

California

Federal

AB 975

<p>Criteria for Designation</p>	<p>(PRC 5093.50) It is the policy of the State of California that certain rivers which possess extraordinary scenic, recreational, fishery, or wildlife values shall be preserved in their free-flowing state, together with their immediate environments, for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the state.</p>	<p>(Public Law 90-542) It is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States that certain selected rivers of the Nation which, with their immediate environments, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural or other similar values, shall be preserved in free-flowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.</p>	<p>It is the policy of the State of California that certain rivers that possess extraordinary scenic, recreational, fishery, wildlife, historical, cultural, geological, or other similar values shall be preserved in their free-flowing state, together with their immediate environments, for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the state. Defines “extraordinary” as a “scenic, recreational, fishery, wildlife, historical, cultural, geological, or similar value that is outstanding or remarkable in a local, regional, or statewide context.”</p>
<p>Boundary</p>	<p>(PRC 5093.52) Land immediately adjacent to the segments of the rivers designated</p>	<p>Section 3 (b) of the Act states “boundaries shall include an average of not more than 300 and twenty acres per mile on both sides of the river” (this approximately means 160 acres per side, which is a one mile strip ¼ mile in width).</p>	<p>The corridor of land within one-quarter mile of the segments of the rivers designated.</p>
<p>Designation Impacts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (PRC 5093.52 and Title 14 California Code of Regulations Section 895.1) Special Treatment Areas- Include within 200 feet of the watercourse transition line of federal or state designated wild and scenic rivers for timber operations. • (PRC 5093.56) No department or agency of the state may assist or cooperate, whether by loan, grant, license, or otherwise, with any department or agency of the federal, state, or local government, in the planning or construction of a dam, reservoir, diversion, or other water impoundment facility that could have an adverse effect on the free-flowing condition and natural character of the rivers and segments thereof designated. • (PRC 5093.63) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit or require the reservation, use, or taking of private property for scenic, fishery, wildlife, or recreational purposes, for inclusion in the system or for other public use, without just compensation (eminent domain). • (PRC 5093.547) Requires the report on the suitability of the designation of a river to include reasonably foreseeable potential uses of the land and water which will be enhanced, foreclosed, or curtailed if the river or river segment were included in the system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 8 (a) All public lands within the authorized boundaries of any component of the national wild and scenic rivers system which is designated in section 3 of this Act or which is hereafter designated for inclusion in that system are hereby withdrawn from entry, sale, or other disposition under the public land laws of the U.S. • (National Wild and Scenic Rivers System website) Designation neither prohibits development nor gives the federal government control over private property. Recreation, agricultural practices, residential development, and other uses may continue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doesn’t adopt any of the federal limitations. • Uses existing California law.