

**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**Round 11a Funding Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP01\_PLA

**Applicant**

California Rangeland Trust

**Project Location**

North Auburn, Placer County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural at Risk zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

1 potential development rights extinguished  
781,246 VMT  
350 MT CO<sub>2e</sub>

**Acreage**

±143.20

**Funding Requested**

\$510,000

**Funding Recommended**

\$510,000

**Match Funding**

Match Funder Identified - NRCs or Placer County

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

Provides secure land tenure to a farmer/rancher who is a Veteran

**Project Description**

The proposed project is for an easement acquisition on a 143-acre ranch in Placer County. The property supports multiple agricultural operations, including cattle grazing (~25 head), chickens, bee hives, horse grazing, and diversified small-scale gardening activities. The ranch benefits from a Nevada Irrigation Ditch that runs along the northern edge of the property, from which the landowner typically draws four miner's inches of water during the summer, and two miner's inches during the winter. Two irrigation boxes, two wells, and stock pond also provide water for domestic and agricultural uses.

**Strategic Value**

*Climate Resilience*

*Carbon Neutrality:* The property's oak woodlands sequester carbon and provide wildlife habitat adjacent to the regional park.

*Equity*

*Secure Land Tenure:* Owner is a military veteran.

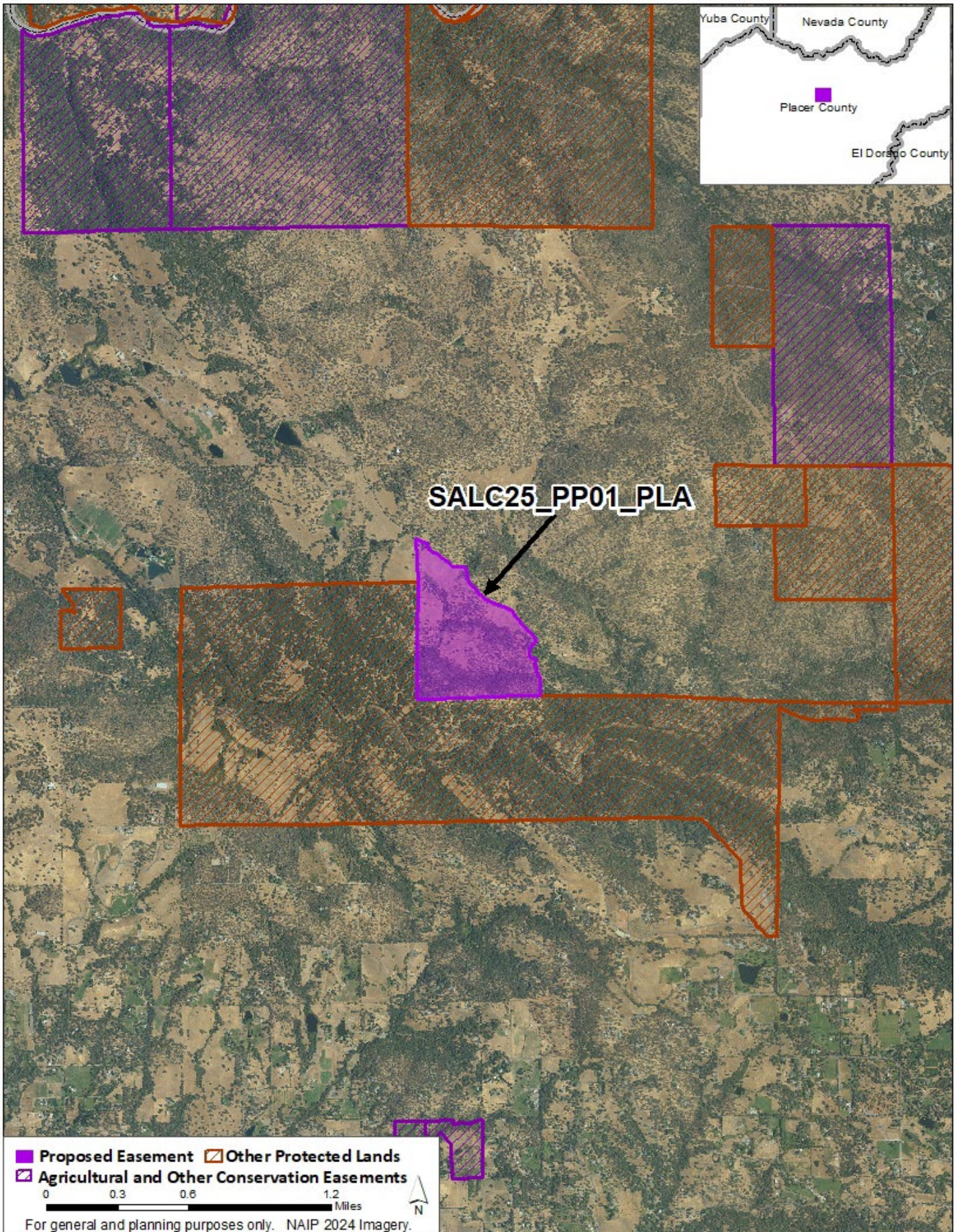
*Co-Benefits*

*Proximity to Protected Land:* Protection of the property would add to a growing collection of protected lands in the area.

**Notable Features**

[N/A]

# Site Map



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**Round 11a Funding Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP03\_TEH

**Applicant**

California Rangeland Trust

**Project Location**

Red Bluff, Tehama County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

High density rural residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

113 potential development rights extinguished  
113,908,833 VMT  
48,733 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 1,534.64

**Funding Requested**

\$1,441,500

**Funding Recommended**

\$1,441,500

**Match Funding**

Match  
Funders Identified – NRCS or Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

The property is for an easement acquisition on a ± 1,535-acre ranch in Tehama County. The ranch supports 300-400 cow/calf pairs seasonally. The cattle graze during the winter season and are rotated between this owned property and an adjacent 1,282-acre ranch that is leased. Water is supplied from one spring, multiple stock ponds, and wells that are used to fill troughs throughout the property.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is adjacent to an active new home ranchette subdivision outside of Cottonwood. The neighboring property that is leased by the landowners is currently up for sale which, if not purchased by the landowners, is advertised for subdivision. The property is centrally located between Red Bluff and Cottonwood and would provide strategic protection for development to occur closer to existing infrastructure.

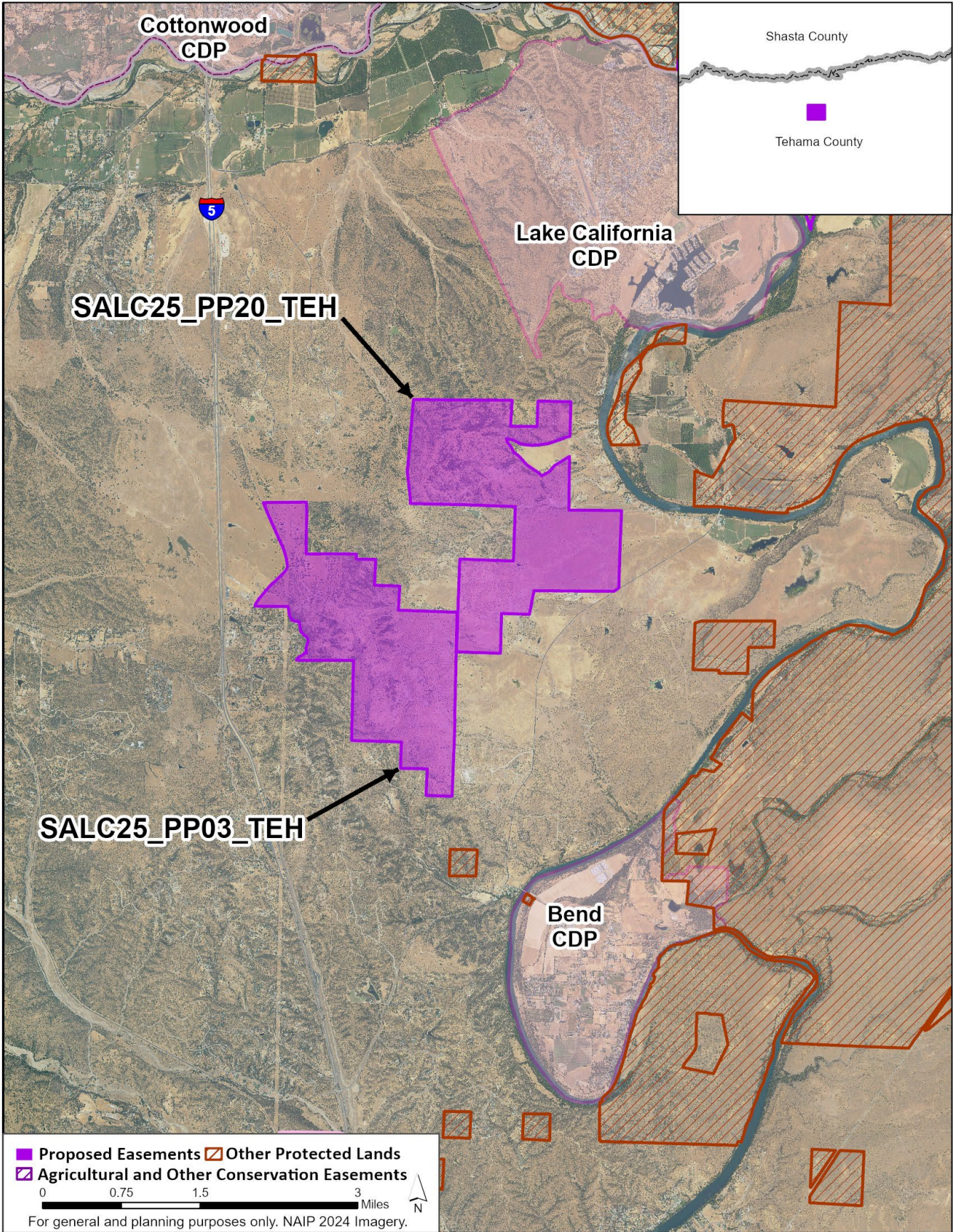
*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The project protects biodiversity by conserving a large, intact rangeland landscape that supports numerous sensitive and at-risk species, including Golden Eagle, Bald Eagle, Tricolored Blackbird, Yellow-breasted Chat, Yellow Warbler, American Badger, Northwestern Pond Turtle, and multiple sensitive bat species. The property contains a mosaic of habitats—grasslands, riparian corridors, oak savanna, and stock ponds—that together provide essential foraging, nesting, and movement corridors.

**Notable Features**

N/A

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**Round 11A Funding Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP05\_MNT

**Applicant**

California Rangeland Trust

**Project Location**

King City, Monterey County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

High density rural residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

389 potential development rights extinguished  
39,759,030 VMT  
49,246 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 2,749.56

**Funding Requested**

\$2,287,500

**Funding Recommended**

\$2,287,500

**Match Funding**

Application(s) Submitted - WCB

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement acquisition project is for a ± 2,750-acre property in Monterey County. The property is lessee operated and supports a multi-generational, year-round cow/calf grazing operation with 100 cow/calf pairs. Feeder steers are sold directly to nearby ranchers, while cull cows and bulls are sent to regional auction yards. A portion of the property is engaged in no-till dryland farming that produces grains for the grazing operation. Onsite wells and year-round springs produce ample water supply for the grazing operation.

**Strategic Value**

*Climate Resilience*

*Climate Smart Management Practices:* Grazing reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfire by reducing fuel loads on the property.

*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The property serves as a wildlife linkage with the southern coast mountain range. The property's grasslands and oak woodlands provide habitat for wildlife.

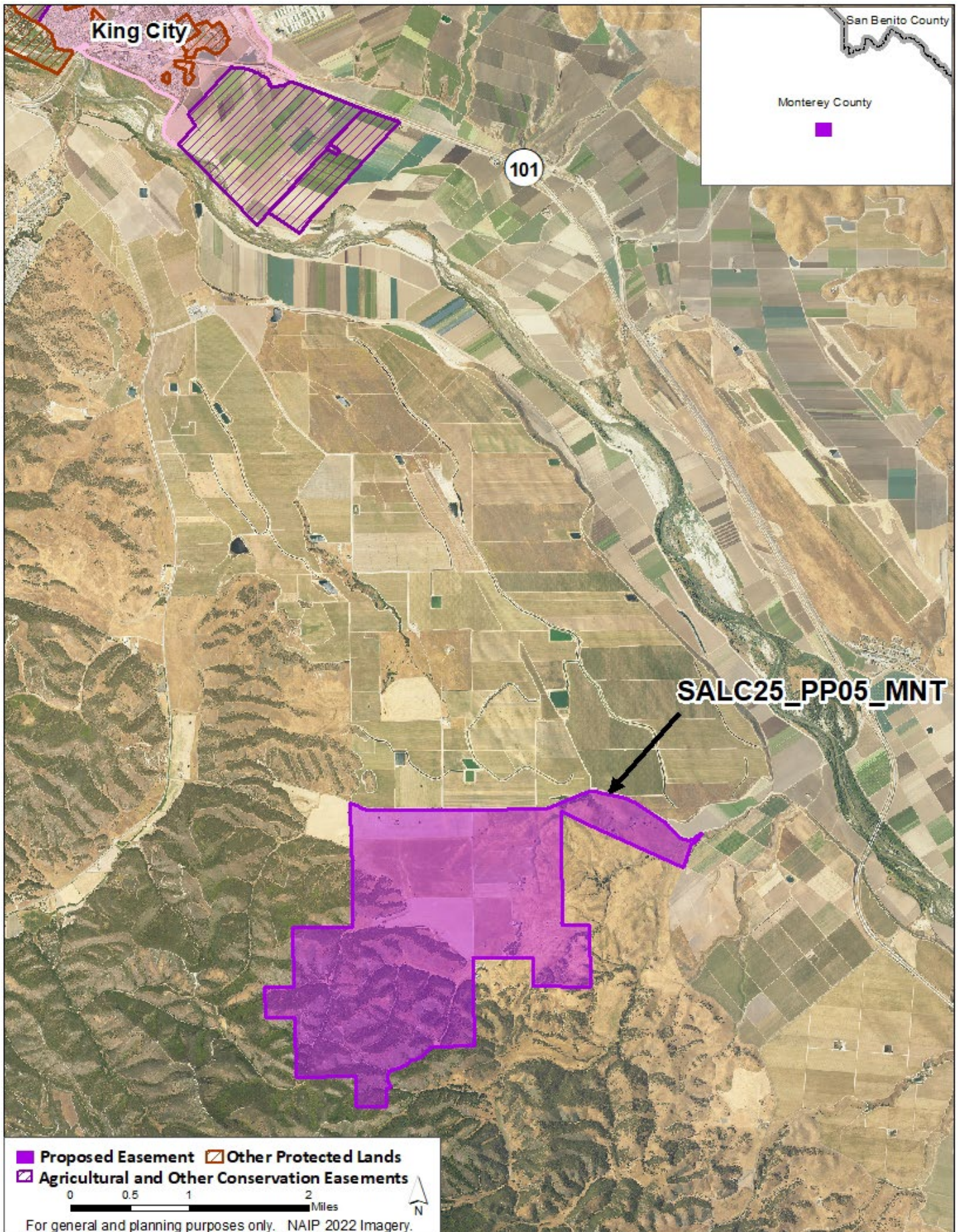
*Viewshed:* The property is visible from Highway 101.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The property is in proximity to land owned by the Bureau of Land Management.

**Notable Features**

The conservation easement will restrict agricultural intensification.

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**Round 11A Funding Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP08\_MEN

**Applicant**

Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians

**Project Location**

Redwood Valley, Mendocino County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

21 potential development rights extinguished  
16,796,545 VMT  
6,931 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 63

**Funding Requested**

\$1,568,180

**Funding Recommended**

\$1,568,180

**Match Funding**

Qualifies for 100% SALC Funding

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

Provides secure land tenure to a CA tribe

A CA tribe is the applicant

**Project Description**

This project would acquire in fee title a ± 63.12-acre Ranch in Redwood Valley, Mendocino County, adjacent to lands currently owned by the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians. The site has been in continuous agricultural use since the 1930s, currently as irrigated lands supporting wine grapes. Currently owner-operated, the Tribe will assume full ownership and management upon acquisition.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* Protection of the property would support infill and compact development of the urbanizing areas of northern Redwood Valley and Laughlin, and urbanizing sprawl of development west of Highway 101.

*Climate Resilience*

*Climate Smart Management Practices:* The project would include restoration efforts in the Russian River riparian corridor and phased introduction of native plants for cultural purposes.

*Equity*

*Tribal Co-Management & Access:* The property would be owned and managed by the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians to the benefit of the tribe.

*Secure Land Tenure:* This purchase would provide perpetual land tenure for the tribe.

*Sustainable Agriculture Use*

*Soil quality:* The land include 52 acres of Prime agricultural soils.

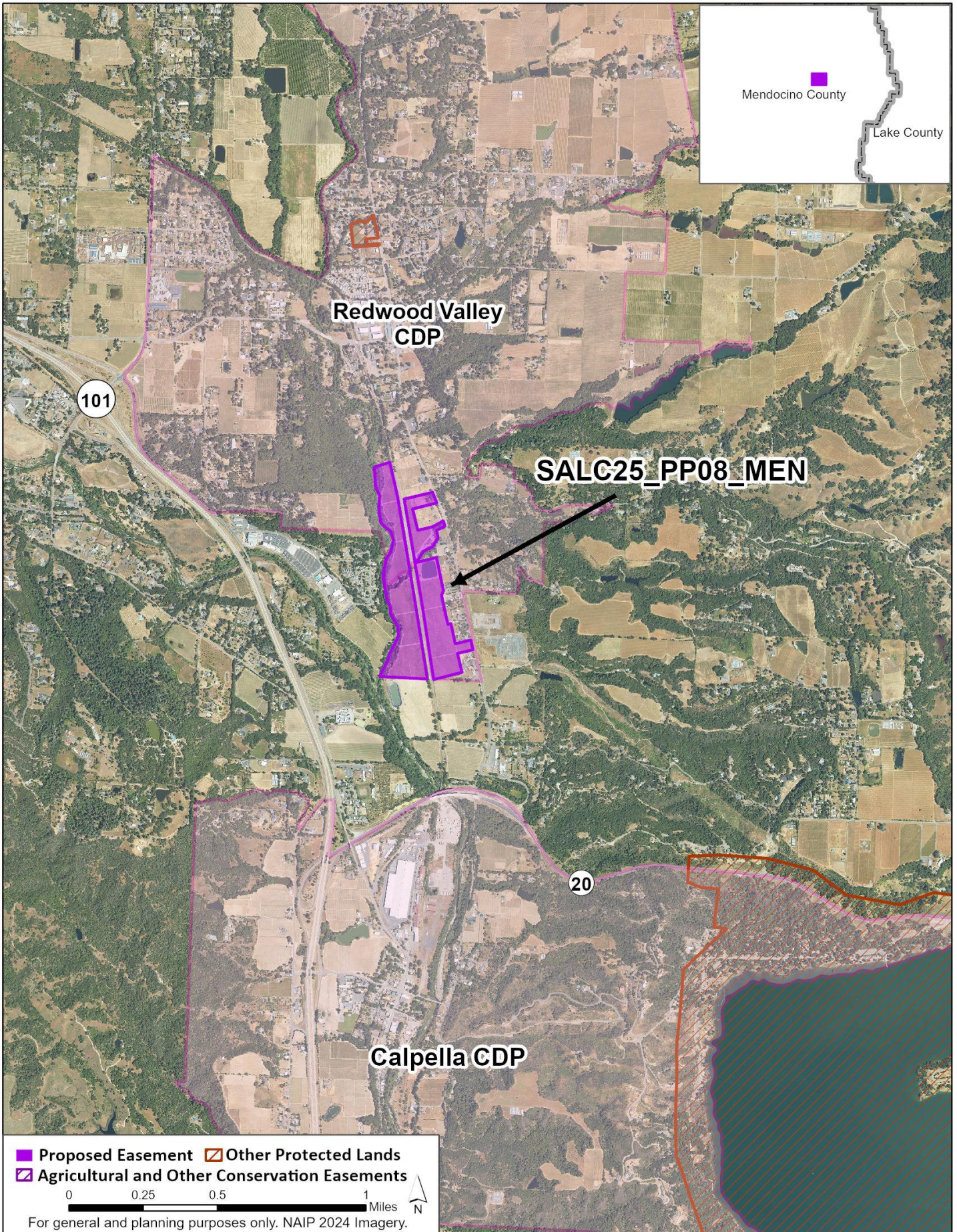
*Water Management Practices:* The property has multiple reliable water sources supporting continued agricultural use including rights to pump water year-round from the Russian River, a charter membership in the Redwood Valley Water District, and the right to fill an on-site reservoir.

**Notable Features**

Legal access across a railroad bed bisecting the property must be secured.

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

Site Map



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**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
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**Round 11a Funding Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP09\_Siskiyou

**Applicant**

Siskiyou Land Trust

**Project Location**

Yreka, Siskiyou

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural at Risk

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

56 potential development rights extinguished  
62,577,281 VMT  
27,698 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 4,339

**Funding Requested**

\$4,071,700

**Funding Recommended**

\$4,063,700

**Match Funding**

Funding Approved - RCPP

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This project is for the acquisition of a conservation easement on a ±4,339-acre property 12 miles (15-minute drive) from the City of Yreka in Siskiyou County. The property runs 850–1,000 beef cattle, 600 custom-grazed organic dairy heifers, and produces approximately 3,600 tons of certified organic hay annually across 900 irrigated acres. The property is comprised of 56 contiguous parcels and has been operated by the same family for six generations. A diverse water portfolio—adjudicated and riparian rights, springs, wetlands, wells, and reservoirs—supports stable agricultural production during drought.

**Strategic Value**

*Sustainable Agriculture Use*

*Water Management Practices:* The ranch implements practices that improve soil health, water efficiency, and rangeland productivity. Pivot irrigation upgrades, organic certification, wetland enhancements, tailwater recapture, and rotational grazing demonstrate sustainable stewardship that the easement will secure in perpetuity.

*Co-Benefits*

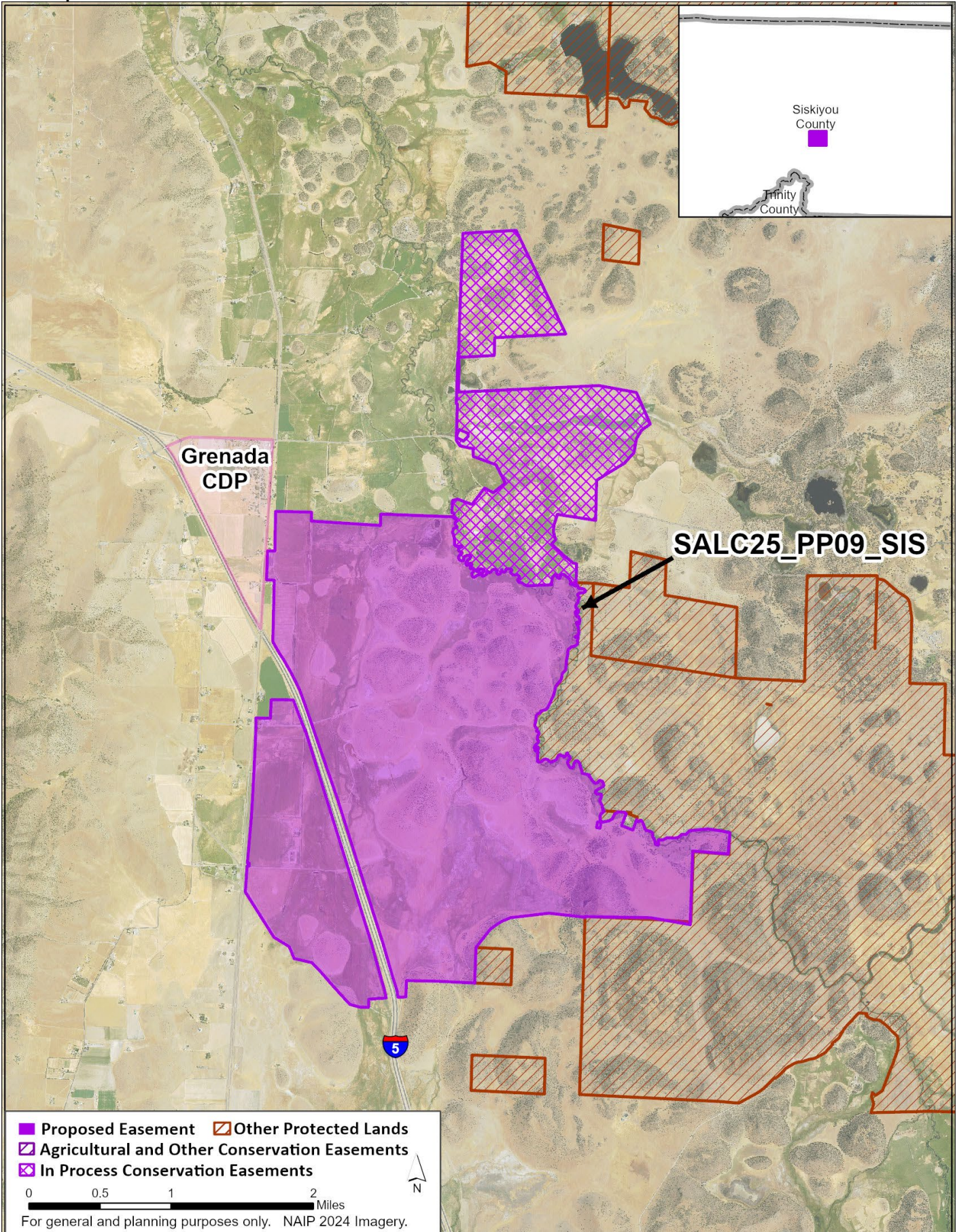
*Economic:* The family-owned operation employs nine ranch-hand families and supports numerous local businesses, reinforcing the economic stability of the surrounding rural community.

**Notable Features**

The property has several boundary considerations around potential encroachments. The landowner and land trust have agreed to exclude these portions via survey if resolution cannot be reached prior to escrow.

Staff recommends funding \$81,200 of funds requested for associated costs due to the property's large size, varied operations, and anticipated high appraisal and legal costs demonstrated through the land trust's prior easements in the region. Program guidelines permit applicants to request more than \$60,000 if the costs are commensurate with the work needed to complete the project.

# Site Map



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SALC25\_PP11\_CAL

**Applicant**

California Rangeland Trust

**Project Location**

Rancho Calaveras,  
Calaveras County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but  
requires resolution of specific  
issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Low-Density Rural Residential  
Zoning Density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

71 potential development  
rights extinguished  
52,192,840 VMT  
24,175 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 1,758

**Funding Requested**

\$1,832,100

**Funding Recommended**

\$1,832,100

**Match Funding**

Match  
Funder(s) Identified

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

The project is for an easement acquisition on a ± 1,758-acre grazing property outside of Rancho Calaveras in Calaveras County. The property is operated as a multigenerational cow/calf and ewe/lamb livestock operation, that supports about 140 heads of cows. The property is located in a critically overdrafted basin but has sufficient water to support the operation from their surface and groundwater wells on site.

**Strategic Value**

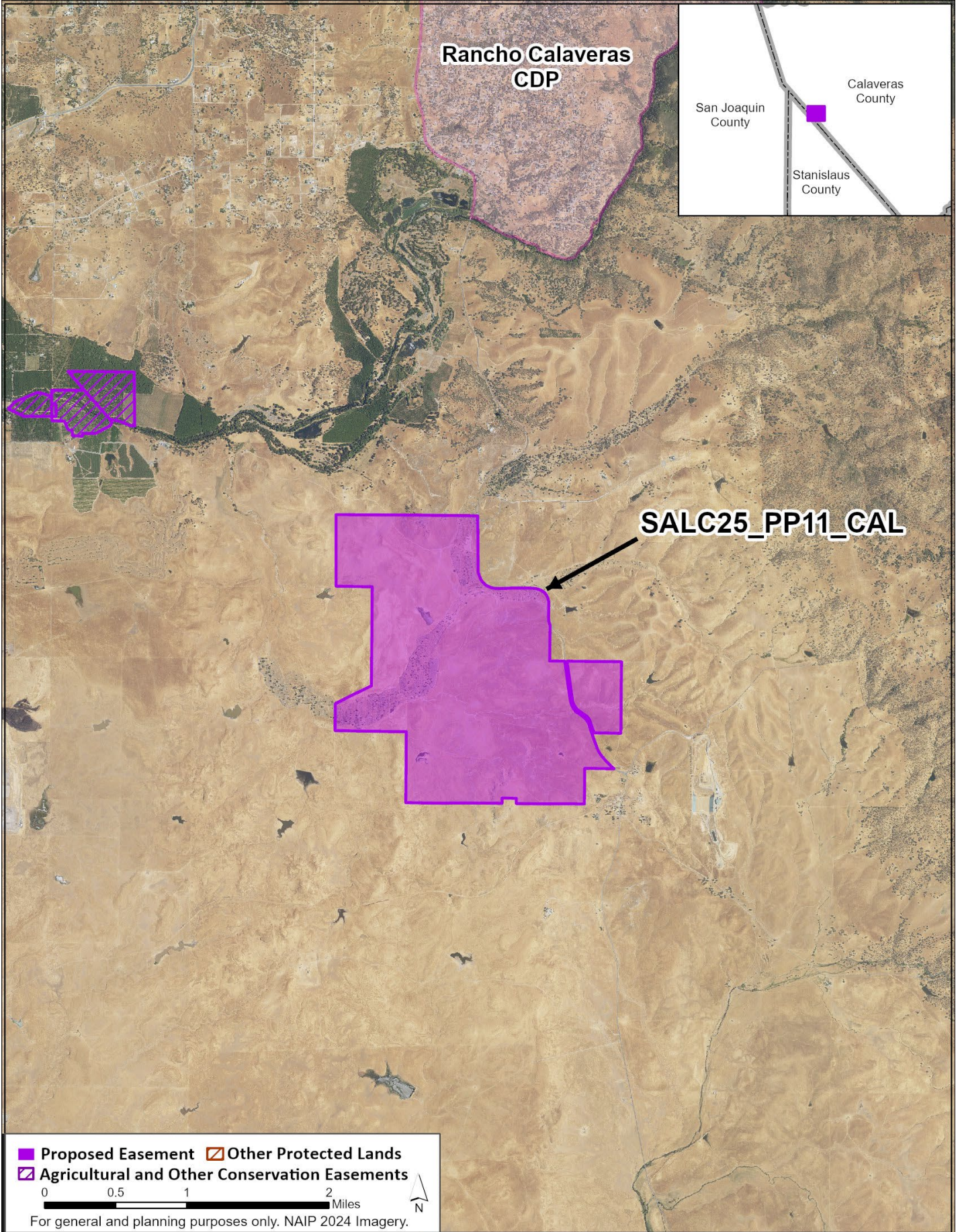
*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The protection of the property will conserve vernal pools and critical habitat for the tiger salamander.

**Notable Features**

The property has been continuously owned by the landowner's family and has been in active agricultural production for 165 years. Historic mine tailings are located on the property, but are still part of the grazing operation.

Site Map



Rancho Calaveras  
CDP

San Joaquin  
County

Calaveras  
County

Stanislaus  
County

SALC25\_PP11\_GAL

Proposed Easement    Other Protected Lands  
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements

0    0.5    1    2  
Miles



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SALC25\_PP14\_MAR

**Applicant**

Marin Agricultural Land Trust

**Project Location**

Fallon, Marin County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Low density rural residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

1 potential development right extinguished

174,006 VMT

149 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 127.37

**Funding Requested**

\$525,700

**Funding Recommended**

\$525,700

**Match Funding**

Funding Secured – MALT

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This project is for an easement acquisition on a ± 127-acre ranch in Marin County. The landowner's primary goal is to regenerate landscapes and restore water cycles by increasing the diversity of plants and biological communities with a focus on building healthy soils. Current agricultural operations on the farm include grass-finished beef, lamb, pastured chicken, eggs (chicken, duck and goose) and pastured pork as well as various row crops. Product is sold through the farmstand on the property which is open daily and operates on a self-serve basis, at a farmstand in the town of Tomales, as well as seasonally at the Berkeley farmers market. The property operates year round, with seasonal rotational grazing.

**Strategic Value**

*Climate Resilience*

*Climate Smart Management Practices:* the property is already engaged in a Carbon Farm Plan with the Marin County Resource Conservation District and have planted approximately 4,500 trees and shrubs, or approximately three miles of hedgerows and wind blocks, resulting in carbon sequestration and improved overall soil health.

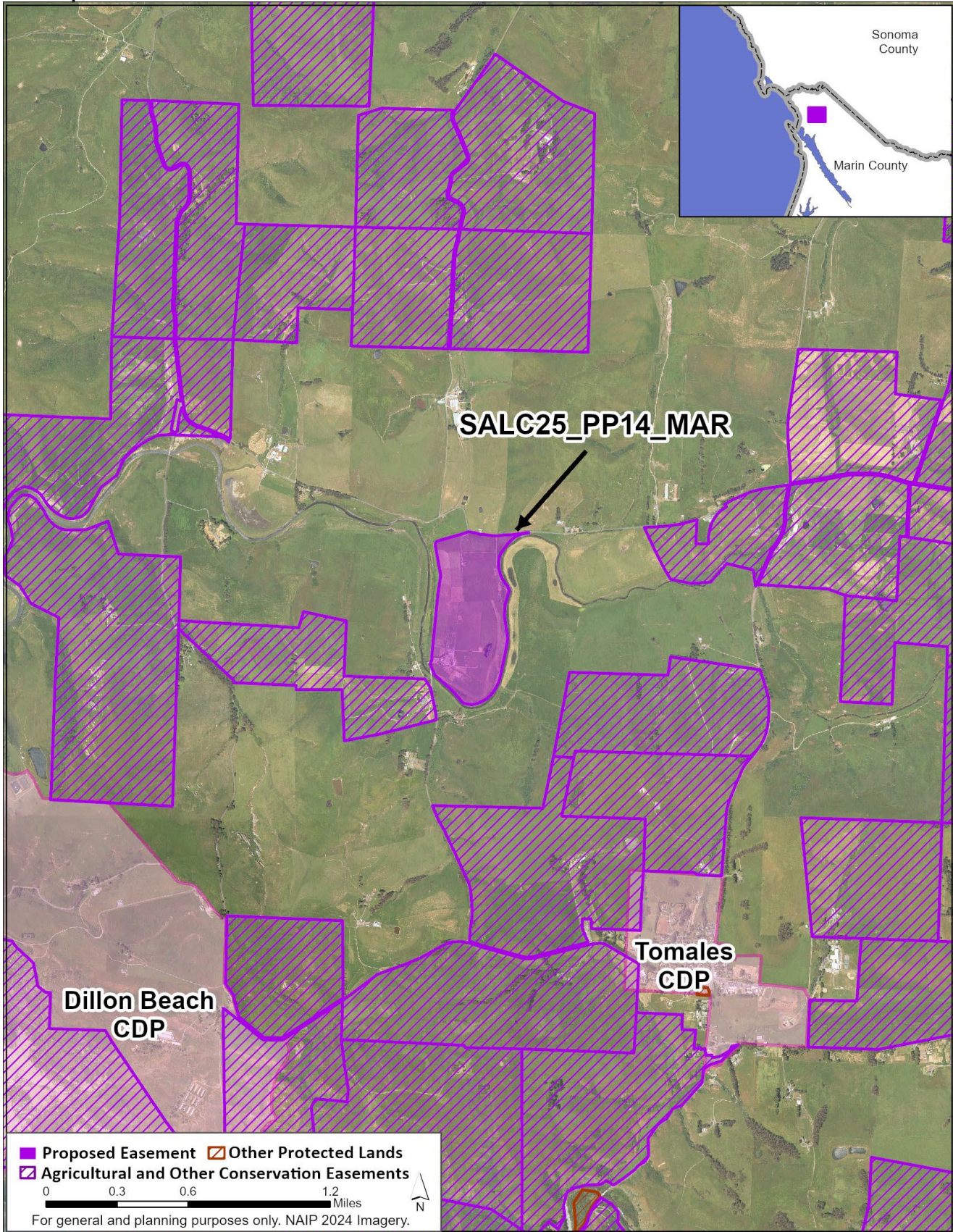
*Co-Benefits*

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The property is located near other protected properties and would add to a greenbelt forming from the coast to Petaluma and West Marin. These lands would result in a significant wildlife corridor.

**Notable Features**

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

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SALC25\_PP15\_BUT

**Applicant**

Northern California Regional Land Trust

**Project Location**

Chico, Butte County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

High Density Rural Residential

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

304 potential development rights extinguished  
55,603,782 VMT  
32,219 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 325

**Funding Requested**

\$1,500,000

**Funding Recommended**

\$1,500,000

**Match Funding**

Match Funding Secured – Rose Foundation “California Water Protection Fund”

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This project is for an easement acquisition on a ± 325-acre orchard in Butte County with frontage on Little Chico Creek. The Landowners currently grow Walnuts and Almonds year-round. Eighty-nine percent (288 acres) of the soils are classified as prime farmland. The orchards are irrigated through a drip and micro-irrigation system. The property is located in the Butte groundwater basin which has a Medium SGMA prioritization and is not a Critically Overdrafted Basin. The multi-generational farmers are conservation-minded and implement regenerative practices on their farm, including nitrogen-fixing cover crops.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is within a 12 minute drive to job centers in the City of Chico. Protection of the property will prevent leapfrog sprawl between Chico and Orland and encourage infill and compact development toward these cities. .

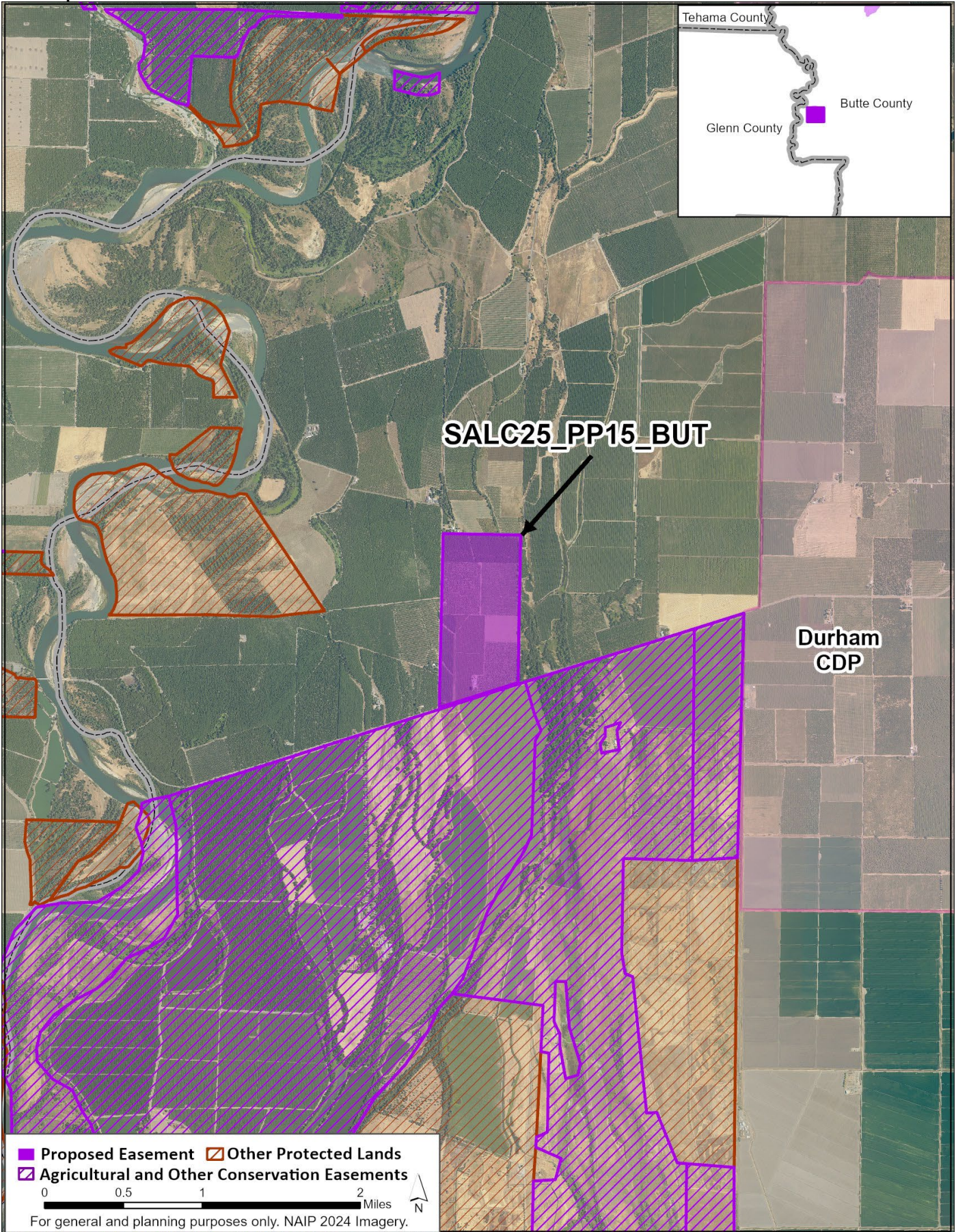
*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The ranch is managed in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) under the Angel Slough Private Land Management program (PLM) The property includes a constructed buffer strip with a catchment pond ringed by native plant species and wood duck boxes to foster riparian habitat along Little Chico Creek.

**Notable Features**

The project includes development of a SALC funded management farm plan.

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**Round 11a Funding Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP17\_STA

**Applicant**

American Farmland Trust

**Project Location**

Patterson, Stanislaus County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

780 potential development rights extinguished  
651,207,071 VMT  
243,337 MT CO<sub>2e</sub>

**Acreage**

± 171

**Funding Requested**

\$2,301,550

**Funding Recommended**

\$2,301,550

**Match Funding**

Match Funders Identified – NRCs; Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This project is for an easement acquisition on a ± 171-acre orchard in Stanislaus County. The Landowners currently grow cherries on 37 acres, apricots on 68 acres, and almonds on 66 acres year-round. All of the soils are classified as prime farmland. The orchards are irrigated through a drip and micro-irrigation system. The property is located in a critically over-drafted basin and water is provided by the Del Puerto Water District. The farmers are conservation-minded and implement regenerative practices on their farm, including no-till.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is located just outside the city of Patterson. Development is occurring adjacent to the property as well as across the waterway. Protection of the property would extinguish 780 potential development rights. There is a grocery outlet on the same side of the property in between the canals which shows the potential for development to occur in these "inbetween" spaces.

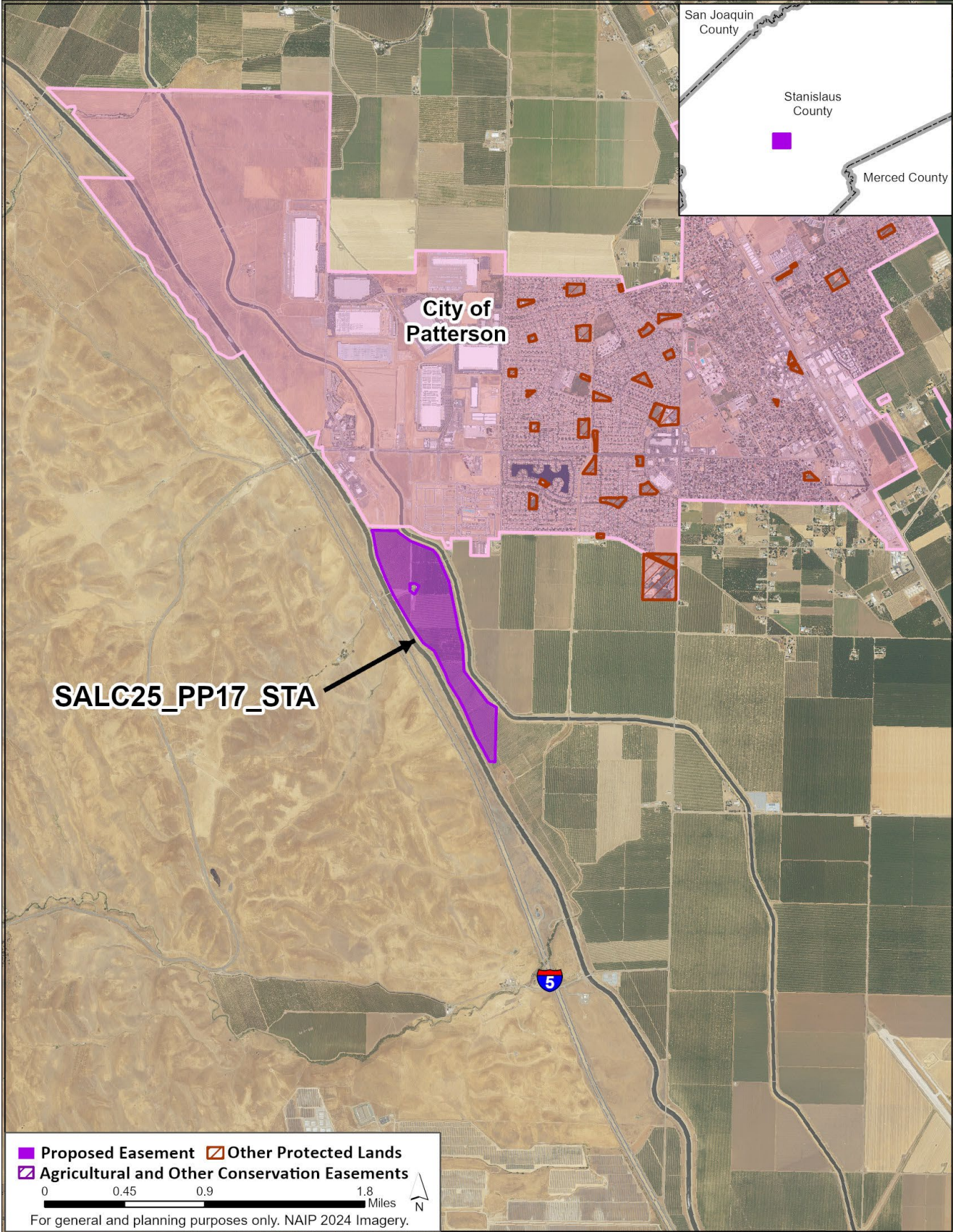
*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The orchard provides habitat for a range of species including: migratory birds such as geese and ducks, Swainsons Hawks, owls, blackbirds, kit foxes, deer, rattlesnakes and garden snakes, and pollinating insects such as bees and butterflies.

**Notable Features**

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

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**Round 11a Funding Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP18\_TUL

**Applicant**

Sequoia Riverlands Trust

**Project Location**

Kingsburg, Tulare County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

147 potential development  
rights extinguished  
122,727,486 VMT  
45,291 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acres**

± 40 acres

**Funding Requested**

\$770,860.00

**Funding Recommended**

\$770,860.00

**Match Funding**

Landowner Donation -  
committed

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This project is for the acquisition of a conservation easement on a ±40-acre property one mile from the City of Kingsburg in Tulare County. The project is comprised of three contiguous legal parcels that support commercial peach orchards. The peaches are processed locally and sold by Wawona Frozen Foods. The landowner manages the property along one full-time employee and about 20 seasonal workers during harvest season, harvesting approximately 700 tons annually. The peaches are irrigated using furrow irrigation methods with surface water distributed by Alta Irrigation District (AID) via two inlets. The property is located within a severely over-drafted basin, however, the property is in an area that has sustained more stable groundwater levels due to the proximity of the Kings River.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* By protecting key farmland near the city of Kingsburg, CA, the Kings River, and State Route 99 this project reinforces planning boundaries and encourages infill development.

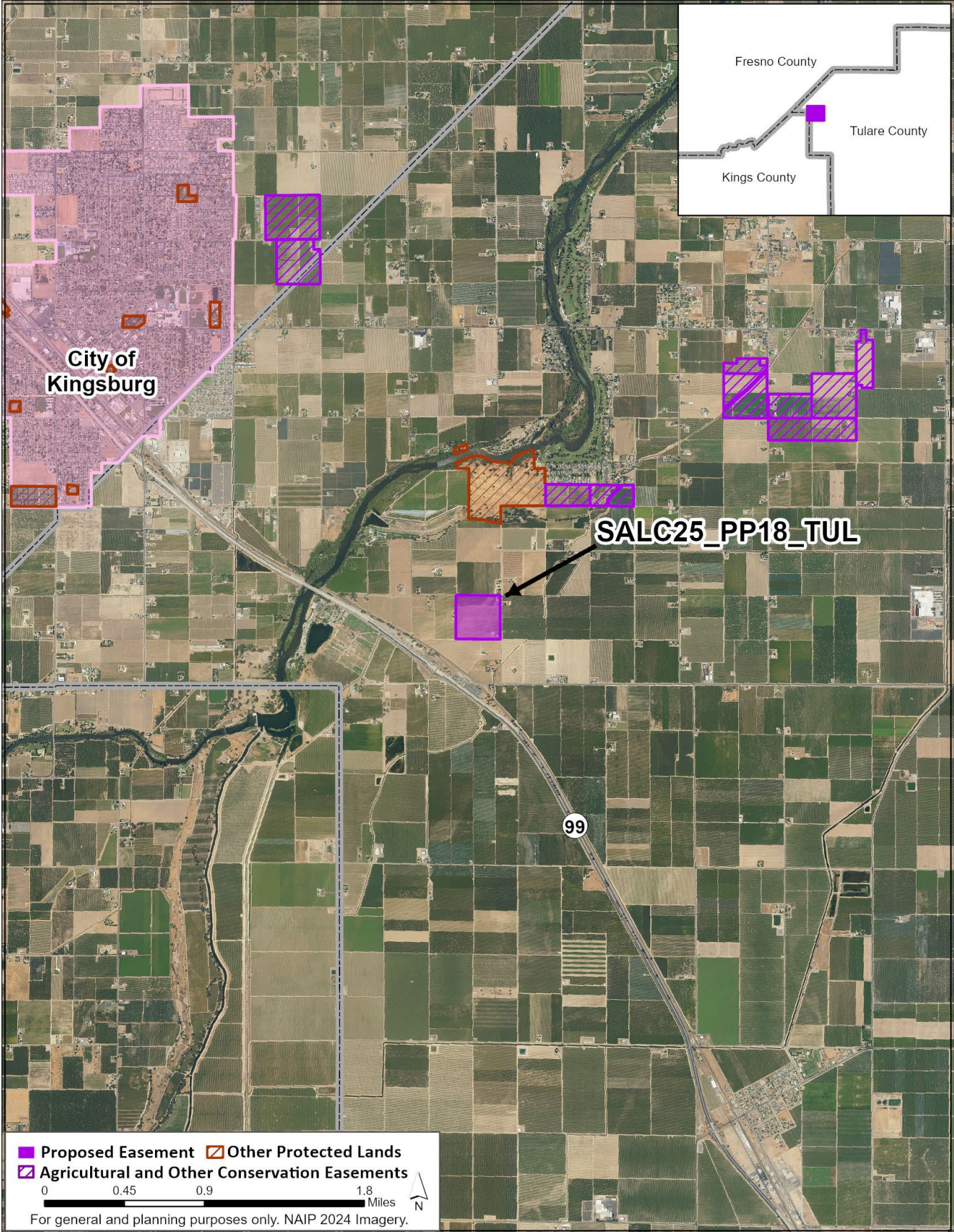
*Sustainable Agriculture Use*

*Soil quality:* The property is comprised of entirely prime soils and is highly productive agricultural land.

**Notable Features**

[N/A]

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**Round 11a Funding Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP19\_SLO

**Applicant**

The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo

**Project Location**

Cayucos, San Luis Obispo County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issue

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural at Risk zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

1 potential development rights extinguished  
672,376 VMT  
311 MT CO<sub>2e</sub>

**Acreage**

±849.36

**Funding Requested**

\$1,941,000

**Funding Recommended**

\$1,941,000

**Match Funding**

Match Funder(s) Identified – CNRA EEMP, WCB, Kiewit Foundation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This project is for the acquisition of three separate easements on a 849-acre ranch. The ranch is family-owned, with family members separately owning (but collectively managing) the three proposed easement areas: Easement A (±497 acres), Easement B (±211 acres), and Easement C (±140 acres). The ranch has been owned and operated by the family for over 25 years. The ranch produces beef cattle, avocados, and citrus. In an average year they run approximately 60 cow/calf pairs on the ranch's productive coastal grasslands. The owners also produce approximately 25 acres of organic avocados and citrus fruit. There are 9 wells, a reservoir, two stock ponds, 9 water storage tanks, 2 ponds, and water troughs throughout.

**Strategic Value**

Climate Resilience

*Carbon Neutrality:* The expansive grasslands and healthy oak woodlands on the property are important sinks for atmospheric carbon. The property's ability to sequester carbon would be permanently altered or lost if the existing natural landscape were converted to more intensive land uses.

*Co-Benefits*

*Wildlife Connectivity:* The property is located in a biodiverse region of the Central Coast known as the Adelaida where three "Essential Connectivity Areas" converge. These corridors facilitate wildlife movement between the north and south portions of Los Padres National Forest and the Carrizo Plain National Monument.

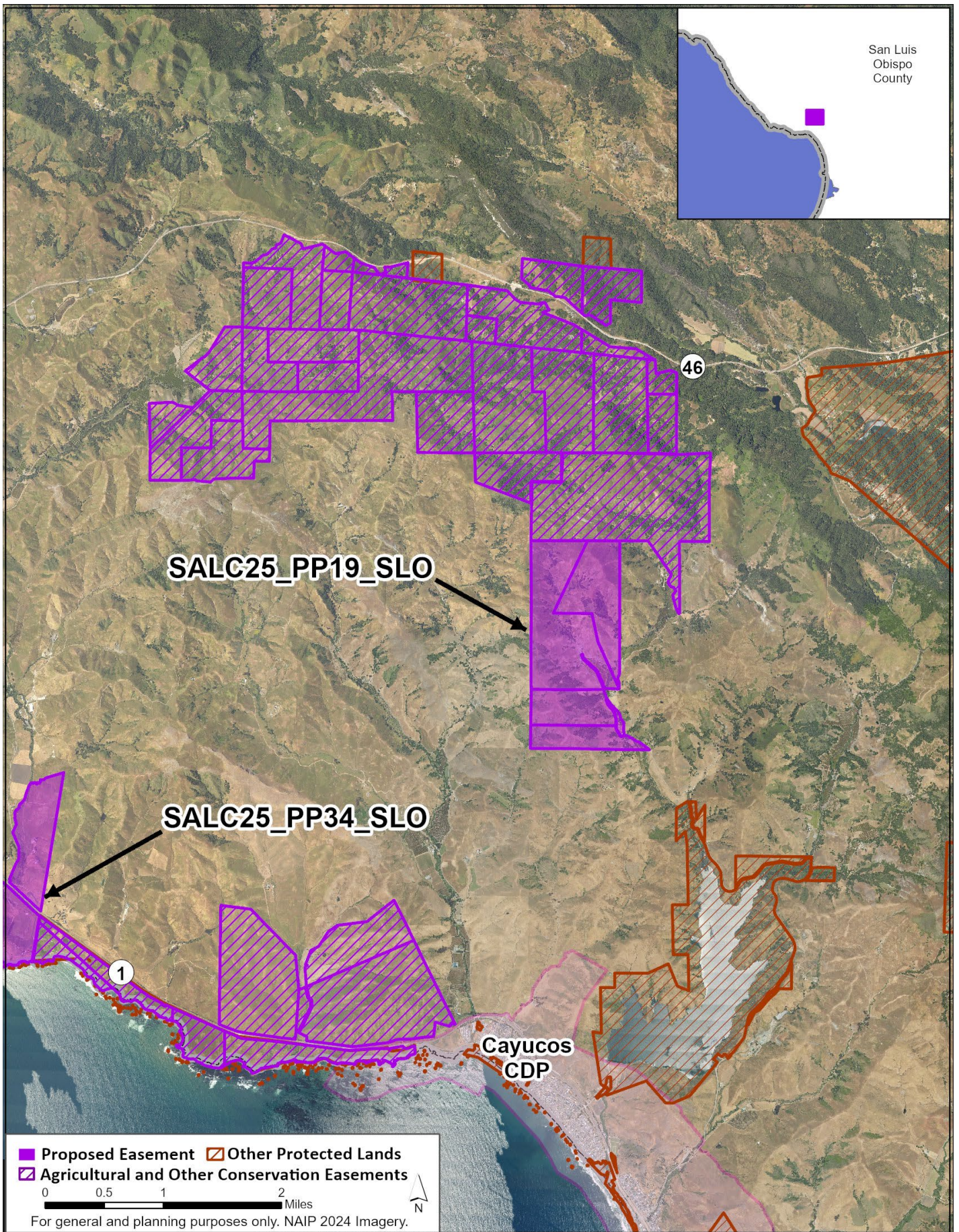
*Proximity to Protected Land:* Protection of the property would link three contiguous SALC-funded conservation easements covering 4,500 acres, increasing this contiguous protected area by 19% and enhance connectivity of regional protected lands projects, including the Warren Ranch (2023), Adelaida Springs Ranch (2025), Attiyeh Ranch (2021), and Procter Ranch (2022), all of which were completed with SALC funding.

*Source Water Protection:* Protection of the property would benefit water quality immediately upstream of Whale Rock Reservoir thanks to the property's 0.9 miles of coastal creeks.

**Notable Features**

NA

# Site Map



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SALC25\_PP20\_TEH

**Applicant**

Shasta Land Trust

**Project Location**

Cottonwood, Tehama County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

High density rural residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

116 potential development rights extinguished

116,932,961 VMT

50,027 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 1,657

**Funding Requested**

\$1,420,000

**Funding Recommended**

\$1,420,000

**Match Funding**

Funding Secured,

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

Provides secure land tenure to a beginning farmer/rancher

**Project Description**

The project is for an easement acquisition on a ± 1,657-acre grazing property outside of Cottonwood in Tehama County. The property is operated as a livestock operation supporting about 300 head of cattle. The property is grazed through the winter until May. The property has sufficient water to support the operation from its surface water rights.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is adjacent to an active new home ranchette subdivision outside of Cottonwood. The property is centrally located between Red Bluff and Cottonwood and would provide strategic protection for development to occur closer to existing infrastructure.

*Equity*

*Secure Land Tenure:* Project secures land tenure to a beginning rancher who wants to pass down their operation to their children in the future.

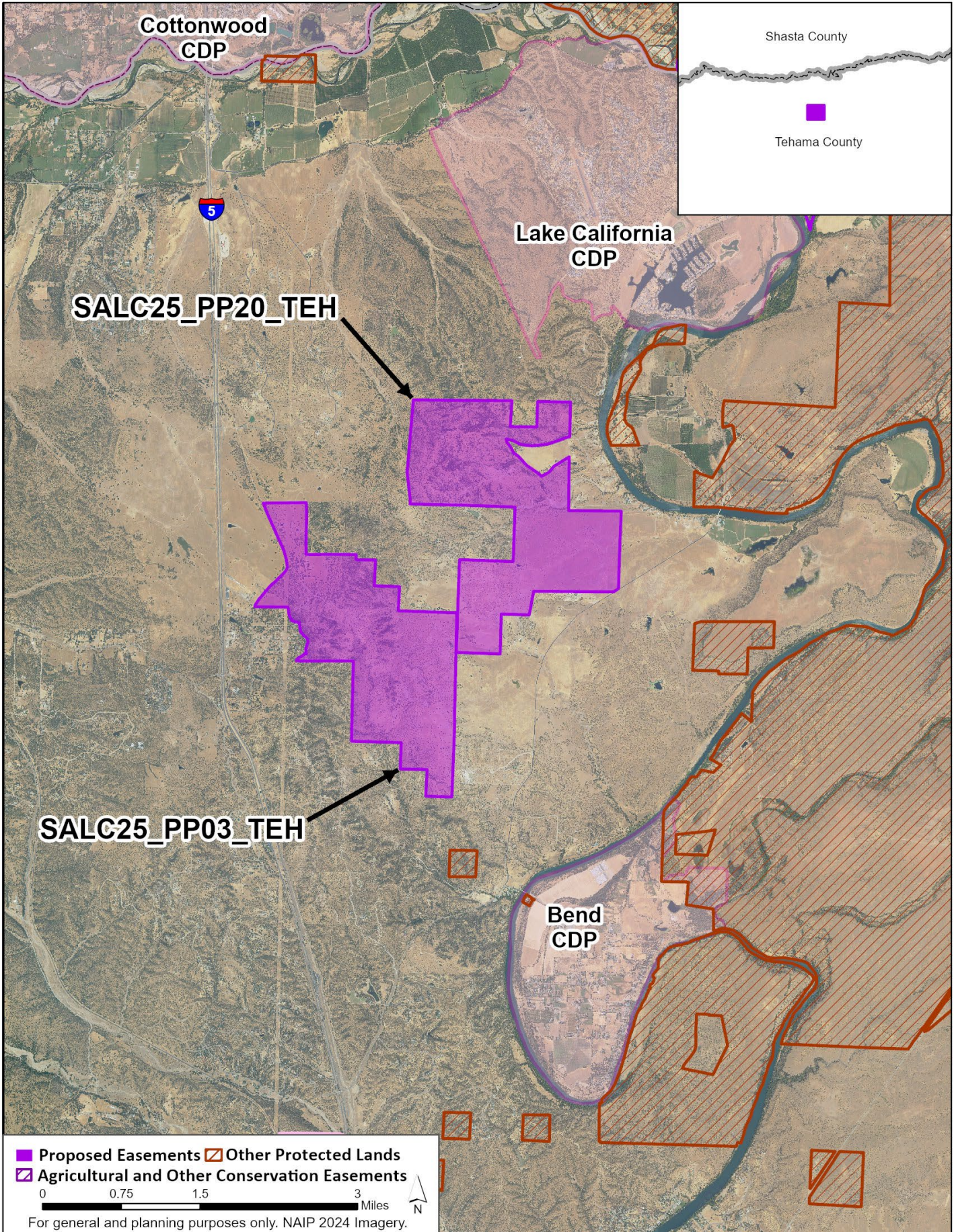
*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The project protects biodiversity by conserving a large, intact rangeland landscape that supports numerous sensitive and at-risk species, including Golden Eagle, Bald Eagle, Tricolored Blackbird, Yellow-breasted Chat, Yellow Warbler, American Badger, Northwestern Pond Turtle, and multiple sensitive bat species. The property contains a mosaic of habitats—grasslands, riparian corridors, oak savanna, and stock ponds—that together provide essential foraging, nesting, and movement corridors.

**Notable Features**

N/A

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SALC25\_PP21\_MER

**Applicant**

California Farmland Trust

**Project Location**

McSwain, Merced County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

186 potential development  
rights extinguished  
115,287,840 VMT  
28,797 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 51.14

**Funding Requested**

\$750,390

**Funding Recommended**

\$750,390

**Match Funding**

Funding Secured –  
Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

The project is for an easement acquisition for a ±51-acre almond orchard in Merced County. The orchard is leased to the neighboring family which has farmed the property since 2014 and the product is sold to Blue Diamond. The property is located within a critically overdrafted basin however water is provided through the Merced Irrigation District (MID) via surface water with a deep well for groundwater pumping.

**Strategic Value**

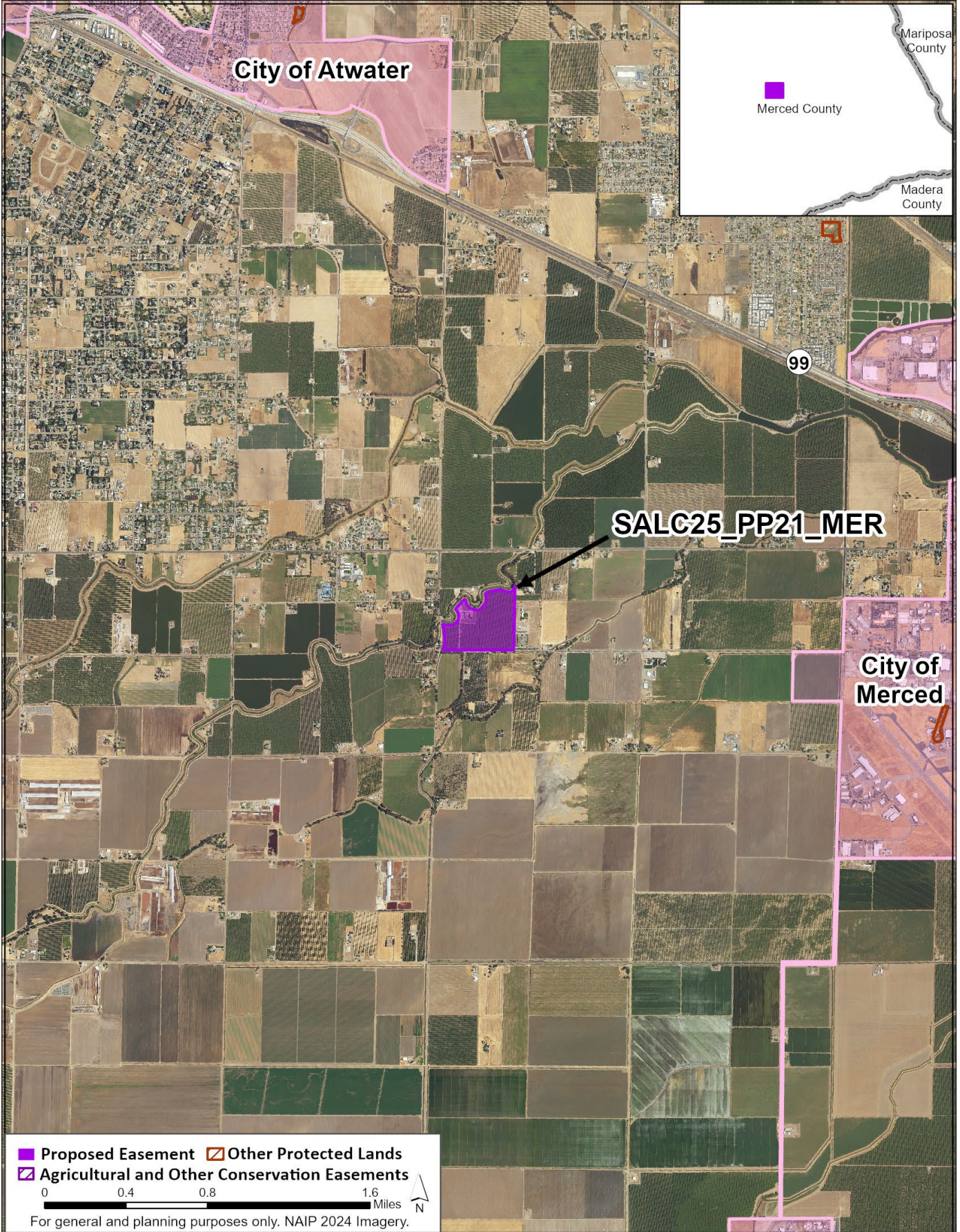
*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is located less than one mile from the City of Merced's sphere of influence and in close proximity to McSwain. Protection of the property will encourage growth to continue on the other side of Hwy 140 and closer to the already developed Merced boundary.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**Round 11a Funding Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP22\_SAC

**Applicant**

California Farmland Trust

**Project Location**

Elk Grove, Sacramento County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

High Density Rural Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

33 potential development rights extinguished  
22,078,027 VMT  
9,310 MT CO<sub>2e</sub>

**Acreage**

±195.45

**Funding Requested**

\$2,739,480

**Funding Recommended**

\$2,739,480

**Match Funding**

Funding Secure – Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This project is for the acquisition of a 195-acre easement on property near the City of Elk Grove in Sacramento County. For three generations the family has farmed the property, which currently supports 40 acres of wine grapes, 18 acres of cherries, and 120 acres of walnuts. The property's soils are classified as Prime Farmland. The property is located within High Priority Basin that has an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Due to the proximity of the Consumnes River, the area has a relatively high water table. Water is provided via groundwater wells, though the property is soon to receive surface water via the Harvest Water Project.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is located 17 minutes from the City of Elk Grove. Adjacent properties on all four sides are protected for habitat, suggesting a high risk for conversion to non-agricultural use.

*Climate Resilience*

*Carbon Neutrality:* The property's permanent crops sequester carbon.

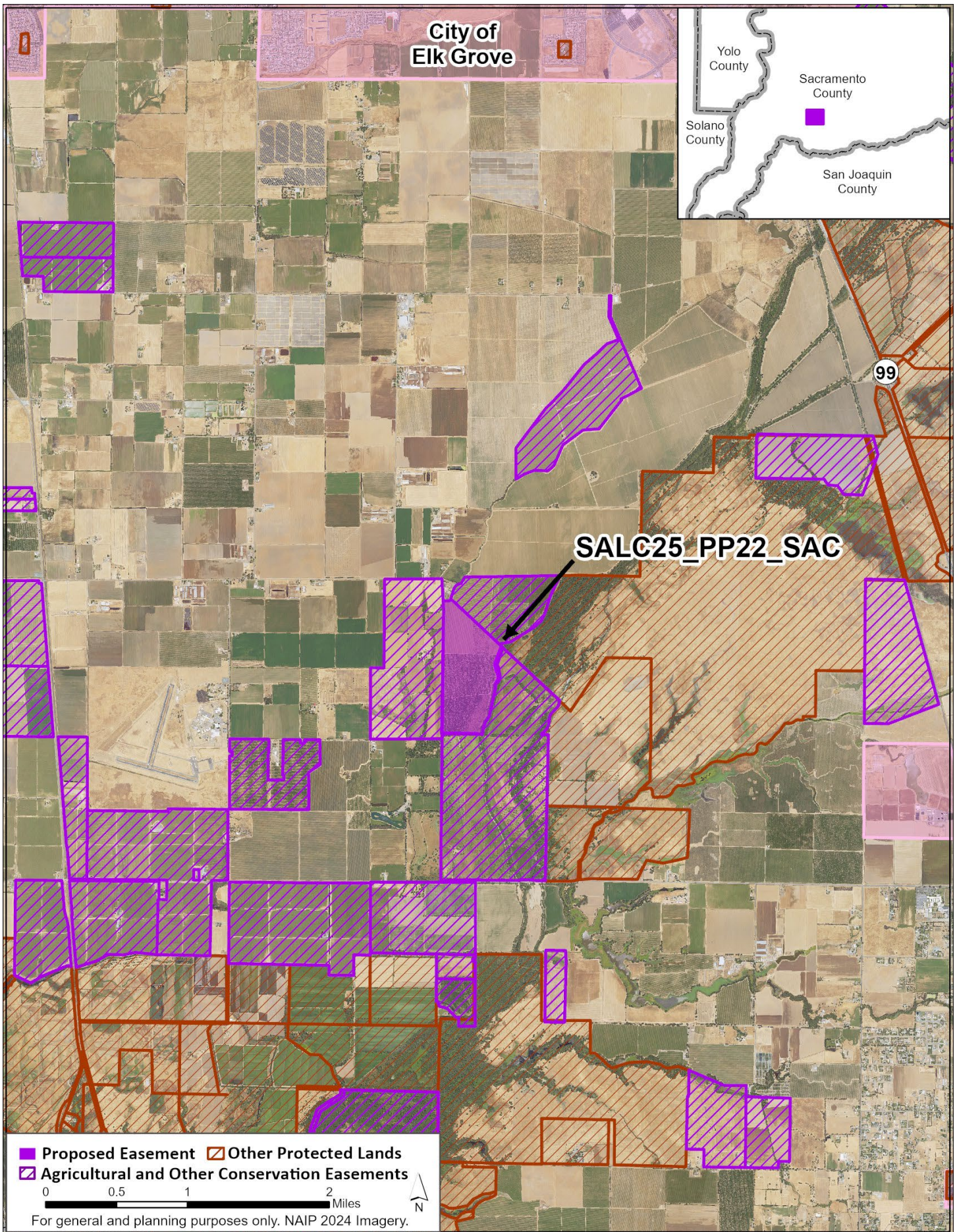
*Co-Benefits*

*Proximity to Protected Land:* Protection of the property would add to a block of protected lands that are immediately adjacent.

**Notable Features**

A 3-acre farmyard is being excluded from the easement area.

Site Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**Round 11a Funding Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP24\_MNT

**Applicant**

Ag Land Trust

**Project Location**

Chualar, Monterey County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

1,797 potential development  
rights extinguished  
183,668,320 VMT  
121,366 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 480.65

**Funding Requested**

\$4,830,000

**Funding Recommended**

\$4,830,000

**Match Funding**

Funding Secured –  
Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

The project is for an easement acquisition on a ± 481-acre irrigated property outside of Chualar in Monterey County. The property grows a variety of row crops, including lettuce, cauliflower, broccoli, and other vegetables. The ranch is a yearround operation, operated by a lessee, and usually has three crops per growing year. The property has prime soils and is located in a critically overdrafted basin. Water is pulled from groundwater wells on site.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is located 10 minutes from the city of Salinas. The property would add to a block of protected lands around Chualar which would support infill development closer to Salinas.

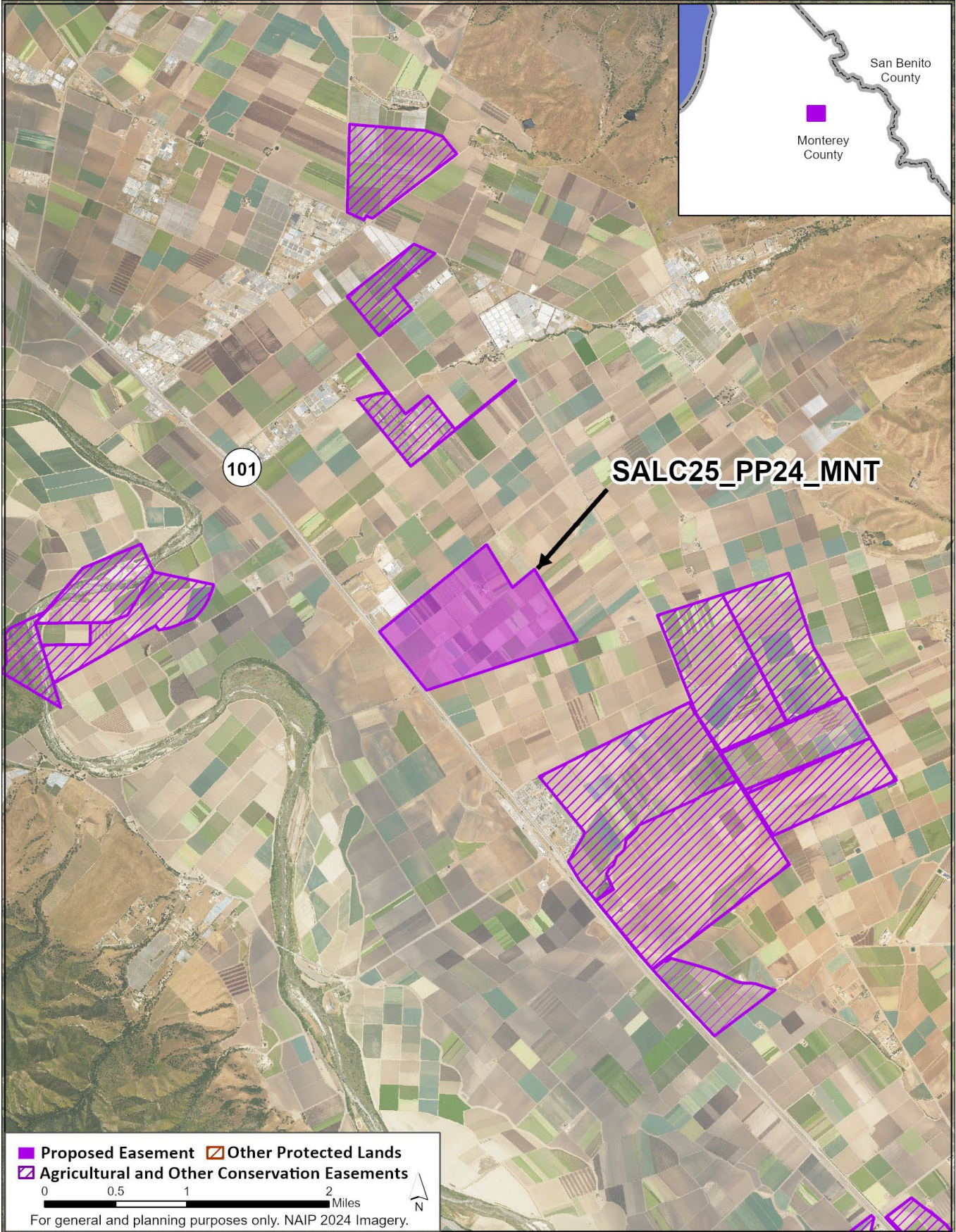
*Co-Benefits*

*Environmental:* Protection of the property supports the protection of open space and viewshed.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**Round 11a Funding Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP25\_MNT

**Applicant**

Ag Land Trust

**Project Location**

Watsonville, Monterey  
County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

137 potential development  
rights extinguished  
14,002,537 VMT  
9,288 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

±38.94

**Funding Requested**

\$510,000

**Funding Recommended**

\$510,000

**Match Funding**

Funding Secured –  
Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

The project is for an easement acquisition on a ±38.94-acre irrigated property just outside of Watsonville in Monterey County. The property grows a variety of row crops year-round, including lettuce, cauliflower, strawberries, and celery. The property has prime soils and is located in a critically overdrafted basin. Water is pulled from an onsite groundwater well.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is located 7 minutes from the City of Watsonville. With the community of Parjaro and the City of Watsonville to the northwest, and the subdivided foothills to the south, the property is at risk residential development.

*Co-Benefits*

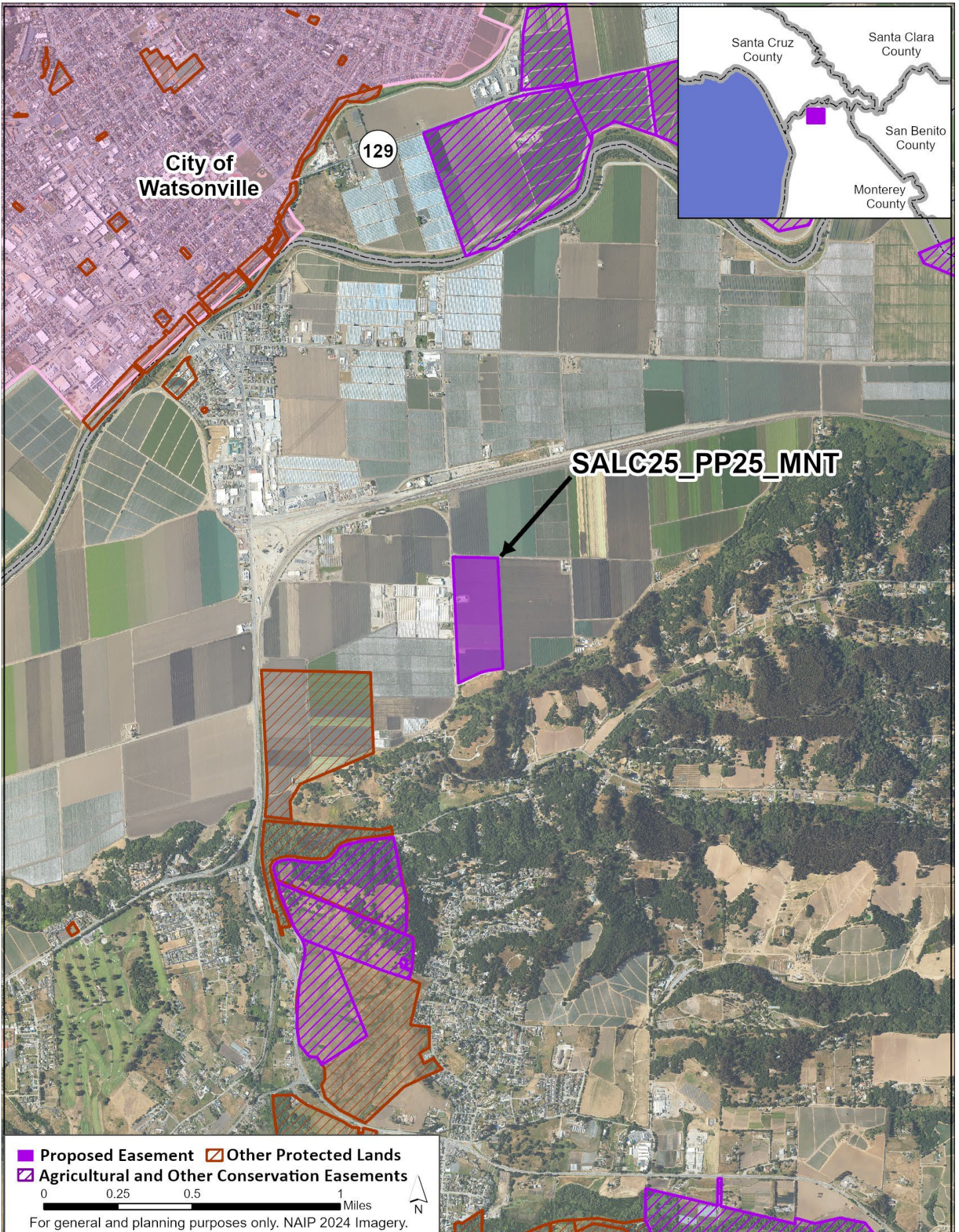
*Environmental:* Protection of open space and a viewshed off the well-traveled Salinas Road.

*Economic and Food Security:* Protection would continue to provide jobs and food security to the nearby disadvantaged communities.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**Round 11a Funding Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP26\_MNT

**Applicant**

Ag Land Trust

**Project Location**

Gonzales, Monterey County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

767 potential development  
rights extinguished  
78,393,768 VMT  
51,803 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 201.40

**Funding Requested**

\$2,040,000

**Funding Recommended**

\$2,040,000

**Match Funding**

Funding Secured –  
Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

The project is for an easement acquisition on a ± 201-acre irrigated farm in the city of Gonzales in Monterey County. The property supports a wide variety of row crops, including lettuces, cauliflower, celery, broccoli, and other row crop vegetables. The property is located in a high priority basin and utilizes groundwater from wells on site.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is located in the expanding city of Gonzales and is 28 minutes away from the nearest job center, Salinas. Protection of the property would support infill and compact development closer to Gonzales's boundaries as well as Salinas.

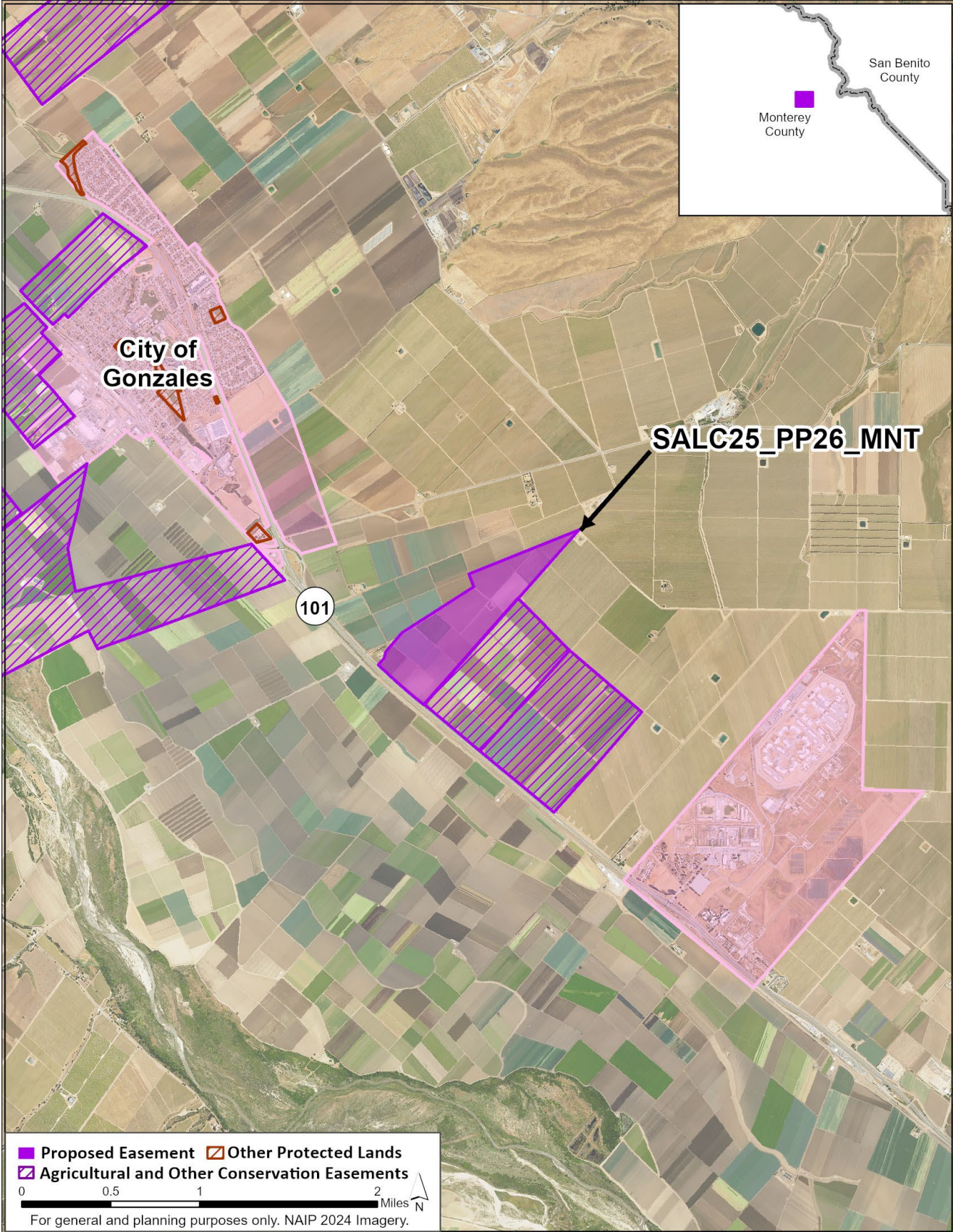
*Co-Benefits*

*Environmental:* Protection of the property supports the protection of open space and viewshed.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Map



■ Proposed Easement    ▨ Other Protected Lands  
▨ Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements

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**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**Round 11A Funding Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP27\_NEV

**Applicant**

Bear Yuba Land Trust

**Project Location**

North Auburn, Nevada  
County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural at risk zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

26 potential development  
rights extinguished  
19,112,871 VMT  
8,802 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 284.39

**Funding Requested**

\$1,033,000

**Funding Recommended**

\$1,033,000

**Match Funding**

Funding Secured –  
Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

The easement acquisition project is for a ± 284-acre property in Nevada County. The property is landowner operated and supports a year-round cow/calf grazing operation with 20 cow/calf pairs. Livestock are sold at auction in Orland and Galt and sold directly to consumers. A canal and seasonal creeks produce ample water supply for the grazing operation.

**Strategic Value**

*Climate Resilience*

*Climate Smart Management Practices:* Grazing reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfire by reducing fuel loads on the property.

*Co-Benefits*

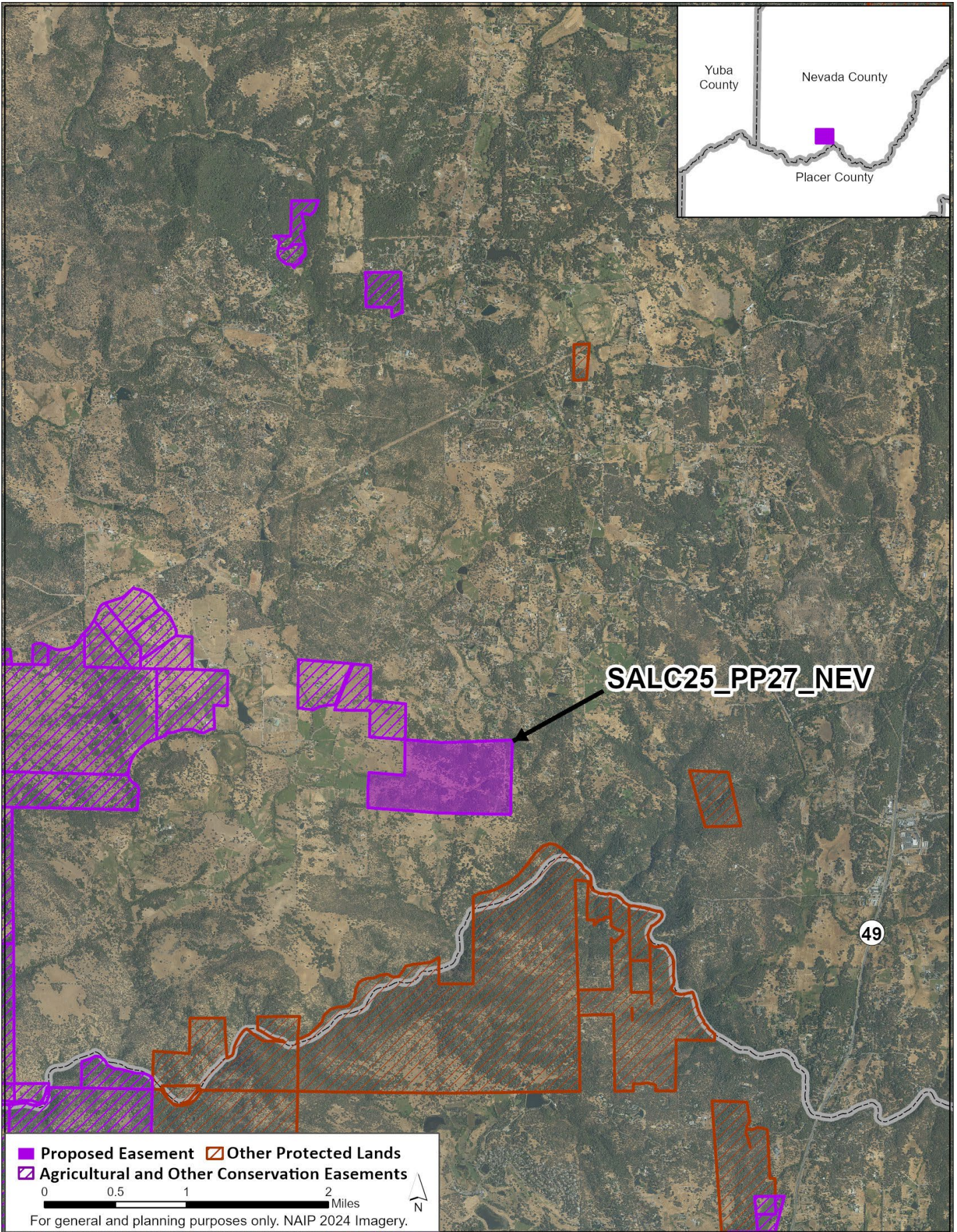
*Biodiversity:* The property's grasslands and oak woodlands provide habitat for wildlife.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The property is in proximity to land owned by Placer Land Trust and conservation easements held by Bear Yuba Land Trust

**Notable Features**

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

# Site Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**Round 11a Funding Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP31\_TUL

**Applicant**

Sequoia Riverlands Trust

**Project Location**

Dinuba, Tulare County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

153 potential development  
rights extinguished  
127,736,772 VMT  
46,871 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 37

**Funding Requested**

\$467,000

**Funding Recommended**

\$467,000

**Match Funding**

Funding Secured –  
Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

The project is for an easement acquisition on a ±37-acre property in Tulare County. The soils are classified as Prime Farmland. The property is landowner-operated and is used for alfalfa production. The agricultural operation is supported by surface water and groundwater.

**Strategic Value**

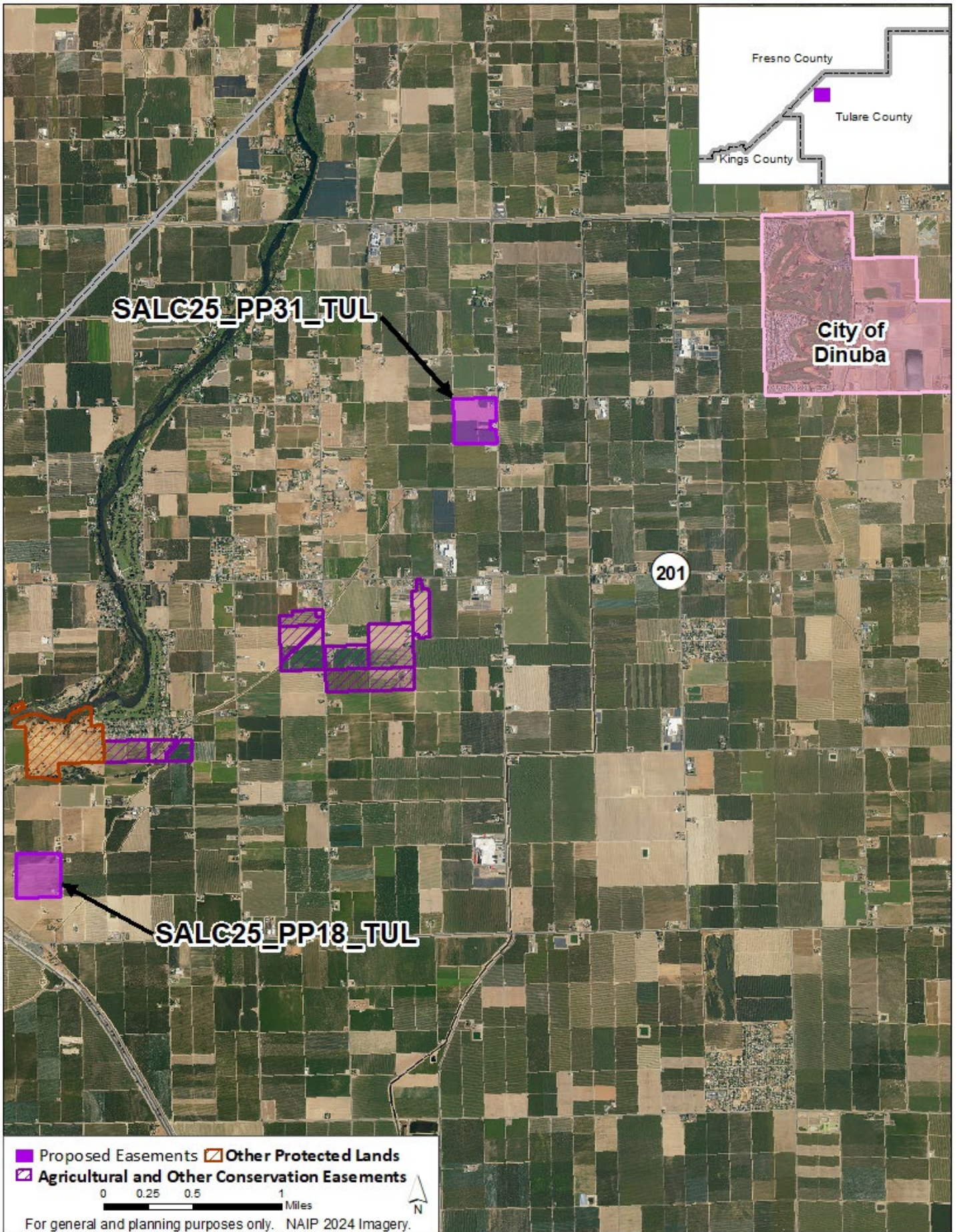
*Sustainable Agriculture Use*

*Soil quality:* The property's soils are classified as Prime Farmland.

**Notable Features**

The project is located within a disadvantaged community.

Site Map



Fresno County

Tulare County

Kings County

City of  
Dinuba

201

SALC25\_PP31\_TUL

SALC25\_PP18\_TUL

- Proposed Easements
- Other Protected Lands
- Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements

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**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**Round 11A Funding Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP33\_MNT

**Applicant**

Big Sur Land Trust

**Project Location**

Salinas, Monterey County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

184 potential development rights extinguished  
18,806,328 VMT  
23,294 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 869

**Funding Requested**

\$2,560,000

**Funding Recommended**

\$2,560,000

**Match Funding**

Application(s) Submitted – WCB; Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This fee-title project is for a ± 869-acre property located in Monterey County. The property is lessee operated and supports both a grazing operation and an irrigated farming operation. Approximately 35 head of cattle are grazed year-round, and calves are sold at auction in Turlock. A regenerative farming operation grows various organic row crops on ± 70-acres, and a 2-acre area is leased for a seasonal, locally operated pumpkin patch. Onsite wells provide ample water supply for agricultural operations.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is in proximity to the City of Salinas and adjacent to the communities of Serra Village, Ambler Park, and San Benancio.

*Greenbelt/Community Separator:* Protection of the property would contribute towards the formation of a community separator between Salinas and Monterey.

*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The property's grasslands and oak woodlands provide habitat for various native plant and animal species. A portion of the property has been identified by CDFW as one of the region's two top priority wildlife barriers. The property also serves as a wildlife linkage between Fort Ord National Monument, the Siera de Salinas, the Santa Lucia Mountain Range, the Los Padres National Forest, and the Ventana Wilderness.

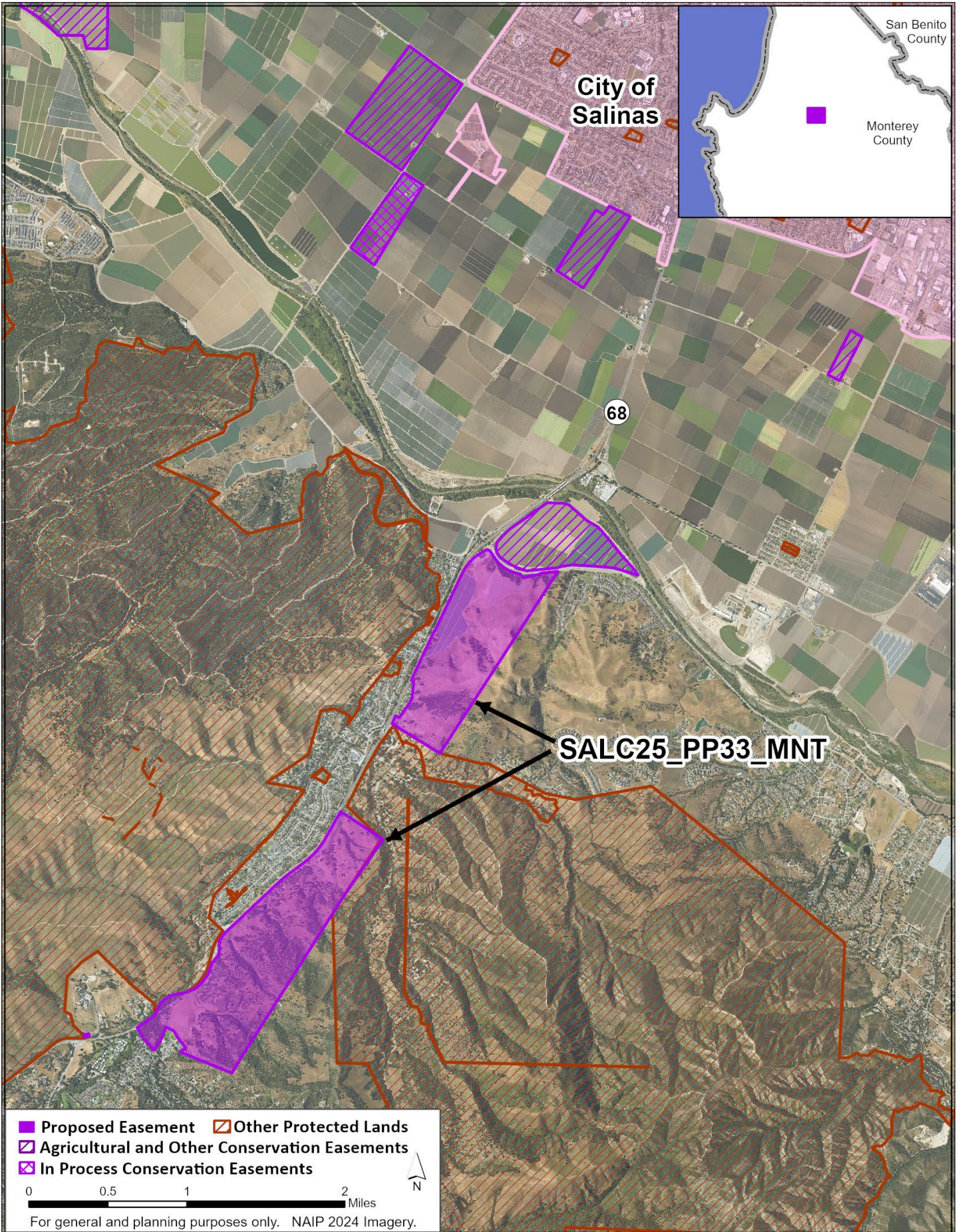
*Viewshed:* The property provides scenic views along Highway 68.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The property borders Toro Regional Park and Mark's Ranch, a fee-title property held by Big Sur Land Trust. The property is also in proximity to Fort Ord National Monument.

**Notable Features**

Agricultural cultivation will be restricted to designated agricultural areas.

# Site Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**Round 11A Funding Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP34\_SLO

**Applicant**

ytt Northern Chumash  
Nonprofit

**Project Location**

Cayucos, San Luis Obispo  
County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but  
requires resolution of specific  
issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Low density rural residential  
zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

2 potential development  
rights extinguished  
1,344,752 VMT  
621 MT CO<sub>2e</sub>

**Acreage**

± 345.41

**Funding Requested**

\$7,060,000

**Funding Recommended**

\$7,060,000

**Match Funding**

Application(s) Submitted –  
SCC, WCB, Private Donations

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

A Tribal non-profit is the  
applicant

**Project Description**

The project is for a fee-title acquisition of a ± 345-acre property located in San Luis Obispo. The property contains an aquaculture facility and culturally significant resources. The acquisition will support the cultivation and stewardship of traditional foods, the implementation of indigenous land management practices, the preservation of cultural heritage, and the utilization of traditional knowledge to steward the land.

**Strategic Value**

*Climate Resilience*

*Climate Smart Management Practices:* The project would include the implementation of a stewardship plan and restoration efforts focused on the Villa Creek estuary and riparian corridor.

*Equity*

*Tribal Co-Management & Access:* This project is led by a tribal non-profit and will support secure land tenure for a California Native American Tribe.

*Co-Benefits*

*Economic:* The aquaculture facility would support workforce development. In partnership with regional universities, community colleges, and other tribal nations, the aquaculture facility could be used for ecological restoration and aquaculture training programs.

*Biodiversity:* Villa Creek runs through the property and serves as an important coastal watershed for steelhead trout and serves as a wildlife corridor.

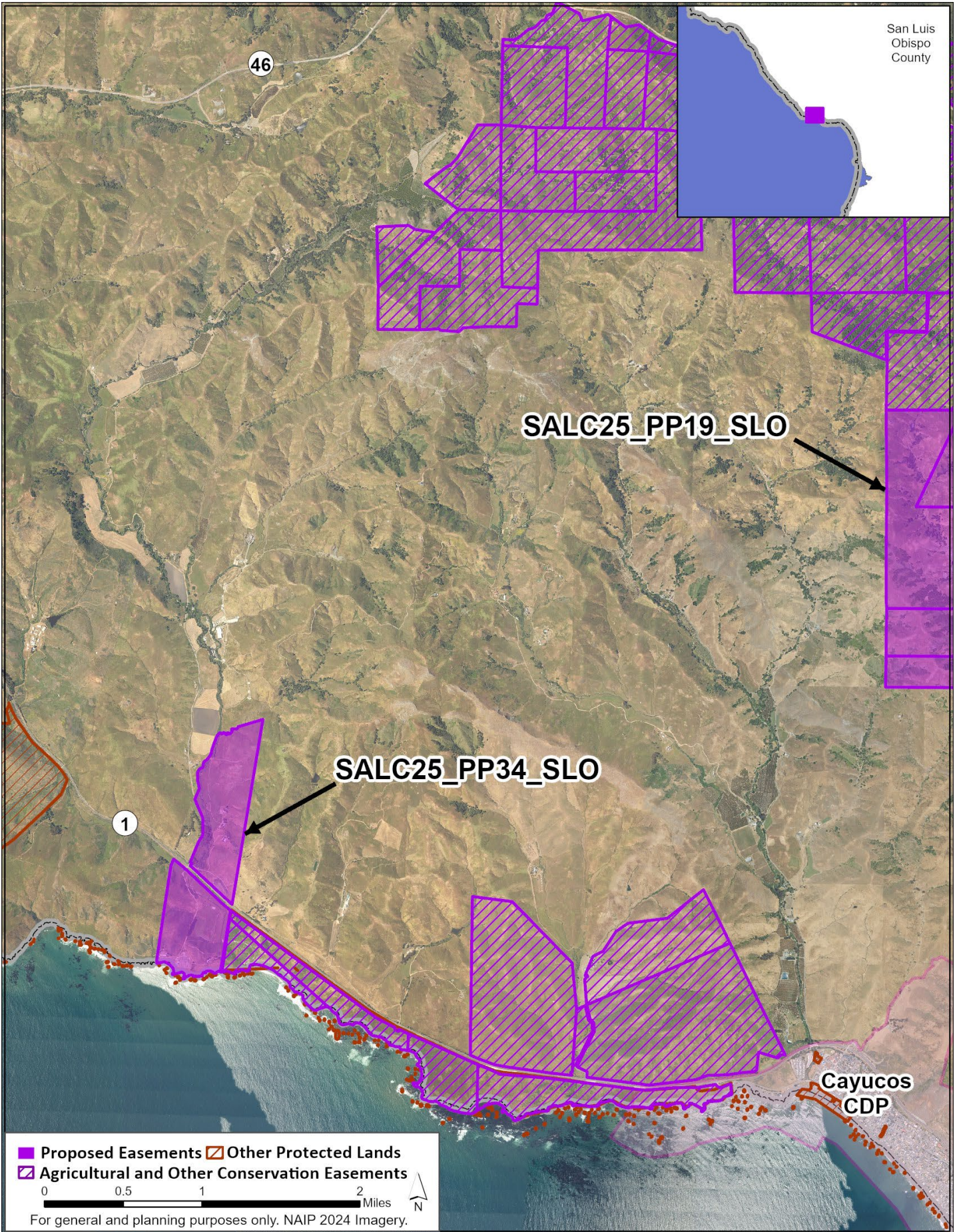
*Proximity to Protected Land:* The property is situated between Estero Bluffs State Park and Harmony Headlands State Park.

*Viewshed:* The property serves as a viewshed along Highway 1.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**Round 11a Funding Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP35\_SBT

**Applicant**

San Benito Agricultural Land Trust

**Project Location**

San Juan Bautista, San Benito County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

1080 potential development rights extinguished  
340,660,382 VMT  
153,327 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 586.33

**Funding Requested**

\$1,161,000

**Funding Recommended**

\$1,161,000

**Match Funding**

Match Funder Identified -- WCB

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This project is for a fee title acquisition of a ±586-acre property located near the City of San Juan Bautista. The property is currently leased for a year-round cattle operation that runs approximately 40 cow-calf pairs. The operation is supported by two developed springs with troughs, a stock pond in the northern portion of the property, and a spring box and water trough in the southern portion. The lessee uses the corrals on the adjacent ranch for moving cattle on and off the subject property.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is at risk of conversion, as evidenced by recent subdivision and development of rangelands in the area. Conservation of the property would support infill within San Juan Bautista.

*Co-Benefits*

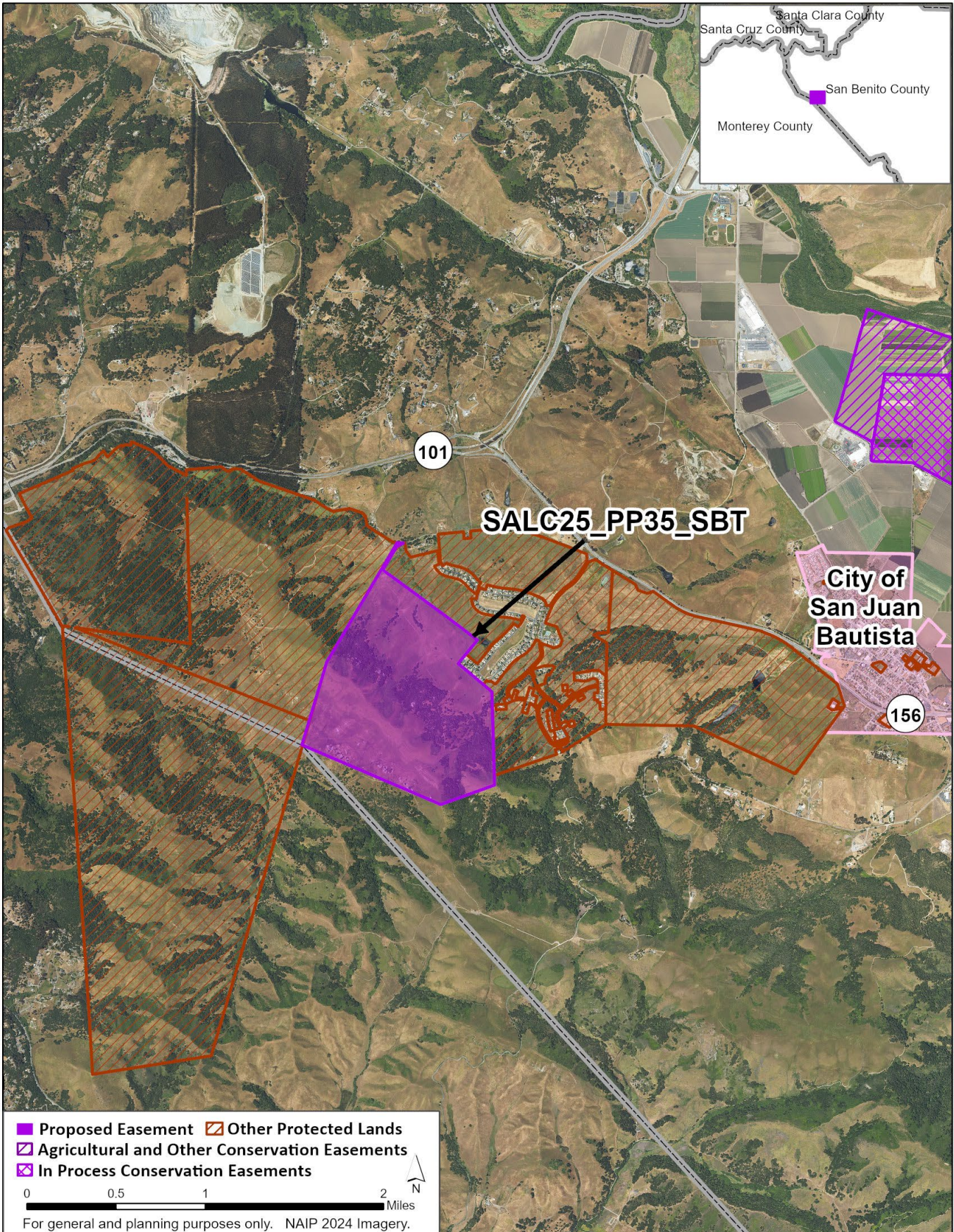
*Biodiversity:* The property is in a critical linkage between the Gabilan Range and the Santa Cruz Mountains. The Santa Cruz Mountains-Gabilan Range linkage is critical to the 315-mile-long latitudinal gradient between the southern tip of the Inner Coast Range at the Transverse Range Mountains, and the northern tip of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* With the acquisition of this property, SBALT would own 1,646 acres of continuous landscape.

**Notable Features**

Project features partnership with the Amah Mutsun Tribe including a letter of support from the tribe. Once purchased in fee, SBLT would work with the Amah Mutsun to establish a cultural easement on the property. This model is similar to previously funded SALC project, Nyland Ranch.

# Site Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**Round 11a Funding Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP36\_SBT

**Applicant**

San Benito Land Trust

**Project Location**

Hollister, San Benito County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project Ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

2,169 potential development  
rights extinguished  
684,159,600 VMT  
293,322 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

±556.45

**Funding Requested**

\$2,251,000

**Funding Recommended**

\$2,251,000

**Match Funding**

Match secure – Landowner  
donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This project is for the acquisition of three conservation easements on a ±556-acre property near the City of Hollister in San Benito County. The project is comprised of three contiguous legal parcels that support grazing and irrigated agriculture. At this point the northern parcels are operated as a single grazing operation with the southern parcel acting as a stand-alone irrigated agricultural operation. Each of the northern parcels host approximately 67+ acres of flat land with soils adequate to support irrigated agriculture, making the properties each economically viable agricultural operations on their own.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is located less than 3 miles from the City of Hollister and is at risk of conversion to residential development. Conservation of the property would support infill in the nearby city limits.

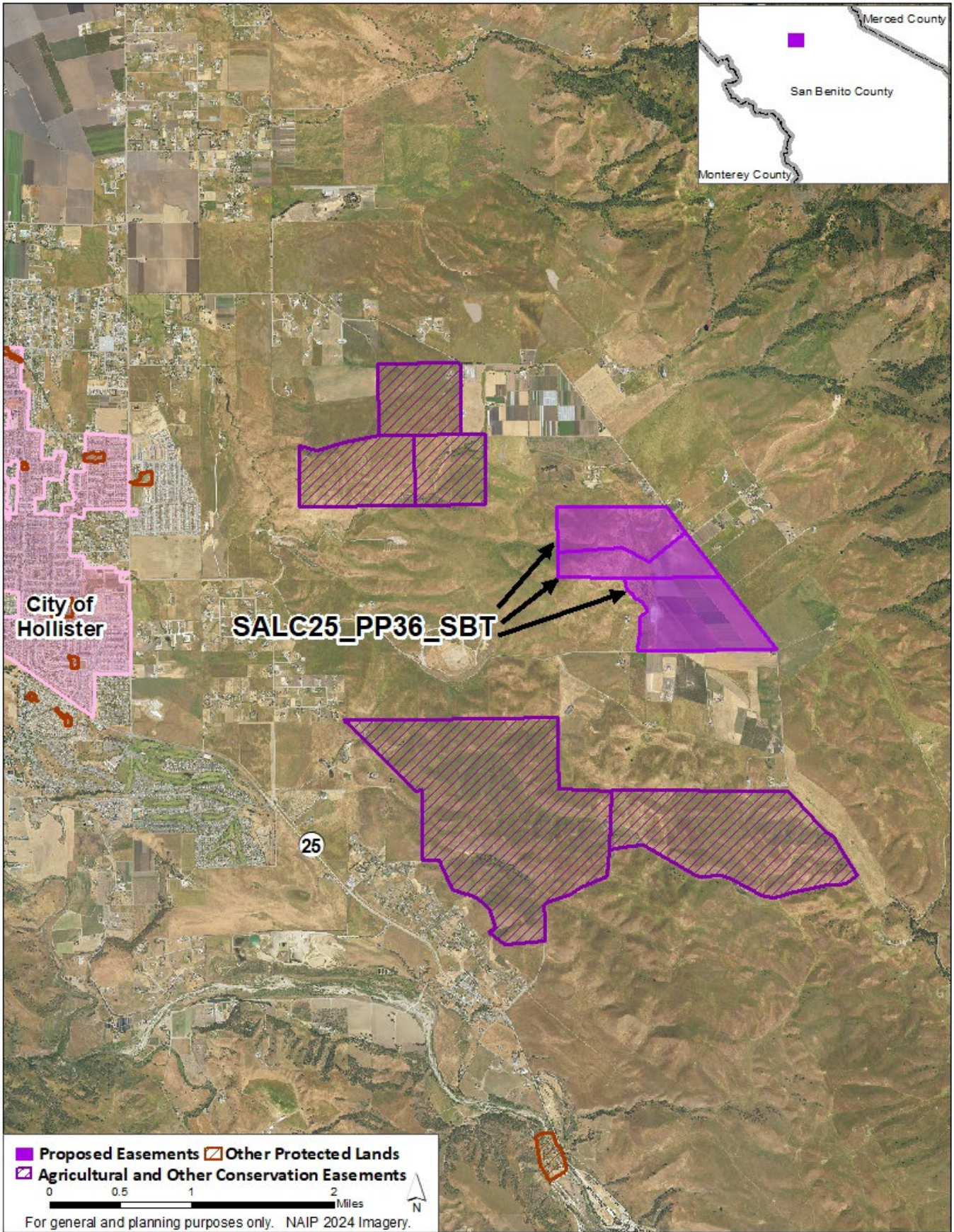
*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The grassland and ephemeral wetlands on the property provide habitat for many native plants and animals, some of which are special status species such as California tiger salamander and American badger. The property sits at the foothills of the vast open spaces in the Diablo Mountains.

**Notable Features**

The project is requesting greater than \$60,000 for associated costs due to the number of easements.

# Site Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**Round 11a Funding Not Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP02\_Monterey

**Applicant**

California Rangeland Trust

**Project Location**

King City, Monterey County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

high density rural residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

426 potential development rights extinguished  
43,540,737 VMT  
53,930 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 3,410

**Funding Requested**

\$2,515,200

**Match Funding**

Match  
Funder Identified - NRCS

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This project is for the acquisition of a conservation easement on a ±4,310-acre property 14 miles from King City in Monterey County. The property runs 40 cattle and produces wine grapes across 50 irrigated acres. The property hosts steep slopes reducing access for agriculture and potential for development.

**Strategic Value**

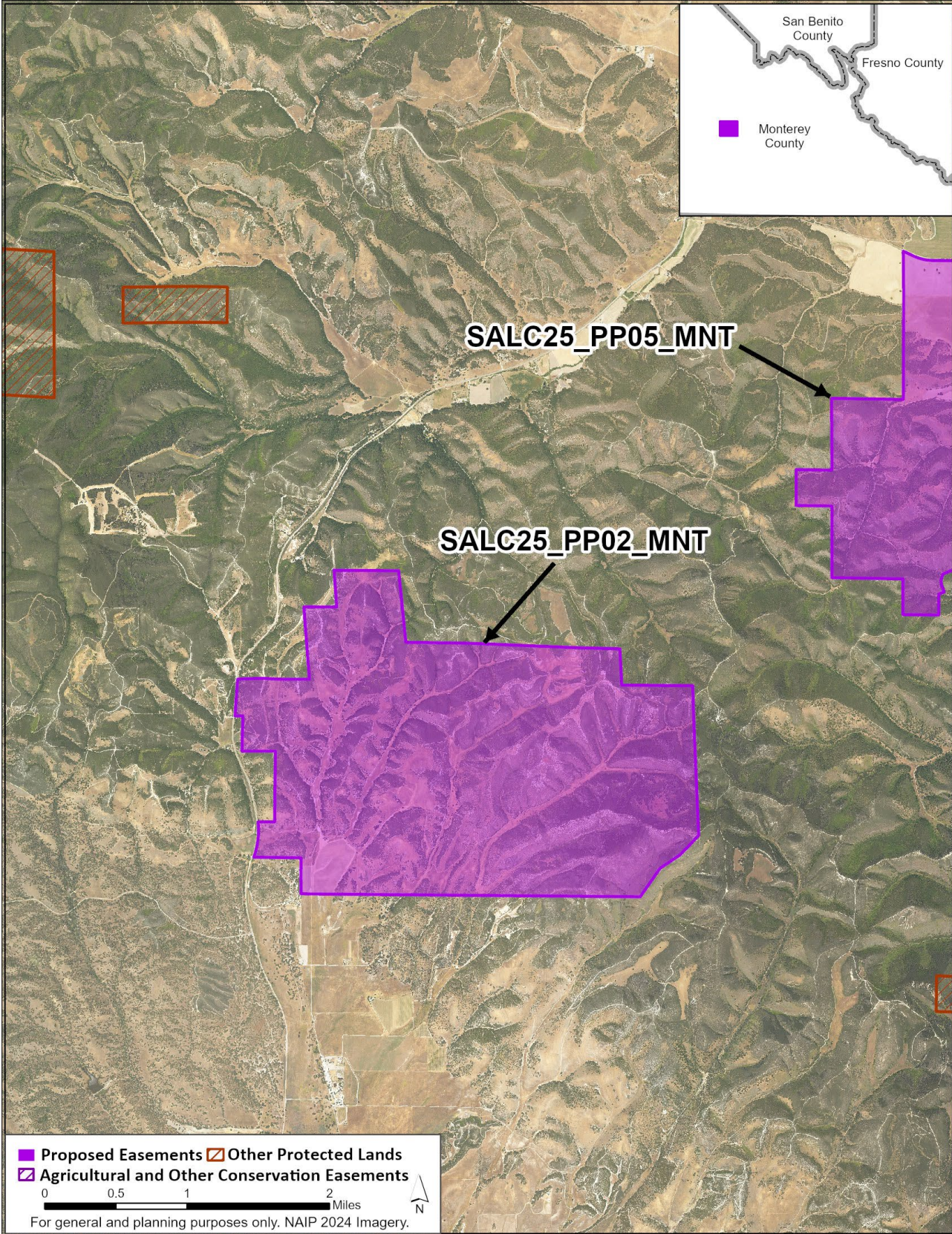
*Climate Resilience*

*Climate Smart Management Practices:* Grazing reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfire by reducing fuel loads on the property.

**Notable Features**

The property includes title constraints around potential highway dedication that would require survey and potential exclusion from easement.

Site Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**Round 11A Funding Not Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP04\_SLO

**Applicant**

California Rangeland Trust

**Project Location**

Oak Shores, San Luis Obispo County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural at risk zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

1 potential development rights extinguished  
672,376 VMT  
311 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 841.51

**Funding Requested**

\$2,332,500

**Match Funding**

Match  
Funder(s) Identified - NRCS

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement acquisition project is for a ± 841-acre property in San Luis Obispo County. The property is landowner operated and supports a multi-generational, year-round cow/calf grazing operation, with a current stocking rate of 24 Animal Unit Months (AUMs). The cattle are sold directly to consumers and at regional auction yards. Cattle are processed at a nearby USDA facility. Troughs, stock ponds, springs, and seasonal creeks produce ample water supply for the grazing operation.

**Strategic Value**

*Climate Resilience*

*Climate Smart Management Practices:* Grazing reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfire by reducing fuel loads on the property.

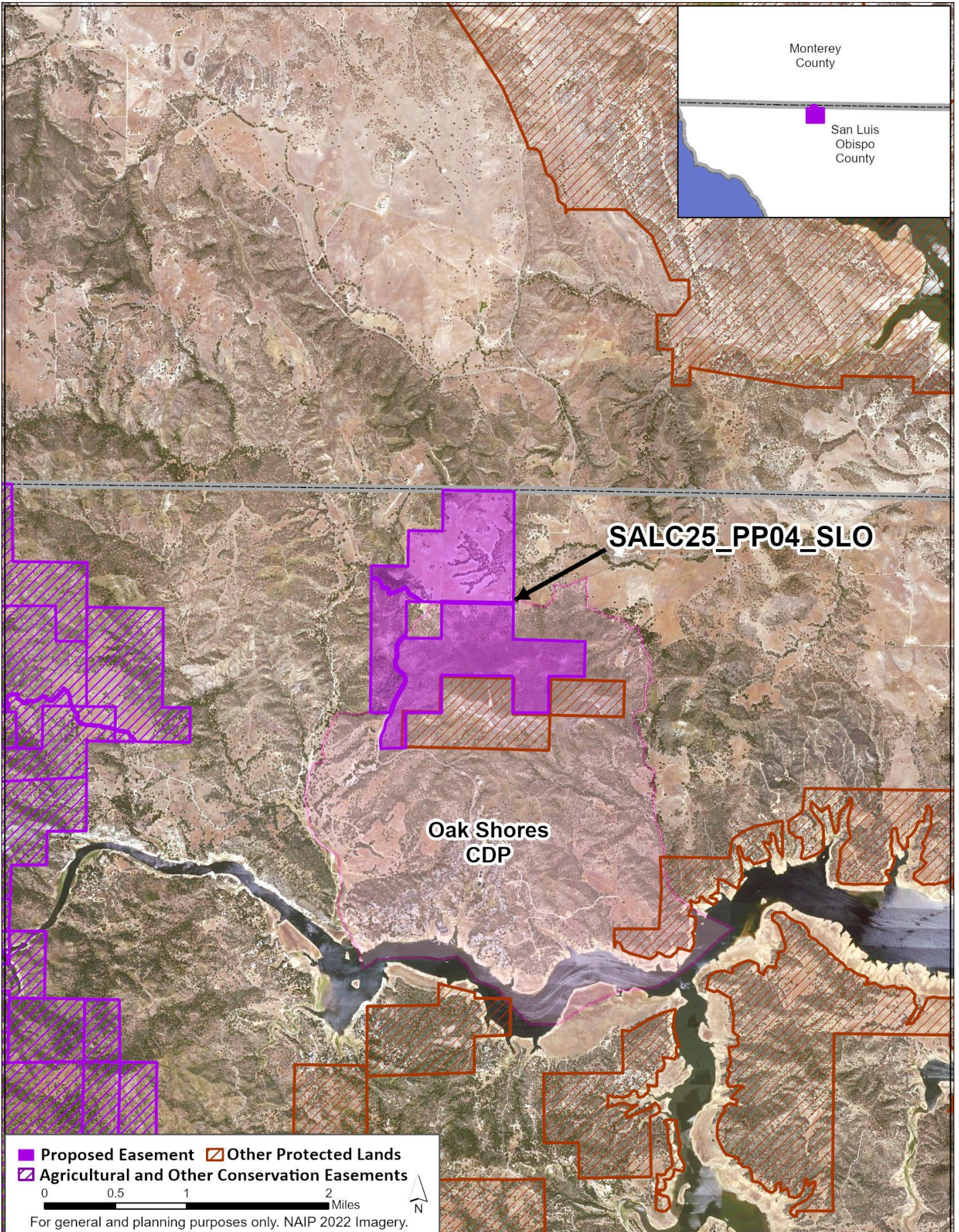
*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The property serves as a wildlife linkage between Lake San Antonio and Lake Nacimiento. The property's grasslands and oak woodlands provide habitat for wildlife.  
*Proximity to Protected Land:* The property is in proximity to land owned by Bureau of Land Management and conservation easements held by The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County and California Rangeland Trust.

**Notable Features**

The conservation easement will restrict agricultural intensification.

Site Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**Round 11a Funding Not Recommended**  
SALC25\_PP32\_TUL

**Applicant**

Sequoia Riverlands Trust

**Project Location**

Springville, Tulare County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural at risk zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

9 potential development rights extinguished  
7,513,928 VMT  
3,303 MT CO<sub>2e</sub>

**Acreage**

± 1,876

**Funding Requested**

\$8,069,000

**Match Funding**

Qualifies for 100% SALC Funding

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

Provides secure land tenure to a CA tribe.

**Project Description**

This fee title project is for a ±1,876-acre property in Tulare County. The rangeland property supports approximately 50 heads of cattle. The Land Trust is partnering with the Wukchumni Tribe to provide the Tribe long-term access to the property to support cultural revitalization including gathering and cultivating native materials for cultural practices, such as basket weaving, ceremonies, and traditional food production, and offering educational opportunities for tribal members and the broader community.

**Strategic Value**

*Equity*

*Tribal Co-Management & Access:* The Wukchumni Tribe are partnering with the land trust to co-manage the property.

*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The project area is home to blue oak woodland habitat and wildlife corridors.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The property is adjacent to several protected properties.

**Notable Features**

The proposed project structure is that Sequia Riverlands Trust would hold the property with the plan to eventually transfer the property to the Wukchumni Tribe.

# Site Map

