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How is climate change likely to shift precipitation and vegetation?

How will these changes impact watersheds and wildlife?



Annual Average Precipitation and Temperature for California



## **Mean Annual Minimum Temperature**



### **Mean Annual Precipitation**

## **Mean Annual Runoff**













Ponderosa Pine Transition

Lower Edge

Generally less water to work with As pressures mount.

All aspects of water retention need work – starting with our watersheds

> Snowpack Meadows **Riparian areas to reduce erosion and landslides** Hill slopes – woodlands and forests Valleys

Need to optimize the functioning of the watersheds to get more water – People **Ecosystems** Wildlife & Habitats

Need to slow water across the landscapes. Manage Watersheds holistically – Green Black

Particularly in Watersheds that are important for drinking and supply.

California is a Biodiversity Hotspot Vegetation Changes in species mix Species will change locations Zones of stability (climate refugia) Zones of transition

# Wildlife

Zones of stability (climate refugia) Corridors/connectivity



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Thank you!

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Questions – Challenges – Risks – Actions

<u>Water</u>

<u>Landscapes</u> Manage the green for risk reduction Manage the black for resilience

<u>Agriculture</u>

Urban, People, Infrastructure

**Forests and Ranchlands** 

**Biodiversity**