Applicant	California Rangeland Trust
Project Location	Calaveras County, Wallace
Recommended Ranking	B – project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues
Project Description	The proposed project would conserve ±505 acres of rangeland southeast of Wallace. The landowner runs 125 cow/calf pairs on the property seasonally and 20 replacement heifers on the property annually. The property is managed in conjunction with a larger operation that includes 7 other leased properties. Stock water is provided by four on-site wells. Corrals and an agricultural support structure are located onsite and support the operation.
Strategic Value	Sustainable Management – The property is rotationally grazed, which promotes infiltration of water into the soil. Habitat – Protection of the property would contribute to protection of vernal pool, grassland, blue oak woodland, and blue oak-foothill pine habitats, which support species such as Prairie Falcon, Western Spadefoot toad, deer, bobcats, fox, mountain lion, and other raptors. Viewshed – The property provides a viewshed along Hwy 12. Other – Protection of the property will protect water quality by restricting agricultural intensification. Grazing on the property manages fuel loads and reduces wildfire risk in the area.
Notable Features	The applicant would restrict cultivated/irrigated agriculture within the easement area.
Land Use Conversion Threat	Risk Option 5, residential zoning density
GHG reduction estimates (30 year) ¹	 1,200 potential development rights extinguished 882,132,512 VMT 346,796 MT CO₂e
Appraised Easement Value	\$ 710,000\$1,406/total acre
Updated SALC Program Funding Request	 \$ 572,675 25% ACE match standard met
Match Funding (Source & Status)	Sierra Nevada Conservancy / 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

