

# Surfers for Wetlands



## What is Threatening the Wetlands on the Santa Rosa Plain?



### Where is the Santa Rosa Plain Located?

The Santa Rosa Plain is located in central Sonoma County, California, and is characterized by seasonal wetlands, predominately in the form vernal pools, and associated upland grassland habitat.

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The primary threats are the modification and destruction of suitable habitat due to urbanization, agricultural conversion, and competition with non-native plants. In addition to habitat loss, the fragmented condition of remaining Sonoma County California tiger salamander habitat restricts migration between aquatic breeding sites and upland non-breeding habitat, along with dispersal among aquatic breeding sites.

### What is Saving the Wetlands on the Santa Rosa Plain?

The California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) was listed as endangered in 1991. There is a recovery plan that calls for purchase and permanent protection of approximately 15,000 acres of the salamander's breeding ponds and adjacent uplands on the Santa Rosa Plain. The recovery plan focuses on alleviating the threat of habitat loss and fragmentation by permanently protecting breeding ponds and their adjacent uplands through acquisition and conservation easements.

### Where is There More Information on Tiger Salamander?

Visit the Center for Biological Diversity for more information:

[www.biologicaldiversity.org/species/amphibians/California\\_tiger\\_salamander/index.html](http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/species/amphibians/California_tiger_salamander/index.html)



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