

Protecting agriculture and wildlife in the Sacramento Valley for more than a century



GCID is the largest irrigation district in the Sacramento Valley, covering **175,000 total acres**. Our water rights were established in 1883, making them some of the oldest on the Sacramento River. The District was formally organized in 1920.

THE GCID SYSTEM



Pump station near Hamilton City diverts water from the Sacramento River



1,100-foot flat plate fish screen at the pump station is one of the largest in the world



65-mile Main Canal



1,215+ miles of laterals and drains



2,554 water delivery turnouts



5 Main Canal irrigation production wells

SERVING



140,000 acres of farmland



1,200+ landowners and water users



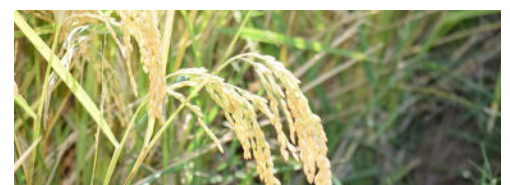
1,200 acres private habitat land

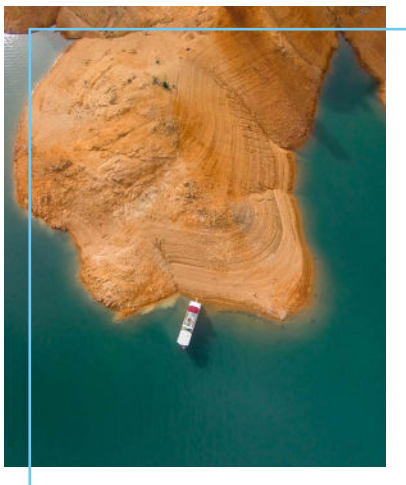


21,000 acres of protected federal wildlife refuges



Top crops: rice and nuts





WATER SUPPLY

In addition to its historic water rights, GCID is part of the Sacramento River Settlement Contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The contract provides GCID with 720,000 acre-feet of base supply from April to October and 105,000 acre-feet of Central Valley Project water purchased during July and August.

During a designated Critical Year, when natural inflow to Shasta Reservoir is less than 3.2 million acre-feet, Settlement Contractors' supplies are reduced to 75%. GCID's total supply is 618,000 acre-feet under those conditions. In 2022, GCID's allocation was a historically low 18% due to ongoing drought.

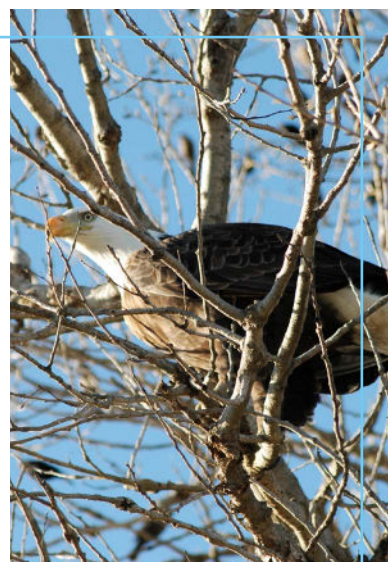
The District also has rights under a permit with the State Water Resources Control Board to divert water from November 1 through March 15 for winter flooding for waterfowl, rice straw decomposition and crops.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

GCID is a leader in efforts to develop the Sites Reservoir Project on the west side of the Sacramento Valley. The project is an environmentally beneficial, off-river reservoir that will capture excess water from major storms and save it for drier periods, helping California's farms, businesses and cities continue to supply reliable water when other sources are low. Sites Reservoir could also advance long-term objectives of improved water management and restored ecological health for the Delta and Sacramento River watershed.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

GCID and its sister agencies in the region work with solution-oriented environmental organizations to manage water along the Sacramento River for the benefit of salmon, birds on the Pacific Flyway and endangered terrestrial species such as the Giant Garter Snake. These efforts provide water to support the economy and the environment in the Sacramento Valley.



- GCID delivers water to critical wildlife habitat at the Sacramento, Delevan and Colusa National Wildlife Refuges
- Fall water supplied by GCID to thousands of acres of rice land provides valuable habitat for migrating waterfowl on the Pacific Flyway
- The District constructed a \$76 million, state-of-the-art fish screening facility to protect fish around the diversion off the Sacramento River
- GCID built a gradient facility to restore and stabilize the Sacramento River channel and surface water elevations at the fish screen to ensure effective performance
- GCID has completed numerous projects to benefit fish and wildlife and deliver water to maintain critical habitat



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