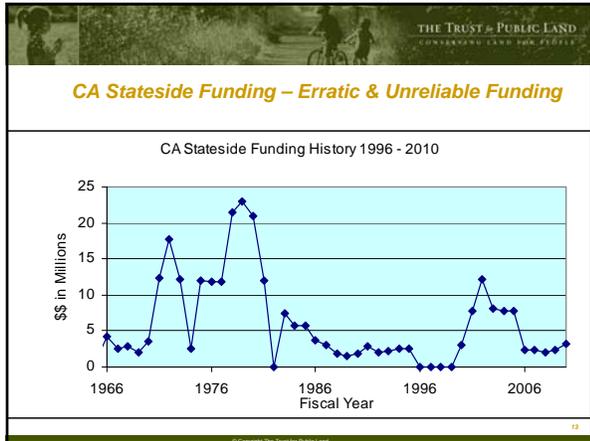
CA Stateside Trails Projects Examples

Funded in Past Five Years

Grant Recipient	Trail Component	\$\$
City of Diamond Bar	Sycamore Canyon Trail	136,000
City of Santa Maria	Santa Maria Riverbed Interpretive Trail	125,000
City of Riverside	La Sierra Park Multi-use trail	131,250
City of Sacramento	Chorley Park Trail & Picnic Area	125,359
City of Lincoln	Quail Meadows Trail	94,755
City of Concord	Galindo Creek Trail	200,000
East Bay RPF	Vintage Parkway Creek Channel Trail Bridge	202,700

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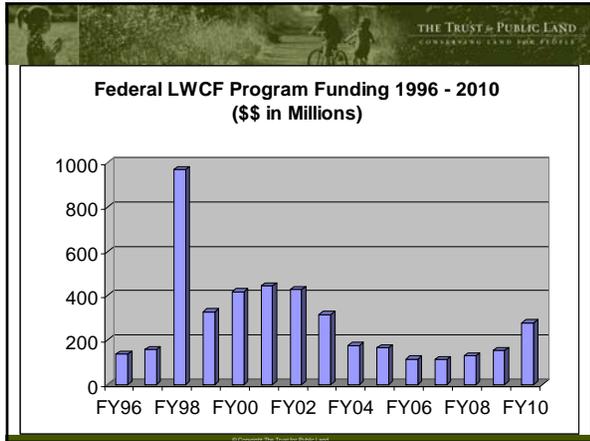


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Federal LWCF Program

- Subject to Annual Appropriations
- Projects Earmarked
- Congressional Requests
- President's Budget Recommendation – Agency Priorities
- Senator Feinstein, Chairman of Interior Appropriations

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CA LWCF Federal Funding Examples Since 1965

Unit	\$\$ in Millions
Channel Islands NP	46
Don Edwards SF Bay NWR	52
Golden Gate NRA	79
Tahoe NF/L. Tahoe Basin	186
Los Padres NF	47
Point Reyes NS	54
Redwood NP	445
San Diego NWR	31
Santa Monica Mountains NRA	181

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FY 11 Administration Budget Requests For CA Federal LWCF = \$37.5 million

BLM: \$10.5 million	FWS: \$10.05 million
Big Morongo Canyon ACEC \$1.7 m	Grasslands WMA \$ 4 m
California Wilderness \$1.8 m	Sacramento River NWR \$1.3 m
Carrizo Plain National Monument \$2.2 m	San Diego NWR \$1.5 m
Trinity National Wild & Scenic River \$1.8 m	San Joaquin River NWR \$2.5 m
Upper Sacramento River ACEC \$3 m	Stone Lakes NWR \$750,000
NPS: \$11.058 million	USFS: \$5.9 million
Golden Gate NRA \$6.058 m	Humboldt-Toiyabe NF \$2.4 m
Mojave NP \$1.25 m	Sierra Crest \$2 m
Santa Monica Mountains NRA \$3.75 m	Eldorado NF \$1.5 m

FY 10 CA Appropriations = \$27.7 million

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FY11 Federal LWCF Request for Sierra Crest Tahoe National Forest

Sierra Crest Projects

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Pointed Rocks Ranch – 377 acres
Auburn State Recreation Area
LWCF State Side - \$480,000
CA River Parkway Program- \$1 m

500,000
visitors/year
Very popular
trail/hiking
area



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Busy Year for LWCF



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In the House -

Congressman Rahall supports full and dedicated funding provision in his energy package

- LWCF was intended to reinvest proceeds from development into conservation.'
- H.R. 3534, the Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009



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In the Senate -

Senator Bingaman introduced S. 2747 The Land and Water Reauthorization Act

10 co sponsors and counting:

- Senator Baucus (MT)
- Senator Sanders (VT)
- Senator Tester (MT)
- Senator Udall (NM)
- Senator Bennet (CO)
- Senator Schumer (NY)
- Senator Udall (CO)
- Senator Wyden (OR)
- Senator Shaheen (NH)
- Senator Merkley (OR)



'consistent and predictable funding'

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In the Administration:

Increases to LWCF and pledge to fully fund by 2014

Congressional LWCF Funding:
\$172 million - FY09
\$306 million - FY10

Administration Requests:
\$ 50 million – FY 09
\$229 million - FY 10
\$420 million – FY11



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116 Congressional House Members on LWCF Dear Colleague Supporting LWCF and Forest Legacy Funding

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

CA Members Who Signed
FY11 Dear Colleague:

March 22, 2010

The Honorable James P. Moran
Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment
and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Michael K. Simpson
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Moran and Ranking Member Simpson,

We are writing to express our strong support for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Forest Legacy Program (FLP) in FY 2011, ensuring that critical park protection, recreational development opportunities and working forests are not lost forever. As you begin the process of drafting the FY 2011 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we urge you to provide substantial and meaningful funding for these critical programs. Specifically, we ask you to include \$425 million for the federal LWCF program, \$175 million for the LWCF statewide program, and \$150 million for FLP.

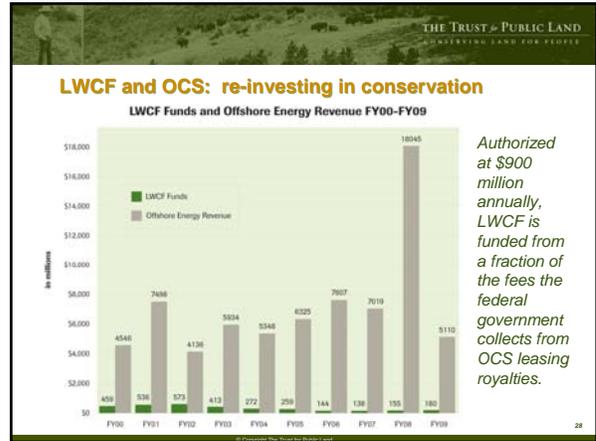
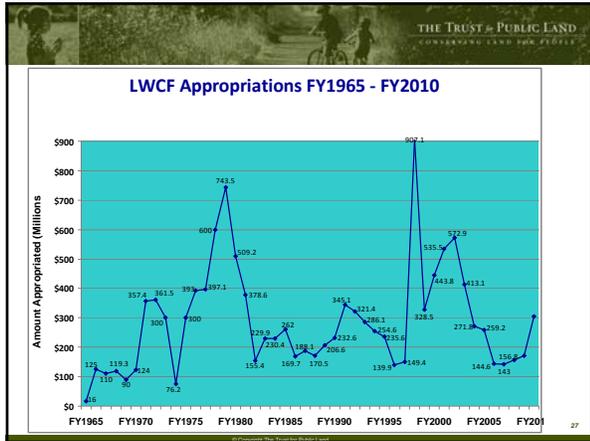
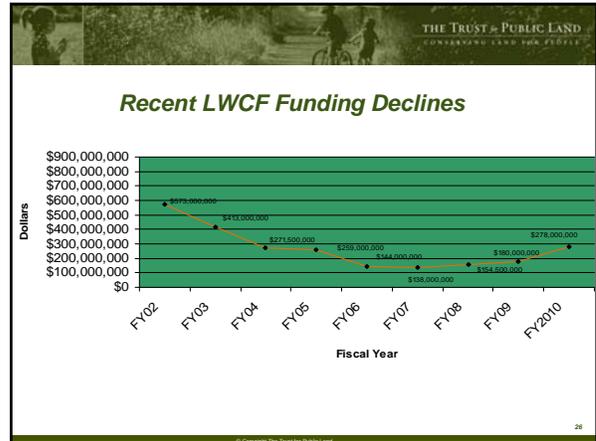
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Why Full, Dedicated & Permanent?

- Consistent & Reliable Funding
- Maintain Agency Acquisition Capacity & Expertise
- Willing Seller Landowner Confidence
- Ability to Take Advantage of Opportunities
- Enables Long Term Planning
- Insulated from Political Changes

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Challenges to Enactment of S. 2747

- Bipartisan gridlock in Congress
- Budget deficits/midterm elections/the economy
- Funding offset and scoring by CBO
- Building a broad coalition of support –from projects to program
- Earmark Reform
- Taking it “off-budget”

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Americans strongly support protecting our land and water

- More than 80 % of the public supports using funds from OCS fees to protect land – an asset for an asset
- More than 75% of voters believe we can continue to protect the environment while strengthening the economy
- Voters strongly support public investments in conservation, passing state and local open space ballot measures at an overall rate of 73 percent.

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The Power of Trails

- 100 million Americans are trail users
- The #1 interest of urban park users is to walk and hike on trails



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Talking about Tourism, Jobs and Local Economies



Active outdoor recreation contributes \$730 billion and 1 out of 20 jobs to the economy across America

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The Economy & Jobs

Outdoor recreation generates \$46 billion in revenues annually to California's economy and supports 408,000 jobs.

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We Can't Afford Not to

- THE CALIFORNIA ACTIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION ECONOMY
- Contributes \$46 billion annually to California's economy
- Supports 408,000 jobs across California
- Generates \$3.1 billion in annual state tax revenue
- Produces \$28.1 billion annually in retail sales and services across California

Source: Outdoor Industry Association

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Each Year 7.4 Million People Hunt, Fish or Watch Wildlife Contributing \$8 billion to the CA Economy

Participants in Wildlife-Associated Recreation in California: 2006

- (U.S. residents 16 years old and older)
- **Total** **7.4 million**

Sportspersons **1.8 million**

- Anglers 1.7 million
- Hunters 281 thousand

Wildlife Watchers..... **6.3 million**

Source: US Fish and Wildlife Service

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Talking about land, water & trail protection:



- Gets families out of doors
- Combats Childhood Obesity & other ailments
- Promotes Quality of life and Community

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Talking about land, water & trail protection:

- Trails create corridors of connectivity helping plants and wildlife adapt to changing climates



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Talking about land, water & trail protection:

- Protects drinking water supplies by protecting forests, wetlands and watersheds
- National Forests alone protect over \$4.3 billion in drinking water supplies



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Talking land, water & trail protection

- Fire management – Fee purchase or conservation easement of fire prone lands dramatically reduces the incidence of wildfire, reduce fire-fighting costs and enhances fire management efficiencies in the wildland-urban interface
- Across U.S. \$1-2 billion annually on fighting fires



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White House Conference on America's Great Outdoors



GOALS:

- help families spend more time outdoors
- foster community in both rural and urban settings
- spur tourism and the recreation economy
- connect public and private conservation lands
- preserve our natural and cultural heritage
- protect rivers and water quality – Blue Trails
- provide wildlife corridors in changing climates
- advance jobs & volunteer opportunities out of doors
- provide outdoor classrooms for environmental education

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Attend Secretary Salazar's Listening Sessions



Great America's Outdoors

Make sure Trails are part of the debate and part of the solution

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The Bottom Line



Only a full and dedicated LWCF will provide sufficient & consistent funding to help protect America's national, state and local trail corridors

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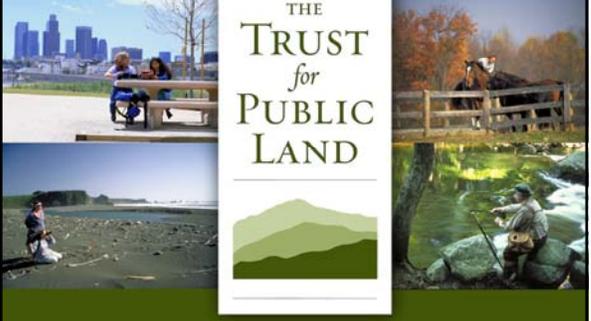
Carry the LWCF Message

- Urge your Representative and Senator to support full and dedicated funding for the LWCF
- Tell them how important this funding is to the future protection of trails linking public and private landscapes



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