



Surveyors needed!

2021 Statewide Bank Swallow Survey



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The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is coordinating a statewide survey for bank swallows (*Riparia riparia*), a state threatened species, and is recruiting surveyors to conduct the statewide survey. To participate in the 2021 statewide bank swallow survey, please visit <https://www.sacramentoriver.org/bans/index.php?id=statewide> and follow these steps:

1. View the survey areas (follow link).
2. Read the Statewide Colony Inventory Survey Methods (this document describes survey methods and provides overall information about the project).
3. Sign up to lead surveys for one or more survey areas (follow link).
4. Plan your survey.
5. If necessary, contact the regional coordinator for logistical assistance (i.e., information about property access, coordinating vessels etc.).

Key points about the statewide survey:

1. Surveys will be conducted between May 1 and July 1, 2021.
2. Registered surveyors are responsible for planning and organizing their survey area, conducting the survey, and collecting/entering data.
3. Survey areas may require one to three people, depending on how the survey will be conducted (kayak, boat, on foot, or by vehicle).
4. The logistics of each survey area can be highly variable. Small, inaccessible streams will likely involve surveying isolated habitat on private lands. Larger streams and rivers will involve conducting surveys from a boat or kayak (with possible private property access to facilitate takeout). Review survey areas closely and consider how each area might be surveyed before signing up.

Each CDFW region has a dedicated coordinator that can assist surveyors with survey logistics when necessary. Surveyors should attempt to plan and coordinate their survey area prior to contacting coordinators. In cases where access to vessels is limiting or where survey areas are isolated within private property, surveyors can reach out to regional coordinators for help. Coordinator contact information is listed below and can also be found on the websites contact list.

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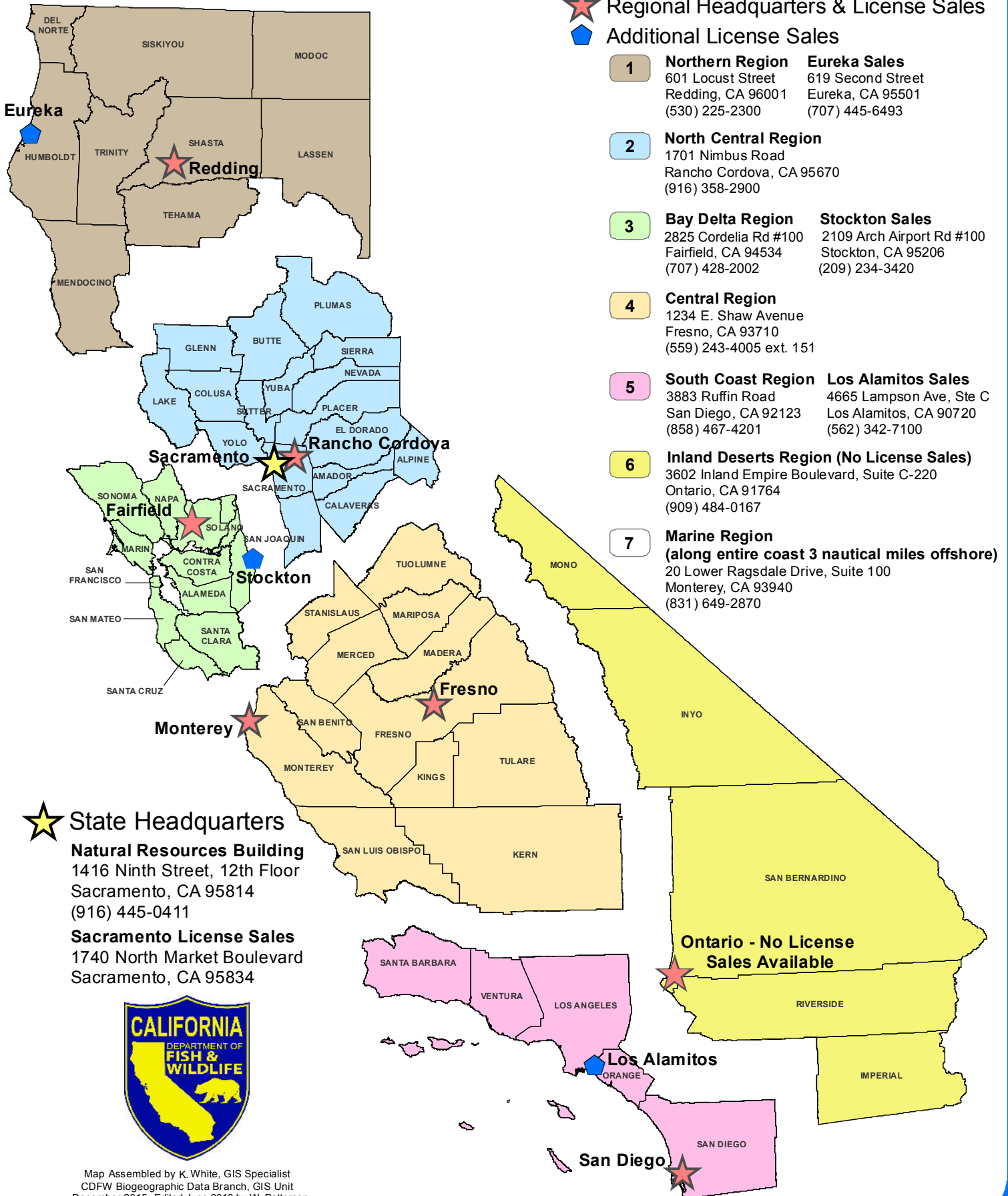
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All the information needed to conduct the surveys is located on the website. Make sure you thoroughly read all the necessary documents before you attempt to conduct the survey. We hope to have short training videos available by April 1.



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