



Impact100 Environment Finalist 2023 American River Conservancy

Project Title: Two Rivers Watershed Resilience Program

American River Conservancy ensures healthy ecosystems within the upper American River and Cosumnes River watersheds through land conservation, stewardship, and education. Our work benefits over 2.41 million people who depend upon the American River as their primary source of fresh water.

- **Conservation:** We protect over 29,000 acres and restore open space, biodiversity, natural habitat, and cultural resources through land purchases, donations, and conservation easements. Two-thirds of donated land is for public recreation and habitat protection.
- **Stewardship:** We are responsible for 35 miles of scenic foothill trails east of Sacramento. We steward 13,000 acres and work to mitigate the impacts of climate change.
- **Environmental Education:** We connect people with outdoors via place-based learning and bolster others to create a more sustainable world for life today and tomorrow.

Impact100's funding will address these key priorities:

1. During winter 2022-2023, heavy rains and flooding caused a landslide on Lewis Ranch, nearly eliminating a primary access route for the stewardship of this 972-acre property. Repairs of \$20,000 will restore this access road.
2. Our Chili Bar Park Conservation Easement on the South Fork of the American River provides river and boating access to 25,000 members of the public annually. Storms caused over 40 times the normal river flow, resulting in \$20,000 worth of damage to the park which must be restored to support recreational opportunities.
3. The purchase of a chipper for \$30,000 will greatly increase ARC's ability to reduce fuels on over 6,000 acres of land in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains east of Sacramento. We will decrease excess vegetation, support fire safety in our community and benefit wildlife and plant life.
4. Staff costs to implement and manage this work are \$30,000.

We are honored to preserve rivers and land for wildlife, plants, and people in perpetuity.