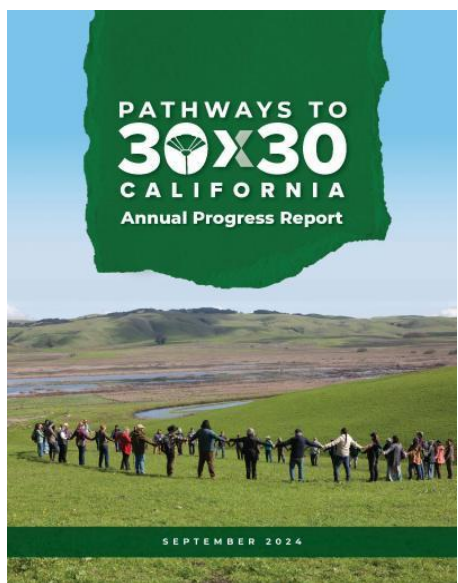


30x30 Progress Report

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On Sept. 9, [Governor Newsom announced](#) the release of the second [Pathways to 30x30 Annual Progress Report](#). We are proud to celebrate our shared progress towards conserving 30% of California's lands and coastal waters by 2030.

We've now reached **25.2% of lands and 16.2% of coastal waters** counting towards California's 30x30 target and meeting the state's definition of durably conserved and managed for biodiversity. In just this past year, roughly **861,000 acres** of land has been counted and added to our total. It truly is amazing what we can accomplish when we work together!

The increase in 30x30 acreage over the last year includes:

- Ancestral land returns to California Native American tribes;
- Acquisitions of land for conservation purposes;
- Voluntary conservation easements placed on private lands;
- Enhanced protection of federally managed lands;
- Adding existing conserved areas that meet 30x30 criteria but were not previously verified; and
- Lands that upgraded protections and management to meet 30x30 criteria.

This achievement is only possible thanks to the many dedicated individuals and groups who make up the [30x30 Partnership](#) and who are advancing biodiversity conservation including tribes, local governments, communities, and individuals. Across the state, we see *you* put 30x30 into action. To name just a few examples:

- California's **first-ever ancestral land return effort** through the Tribal Nature-Based Solutions Grant Program, which provided **\$100 million in funding for the return of roughly 40,000 acres** to indigenous communities.
- The **expansion of two National Monuments** – San Gabriel Mountains and Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monuments – **enhancing protections for approximately 120,000 acres of federal lands.**
- The roll-out of **\$1.3 billion in Nature-Based Solution state funding** that the Legislature and Governor allocated over the last three years – acquiring and conserving properties, restoring habitat and much more.
- The Ocean Protection Council's release of a [draft-decision making framework for 30x30 in coastal waters](#), which **sets a world-leading standard for marine conservation** while recognizing that biodiversity conservation and sustainable, well-managed use of the ocean are compatible.

These examples are backed by a tremendous amount of work. Numerous **local and regional planning efforts, funding streams, and creative partnerships** are accelerating 30x30 across California.

Looking ahead, we know there is more to do. To reach our 30x30 commitments, we **will need 4.8 million conserved acres on land and 500,000 conserved acres of coastal waters.** This is no small task, but working together, it can be achieved.