

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program Agricultural Conservation Easement Summary

Rubric	Details
Applicant	Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo
Project Location	San Luis Obispo County, San Luis Obispo
Recommended Ranking	B – project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues
Project Description	The project is a ±200-acre mixed use property that supports grazing for approximately 20 cow-calf pairs and a small vineyard. The number of cows grazed is adaptively managed based on range conditions to avoid overgrazing. Infrastructure on the ranch includes boundary fencing; a corral, horse barn, and workshop; and stock ponds. The vineyard area is dry farmed, but an irrigation system is available if needed.
Strategic Value	<u>Greenbelt</u> – The property is part of the City of San Luis Obispo greenbelt program. <u>Habitat</u> – The property would provide a wildlife corridor near the Santa Lucia Wilderness and Islay Open Space Preserve and provides habitat for black bear and mountain lion within the La Panza range-San Geronimo Essential Connectivity Area. <u>Viewshed</u> – The property provides open space and a viewshed in San Luis Obispo and Edna Valley.
Notable Features	Nothing of note
Land Use Conversion Threat	Risk Options 5 and 7, residential and rural residential zoning density
GHG reduction estimates (30 year)¹	326 potential development rights extinguished 219,194,516 VMT 84,693 MT CO ₂ e
Estimated Easement Value	\$900,000 \$4,500/total acre
SALC Program Funding Request	\$650,000 25% ACE match standard met
Match Funding (Source & Status)	City of San Luis Obispo / Match Funder Identified
Priority Population Benefits	No

¹Under the approved Quantification Methodology, estimates of avoided GHG emissions are calculated using a 30-year project life. However, SALC easements will be in perpetuity.

Site Photo and Map

