The Carmel River watershed lies south of the Monterey Peninsula and north of the Santa Lucia Mountains on the coast of central California. The watershed covers about 58,000 acres (60 km²) of land. The river's main stem is approximately 43 miles (44 km) long, and winds through many different vegetation types, from redwood and pine forest, oak woodland, grasslands, and chaparral. The river also supports riparian forest in many areas along its course. The watershed is home to many sensitive, threatened or endangered species of plants and animals, such as steelhead trout (Oncorhyncus mykiss), and red-legged frog (Rana aurora draytonii).

The Carmel River Watershed Council and Conservancy (CRWC)

The CRWC is a non-profit, community-based organization founded in 1999 and built on a foundation of mutual understanding of and respect for the rights of "Stakeholders" in the Carmel River Watershed. The CRWC's primary commitment is protection of the natural resources that form the Carmel River Watershed. The most important issues identified by the public outreach process include: water quality and quantity, riparian habitat for native species, erosion, sediment transport, infiltration and runoff, communication, flooding, changes, education, cultural resources, and quality of life.

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