



New Project Questionnaire

RANCH INFORMATION	
Ranch Name:	
Street Address:	
City, State and Zip:	County:
Deeded Acreage: Leased Acreage: Permitted Acreage: Total Acreage:	
Name of Watershed (if applicable):	
APPLICANT INFORMATION	
Applicant Name(s):	
Applicant Mailing Address:	City, State and Zip:
Phone:	Fax:
Email:	
OWNER INFORMATION (if different from applicant)	
Name(s) of all Legal Owner(s):	
Mailing Address of Legal Owner(s):	City, State and Zip:
Phone:	Fax:
Email:	

Date of Application: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

*Please return application to: California Rangeland Trust, 1225 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax: 916-329-3488; Email: saveourranches@aol.com and info@rangelandtrust.org.*

Please provide the following general information:

1. Please describe your reasons for pursuing a conservation easement. Do you have an urgent need to place an easement on your property? Please elaborate.
2. Please describe the agricultural productivity of your ranch.
3. Please discuss your business planning efforts and your potential future access to other resources necessary to remain in business (water, private recreation opportunities, leases, etc.)
4. Please describe development pressures on your ranch. Please include zoning information on your ranch and on surrounding properties.

3. CONNECTIVITY:

a. Does your ranch have habitat areas that link with similar lands on adjoining and/or nearby lands so that a case can be made that your project helps to prevent fragmentation of habitat areas? (Please provide a map or rough sketch showing where the protected areas are in relation to your ranch.)

b. Does your ranch adjoin or is it located near publicly owned land, or another conservation easement? This issue addresses the important criteria of “connectivity” of protected lands and wildlife corridors. (Please provide a map or rough sketch showing the location of other protected lands.)

4. WATERSHEDS: Is your ranch adjacent to a state water project or a watershed that is the subject to a watershed protection project? This will help us identify possible watershed protection funding (e.g. Prop. 84) for which your easement project may be eligible.

5. **Would you be willing to consider a species survey or resource study on your ranch if it would help secure funding for your project, or, help us identify an appropriate mitigation project that could provide money for your easement?**

Yes _____ No _____

Long Term Management Objectives

- A. Do you envision cattle production to be your primary or sole agricultural activity for the next 25 years?
- B. Do you intend to increase acreage for farming in the future, and if so, how much; or, have other plans for agricultural intensification?
- C. Please describe your long-range plans, if any, to increase agricultural productivity on your ranch. (Fencing, water development, etc.)
- D. Please estimate the cost of these improvements over the next ten years.
- E. Are there potential recreational/commercial activities that you could include in your overall operation in the future that could augment your income from agriculture? If so, please explain. (Examples would be hunting programs, Bed and Breakfast facility, retreat, etc.)
- F. Do you envision any wildlife habitat improvements to add income or value to the land?
- G. How many family dwellings exist on the property? How many additional family dwellings, if any, do you plan to provide for your heirs for the future? Please elaborate.

- H. Are you a member of a Coordinated Resource Management Program (CRMP) or other Watershed group?
- I. Are you a member of the California Cattlemen's Association or similar association?
- J. How did you find out about the California Rangeland Trust?
- K. With respect to a possible easement, are you considering (check one or more):
- Donation of the easement;
 - Sale;
 - Discounted sale.

Please provide as much as possible of the following specific information about your ranch:

- I How long have you owned the property? (if not the owner, please explain):
- II What is the acreage of grazing areas:
- III Cropland acres (please describe):
- IV All Assessor's Parcel Numbers (if known):
- V Zoning designations on your ranch:

VI Zoning of neighboring parcels:

VII Comprehensive Plan and/or Special Area designations:

VIII Who owns the water rights?

IX Who owns the mineral rights? [This is important because, while drilling for minerals can generally be accommodated, the possibility of surface mining bears the risk of severely damaging the values protected by a conservation easement. Therefore, it is legally necessary to either have the holder of any separated mineral rights agree to abide by the conservation easement, or we need a determination by a qualified geologist that the mineral rights holder is unlikely to find minerals on the ranch that could be surfaced mined.]

X Latitude and Longitude coordinates (if available):

XI Mortgages or liens on the property (Mortgage holders will need to subordinate their interest to the Conservation Easement. This information will be kept strictly confidential.)

XII Legal or other status that has an influence on the ranch (e.g. Williamson Act contract, IRS 2032A, 2701, 2703, etc)

XIII State and Federal Representation Districts

- Congressional District and Current Representative:

- State Senate District and Current Representative:

- State Assembly District and Current Representative:

XIV: Would you be interested in supporting the California Rangeland Trust to further our efforts to expedite your project and conserve working landscapes in your area? For example, would you be willing to contact your local representatives or write your local media sources to encourage the support of your project and our regional conservation-related efforts?

Yes _____ No _____

IMPORTANT! PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING WITH THIS PROJECT APPLICATION:

- A regional “vicinity” map that shows where the ranch is in its relationship to well known points or landmarks like cities, major highways, rivers, etc.
- A “local” map that shows the size and shape of the property with any adjacent identifiable features such as a public road, town, creek, mountain, etc.
- If possible, please provide 3 – 6 photos of your ranch that we can use to best show off your ranch when we seek funding for your project and that CRT may use for post-project publicity. Digital photos (jpg, tiff, or pdf) are preferred. **Please initial here if you do not want your photographs used for any purpose other than CRT’s internal use: _____**
Please initial here if you agree to our use of these photos for public, agency and/or private fundraising purposes: _____.

If you and the California Rangeland Trust agree to move forward with an agricultural conservation easement on your property, a number of additional items will be required for completion of the donation or sale of the easement. Please indicate which of these you have or can provide:

- Preliminary Title Report.
- Aerial Photograph.
- 1:24,000 scale USGS topographic map with delineation of property.
- County Assessor Parcel map or Platt book map.
- Recent appraisal of property / development rights.
- Phase I Hazardous Materials Survey.

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