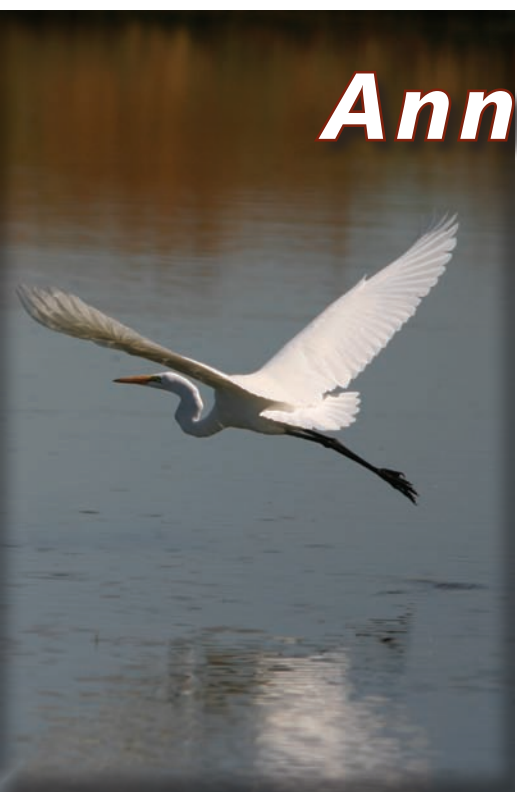
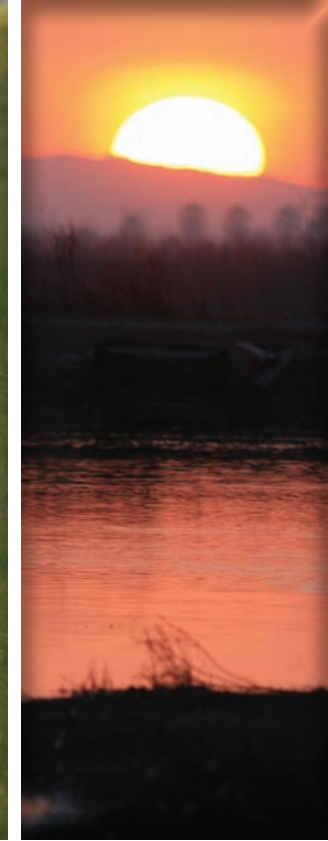




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2012 Accomplishments and Activities

1 Tulare Basin Watershed Initiative website launch: The TBWP/TBWI team proudly launched the Tulare Basin Watershed Initiative (TBWI) website in September of 2012. The website, available at www.tularebasinwatershed.org, is a comprehensive information tool aimed to serve Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) planning groups in the Tulare Basin, conservation groups, landowners, resource managers, nonprofits, elected officials, and local/state decision makers. The site and its content have been designed to foster greater project

TBWI **Tulare Basin** **Watershed Initiative**

collaboration, attract increased funding to the region, stimulate smarter project planning, and enhance information sharing. [Sign up](#) for our e-newsletter updates, sent every 2-3 weeks.

2 Southwest Tulare County Roundtables: The TBWP/TBWI team led the organization of three disadvantaged community roundtables in 2012. Co-planned by United Way, Self-Help Enterprises and the County of Tulare, the roundtable events convened community leaders in Alpaugh, Allensworth, Richgrove, and

Earlimart, along with other interested parties who share a commitment to improving quality of life in the culturally, historically, and ecologically rich corner of southwest Tulare County. The group is eager to advance projects that embrace ecological enhancement, environmental education and outdoor recreation.

3 Pixley Conservation easements: The TBWI Watershed Coordinator helped prepare a successful grant request in the amount of \$885,100 to the Bureau of Reclamation Central Valley Project Conservation Program (CVPCP) to acquire approximately 270 acres of prime endangered species habitat for permanent protection. The lands will become part of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

4 Rancho Visalia Wetlands Project: The TBWP partnered with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, Kern National Wildlife Refuge, and Tulare Basin Wetlands Association to complete a successful wetlands restoration project at the Rancho Visalia Duck Club in July of 2012. This project improved wetland conditions through structural improvements on one of the oldest duck clubs in Kern County, established in 1945. The project was strongly endorsed by the Tulare Basin Wetlands Association.

*Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is a process;
working together is success.*

~ Henry Ford



5 Southern Sierra Planning Grant:

The TBWI Watershed Coordinator and TBWI team advisors were instrumental in completing the first successful planning grant for the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group to the Department of Water Resources Integrated Regional Water Management grant program.

6 White River Flood Management:

The TBWI Watershed Coordinator assisted in the development of a proposal submitted to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (formerly Department of Fish and Game) in December

2012. The proposal requests funds to develop modeling and engineering solutions to manage flood flows through the Allensworth Ecological Reserve (ER) and surrounding communities. The project will protect and aid in recovery of upland threatened/endangered species including Tipton's kangaroo rat, blunt-nosed leopard lizard and San Joaquin kit fox.

7 Tulare Basin Working Group:

The working group, a collaborative of more than 70 members, met twice in 2012 to discuss conservation strategies and opportunities in the Tulare Basin. The spring meeting and tour, held on April 27, was aptly titled, "Celebration of Waterfowl and Migratory Bird Stewardship, Habitat Restoration and Integrated Resource Management in the Tulare Basin."

The group toured several duck clubs northwest of Wasco, CA that have demonstrated large-scale conservation and restoration successes. One of the projects celebrated along the tour was a collaboration between two duck clubs and California Audubon to restore a spring pond that has attracted a thriving population of the tri-colored blackbird, a State and Federal species of special concern. These seasonal wetlands are proving to be an epicenter of bird activity for the surrounding landscape. The abundance and variety of species using the site demonstrates the value of such conservation work to wildlife struggling to survive on today's modified landscapes. Read the Visalia Times-Delta "ViewPoints" [article here](#).



TBWI Reports to the Department of Conservation

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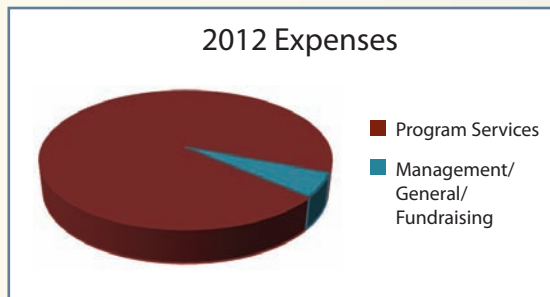
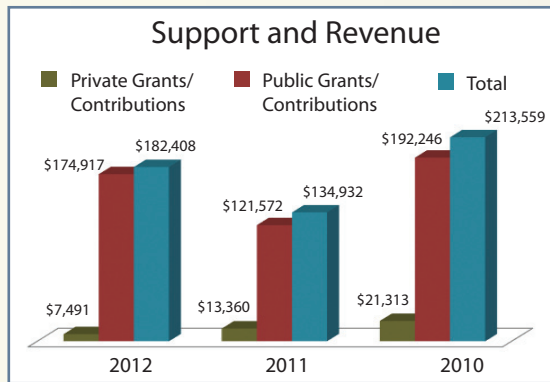
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4th Quarter and Annual Report (February 19 - May 18, 2012; May 18, 2011 - May 18, 2012) - [click here](#)

3rd Quarter (November 19, 2011 - February 18, 2012) - [click here](#)



2012 Financial Statement



Assets	2012	2011	2010
Cash	\$37,849	\$47,768	\$79,098
Accounts Receivable	\$32,032	\$33,325	\$19,333
Other Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Assets	\$69,881	\$81,093	\$98,431
Liabilities	2012	2011	2010
Accounts Payable & Accrued	\$30,002	\$29,619	\$26,575
Notes Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Liabilities	\$30,002	\$29,619	\$26,575
Net Assets	2012	2011	2010
Net Assets	\$39,879	\$51,474	\$71,856

TBWP is deeply grateful for the investment the following individuals, organizations, and companies made to land and water conservation, restoration, and education projects in the Tulare Basin. Contributors during 2012 included:

Federal and State Agency Grants & Cooperative Agreements

- U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service, *Wetland Reserve Program*
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, *Central Valley Joint Venture*
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, *Partners for Fish & Wildlife*
- CA Department of Conservation Watershed Program

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- Kenney Brothers Foundation

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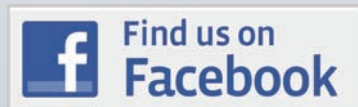
The Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners work to provide opportunities for conservation, water management and wildlife as land use continues to change in the Tulare Basin. With its work, TBWP hopes to sustain the qualities that define the region's unique character:

- Natural areas with native plants & animals
- Diverse & unique wildlife
- Opportunities for clean air & water
- Family farms & ranches
- Recreational & educational activities

TBWP is the go-to organization in the Tulare Basin for providing integrated land and water management solutions that balance nature, agriculture and the economy. Your partnership in conserving the Tulare Basin will ensure that future generations continue to benefit from the unique natural qualities of this special place.

A copy of the latest financial statement and registration filed with the Registry of Charitable Trusts may be obtained by contacting the Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners. Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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