

Attachment A: Project Summary

Rubric	Details
Applicant	California Rangeland Trust
Project Location	Calaveras County, Valley Springs
Recommended Ranking	B – project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues
Project Description	This ±378-acre ranch located near Valley Springs raises approximately 40 Wagyu cattle for sale direct to the public. The landowners practice holistic grazing management to ensure pastures are not overgrazed. Infrastructure on the property includes fencing, water troughs, corrals, and barns.
Strategic Value	<p><u>Habitat</u> – The project would protect riparian areas along Spring Valley and Young’s Creeks and habitat for the red legged frog. Landowners have participated in the Natural Resources Land Conservation Service Conservation Stewardship Program and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive program to clear brush and promote pasture and wildlife habitat, including placing escape ramps in water troughs to eliminate wildlife mortality and improve red-legged frog habitat. Exclusionary fencing prevents cattle from disturbing riparian areas.</p> <p><u>Viewshed</u> – The property provides open space and a viewshed along Highway 12.</p>
Notable Features	Nothing of note
Land Use Conversion Threat	Risk Option 5, residential zoning density
GHG reduction estimates (30 year)¹	1,309 potential development rights extinguished 962,259,548 VMT 374,457 MT CO ₂ e
Appraised Easement Value	\$535,000 \$1,415/total acre
Updated SALC Program Funding Request	\$430,610.30 25% ACE match standard met
Match Funding (Source & Status)	Natural Resources Conservation Service / Funding Secured
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

