



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Sacramento Fish & Wildlife Office
FACT SHEET



Conservation Bank Proposals

Got an idea for a conservation bank? Run it by us.

Before you start to develop a conservation bank, run the idea by us. We will have to approve the bank before you can sell credits. This page explains what we need in order to help you.

If you have questions about any of these items, give us a call. See sidebar for contact information.

When you have completed the proposal, contact our office to set up a meeting. See Contacts box.

We need to receive a copy of your proposal at least 7 days before the meeting in order to review it. Bring three more copies to the meeting.

Contact Us

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Conservation Bank Proposal Checklist

___ **Bank name** - We recommend a short name based on a geographic feature if possible.

___ **Contacts** - Name, address, phone, fax and email address for prospective bank owner, manager, etc.

___ **Credits** – Tell us what conservation credits do you propose selling.

___ **Service Area**

- Provide a map of your proposed service area. This is the area within which you hope to sell credits. (You may need to have separate service areas for different species.)
- See our [list of current banks](#) for examples of service areas.
- If the species in your proposed bank have [recovery plans](#), consider using one or more recovery units as your service area.

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___ Location

- Address of the proposed bank.
- General map showing bank location. This should allow us to place the bank in reference to cities, rivers and other major geographic features.
- U.S. Geological Survey [7.5 minute topo map](#) on which you have drawn the boundaries of the bank.
- Aerial photo of the bank and surrounding properties. These can be created in maps.google.com and other web pages.

___ Site description

- Brief description of the site conditions and habitats.
- Species known or potentially present.
- Description of wetlands, waters and hydrology if relevant.

You may also want to include:

___ Photographs of the site.

___ Proposed enhancements.

___ Site history including past land uses.

___ Surrounding land uses and zoning. Anticipated future development in the surrounding area.

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