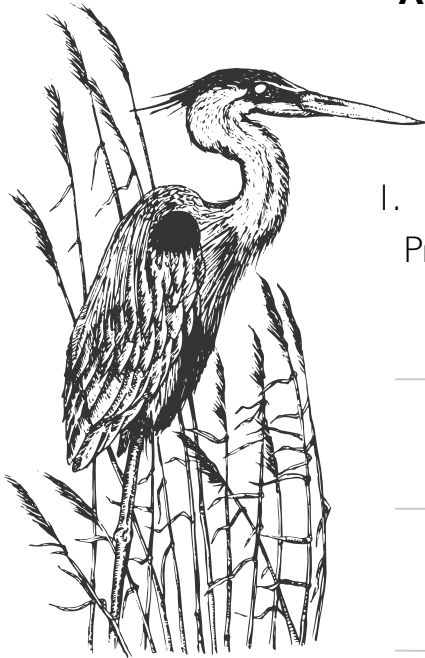


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Answer these questions as you watch the video!

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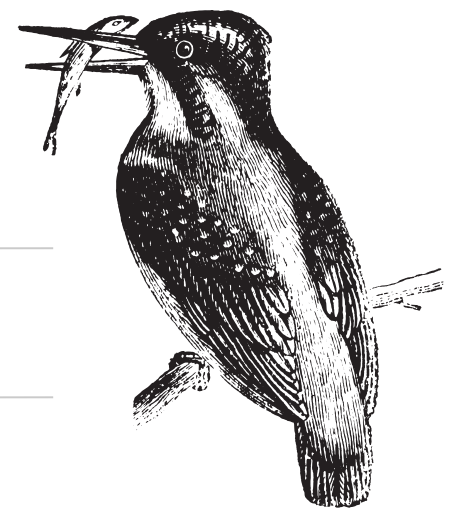
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South Bay Salt Pond Project is the largest project of its kind on the west coast, the project is attempting to restore 15,000 acres of tidal wetlands.

2. Why is this project important? List at least 3 reasons, use complete sentences. Possible answers:

Wetland restoration is important because they are habitats for many different species of animals and plants.

This restoration project supports the regeneration of biodiversity, which is good for the overall health of our ecosystems.

This project helps endangered species like the Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse adapt to climate change.

Man-made higher ground areas scattered throughout the project provide animals with safe refuges during high tide events, and also when sea levels rise due to climate change.

Overall, this project helps animals adapt to the effects of climate change.

The various pools around the project act as a Disneyland for birds!

The trails, paths, and various waterways present possibilities for more recreational activities.

Wetland restorations provide increased flood protection.

Wetlets help dampen storm surges and prevent soil erosion.

Wetlands help slow down water flow during times of flooding, which can help keep man made structures like homes and neighborhoods safer.

3. Are there any criticisms of the project? List at least 2, use complete sentences.

The county is wasting taxpayers money to protect such a small and insignificant creature like the Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse.

The project is focusing too much on the well being of animals, and not enough on the needs of the human populations that are also vulnerable to climate change.

The project is spending too much time on habitat, and not enough time on people's issues.

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Free response!