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Proactive management of watersheds should focus on sound land and water management practices. This approach is proven and the most effective way to improving our aquatic resources. It leads to naturally sustainable ecosystems that result in healthy watersheds, thus reducing water treatment costs; minimizing sediment inputs into our aqueduct facilities; and keeping plant, wildlife, and aquatic resources in good condition.

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