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2025 Rocket Netting

Our waterfowl team has been busy in the Sacramento Valley, catching and banding pintails using rocket nets. Every preseason, our biologists team up with California Department of Fish and Wildlife to band 1,500 pintails. This data helps track pintail populations, trends, and harvest models. So far, we've banded over 830+ pintails!



CWA Comments on Klamath Operations Plan

California Waterfowl recently provided detailed feedback on the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Klamath Project Operating Procedures 2024-2029. These procedures are crucial in determining how water is allocated across the Klamath Basin, affecting endangered species, tribal rights, agriculture, and the Klamath Refuges.

CWA strongly supports the proposed changes, which would allocate more water to the refuges, helping restore critical wetland habitats and support waterfowl populations.

[Read our full comment here.](#)



Advocacy Update



Hunting Included in San Pablo Bay NWR

Expansion Bill

In late September, Congressman Garamendi, Congressman Huffman, Congressman Thompson, and Senator Padilla introduced the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act (HR 9826). This bill, if enacted, would add 5,658 acres to the 24,390 acres that currently make up the refuge. The legislation also directs the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to enter into a cooperative agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to manage the federal refuge and adjacent state lands at a landscape scale.

Following on our previous efforts to support hunting opportunities at the refuge (e.g. Cullinan Ranch), California Waterfowl worked closely with the bill sponsors to ensure that the legislation includes language clearly stating that hunting and fishing are priority activities within the new refuge lands. We have also made it clear that we oppose any new restrictions on waterfowl hunting in areas of San Pablo Bay where it is already available to the public.

Read the full bill here.



Upcoming October Events

Click on the event below for more information and to purchase tickets:

- *11th Placer County Banquet*
- *13th Ladies ONLY Sunday Bunco Brunch*
- *18th Bakersfield Banquet*
- *18th Petaluma Banquet*
- *24th Folsom Wild Game Feed*
- *25th Mendota Raffle*
- *26th Lambertville BBQ*

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OCTOBER 19 FOR ALL NOVEMBER HUNTS

Attention Hunters!

The deadline for all November hunts is October 19! Don't miss out on your chance to secure a spot.

Get your applications in NOW!

Photos for Magazine Scrapbook

We are looking for photos from your recent hunts, including action shots, watching, calling, shooting, retrieving birds, duck straps, etc. to be included in our California Waterfowl magazine Scrapbook.

Please click here to send full-sized photos to Julie Do, our magazine editor. Include the names of those in the photo, the location of the hunt, and what is happening in the photo or any

interesting details for all photos provided.



Rice Levee and Ag Corridors Program

Applications open from
October 14 - December 1, 2024

Applications open October 14th.

The Rice Levee and Ag Corridors program pays private land-owners to provide waterfowl nesting habitat on rice levees and roads, during the spring and summer. *Click here to find out if your eligible and to submit an application.*

2025 Gun Calendar pre-sale is officially live!

This is a limited edition run with only 1,000 calendars available, and hundreds already sold! Every week, we'll draw a winner using the California lottery Daily 3 (Wednesday evening draw at 6:30 PT). Don't miss out—*click here to get your calendar today before they sell out!*

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For more information, please contact cwaraffie@calwaterfowl.org
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Duck Blind Chili



Duck season and cooler weather are the perfect time to whip up this Duck Blind Chili! Loaded with ground duck, crispy bacon, beans, and a kick of spices, this hearty dish will keep you warm all day long and is the perfect comfort food for hunting season.

[View full recipe here.](#)

Required Minimum Distribution for Ducks – Reduce Your Tax Burden

There are many ways you can help us and benefit! Please *[click here to learn more about how you can reduce your tax burden](#)* along with other ways you can help further the mission of our organization.



**LOOKING
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Calling all CWA Dogs

We are looking to feature CWA dogs doing what they love best on our social media on a weekly basis.

Share with us your dog's name, favorite pictures, and stories of your hunting dog with us. Whether it's their first retrieve or a moment that captures their spirit, we want to see it!

[Click here to send information and pictures to Katelyn.](#)



Save It for the Blind Podcast

In this insightful episode of Save it for the Blind, hosts Jeff and Carson welcome Federal Premium's Brian Kelvington and Adam Moser. Tune in as they reveal exciting developments from Federal, and dive into the critical role that conservation groups like California Waterfowl play in preserving our natural heritage. Don't miss out on this engaging and informative conversation!

Watch the episode now!



Wetlands Work

CWA recently completed a series of projects at the Los Banos and Volta Wildlife Areas (WAs) hunt zones, utilizing Drought Relief funds granted by the *California Department of Fish and Wildlife*. At the Los Banos WA, swale refurbishment was carried out in ponds 10, 45A, and 65C, with pond enhancements made to ponds 41 and 71A. At the Volta WA, Units 36 A and B were improved by constructing a new swale system, cutting high ground, and filling low areas to facilitate better water drainage. These projects will reduce the amount of water needed to flood the entire unit, while also providing more desirable water depths for dabbling ducks. The habitat will benefit from increased moist soil seed production with enhanced management capabilities.

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Our vision is a California with thriving waterfowl populations, vibrant wetland ecosystems and respected hunting communities.

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