

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	<p><u>Sustainable Management</u> – The property is rotationally grazed, which promotes infiltration of water into the soil.</p> <p><u>Habitat</u> – 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.</p> <p><u>Viewshed</u> – The property provides a viewshed along Hwy 12.</p> <p><u>Other</u> – 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.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,200 potential development rights extinguished • 882,132,512 VMT • 346,796 MT CO₂e
Appraised Easement Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 710,000 • \$1,406/total acre
Updated SALC Program Funding Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 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

