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CALIFORNIA RANGELAND TRUST HIRES NEW DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Sacramento, CA – The California Rangeland Trust is pleased to announce the addition of Sahara Saude, as their new Director of Development.

In this position, Sahara will lead the organization's major donor and legacy programs by raising funds to help ranching families in California conserve working ranches. Currently, Rangeland Trust has 120 families, with over 500,000 combined acres of rangeland, waiting for funding to make conservation easements on their property possible. California Rangeland Trust holds easements on over 240,000 acres of rangeland, ensuring that these working landscapes will be forever protected.

“The Rangeland Trust is very focused on meeting the conservation needs of ranchers and protecting rangeland benefits of clean water, wildlife habitat and open space. Our long-term growth and sustainability is our top priority,” said CEO Nita Vail. “Sahara has the experience and expertise to take our fund development program to the next level while expanding our circle of members and supporters. Her addition to our staff team gets us closer to realizing our vision of: *One million acres forever protected.*”

Sahara's family has owned and operated the Dias Ranch in the Gabilan Mountains of the Pacific Coast Range since 1916. She currently lives on the ranch that she grew up on in the central Sierra Nevada. Her background in ranching, combined with her education and experience in environmental policy, conservation management and fundraising makes Sahara a great choice for California Rangeland Trust. “Growing up on a ranch is something I wish more kids could experience. I know it shaped me significantly. Working with California Rangeland Trust to conserve a million acres of rangeland is my opportunity to make sure ranching and open space continues to shape California's future. It's my dream job.” said Ms. Saude.

Sahara has worked for the U.S. government, the private business sector, and with non-profit organizations in California, Madagascar, Central America, Europe, and Indonesia focusing on long-term conservation management, environmental policy, and stewardship.

Ms. Saude completed an undergraduate degree in English at Sonoma State University and holds a Master's degree in International Environmental Policy from the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

In her spare time, Sahara enjoys spending time at her family's ranch, riding with her Dad, and being outdoors. Some of her other favorite activities include: kayaking, scuba diving, photography, and exploring new countries.

The California Rangeland Trust is dedicated to conserving the open space, natural habitat and stewardship provided by California's ranches, and uses conservation easements to protect these rangelands from development and other pressures.

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The California Rangeland Trust (www.rangelandtrust.org) is a statewide nonprofit organization created to conserve the open space, natural habitat and stewardship provided by California's ranches and is nationally accredited through the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. The Rangeland Trust holds conservation easements on working ranches covering 240,000 acres throughout California.