Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP02_MNT

Applicant
California Rangeland Trust

Project Location
Carmel, Monterey County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
49 potential development rights extinguished
5,008,207 VMT
6,214 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 1,537.80

Funding Requested
$3,910,000

Match Funding
Agreement Executed – NRCS ACEP-ALE

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This easement acquisition project is for an ± 1,537.80-acre property located in Monterey County. The property is landowner operated and utilized for a cattle grazing operation. The property supports 50-60 head of cattle from November to July and is part of a larger operation. The operation is supported by ample and reliable water provided by multiple perennial and seasonal streams and stock ponds.

Strategic Value
Climate Resilience

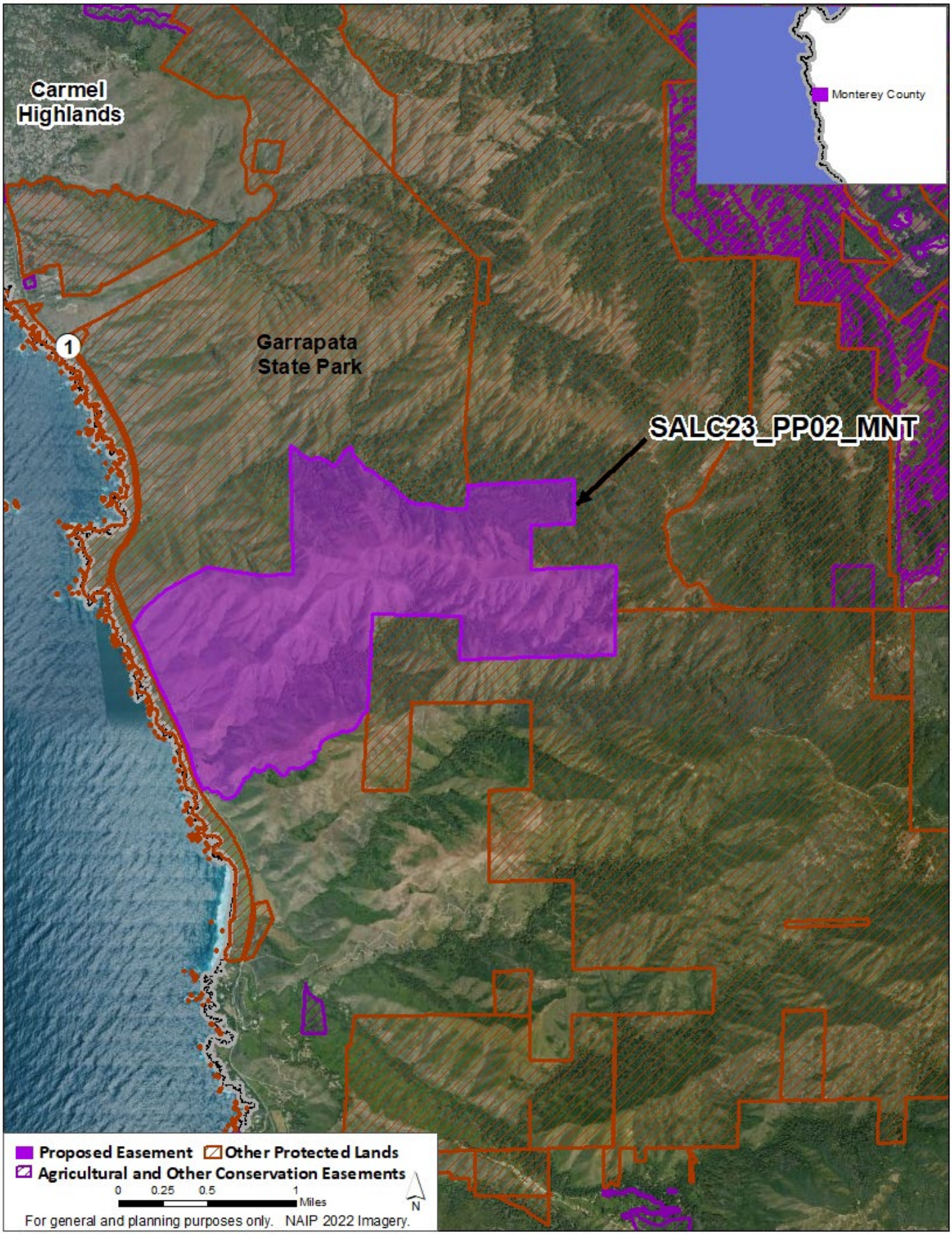
Climate Smart Management Practices: Grazing on the property reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfire by reducing fuel loads on the property.

Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The property contains a diverse array of native plant communities, including coastal scrub, annual grassland, coastal oak woodland, and rare Old Growth Coast Redwood Forest. The property also lies within an established movement corridor of California condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*).
Proximity to Protected Land: The property is contiguous with other protected lands, including Garrapata State Park and Joshua Creek Canyon Ecological Reserve, and in close proximity to Palo Corona Regional Park. These conserved areas form a critical landscape mosaic along the Central California coast, and the permanent protection of the Easement Area will close a key gap in this interconnected network.
Viewshed: The project will preserve the viewshed along Highway 1.

Notable Features
The conservation easement will restrict agricultural intensification.

Site Map


Carmel Highlands
Garrapata State Park
SALC23_PP02_MNT
Monterey County
1
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.25 0.5 1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP05_SON

Applicant
Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

Project Location
Petaluma, Sonoma County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
160 potential development rights extinguished
27,690,147 VMT
21,327 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±370.51

Funding Requested
$1,000,000

Match Funding
Application Submitted - WCB
Pending – District internal funds

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This easement acquisition project is for a ±371-acre property located near the cities of Petaluma and Sonoma. The property is utilized for regenerative cattle grazing operated by a lessee for approximately six months of the year. Some cattle are finished off-site, while the rest are processed for a direct market beef program that supplies grassfed beef to consumers throughout Sonoma and Marin counties. The grazing operation is supported by ample and reliable water and well-maintained infrastructure.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: The property is in an area with high demand for rural estates. Protection of the property helps support infill and compact development within the cities of Petaluma and Sonoma, both within a 30-minute drive.
Community Separator: Protection of the property would contribute towards the formation a community separator between Sonoma and Petaluma.

Climate Resilience

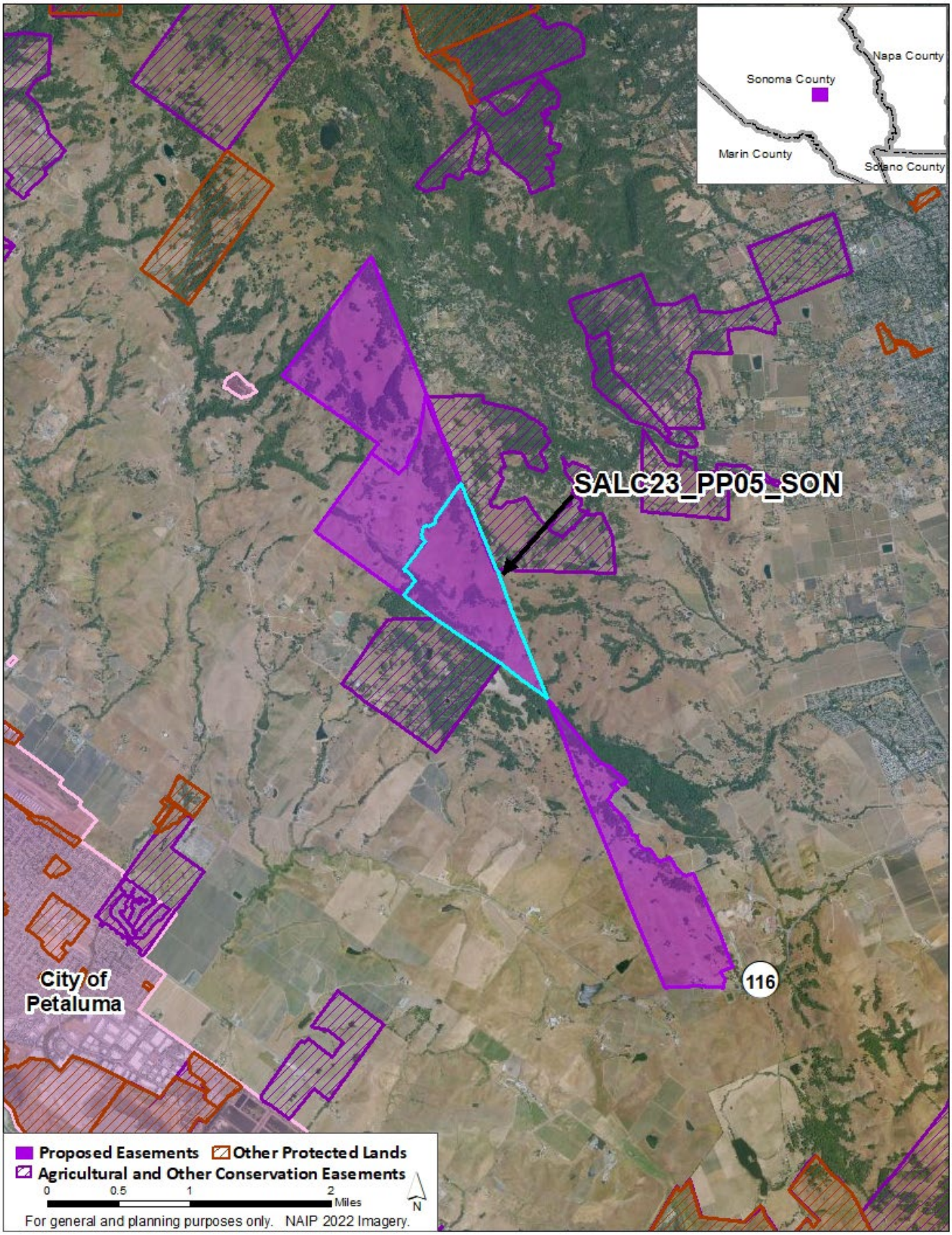
Climate Smart Management Practices: The lessee grazes cattle using holistically planned rotational grazing that also contributes to reducing wildfire danger by reducing the property's fuel load through grazing and prescribed burns. The lessee anticipates organic certification for the property this summer.

Co-Benefits

Economic: Creation of local jobs and support of local farm services. The lessee employs, trains and mentors many beginning ranchers. Beef is processed and packaged locally.
Biodiversity: The property hosts grasslands, oak woodlands, and riparian areas, including Rodgers Creek frontage, which is a critical habitat for steelhead trout and the California red-legged frog. Protection of the property will further boost habitat connectivity in the region.
Proximity to Protected Land: Numerous other protected lands in the immediate vicinity.

Notable Features
The conservation easement will limit cultivation to designated agricultural areas.

Site Map


Napa County
Sonoma County
Marin County
Solano County
SALC23_PP05_SON
City of Petaluma
116
Proposed Easements
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.5
1
2
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP06_SON

Applicant
Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

Project Location
Petaluma, Sonoma County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
183 potential development rights extinguished
31,670,606 VMT
23,727 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±392.50

Funding Requested
$1,500,000

Match Funding
Application Submitted - WCB
Pending – District Internal funds

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This easement acquisition project is for a ±393-acre property located within a 30-minute drive of the cities of Petaluma and Sonoma. The property is utilized for regenerative cattle grazing for approximately six months of the year. The grazing operation is supported by ample and reliable water and well-maintained infrastructure.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill and Compact Development: The property is in an area with high demand for rural estates. Protection of the property helps support infill and compact development within the cities of Petaluma and Sonoma, both within a 30-minute drive.
Community Separator: Protection of the property would contribute towards the formation a community separator between Sonoma and Petaluma.

Climate Resilience

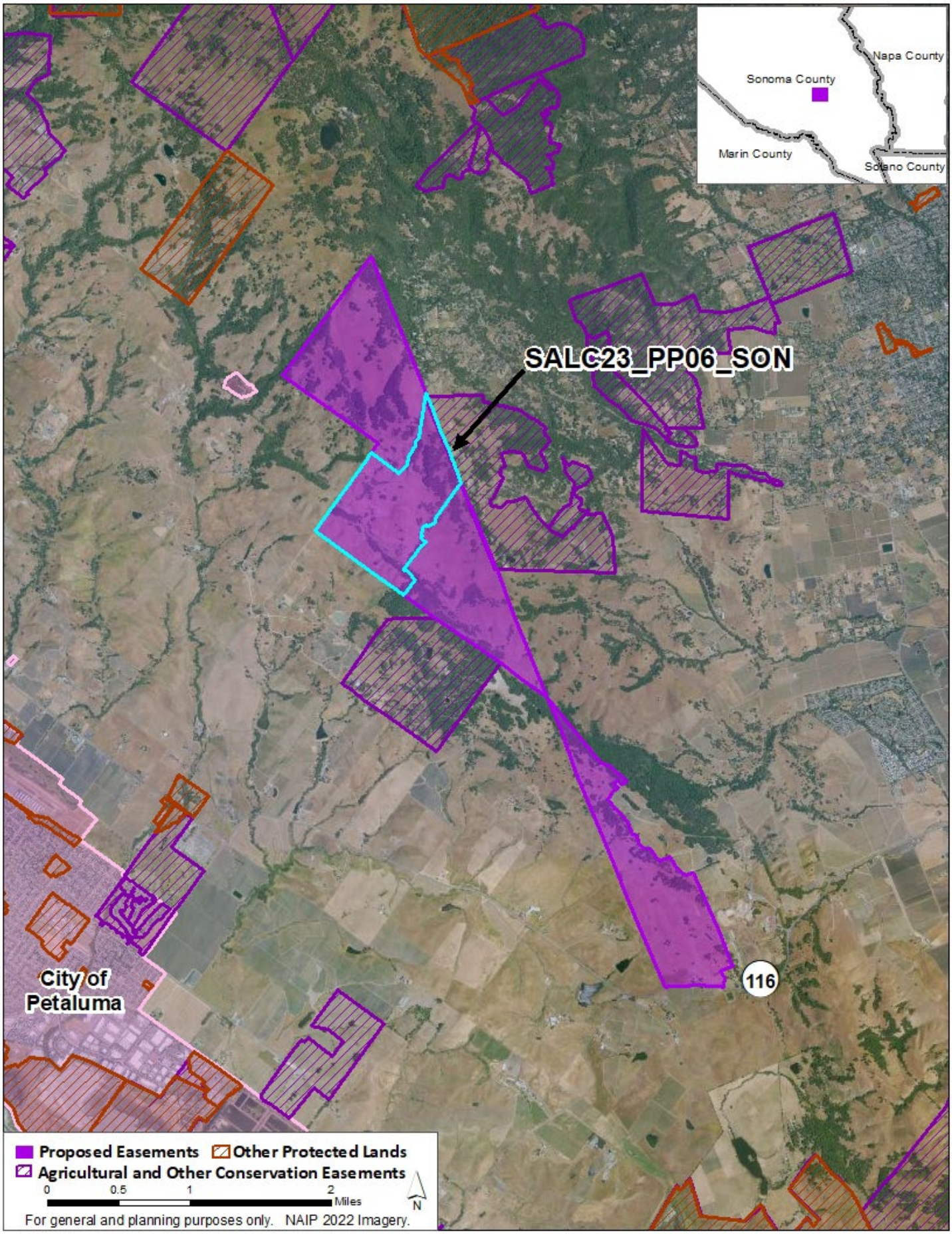
Climate Smart Management Practices: The lessee grazes cattle using holistically planned rotational grazing that also contributes to reducing wildfire danger by reducing the property's fuel load through grazing and prescribed burns. The lessee anticipates organic certification for the property this summer.

Co-Benefits

Economic: Creation of local jobs and support of local farm services. The lessee employs, trains and mentors many beginning ranchers. Beef is processed and packaged locally.
Biodiversity: The property hosts 1.5 miles of Rodgers Creek, which is a critical habitat for steelhead trout and the California red-legged frog. Protection of the property will further boost habitat connectivity in the region.
Proximity to Protected Land: Numerous other protected lands in the immediate vicinity.

Notable Features
The conservation easement will limit cultivation to designated agricultural areas.

Site Map


Napa County
Sonoma County
Marin County
Solano County
SALC23_PP06_SON
City of Petaluma
116
Proposed Easements
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.5 1 2 Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP07_SON

Applicant
Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

Project Location
Petaluma, Sonoma County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
215 potential development rights extinguished
37,208,635 VMT
27,075 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±420.70

Funding Requested
$1,500,000

Match Funding
Application Submitted - WCB
Pending – District Internal funds

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This easement acquisition project is for a ±421-acre property located within a 30-minute drive of the cities of Petaluma and Sonoma. The property is utilized for regenerative cattle grazing for approximately six months of the year. The grazing operation is supported by ample and reliable water and well-maintained infrastructure.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill and Compact Development: The property is in an area with high demand for rural estates. Protection of the property helps support infill and compact development within the cities of Petaluma and Sonoma, both within a 30-minute drive.
Community Separator: Protection of the property would contribute towards the formation a community separator between Sonoma and Petaluma.

Climate Resilience

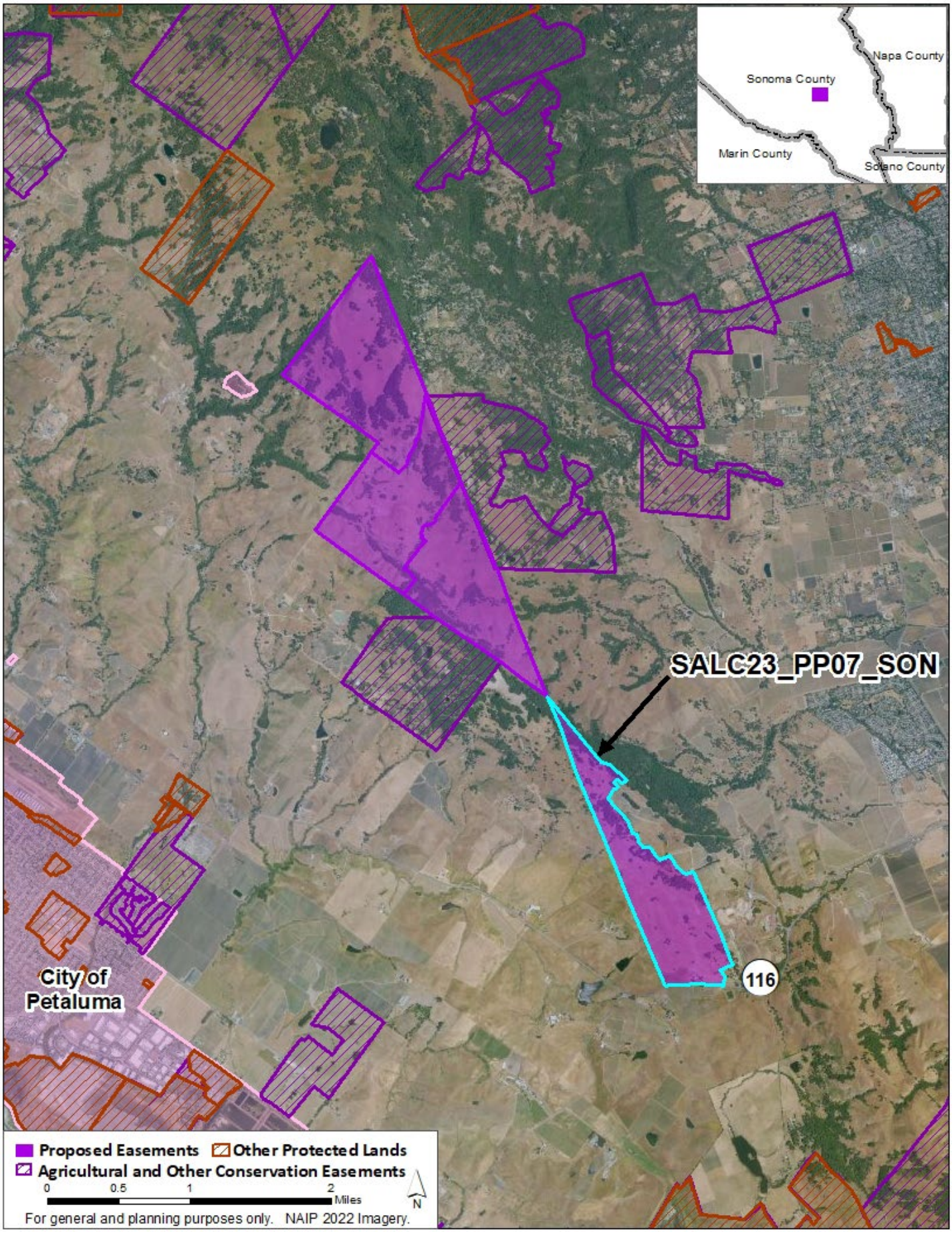
Climate Smart Management Practices: The lessee grazes cattle using holistically planned rotational grazing that also contributes to reducing wildfire danger by reducing the property's fuel load through grazing and prescribed burns. The lessee anticipates organic certification for the property this summer.

Co-Benefits

Economic: Creation of local jobs and support of local farm services. The lessee employs, trains and mentors many beginning ranchers. Beef is processed and packaged locally.
Biodiversity: The property hosts 0.5 miles of Rodgers Creek, which is a critical habitat for steelhead trout and the California red-legged frog. Protection of the property will further boost habitat connectivity in the region.
Proximity to Protected Land: Numerous other protected lands in the immediate vicinity.

Notable Features
The conservation easement will limit cultivation to designated agricultural areas.

Site Map


Napa County
Sonoma County
Marin County
Solano County
SALC23_PP07_SON
116
City of Petaluma
Proposed Easements
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.5
1
2
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP08_SON

Applicant
Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

Project Location
Petaluma, Sonoma County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
226 potential development rights extinguished
39,112,333 VMT
29,213 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±479.80

Funding Requested
$3,000,000

Match Funding
Application Submitted - WCB
Pending – District internal funds

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This easement acquisition project is for a ±480-acre cattle operation located near the cities of Petaluma and Sonoma. The property is utilized for regenerative cattle grazing operated by a lessee for approximately six months of the year. Some cattle are finished off-site, while the rest are processed for a direct market beef program that supplies grassfed beef to consumers throughout Sonoma and Marin counties. The grazing operation is supported by ample and reliable water and well-maintained infrastructure.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: The property is in an area with high demand for rural estates. Protection of the property helps support infill and compact development within the cities of Petaluma and Sonoma, both within a 30-minute drive.
Community Separator: Protection of the property would contribute towards the formation a community separator between Sonoma and Petaluma.

Climate Resilience

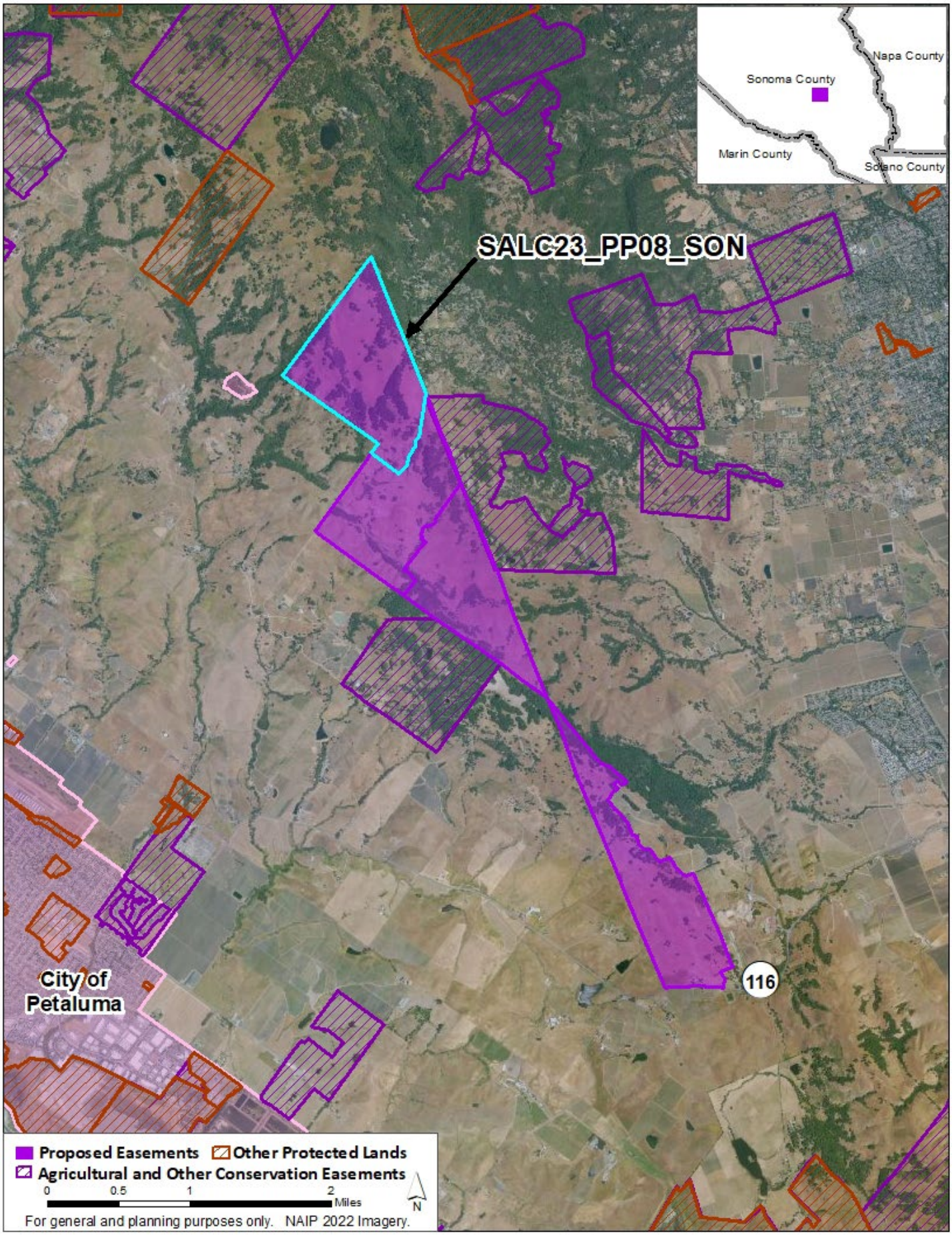
Climate Smart Management Practices: The lessee grazes cattle using holistically planned rotational grazing that also contributes to reducing wildfire danger by reducing the property's fuel load through grazing and prescribed burns. The lessee anticipates organic certification for the property this summer.

Co-Benefits

Economic: Creation of local jobs and support of local farm services. The lessee employs, trains and mentors many beginning ranchers. Beef is processed and packaged locally.
Biodiversity: The property hosts grasslands, oak woodlands, and riparian areas, including Rodgers Creek frontage, which is a critical habitat for steelhead trout and the California red-legged frog. Protection of the property will further boost habitat connectivity in the region.
Proximity to Protected Land: Numerous other protected lands in the immediate vicinity.

Notable Features
The conservation easement will limit cultivation to designated agricultural areas.

Site Map


Napa County
Sonoma County
Marin County
Solano County
SALC23_PP08_SON
City of Petaluma
116
Proposed Easements
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.5 1 2 Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP09_PLA

Applicant
Placer Land Trust

Project Location
Lincoln, Placer County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
199 potential development rights extinguished
155,468,020 VMT
58,630 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±89.60

Funding Requested
$1,189,500

Match Funding
Match Funder Identified – Placer County

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This easement project is for a ±90-acre property outside of the City of Lincoln in Placer County. The property is leased for livestock grazing and a contains a small beekeeping operation. The property supports 20 cow/calf pairs but are part of a larger local cattle operation. The lessee has leased this property for over 35 years and has about 75 cows rotated between 4 properties, including a SALC-protected property. If cattle were no longer sustainable, there is a pumping station that could irrigate the property and convert to irrigated crops or rice, although the landowner has no intention to do so.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: Placer County is rapidly growing. The property is located within the City of Lincoln's Village 5 Specific Plan, which is supportive of continued and new agriculture. The property is approximately 3 miles from the currently constructed Placer One, which will include a mix of residences, commercial buildings, a university extension, and a surf park.

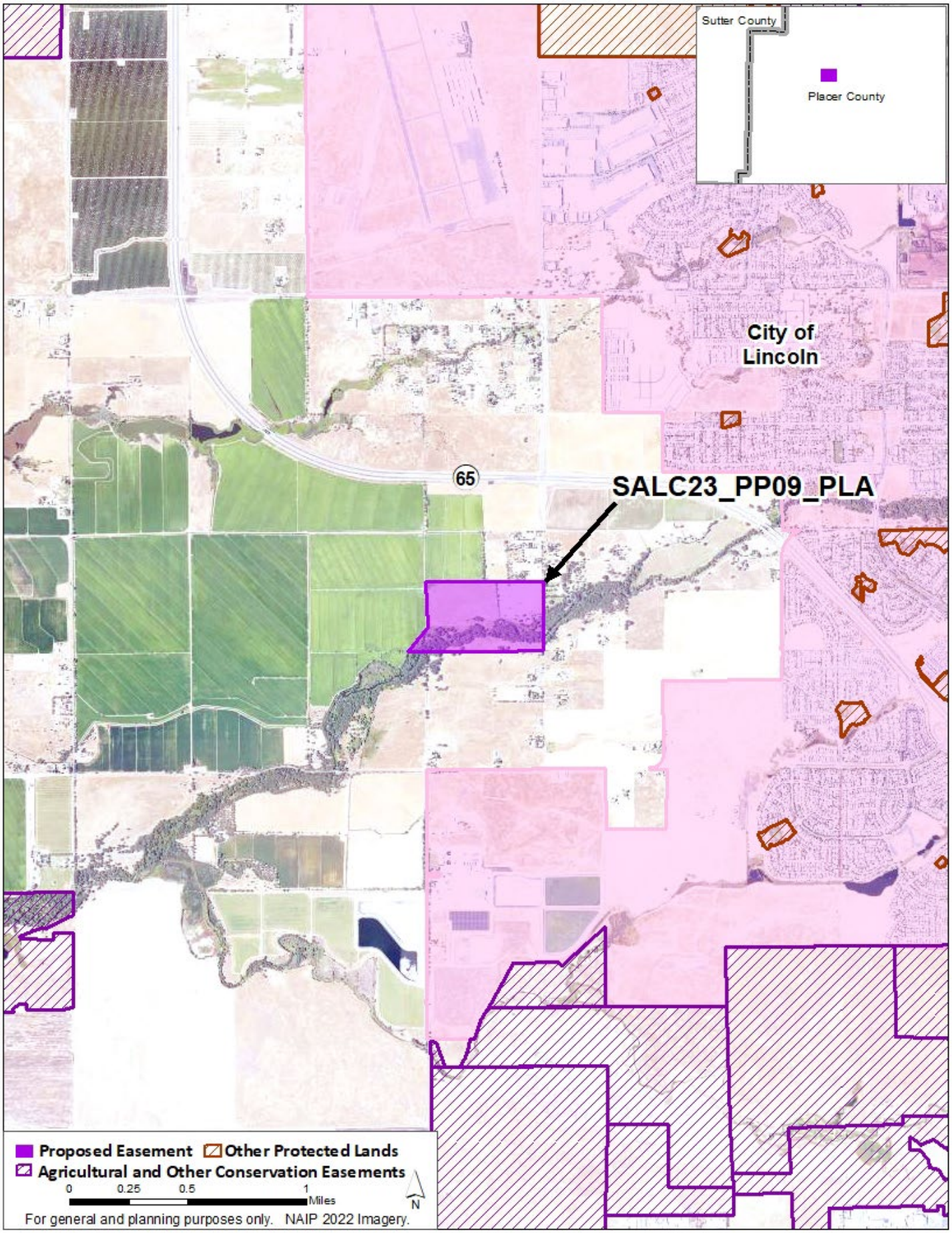
Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The property contains a half-mile stretch of the Auburn Ravine, a year-round stream that is vital habitat for sensitive and listed species including fall-run chinook salmon, central valley steelhead, and the California red-legged frog. The riparian area is dominated by large valley oak trees and elderberry shrubs. Placer County identified Auburn Ravine and Racoon Creek in their Ecosystem Restoration Plan for opportunities to protect and improve wildlife and fisheries habitat in western Placer County. The Friends of Auburn Ravine have been using the dam site on the property to count salmon for more than 5 years and have placed a salmon camera along the ravine in Lincoln.

Proximity to Protected Land: The property is located near 1,683 acres of contiguous protected land. There are several other protected lands within a 5-mile radius of the property.

Notable Features
N/A

Site Map


Sutter County
Placer County
City of Lincoln
65
SALC23_PP09_PLA
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.25 0.5 1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP10_PLA

Applicant
Placer Land Trust

Project Location
Lincoln, Placer County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
432 potential development rights extinguished
337,498,415 VMT
126,859 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±119.50

Funding Requested
$924,000

Match Funding
Match Funder Identified – Placer County

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This project is for a ±120-acre easement acquisition near the City of Lincoln. The property is leased for grazing to a rancher who has been grazing the property for over 40 years and is part of a larger cattle operation. The property currently supports 60 cow/calf pairs year-round. Cattle are sold to local auctions and markets. The property also supports beehives for a local family-owned business. This agreement also goes back over 30 years. The property contains multiple water sources, such as a large pond (which receives water from rain and a small spring), a Nevada Irrigation District ditch, a well, and groundwater rights. In winter/spring there are also vernal pools that form with the rain.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

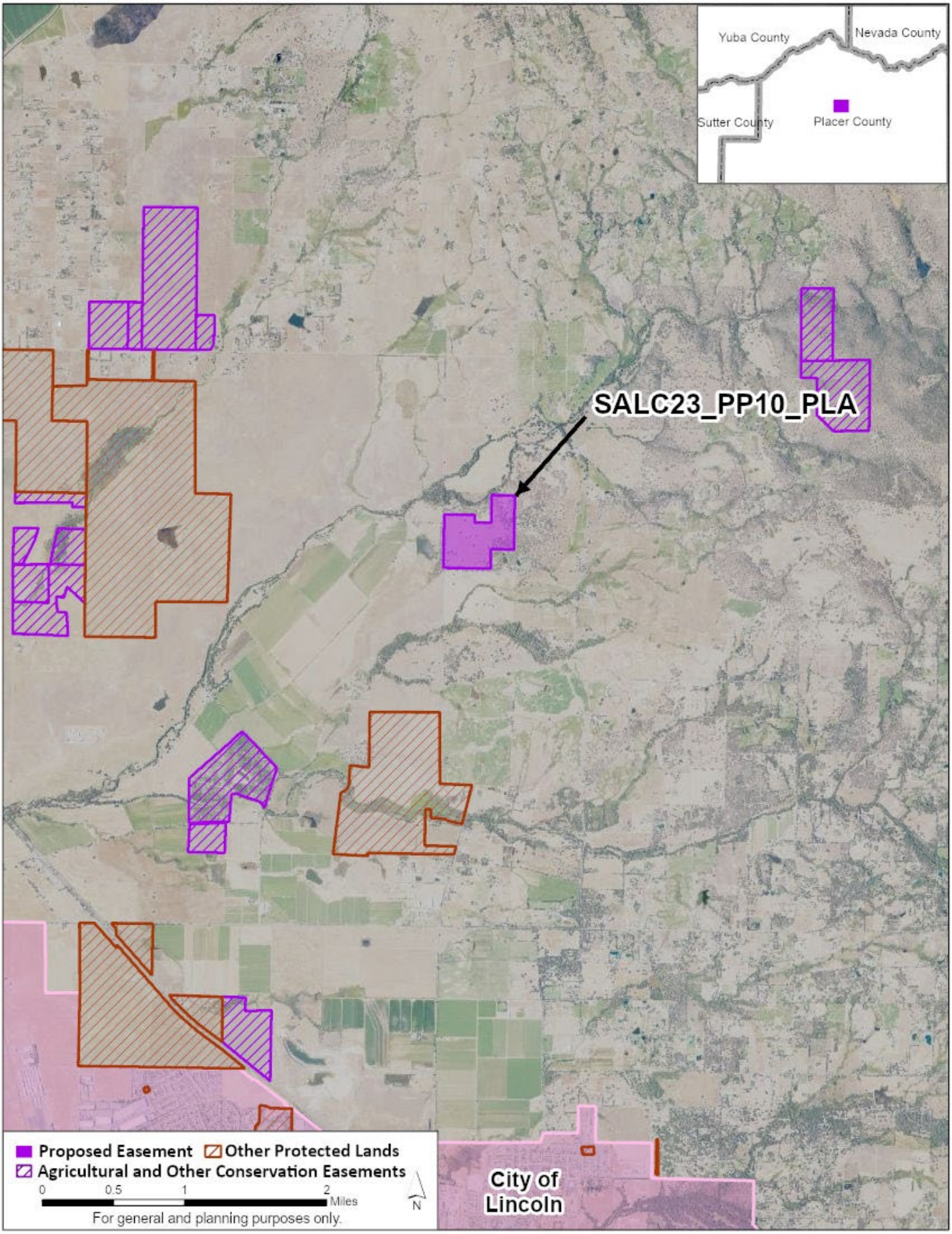
*Infill/Compact Develop*ment: The property is located a few miles north of downtown Lincoln, which continues to be one of the fastest growing cities in California, and there is continual demand for rural housing in and around Lincoln. Protection of the property would add to conserved areas and create a strategic block to encourage development closer to already developed areas.

Co-Benefits

Proximity to Protected Land: The property would add to nearly 6,000 acres of protected land in the area. The protected properties include a mix of ranchland, preserves, and Auburn Ravine and Racoon Creek habitat protection.

Notable Features
N/A

Site Map


Yuba County
Nevada County
Sutter County
Placer County
SALC23_PP10_PLA
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.5
1
2
Miles
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N
City of Lincoln

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP11_AMA

Applicant
California Rangeland Trust

Project Location
Ione, Amador, 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
7 potential development rights extinguished
5,145,773.00 VMT
2,150 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±524.00

Funding Requested
$1,694,400

Match Funding
Match Funder Identified -- NRCS

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This agricultural easement project is for a ±524-acre property that supports a diverse agricultural operation outside of the City of Ione. The property supports a uniquely diversified agricultural operation that includes approximately 200 sheep and 60 cow/calf pairs, while the adjacent, but excluded farmstead parcels permanently house 160 hogs, 2,000 turkeys, and 2,000 chickens. Water is provided through one agricultural well and riparian rights on Dry Creek. The established farm on the adjacent property features a self-serve farm stand, online direct-to-consumer sales, and local and regional wholesale distribution of products.

Strategic Value

Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: This project is located approximately 3 miles from the City of Ione, which is an expanding area for housing and approximately 35 minutes from job centers in Elk Grove. Protecting the property with an easement will remove the potential for rural residential subdivision and help to focus growth in established urban areas.

Climate Resilience

Climate Smart Management Practices: High level of planning and sustainable agricultural practices based on a comprehensive carbon farm plan. Soil building practices include rotational grazing, composting and cover cropping to increase soil carbon.

Sustainable Agriculture Use

Soil quality: The property is comprised of 118 acres of Prime Farmland, 16 acres Farmland of Statewide Importance, and 118 acres Farmland of Local Importance. The landowner implements composting and cover cropping practices to improve the moisture holding capacity and fertility of the soil.

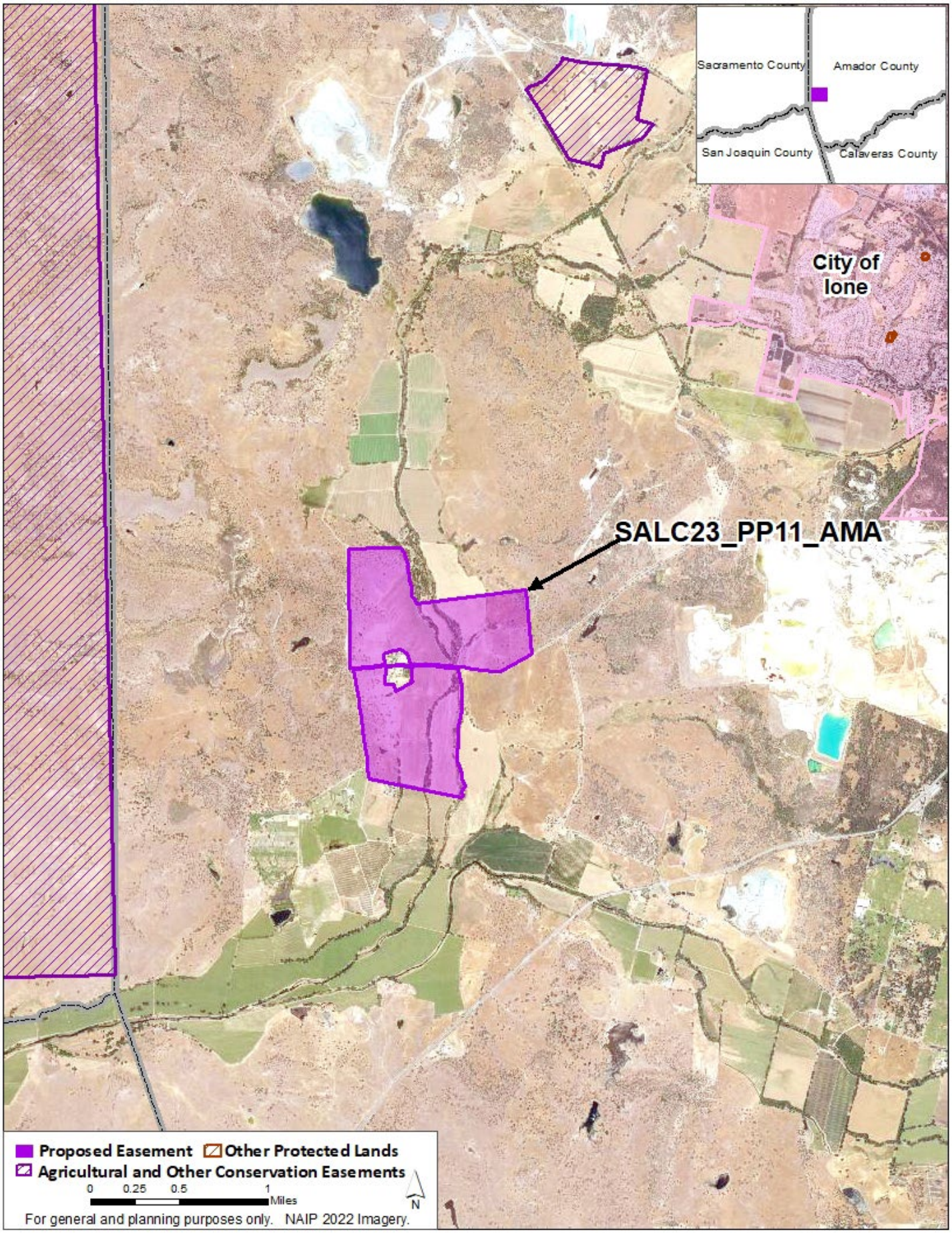
Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The property is crossed by Dry Creek which has intact riparian corridors. The practices implemented under the carbon farm plan increase biodiversity on working landscapes.

Notable Features
A carbon farm plan outlines strategies to increase carbon sequestration and enhance soil organic matter.

Reserving a 20-acre commercial solar array area and a 49-acre area for agricultural intensification.

Site Map


Sacramento County
Amador County
San Joaquin County
Calaveras County
City of Ione
SALC23_PP11_AMA
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.25 0.5 1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP13_ELD

Applicant
American River Conservancy

Project Location
Placerville, El Dorado County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
139 potential development rights extinguished
75,595,712 VMT
38,392 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 1,040

Funding Requested
$2,709,520

Match Funding
Application(s) Submitted – Wildlife Conservation Board

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This fee-title project is a ± 1,040-acre property located in El Dorado County. The property is lessee operated and is utilized for a cow-calf operation. The property has a stocking capacity of 60-80 head of cattle and is part of a larger operation. The cattle are sold through the Cattleman's Livestock Market in Galt. The operation has ample and reliable water provided by stock ponds and seasonal creeks that run through the property.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Greenbelt: The property would add to the growing number of protected properties south of the City of El Dorado.

Climate Resilience

Climate Smart Management Practices: The property has implemented regenerative practices, such as rotational grazing, solar-powered troughs, and following residual dry matter guidelines to prevent overgrazing.

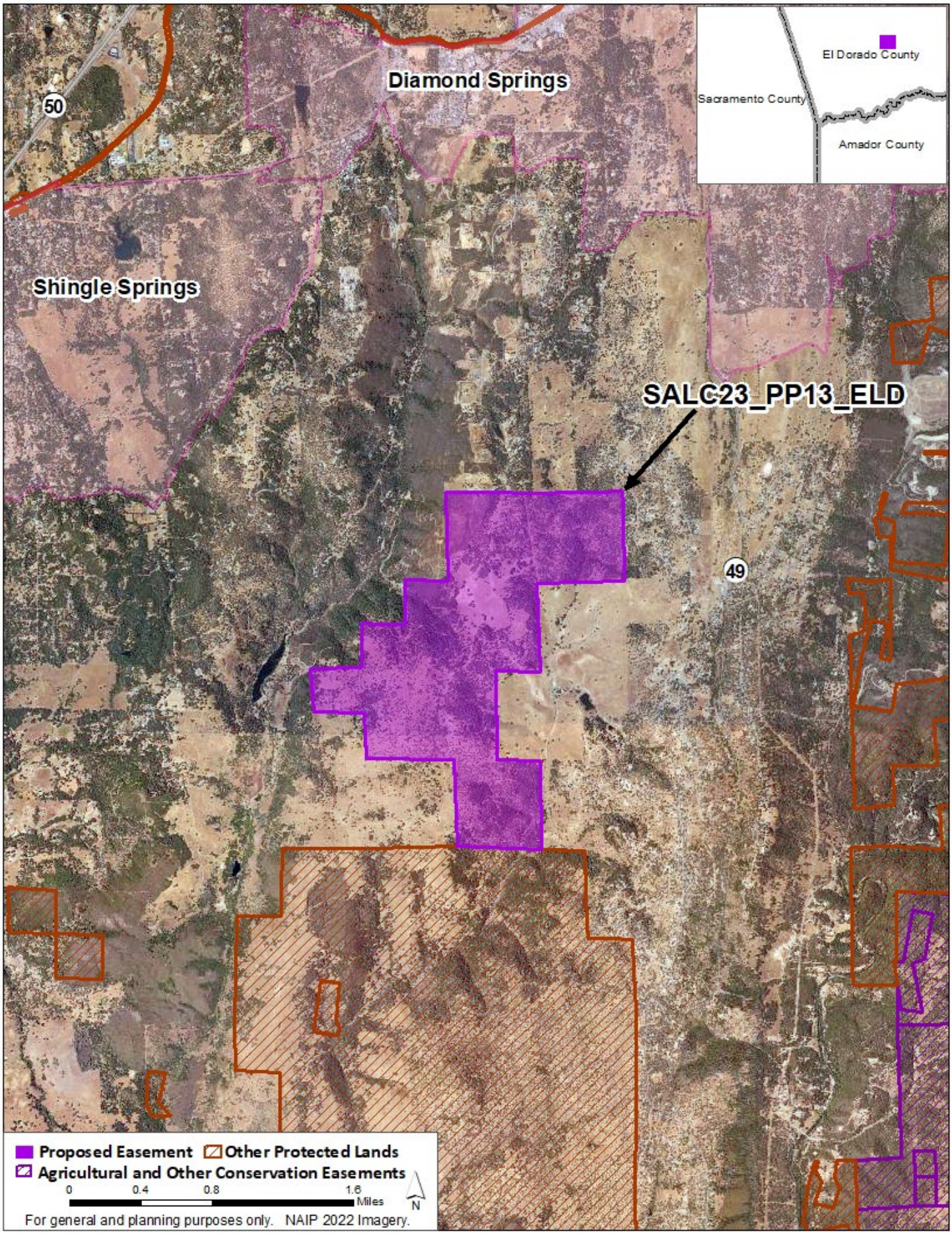
Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The property hosts seasonal creeks, blue oak woodlands, grasslands, and other native plant communities and provides regional habitat connectivity with adjacent protected lands.

Proximity to Protected Land: The property is in proximity to other protected lands under easement held by American River Conservancy and the Bureau of Land Management.

Notable Features
N/A

Site Map


Diamond Springs
Shingle Springs
50
49
SALC23_PP13_ELD
El Dorado County
Sacramento County
Amador County
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.4
0.8
1.6
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP16_YOL

Applicant
Yolo Land Trust

Project Location
Esparto, Yolo County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
2 potential development rights extinguished
1,771,695 VMT
740 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±87.13

Funding Requested
$438,000

Match Funding
Secured – Yolo County Agricultural Mitigation Fund

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
The project is for the acquisition of a conservation easement on a ±87-acre property in Yolo County. The soils are classified as Prime Farmland, and the property is used for growing almonds. On-site wells, surface water access, and riparian rights provide sufficient water for the agricultural operation.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: This project would prevent rural residential development and would support infill in the nearby community of Esparto.

Climate Resilience

Climate Smart Management Practices: The landowner implements several sustainable land practices, such as cover cropping, composting, limited tillage, and high-efficiency irrigation. These practices build soil organic matter, reduce chemical usage, enhance the property's natural elements, and contribute to carbon neutrality on the property.

Sustainable Agriculture Use

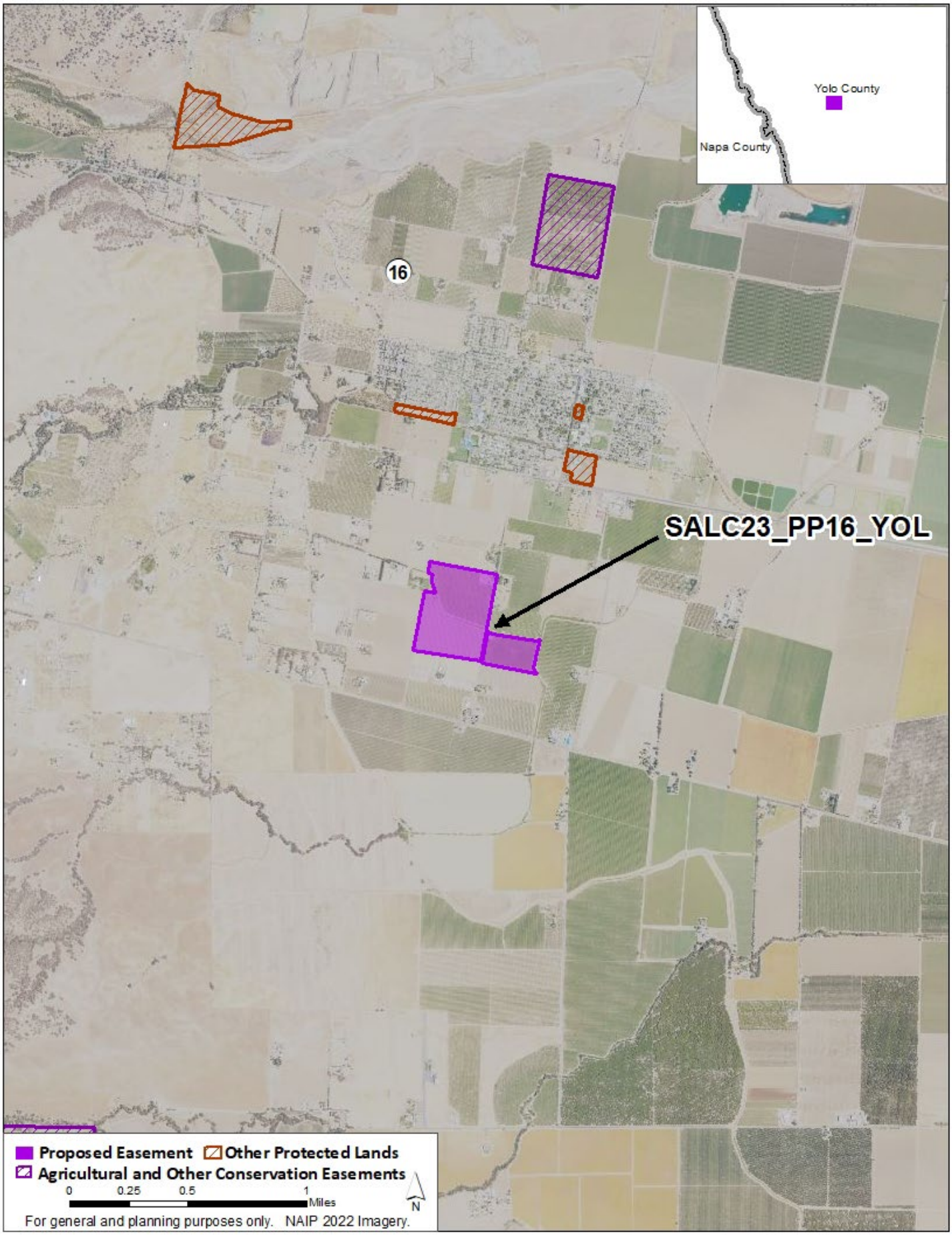
Soil quality: The property's soils are classified as Prime Farmland.

Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The orchard is bordered with native hedgerows and approximately 3 acres of riparian corridor. These features attract beneficial insects, birds and small mammals. The landowner also incorporates bat boxes throughout the property.

Notable Features
The project is located within a low-income community.

Site Map


Yolo County
Napa County
16
SALC23_PP16_YOL
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.25 0.5 1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP17_YOL

Applicant
Yolo Land Trust

Project Location
Winters, Yolo County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
2 potential development rights extinguished
1,771,695 VMT
708 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±155.90

Funding Requested
$528,000

Match Funding
Secured – Yolo Land Trust Internal Funding

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
The project is for the acquisition of a conservation easement on a ±156-acre property in Yolo County. The soils are classified as Prime Farmland and comprise French prune orchards, dry-farmed grain, and a riparian corridor. On-site wells, surface water access, and riparian rights provide sufficient water to the agricultural operation.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development
Infill/Compact Development: This project would prevent rural residential development and would support infill in the nearby community of Winters.

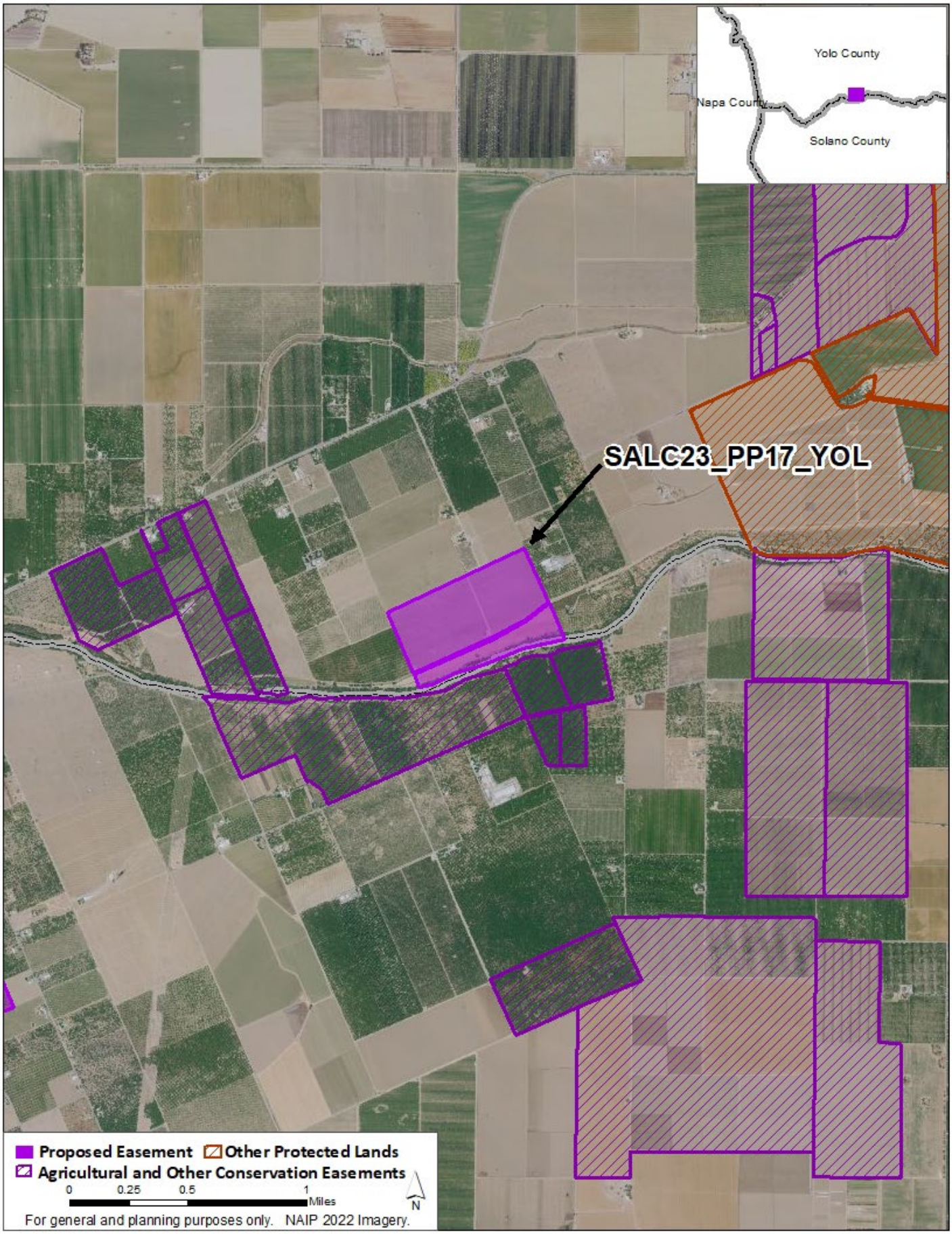
Climate Resilience
Climate Smart Management Practice: The landowner implements several sustainable land practices, such as cover cropping and composting. The adjacent field is dry farmed with reduced chemical use and minimal soil disturbance to prevent impacts on the riparian corridor's natural biodiversity.

Sustainable Agriculture Use
Soil quality: The majority of the property consists of soils classified as Prime Farmland.

Co-Benefits
Biodiversity: This project protects about 13 acres of Putah Creek frontage, which provides habitat connectivity and a wildlife corridor for a variety of insects, fish, waterfowl, small mammals, and birds of prey.
Proximity to Protected Land: This project is situated alongside several other conservation easements along Putah Creek. With approximately 1,787 acres on the south side and 592 acres on the north side of the creek.

Notable Features
N/A

Site Map


Yolo County
Napa County
Solano County
SALC23_PP17_YOL
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP19_YOL

Applicant
Yolo Land Trust

Project Location
Winters, Yolo County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
10 potential development rights extinguished
8,858,476 VMT
3,701 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±478.57

Funding Requested
$957,200

Match Funding
Agreement Executed - Applicant

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This project is for the acquisition of two conservation easements on a ±479-acre property in Yolo County. The soils are classified as Prime Farmland. The property supports year-round cultivation of various row crops, including safflower, tomatoes, corn, and wheat. Crops are processed utilizing local businesses. Onsite wells and surface water deliveries support the agricultural operation.

Strategic Value
Climate Resilience

Climate Smart Management Practices: The project will contribute to carbon neutrality through soil carbon sequestration via composting, limited tilling, and periodic planting of cover crops.

Sustainable Agriculture Use

Water Management Practices: Buried drip line irrigation helps control water use.

Co-Benefits

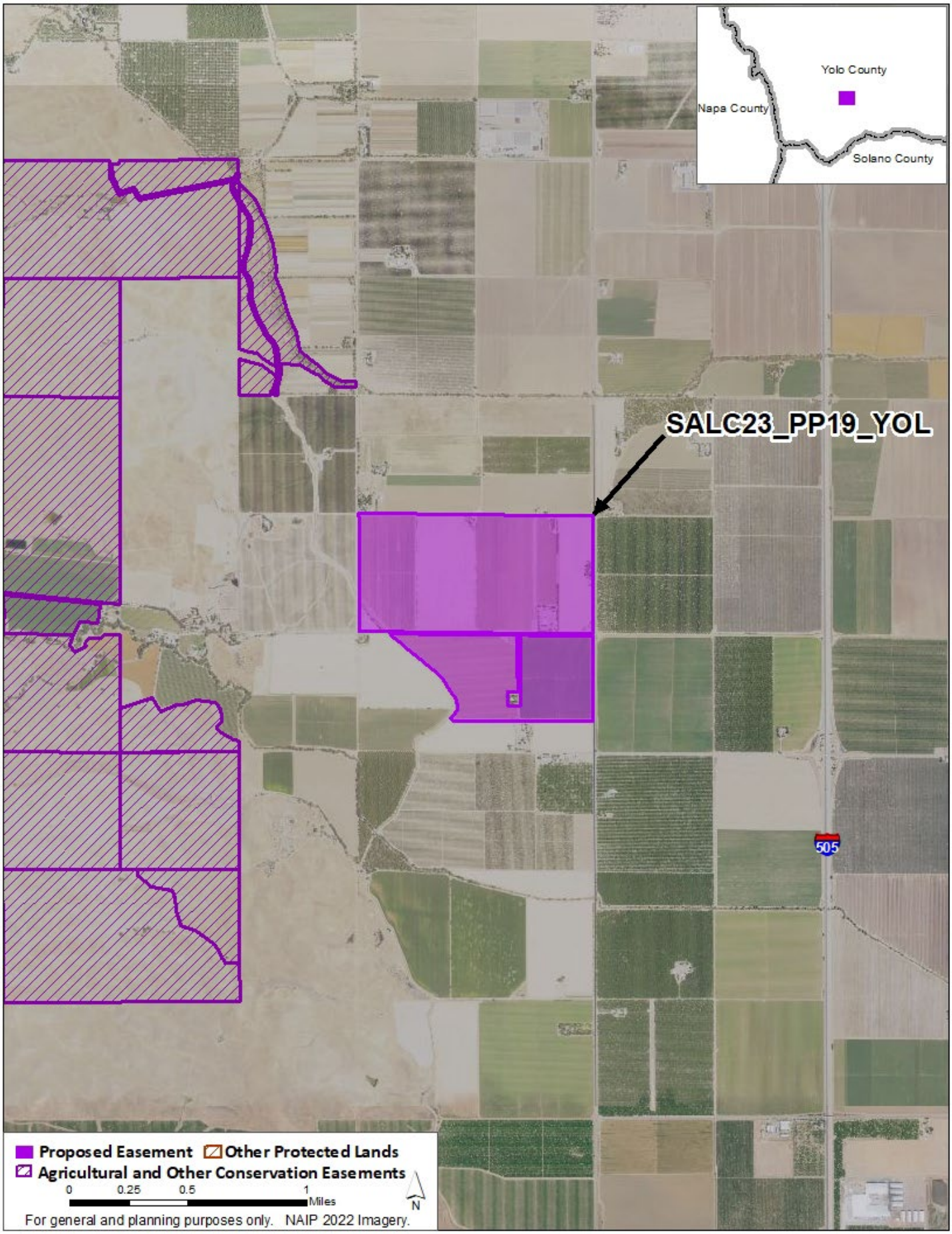
Economic Sustainability and Food Security: The agricultural operation supports food security and contributes to the State's agricultural economy.

Biodiversity: Hedgerows planted along farm roads and farmstead areas include native scrubs, grasses, and trees to attract pollinators and various species.

Proximity to Protected Lands: The property is near 3,500 acres of protected habitat and rangeland.

Notable Features
Staff recommends funding $93,200 requested for associated costs. 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


Yolo County
Napa County
Solano County
SALC23_PP19_YOL
505
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP22_MAD

Applicant
California Rangeland Trust

Project Location
Madera, Madera County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
2,824 potential development rights extinguished
2,357,703,550 VMT
1,093,935 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±9,871.51

Funding Requested
$5,725,000

Match Funding
Application Submitted -- WCB

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This easement acquisition project is for a 9,872-acre ranch located within a 20-minute drive of the City of Madera. The ranch has been family-owned and operated since the 1920s. The family runs a year-round cow/calf operation with approximately 120 head, alongside a seasonal stocker operation involving 3,200 to 4,000 head during the winter season. The grazing operation is supported by ample water resources on the ranch.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill and Compact Development: The ranch is less than 15 minutes from numerous unincorporated rural residential communities on the outskirts of the City of Madera, which is located 20 minutes away and the nearest high-density job center.

Climate Resilience

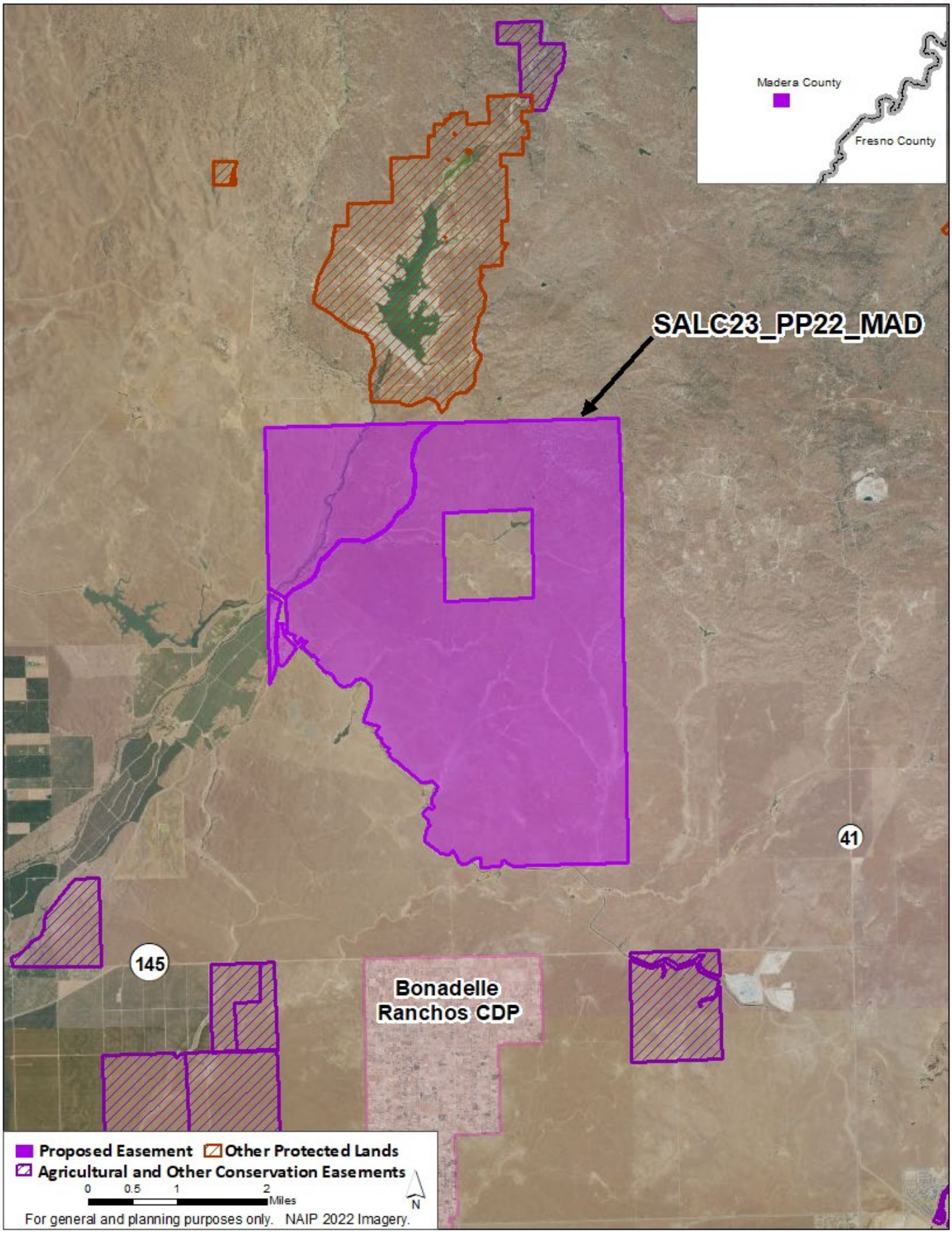
Climate Smart Management Practices: Grazing the property reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfire by reducing fuel loads on the property.

Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The large ranch contains rich water resources and falls within an area designated by the Sierra Nevada Foothills Wildlife Connectivity Project as "Irreplaceable and Essential Corridor". According to the Applicant, RePlan identifies the ranch as very high in terrestrial intactness.
Economic: Creation of local jobs and support of local farm services.

Notable Features
The conservation easement will restrict agricultural intensification.

Site Map


Madera County
Fresno County
SALC23_PP22_MAD
41
145
Bonadelle
Ranchos CDP
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.5 1 2
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP23_IMP

Applicant
Oswit Land Trust

Project Location
Brawley, Imperial County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
87 potential development rights extinguished
24,851,100 VMT
13,721 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±280.00

Funding Requested
$681,520

Match Funding
Match Funders Identified – DoD and REPI

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
The project is for the purchase of a conservation easement on a ±280-acre property in Imperial County. The farm is comprised of two contiguous parcels and cultivates a diverse portfolio of crops, such as alfalfa, sugar beets, onions, and wheat. Crops are sold to regional, national, and international markets in Asia, the Middle East, and the Americas through established distribution channels. The property is comprised of soils of Farmland of Statewide Importance and has a secure water source through the Imperial Irrigation District.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

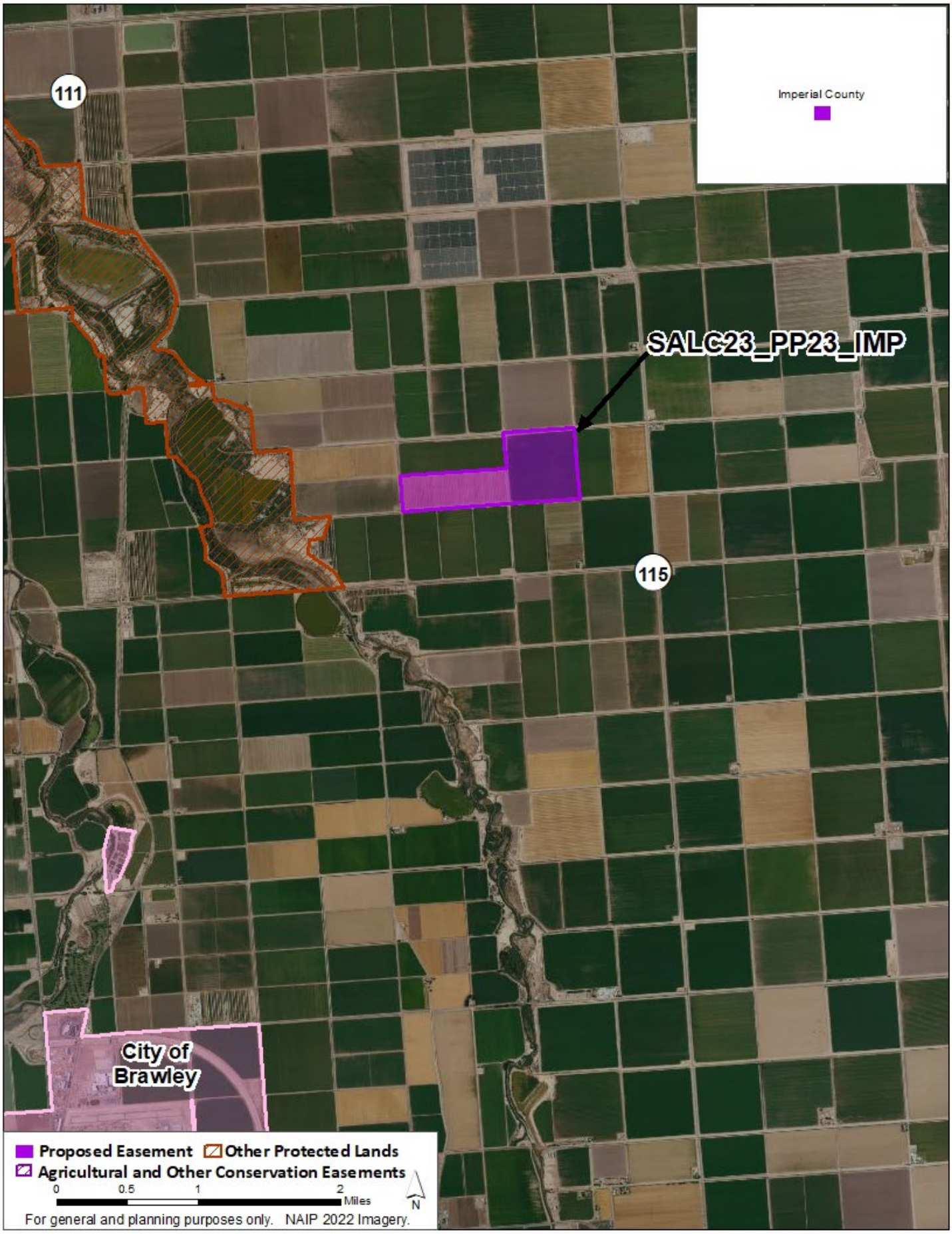
Infill/Compact Development: The project supports infill and compact development by establishing a permanent agricultural buffer less than three-quarters of a mile from the Brawley Greenbelt. This will help prevent "leapfrogging" development patterns cited as a concern in the Imperial County General Plan.

Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The project is located south of the Salton Sea and directly within the Pacific Flyway, which is one of Audubon Society's Important Bird Areas (IBA) of Global Significance. Environmental benefits include protecting biodiversity through the preservation of numerous species that use the farmland as habitat, as well as contributing to carbon neutrality and climate resilience.

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

Site Map


Imperial County
111
SALC23_PP23_IMP
115
City of Brawley
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.5
1
2
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP24_PLA

Applicant
Ducks Unlimited

Project Location
Wheatland, Placer County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
59 potential development rights extinguished
46,093,533 VMT
19,921 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±1,338.65

Funding Requested
$3,020,000

Match Funding
Match Funder Identified – NRCS

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
The project is for the acquisition of a conservation easement on a ±1,339-acre property in Placer County. The property is planted to rice and its soils are classified as Prime Farmland and Farmland of Statewide Importance. On-site wells and surface water access provide sufficient water access to the property.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: This project would prevent rural residential development and would support infill in the nearby cities of Wheatland and Lincoln.

Sustainable Agriculture Use

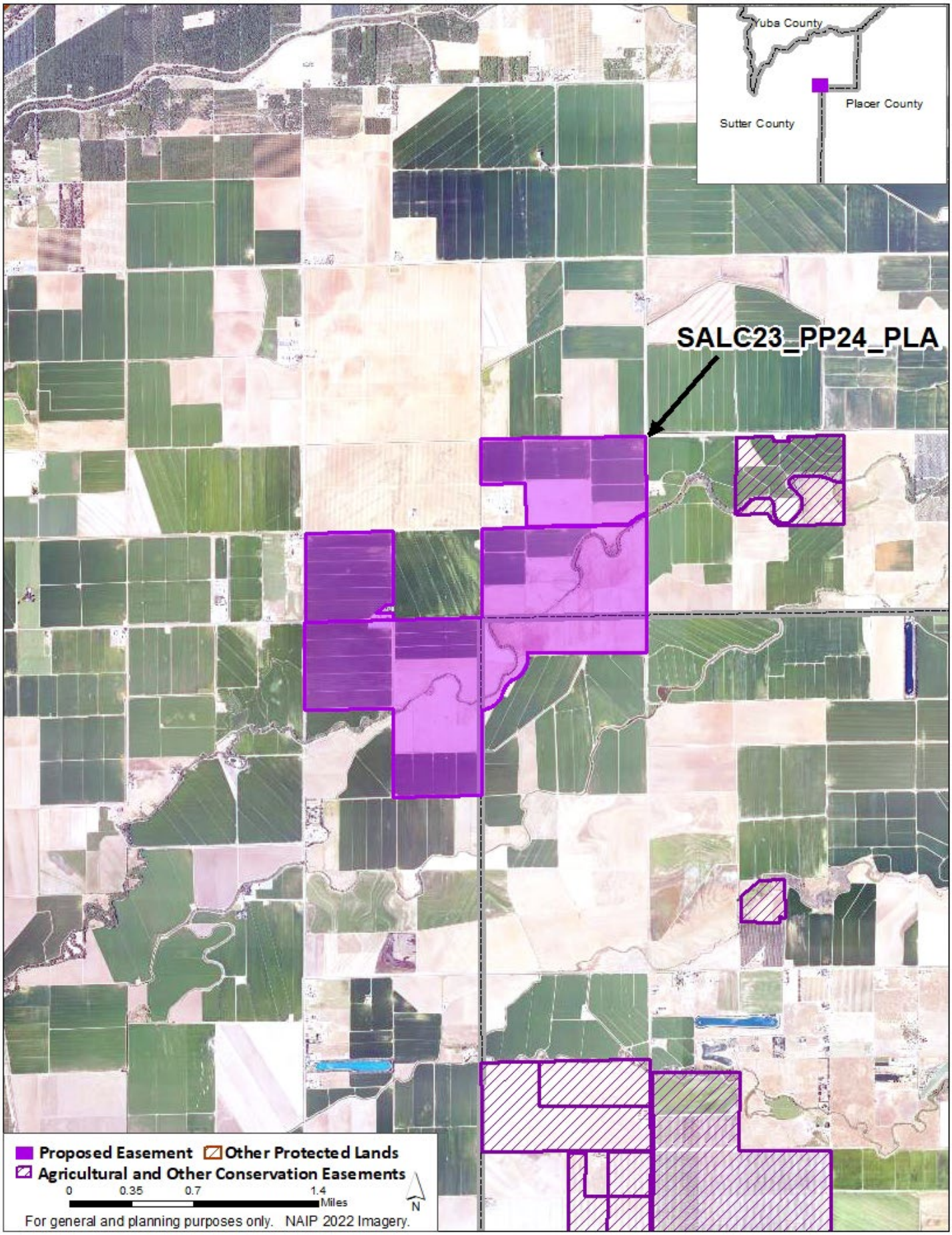
Soil quality: Most of the property is comprised of soils that are classified as Prime Farmland and Farmland of Statewide Importance.

Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The project protects habitat for waterfowl along the Pacific Flyway and the Central Valley Steelhead.

Notable Features
N/A

Site Map


Yuba County
Placer County
Sutter County
SALC23_PP24_PLA
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.35 0.7 1.4
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP25_SAC

Applicant
Sacramento Valley Conservancy

Project Location
Rancho Cordova, Sacramento County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
1 potential development rights extinguished
669,031 VMT
313 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 265.00

Funding Requested
$2,450,000

Match Funding
Secured – NRCS

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This project is for the acquisition of a conservation easement on a ±265-acre property in Sacramento County. The property supports 50 to 60 cow-calf pairs and is managed as part of a larger ±876-acre operation. Additionally, 281 acres of the property are held under a different conservation easement. On-site wells and surface water access provide sufficient water for the agricultural operation.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

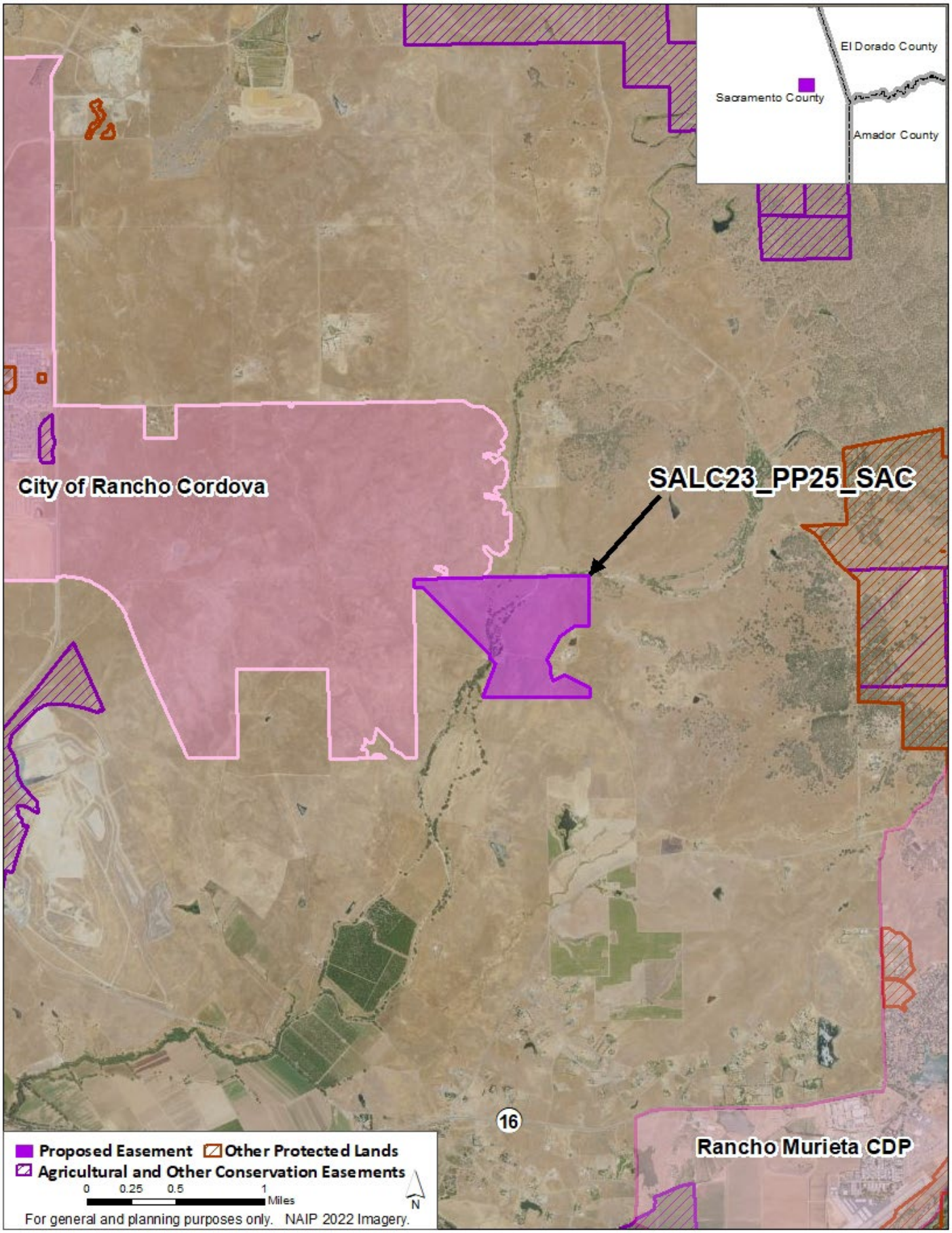
Infill/Compact Development: This project would prevent rural residential development and would support infill of the Cordova Hills Planned Community, which borders the property's western boundary.

Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The project protects the habitat for 24 of the 28 special-status species covered in the Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan. This property also serves as a wildlife connector for the Cosumnes Wildlife Movement Corridor to Deer Creek Hills.

Notable Features
N/A

Site Map


El Dorado County
Sacramento County
Amador County
City of Rancho Cordova
SALC23_PP25_SAC
16
Rancho Murieta CDP
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.25 0.5 1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP26_IMP

Applicant
Oswit Land Trust

Project Location
Westmorland, Imperial County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
6 potential development rights extinguished
1,713,869 VMT
946 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±347.33

Funding Requested
$619,750

Match Funding
Match Funder Identified – DoD, REPI

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
Provides secure land tenure to a farmer who is a resident of a priority population

Project Description
This project is for the purchase of a conservation easement on a ±347-acre irrigated agricultural property in Imperial County. production of alfalfa, tomatoes, carrots, onions and watermelon Typical crops include alfalfa, tomatoes, carrots, onions and watermelon. The property is distinguished by its high-quality Prime Farmland. The owner is a fifth-generation farmer who manages the growing, harvesting and selling of agricultural products. The intensive commercial farming operation is a significant contributor to the regional economy.

Strategic Value
Equity

Secure Land Tenure: The project would secure land tenure to a farmer who is a resident of a priority population.

Sustainable Agriculture Use

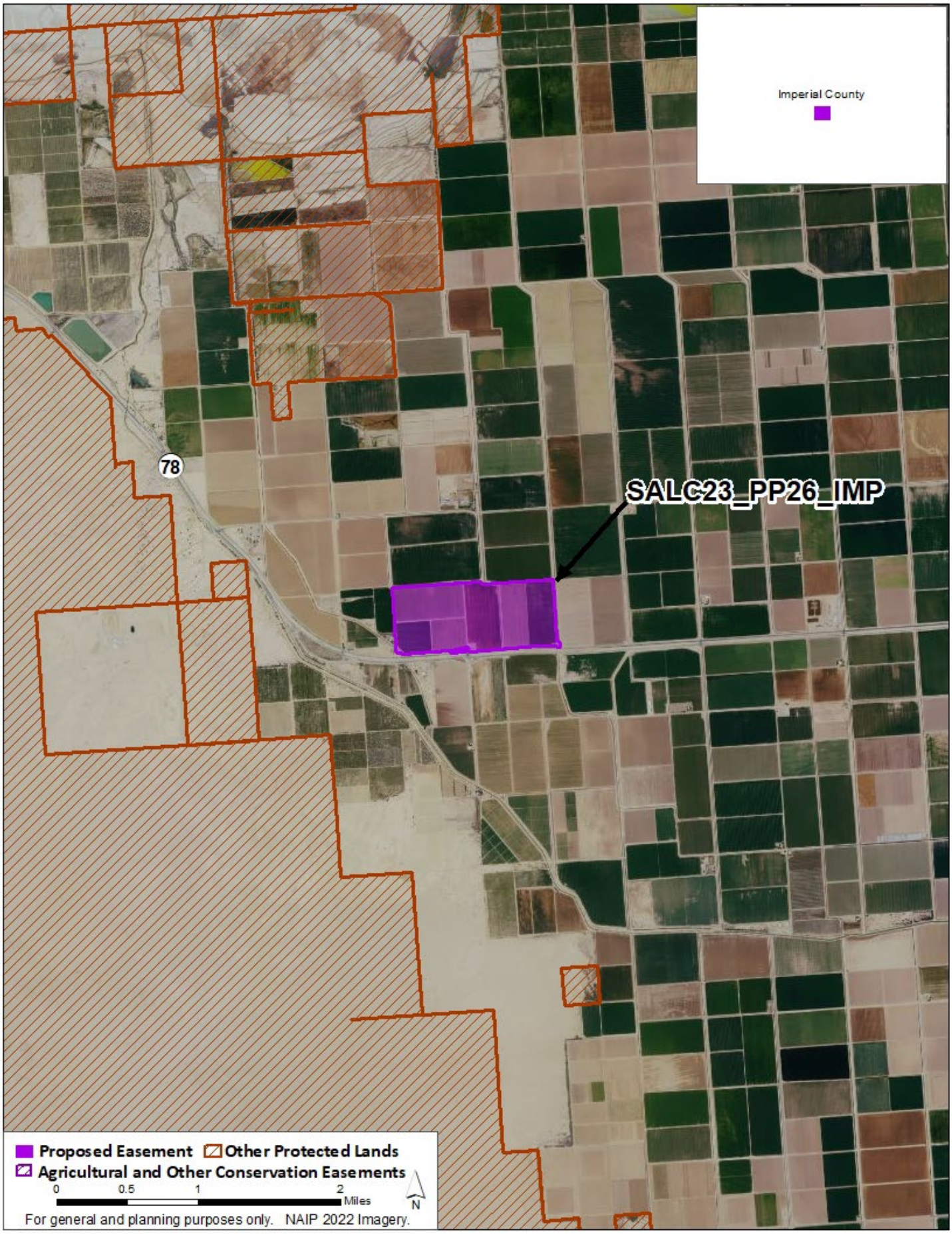
Soil quality: The property's soils are classified as Prime Farmland. The owner's implementation of sustainability practices to reduce emissions and provide conservation benefits will be documented with a Management Plan.

Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The project is located south of the Salton Sea and directly within the Pacific Flyway, which is one of Audubon Society's Important Bird Areas of Global Significance. The environmental benefits include protecting biodiversity through the preservation of numerous species that use the farmland as habitat, as well as contributing to carbon neutrality and climate resilience through the planned establishment of enduring conservation measures on this working farm.

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

Site Map


Imperial County
78
SALC23_PP26_IMP
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.5
1
2
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended (Contingent)
SALC23_PP29_LOS

Applicant
Tataviam Land Conservancy

Project Location
La Crescenta, Los Angeles County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
117 potential development rights extinguished
0 VMT
3096 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 221

Funding Requested
$7,810,000

Match Funding
Match Funding Secured – Landowner donation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
A Tribal non-profit is the applicant/co-applicant

Project Description
The purchase of a fee acquisition of an approximately ± 221-acre property in Los Angeles County by a tribal non-profit for the purpose of tribal cultural practices. Proposed uses include tribal gatherings and ceremony, seed and native plant harvesting, a native nursery, and public outreach to education the community about tribal cultures.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Wildland Urban Interface: The property's conservation would ensure the urban community of La Crescenta is buffered from the larger wildlands to the north of the property, providing necessary buffer for wildlife, fire, and watershed protection.

Equity

Tribal Co-Management & Access: The property would be stewarded by Tataviam Land Conservancy, a non-profit representing the Tataviam tribe.

Priority Population Access: The proposal includes public facing events and educational opportunities for the Los Angeles community, including underserved and priority populations.

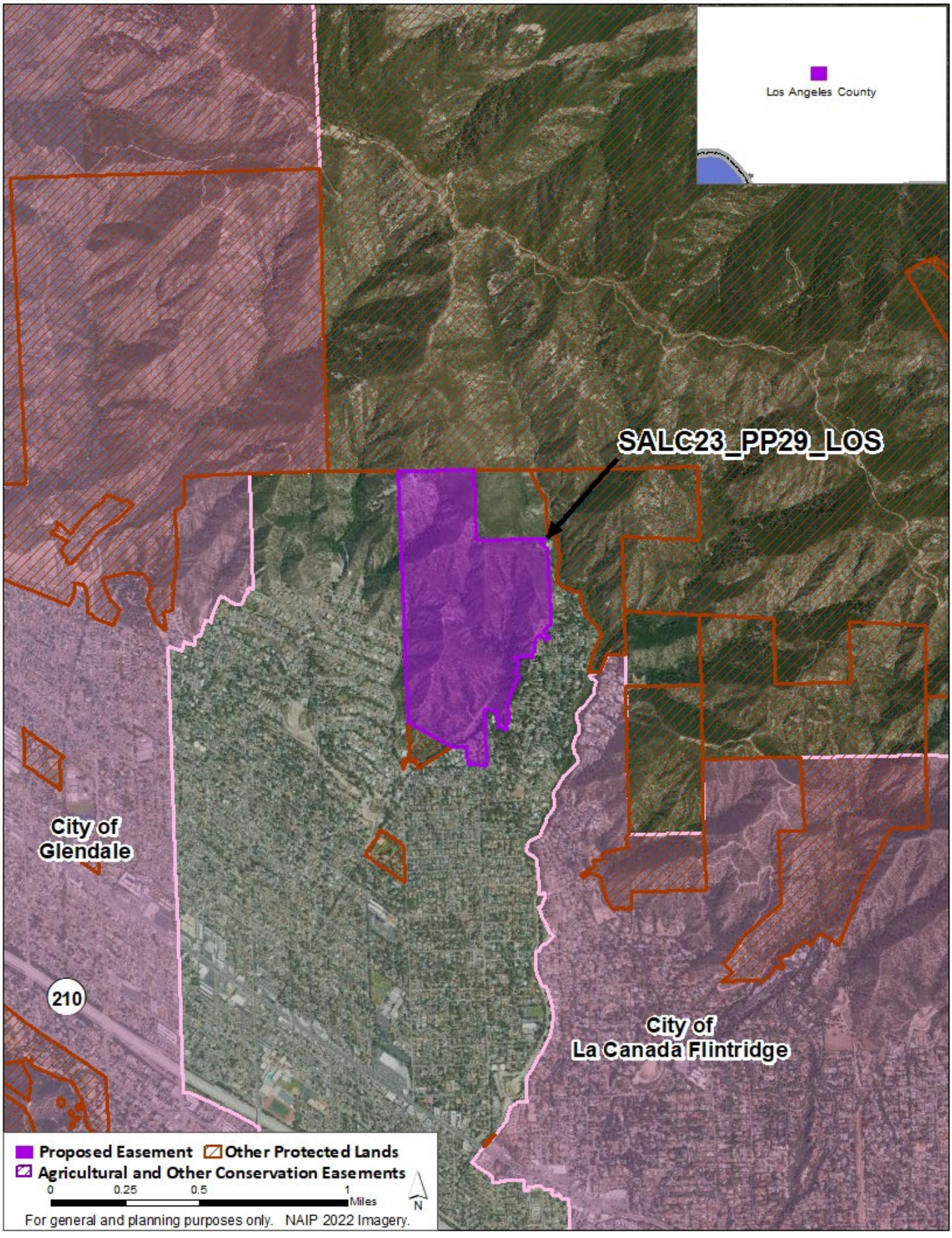
Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The property hosts plant and animal wildlife as well as critical riparian habitat in an otherwise built out community.

Proximity to Protected Land: The property abuts national forest lands and would add to an existing large acreage protected lands around the greater north and east Los Angeles cities.

Notable Features
An approximately 33,000 sq/ft encroachment from a neighboring property owner is currently being resolved via lot line adjustment. This will be required to remedied prior to close of escrow.

Site Map


Los Angeles County
SALC23_PP29_LOS
City of Glendale
210
City of La Canada Flintridge
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP33_SHA

Applicant
Shasta Land Trust

Project Location
Cottonwood, Shasta County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
201 potential development rights extinguished
202,616,596 VMT
84,562 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±455.00

Funding Requested
$2,050,000

Match Funding
Secured – Landowner donation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

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

Project Description
This easement acquisition project is for a ±455-acre property located near the unincorporated community of Cottonwood. The property features annual grasslands, blue oak woodland, and 92 acres of irrigated pasture. The owner-operated rotational grazing operation is supported by abundant water resources and infrastructure, including access to district surface water. Approximately 70-100 head are grazed year-round on the property.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill and Compact Development: The property is in an area with high demand for residential development, as evidenced by the residential development on the adjacent properties.

Climate Resilience

Reducing Risk from Extreme Climate Events: Applicant notes that the property could serve as a wildfire evacuation area for the nearby school and neighborhoods.

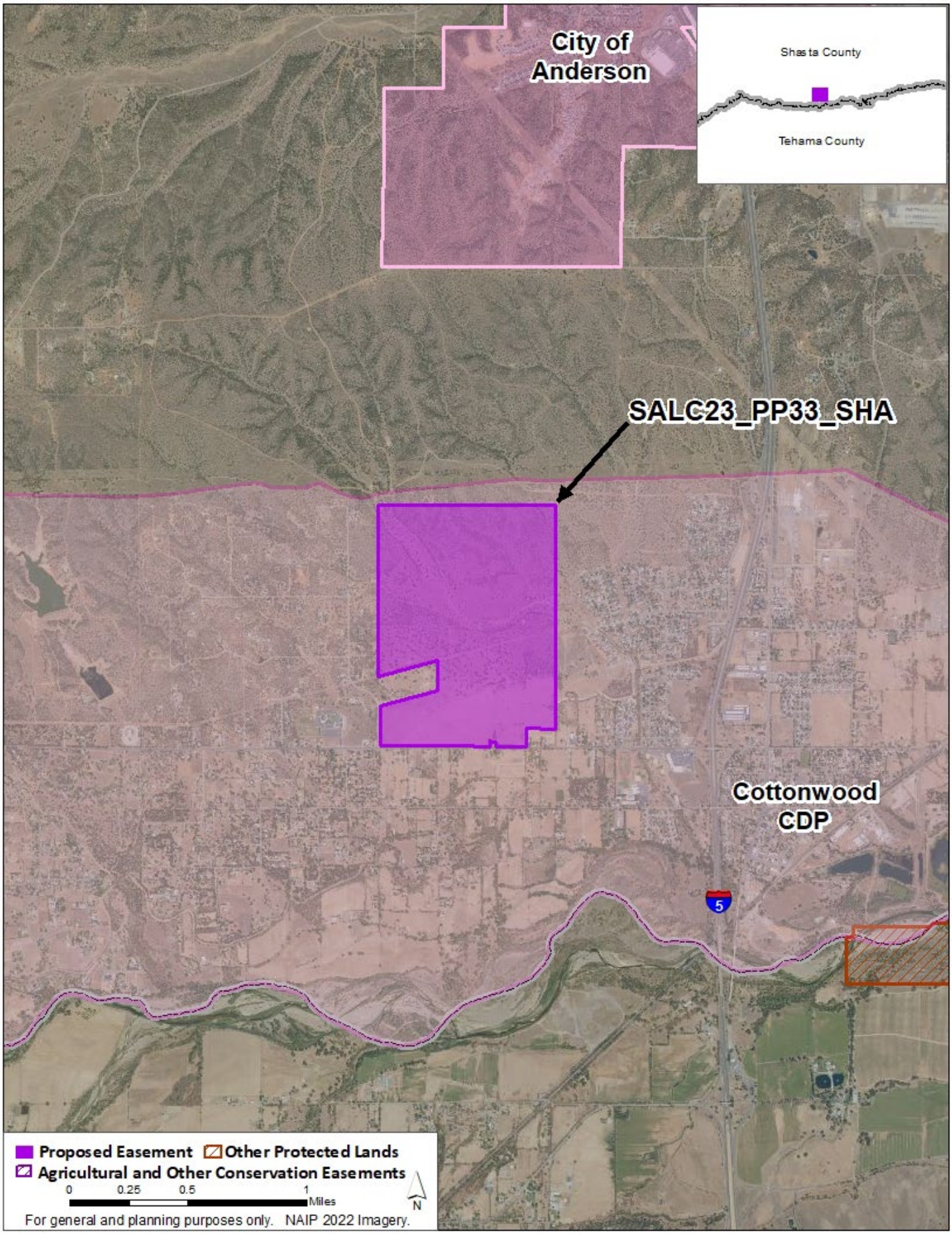
Co-Benefits

Economic: Creation of local jobs and support of local farm services. Beef is auctioned and processed locally.
Biodiversity: The property's oak woodlands support wildlife habitat.
Scenic Viewshed: The property provides scenic open space views to travelers on Gas Point Road and the surrounding community.

Notable Features
A third party maintains an option to construct a 15-acre solar farm on the ranch within a designated location. The solar farm would be managed by PG&E.

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

Site Map


City of Anderson
Shasta County
Tehama County
SALC23_PP33_SHA
Cottonwood CDP
5
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP37_STA

Applicant
California Farmland Trust

Project Location
Modesto, Stanislaus County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
277 potential development rights extinguished
231,261,998 VMT
85,580 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 165.42

Funding Requested
$2,619,690

Match Funding
Funding Approved – Landowner Donation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
The ±165-acre project is for an easement acquisition in Stanislaus County. The property contains soils designated as Prime Farmland and is currently planted to 48 acres of cherries and 70 acres of almonds. The property uses micro-jet and drip irrigation and cover cropping to enhance soil health, prevent erosion, and support pollinator and beneficial insect habitats.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

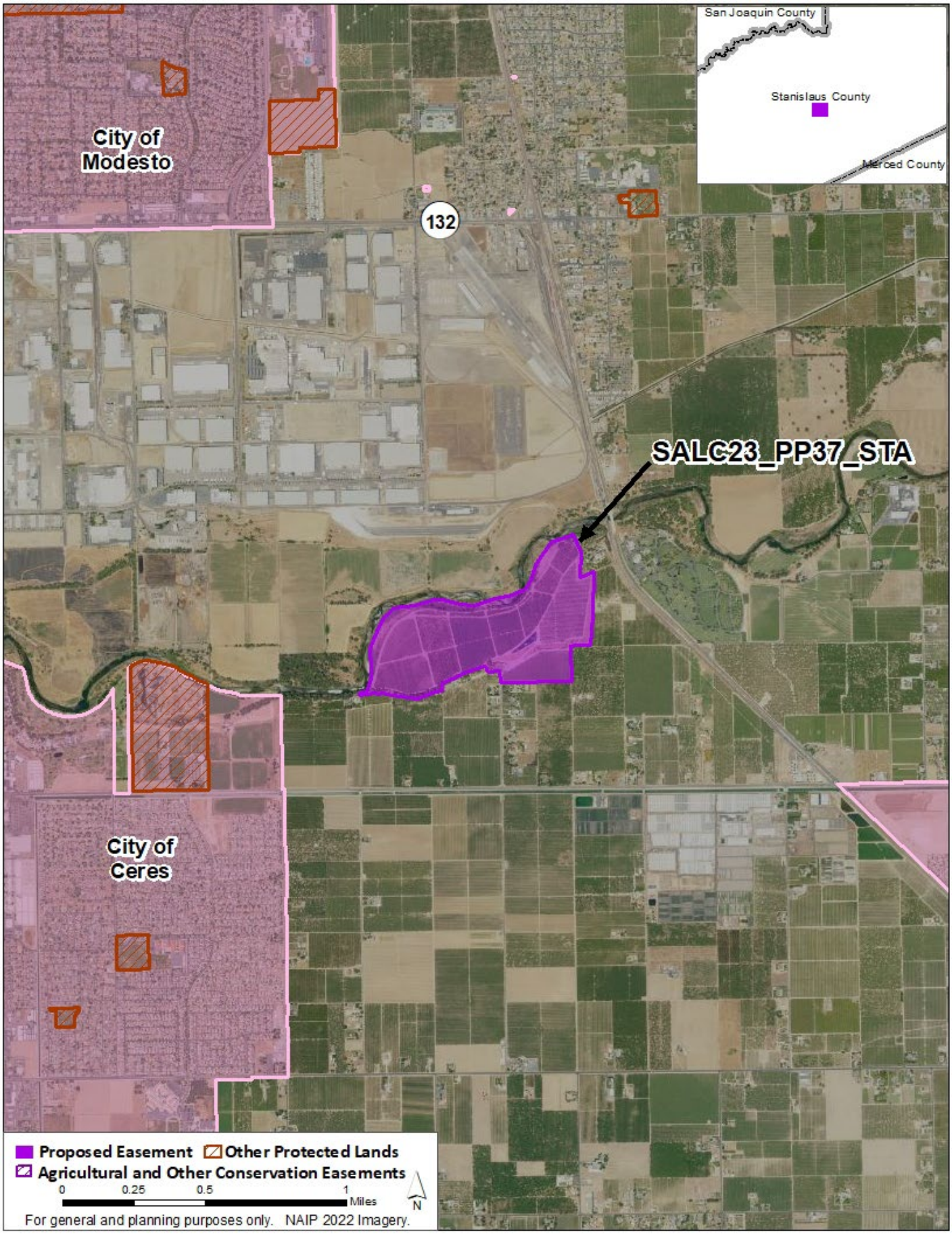
Infill/Compact Development: The property borders the City of Modesto's Sphere of Influence and is located 0.25 miles from the City of Ceres and 1 mile from the City of Hughson's Sphere of Influence.

Co-Benefits

Economic: Products are sold to local processors and packers in Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties and are then shipped regionally and globally. The operation employs up to 70 seasonal workers and 30 full-time year-round employees.
Biodiversity: The property borders approximately 1 mile of Tuolumne River, which is home to many species of flora and fauna.

Notable Features
N/A

Site Map


San Joaquin County
Stanislaus County
Merced County
City of Modesto
132
SALC23_PP37_STA
City of Ceres
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP38_STA

Applicant
California Farmland Trust

Project Location
Hughson, Stanislaus County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
747 potential development rights extinguished
623,656,003 VMT
233,295 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±156.49

Funding Requested
$2,454,297

Match Funding
Funding Approved
– Landowner Donation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

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

Project Description
The project is for the development of two conservation easements on a ±157-acre property in Stanislaus County. The soils are classified as Prime Farmland and the property is planted to many different tree nuts, such as almonds, walnuts, pistachios, pecans, chestnuts, and filberts. The property is also planted to a variety of stone fruits, including cherries, nectarines, peaches, apricots, pluots, plumcots, apriums, plums, and prunes, in addition to over 20 varieties of apples, pears, olives, and citrus. Products are sold in farmers markets throughout the Central Valley and the Bay Area, as well as through direct-to-consumer online sales.

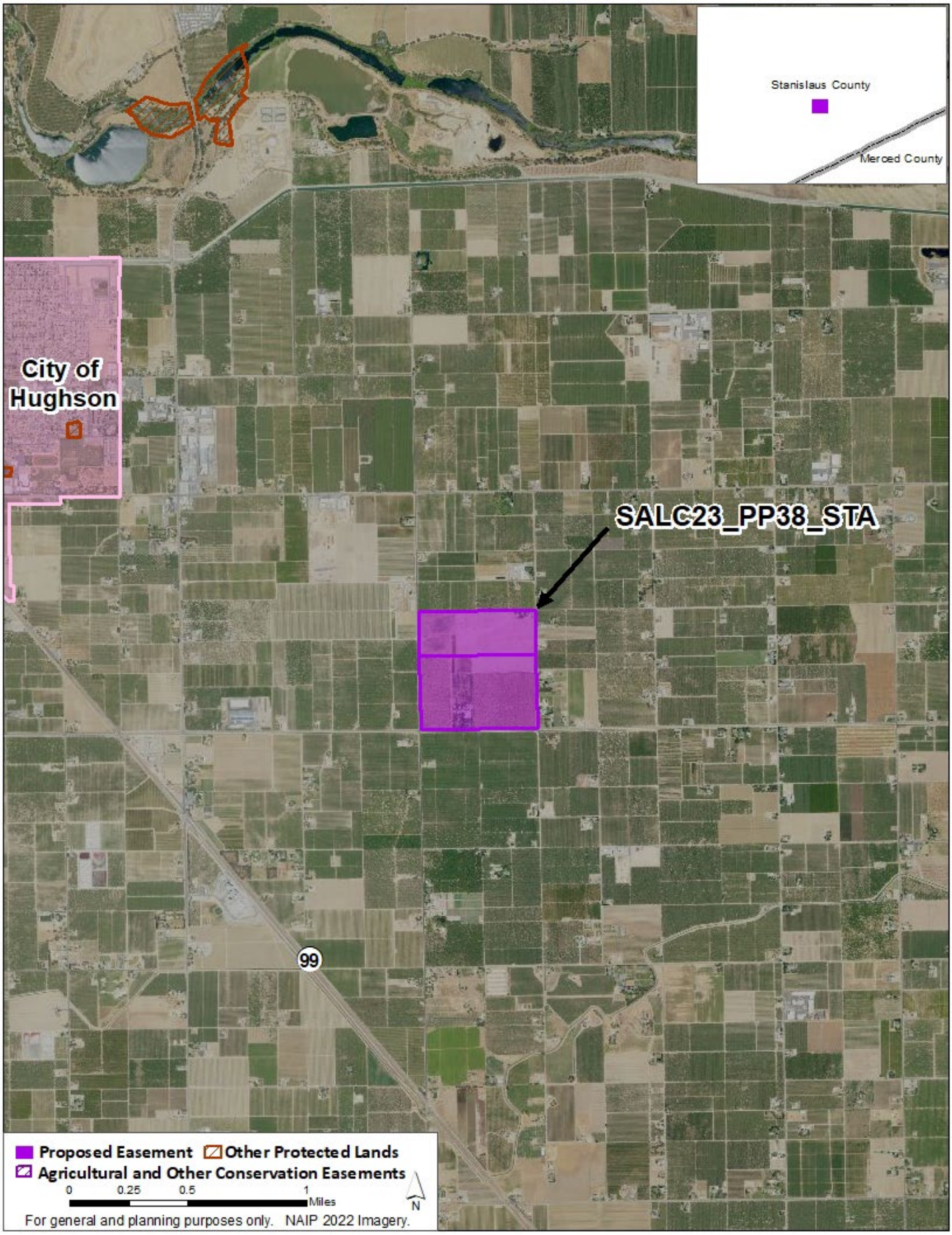
Strategic Value
Climate Resilience

Climate Smart Management Practices: The project contributes to carbon neutrality through the sequestration of carbon in the trees grown on the property. Carbon also is incorporated into the soil via shredding of prunings, shells, hulls and other plant waste. The soil is so rich the landowners have not needed to import compost or fertilizer in years.

Economic Sustainability and Food Security: The project safeguards the State's economic sustainability and food security by providing unique agricultural employment opportunities, as well as providing a wide variety of healthy fruits and nuts to the all season long. Many of the varieties grown are culturally important to some groups and are not found elsewhere in the area. The operation's online direct-to-consumer market has grown significantly, and the property's dried fruits and nuts are shipped all across the country.

Notable Features
N/A

Site Map


Stanislaus County
Merced County
City of Hughson
SALC23_PP38_STA
99
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.25 0.5 1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP39_MER

Applicant
Vieira Farm

Project Location
Delhi, Merced County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
24 potential development rights extinguished
20,037,141 VMT
8,662 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 69.20

Funding Requested
$807,360

Match Funding
Funding Approved – Landowner Donation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This conservation easement acquisition description is for ±69.2-acres of owner-operated irrigated farmland in the San Joaquin Basin of the mid Central Valley. The Farm is entirely planted with four varieties of almonds planted between 2006 and 2013.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: located between the growing unincorporated community of Delhi in Merced County and the City of Turlock in Stanislaus County

Greenbelt/Community Separator: Protection of this farm continues to build upon an existing greenbelt of working lands, safeguarding these productive lands from rapid development.

Sustainable Agriculture Use

Soil quality: 69% Farmland of Statewide Importance, 29% Prime Farmland, and 2% Unique Farmland. The landowner follows management practices which enhance soil health: Owl boxes reduce the need for chemical rodent control; annually applied compost reduces use of synthetic fertilizers; native plants throughout the farm create habitat and provide support for local pollinator populations.

Water Management Practices: The landowner uses micro drip irrigation via a soil moisture monitoring system for water use efficiency.

Co-Benefits

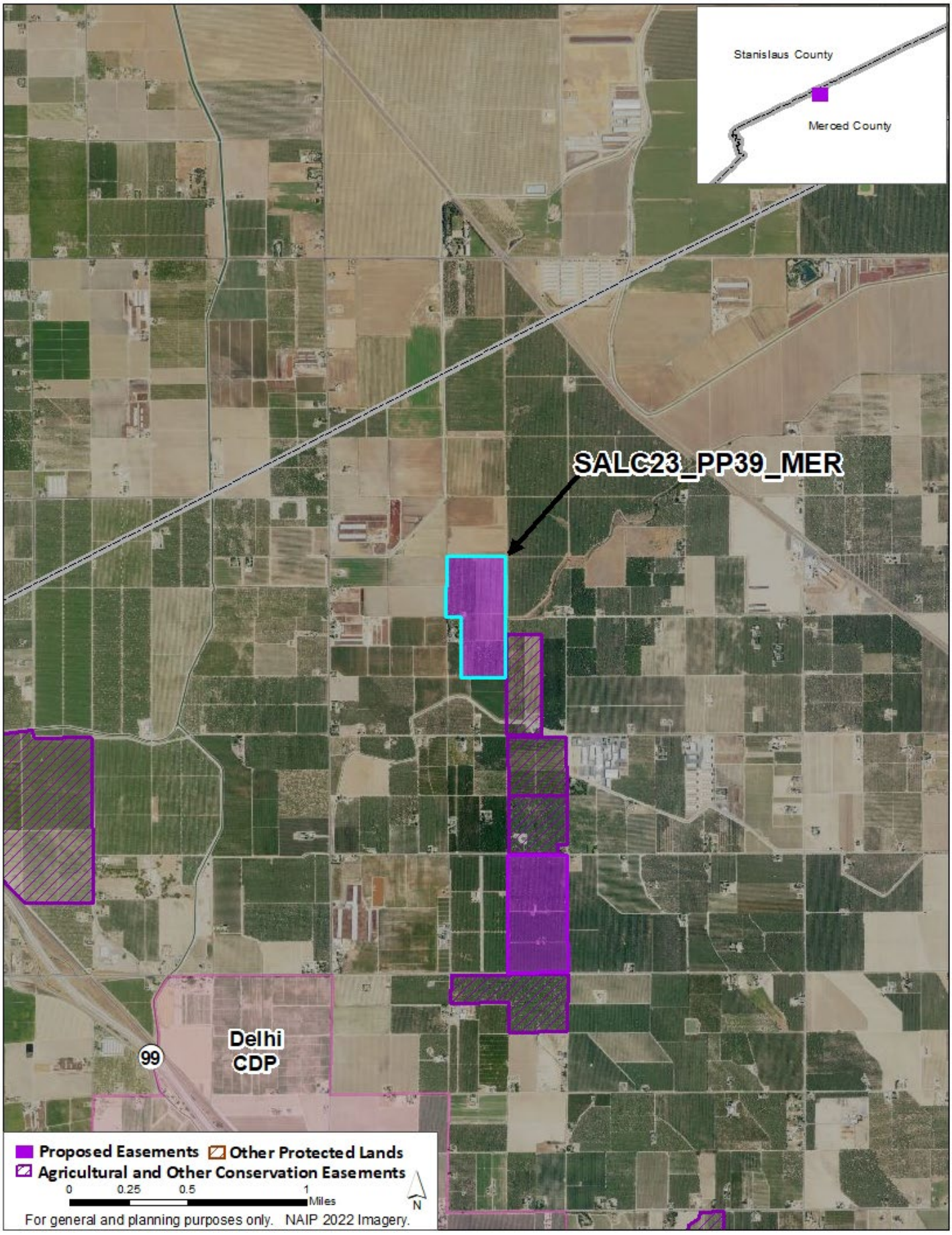
Economic: The Farm utilizes various local vendors and businesses to supply fertilizers, tools, and equipment; and employs local farmworkers.

Biodiversity: Hedgerows and cover crops with native plants contribute to pollinator habitat.

Proximity to Protected Land: This acquisition would contribute to a nearly two-mile-long greenbelt of protected properties to the northwest of the unincorporated community of Delhi.

Notable Features
N/A

Site Map


Stanislaus County
Merced County
SALC23_PP39_MER
Delhi
CDP
99
Proposed Easements
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP40_HUM

Applicant
Blue Lake Rancheria

Project Location
Arcata, Humboldt County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
99 potential development rights extinguished
79,183,714 VMT
30,684 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 79

Funding Requested
$1,127,487

Match Funding
Funder(s) Identified – State Coastal Conservancy

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
A CA tribe is the applicant/co-applicant

Project Description
The project is a fee-title acquisition for a ± 79-acre property located in Humboldt County. The property contains culturally significant resources, such as native plants for the cultivation of traditional foods, herbal medicine, and fibers for basketry. The project will also support the continuation of the current cattle grazing operation. The project will support implementation of indigenous land management practices, preservation of cultural heritage, and utilization of traditional knowledge to steward the land.

Strategic Value
Climate Resilience

Climate Smart Management Practices: The project will support the implementation of a tidal wetland restoration plan for the property. The restoration of tidal wetlands will re-introduce native plant species specific to the region and increase biodiversity.

Equity

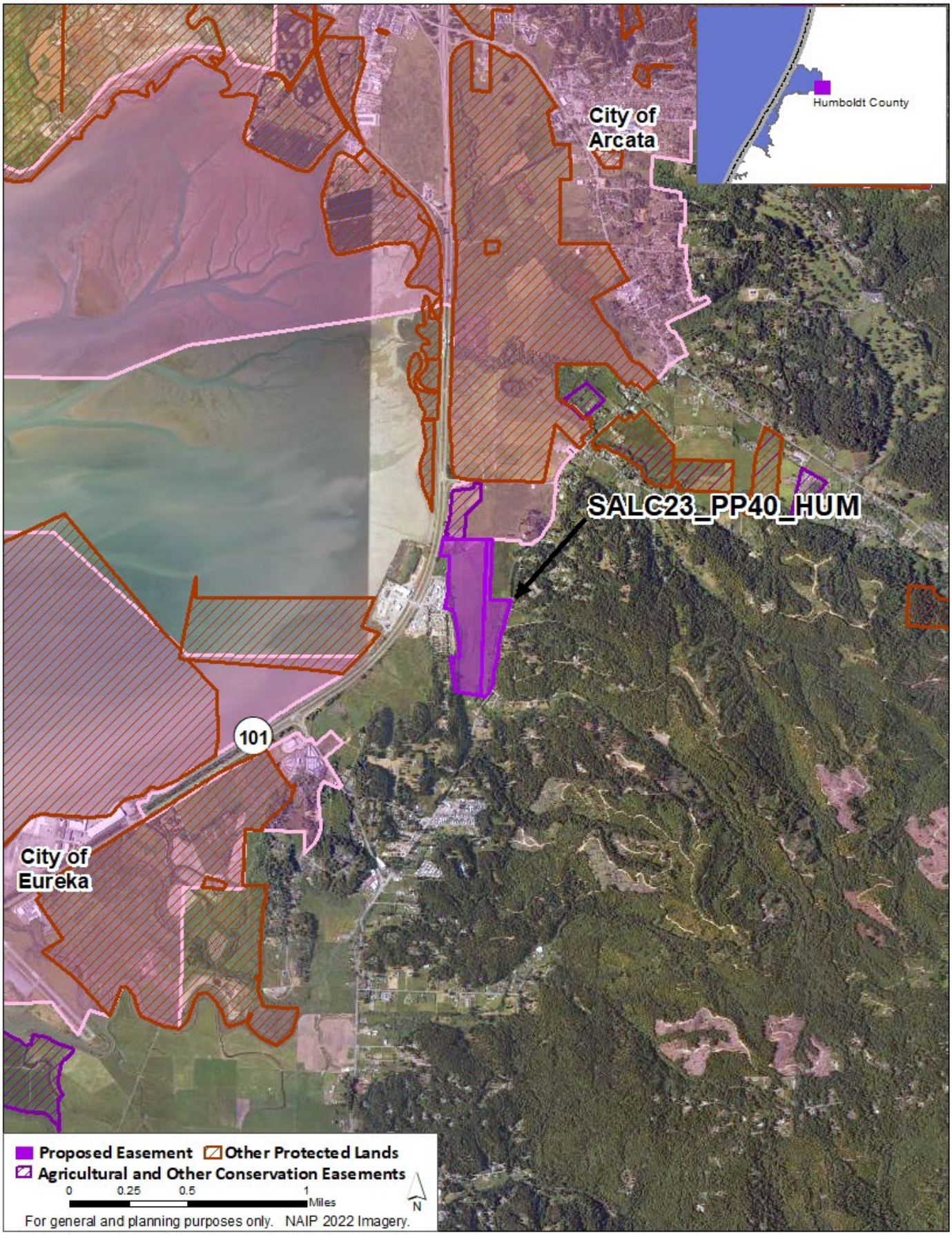
Tribal Management & Access: The project is led by a Tribe and will support secure land tenure for a California Native American Tribe.

Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The property contains extensive wetlands and a coastal stream, providing riparian habitat for various species.
Education: The project will support partnerships with education institutions to host student capstone projects and graduate-level work, guided by Traditional Ecological Knowledge, for management and restoration.

Notable Features
Applied for Priority Populations Benefits.

Site Map


Humboldt County
City of Arcata
SALC23_PP40_HUM
101
City of Eureka
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.25 0.5 1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP41_FRE

Applicant
Sequoia Riverlands Trust

Project Location
Reedley, Fresno County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
479 potential development rights extinguished
399,907,932 VMT
148,434 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±136.94

Funding Requested
$2,075,448

Match Funding
Secured – Landowner donation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This project is for the acquisition of a conservation easement on a ±137-acre property in Fresno County. The soils are classified as Prime Farmland and Farmland of Statewide Importance. The property is landowner operated and is utilized for the year-round cultivation of almonds, stone fruit, and blueberries. The agricultural operation is supported by ample and reliable water provided by surface water delivery and on-site wells.

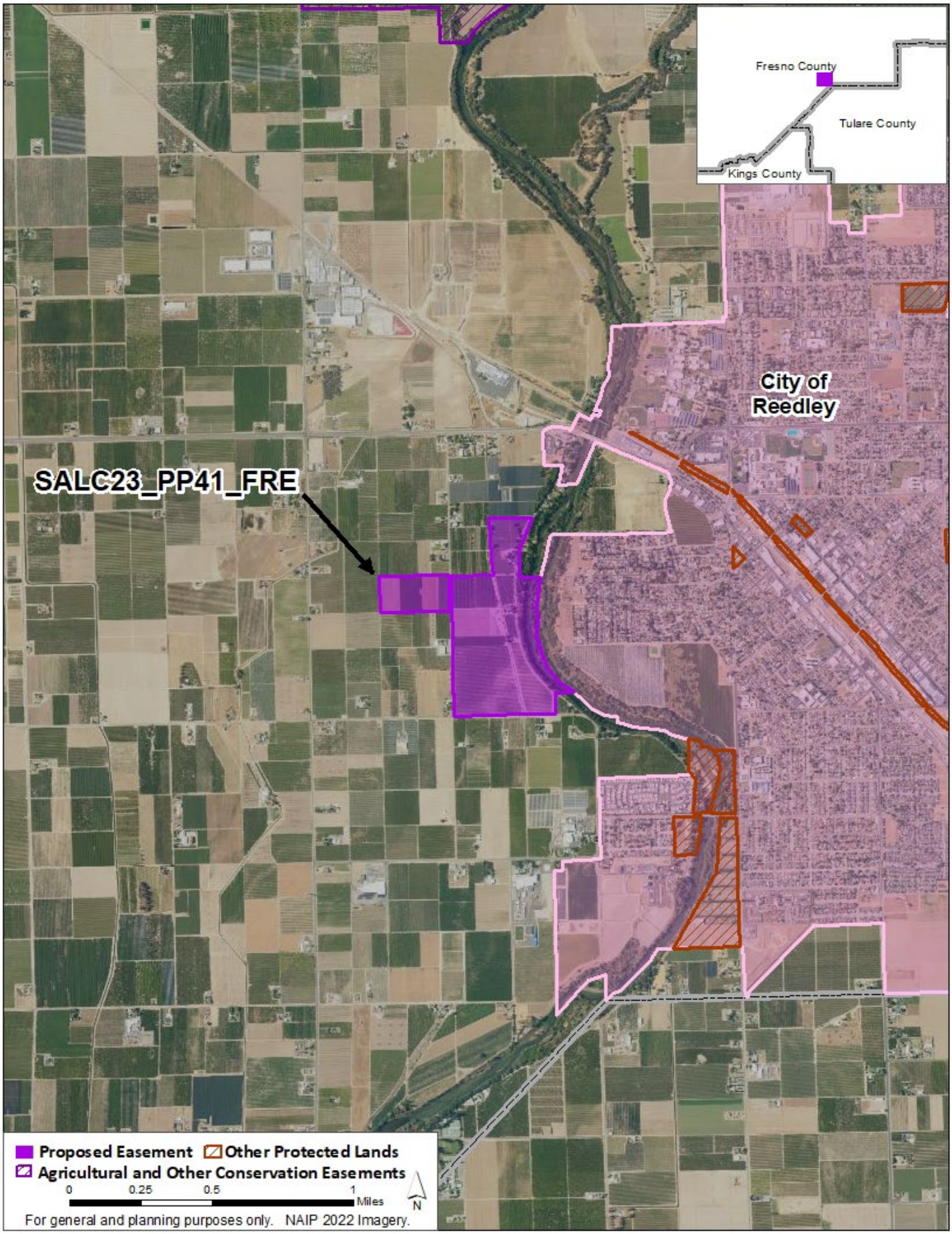
Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development
Infill/Compact Development: The property is located less than a mile from the City of Reedley's Sphere of Influence.

Climate Resilience
Safeguards the State's Economic Sustainability & Food Security: The agricultural operation provides local employment opportunities and produces nutritious food.

Co-Benefits
Biodiversity: The property contains frontage along the Kings River, providing habitat connectivity and a wildlife corridor. The property is also a certified Bee-Friendly Farming property.

Notable Features
The applicant applied for Priority Population Benefits.

Site Map


Fresno County
Tulare County
Kings County
City of Reedley
SALC23_PP41_FRE
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP48_SCL

Applicant
Amah Mutsun Land Trust

Project Location
Gilroy, Santa Clara

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
8 potential development rights extinguished
1,743,669 VMT
1,259 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±30.00

Funding Requested
$2,170,000

Match Funding
Qualifies for 100% SALC Funding

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
A Tribal non-profit is the applicant

Project Description
This fee title project is for a ±30-acre property in Santa Clara County. The property is within the City of Gilroy's Sphere of Influence and contains a significant portion of an ancestral village site, which is partially preserved at the adjacent Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park. The site contains bedrock mortars and other significant cultural values for the Amah Mutsun Tribe. The Tribe will reintroduce traditional practices such as cultural burning and the sweat lodge ceremony. The entire property will be used for culturally relevant agriculture, including the cultivation, propagation, and harvest of important native plants for the Tribe's food, medicine, fiber, and dyes.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development
Infill/Compact Development: The property is within the City of Gilroy's Sphere of Influence.

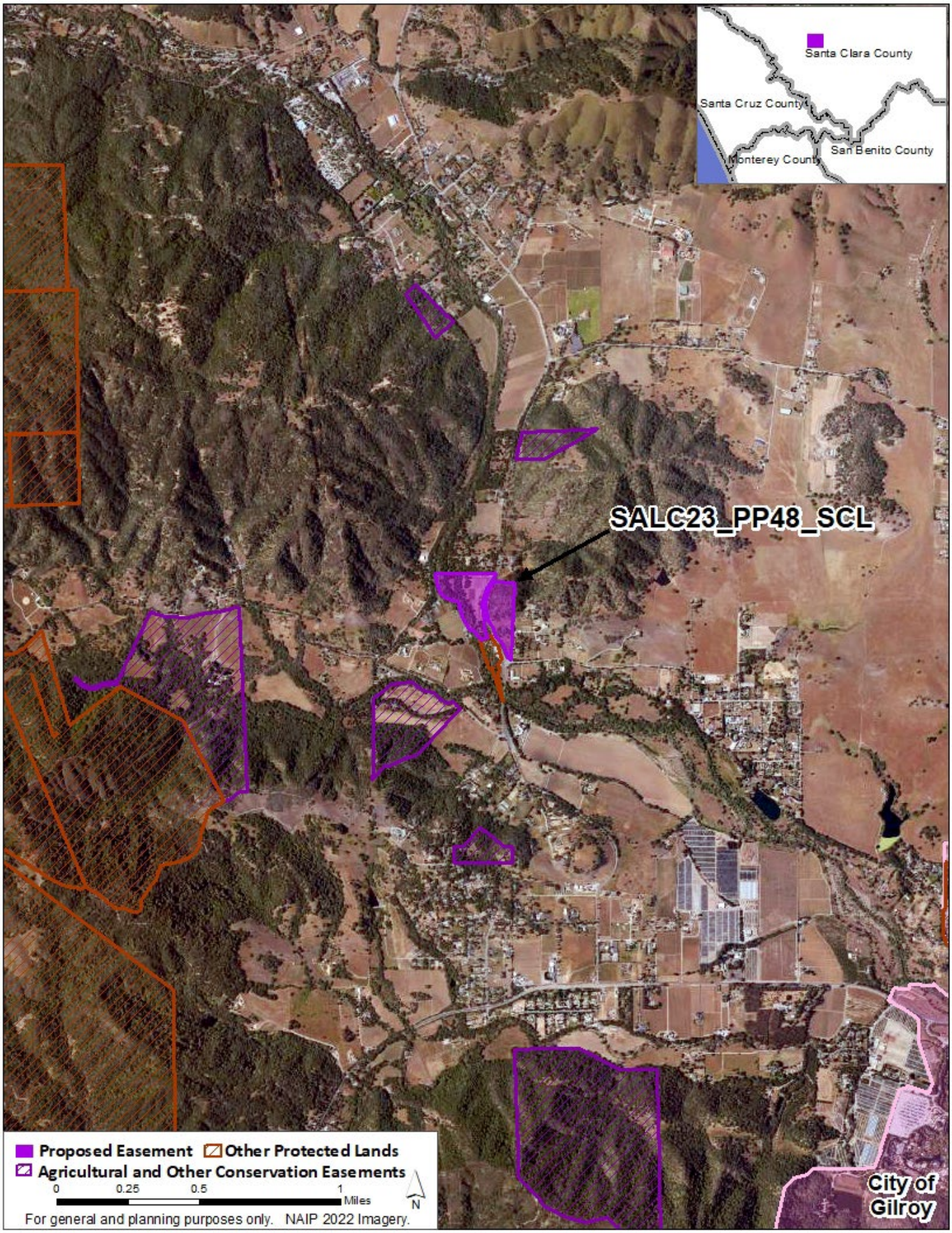
Climate Resilience
Climate Smart Management Practices: The applicant will conduct an Integrative Cultural Resource Survey to document important archaeological sites and culturally significant landscape features. The survey will also help identify priority areas for cultural resource protection, natural resource stewardship, and restoration.

Equity
Tribal Co-Management & Access: This project is led by a Tribal non-profit that secures land access for the Tribe. The Tribe will utilize the land for several of its programs, which provide benefits and resources to its members.

Co-Benefits
Biodiversity: The project area is home to at least 40 rare or special-status species, including the South-Central California Coast steelhead.
Proximity to Protected Land: The Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park is adjacent to the property.

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

Site Map


Santa Clara County
Santa Cruz County
Monterey County
San Benito County
SALC23_PP48_SCL
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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City of Gilroy

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP50_SBA

Applicant
The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County

Project Location
Orcutt, Santa Barbara County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural at Risk zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
13 potential development rights extinguished
9,611,888 VMT
4,031 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±2,020.66

Funding Requested
$4,785,000

Match Funding
Funding Approved – Landowner Donation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
The project is for two easements spanning ±2,021 acres located 2 miles outside the town of Orcutt in Santa Barbara County. The ranch is leased for cattle grazing. The long-term lease holders maintain 90-100 head of cattle on the site year-round. Cattle are sold at auction in Santa Maria. Over 100 acres for future crop envelopes will be designated to accommodate agricultural intensification. These envelopes will be leased to local farmers. The property contains an adequate water supply to support the existing and future agricultural uses. An irrigation well located on the northern property provides water for both properties via formal water sharing agreement. Both properties also contain multiple water troughs and stock ponds.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: The property is located 2 miles from Orcutt and is adjacent to the proposed Solomon Hills development plan, which may include approximately 4,000 residential units.

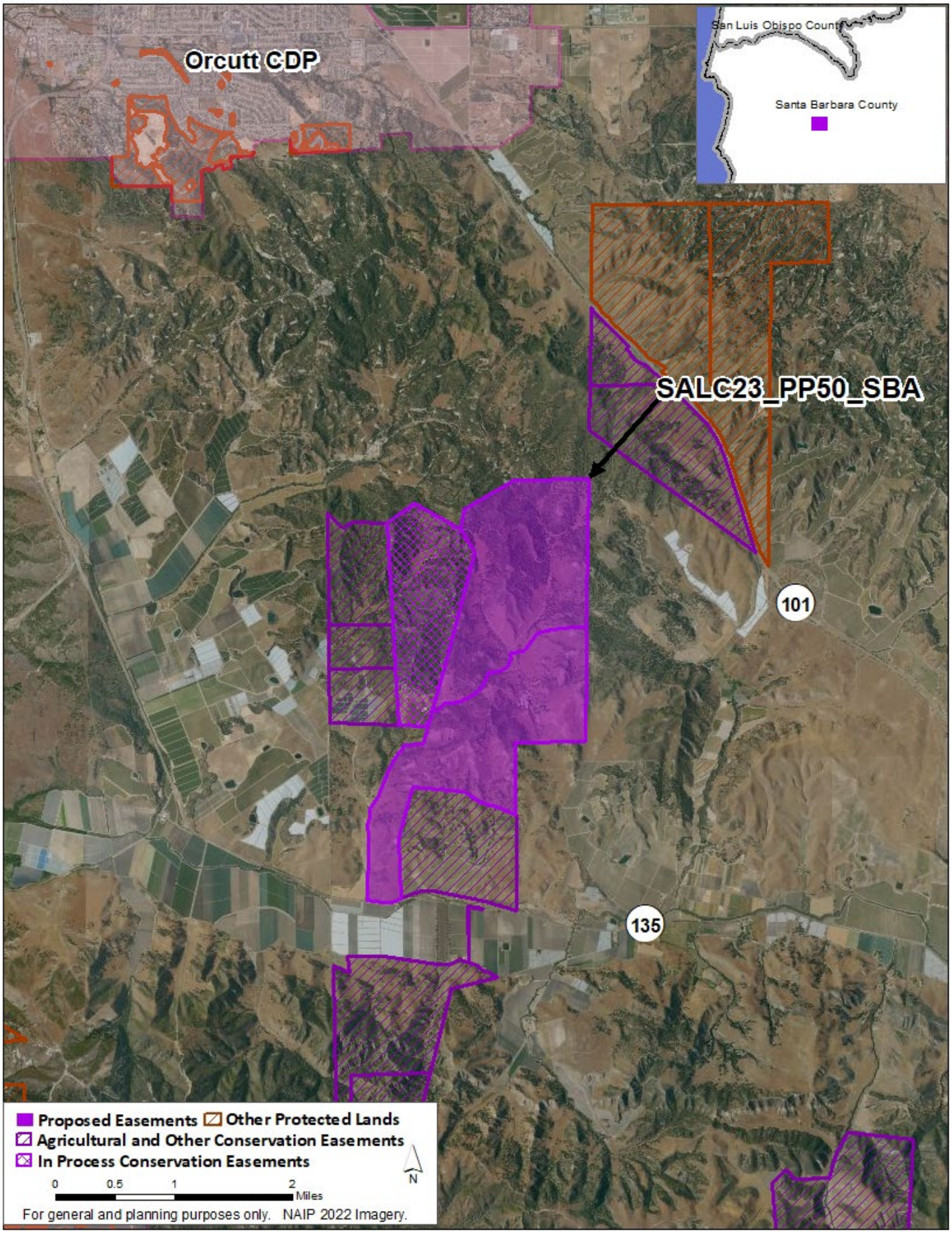
Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The property contains approximately 2,000 acres of coastal shrub, annual grasslands, and coastal oak woodlands that serve as important wildlife habitat for species such as the California tiger salamander.

Proximity to Protected Land: Protection of the property would add to over 6,000 acres of protected land in this region.

Notable Features
N/A

Site Map


Orcutt CDP
San Luis Obispo County
Santa Barbara County
SALC23_PP50_SBA
101
135
Proposed Easements
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
In Process Conservation Easements
0
0.5
1
2
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP51_SCL

Applicant
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

Project Location
Gilroy, Santa Clara County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
1,682 potential development rights extinguished
366,606,317 VMT
171,692 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±412.00

Funding Requested
$14,800,000

Match Funding
Funding Approved – Santa Clara County

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This project is for a ±412-acre easement acquisition located adjacent and partly within the City of Gilroy. The property contains ~400 acres of Prime Farmland and Farmland of Statewide Importance. The property is leased out to a long-time lessee who rotates crops on site as well as operates the land adjacent to the property. It is currently planted to corn, squash, garlic, peas, and more. Water is provided through 5 active wells. Products are sold to local and regional markets.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: The property is adjacent and partly within the city boundary of Gilroy. The property could be subdivided into approximately 20 legal lots. Protection of the property would protect vital prime farmland in Gilroy from being developed into residential housing.

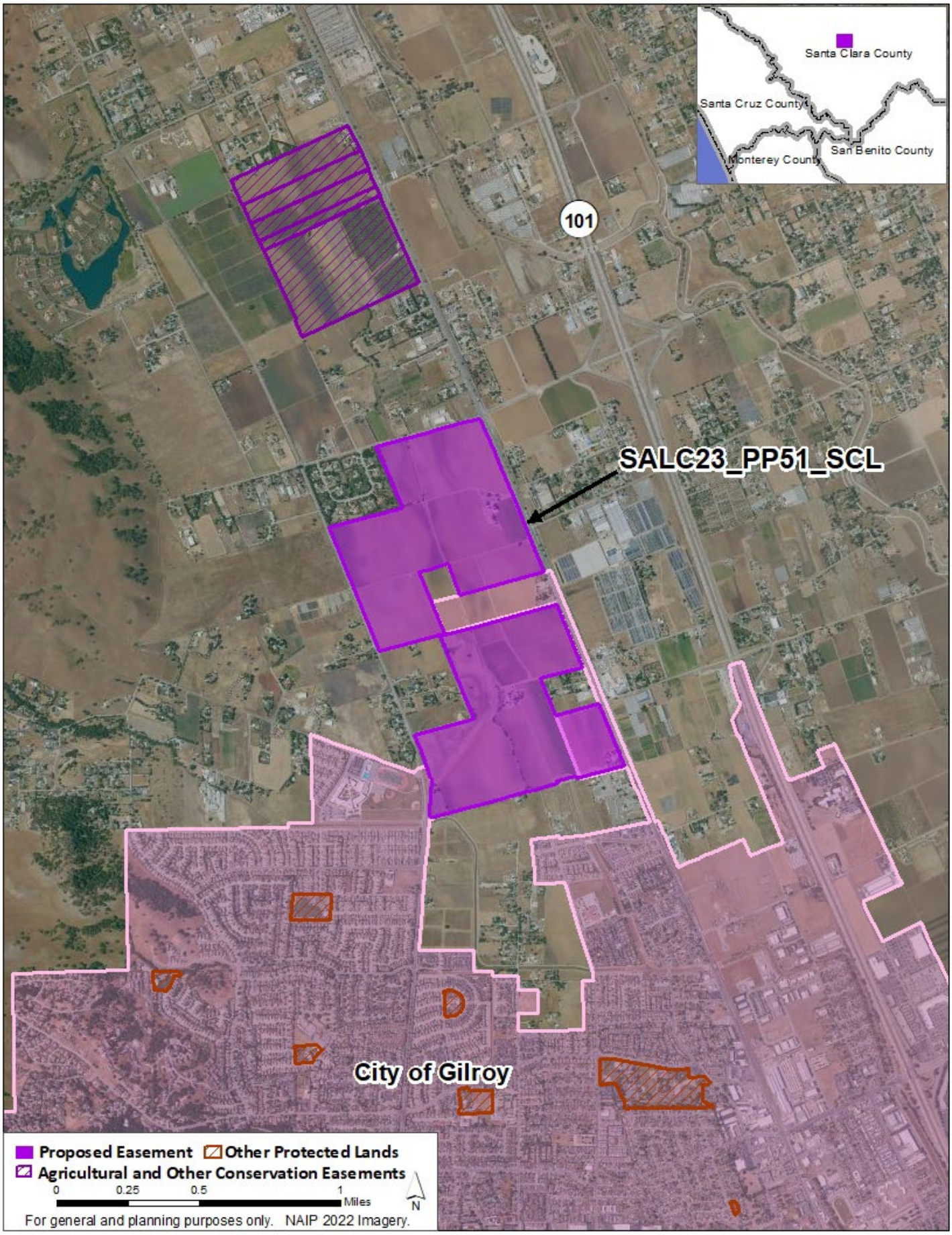
Greenbelt/Community Separator: The property would help build on the beginnings of a greenbelt between Gilroy and San Martin.

Co-Benefits

Economic: Protecting this land will help secure access to locally produced crops and help maintain agricultural viability.

Notable Features
Solar option agreement active on one parcel. If the option agreement is exercised, SALC will only cover 90% of the easement value for the remaining acres.

Site Map


Santa Clara County
Santa Cruz County
Monterey County
San Benito County
101
SALC23_PP51_SCL
City of Gilroy
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC22_PP52_MNT

Applicant
Esselen Tribe of Monterey

Project Location
Carmel Valley, Monterey 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
57 potential development rights extinguished
5,825,873 VMT
6,057 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 9,819.00

Funding Requested
$6,000,000

Match Funding
Committed - CNRA
Identified – WCB, SCC, and private donors

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
Provides secure land tenure to a CA tribe

Project Description
Request for a fee acquisition by a California Native American Tribe for the purchase of a ±9,819-acre property in Monterey County. The property is a working cattle ranch with a year-round cow/calf operation of 350 to 450 pairs. The herd is raised as "all-natural, all-grass-fed beef", with calving in the fall. Stock is sold locally and via video market. The property also hosts approximately 6.9 acres of productive vineyard. The vineyard may be removed and replaced with culturally relevant agriculture or restoration. The Esselen Tribe of Monterey County intends to maintain current ranching activities and is in the process of developing a management plan for the property to ensure sustainable ranching practices alongside the cultural uses. In addition, potential plans for the property include agroforestry practices (including food forests), replanting traditional materials, tending culturally relevant species, and growing basketry materials.

Strategic Value
Equity

Tribal Co-Management & Access: In addition to tribal stewardship, the proposed project would include tribal burning and forest management to be led by tribal members as part of a work program.

Secure Land Tenure: The conservation of this property would secure land tenure to a California Native American tribe.

Co-Benefits

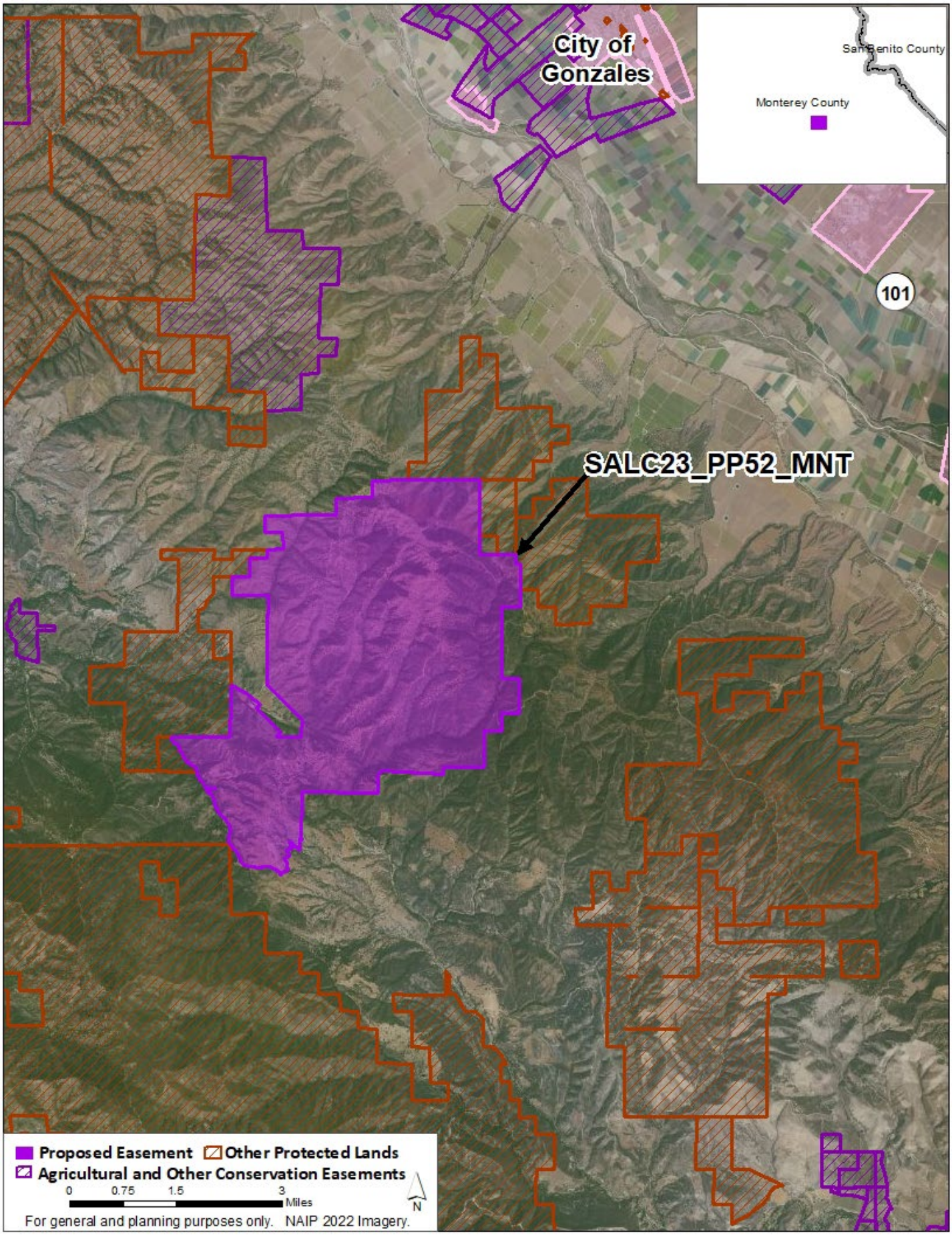
Biodiversity: The property hosts a variety of culturally significant features, flora and fauna to the tribe.

Source Water Protection: The property hosts the headwaters of two area watersheds and would ensure protection of both watersheds.

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

The property is comprised of 23 legal parcels with ability to develop up to 78 homesites. As proposed, acquisition of the property would extinguish 74 of these development rights.

Site Map


City of Gonzales
San Benito County
Monterey County
101
SALC23_PP52_MNT
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.75 1.5 3
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP57_SLO

Applicant
The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County

Project Location
San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County

Recommended Ranking
B – Project requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
2 potential development rights extinguished
672,376 VMT
312 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±16.00

Funding Requested
$1,950,000

Match Funding
Match Funders Identified -- Private donors and Landowner donation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

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

Project Description
This project is for the purchase of a conservation easement on a ±16-acre property in San Luis Obispo County. The property is comprised of three 5-acre parcels and is less than 3 miles from the City of San Luis Obispo's city limit. The fertile soil and abundant water resources support the landowner's current cow/calf operation and have the potential to be used for row crops, wine grapes, orchards, or other specialty crop production. The property is part of a larger grazing operation in the region and hosts 10 cow-calf pairs year-round.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: Conservation of the property will support infill and compact development within the City of San Luis Obispo and discourage residential sprawl into the agricultural community of Edna Valley.
Greenbelt/Community Separator: Conservation of the property will expand upon the City of San Luis Obispo's Greenbelt Protection Program.

Co-Benefits

Economic: Conservation of the property provides opportunity for affordable small agricultural acreage in an area with high land values due high value soils and proximity to agricultural markets.

Notable Features
Project will limit the size of the existing residence to not exceed 2,000 square feet.

Site Map


City of
San Luis Obispo
San Luis Obispo County
227
SALC23_PP57_SLO
Proposed Easements
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP59_SLO

Applicant
The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County

Project Location
San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
161 potential development rights extinguished
108,252,506 VMT
43,210 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 199.00

Funding Requested
$2,185,000

Match Funding
Match Funder Identified -- Private foundation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This project is for the purchase of a conservation easement on a ±199-acre property in San Luis Obispo County. The property is located less than 3 miles from the city limits of San Luis Obispo and contains soils classified as Prime Farmland and Farmland of Statewide Importance. The property is currently planted with avocados and provides forage for seasonal cattle grazing. Avocados from the property are marketed globally through major processors like Del Rey and Index Fresh. The avocados are prized locally and can be found at local farmers markets and grocery stores.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: The property's proximity to the City of San Luis Obispo and location within an existing agricultural corridor would make conservation valuable for supporting infill and avoiding sprawl into an agricultural area.

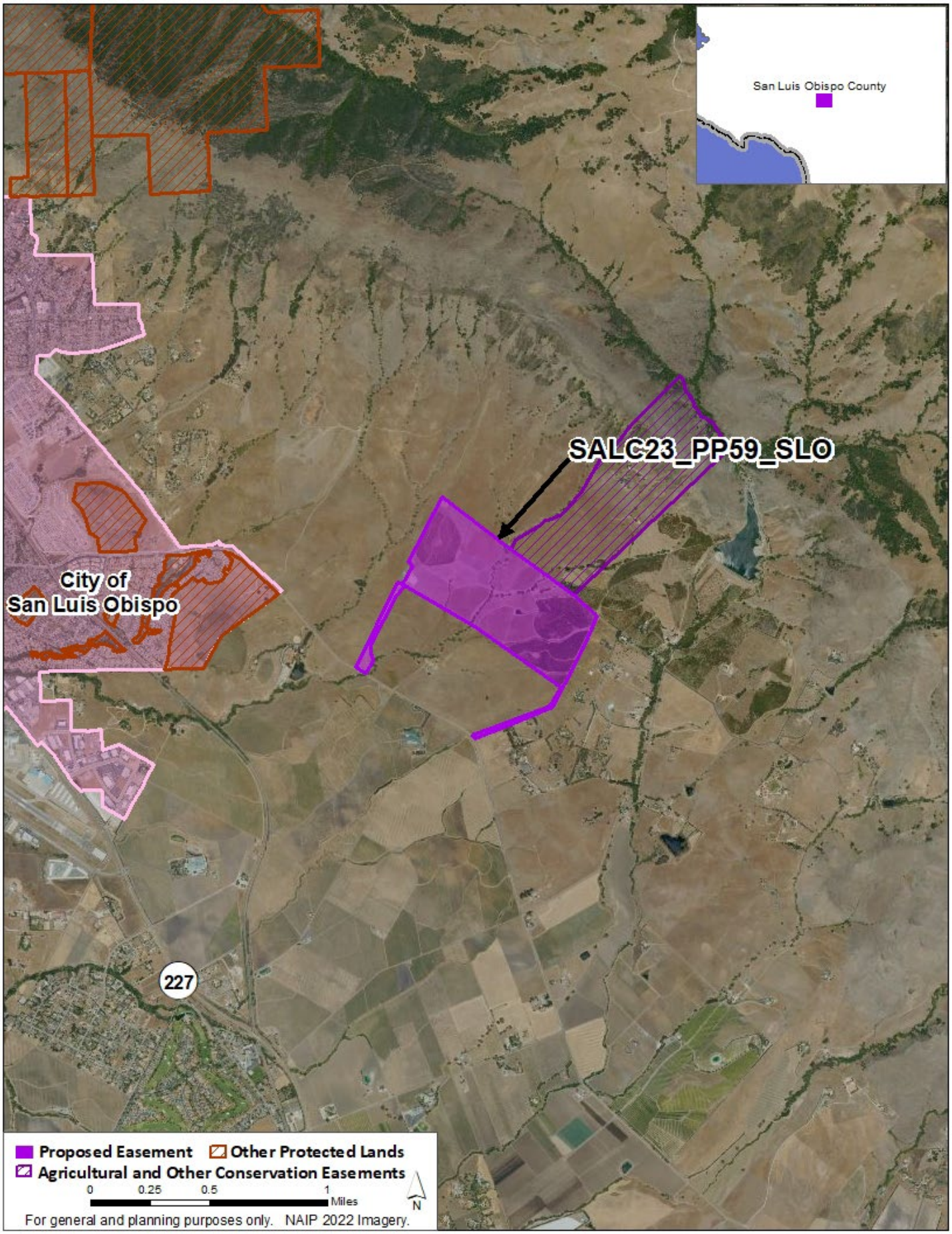
Co-Benefits

Economic: This project will help safeguard food security in San Luis Obispo County by ensuring that residents can continue to access fresh local produce. The project will support the economic sustainability of San Luis Obispo County agriculture by helping to maintain the economic viability of a productive agricultural property that would otherwise be a target for residential development.

Source Water Protection: There are two seasonal streams that converge in the middle of the property that ultimately feed into San Luis Obispo Creek. The creek provides critical habitat for threatened South Central California Coast steelhead.

Notable Features
N/A

Site Map


San Luis Obispo County
SALC23_PP59_SLO
City of
San Luis Obispo
227
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP61_NEV

Applicant
Bear Yuba Land Trust

Project Location
Lake Wildwood, Nevada 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
26 potential development rights extinguished
19,211,871 VMT
8,850 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±1,191.43

Funding Requested
$1,672,000

Match Funding
Secured – Landowner donation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This is an easement acquisition project for a ±1,191-acre property in Nevada County. The property is lessee-operated and provides year-round pasture for 3,000 goats and sheep. Products are sold directly to consumers, including through markets in the Bay Area. Livestock is sold at the market in Galt. Onsite wells provide ample water for the grazing operation.

Strategic Value
Climate Resilience

Climate Smart Management Practices: The Property is grazed at a low intensity using rotational and mob grazing techniques to enhance habitat, reduce vegetation, and improve fire safety by reducing fuel loads on the property.

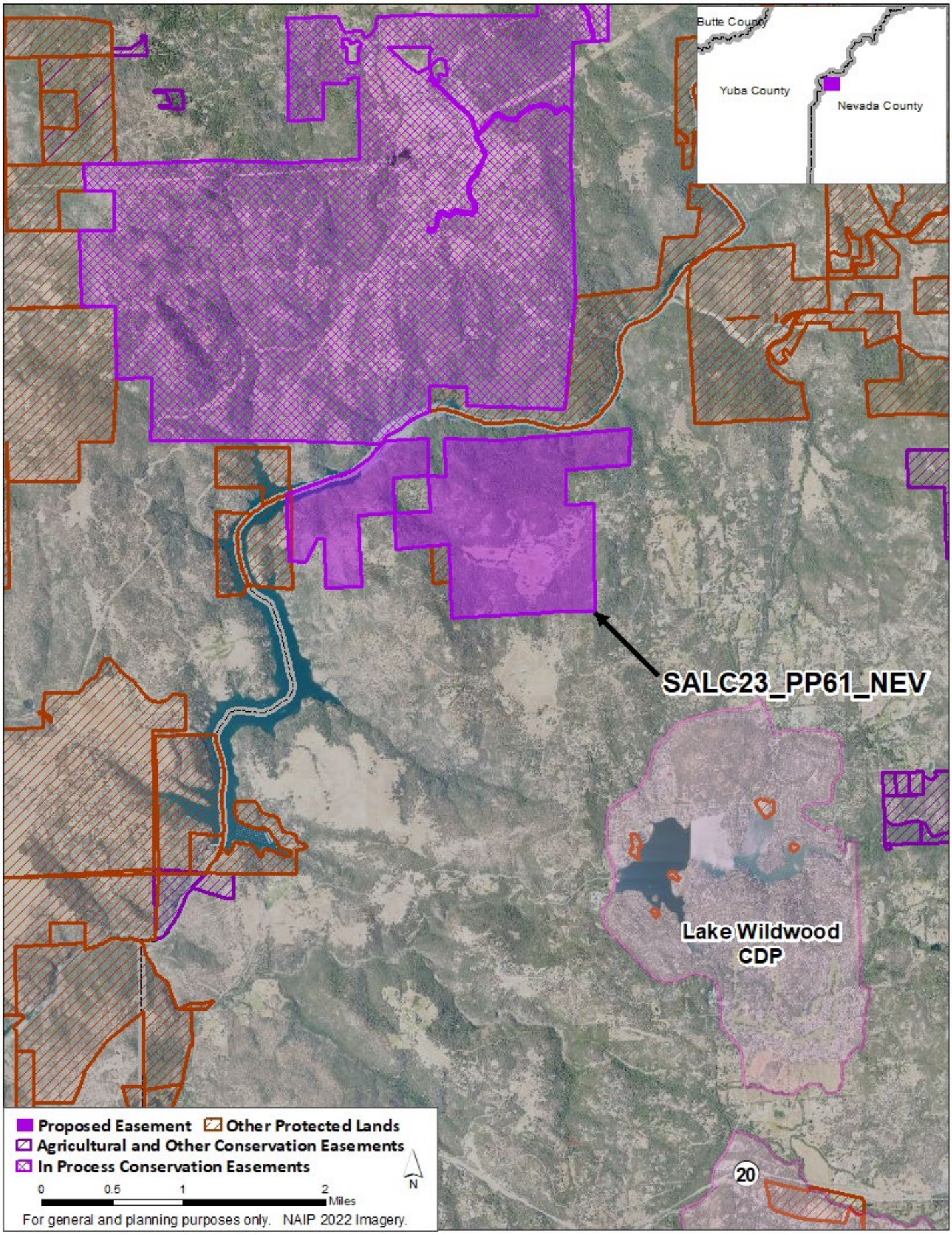
Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The property's oak woodlands and grasslands provide habitat for wildlife. The property also contains extensive frontage along the Yuba River and is located within a CDFW priority wildlife movement corridor.

Proximity to Protected Land: The property is in proximity to public and protected lands owned by state and federal agencies.

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

Site Map


Butte County
Yuba County
Nevada County
SALC23_PP61_NEV
Lake Wildwood CDP
20
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
In Process Conservation Easements
N
0
0.5
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2
Miles
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP66_MPA

Applicant
Sierra Foothill Conservancy

Project Location
Catheys Valley, Mariposa 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
15 potential development rights extinguished
11,026,656 VMT
5,238 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 2,616.48

Funding Requested
$2,660,315

Match Funding
Application Submitted – Wildlife Conservation Board

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This easement acquisition project is for a ± 2,616.48-acre property located in Mariposa County. The property is utilized by two different cattle grazing operations. In total, the property supports approximately 175 cow/calf pairs year-round and an additional 200-300 yearlings seasonally. The cattle are sold at the Turlock Livestock Auction Yard, and through online auctions and direct sales. The operation has ample and reliable water provided from on-site wells, water storage tanks, troughs, stock ponds, and seasonal creeks.

Strategic Value
Climate Resilience

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

Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The property contains annual grasslands, wetlands, blue oak savannah, oak woodlands and foothill pine, and riparian areas that provide habitat for various species. The property is classified by CDFW as Irreplaceable and Essential Corridors and Conservation Planning Linkages.

Proximity to Protected Land: The Property lies within a 20-mile corridor that starts in the lower grasslands and vernal pools of the San Joaquin Valley spanning the Sierra National Forest and Yosemite National Park. The property is adjacent to other protected lands held under easement by Sierra Foothill Conservancy and other conservation organizations, contributing to protection of grazing lands in perpetuity along with a significant wildlife linkage.

Viewshed: The project will preserve a viewshed along Highway 140.

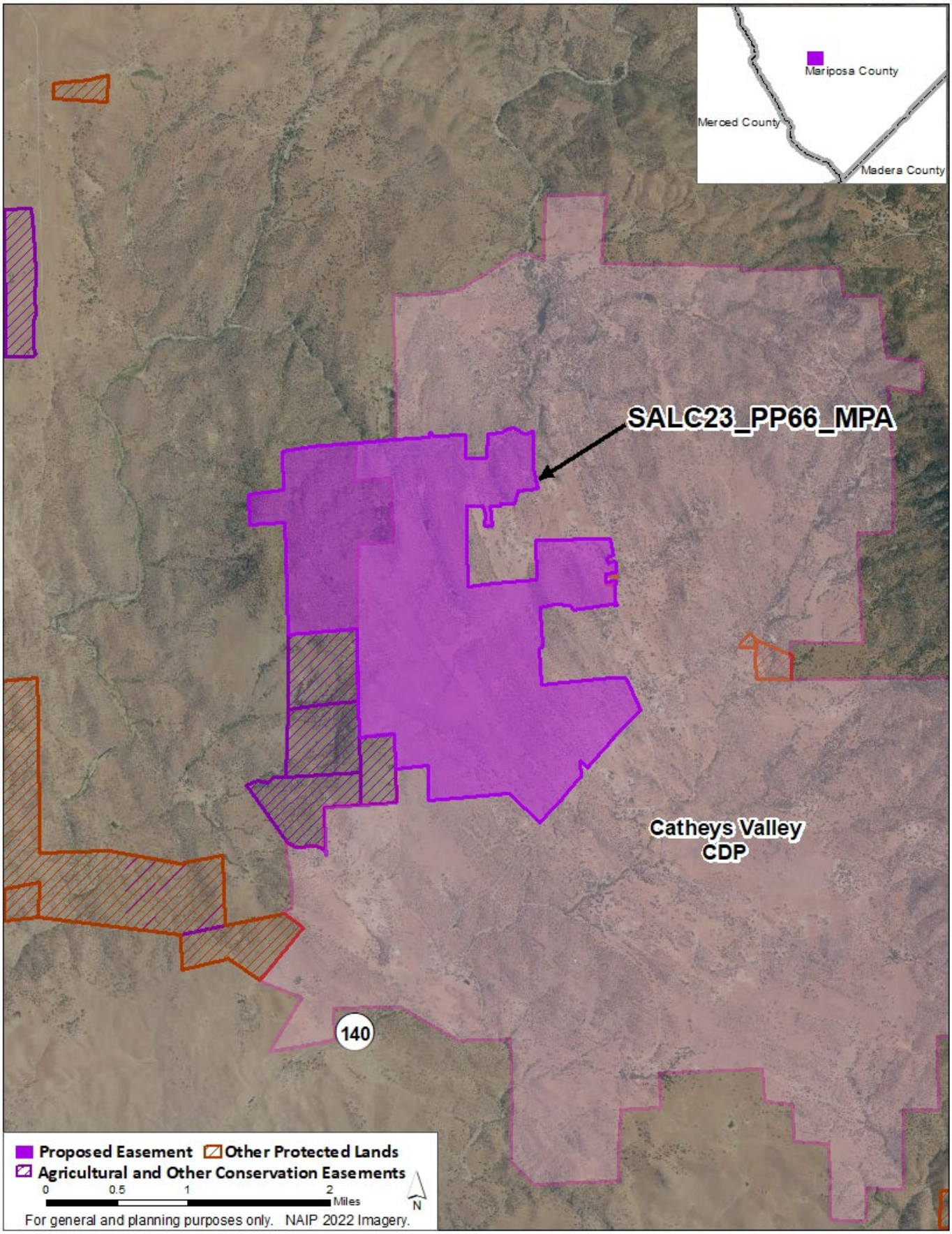
Source Water Protection: The Property includes valuable water resources, with over 12.5 miles of ephemeral streams including 1.5 miles of Bear Creek, four ponds, and multiple developed and undeveloped springs within the Corbet Creek – Bear Creek (HUC12) watershed, which supplies the Bear Reservoir, a main water supply source for Merced County within the critically over-drafted Merced Groundwater Basin.

Notable Features
Applicant applied for Priority Populations Benefits.

The conservation easement will restrict agricultural intensification.

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

Site Map


Mariposa County
Merced County
Madera County
SALC23_PP66_MPA
Catheys Valley CDP
140
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.5
1
2
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP67_SBT

Applicant
San Benito Agricultural Land Trust

Project Location
San Juan Bautista, San Benito County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
1266 potential development rights extinguished
399,329,670 VMT
173,426 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 394.80

Funding Requested
$3,257,880

Match Funding
Secured – Landowner donation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This project is for the purchase of a conservation easement on a ±395-acre property located approximately 0.46 miles from the City of San Juan Bautista. The property produces certified organic crops, such as spinach, lettuce, cilantro, broccoli, cauliflower, celery, mustards, green beans, and cabbages. Nearly the entire property is in active production, with 3 building envelopes reserved for agricultural infrastructure and housing.

Strategic Value
Sustainable Agriculture Use

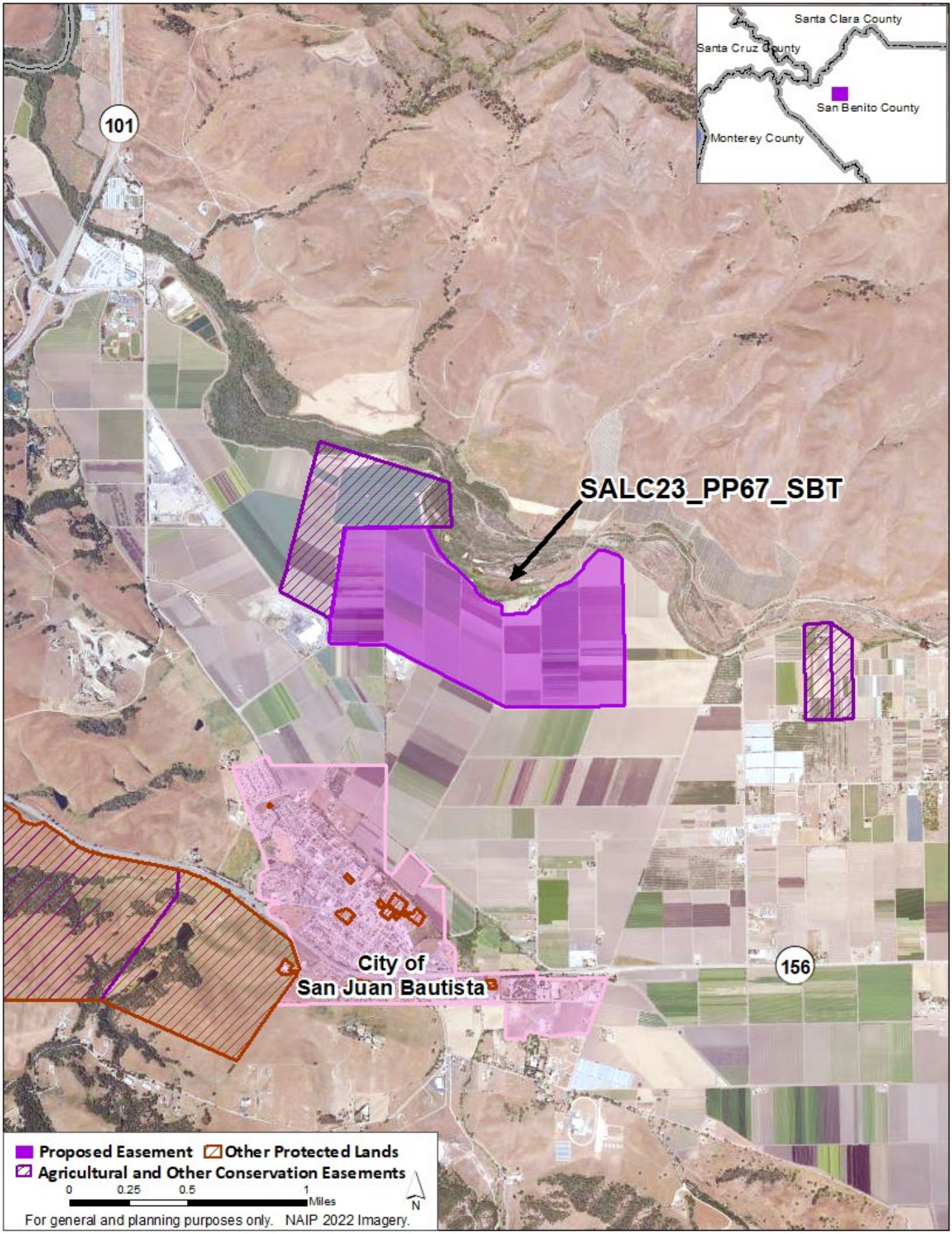
Soil quality: Conservation of the property will protect over 378 acres of prime soils that are in organic production.

Co-Benefits

Source Water Protection: The project will provide a protected buffer to the San Benito River, which is located to the north of the property.

Notable Features
N/A

Site Map


Santa Clara County
Santa Cruz County
San Benito County
Monterey County
101
SALC23_PP67_SBT
City of
San Juan Bautista
156
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.25 0.5 1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP69_STA

Applicant
American Farmland Trust

Project Location
Modesto, Stanislaus County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
194 potential development rights extinguished
161,966,887 VMT
61,791 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±154.73

Funding Requested
$2,092,750

Match Funding
Match Funder Identified -- NRCS

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This easement acquisition project is for a ±155-acre irrigated orchard property located near the City of Modesto in Stanislaus County. The property is distinguished by high-quality soils utilized for growing almonds since 2008. The orchard is flood irrigated with water provided by the Turlock Irrigation District. The property also has an irrigation well. The landowner implements regenerative practices to improve soil structure and retain soil moisture.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: The property is located 3 miles from the City of Modesto's Sphere of Influence and the City of Ceres. Both cities are expanding to meet housing goals.

Sustainable Agriculture Use

Soil quality: The property has Prime Farmland and Farmland of Statewide Importance that are managed through a range of sustainable practices.

Water Management Practices: The orchard is flood irrigated every two weeks to manage water efficiently and sustain the production of almonds.

Co-Benefits

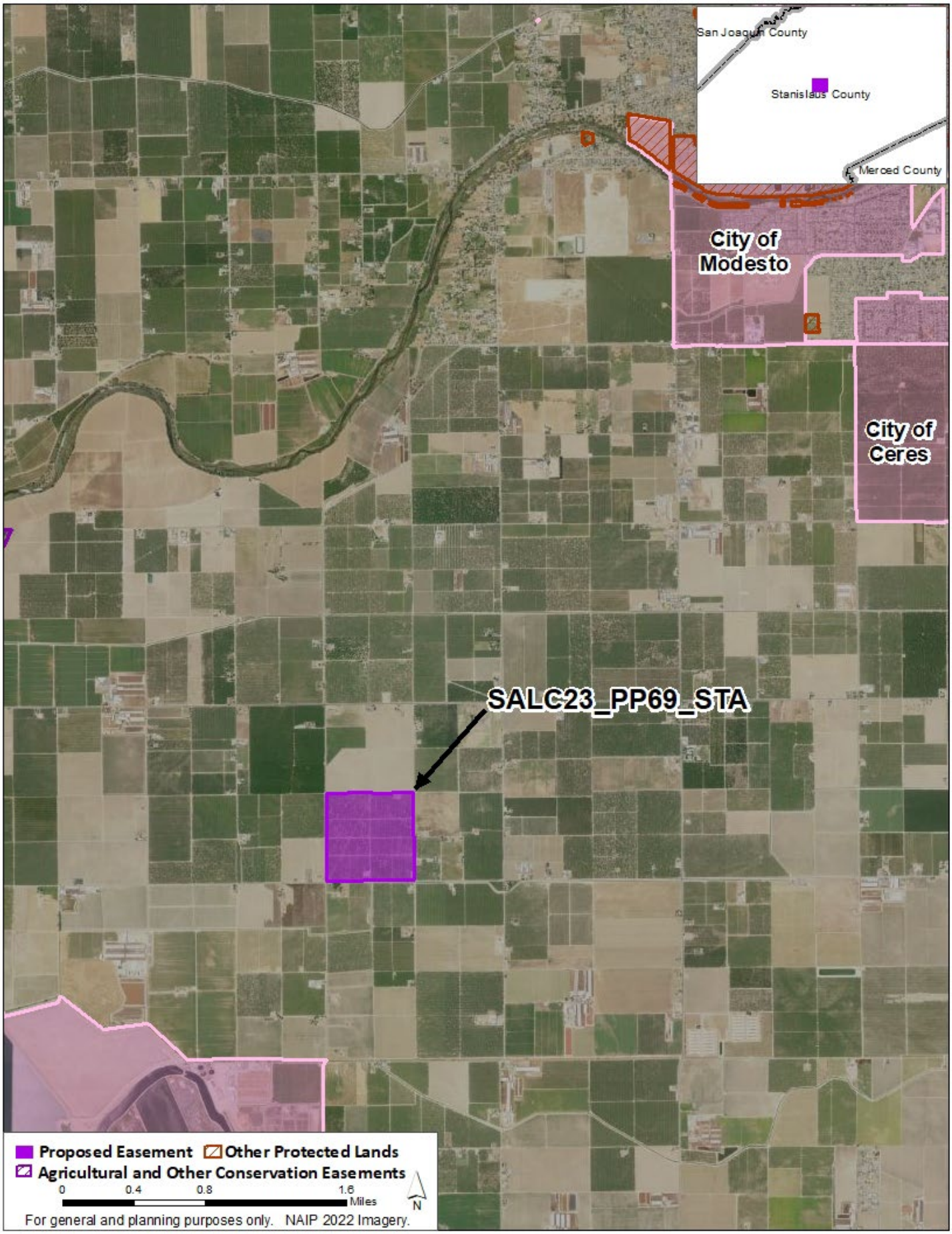
Economic: The agricultural operation utilizes local agricultural infrastructure and supports local agricultural businesses. The operation employs approximately 20 full-time employees and 100 seasonal laborers from local communities.

Biodiversity: The landowner focuses on improving soil health by planting cover crops between the rows and applying compost annually which improves both the soil structure and insect diversity.

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

Applicant applied for Priority Populations Benefits.

Site Map


San Joaquin County
Stanislaus County
Merced County
City of Modesto
City of Ceres
SALC23_PP69_STA
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.4 0.8 1.6
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP70_LAK

Applicant
Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California

Project Location
Middletown, Lake County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
98 potential development rights extinguished
78,383,879 VMT
36,116 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±560.00

Funding Requested
$6,059,000

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 ±560-acre property in Lake County. The tribe will reintroduce traditional practices, such as cultural burns and community gardens featuring native plants. The tribe will also continue grazing the property. Not only will this project provide a reliable, culturally significant food source, but it will also strengthen the community's connection to its traditional practices and the land.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: This project would prevent rural residential development and would support infill in the nearby community of Middletown.

Climate Resilience

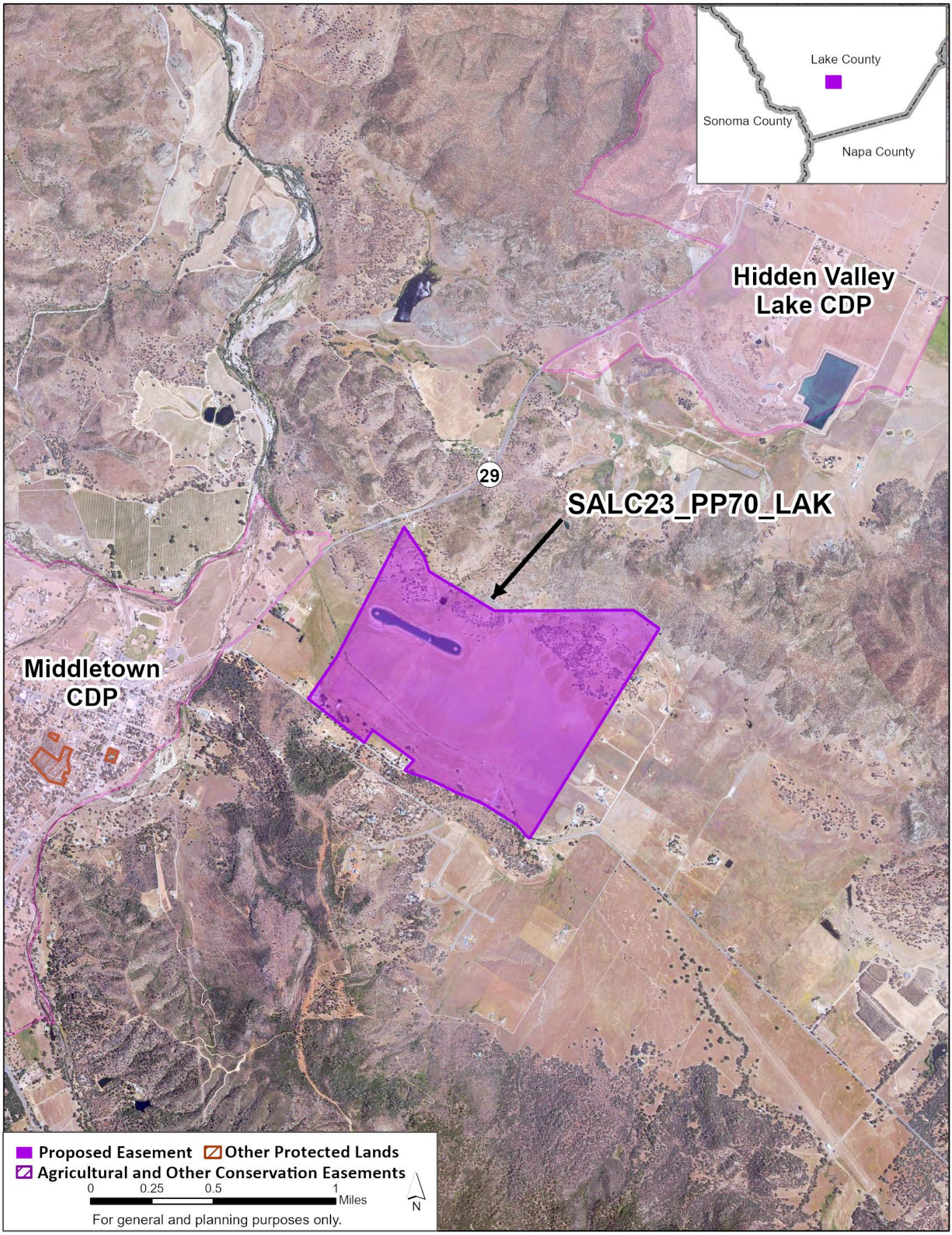
Climate Smart Management Practices: The project will involve the development of a comprehensive agricultural and rangeland management plan in collaboration with tribal elders, agricultural experts, and relevant agencies. This plan will also incorporate TEK practices.

Equity

Tribal Co-Management & Access: This project is led by a tribal non-profit that secures land access for the tribe.

Notable Features
The project includes the development and implementation of a SALC-funded management.

Site Map


Lake County
Sonoma County
Napa County
Hidden Valley Lake CDP
29
SALC23_PP70_LAK
Middletown CDP
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP71_MER

Applicant
Fiorini Landing

Project Location
Delhi, Merced County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
27 potential development rights extinguished
22,541,783 VMT
9,329 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 78.91

Funding Requested
$912,228

Match Funding
Funding Approved – Landowner Donation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This conservation easement acquisition description is for 78.91 acres of multi-generational, owner-operated irrigated farmland in the San Joaquin Basin of the mid Central Valley. The Farm is entirely planted with almonds planted between 2014 and 2016

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: located between the growing unincorporated community of Delhi in Merced County and the City of Turlock in Stanislaus County.

Greenbelt/Community Separator: Protection of this farm continues to build upon an existing greenbelt of working lands, including an adjacent 59-acre property conserved by the same landowner in 2023. Safeguarding these productive lands from rapid development.

Sustainable Agriculture Use

Soil quality: 54 acres Prime Farmland, and 24 acres Farmland of Statewide Importance. On farm practices include no-till farming, cover cropping, incorporating orchard pruning and shredding to promote soil organic matter, and natural compost applications.

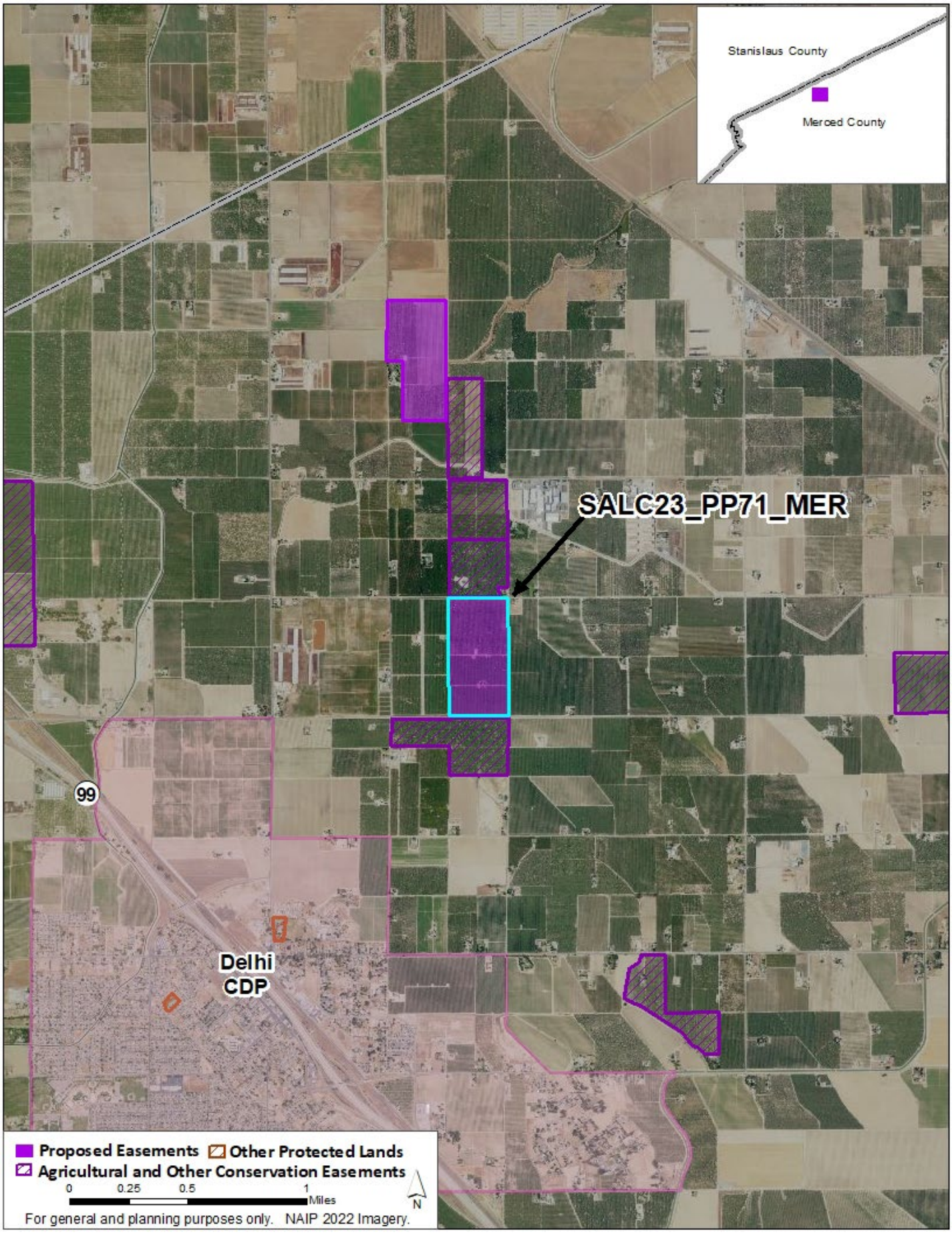
Water Management Practices: Landowner utilizes soil moisture technology for timely and water-efficient irrigation. The landowner has been involved with FloodMAR, a management strategy that utilizes high flood flows to spread water onto agricultural lands in winter; recharging aquifers and groundwater-dependent ecosystems when the orchard is dormant.

Co-Benefits

Economic: The operation utilizes a local processing facility (Select Harvest in Turlock) and other local businesses for supplies and equipment; and employs local farmworkers sold locally for hulling and processing.

Notable Features
N/A

Site Map


Stanislaus County
Merced County
SALC23_PP71_MER
99
Delhi
CDP
Proposed Easements
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP74_SOL

Applicant
Solano Land Trust

Project Location
Winters, Solano County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
11 potential development rights extinguished
972,538 VMT
1,169 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±74.00

Funding Requested
$645,000

Match Funding
Match Secured – Applicant

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
The project is for the purchase of a conservation easement on a ±74-acre property located near the City of Winters in Solano County. The property is planted to 20-acres of Chandler and 50-acres of Hartley walnut trees. There is an active irrigation well that provides ground water to the property and a second inactive irrigation well that could be repaired if needed. The property is accessible from county roads and has useable farm roads for operations.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: The City of Winters is located 1.36 miles from the property. Interstate 505 is within 5 minutes. Conservation of the property would support infill in the nearby job centers.

Climate Resilience

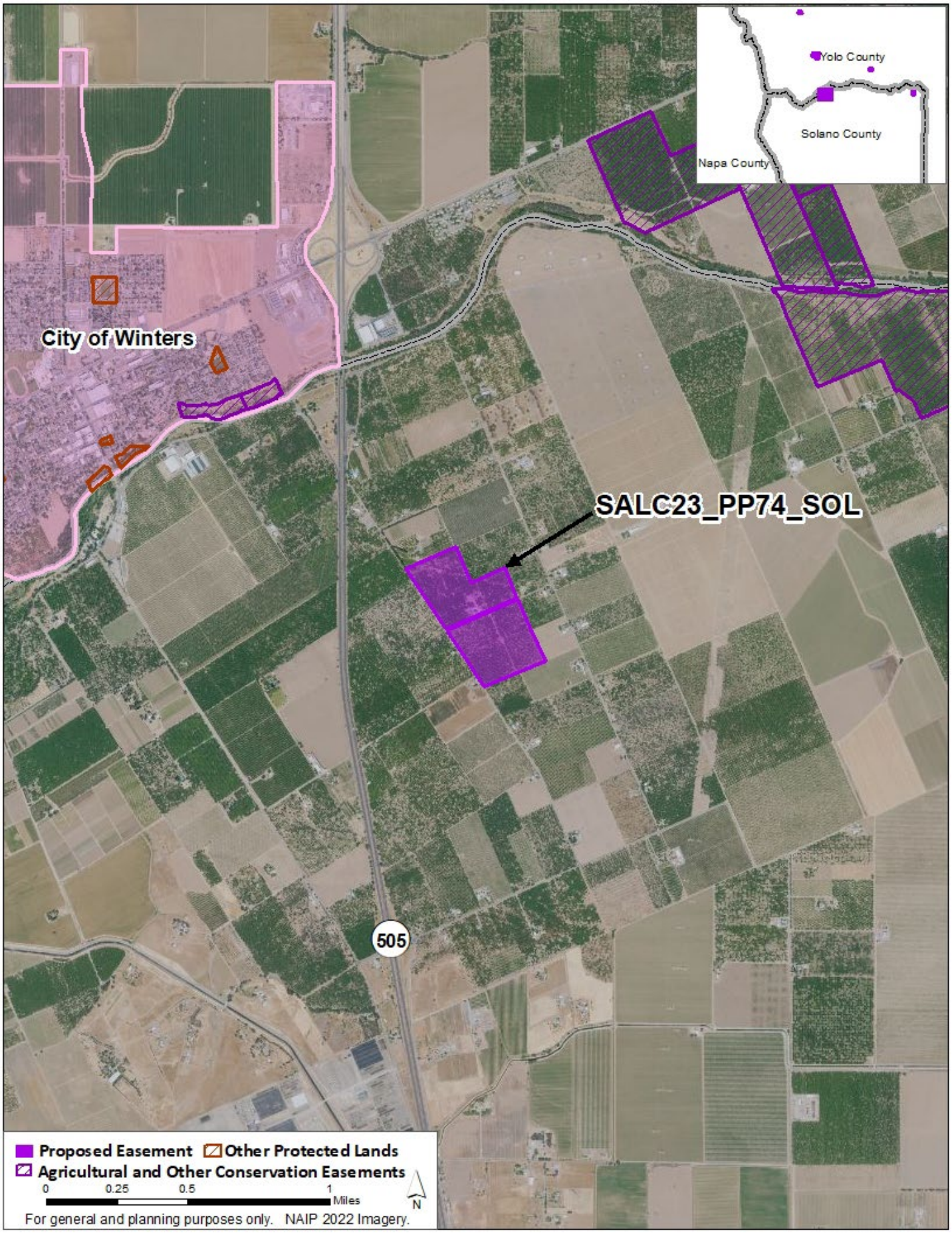
Climate Smart Management Practices: Cover cropping maximizes water retention and deters pests and weeds.

Sustainable Agriculture Use

Water Management Practices: The property utilizes drip irrigation to reduce water use.

Notable Features
[N/A]

Site Map


Yolo County
Solano County
Napa County
City of Winters
SALC23_PP74_SOL
505
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP79_YUB

Applicant
Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust

Project Location
Wheatland, Yuba County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
159 potential development rights extinguished
158,533,453 VMT
64,826 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±1,677.49

Funding Requested
$5,147,470

Match Funding
Match Funder Identified - REPI

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This project is for the acquisition of two conservation easements on ±1,677 acres in Yuba County. The soils are classified as Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, and Unique Farmland. The property is lessee operated and is utilized for the year-round cultivation of various crops, including rice, walnuts, and almonds. Multiple on-site wells, a reservoir, and access to surface water provide adequate irrigation water for agricultural purposes.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: The property directly borders the City of Wheatland's Sphere of Influence and the Beale Air Force Base.

Climate Resilience

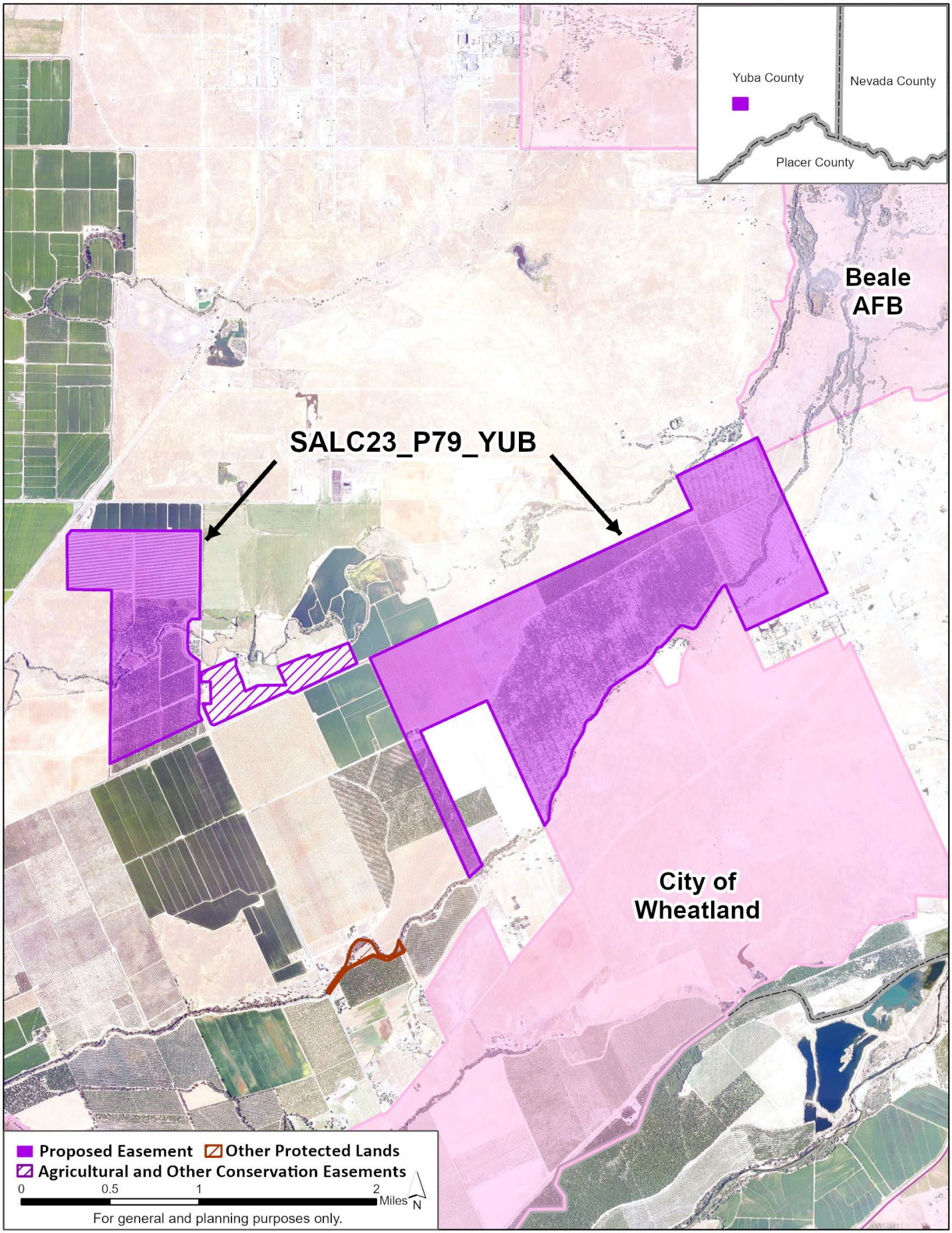
Climate Smart Management Practices: Soil health and carbon sequestration is enhanced through the incorporation of compost sourced from the county's green waste facility, winter cover cropping, reduced tillage, and the use of alternative inputs such as rice ash and almond hulls, thereby reducing reliance on synthetic fertilizers.

Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The property has frontage along the Dry Creek and Best Slough, which provide habitat connectivity and a wildlife corridor.

Notable Features
Staff recommends funding the $105,000 requested for associated costs to compensate for the work to complete two conservation easements for the property. 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


Yuba County
Nevada County
Placer County
Beale AFB
SALC23_P79_YUB
City of Wheatland
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.5
1
2
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP80_MNT

Applicant
Ag Land Trust

Project Location
Salinas, Monterey County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
265 potential development rights extinguished
27,085,200 VMT
17,837 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±63.57

Funding Requested
$804,300

Match Funding
Secured – Landowner donation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This project is for an easement acquisition on a ±64-acre property in Monterey County. The soils are classified as Prime Farmland. The property is lessee operated and is utilized for the year-round cultivation of various row crops, including Brussels sprouts and strawberries. The agricultural operation is supported by ample and reliable water provided by an on-site groundwater well.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Greenbelt: The property would add to the growing number of protected properties outside of Salinas.

Co-Benefits

Economic Sustainability and Food Security: The project safeguards the State's economic sustainability and food security by protecting a highly productive farm.

Proximity to Protected Land: The property is in proximity to several other conservation easements held by Ag Land Trust.

Notable Features
N/A

Site Map


San Benito County
Monterey County
City of Salinas
SALC23_PP80_MNT
68
Proposed Easements
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.25 0.5 1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP81_TEH

Applicant
Northern California Regional Land Trust

Project Location
Los Molinos, Tehama County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
12 potential development rights extinguished
12,096,513 VMT
5,198 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±136.95

Funding Requested
$895,000

Match Funding
Secured – Landowner donation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
Provides secure land tenure to a farmer/rancher who is a member of a CA tribe

Project Description
This easement acquisition project is for a ±137-acre property located in Tehama County. The property is utilized for cattle grazing and is part of a larger local cattle operation. The property provides pasture from June to December and supports 40 cow/calf pairs, 50 yearling heifers, and steers of purebred Bonsmara cattle for summer breeding. The grazing operation is supported by ample and reliable water provided from on-site wells and surface water delivery.

Strategic Value
Climate Resilience

Climate Smart Management Practices: Property engages in regenerative grazing, invasive species control, and restoration of native plant communities. Grazing occurs at optimal intervals to prevent overgrazing. Grazing charts are used to plan pasture management and to facilitate an adaptative rotational grazing system.

Co-Benefits

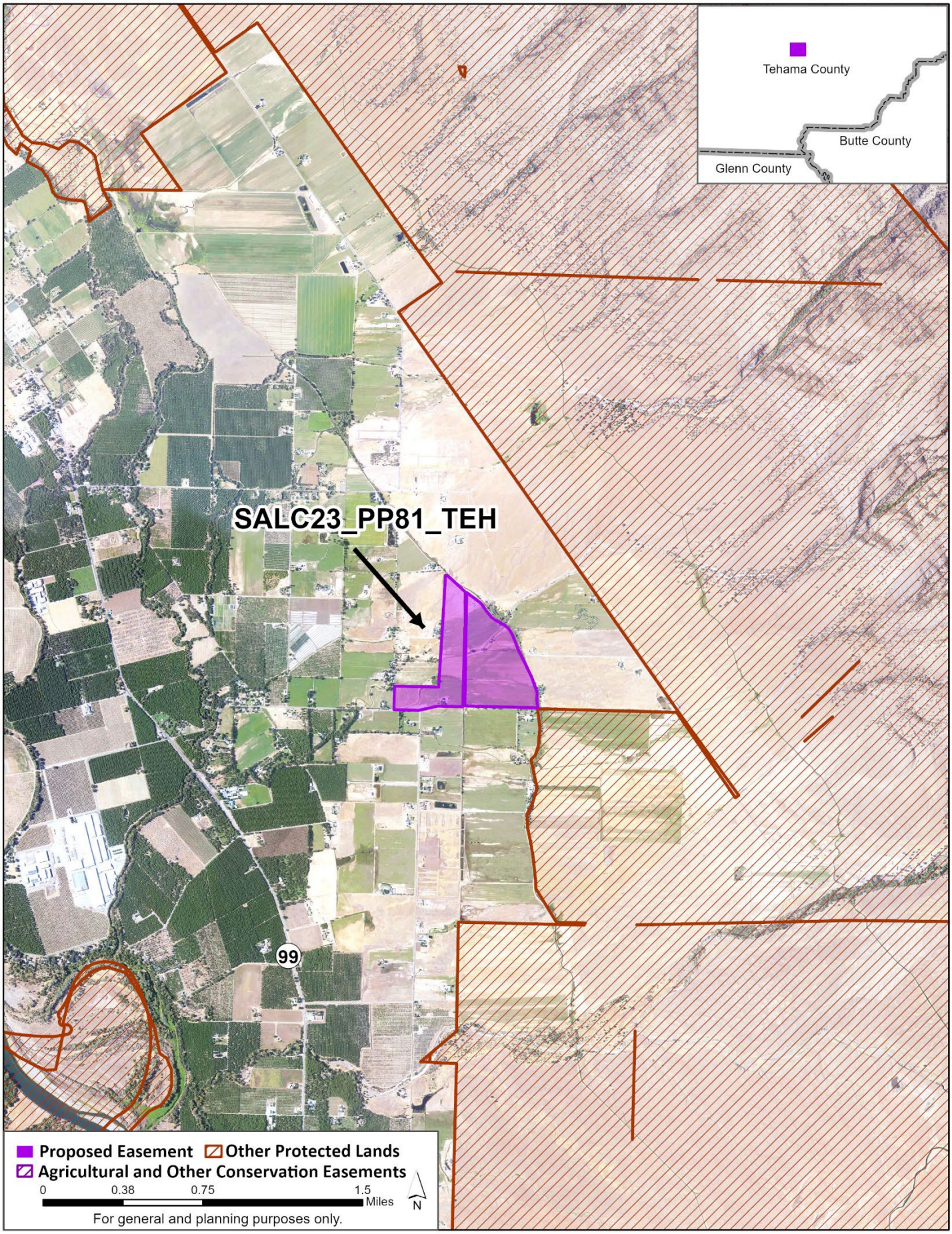
Biodiversity: Native plants and trees planted to support priority bird species and pollinators.
Proximity to Protected Land: The property is in proximity to the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge and The Nature Conservancy's Dye Creek Preserve.

Notable Features
Applicant applied for, and does not meet criteria to qualify for, Priority Population Benefits.

The conservation easement will limit agricultural cultivation to a designated agricultural area.

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

Site Map


Tehama County
Butte County
Glenn County
SALC23_PP81_TEH
99
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.38
0.75
1.5
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP83_MNT

Applicant
Ag Land Trust

Project Location
King City, Monterey County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
1903 potential development rights extinguished
194,502,400 VMT
131,100 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 747.00

Funding Requested
$5,770,800

Match Funding
Secured – Landowner donation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This project is for the development of two conservation easements on a ±747-acre property in Monterey County. The soils are classified as Prime Farmland, with some Farmland of Statewide Importance. The property is landowner operated and utilized for the year-round cultivation of various row crops, including leafy greens, broccoli, and spinach. The agricultural operation is supported by ample and reliable water provided from off-site wells and a well-maintained water infrastructure.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: The property borders King City's Sphere of Influence.

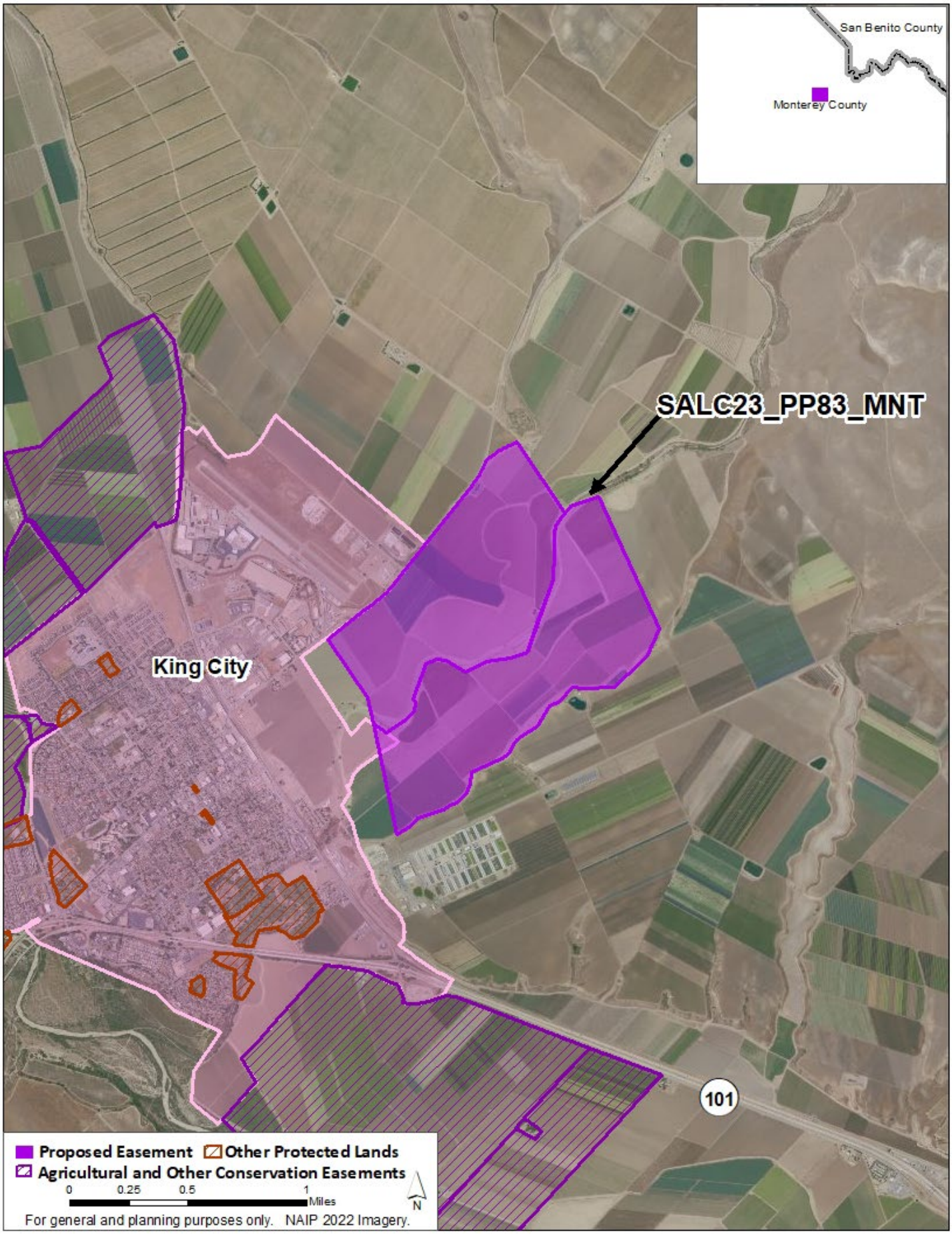
Co-Benefits

Economic Sustainability and Food Security: The project safeguards the State's economic sustainability and food security by protecting a highly productive farm.
Proximity to Protected Lands: The property is in proximity to several other conservation easements held by Ag Land Trust.

Notable Features
Applicant estimates that ±65 acres will be excluded to accommodate construction of a future roadway and to omit acreage within the Sphere of Influence of King City.

Staff recommends funding the $90,000 requested for associated costs. 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


San Benito County
Monterey County
SALC23_PP83_MNT
King City
101
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP84_MNT

Applicant
Ag Land Trust

Project Location
Gonzalez, Monterey County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
674 potential development rights extinguished
68,888,396 VMT
45,677 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 176.7

Funding Requested
$1,730,400

Match Funding
Secured – Landowner donation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This project is for an easement acquisition on a ±176.7-acre property in the Salinas Valley of Monterey County. The soils are classified as Prime Farmland. Pura Ranch is landowner-operated, and the entire property is cultivated year round for a variety of row crop vegetables including lettuce, cauliflower, and broccoli. The property has four residences serving as on-site farmworker housing, and various agricultural structures.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: The community of Gonzalez is one of several along Route 101, south and east of the City of Salinas, which has grown rapidly in the last 20 years. Protecting this property will limit sprawl along this corridor while protecting critical prime farmlands and buffering the Salinas River.
Greenbelt/Community Separator: Pura Ranch is part of a greenbelt of protected prime farmlands north and west of Gonzalez that prevents sprawl along Highway 101.

Sustainable Agriculture Use

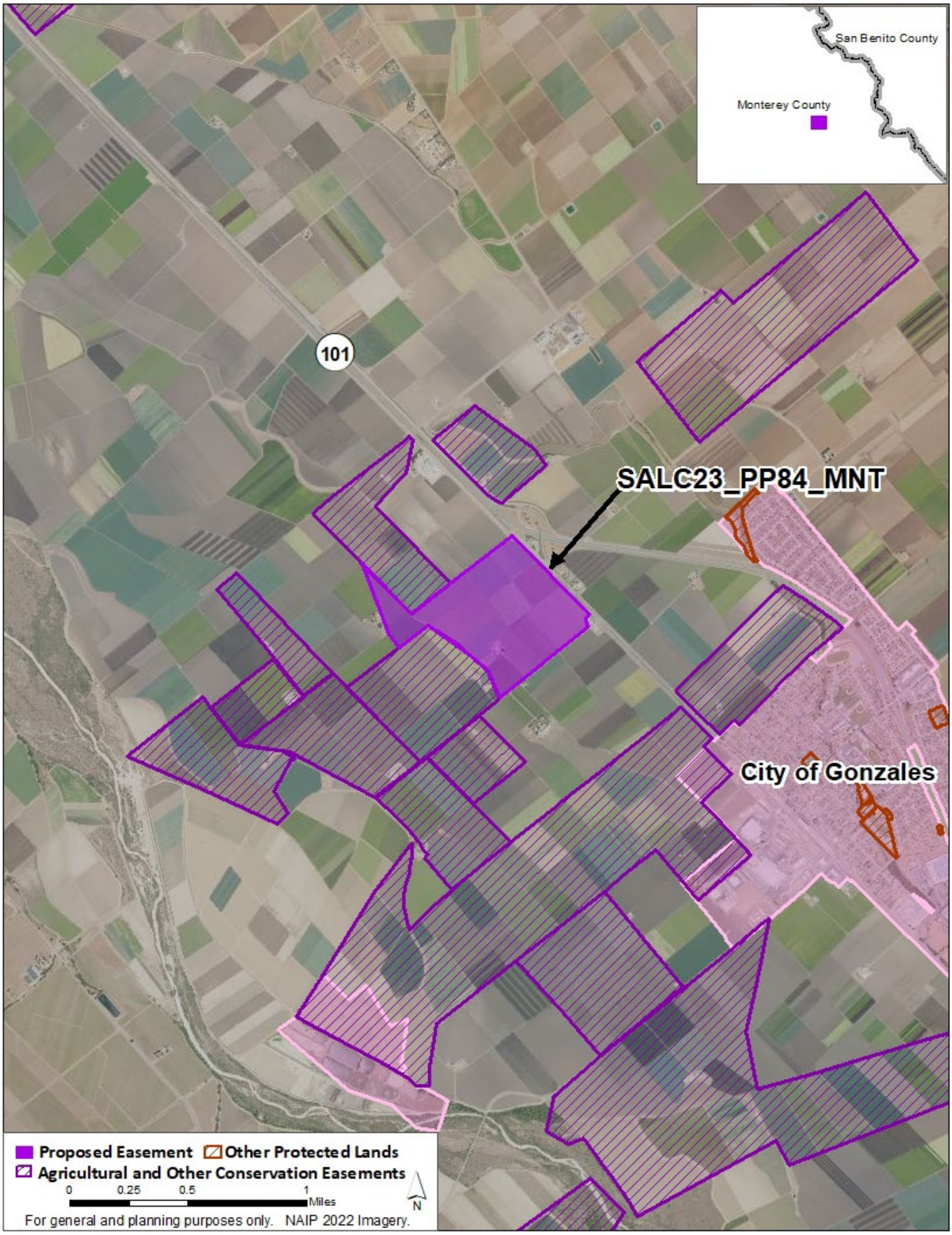
Soil quality: The entire property overlays Prime agricultural soils.
Water Management Practices: The Ranch employs efficient water management systems, like onsite sprinkler irrigation, to conserve precious groundwater resources.

Co-Benefits

Economic: Located in the highly productive Salinas Valley, known as the Salad Bowl of the World, the farm operation contributes to economic and food security. The property contains a solar array system that regularly provides more than 50% of power to the property.
Proximity to Protected Land: ALT holds several strategically located agricultural conservation easements proximate to the Pura Ranch.

Notable Features
N/A

Site Map


San Benito County
Monterey County
101
SALC23_PP84_MNT
City of Gonzales
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.25 0.5 1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP85_YOL

Applicant
City of Davis

Project Location
Davis, Yolo County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
192 potential development rights extinguished
170,082,737 VMT
62,863 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±79.38

Funding Requested
$420,000

Match Funding
Secured – Internal funds

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This project is for an easement acquisition on a ±79-acre property in Yolo County. The soils are classified as Prime Farmland. The property is lessee operated and utilized for the year-round cultivation of various row crops, including tomatoes, corn, sunflowers, and various vine seed crops. An off-site well and access to surface water provide adequate water for agricultural purposes.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Greenbelt: The property would add to the growing number of protected properties west of the City of Davis.

Climate Resilience

Climate Smart Management Practices: The property's soil health and ability to sequester carbon are enhanced through the practicing of low-till farming, crop rotation, and the incorporation of residue from grain crops back into the soil.

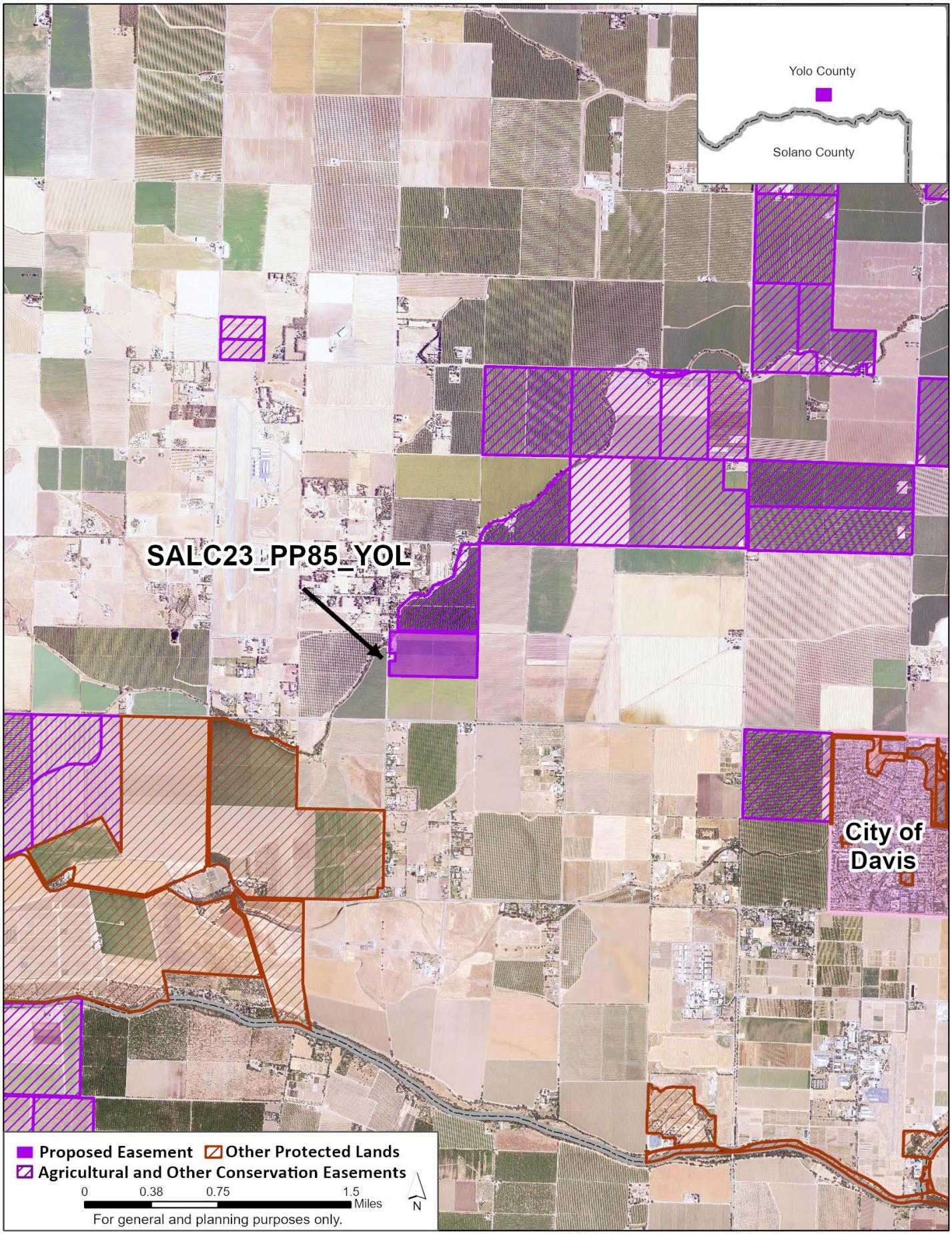
Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The property has frontage along Dry Slough, a perennial drainage channel that also serves as a wildlife corridor and habitat connector.

Proximity to Protected Land: The property is in proximity to several other conservation easements held by the City of Davis, Solano Land Trust, and Yolo Land Trust.

Notable Features
Yolo Land Trust is a co-applicant.

Site Map


Yolo County
Solano County
SALC23_PP85_YOL
City of Davis
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.38
0.75
1.5
Miles
N
For general and planning purposes only.

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP88_MAD

Applicant
American Farmland Trust

Project Location
Madera, Madera County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
944 potential development rights extinguished
788,127,532 VMT
310,007 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±272.63

Funding Requested
$2,668,750

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 ±273-acre property located in Madera County near the City of Madera. The property is a fourth-generation family-owned farm with 240 acres of wine grapes and 20 acres of row crops. The property is managed as a larger farming operation covering approximately 400 acres nearby. Irrigation water is provided by Madera Irrigation District and four irrigation wells.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: The project is located within one mile of the City of Madera's Sphere of Influence. The proximity to the City of Madera puts the farm under pressure of conversion to non-agricultural uses and supports infill in nearby cities and communities.

Climate Resilience

Climate Smart Management Practices: The landowners implement regenerative management practices to improve soil health and water retention. They practice reduced or no till to minimize soil disturbance and apply compost periodically.

Sustainable Agriculture Use

Soil quality: The property features high quality soils classified as Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance and Unique Farmland.

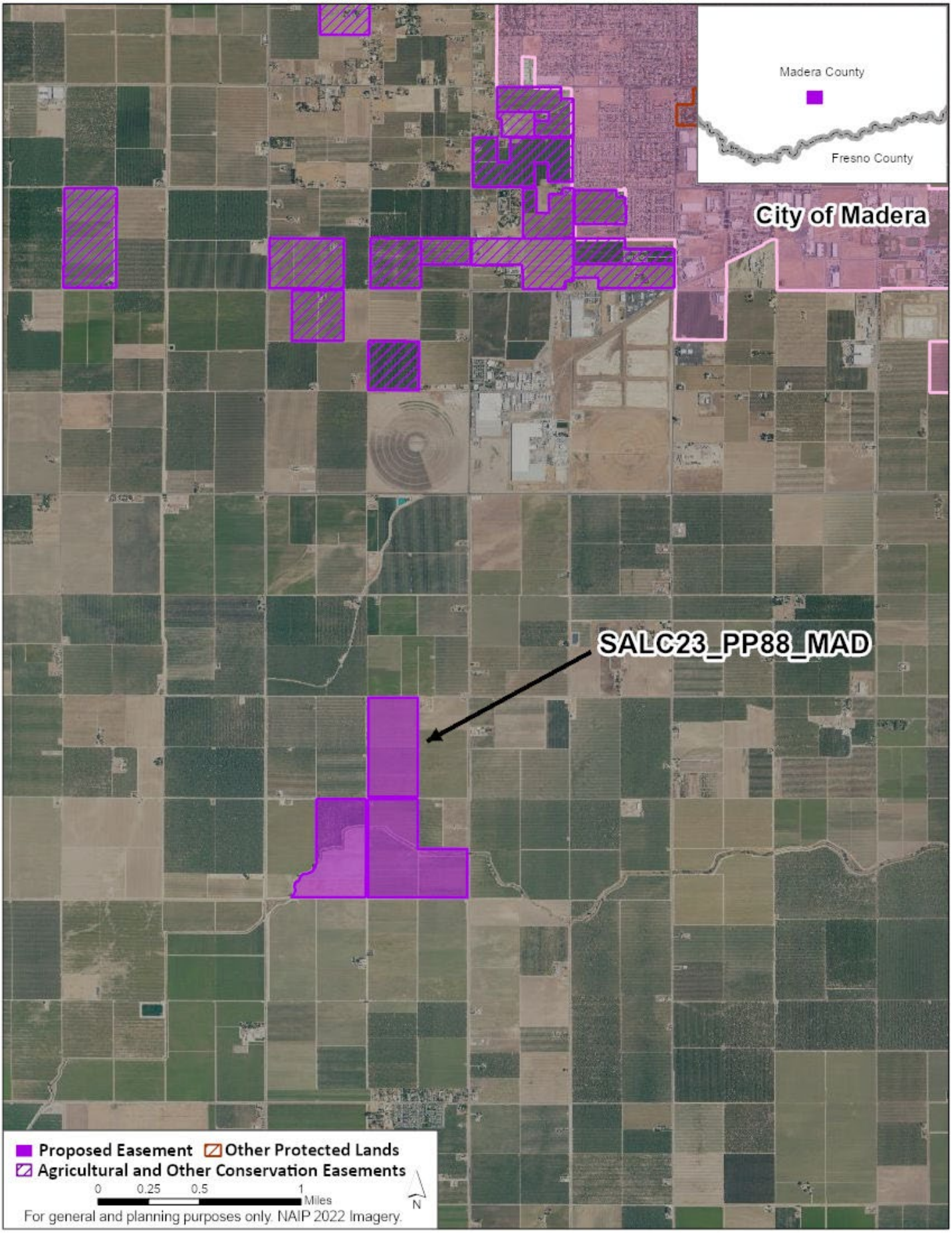
Co-Benefits

Proximity to Protected Land: There are 12 agricultural conservation easements funded through the California Farmland Conservancy Program within three miles.

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

Applicant applied for Priority Populations Benefits.

Site Map


Madera County
Fresno County
City of Madera
SALC23_PP88_MAD
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.25 0.5 1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP91_YUB

Applicant
California Heritage: Indigenous Research Project (CHIRP)

Project Location
Penn Valley, Yuba County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
81 potential development rights extinguished
80,762,325 VMT
34,155 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 420

Funding Requested
$3,220,000

Match Funding
Qualifies for 100% SALC Funding

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
Provides secure land tenure to a CA tribe

A Tribal non-profit is the applicant

Project Description
This fee title acquisition of ± 420 acres in Yuba County will permanently return ancestral lands to the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe. The tribe will implement sustainable land management practices that integrate Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (ITEK) with contemporary conservation methods both through their established Tribally-led Fire and Forestry Crew, and the continuation of an in-place cattle grazing agreement. The agricultural operation includes existing infrastructure such as perimeter and interior fencing, corrals, and access to water sources.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: Protection of the property will support infill and compact development based on historic development patterns surrounding Yuba City and urbanizing suburbs to the east of these lands.

Equity

The acquisition significantly advances equity by supporting California Native American Tribal ownership of ancestral lands and Indigenous cultural resources.
Tribal Co-Management & Access: The lands will be owned, managed and used by, and for the benefit of, the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe.

Climate Resilience

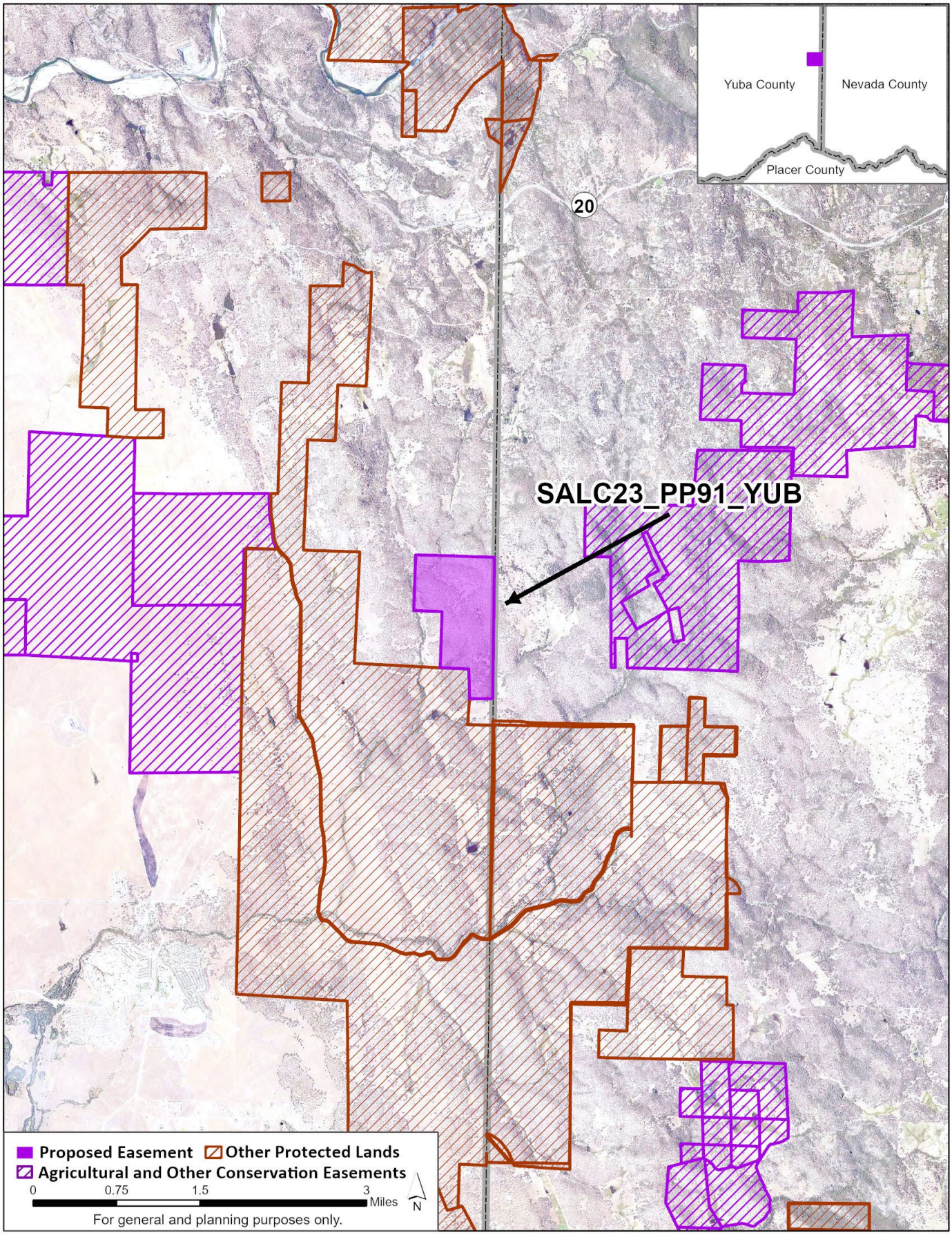
Climate Smart Management Practices: Reduction of fire risk by preserving critical watershed functions along Dempsey Creek and supporting natural fire management through traditional burning practices.

Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The project protects essential wildlife habitat connectivity between the 420-acre Ranch and the adjacent 12,000-acre Spenceville Wildlife Area, maintaining movement corridors within the blue oak woodland ecosystem while preventing habitat fragmentation.
Proximity to Protected Land: The lands are adjacent to the 12,000-acre Spenceville Wildlife Area.
Source Water Protection:

Notable Features
The project includes development and implementation of a SALC funded management plan integrating cultural resource protection with sustainable land stewardship practices, including culturally informed land management to promote traditional foods, medicines, and materials cultivation.

Site Map


Yuba County
Nevada County
Placer County
20
SALC23_PP91_YUB
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.75
1.5
3
Miles
N
For general and planning purposes only.

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP95_HUM

Applicant
Trinidad Rancheria

Project Location
Trinidad, Humboldt County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
5 potential development rights extinguished
3,999,177 VMT
1,720 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±34.00

Funding Requested
$2,245,000

Match Funding
Qualifies for 100% SALC Funding

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
A CA tribe is the applicant

Project Description
This proposed fee title acquisition is for a ± 34-acre property located in Humboldt County. The property contains a mature redwood forest and culturally significant resources, such as native plants for the cultivation of traditional foods, herbal medicine, and fibers for basketry. The acquisition will support implementation of indigenous land management practices, preservation of cultural heritage, utilization of traditional knowledge to steward the land, and sustainable timber management.

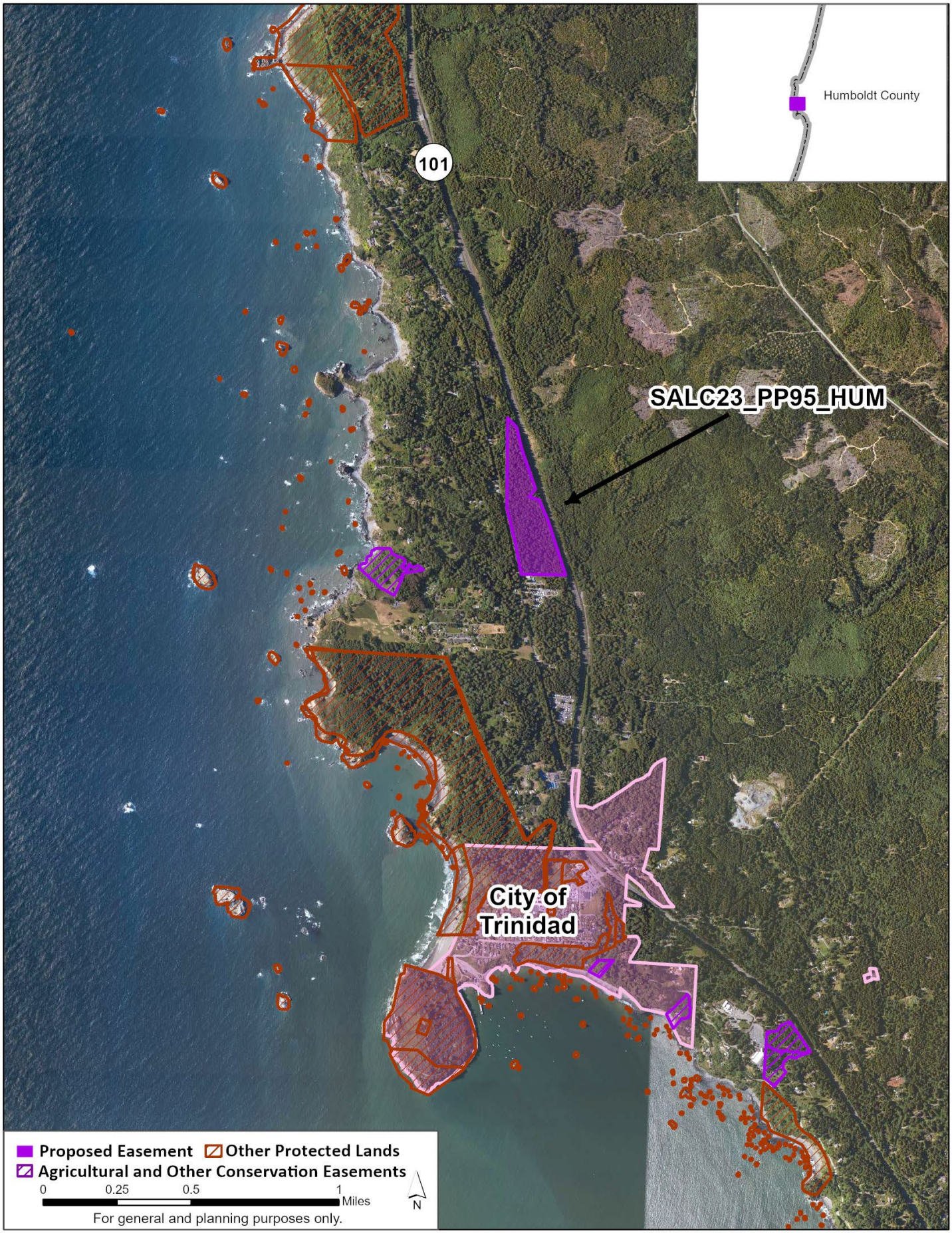
Strategic Value
Climate Resilience
Carbon Neutrality: The project will allow the continued carbon sequestration via the mature redwood forest.
Climate Smart Management Practices: The property would be incorporated into the Tribe's existing Forest Management Plan.

Equity
Tribal Co-Management & Access: The project is led by a Tribe and will support secure land tenure for a California Native American tribe.

Co-Benefits
Biodiversity: The property contains mature redwood forest that provides habitat for numerous bird and amphibian species.
Proximity to Protected Land: The property is in proximity to the Trinidad State Beach Park and other protected lands.

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

Site Map


Humboldt County
101
SALC23_PP95_HUM
City of Trinidad
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP102_FRE

Applicant
El Rio De Los En Reyes
Reedley Conservation Trust

Project Location
Parlier, Fresno County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
221 potential development rights extinguished
184,508,670 VMT
68,775 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 54.35

Funding Requested
$763,638

Match Funding
Secured – Landowner donation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This project is for an easement acquisition on a ±54-acre property in Fresno County. The soils are classified as Prime Farmland. The property is landowner operated and utilized for the year-round cultivation of various organic stone fruits, citrus, and pomegranates. The property has ample and adequate water for agricultural purposes provided by on-site groundwater wells.

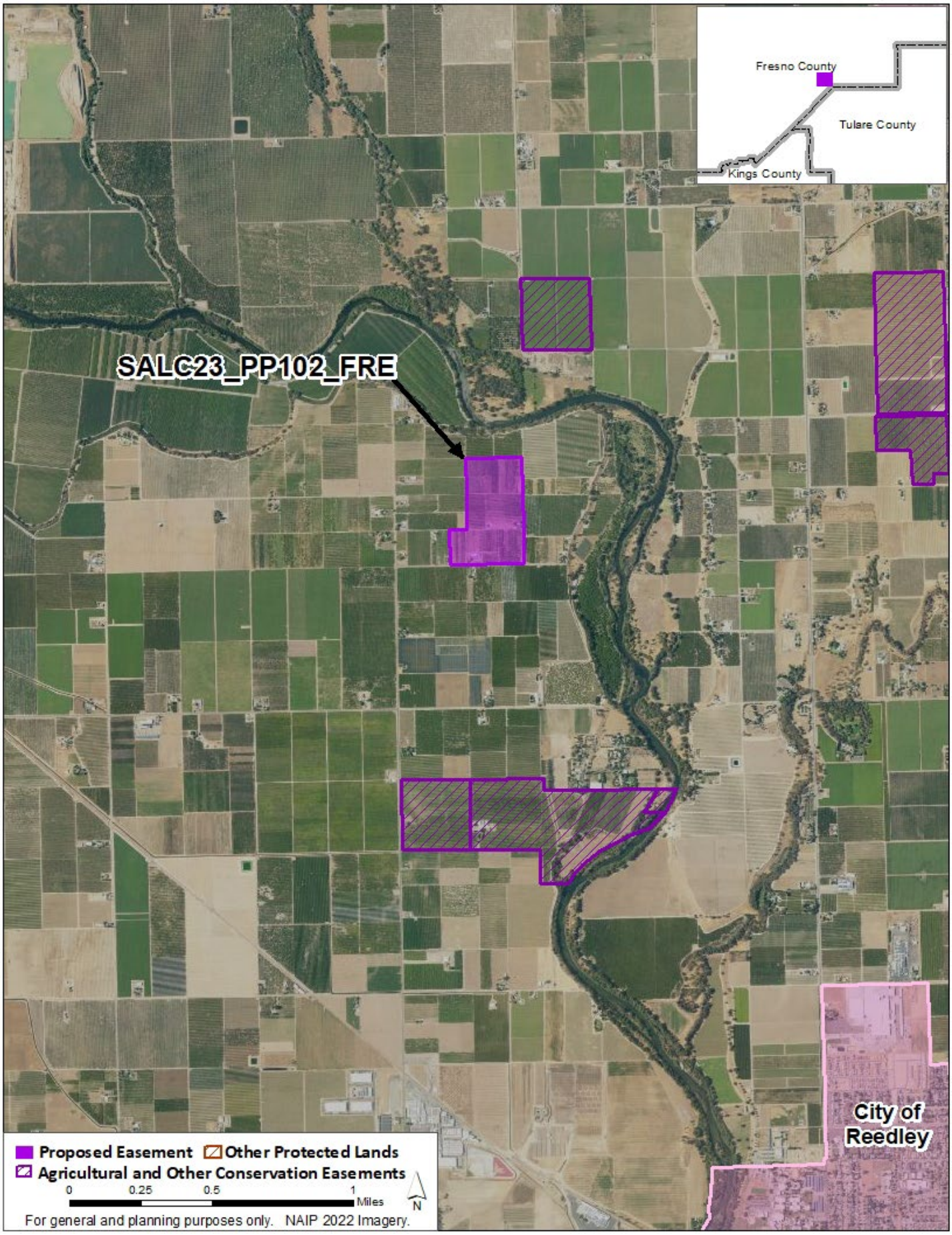
Strategic Value
Climate Resilience

Climate Smart Management Practices: The property employs no-till practices and uses organic soil amendments to improve soil fertility and to sequester carbon. The property's tree crops also help to sequester carbon. All fruit grown on the property is certified organic by the California Certified Organic Farmers organization.

Economic Sustainability & Food Security: The agricultural operation provides employment and provides a variety of fruits for human consumption. A majority of the fruit grown on the property is sold locally at farmers' markets in the area. The fruit is also sold directly to stores, restaurants, and online.

Notable Features
Applicant applied for, and does not meet criteria to qualify for, Priority Population Benefits.

Site Map


Fresno County
Tulare County
Kings County
SALC23_PP102_FRE
City of Reedley
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_PP103_SCL

Applicant
Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area

Project Location
San Jose, Santa Clara County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
37 potential development rights extinguished
8,064,467 VMT
5,974 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 154.37

Funding Requested
$4,470,000

Match Funding
Qualifies for 100% SALC Funding

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
A CA tribe is the applicant

Project Description
This project is for a fee title transaction for a tribe to acquire a ±154-acre property bordering the City of San Jose. The property is intended to be used for the restoration and cultivation of traditional foods, medicines, and basketry materials. The land will be used for cultural purposes including ceremonial practices.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: The property is located in the foothills of East San Jose. The area hosts large lot estates and scenic views of the Bay Area. The property could be subdivided into 5-acre parcels. Protection of the property for cultural purposes would encourage development within city boundaries and away from the hills.

Climate Resilience

Climate Smart Management Practices: The property will be used primarily for cultural purposes. The tribe will manage the land using TEK, cultural burning, polyculture systems, and supplemental grazing. The community is actively engaged in efforts to restore degraded landscapes. With ownership of this land, the tribe is empowered to undertake restoration activities, such as reviving native plants, wildlife habitat conservation, and protecting ecologically sensitive areas. These efforts will benefit the environment and contribute to climate resilience and biodiversity.

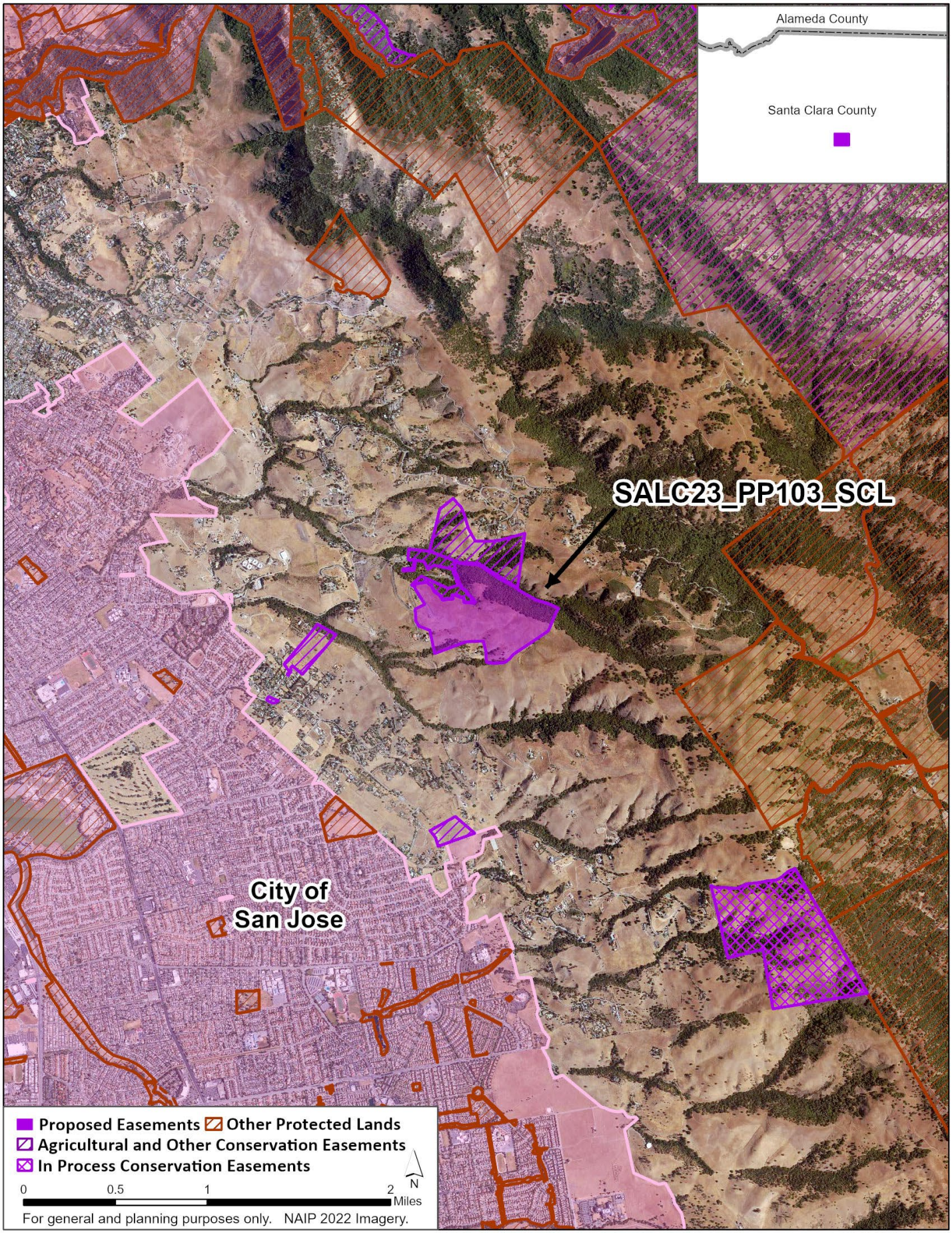
Equity

Priority Populations Benefits: The tribe is committed to donating any surplus of the foods harvested to local food banks for low-income community members of East San Jose.

Notable Features
A portion of the property may be excluded.

The project includes development and implementation of a SALC funded cultural management / land stewardship plan.

Site Map


Alameda County
Santa Clara County
SALC23_PP103_SCL
City of
San Jose
Proposed Easements
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
In Process Conservation Easements
0
0.5
1
2
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_PP01_SLO

Applicant
California Rangeland Trust

Project Location
San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
11 potential development rights extinguished
7,396,134 VMT
3,430 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±597.00

Funding Requested
$2,074,875

Match Funding
Funding Secured – Private Funds

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This easement acquisition project is for a ±597-acre cattle operation two miles outside of the City of San Luis Obispo. The rolling hills, grasslands, and mixed oak woodlands provide adequate forage for sustainable agricultural production while numerous troughs and year-round springs and creeks provide water for livestock and wildlife.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

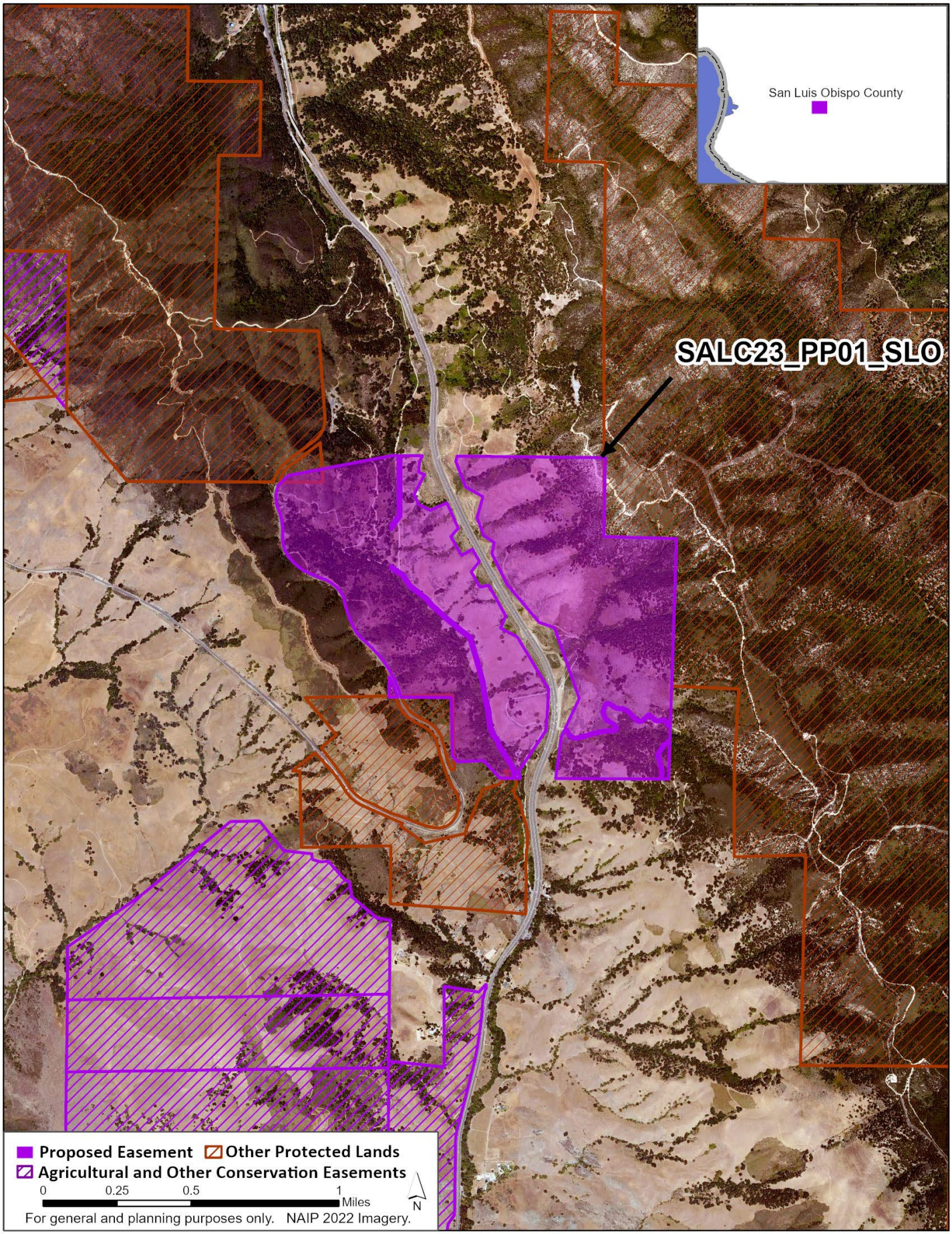
Infill/Compact Development: The property is located less than 2 miles from the City of San Luis Obispo and is bisected by Highway 101. Protection of the property would encourage development closer to existing infrastructure.

Co-Benefits

Biodiversity and habitat connectivity: The property includes a wide range of special status flora and fauna, including species dependent on serpentine soils. The easement area lies within red-legged frog habitat and the south-central California coast steelhead has been documented on the property by CDFW. Per CDFW, the property is designated as an "irreplaceable and essential corridor" and is adjacent to the conserved Miossi Open Space property. The wildlife-safe undercrossing beneath Highway 101 facilitates habitat connectivity.

Notable Features
N/A

Site Map


San Luis Obispo County
SALC23_PP01_SLO
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_PP03_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
Rural residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
389 potential development rights extinguished
39,759,030 VMT
49,334 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±2,749.56

Funding Requested
$2,287,500

Match Funding
Match Funders Identified – WCB & SCC

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. A portion of the property has no-till dryland farming that produces grains for the grazing operation. Onsite wells and a year-round spring produce ample water supply for the grazing operation.

Strategic Value
Climate Resilience

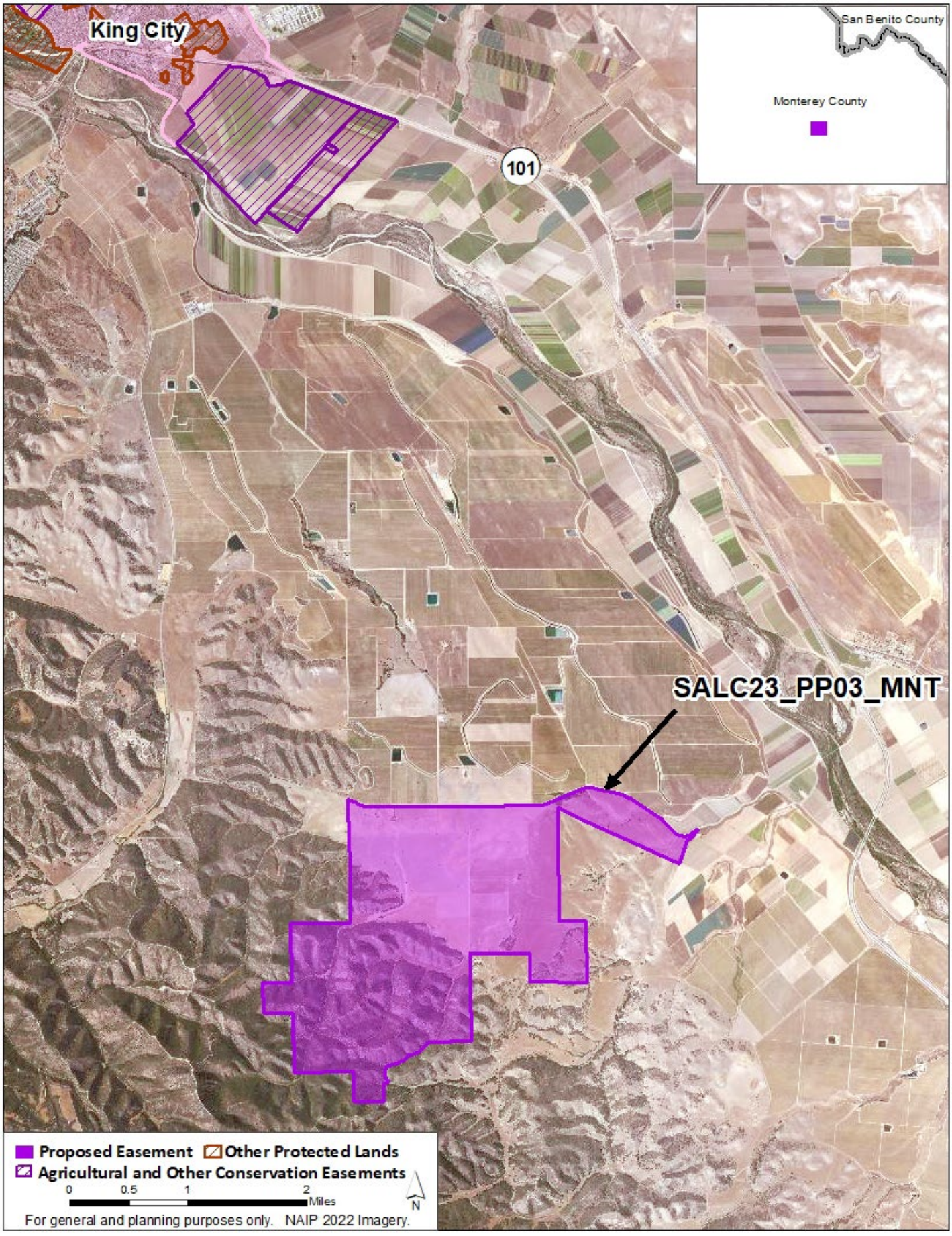
Climate Smart Management Practices: Grazing reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfire by reducing fuel loads on the property.

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

Notable Features
The conservation easement will restrict agricultural intensification.

Site Map


King City
101
San Benito County
Monterey County
SALC23_PP03_MNT
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.5 1 2
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_PP14_ELD

Applicant
American River Conservancy

Project Location
Placerville, El Dorado County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
100 potential development rights extinguished
54,385,404 VMT
27,620 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 1,005

Funding Requested
$1,920,000

Match Funding
Match Funding Approved from two (2) sources,
– CA Natural Resources Agency Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program; and
- El Dorado County Oak Mitigation Program.

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This conservation easement acquisition project is for a ± 1,005-acre property in El Dorado County. Most recently, the easement area has supported approximately 20 head of cattle on 170 acres for dryland grazing, November through June/July. Upwards of 580 acres of land are available for grazing as the landowner clears shrublands as a component of fuels reduction work with the NRCS, Cal Fire and the El Dorado-Georgetown RCD. Additionally, the property supports about 20 irrigated acres of walnuts and an acre-and-a-half of lavender; all grown for on-site uses.

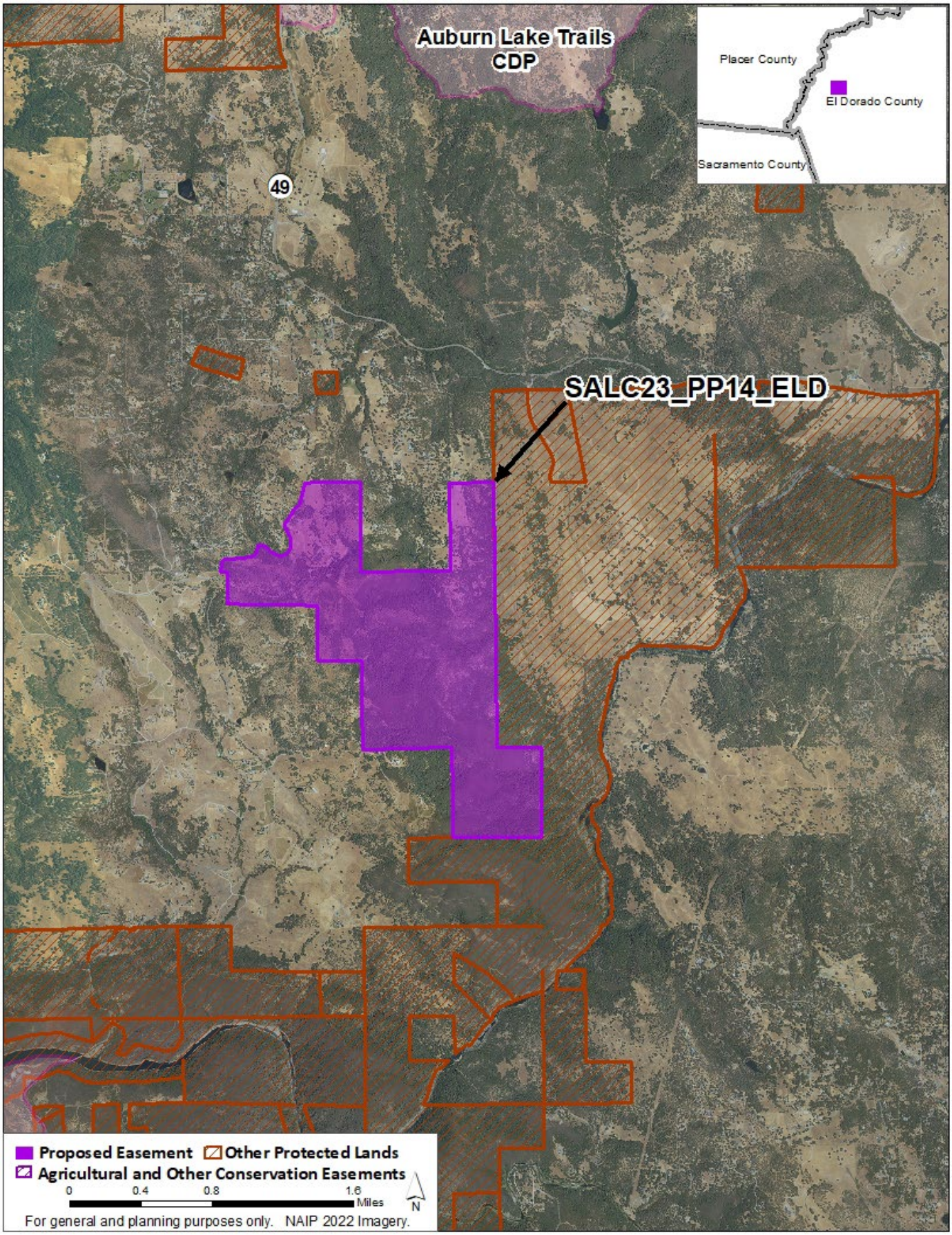
Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development
Infill/Compact Development: The property is in proximity to urbanizing communities between Sacramento and Auburn along the Route 80 corridor north and west of the property and between Folsom and Placerville south of the subject property

Sustainable Agriculture Use
Soil quality: the property overlays 51 acres of Farmland of Local Importance.

Co-Benefits
Biodiversity: 607 acres of the Ranch are identified as a "Priority Conservation Area" per El Dorado County's General Plan and the Oak Resources Management Plan Addendum, a designation that identifies contiguous areas of important oak woodland habitats. Creeks on the Ranch drain directly into the South Fork American River protecting aquatic habitat.
Source Water Protection: This project contributes to the protection of the South Fork American River, an important water source for the Folsom Lake Reservoir and eventually the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Protection of the Ranch's intact oak woodland, riparian, grassland, and wetland habitats slow down the movement of water and in the process prevents erosion, filters nutrients and contaminants, improves groundwater recharge, and ultimately improves the quality of water flowing downstream.

Notable Features
The project includes development and implementation of a SALC funded management/carbon farm plan.

Site Map


Auburn Lake Trails CDP
Placer County
El Dorado County
Sacramento County
49
SALC23_PP14_ELD
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.4
0.8
1.6
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_PP42_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
47,377 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±37.48

Funding Requested
$1,200,000

Match Funding
Secured – Landowner donation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

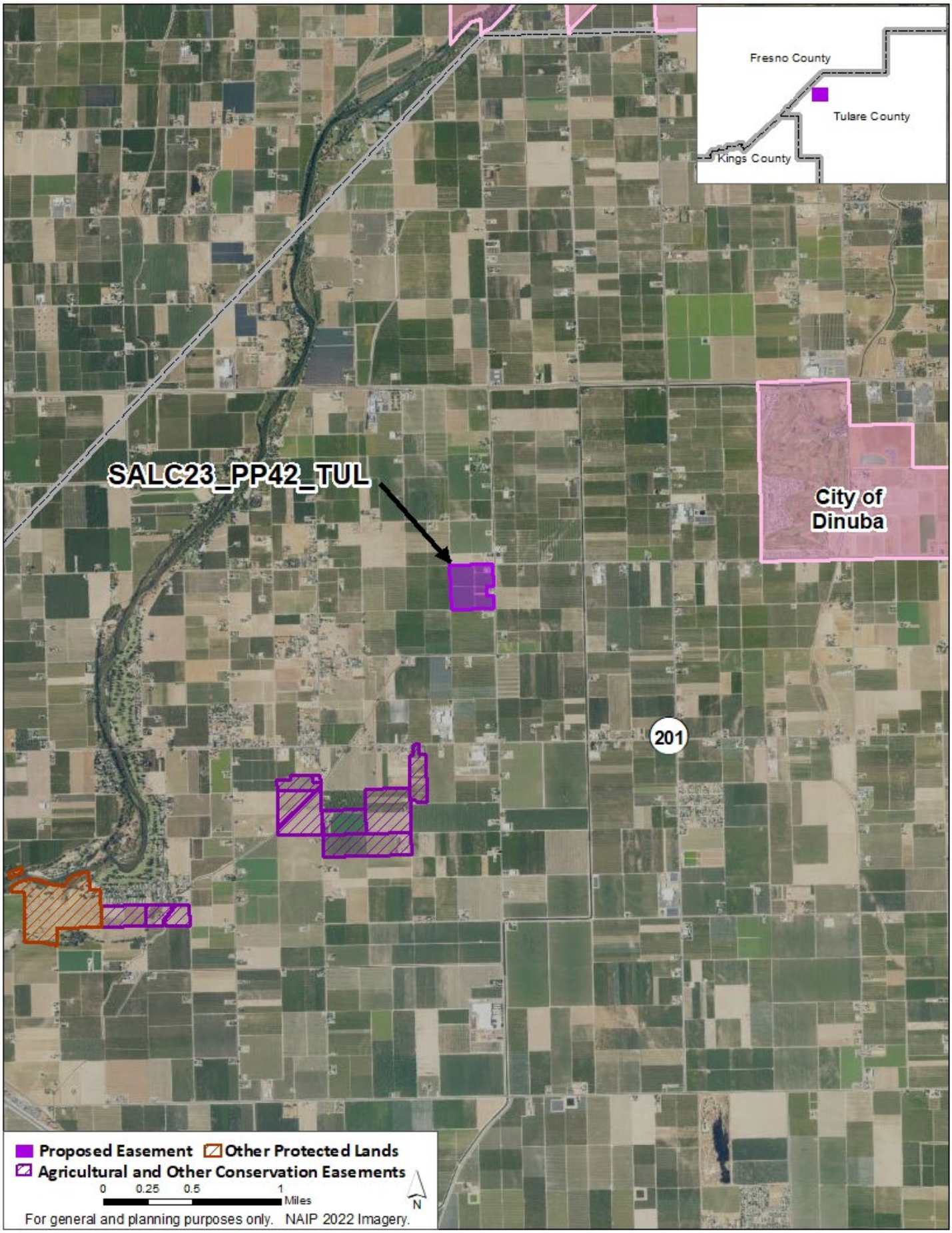
Project Description
The project is for an easement acquisition on a ±37-acre property in Tulare County. The soils are classified as Prime Farmland. The property is landowner-operated and is used for alfalfa production. The agricultural operation is supported by surface water and groundwater.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development
Infill/Compact Development: The property is located 4 miles from the City of Dinuba.

Sustainable Agriculture Use
Soil quality: The property's soils are classified as Prime Farmland.

Notable Features
The applicant applied for Priority Population Benefits.

Site Map


Fresno County
Tulare County
Kings County
SALC23_PP42_TUL
City of Dinuba
201
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.25 0.5 1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_PP47_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
23,335 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 869.00

Funding Requested
$5,060,000

Match Funding
Applications Submitted – WCB, CNRA EEM
Secured – 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 a farming operation. Approximately 35 head of cattle are grazed year-round. A regenerative farming operation grows various organic row crops on approximately 68 acres. A 2-acre area is leased for a seasonal, locally operated pumpkin patch. Onsite wells provide ample water supply to the agricultural operation.

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.

Co-Benefits

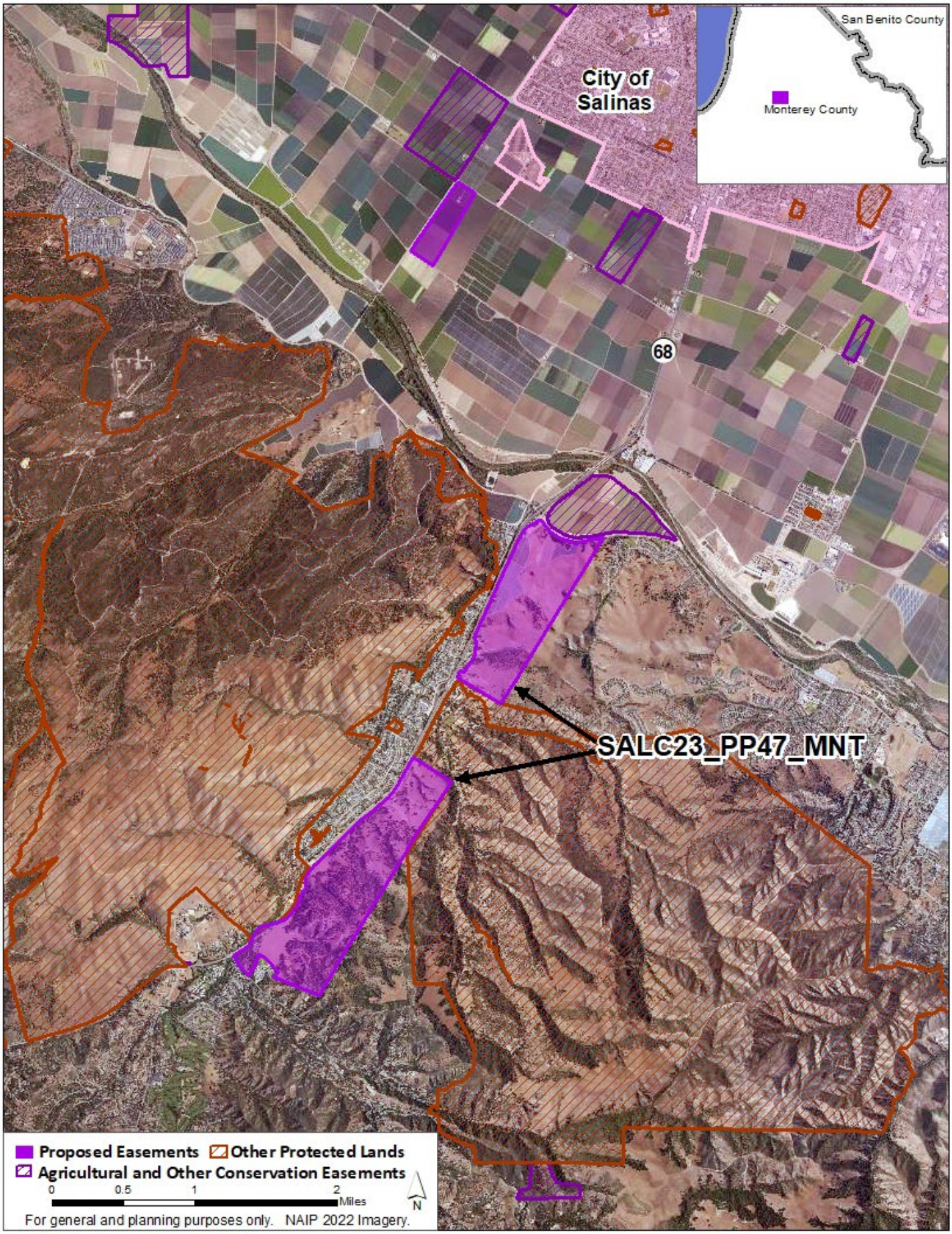
Biodiversity: The property hosts native grasslands and oak woodlands that provide habitat for various native plants and animals, including mountain lions, the California red-legged frog, and the American badger. The property also serves as a wildlife linkage between Fort Ord National Monument, the Sierra 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


City of Salinas
San Benito County
Monterey County
68
SALC23_PP47_MNT
Proposed Easements
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.5
1
2
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_PP54_MAD

Applicant
California Rangeland Trust

Project Location
Oakhurst, Madera County

Recommended Ranking
A - Project ready

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
23 potential development rights extinguished
19,202,260 VMT
8,910 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±244.24

Funding Requested
$141,000

Match Funding
Secured - William H. Moffatt, Jr. Foundation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
Provides secure land tenure to beginning ranchers

Project Description
This easement acquisition project is for a ±244-acre ranch located in the foothills of eastern Madera County. The ranch includes grasslands, mixed oak and conifer woodlands, and riparian areas along Fine Gold Creek. The owners purchased the ranch in 2021 and have since established a free-range, organic grass-fed beef operation that is marketed directly to consumers. The ranch currently supports 15 cow/calf pairs.

Strategic Value
Climate Resilience

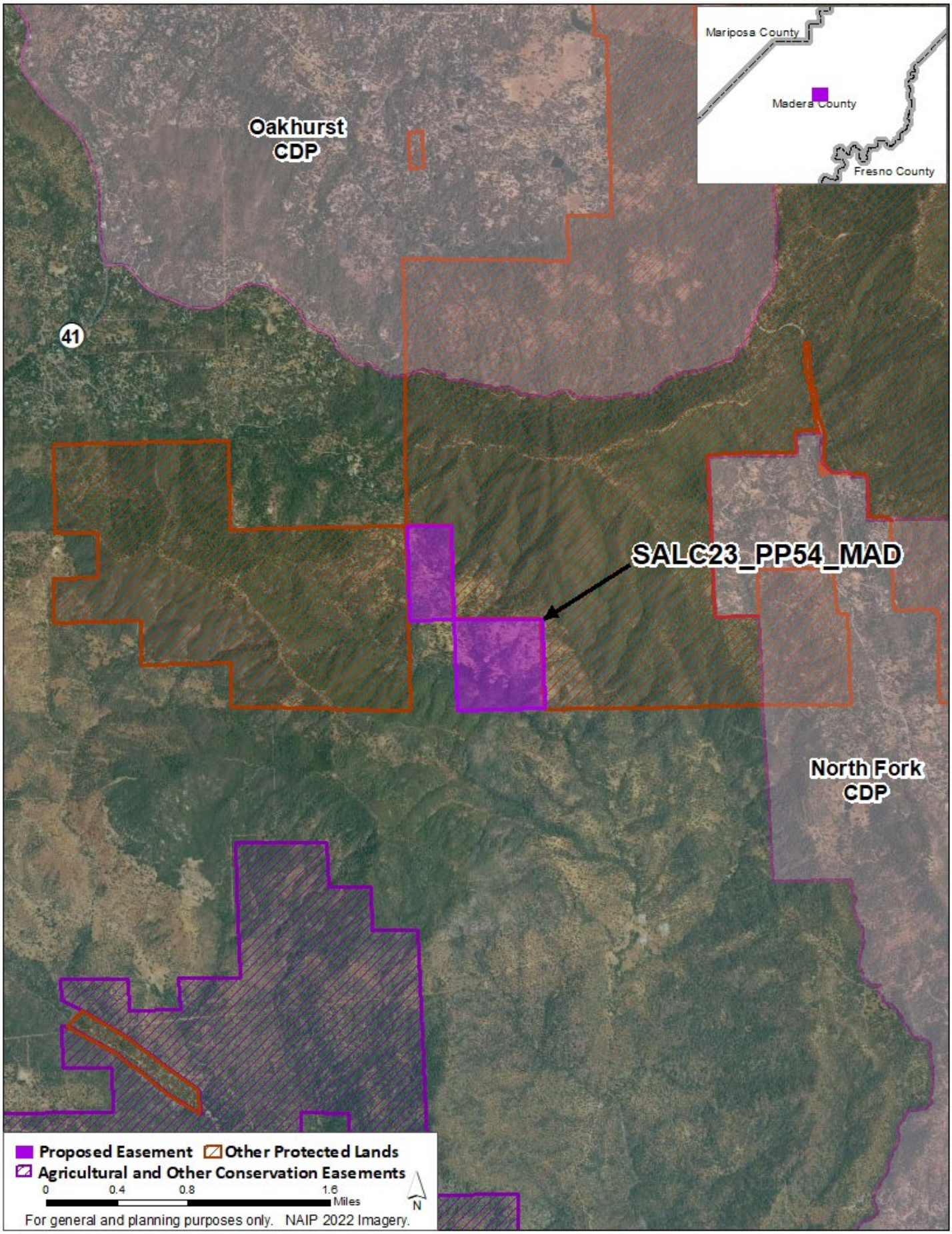
Climate Smart Management Practices: The landowners have dramatically reduced the property's fuel load through mastication. Grazing the property will help maintain the reduced fuel load and thereby reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire on the property and the surrounding community.
Sustainable Land Management: Acquisition of a conservation easement will include the development of a forest and rangeland management plan developed by a Certified Rangeland Manager. Among other things, the plan will help protect the watershed integrity of Fine Gold Creek.

Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The ranch falls within an area designated by the Sierra Nevada Foothills Wildlife Connectivity Project as "Irreplaceable and Essential Corridor". Applicant notes that RePlan identifies the ranch as very high in terrestrial intactness.
Economic: Supports the growth of entrepreneurship opportunities and the local economy through a direct-to-consumer business model.

Notable Features
The conservation easement will restrict agricultural intensification to a maximum of 10% of the ranch.

Site Map


Mariposa County
Madera County
Fresno County
Oakhurst CDP
41
SALC23_PP54_MAD
North Fork CDP
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.4
0.8
1.6
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_PP55_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
Rural residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
1 potential development right extinguished
672,376 VMT
312 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±345.41

Funding Requested
$5,060,000

Match Funding
Applications Submitted – WCB and SCC

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 County. 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 3-year 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

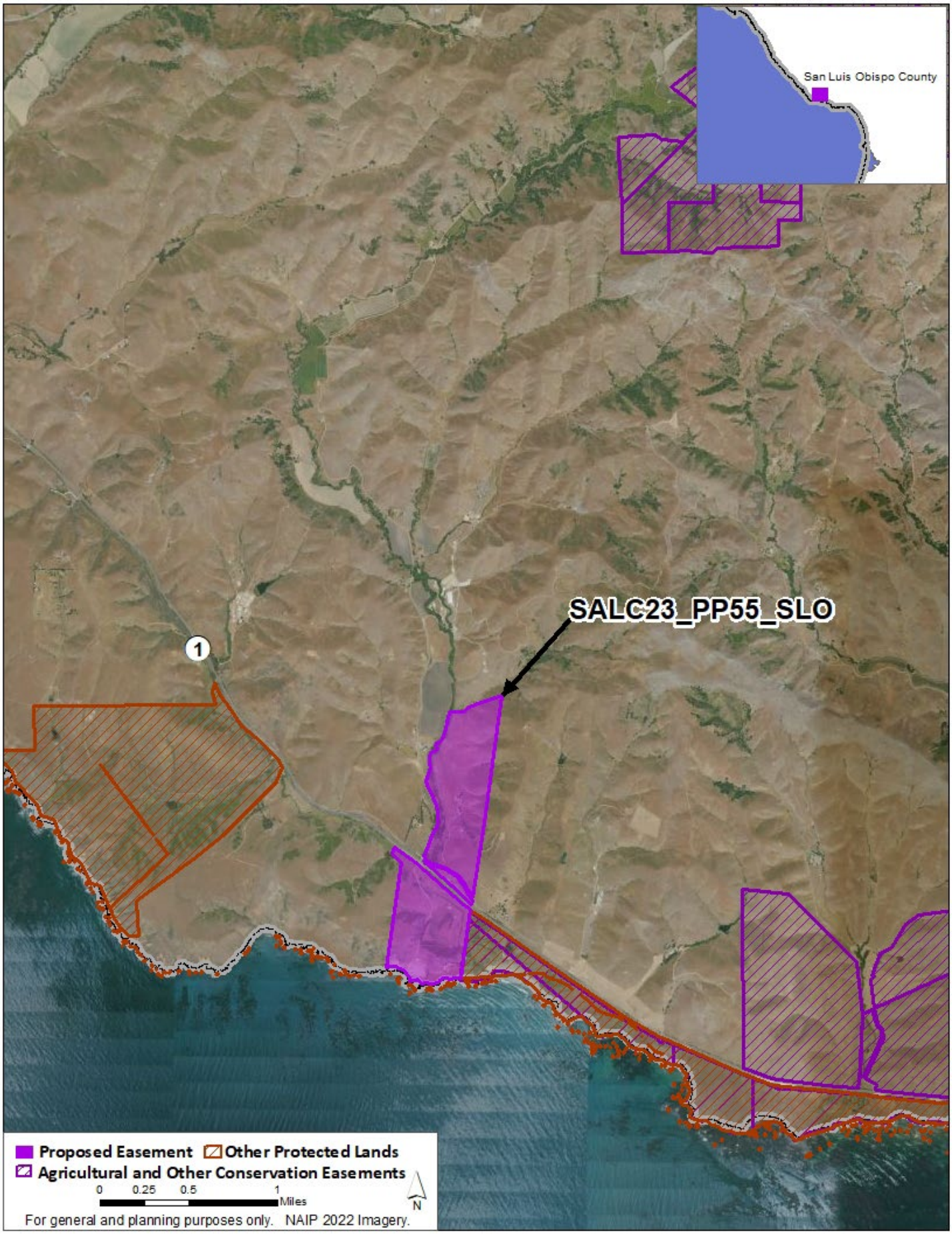
Biodiversity: Villa Creek runs through property. It is an important coastal watershed for steelhead trout and serves as a wildlife corridor and habitat connector.

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

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

Notable Features
N/A

Site Map


San Luis Obispo County
SALC23_PP55_SLO
1
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.25 0.5 1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC22_PP64_SBT

Applicant
San Benito Land Trust

Project Location
Hollister, 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
2360 potential development rights extinguished
744,406,020 VMT
320,500 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±556.45

Funding Requested
$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.

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.

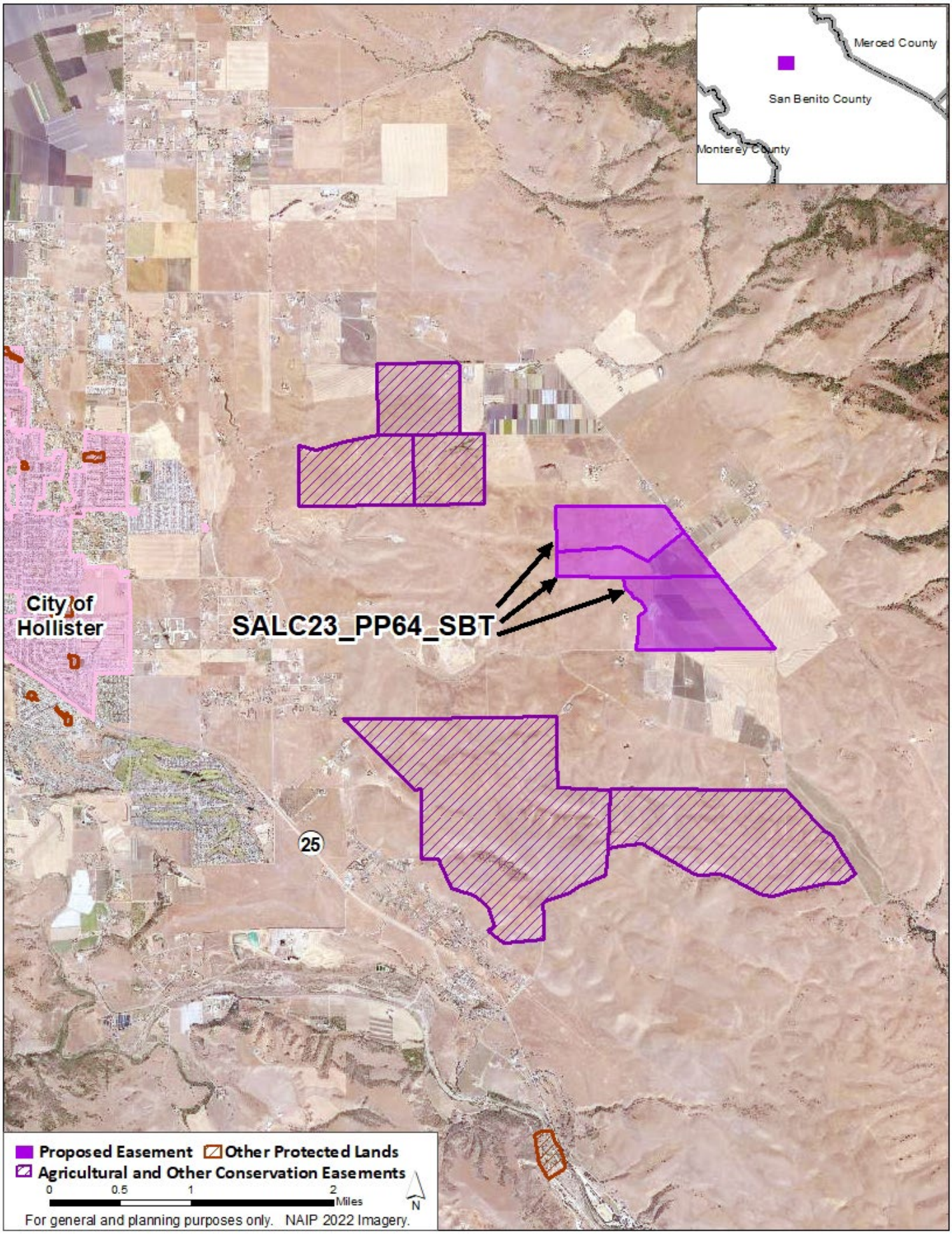
Co-Benefits

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
Prior subdivision has conditions limiting development on the two northern properties.

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

Site Map


Merced County
San Benito County
Monterey County
City of Hollister
SALC23_PP64_SBT
25
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.5 1 2 Miles
N
For general and planning purposes only. NAIP 2022 Imagery.

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_PP65_STA

Applicant
California Rangeland Trust

Project Location
Hickman, Stanislaus 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
5 potential development rights extinguished
4,174,404 VMT
1,867 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 306

Funding Requested
$748,500

Match Funding
Match Funder Identified - NRCS

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This project is for the purchase of a conservation easement on a ±306-acre property located 12 miles east of the community of Hickman. The property has adequate water availability from existing stock ponds and seasonal sources, along with cross fencing that enables rotational grazing to optimize forage and reduce overgrazing. From fall through spring, the property supports a cow/calf operation with approximately 50 head varying year-to-year depending on forage and water availability. The cattle are sold at the Cattlemen's Livestock Market in Galt.

Strategic Value
Sustainable Agriculture Use

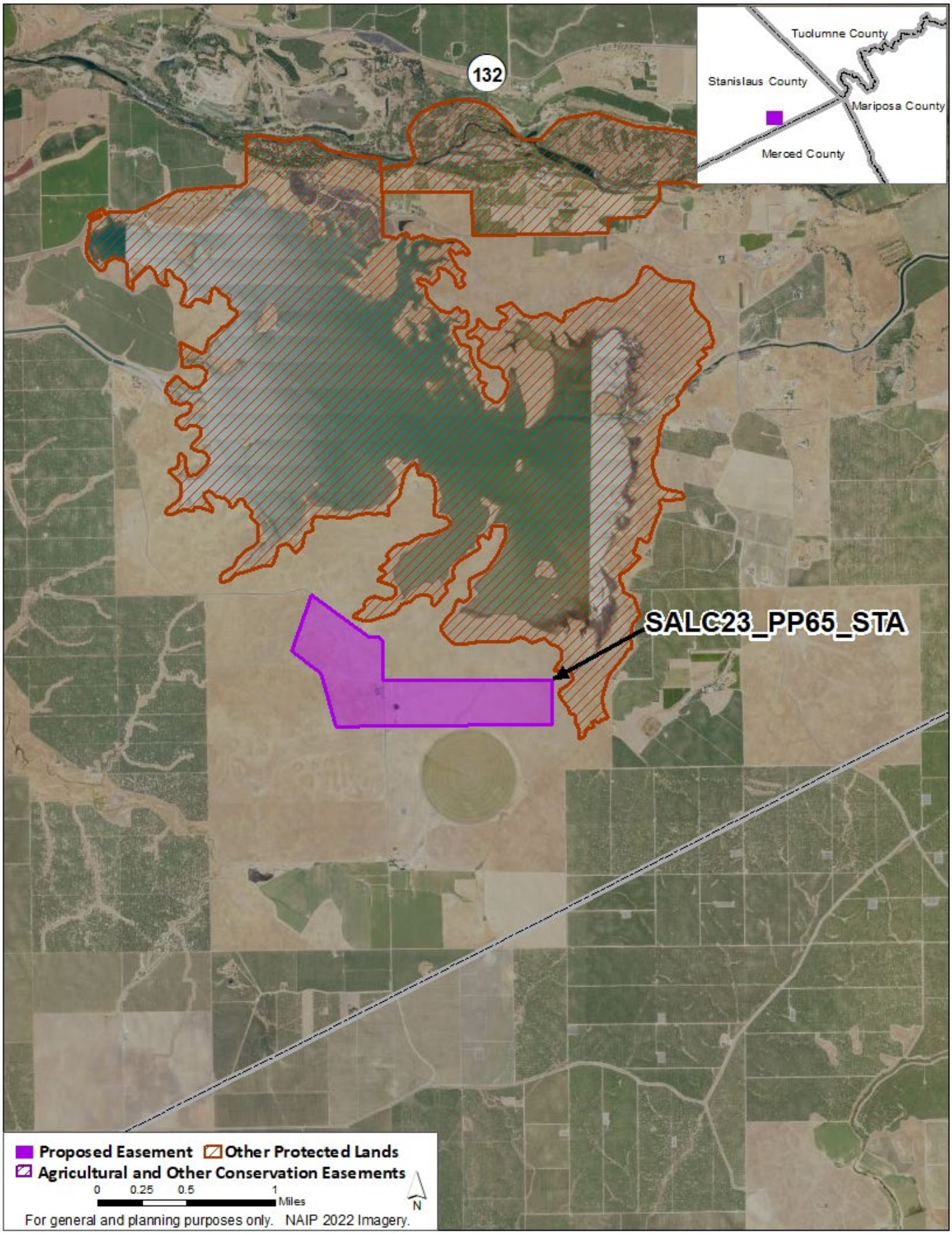
Soil quality and Water Management: The property has been used for dryland grazing for generations and is managed using rotational grazing supported by cross-fencing. These practices are well suited to the property's natural conditions—soils, topography, and limited water—and ensure long-term productivity without resource degradation.

Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The property includes vernal pools and native grasslands, lies within the Merced Vernal Pool Core Area, and ranks high for aquatic biodiversity.

Notable Features
The project would limit agricultural intensification to exclude potential for irrigated agriculture.

Site Map


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Tuolumne County
Stanislaus County
Mariposa County
Merced County
SALC23_PP65_STA
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.25 0.5 1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_PP68_SBA

Applicant
Norther Chumash Tribal Council

Project Location
Buellton, San Barbara 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
59 potential development rights extinguished
43,623,185 VMT
19,506 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±560.40

Funding Requested
$8,495,000

Match Funding
Qualifies for 100% SALC Funding

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
A CA tribe is the applicant

Provides secure land tenure to a CA tribe

Project Description
This fee acquisition project is for a ±560-acre ranch located near the City of Buellton. Applicant proposes to purchase the ranch in fee and transition from cannabis cultivation to organic vertical farming using the existing cannabis greenhouses and infrastructure. Grazing would continue on the rest of the ranch.

Strategic Value
Climate Resilience

Climate Smart Management Practices: Applicant will initiate land restoration through indigenous permaculture practices, rooted in TEK. Applicant will also implement regenerative farming practices. Continued grazing and the introduction of cultural fire ecology on the property will help reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

Economic Sustainability and Food Security: Creation of local jobs and support of local farm services. Applicant plans to develop food programs that enhance access to fresh food.

Equity

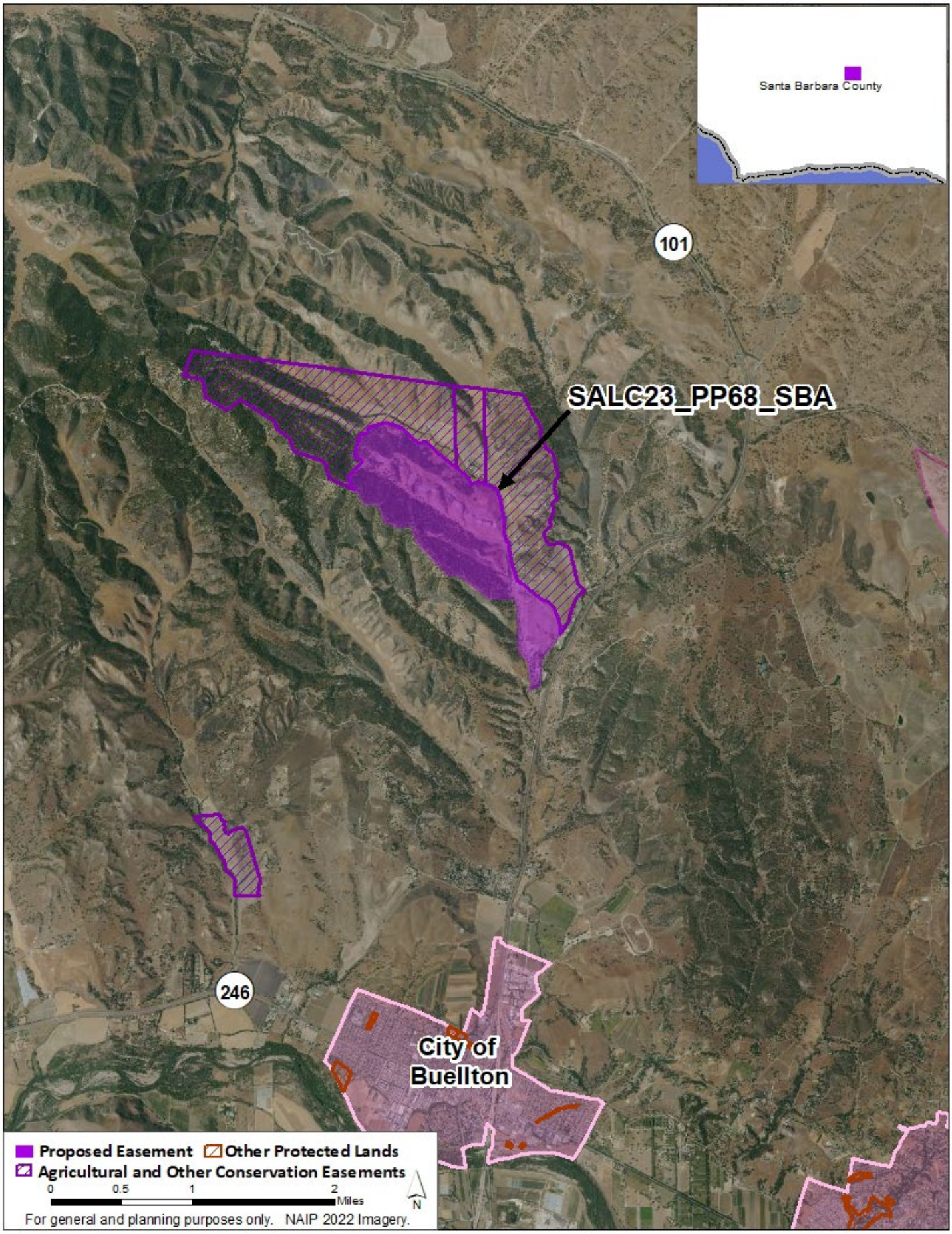
Equity: The acquisition is led by and will provide land access and secure tenure to a California Native American Tribe.

Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The ranch's maritime chaparral, oak woodlands, and seasonal wetlands host numerous endemic plant species and wildlife.

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

Site Map


Santa Barbara County
101
SALC23_PP68_SBA
246
City of Buellton
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.5
1
2
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_PP75_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
7 potential development rights extinguished
5,844,166 VMT
2,581 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 1,876.00

Funding Requested
$6,570,000

Match Funding
Match Funder Identified -- WCB

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
A Tribal non-profit is the applicant/co-applicant

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.

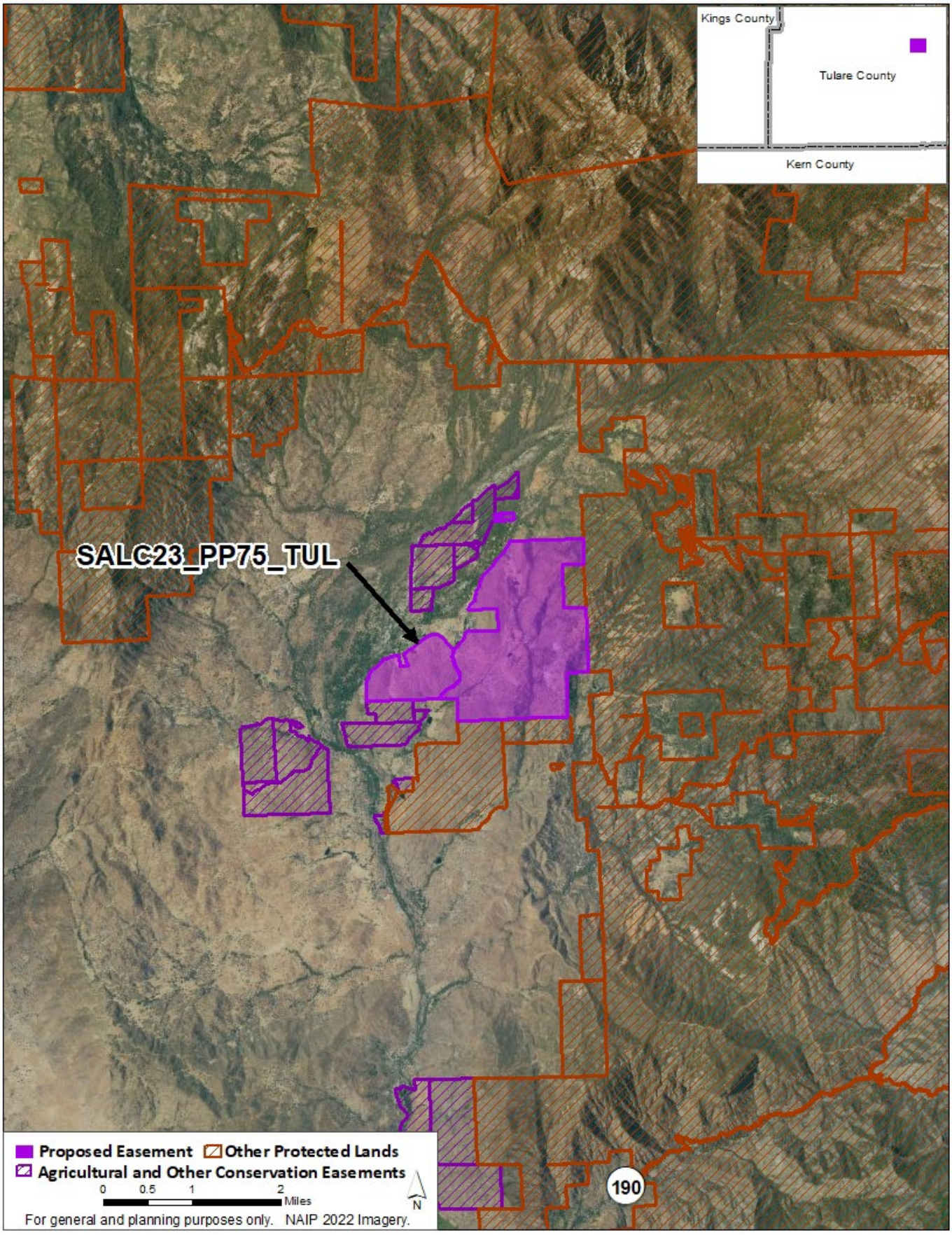
Co-Benefits

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

Site Map


Kings County
Tulare County
Kern County
SALC23_PP75_TUL
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.5 1 2
Miles
N
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190

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_PP78_BUT

Applicant
Northern California Regional Land Trust

Project Location
Chico, Butte County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural Residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
211 potential development rights extinguished
38,593,415 VMT
32,180 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 1,173.58

Funding Requested
$1,870,000

Match Funding
Funders Identified – Wildlife Conservation Board; California Deer Association

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This easement acquisition project is for an ± 1,173.58-acre property located in Butte County. The property is lessee operated and is utilized for a cattle grazing operation. The property supports 75 to 100 cow/calf pairs during the winter months. The cattle are processed at local facilities located in Oroville and Chico, and the lessee sells their products at farmers markets in the region. The operation has ample and reliable water provided from ponds and an agricultural well.

Strategic Value
Climate Resilience

Climate Smart Management Practices: The cattle are rotationally grazed to maintain the health of the land and to ensure access to high-quality forage, while allowing pastures to rest and regenerate. Grazing on the property reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfire by reducing fuel loads on the property.

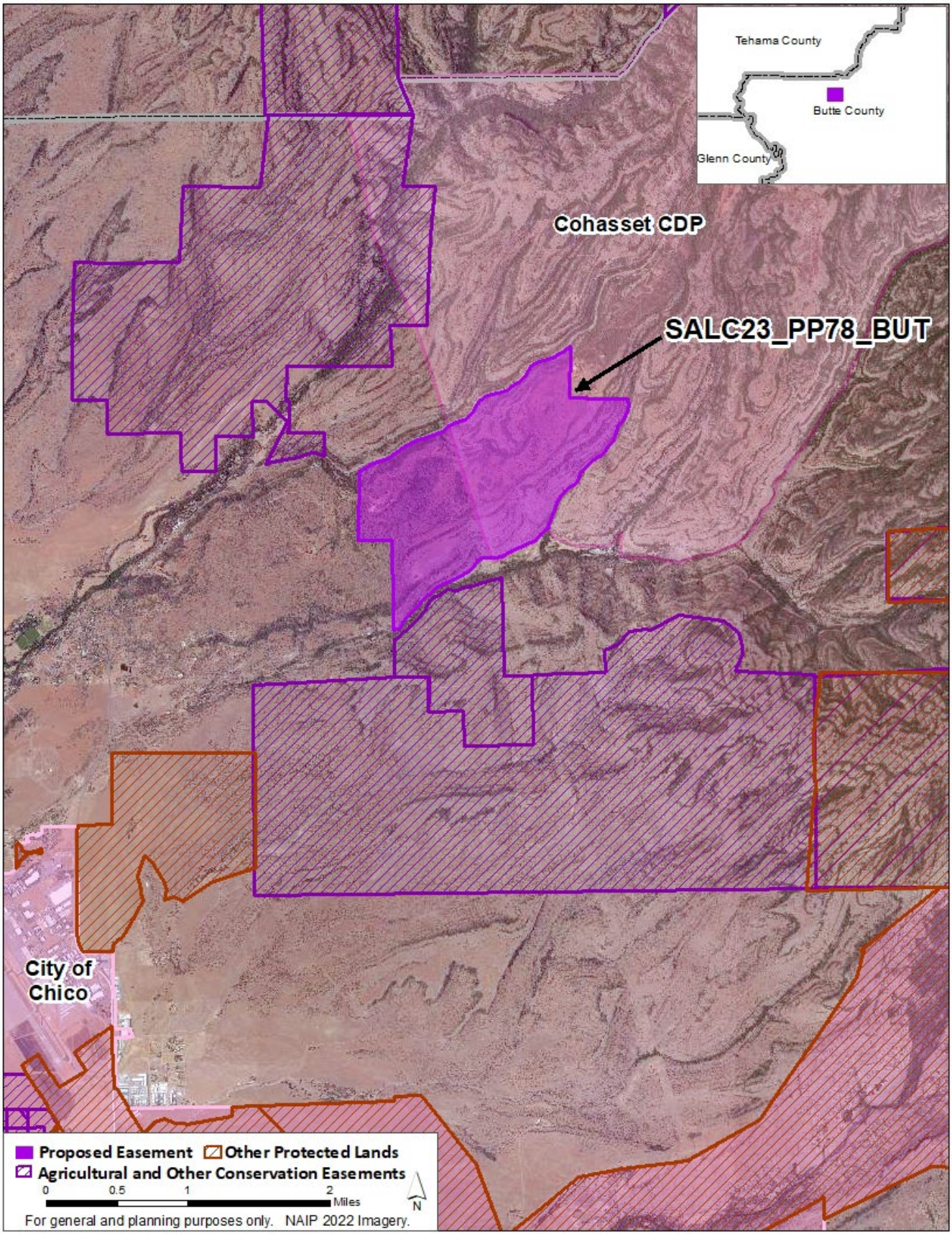
Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: Nestled in the transition zone between the Central Valley and the Sierra Nevada foothills, the Ranch lies adjacent to thousands of acres of privately and publicly protected lands, serving as a wildlife corridor and providing habitat connectivity. This strategic location makes it a biodiversity hotspot with high connectivity, supporting a wide range of species including golden eagles, Cooper's and red-tailed hawks, black bears, bobcats, mule deer, wild turkeys, and more. The property contains grassland, blue oak woodlands, and blue oak-foothill pine.

Proximity to Protected Land: The property is adjacent to thousands of acres of other protected lands held under easement by Northern California Regional Land Trust and CDFW.

Notable Features
The project includes development and implementation of a SALC funded management/carbon farm plan.

Site Map


Tehama County
Butte County
Glenn County
Cohasset CDP
SALC23_PP78_BUT
City of Chico
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.5
1
2
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_PP90_STA

Applicant
California Rangeland Trust

Project Location
Snelling, Stanislaus 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
93 potential development rights extinguished
77,643,920 VMT
34,721 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 4,390.00

Funding Requested
$4,803,000

Match Funding
Match Funder Identified -- WCB

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This project is for the purchase of a conservation easement on a ±4,930-acre property located in Stanislaus and Merced counties. Though the number of cattle year-to-year depends on water and forage availability, the property typically hosts a year-round cow/calf operation of approximately 500 head and a smaller stocker operation. There are also approximately 30 acres of irrigated pasture. Grazing is managed by using cross fencing and rotational grazing.

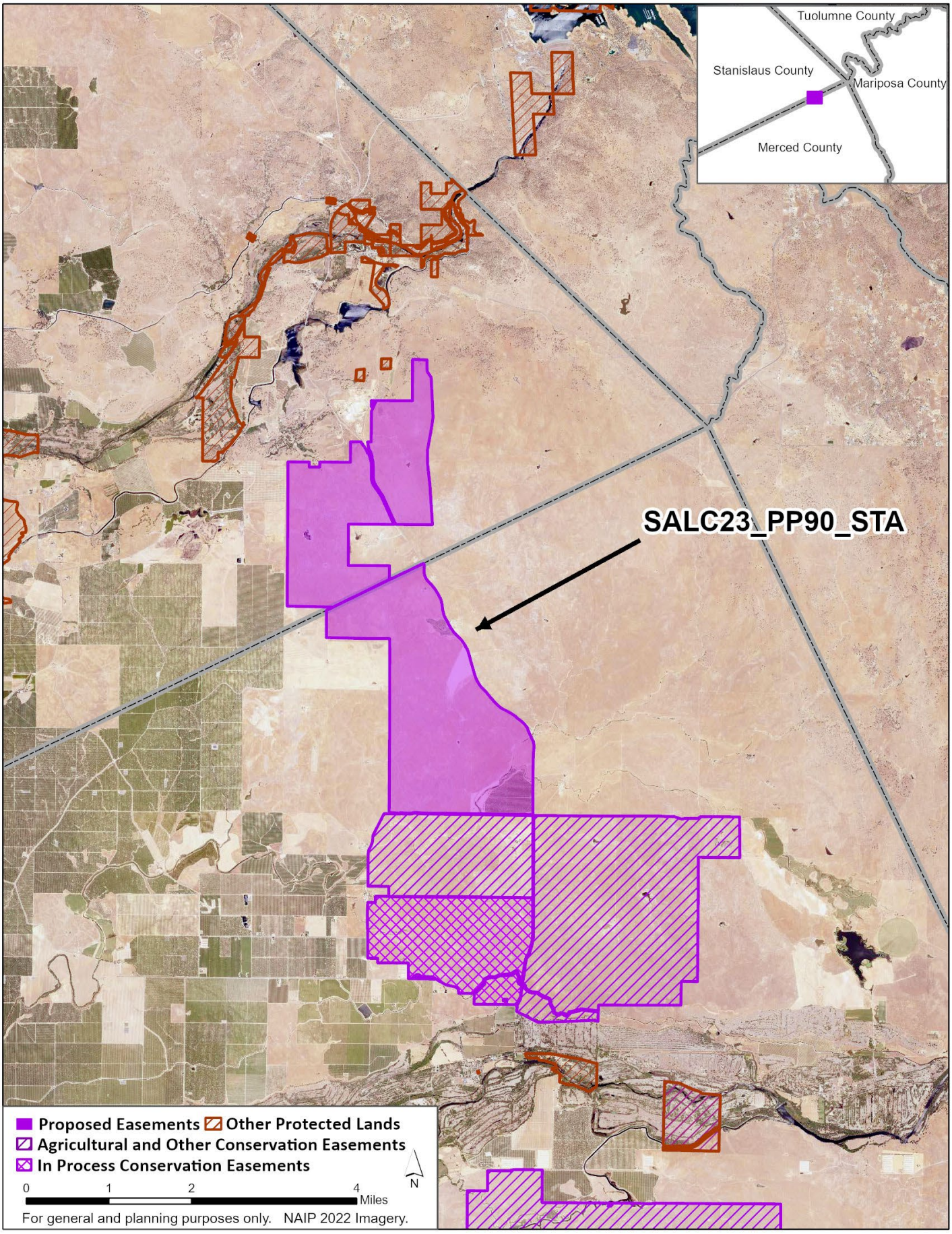
Strategic Value
Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The property hosts critical habitat for species like the vernal pool fairy shrimp and the California tiger salamander. Ecologically significant areas on the property have been identified as essential wildlife corridors with high terrestrial and aquatic habitat value.

Proximity to Protected Land: Conservation of the property would add to an existing block of conserved rangeland owned by the same landowner.

Notable Features
Mineral rights to the property are severed and active surface mining is apparent on nearby and neighboring properties.

Site Map


Tuolumne County
Stanislaus County
Mariposa County
Merced County
SALC23_PP90_STA
Proposed Easements
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
In Process Conservation Easements
N
0
1
2
4
Miles
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_PP93_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
153,958 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 586.33

Funding Requested
$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.

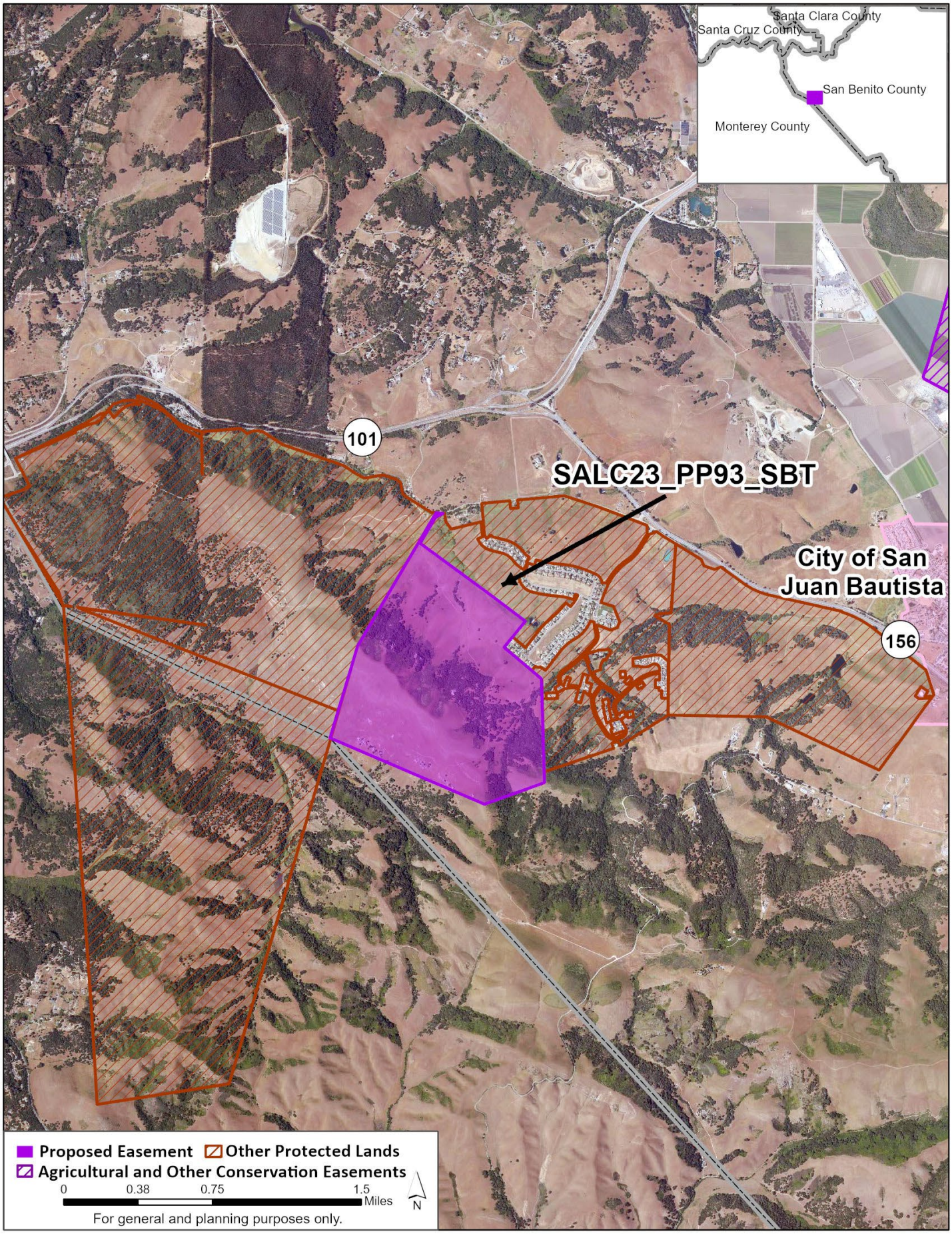
Co-Benefits

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
[N/A]

Site Map


Santa Clara County
Santa Cruz County
San Benito County
Monterey County
101
SALC23_PP93_SBT
City of San Juan Bautista
156
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.38
0.75
1.5
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_PP94_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
24 potential development rights extinguished
19,196,052 VMT
7,956 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 63

Funding Requested
$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/co-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 increasingly urbanizing sprawl of development west of Highway 101.

Equity

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

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

Sustainable Agriculture Use

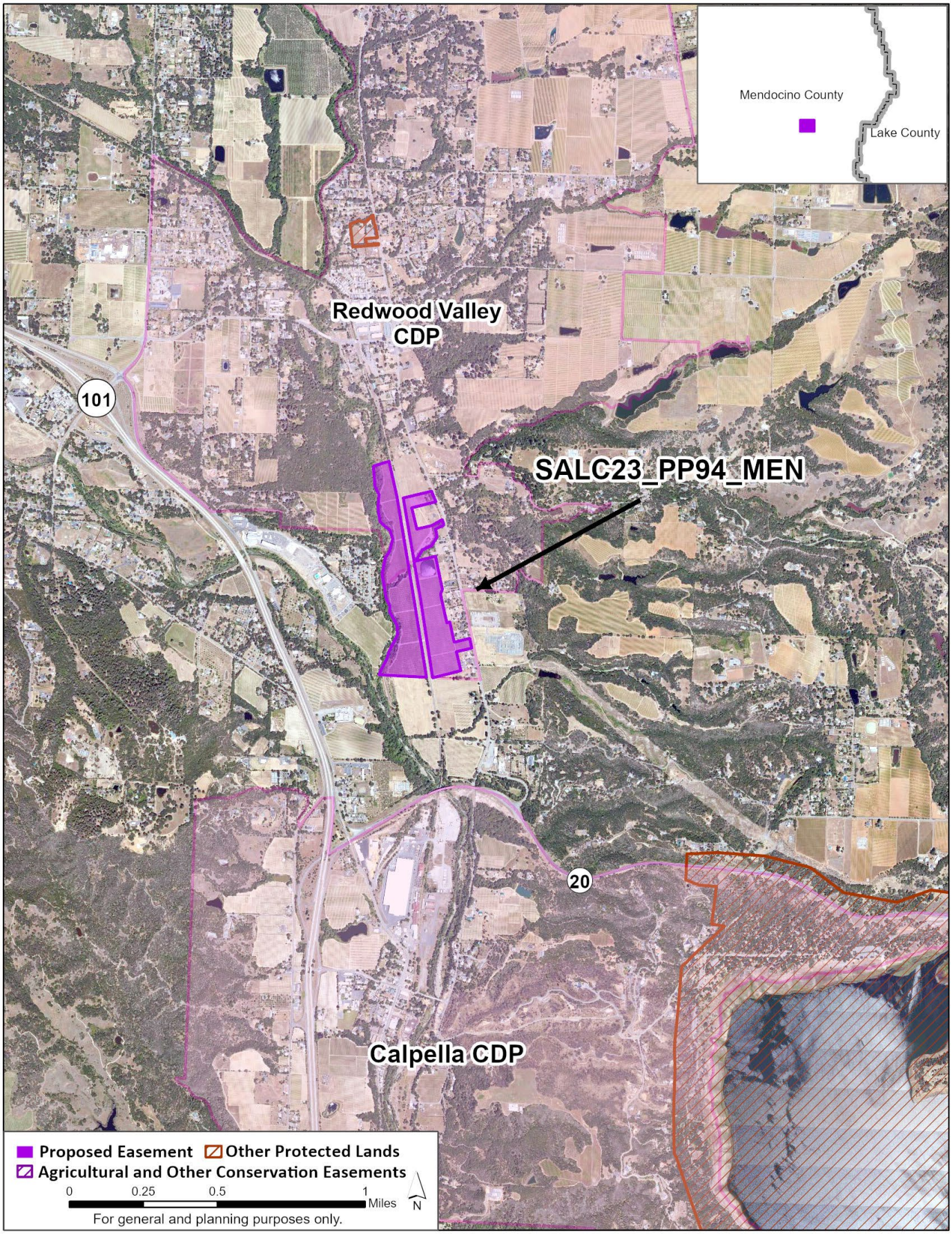
Soil quality: The property overlays 52 acres of Prime agricultural soils.

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


Mendocino County
Lake County
Redwood Valley CDP
101
SALC23_PP94_MEN
20
Calpella CDP
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0
0.25
0.5
1
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_PP101_TUL

Applicant
Sequoia Riverlands Trust

Project Location
Earlimart, Tulare County

Recommended Ranking
B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

Land Use Conversion Threat
Rural residential zoning density

Estimated GHG's Avoided
17 potential development rights extinguished
14,192,975 VMT
5,919 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±357.70

Funding Requested
$2,032,270

Match Funding
Application Submitted – Bureau of Reclamation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This easement acquisition project is for a ±358-acre property located in Tulare County. The property is lessee operated and is utilized for dryland sheep grazing. The property supports a band of sheep during the winter and spring months. Wool and meat products are processed in California and Colorado and sold in local communities. The agricultural operation is supported by existing infrastructure for stock water.

Strategic Value
Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The property contains native alkali habitat and serves as a wildlife corridor with other protected lands.
Proximity to Protected Land: The property is situated between the Pixley National Wildlife Refuge, Allensworth Ecological Reserve, and Allensworth State Historic Park.

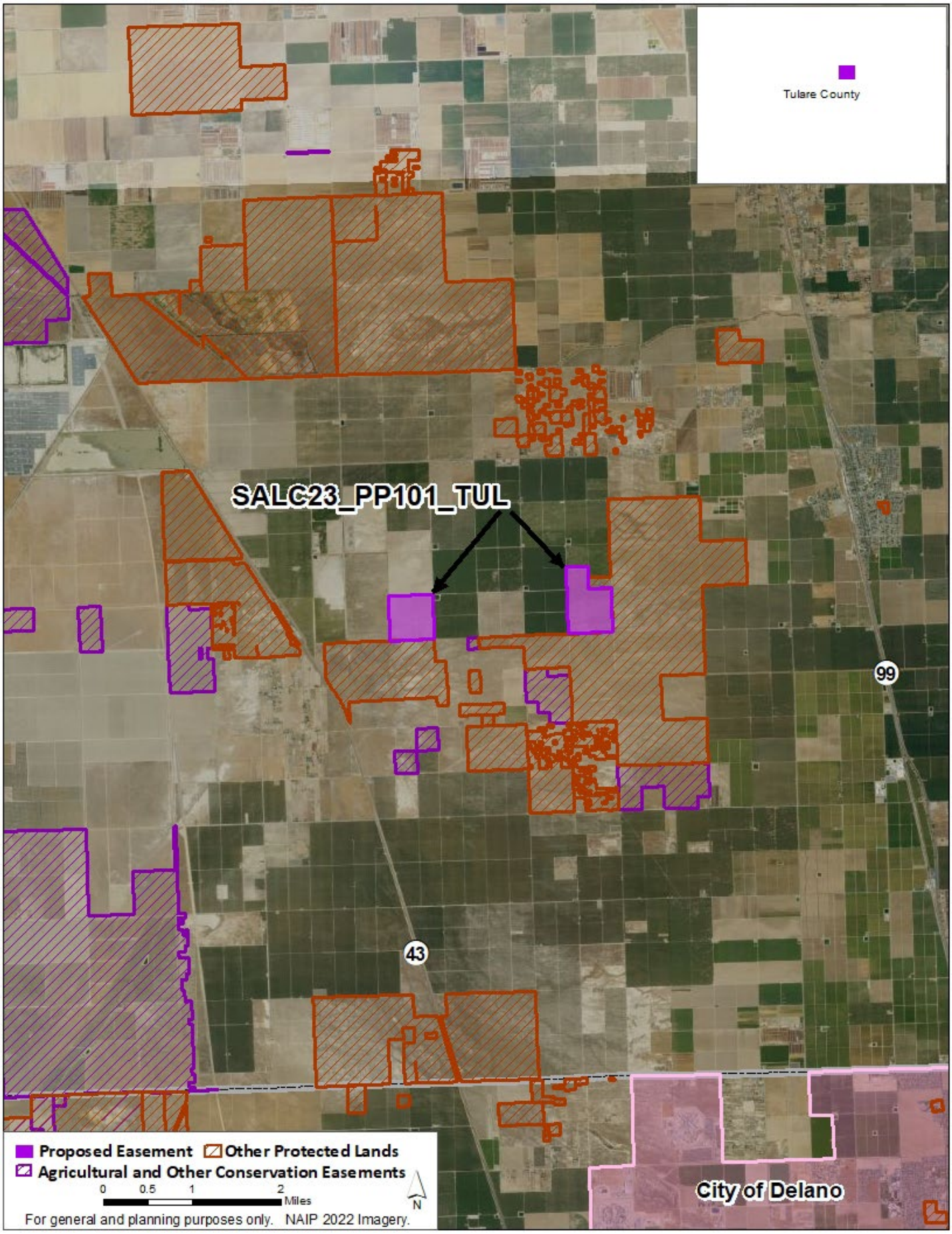
Notable Features
Applicant applied for Priority Populations Benefits.

Approximately 166 acres are proposed for exclusion.

The conservation easement will restrict agricultural cultivation.

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

Site Map


Tulare County
SALC23_PP101_TUL
99
43
City of Delano
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.5 1 2
Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_PP105_AMA

Applicant
Mother Lode Land Trust

Project Location
Plymouth, Amador 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
6,615,994 VMT
2,950 MT CO_2e

Acreage
± 481

Funding Requested
$ 2,070,000

Match Funding
Application Submitted - NRCS ACEP-ALE

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description

This conservation easement acquisition project is for a ± 481-acre property in Amador County. The lands are used for the seasonal dryland grazing of approximately 75 cow-calf pairs. The property is leased for cattle grazing and used by the landowners to graze their own cattle, and has supported a successful cattle ranching operation since the 1940s. Infrastructure includes a corral, cattle chutes, well, and open water sources sufficient to support a sustainable cattle ranching operation.

Strategic Value

Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: Properties to the north and the southeast of Briski Ranch have been subdivided and developed into homesites. Protection of the property will support infill and compact development as eastern suburbs of Sacramento continue to sprawl with low density development.

Sustainable Agriculture Use

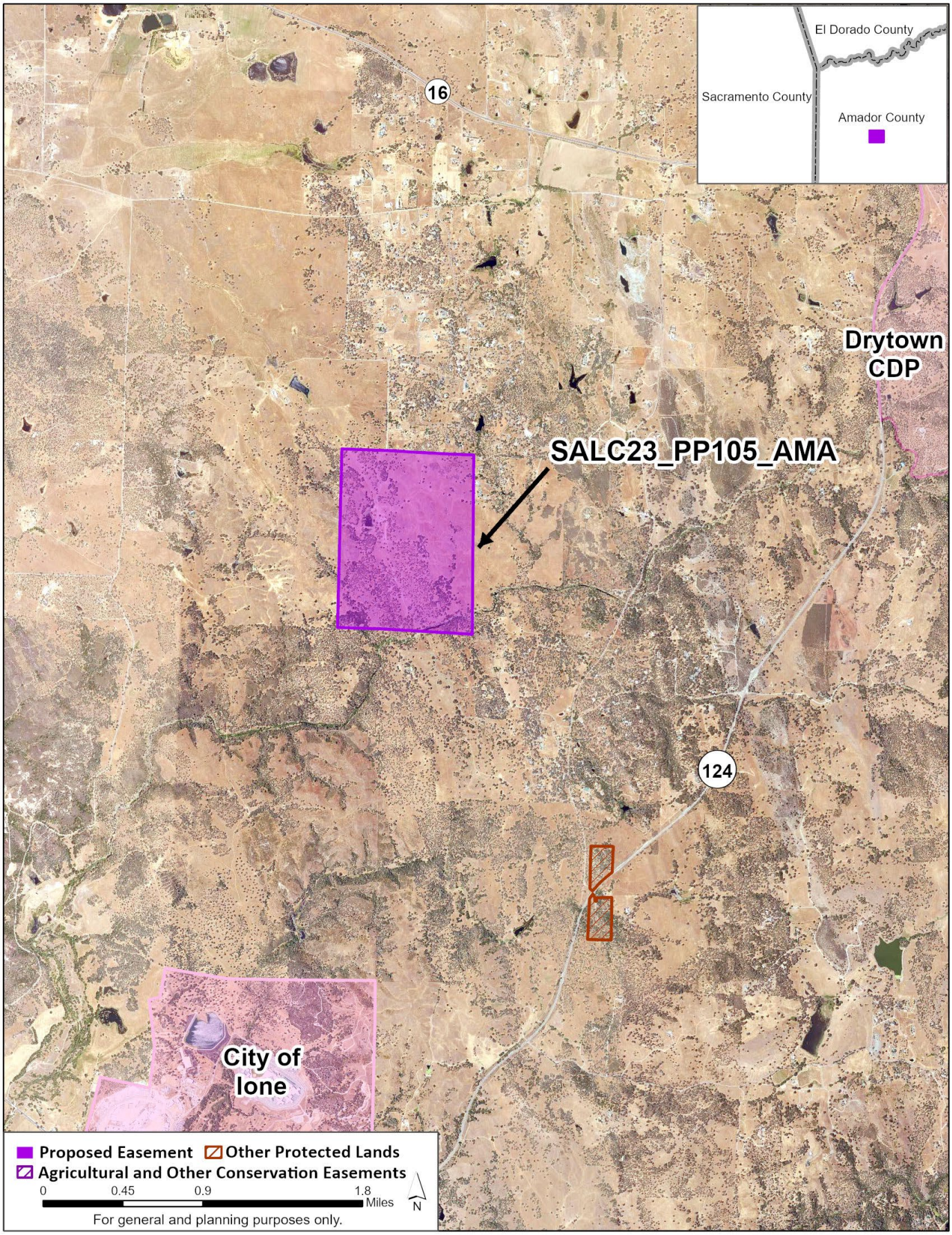
Water Management Practices: The property contains several water sources in the form of agricultural wells, ponds, springs, and creeks.

Co-Benefits

Economic: The operation is part of the local economy: Cattle are sold at the Cattleman's Livestock Market in nearby Galt. Llabor and support services are supplied locally.
Biodiversity: The Dry Creek runs through the southern portion of the property and would benefit from protection within the Upper Mokelumne Watershed.

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

Site Map


El Dorado County
Sacramento County
Amador County
16
Drytown CDP
SALC23_PP105_AMA
124
City of Ione
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.45 0.9 1.8 Miles
N
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Acquisition Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_PP109_CAL

Applicant
Mother Lode Land Trust

Project Location
Valley Springs, Calaveras 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
57 potential development rights extinguished
4,901,294 VMT
19,514 MT CO_2e

Acreage
±630.95

Funding Requested
$2,782,500

Match Funding
Funding Approved – Landowner Donation

Priority Populations Benefits
No

Other Investment Targets
None

Project Description
This easement acquisition project is for a ±631-acre ranch near the town of Valley Springs. The property is one of several properties used as grazing land for a large commercial cow/calf operation operated by the landowner. Cattle are rotated between these properties spanning through California and Nevada. A maximum of 80 heads of cattle are on the property for seasonal grazing, primarily in the winter and spring when water is more readily available. Water is sourced from large ponds and multiple wells.

Strategic Value
Infill and Compact Development

Infill/Compact Development: The property is located a mile from the town of Valley Springs. Protection of the property would add to a block of conserved lands and encourage development closer to Valley Springs. Development is occurring south of Valley Springs.

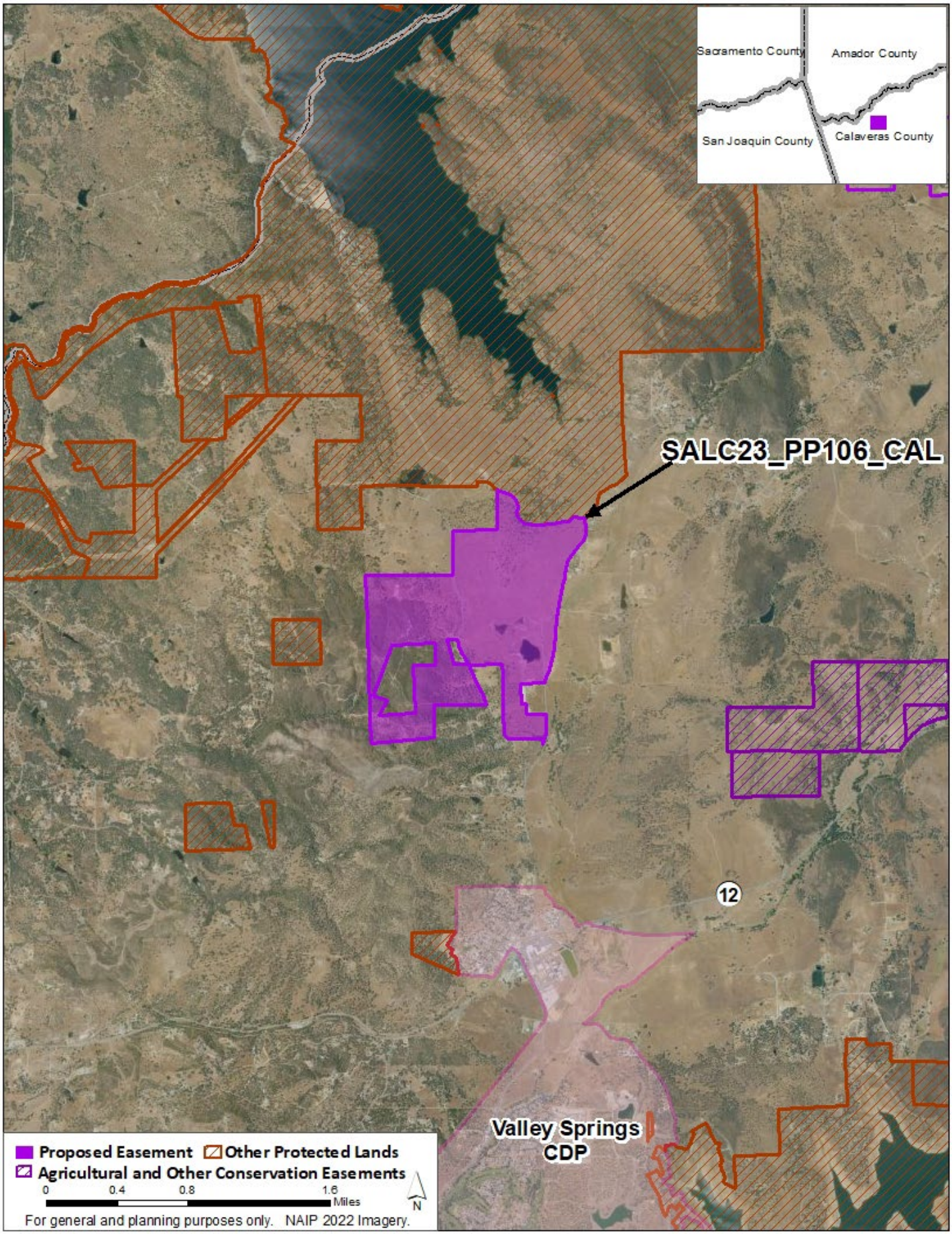
Co-Benefits

Biodiversity: The property lies within an important migration corridor and is adjacent to EBMUD watershed lands that protect Pardee and Commanche reservoirs. Several CDFW-tracked species are known to occur around the property, including the California red-legged frog, American badger, and osprey.

Proximity to Protected Land: Protection of the property would add to a greenbelt surrounding Valley Springs.

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

Site Map


Sacramento County
Amador County
San Joaquin County
Calaveras County
SALC23_PP106_CAL
12
Valley Springs CDP
Proposed Easement
Other Protected Lands
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements
0 0.4 0.8 1.6
Miles
N
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