

**Conservation Easement
 Mitigation Project Application**

APPLICANT INFORMATION	
Applicant Name(s):	
Applicant Mailing Address:	City, State and Zip:
Phone:	Fax:
Email:	
RANCH INFORMATION	
Ranch Name:	Owner's Name (if different than applicant):
Physical Address of Ranch:	
City, State and Zip:	County:
Mailing Address of Ranch Owner:	
City, State and Zip:	
Phone:	Fax:
Total Deeded Acreage: _____ Leased Acreage: _____	Mitigation Easement Acreage: _____
Project Name:	

Please return application to:
California Rangeland Trust, 1225 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Ph: 916-444-2096, Fax: 916-329-3488, Email: saveourranches@aol.com & info@rangelandtrust.org

Questions? Please call Andy Mills, Stewardship Director, at 805-245-4229

Please provide the following **general information** (*Use as much room as you need*):

1a. Provide a **brief summary** of the mitigation:

1b. Describe where you are in the mitigation process and what steps are yet to complete:

1c. Describe the project timeline and provide target closing date:

6. Does the ranch have habitat areas that link with similar lands on adjoining and/or nearby lands?

7. Does the ranch adjoin or is it located near publicly owned land, or another conservation easement or habitat preserve? (please provide map if available)

8. Please include any additional information that you believe would be helpful for the California Rangeland Trust to consider.

Long Term Management Objectives

1. Will **cattle production** be the primary agricultural activity for the ranch for the next 25 years?
2. Discuss **business planning efforts** and potential future access to other resources necessary to remain in business (*water, private recreation opportunities, leases, etc.*)
3. Describe your **long-range plans**, including any plans to increase agricultural productivity (*Fencing, water development, etc.*).

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

1. How long has the property been **owned by the current owners**?
2. How many **acres are usable for grazing**? _____
3. How many acres are **usable for dry croplands**? _____
Describe the type of crops:
4. How many acres are **irrigated**? _____
Describe the type of crops:

5. How many **legal parcels** would be within the easement area? _____
List all Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) or attach separate list:
6. **Zoning** designations on the ranch (*minimum parcel size*): _____
7. **Zoning** of neighboring parcels (*minimum parcel size*): _____
8. How many miles away is the **nearest urban area**? _____
9. Check any of the following **lease types** that apply to the ranch:
Oil & Gas _____ (*length of lease* _____ yrs), Grazing _____, Hunting _____,
Other _____ (*type*: _____)
10. Does the landowner own 100% of the **mineral rights** on the ranch? Yes _____ No _____
If no, approximately how many acres or what % has severed mineral rights? _____
If no, who owns the mineral rights (*U.S. Government, company, individual*)?

Historically, has there been any mining (*surface or underground*)? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, what type? _____
11. **Latitude and Longitude** coordinates (*if known*): _____
12. Is there a **Management Plan or Grazing Plan** for the ranch? If so, when was it prepared and by whom?
13. **Identify Mortgages or liens** on the property (*Mortgage holders will need to subordinate their interest to the Conservation Easement. This information will be kept confidential.*)

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

A Few Last Questions

1. How did you **find out about the California Rangeland Trust**?

2. Are you a **member of the California Cattlemen's Association** or similar association?

3. Are you a **member of a Coordinated Resource Management Program (CRMP)** or other Watershed group?

4. With respect to a **possible easement**, are you considering (*check one or more boxes*):
 - Selling an Agricultural Conservation Easement?
 - Donating an Agricultural Conservation Easement?
 - Discounted Sale (*combination of sale and donation*)?

5. **State and Federal Representation Districts**
 - Congressional District and Current Representative:

 - State Senate District and Current Representative:

 - State Assembly District and Current Representative:

6. Would you be interested in **supporting the California Rangeland Trust** to encourage the support of your project and our regional conservation-related efforts? For example, would you be willing to contact your local representatives or be featured in a news article?

Yes _____ No _____

7. List any 3rd party consultants involved with this project (company name & contact):

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.
- **3 – 6 photos** of your ranch that we can use to best show off your ranch when we seek funding and that we may use for post-project publicity. Digital photos (jpg, tiff, or PDF) are preferred.

May we use these photos for public, agency and/or private fundraising purposes?

Yes _____ No _____

If you and the California Rangeland Trust agree to move forward with an agricultural conservation easement on your property, additional items will be required to complete of the donation or sale of the easement. **Please indicate (*check box*) 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 Plat Book map
- Recent appraisal of property/development rights
- Phase I Hazardous Materials Survey (*Environmental Site Assessment*)

- I GIVE** the California Rangeland Trust permission to confidentially share the information provided to the Rangeland Trust in an effort to obtain funding for this project.
- I DO NOT GIVE** the California Rangeland Trust permission to confidentially share the information provided to the Rangeland Trust.

I understand that the evaluation by the California Rangeland Trust of my property is based upon the information submitted with my application, current use, and configuration of my property. I also understand that changes in the way in which I use my property or commencement of any new land uses not noted in the application, may result in re-evaluation of the project by the California Rangeland Trust and additional fees.

Sign: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name:

Sign: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name:

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