

# Regional Conservation Investment Strategies Program

## AB 2087

A new State law passed in 2016, AB 2087, created CDFW's Regional Conservation Investment Strategy pilot program (Program). The Program establishes a conservation planning tool called a Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) to promote the conservation of species, habitats, and other natural resources.

## What is a Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS)?

- A voluntary, non-regulatory, and non-binding conservation assessment
- Includes information and analyses relating to the conservation of focal species, their associated habitats, and the conservation status of the RCIS land base.
- Establishes biological goals and objectives at the species level and describes conservation actions and habitat enhancement actions that, if implemented, will contribute to those goals and objectives. Those actions will benefit the conservation of:
  - focal species
  - habitat
  - other natural resources

These may be used as a basis to provide advance mitigation through the development of credits or to inform other conservation investments.

- Any public agency may develop an RCIS.
- The development of a RCIS does not:
  - Create
  - Modify
  - impose regulatory requirements or standards
  - regulate land use
  - establish land use designations
  - affect the land use authority of a public agency.

Additional information about the RCIS program can be found at:

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Planning/Regional-Conservation>