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National Wetlands Conditions Assessment

· "Wetlands filter pollution, and protect communities from flooding while providing habitat for fish, fowl and flora, The draft Clean Water Act guidance will reaffirm our intent to protect these vital and vanishing resources to the fullest extent of the law, while providing greater clarity to the regulated public."

· The NWCA is a collaboration between EPA and its state, tribal, and federal partners representing the first-ever national field survey on the health of the nation's wetlands. More than 1,000 sites across the country—including 43 in California—are being surveyed to assess indicators of wetland health, including water quality and flow, vegetation, and soils.

· Between 80 and 95 percent of California's original wetlands and stream-side ("riparian")

habitats have been destroyed or modified. For nearly 40 years, the Clean Water Act has been a cornerstone of EPA's effort to ensure that Americans have clean and healthy waters.

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