

“At this moment, we have the unique opportunity to shape the land and water preservation programs from the ground up. This designation, included in such a landmark piece of legislation, is a shining example of the developments that can happen when the federal government partners with local representatives. I look forward to working side-by-side with local representatives to move forward with conservation efforts in the Watershed region,” said Matsui.

The National Resources Conservation Service programs serve a number of purposes crucial to conservation efforts, including helping people to reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, and increase wildlife habitat. By enhancing natural resources, these programs help sustain agricultural productivity and environmental quality.

They strive to support continued economic development, recreation and scenic beauty.

“With this important designation, we will truly be able to usher in a time of progress in the Watershed area. In the Sacramento Watershed, the farmers are the stewards of the land, and I am intent on forming a coalition of appropriate stakeholders. We are currently taking the next steps to develop this coalition, and I look forward to building upon this first, crucial step,” said Matsui.

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