

# California Rangeland Resolution

The undersigned recognize the critical importance of California's privately owned rangelands, particularly that significant portion that encircles the Central Valley and includes the adjacent grasslands and oak woodlands, including the Sierra foothills and the interior coast ranges. These lands support important ecosystems and are the foundation for the ranching industry that owns them.

WHEREAS, these rangelands include a rich and varied landscape of grasslands, oak woodlands, vernal pools, riparian areas and wetlands, which support numerous imperiled species, many native plants once common in the Central Valley, and are home to the highest diversity and density of wintering raptors anywhere in North America;

WHEREAS, these rangelands are often located in California's fastest-growing counties and are at significant risk of conversion to development and other uses;

WHEREAS, these rangelands, and the species that rely on these habitats, largely persist today due to the positive and experienced grazing and other land stewardship practices of the ranchers that have owned and managed these lands and are committed to a healthy future for their working landscapes;

WHEREAS, these rangelands are a critical foundation of the economic and social fabric of California's ranching industry and rural communities, and will only continue to provide this important working landscape for California's plants, fish and wildlife if private rangelands remain in ranching;

THEREFORE, we declare that it is our goal to collaboratively work together to protect and enhance the rangeland landscape that encircles California's Central Valley and includes adjacent grasslands and oak woodlands by:

- Keeping common species common on private working landscapes;
- Working to recover imperiled species and enhancing habitat on rangelands while seeking to minimize regulations on private lands and streamline processes;
- Supporting the long-term viability of the ranching industry and its culture by providing economic, social and other incentives and by reducing burdens to proactive stewardship on private ranchlands;
- Increasing private, state and federal funding, technical expertise and other assistance to continue and expand the ranching community's beneficial land stewardship practices that benefit sensitive species and are fully compatible with normal ranching practices;
- Encouraging voluntary, collaborative and locally-led conservation that has proven to be very effective in maintaining and enhancing working landscapes;
- Educating the public about the benefits of grazing and ranching in these rangelands.

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## Signatories

Agricultural - Natural Resources Trust of Contra Costa County  
Alameda County Board of Supervisors  
Alameda Co. Resource Conservation District  
Amador Resource Conservation District  
American Farmland Trust  
American Land Conservancy  
Audubon California  
Bureau of Land Management  
Butte County Resource Conservation District  
Butte Environmental Council  
Calaveras Co. Resource Conservation District  
California Association of Resource Conservation Districts  
California Cattlemen's Association  
California CattleWomen's Association  
California Chapter of the International Soil and Water Conservation Society  
California Department of Conservation  
California Dept of Fish and Game  
California Dept of Food and Agriculture  
California Dept of Forestry and Fire Protection  
California Farm Bureau Federation  
California Grazing Lands Coalition  
California Invasive Plant Council  
California Native Grasslands Association  
California Native Plant Society  
California Oak Foundation  
California Open Lands  
California Rangeland Trust  
California Resources Agency  
California Wildlife Foundation  
California Wool Growers Association  
Cal-Pac Section Society For Range Management  
Central Sierra Region of Resource Conservation Districts  
Central Valley Land Trust Council  
City of Livermore  
Community Alliance with Family Farmers  
Contra Costa Resource Conservation District  
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Ducks Unlimited  
El Dorado Resource Conservation District  
Endangered Species Coalition  
Environmental Defense  
Friends of Swainson's Hawk  
Glenn County Resource Conservation District  
Institute for Ecological Health  
Jumping Frog Research Institute  
Land Trust for Santa Barbara County  
Marin Agricultural Land Trust  
Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation District  
Napa County Board of Supervisors  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
National Cattlemen's Beef Association  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
Nevada Co. Resource Conservation District  
Nevada County Land Trust  
Northern California Regional Land Trust  
Placer Co. Resource Conservation District  
Placer Land Trust  
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation  
Sacramento River Watershed Program  
Sacramento Valley Conservancy  
Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau  
San Joaquin Raptor/Wildlife Rescue Center  
San Joaquin Valley Conservancy  
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors  
Sierra Foothills Audubon Society  
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Sustainable Conservation  
Tehama County Resource Conservation District  
The Nature Conservancy  
Trust for Public Land  
Tuleyome  
Tuolumne Co. Resource Conservation District  
University of California  
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
US Forest Service  
VernalPools.org  
Western Shasta Resource Conservation District  
Wildlife Conservation Board  
WildPlaces  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors  
Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

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