

# FLOODPLAIN FORWARD

2025



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Looking Back  
in-order to  
Move Forward







# ADVANCING FLOODPLAIN REACTIVATION

In the Sacramento River Basin



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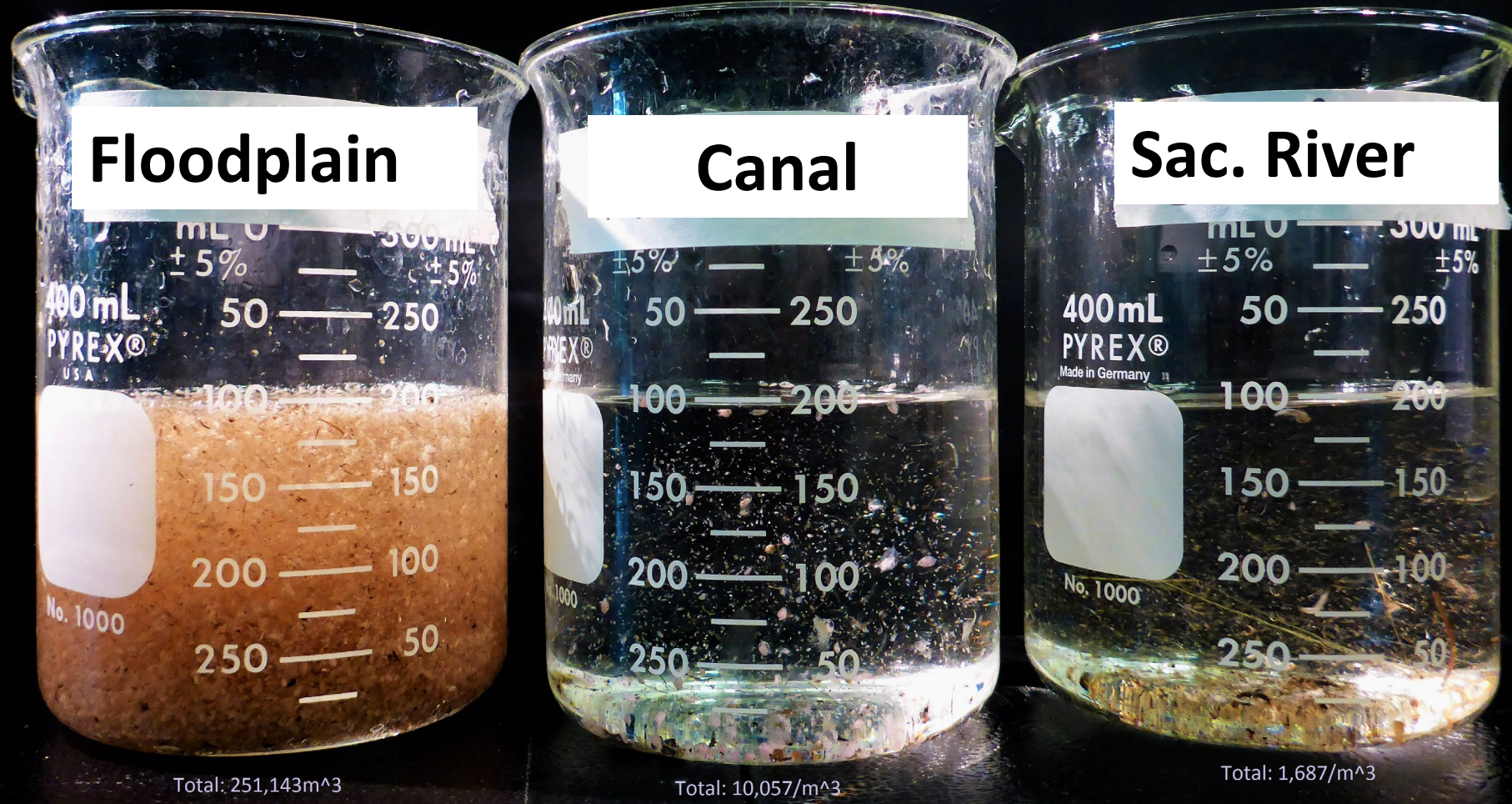
Mimicking Natural Flood Patterns







# The Food is on the Floodplain



Bug  
Density 149x

6x

x



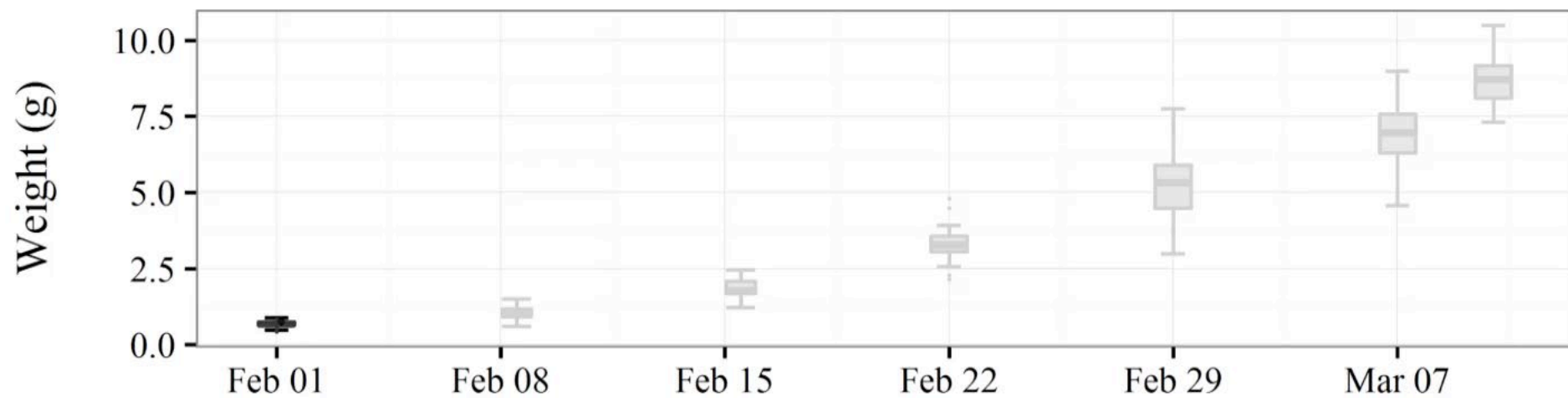
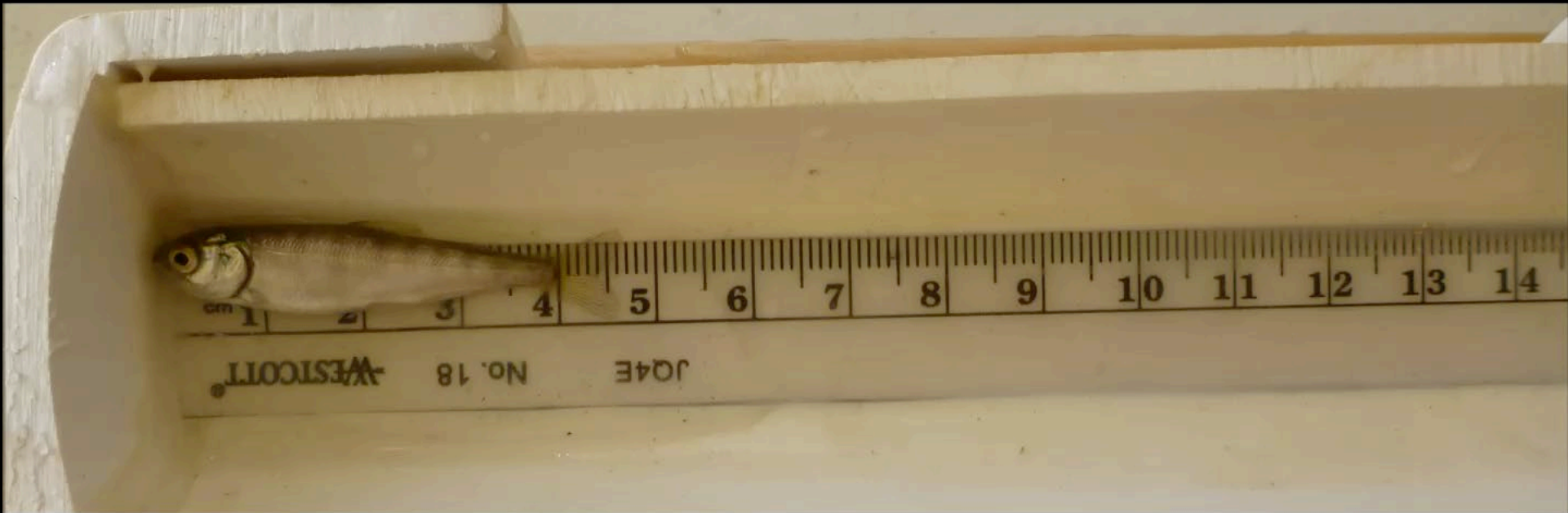
# River



# Floodplain



# Stocking day









# A PORTFOLIO FOR FISH & WILDLIFE

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA







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A 31-member organization representing landowners, irrigation districts, higher education, and conservation groups. The coalition, and the collaborative model of dynamic conservation, has resulted in farms, refuges, and managed wetlands providing essential habitat for waterfowl and shorebirds as well as potential food production for endangered fish species.





# Floodplain Forward MOU

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## California Floodplains at Heart of Landmark Agreement

Working Together to the Benefit of the entire Sacramento River Basin

Federal and State of California government agencies, overseeing water, agriculture, fish and wildlife, public lands and flood control have agreed to work together to enhance landscape-scale, multi-beneficial floodplain water projects in the Sacramento River Basin.

The agreement represents a growing effort by public and private stakeholders in creating long-term, sustainable solutions to protect and benefit people, fish, birds and wildlife. Through straightforward permitting processes and an increase in funding, we can work toward our floodplain activation goals.

*"This state-federal partnership with support from wide-ranging stakeholders demonstrates the kind of collaborative solutions that can safeguard our communities, wildlife, businesses and water supplies in the face of climate impacts."*

- Gavin Newsom, Governor of California

[Read the Press Release](#)

[See Congressional Support](#)

[View the FFC Support Statement](#)



**Floodplains in Film**

[Watch Award Winning Floodplain Films](#)

**Floodplain Forward Pocket**

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**"Expanding floodplains is a cost effective, smart, proven, multi-beneficial investment in our future."**

Wade Crowfoot,  
California's Natural Resources Secretary

**"In this time of climate change, which is fueling extended droughts and catastrophic fire, action is urgently needed to protect fish and wildlife resources and communities. Restoring floodplains through collaboration is a wonderful example of how we accomplish this task."**

Paul Souza,  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Southwest Regional Director

**Floodplain Forward Coalition Partners**



- California Natural Resources Agency
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- California Department of Food and Agriculture
- California Department of Water Resources
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

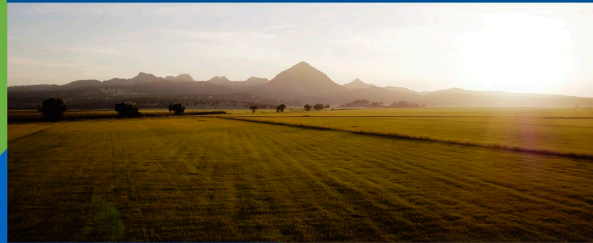
# Floodplain Reconnected Videos

Award-winning films explore how reconnecting our landscape with our vital rivers can have a profound impact on recovery of endangered fish and wildlife.

Soaring over the Floodplains



Ricelands



No Going Back



The New Way Forward



Sharing Butte Creek



Central Valley Joint Venture







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