CLIMATE ACTION TEAM
Biodiversity Working Group

Near-Term Implementation Plan
Strategy #2: Management of Watersheds, Habitat, and Vulnerable Species

**CAT Working Group Overview:** The Biodiversity working group provides a forum among state agencies to guide adaptation and integration efforts within the Biodiversity sector. Specifically, the working group provides a forum within the CAT to focus on integration and implementation of biodiversity adaptation strategies with a focus on cross sector issues, increasing cooperation, and minimizing conflicts during adaptation strategy implementation. The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is the lead on this group. The DFG has established an on-going process to address climate change adaptation for biodiversity through an engaged and active group of stakeholders that can serve as a resource to the CAT if appropriate.

**Working Group Agencies:** Department of Fish and Game (lead), Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of Public Health, Department of Transportation, Department of Water Resources, Energy Commission, State Coastal Conservancy, and State Parks.

**Measure / Strategy: Management of Watersheds, Habitat, and Vulnerable Species**

A. **Description:** This strategy entails actions that promote ecosystem resilience and enable ecosystem response, or realigns restoration and management activities to reflect changing conditions. Near-term actions include integrating climate change into field management practices, using and improving existing conservation efforts, continuing field restoration and land stewardship practices, and work to restore aquatic habitat.

B. **Agencies Involved:** ALL

C. **Scoping Plan/Adaptation Plan Reference:** CAS Biodiversity Strategy #2

D. **Metrics:** This is an ongoing effort to integrate climate change into all terrestrial and aquatic management activities, using and improving existing conservation efforts and tools within individual agencies and departments, continuing field restoration and land stewardship practices that promote resilience, and continuing on-going work to restore aquatic habitat.

E. **Crosscutting Issues:** There are many opportunities for state agencies and partners to collaborate on restoration and conservation activities to help species and habitats adapt to a changing climate.

F. **Tasks and Deliverables:** On-going effort