

1 most significant coastal freshwater wetlands in Cali-  
2 fornia.

3 (2) The Laguna de Santa Rosa supports a wide  
4 diversity of plants and animals, including several en-  
5 dangered species of plants, birds, and fishes.

6 (3) The Laguna de Santa Rosa is an important  
7 wintering and nesting area for migratory waterfowl  
8 and a nursery for federally managed anadromous  
9 fisheries.

10 (4) Urban development, ineffective land and water  
11 management practices, overlapping Federal, State, and  
12 local jurisdictions, and inadequate enforcement of exist-  
13 ing regulations have hampered efforts to conserve the  
14 Laguna de Santa Rosa.

15 (5) Thousands of acres of wetlands habitat in the  
16 Laguna de Santa Rosa have been lost or degraded.

17 (6) State and local efforts to preserve the Laguna  
18 de Santa Rosa are underway, but severely limited re-  
19 sources prevent the type of sustained management and  
20 acquisition efforts needed to halt the degradation of  
21 this valuable wetlands area.

22 (7) The Laguna Technical Advisory Committee, a  
23 group of agencies and individuals with experience in  
24 Laguna de Santa Rosa resource management, has de-

1 veloped and proposed specific actions to protect, re-  
2 store, and enhance those wetlands.

3 (8) The establishment of a National Wildlife  
4 Refuge at the Laguna de Santa Rosa, is needed to pro-  
5 tect remaining wetland habitat in the Laguna de Santa  
6 Rosa and the many fish, wildlife, and plant communi-  
7 ties that exist there.

8 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES OF REFUGE.**

9 The purposes of the Refuge to be established by the  
10 Secretary under section 3 are—

11 (1) to protect, restore, and enhance in the  
12 Refuge—

13 (A) habitat for migratory birds and other  
14 native wildlife species;

15 (B) fish habitat;

16 (C) native plant communities; and

17 (D) endangered species and other species  
18 that no longer occur in the wetlands of the  
19 Laguna de Santa Rosa;

20 (2) to manage water supplies in the Refuge to  
21 best satisfy the needs of native plant and wildlife com-  
22 munities while maintaining water quality standards for  
23 the Russian River basin established by the California  
24 Regional Water Quality Control Board;