

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended
SALC22_PP48_MPA

Applicant

North Fork Mono Tribe

Project Location

Mariposa, Mariposa County

Recommended Ranking

A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat

Rural Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided

55 potential development rights extinguished
40,431,073 VMT
19,488 MT CO₂e

Acreage

± 368

Funding Requested

\$1,030,000

Match Funding

Qualifies for 100% SALC Funding

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

A CA tribe is the applicant/co-applicant

Project Description

The project is a fee title acquisition for a ± 368-acre ranch 7 miles from the Mariposa CDP in Mariposa County. The project has abundant culturally significant resources including native plants, oak woodlands, as well as historical tribal resources important to the tribes that access the property. The property is large enough to support tribal cultural practices, stewardship of the land, and the cultivation and gathering of berry crops, native food, basket making material, and medicinal plants. The project will support local tribes in the implementation of indigenous land management practices, preservation of cultural heritage, gathering of native foods and medicinal plants, and utilization of traditional knowledge to steward the land. The property will also serve as a training ground for education around Indigenous stewardship, including among tribes, local community members, and university students and faculty.

Strategic Value

Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: Protection of the property would prohibit leapfrog/sprawl development around Mariposa and would support infill/compact development in the communities of Mariposa.

Wildland Urban Interface: The project provides a wildfire buffer for the nearby communities and supports regular cultural and prescribed burnings that reduce fuel loads and increase the health and productivity of plants.

Equity

Secure Land Tenure: The project will support the return of land to a California Native American tribe and will provide access for cultural learning opportunities to multiple area tribes, including granting gathering and tending rights to the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation. Applicant has provided a Letter of Assurance describing how access to all tribes, practitioners, gatherers, and ecological researchers would be allowed.

Notable Features

The project includes development and implementation of a SALC-funded management plan.

The applicant may also be interested in incorporating a conservation easement into the transaction; however SALC would condition that any conservation easement sold/donated be sold/donated to a qualified entity as identified in Civil Code 815.3.

Site Photo and Map

