

# Advance Mitigation Program

## IMPROVING ECOLOGICAL & PROJECT DELIVERY OUTCOMES

The Caltrans Advance Mitigation Program (Program) was established by the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 authorizing Caltrans to plan and implement advance mitigation solutions for its future transportation projects. This new business practice allows Caltrans to reduce delays by proactively obtaining environmental mitigation in advance of - rather than during - transportation projects. Caltrans Headquarters administers the Program and supports Caltrans Districts interested in planning and delivering advance mitigation projects.

The primary goal of the Program is to address longer-term future environmental mitigation needs resulting in improved environmental, economic and project delivery outcomes. By consolidating the forecasted mitigation needs of multiple future transportation projects, Caltrans can potentially provide strategically placed and environmentally sound replacement habitat and shorten project delivery timelines, resulting in both time and cost savings. Ultimately, the Program aims to help Caltrans meet conservation goals in addition to regulatory requirements.



## Program Goals



Accelerate transportation project delivery



Improve environmental outcomes



Enhance communication with stakeholders and California Department of Fish & Wildlife



Ensure the Program account is self-sustaining



## DID YOU KNOW?

Over the last three years, Caltrans obtained over 1096 Clean Water Act 401 permits from the Regional Water Quality Control Boards.

## Program Funding

For the next four years, Caltrans is allocating a minimum of

**\$30 million per year**

for expenditures from a revolving Advance Mitigation Account in the State Transportation Fund. Funds will be used by Caltrans Districts to implement advance mitigation projects to acquire and/or create credits and values. Transportation projects then reimburse the Program for mitigation it provides.

## Key Milestones

Fall 2018

► Publish Draft Formal Guidelines

Winter/Spring 2019

► Publish Final Formal Guidelines  
► Begin advance mitigation planning

Summer 2019

► Begin scoping advance mitigation projects

Beginning Summer 2020 & Ongoing Thereafter

► Deliver advance mitigation projects  
► Track mitigation  
► Begin transportation project usage of mitigation  
► Transportation projects reimburse account  
► Begin planning new advance mitigation projects



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