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River Partners Wins Award for Excellence
Floodplain Management Association Honors
Restoration Nonprofit and Army Corps of Engineers

San Diego, CA – September 3, 2008 –River Partners, a nonprofit organization specializing in large-scale habitat restoration, received the Floodplain Management Association’s Award for Excellence during the FMA annual conference in San Diego. Conference Chair, Larry McKenney, presented the honor to River Partners’ president, John Carlon, during the conference’s keynote luncheon on Wednesday, September 3, 2008.

The Award for Excellence was given to River Partners for its efforts in restoring habitat and ecosystem functions in California’s floodplains. The Army Corps of Engineers also received the Award for Excellence for its work after Hurricane Katrina.

“We are deeply honored to receive this prestigious award and are encouraged by the growing awareness that ecosystems serve an important function in a balanced approach to public safety and floodplain management,” says John Carlon, River Partners’ President.

The Floodplain Management Association (FMA) is a regional organization of professionals from California, Nevada and Hawaii that promotes the development of principles and tools for carrying out effective state and local floodplain management programs and participates in an advisory role in a number of statewide planning efforts.

With its newest projects in San Diego County, River Partners’ mission is to create wildlife habitat for the benefit of people and the environment. Our approach involves ecologists, engineers, businesses, and government agencies in protecting and restoring California’s river systems. A nonprofit organization, River Partners has planted almost one million native trees, shrubs, and grasses along the major rivers in the Great Central Valley – the Sacramento, Feather, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Mokelumne and Tuolumne. Through at least 70 on-the-ground projects, we’ve restored more than 6,000 acres of river banks and floodplains, providing critical habitat for California’s wildlife. This work, by incorporating hydraulic analysis into habitat designs, produces various flood control benefits, such as enhancing flood water conveyance and redirecting high velocity flows away from levees. River Partners’ large-scale projects exemplify how riparian restoration can meet multiple objectives for floodplain management and environmental stewardship. More information about River Partners’ projects and programs is available at www.RiverPartners.org.

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