

Feather River Regional Floodplain Management Plan
Environmental Non-Governmental Organization
Information Needed

1. Background information on organization: **Ducks Unlimited, Inc.**
 - a. What is your mission? **Conserve, restore and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people.**
 - b. What is your geographic scope? **North American Continent. Our Western Regional Office located in Rancho Cordova is responsible for AK, WA, OR, ID, CA, NV, AZ and HI. The staff located in the WRO service CA, NV and AZ.**
 - c. What activities does your organization engage in (i.e., what role do you typically play)?
 - i. Political advocacy? **Issues related to water supply, wetlands, waterfowl friendly agriculture and hunting rights.**
 - ii. Public education/community awareness? **Viewing wetlands as a means of groundwater re-charge, provides a buffer for storm surge and wetland vegetation as a barrier to erosion.**
 - iii. Land management? **Provide technical assistance on management for landowners.**
 - iv. Conservation easement holding? **DU holds conservation easements on both wetlands and waterfowl friendly agriculture lands.**
 - v. Implementation? **DU's biologists and engineers routinely provide start to finish services (e.g., from survey, design, hiring contractors and construction management) for implementing on-the-ground habitat conservation projects.**
 - vi. Do you have the ability to cost share in projects? **Yes.**
2. What are your organization's objectives:
 - a. Specific to the Feather River corridor and region? **The Feather River corridor is located within or on the border of three of the nine major drainage basins in the Central Valley that are recognized by the Central Valley Joint Venture (CVJV): Butte, Sutter, and American. These drainage basins are the primary units around which conservation activities are implemented in the Central Valley. All three of these basins are extremely important for waterfowl, shorebirds and other waterbirds and, therefore, are focus areas for DU's conservation efforts. The CVJV's wetland conservation goals for the American and Sutter basins are among the highest of any of the nine drainage basins.**
 - b. Specific to flood management planning? **DU desires to find win-win situations where actions required for flood management can also provide wetland habitat benefits.**
3. What are the primary environmental needs for the Feather River corridor? **Ensuring a long-term water supply for existing wetlands and increasing acreage of both wetland and riparian habitat.**
4. How can your organization help achieve or fulfill these needs? **DU is the leader in wetlands conservation. We are highly experienced, effective and, as not-for profit organization,**

economical in working with numerous stakeholders on complicated projects/issues and finding solutions that achieve multiple objectives.