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Land Board Awards 2007

**Stream Project Award****Brownsville Dam Removal - Linn County**

Brownsville Dam bedrock chute before removal



View looking east after dam removal

Spearheaded by the Calapooia Watershed Council, this project involved removing a dam that was originally built in 1859 to divert water from the Calapooia River for operating several mills in the area.

After almost 150 years, more than 40 miles of habitat is now open to cutthroat trout, Pacific lamprey, winter steelhead and spring Chinook.

The watershed council worked for several years to discuss the dam's removal with the local community, and in 2006 the Brownsville Canal Company voted unanimously to remove it. At least a dozen organizations contributed to the project's success.

See [news release](#) for more information.



Brownsville Dam removal project partners accept State Land Board Stream Project Award

## Wetland Project Awards

### Williamson River Delta Restoration Project - Klamath County



Williamson River Delta before levee removal  
August 2007



Williamson River Delta after levee removal  
November 2007

The Nature Conservancy brought together more than 15 funding and technical partners to remove levees on 3,500 acres of a 7,000-acre project to restore the hydrologic connection among the wetlands, Upper Klamath Lake and the Williamson River.

In Oct. 30, 2007, 200,000 pounds of explosives were placed in nearly 3,000 holes to remove the levees, which posed a challenge to conventional breaching methods due to their soft flour-like soil composition.

The project's goals were to provide habitat for endangered larval and juvenile shortnose sucker and Lost River sucker species, and to improve nutrient delivery from surface waters to the lake.

See [news release](#) for more information.



Project partners receive State Land Board Wetlands Award for the Williamson River Delta Restoration project.

#### Mid Valley Wetland Mitigation Bank - Benton County



Mid Valley Wetland Mitigation Bank in April 2007

Grass seed growers Marvin and Cindy Gilmour developed a native wetland on their property near Adair, north of Corvallis on land that had been manipulated and drained for agricultural purposes for the past 60 years.

The Mid Valley Bank serves multiple purposes, including mitigation options for developers in the Willamette Valley, improved wetland functions for the Luckiamute Watershed, and habitat for thousands of wintering waterfowl, shorebirds and songbirds.

See [news release](#) for more information.



Marvin and Cindy Gilmour receive the Wetland Project Award for their Mid Valley Wetland Mitigation Bank

## Partnership Award

**Friends of South Slough, Inc. - Charleston**



Members of the Friends of South Slough meet to discuss fundraising and other activities

The Friends of South Slough, Inc. have been raising funds and promoting the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve for 20 years. The reserve is located in the Charleston area, near Coos Bay.

Members of the Friends nonprofit organization raised the funds to construct the Interpretive Center, manage the on-site bookstore, and promote South Slough programs and events at community events throughout the South coast area.

See [news release](#) for more information.



The Friends of South Slough, Inc. receive the 2007 Partnership Award

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