

**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP01\_TUO

**Applicant**

California Rangeland Trust

**Project Location**

Tuolumne 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**

18 potential development rights extinguished  
13,231,988 VMT  
6,364 MT CO<sub>2e</sub>

**Acreage**

± 822

**Funding Requested**

\$1,837,500

**Match Funding**

Match Funders Identified – Sierra Nevada Conservancy; WCB; NRCS-ACEP; Private Funding

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

The easement project is a ± 822-acre cattle ranch in Tuolumne County located 0.3 miles outside of the Pine Mountain Lake community in Groveland. The landowner runs an ~100 head cow/calf herd and sells the cattle in Turlock and Escalon. The property contains multiple sources of water that sustain the agricultural operation, including stock ponds, wells, and seasonal streams.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is located just outside of the Pine Mountain Lake Community and would begin to fill in a gap between other protected lands outside the community.

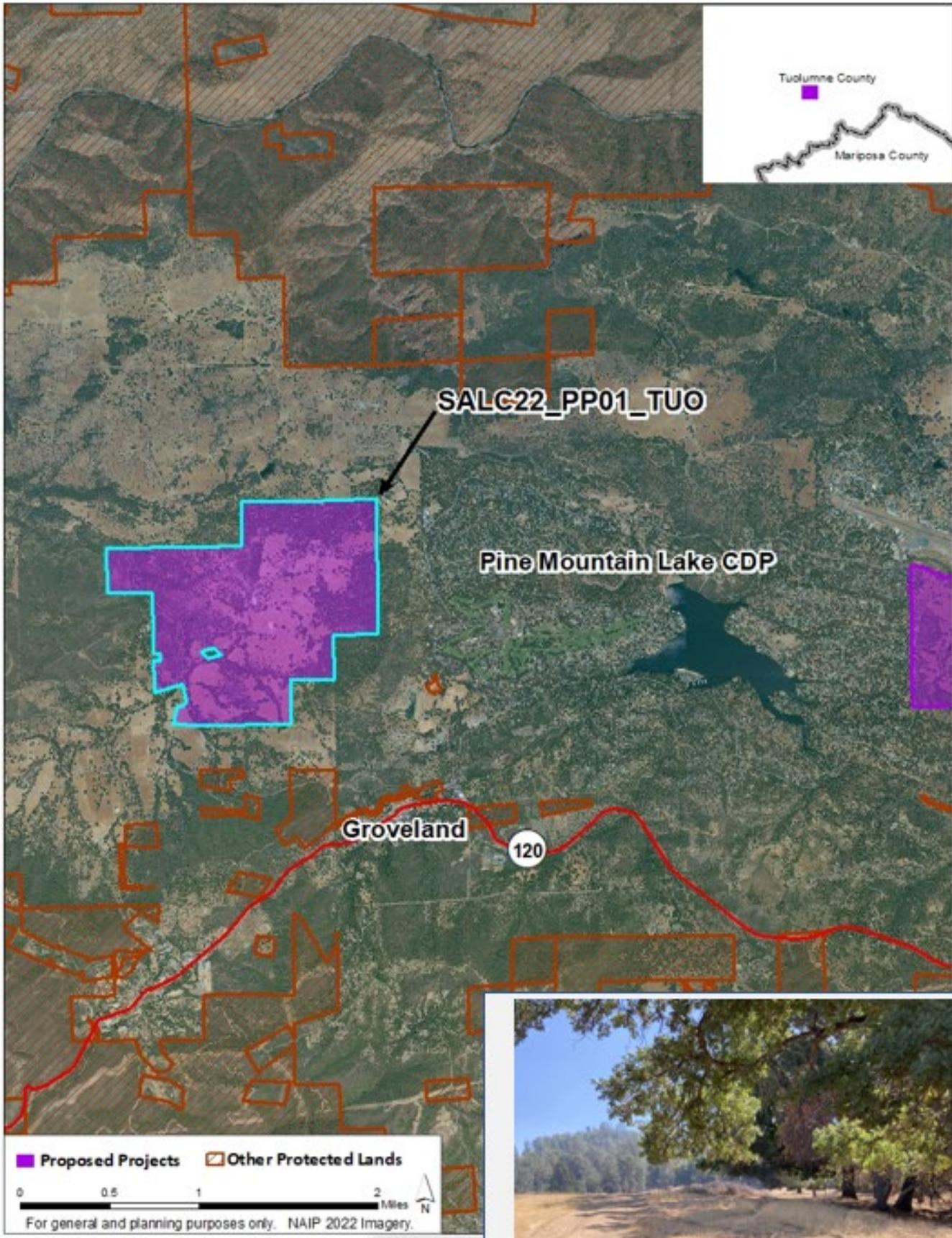
*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* A variety of species can be found on the property typical of the Sierra Foothills region, including Mule Deer. The ranch serves as wildlife corridor between the nearby Stanislaus National Forest and other protected lands.

**Notable Features**

A one-acre portion of the property will be surveyed out and excluded from the easement boundary.

Site Photo and Map



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SALC22\_PP02\_TEH

**Applicant**

California Rangeland Trust

**Project Location**

Rancho Tehama Reserve,  
Tehama County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural Residential zoning  
density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

1,317 potential development  
rights extinguished  
1,327,592,326 VMT  
576,598 MT CO<sub>2e</sub>

**Acreage**

± 5,917

**Funding Requested**

\$4,054,200

**Match Funding**

Match Funders Identified –  
Landowner Donation; NRCS;  
WCB

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

The easement project is a ± 5917 acre property in Tehama County, adjacent to the Rancho Tehama Reserve community. The property supports a winter cattle operation consisting of ~500 cow/calf pairs. The cattle are shipped to another ranch in Davis in the summer and then sold. The property has an adequate supply of water with over 12 reservoirs totaling approximately 46 acres of surface water and numerous natural and manmade water features to support the cattle operation.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is adjacent to the Rancho Tehama Reserve subdivision which includes 2,020 lots. It is also located near the community of Lowery which contains ranchettes between 5-10 acre lots.

*Sustainable Agriculture Use*

*Water Management Practices:* Cattle are winter run to reduce water use even though the ranch has an adequate supply.

*Co-Benefits*

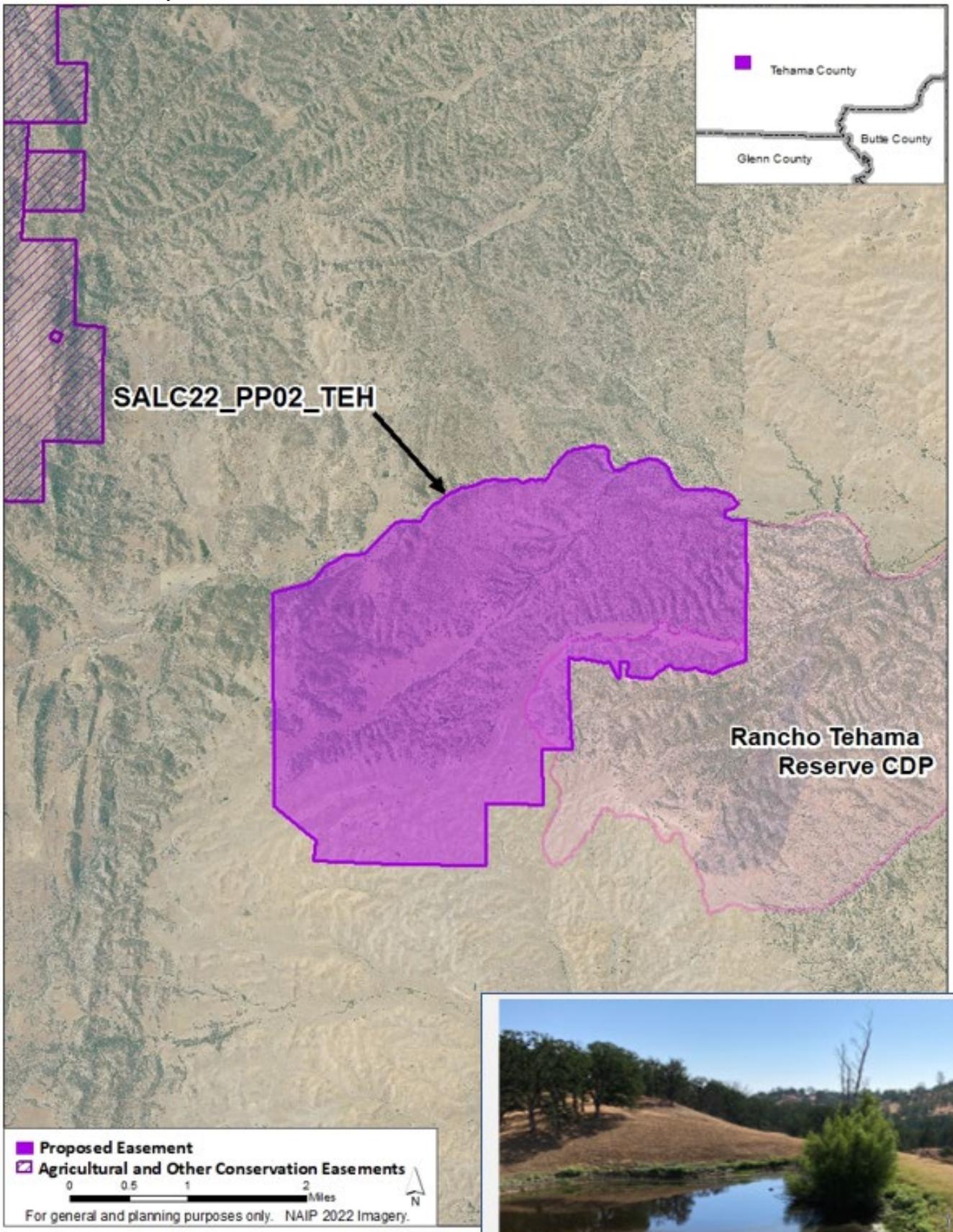
*Environmental:*

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The property is located less than 2 miles southeast of 7,000 acres of protected lands. Protection of the property would add to this block of protected land and encourage growth closer to already developed areas.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



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SALC22\_PP03\_KIN

**Applicant**

Sequoia Riverlands Trust

**Project Location**

Kingsburg, Kings County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

238 potential development rights extinguished  
198,701,645 VMT  
75,577 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

±66

**Funding Requested**

\$1,095,000

**Match Funding**

Match Funder Identified –  
Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

The easement project is a ± 66-acre property located in Kings County, 2.5 miles south of the city of Kingsburg. The landowner specializes in the production of stone fruit and grapes, all of which are certified organic through CCOF. Water infrastructure includes agricultural and domestic wells, and surface water is supplied via Lowbry Ditch in the Consolidated Irrigation District. The entire property uses drip irrigation. There are two building envelopes with residence and farm labor housing as well as agricultural structures.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is located just outside the City of Kingsburg and would begin to fill in a gap of other protected lands outside the community.

*Climate Resilience*

*Climate Smart Management Practices:* The property is managed using regenerative and organic agricultural practices, including planting cover crops and minimal tillage.

*Sustainable Agriculture Use*

*Soil quality:* The property is comprised of soils that are considered Prime Farmland.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



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**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP04\_TUL

**Applicant**

Sequoia Riverlands Trust

**Project Location**

Porterville, Tulare County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

458 potential development rights extinguished  
382,375,434 VMT  
143,797 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

±130

**Funding Requested**

\$1,608,000

**Match Funding**

Match Funder Identified –  
Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This ± 130-acre easement project is located in a scenic agricultural area in Porterville, Tulare County. The property is currently planted in walnuts and includes half a mile of riparian corridor along the Tule River. The property contains multiple sources of water that will sustain agricultural production in the long-term, including three wells and surface water supplied by the Porterville Irrigation District via the Hubbs Miner Ditch.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is located just over 2 miles outside of the City of Portville.

*Sustainable Agriculture Use*

*Soil quality:* 91% of the property is Prime farmland and Flamen loam and Tagus loam soil types.

*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The project includes protection of a critical riparian corridor along the Tule River.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



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SALC22\_PP05\_PLA

**Applicant**

Placer Land Trust

**Project Location**

Auburn, Placer County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural at Risk zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

3 potential development  
rights extinguished  
2,343,739 VMT  
1,065 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 320

**Funding Requested**

\$1,185,000

**Match Funding**

Qualifies for 100% SALC  
Funding

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

Provides secure land tenure  
to a farmer/rancher who is a  
resident of a priority  
population

**Project Description**

The Upper Ranch easement project is a ± 320-acre grazing property in Placer County, adjacent to another SALC-conserved property managed by the same lessee. The property supports 50 head of cattle seasonally from October to July. The cattle are sold in Galt. The property has an adequate supply of water from Raccoon Creek which runs through the property.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Wildland Urban Interface:* Provides wildfire protection to urban and rural residential communities.

*Equity*

*Tribal Co-Management & Access:* The easement will include language outlining a process to allow the United Auburn Indian Community and potentially other Tribal/Indigenous entities access to the property for the collection of traditional foods, herbal medicines, fibers, and/or dyes.

*Secure Land Tenure:* The project provides secure land tenure to the lessee cattle rancher, who is a resident of a priority population.

*Sustainable Agriculture Use*

*Water Management Practices:* Cattle are winter run to reduce the reliance on water.

*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The project includes protection of some of the last remaining, intact blue oak woodlands in this region, as well as a rich riparian corridor and riverine habitat along Raccoon Creek.

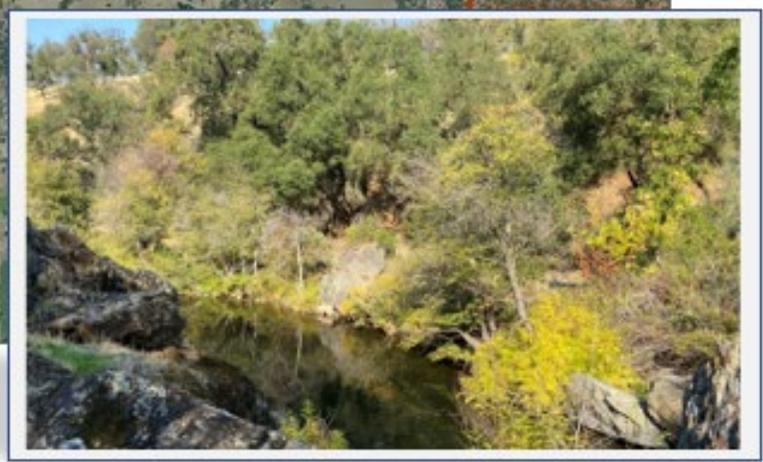
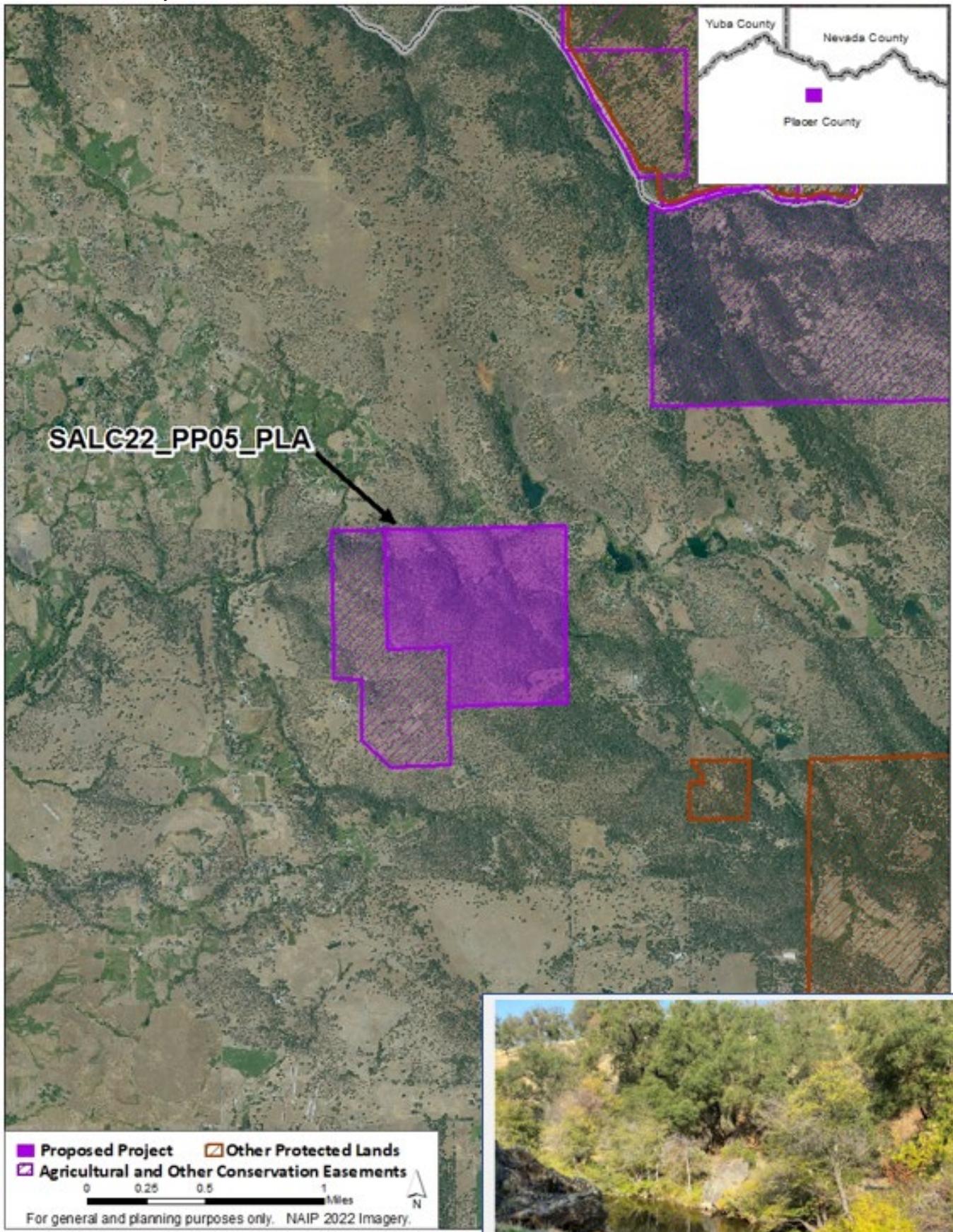
*Environmental:*

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The property is located next to 197 acres of land protected by a SALC agricultural easement and is within X miles of other protected lands. This would add to this block of protected land and encourage growth closer to already developed areas.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



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SALC22\_PP08\_PLA

**Applicant**

California Rangeland Trust

**Project Location**

Auburn, Placer County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

180 potential development rights extinguished  
140,624,339 VMT  
55,316 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 155

**Funding Requested**

\$613,500

**Match Funding**

Match Funder(s) Identified – Landowner is open to a 10% donation, Private Funding, WCB, NRCS-ACEP

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project is to conserve a ± 155-acre grazing property in Placer County, near existing easements and other protected lands. The property supports 35-45 head of cattle from April-November on flood irrigated pasture and 20-24 cow/calf pairs from November to April. The property has an adequate supply of water from Nevada Irrigation District for summer grazing, as well as water from the 0.25 mile stretch of Orr Creek.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* This project is surrounded by ranchettes, is clearly under pressure from urban development from Auburn and will support infill/compact development by being conserved.

*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The property contains 100 acres of oak woodland, 55 acres of open grasslands, and a 0.25 mile stretch of Orr Creek and the associated riparian corridor.

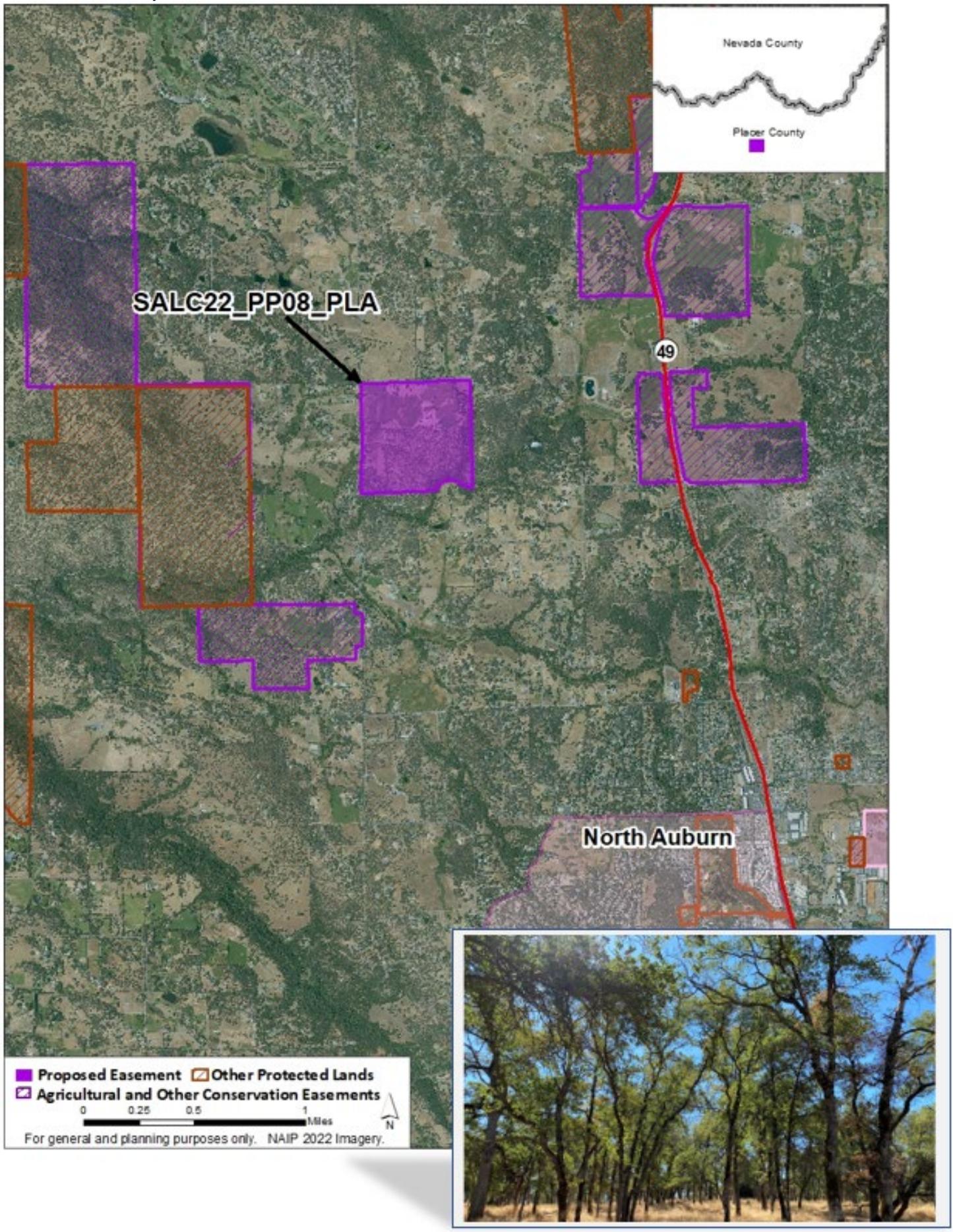
*Environmental:*

*Proximity to Protected Land:* This project would continue to build on a growing block of protected lands in the surrounding area.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



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North Auburn

Proposed Easement    Other Protected Lands  
Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements

0    0.25    0.5    1 Miles

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SALC22\_PP10\_FRE

**Applicant**

Sierra Foothill Conservancy

**Project Location**

Auberry, Fresno 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**

14 potential development rights extinguished  
11,688,332 VMT  
5,241 MT CO<sub>2e</sub>

**Acreage**

± 680

**Funding Requested**

\$370,000

**Match Funding**

Match  
Funder(s) Identified – NRCS-ACEP; CALFIRE; Sierra Nevada Conservancy

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project is for a ± 680-acre cattle ranch in the Fresno foothills adjacent to the Auberry CDP. The property contains well established and maintained agricultural support infrastructure, including corrals, a steel shelter and chute, and various water developments.

**Strategic Value**

*Climate Resilience*

*Climate Smart Management Practices:* The project protects an agricultural landscape that provide diverse and critical public benefits including flood control, water quality and quantity preservation, natural carbon sequestration and storage. The property reduces fire risk, and pesticide and herbicide use.

*Co-Benefits*

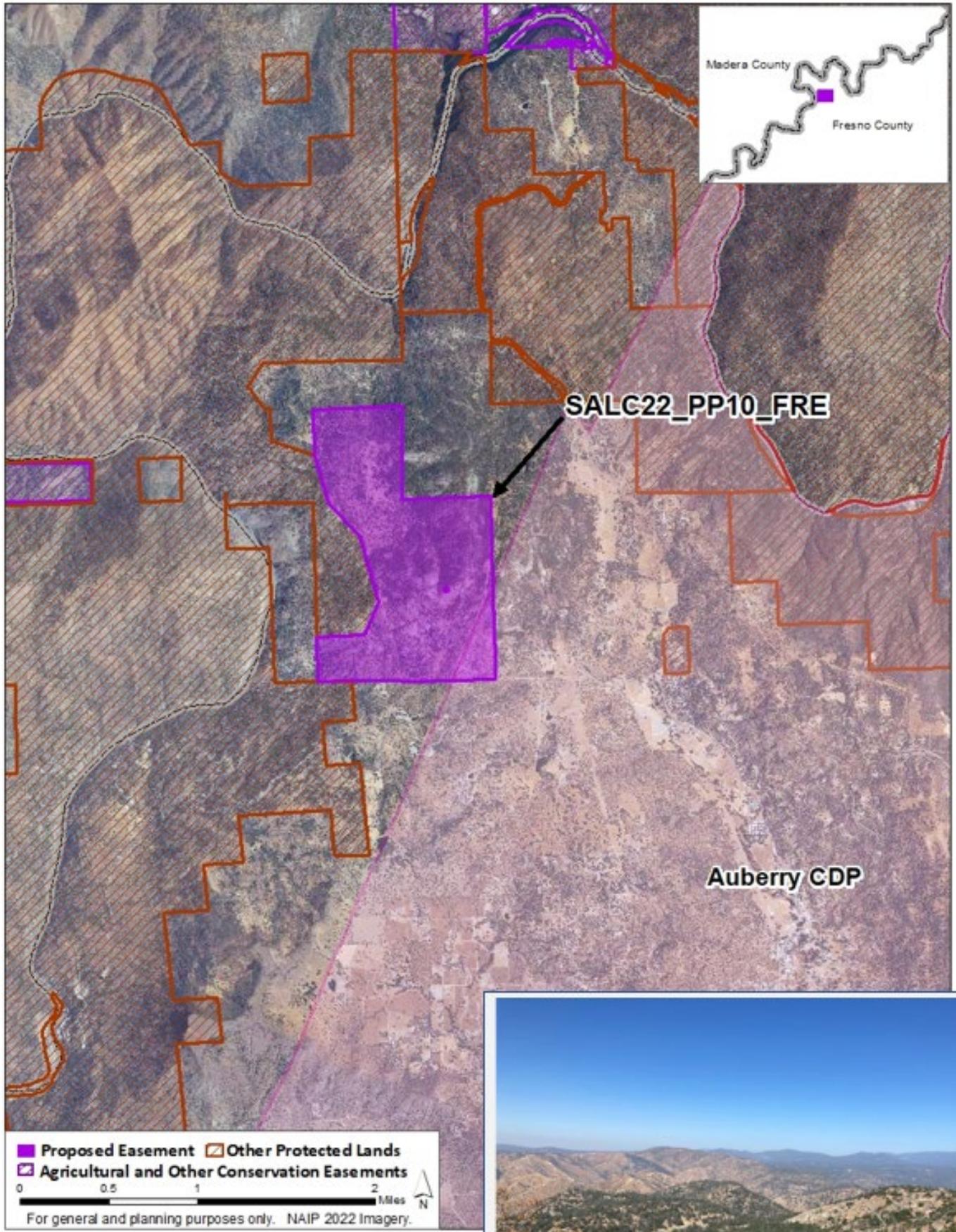
*Biodiversity and Proximity to Protected Lands:* The property supports habitat connectivity, wildlife corridors, and native plants and animals. The ranch is categorized as a "conservation planning linkage" in CDFW's areas of conservation emphasis tool and contributes to an expansive wildlife corridor of protected lands that will support native plants and animals.

*Education:* The landowners host research and educational opportunities through CALFIRE training courses onsite. UC Merced had completed a cultural evaluation of the historic sites on the property.

**Notable Features**

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

Site Photo and Map



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SALC22\_PP11\_MEN

**Applicant**

Mendocino Land Trust

**Project Location**

Willits, Mendocino County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural at Risk zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

3 potential development  
rights extinguished  
2,399,506 VMT  
1,091MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 1,286

**Funding Requested**

\$1,970,000

**Match Funding**

Match Funder Identified-  
Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

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

**Project Description**

The easement project is a ± 1,286-acre cattle ranch in Mendocino County approximately 10 miles from the city of Willits. The property is leased to a long-term tenant to graze ~50 cow/calf pairs and 2 bulls. The ranch has been in commercial agricultural production since the 1800s. The lessee ensures sustainable land management by managing herd sizes and practicing year-round rotational grazing. There are multiple sources of water from wells, ponds, springs, and riparian surface water rights to Curly Cow Creek. The property is comprised of mixed Douglas fir and redwood forests, oak woodlands, annual grassland, and mixed chaparral.

**Strategic Value**

*Climate Resilience*

*Climate Smart Management Practices:* Year-round grazing practices on the ranch reduce fuel loading, allowing the property to contribute to a wildfire buffer for the local community and the city of Willits.

*Equity*

*Secure Land Tenure:* The project provides secure long-term land tenure to a Veteran rancher who lives in a priority population and who has been leasing the property for more than 15 years.

*Co-Benefits*

*Environmental:*

*Watershed:* This project will protect the headwaters of the Curly Cow Creek watershed.

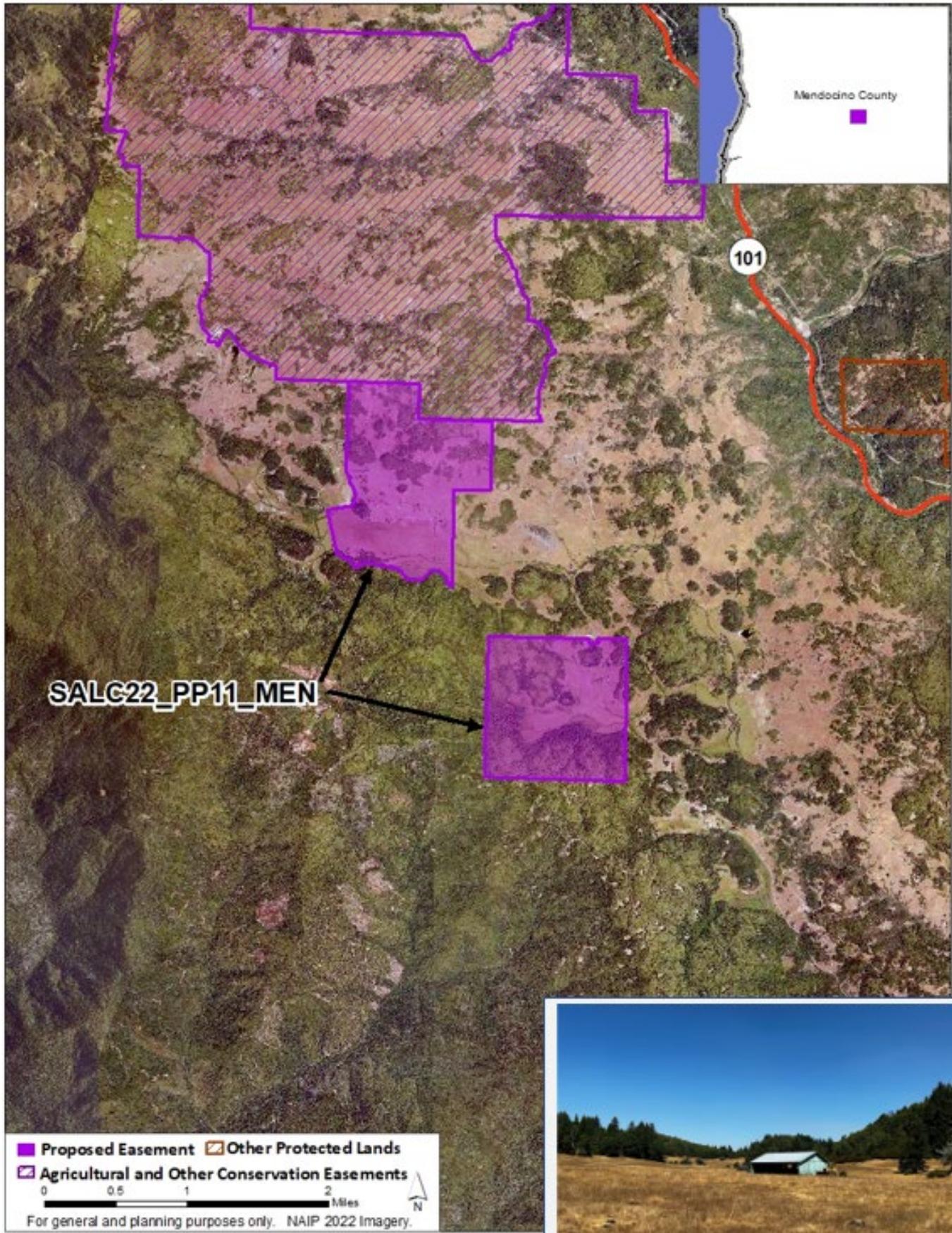
*Biodiversity:* The project provides habitat for Tule elk, deer, and other species, and it protects habitat connectivity and wildlife corridors.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The property is adjacent to more than 5,000 acres of conserved land and the Sherwood Valley Rancheria.

**Notable Features**

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

Site Photo and Map



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**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP12\_TUO

**Applicant**

California Rangeland Trust

**Project Location**

Sonora, Tuolumne County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

66 potential development rights extinguished  
48,517,288 VMT  
23,334 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 434

**Funding Requested**

\$997,800

**Match Funding**

Match Funder(s) Identified – WCB, SNC, Private Funding, NRCS-ACEP

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project will protect a ± 434-acre cattle ranch south of Sonora in Tuolumne County. The property is adjacent to other protected land, has been managed by a multi-generational ranch family since 1862, and supports both meat production and traditional fruit and vegetable crops. Products produced on the property include Kobe beef, goat, and lamb meat, olive oil, and ghost apples. The property has adequate water supply from Tuolumne Water District.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is under pressure from increased residential sprawl development from Sonora and Jamestown.

*Greenbelt/Community Separator:* This project will expand on a nascent greenbelt south of Sonora.

*Wildland Urban Interface:* Provides wildfire protection to urban communities.

*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* Protection of this property will also conserve existing oak woodland habitat.

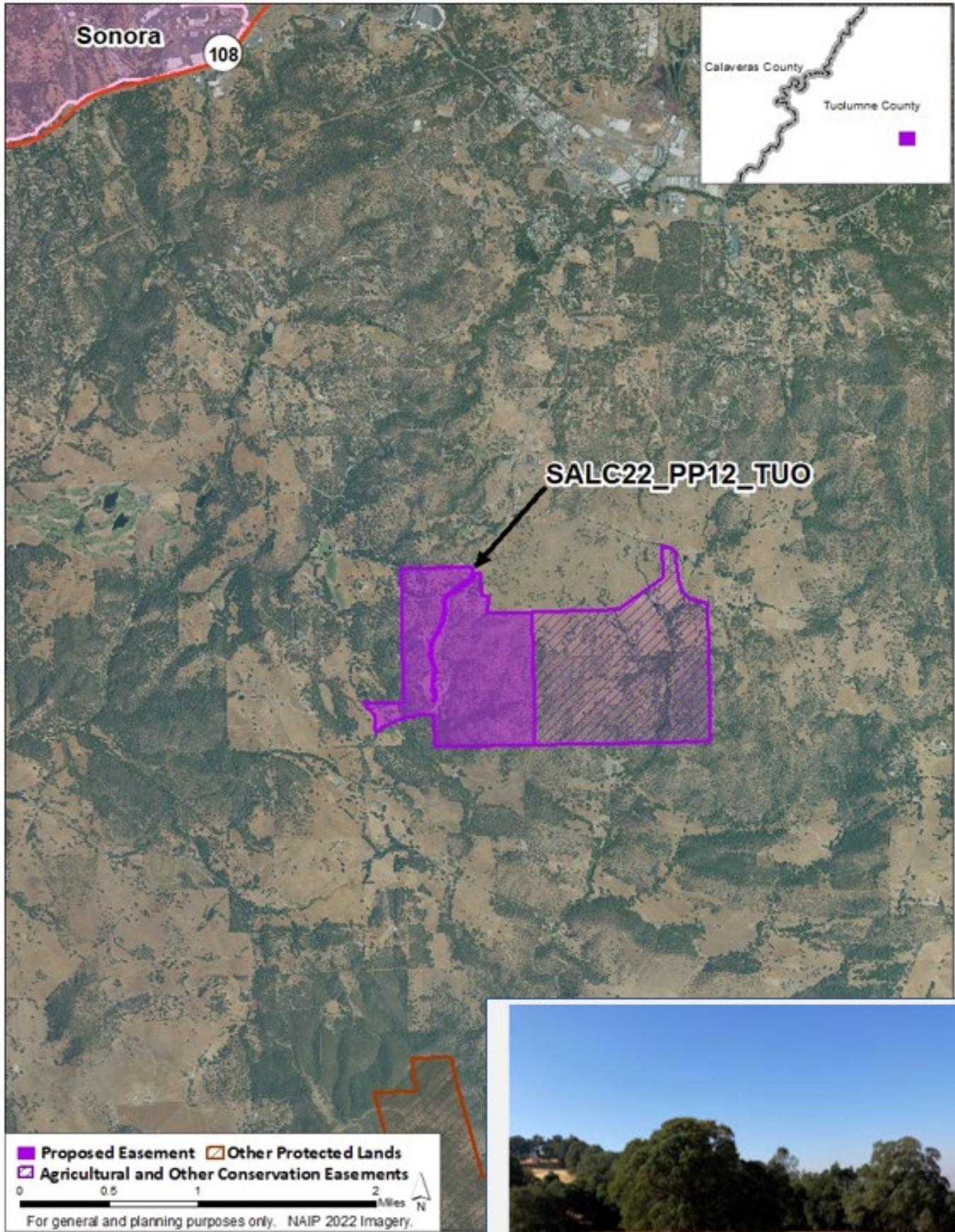
*Environmental:*

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The property is adjacent to 523 acres previously conserved by CRT and WCB.

**Notable Features**

Six acres will be excluded from the original project acreage due to an existing easement on that area.

Site Photo and Map



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**FY 2022-23 Funding Not Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP13\_SAC

**Applicant**

Sacramento Valley  
Conservancy

**Project Location**

Rancho Murieta, Sacramento

**Recommended Ranking**

D - Project not ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural residential zoning  
density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

157 potential development  
rights extinguished  
105,037,885 VMT  
42,956 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

±170

**Funding Requested**

\$2,365,000

**Match Funding**

Match Funder Secured –  
Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project is a ± 170-acre property in Sacramento County, adjacent to the community of Rancho Murieta. The property supports rotational grazing of 20 to 50 head of cattle for cow/calf seedstock. A large pond on the property provides water for the cattle and wildlife. Agricultural infrastructure includes a water well and corral for loading and unloading cattle.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is adjacent to the community of Rancho Murieta.

*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The large pond provides a water source and habitat for wildlife.

*Viewshed:* The property is visible from Jackson Highway and Stonehouse Road.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The Deer Creek Preserve is located a little over a mile to the north.

*Wildlife Corridor:* Provides a corridor on the west side of Rancho Murieta connecting the Consumnes River to the Deer Creek Preserve to the north.

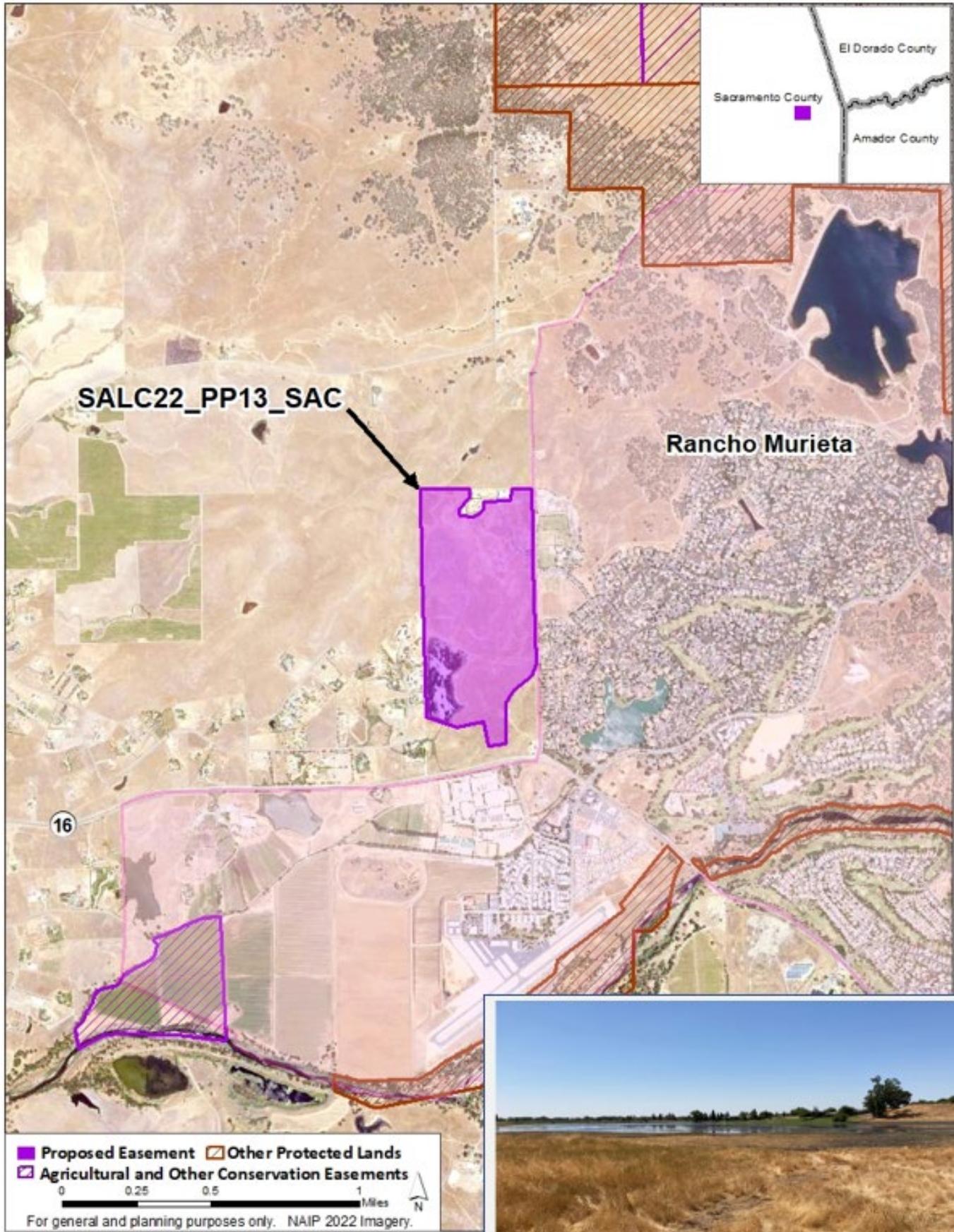
**Notable Features**

Approximately 32 acres of the ranch have been excluded. The exclusions are for a potential realignment of Stonehouse Road, for a proposed commercial development area along Jackson Highway, and for the existing primary home.

The landowner does not yet own one of the three parcels proposed for protection.

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

Site Photo and Map



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**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP14\_YUB

**Applicant**

Trust for Public Land

**Project Location**

Oregon House, Yuba 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**

595 potential development rights extinguished  
299,153,079 VMT  
154,562 MT CO<sub>2e</sub>

**Acreage**

± 5,364

**Funding Requested**

\$4,145,000

**Match Funding**

Match Funder Identified – WCB

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

The ± 5,364-acre project is for an easement acquisition located adjacent to Oregon House in Yuba County. The property contains a regenerative grass-fed cattle, sheep, and pig operation. The property contains multiple stock ponds, a lake, and has steady access to water year-round.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is adjacent to Oregon House and is located in the rapidly growing Yuba County. There is a compound adjacent to the ranch which is sparking additional sales of agricultural parcels to expand areas for members to live on or near the compound. The Water Board is also building a new office building not far from the project site which could increase development pressure.

*Climate Resilience*

*Climate Smart Management Practices:* The property contains many acres of grasslands, oak woodlands, wetlands, and riparian zones that provide long-term above and below-ground carbon sequestration and storage benefits. The implementation of regenerative land management practices also increases soil carbon sequestration climate resilience.

*Co-Benefits*

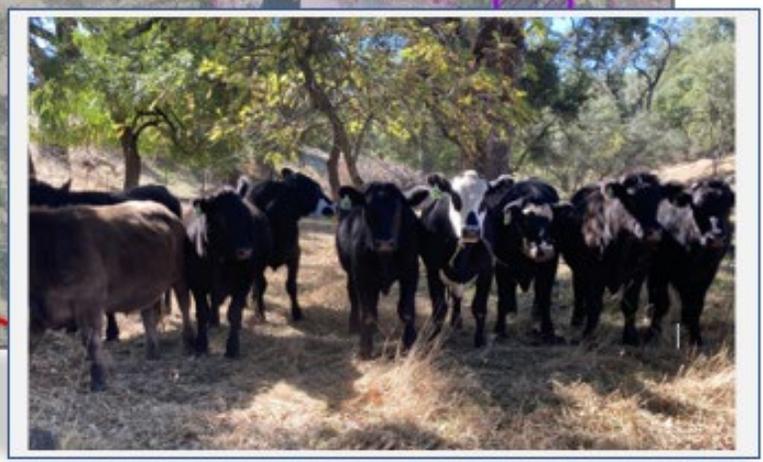
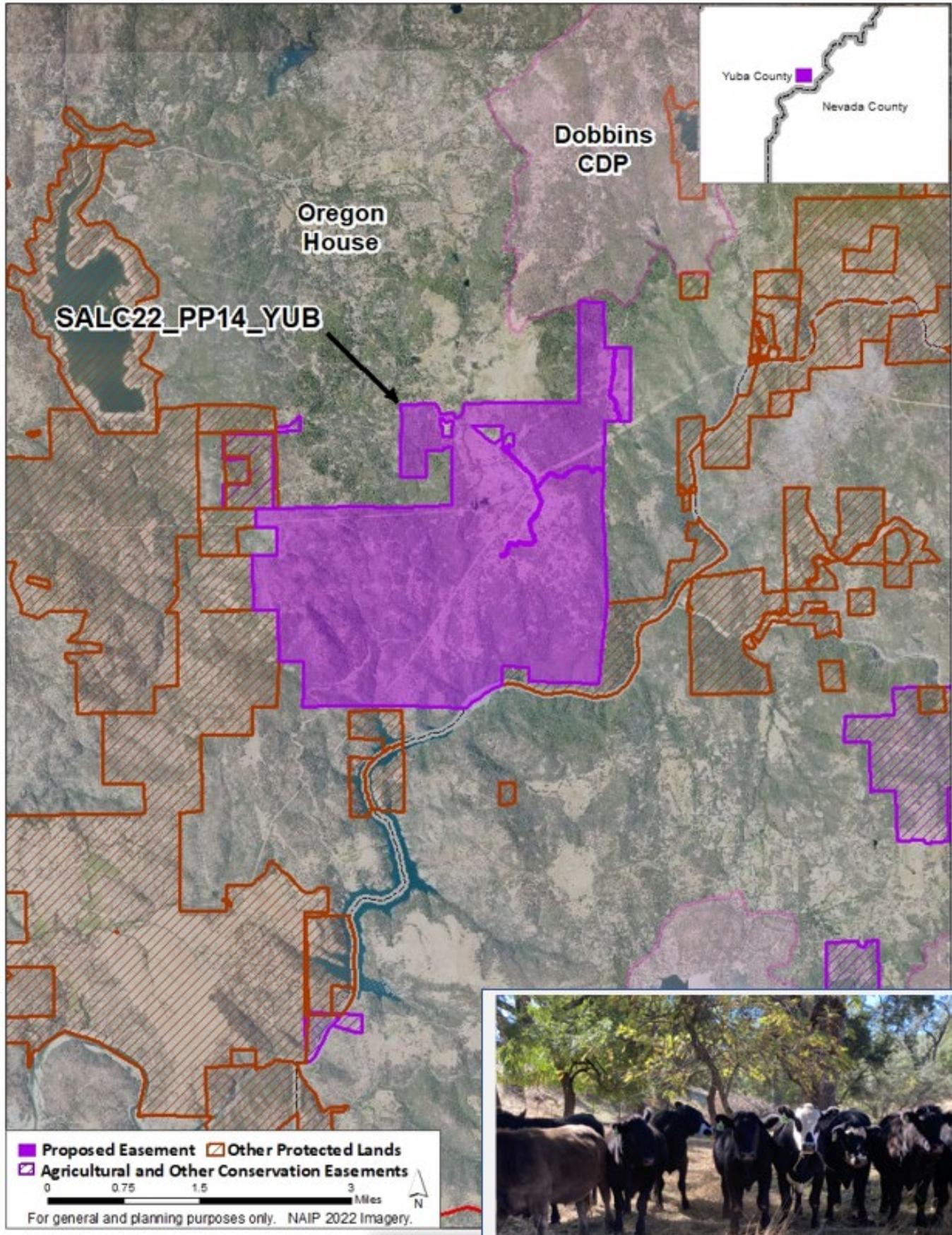
*Biodiversity:* A portion of the property is adjacent to the Yuba River. Native salmonid populations downstream benefit from the property's protection. The ranch is located within the Northern Sierra Nevada Foothills wildlife linkage and the CDFW riparian wildlife corridor. The properties 5,000+ acres will fill a gap to create a largely connected mosaic of 17,800 acres of public and conserved lands.

*Public Access/Education:* The ranch offers occasional education and recreational opportunities such as campouts for youth groups and workshops on regenerative agriculture for school groups. A new public access trail is being considered on the property and would include opportunities to connect to regional trails.

**Notable Features**

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

Site Photo and Map



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**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP15\_SBA

**Applicant**

Santa Barbara Land Trust

**Project Location**

Orcutt, Santa Barbara

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural at Risk zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

3 potential development rights extinguished  
2,218,128 VMT  
941 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 587

**Funding Requested**

\$1,635,000

**Match Funding**

Committed - Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This project will fund an agricultural conservation easement on a ± 587-acre cattle ranch located near the community of Orcutt in Santa Barbara County. The subject property has existing infrastructure including two residential homes and associated residential support structures, a horse stable, wells and troughs, and an older agricultural employee housing structure. Multiple water sources exist onsite, and the property is leased for year-round grazing in partnership with adjacent properties.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill and Compact Development:* The proposed project is adjacent to a large proposed residential subdivision, Solomon Hills.

*Wildland Urban Interface:* The property is located to the south of the growing community of Orcutt and is part of a buffer region between the urban communities of Orcutt and Los Alamos and larger open space areas. Conservation of the property will reduce expansion of rural residential development into this area, and managed grazing on the property will help mitigate fuel loads and decrease the likelihood of wildland ignitions.

*Co-Benefits*

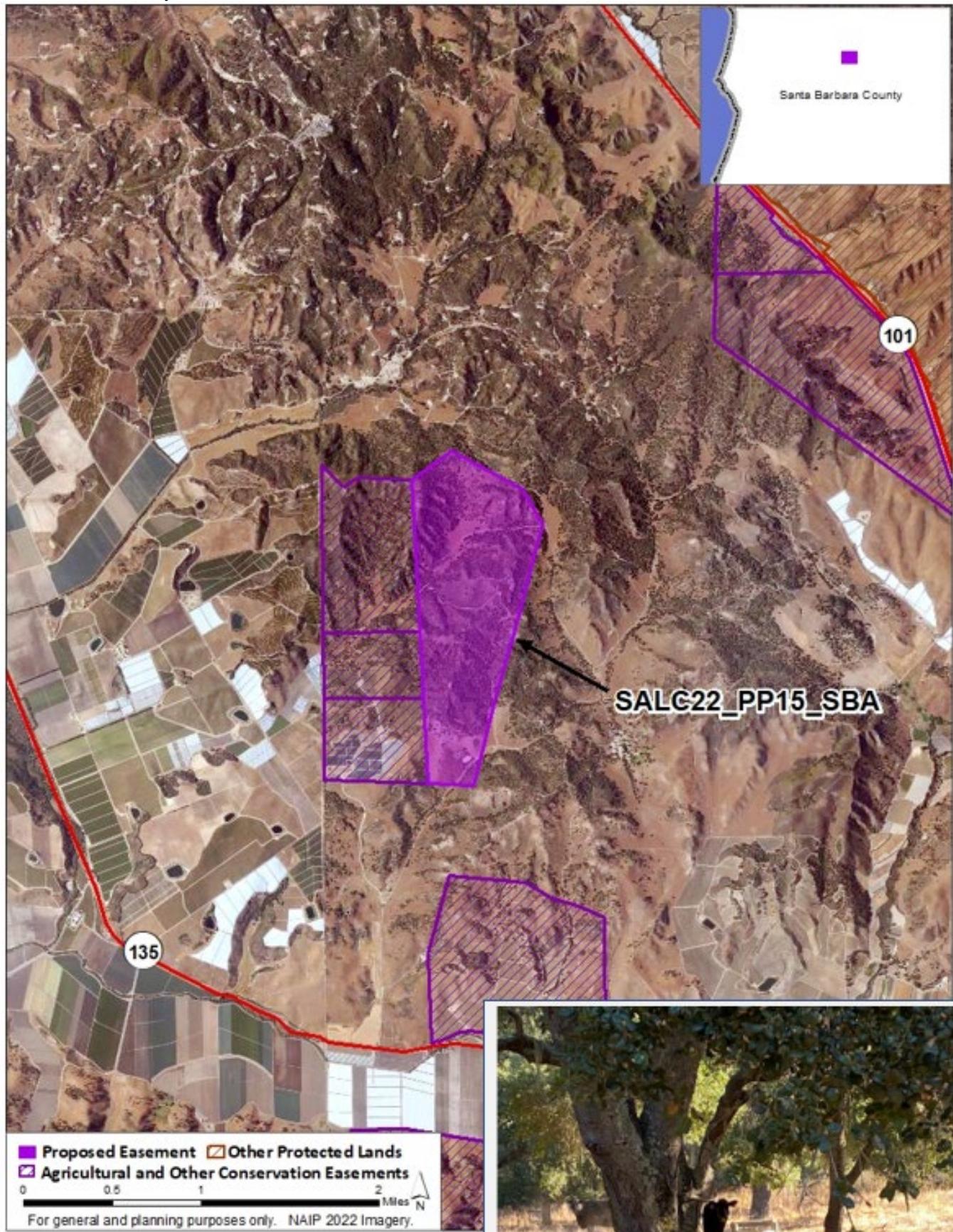
*Biodiversity:* The property is located in an area with known habitat for sensitive bird, amphibian, and reptile species.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The property is adjacent to the Long Canyon Conservation Easement, an easement held by the Santa Barbara Land Trust, and is proximal to other similarly protected lands.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



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**FY 2022-23 Funding Not Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP18\_TEH

**Applicant**

California Rangeland Trust

**Project Location**

Paskenta, Tehama County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural at Risk zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

22 potential development  
rights extinguished  
22,176,941 VMT  
9,632 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 3,871

**Funding Requested**

\$2,010,000

**Match Funding**

Funding Approved -  
NRCS ACEP-ALE

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

The easement project is a ± 3,871-acre cattle ranch in Tehama County and is located 0.6 miles from Paskenta CDP. The landowner runs ~250 - 350 head of cattle on the ranch. The property contains multiple water sources to sustain agricultural production in the long term, including seven stock reservoirs and several seasonal creeks.

**Strategic Value**

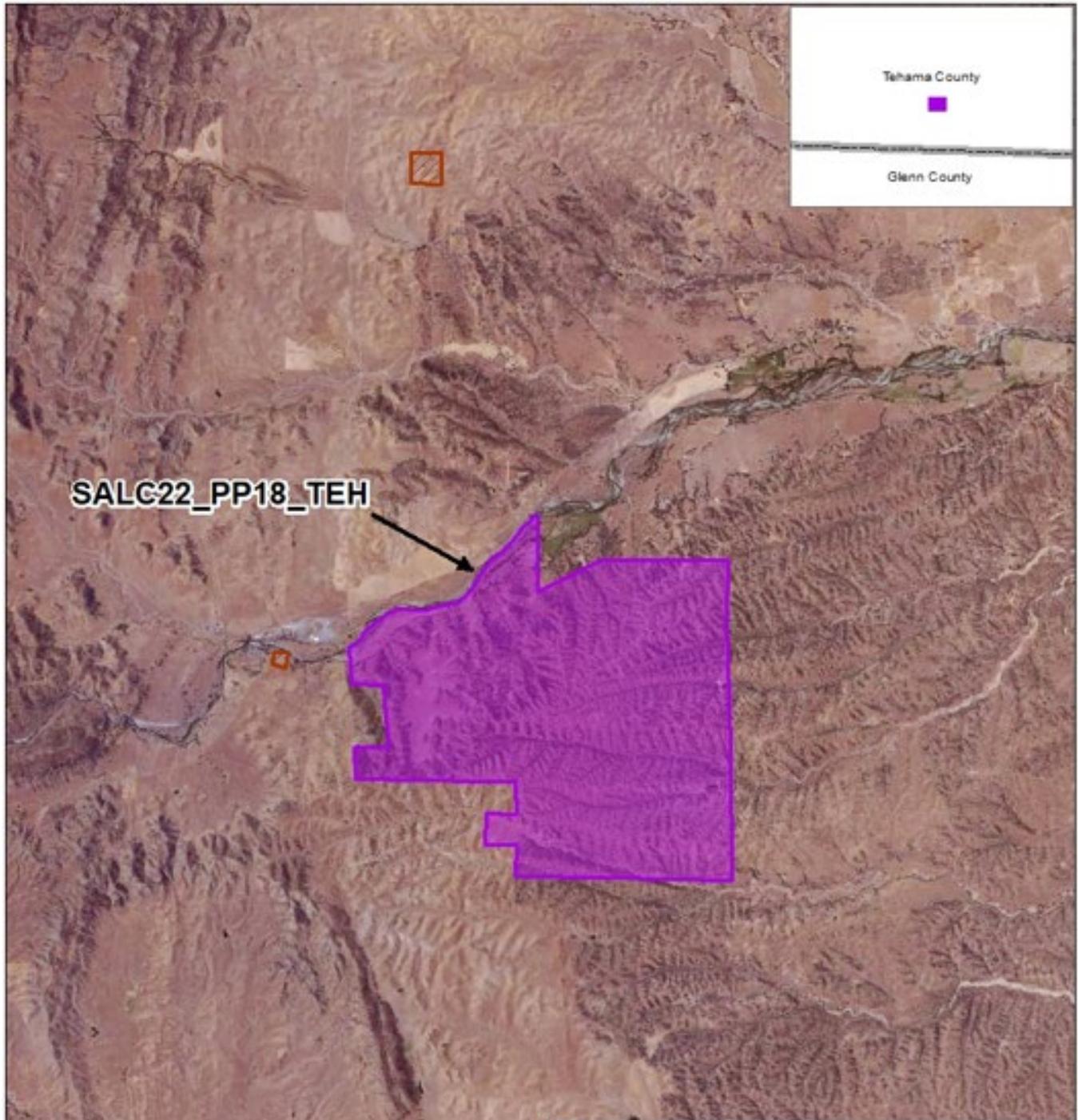
*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The property has blue and valley oak woodlands and supports deer, raptors, mountain lions, badgers, and oak woodland birds. Several species designated as special concern have been observed onsite, including the western spadefoot toad, foothill yellow-legged frog, Burrowing Owl, Swainson's hawk, and Jepsen's milk vetch.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



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

0    0.5    1    2 Miles

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**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP20\_SBA

**Applicant**

Northern Chumash Tribal Council

**Project Location**

Lompoc, Santa Barbara County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

584 potential development rights extinguished  
431,795,595 VMT  
164,497 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 310

**Funding Requested**

\$5,870,000

**Match Funding**

Qualifies for 100% SALC Funding

**Priority Populations Benefits**

Yes

**Other Investment Targets**

Provides secure land tenure to a CA tribe

A CA tribe is the applicant/co-applicant

**Project Description**

This project is for the purchase of a ± 310-acre ranch in Santa Barbara County located 8 miles from the city of Lompoc. The project will return land to the Northern Chumash Tribe and will be focused on restoration, cultivation, and gathering of traditional foods, medicines, and other cultural resources including native fish habitat, beaver wetlands, oak woodlands, purple needle and rye grasses, an abundance of endemic wildflowers, and natural resources that are culturally and spiritually important to the Northern Chumash Tribe. The property is located on culturally significant, tribal-affiliated coastal land. The property has sufficient water resources from wells, ponds, and riparian rights to the creek.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Wildland Urban Interface:* The property will serve as a wildfire buffer for the city of Lompoc.

*Equity*

*Tribal Management & Access:* The project will provide a safe space for Chumash to practice, promote, and teach tribal culture and traditional ecological knowledge.

*Secure Land Tenure:* The project will support the return of traditional ancestral lands back to the Northern Chumash Tribe.

*Sustainable Agriculture Use*

*Land Management Practices:* The project will include sustainable land management using Indigenous permaculture through traditional ecological knowledge.

*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* Southern California Steelhead and North American Beaver have been found on the property, as well as bobcats, mountain lions, hawks, eagles, badgers, mule deer, pack rats, lizards, snakes, and a variety of avian species.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The property is adjacent to the 24,000-acre protected Dangermond preserve.

**Notable Features**

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

Site Photo and Map



**Proposed Project**    **Other Protected Lands**  
**Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements**

0    0.5    1    2 Miles

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## Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program

### Acquisition Presentation Summary

FY 2022-23 Funding Not Recommended

SALC22\_PP21\_SBT

#### Applicant

San Benito Agricultural Land Trust

#### Project Location

Gilroy, San Benito County

#### Recommended Ranking

D - Project not ready

#### Land Use Conversion Threat

Residential zoning density

#### Estimated GHG's Avoided

1,126 potential development rights extinguished

355,169,991 VMT

155,364 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

#### Acreage

± 318

#### Funding Requested

\$864,205

#### Match Funding

Match Funders Identified – WCB, POST, Conservation Fund

#### Priority Populations Benefits

No

#### Other Investment Targets

None

#### Project Description

This fee acquisition project is for a ±318-acre property in San Benito County, near the City of Gilroy. The property is the largest individual parcel of land in northern San Benito County and typically supports row crops such as tomatoes, peppers, and carrots. The property is currently being leased to grow hay and grain. There are two irrigation wells on the property and a 10,000-gallon storage tank.

#### Strategic Value

##### *Infill and Compact Development*

*Greenbelt/Community Separator:* Protection of the property would add to the growing number of protected properties between Gilroy and Hollister.

##### *Climate Resilience*

*Floodplain:* The property floods in large rain events, which reduces the risk of damage downstream.

*Economic Sustainability and Food Security:* Historically, the property has grown fresh produce for local markets and contributes to the sustainability of agriculture in the region.

##### *Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The Miller Canal runs along the southeast border and has been identified as a “waterway critical habitat” in AMBAG’s pending 2045 SCS.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* There are protected lands adjacent to the property and in the vicinity. Protection of the property would contribute to the creation of a conservation corridor along the Pajaro River.

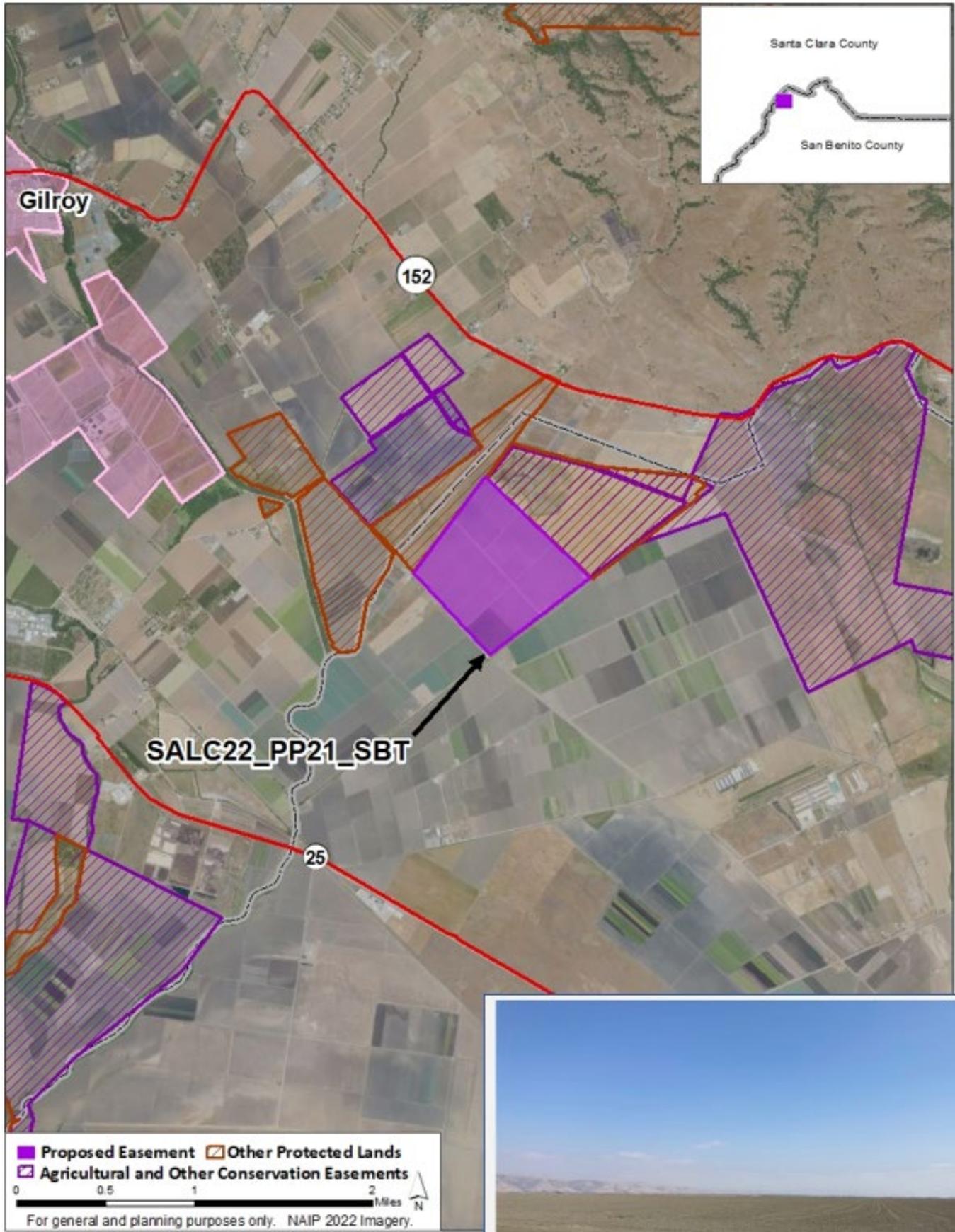
#### Notable Features

Applicant proposes to remove 65 acres from agriculture for restoration. The option of subdividing and selling this 65-acre restoration area separately would be retained.

Applicant notes that the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) is considering purchasing the property at its November board meeting. If POST purchases the property, the applicant will work with POST to become the easement holder if the property is resold to a private farmer.

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

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP22\_FRE

**Applicant**

El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust

**Project Location**

Sanger, Fresno County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

388 potential development rights extinguished  
323,933,774 VMT  
122,439 MT CO<sub>2e</sub>

**Acres**

± 112

**Funding Requested**

\$1,330,080

**Match Funding**

Match Funders Identified – Martin Family Foundation, El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust, Landowner

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project is for a ±112 acre property in Fresno County located 1.5 miles from Sanger and 17 miles from downtown Fresno. The property is currently planted to lemons, navel oranges, and almonds. Onsite wells provide irrigation water, while the northern parcel of the property also has access to Fresno Irrigation District water.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* Highway 180 provides easy access from the property to downtown Fresno (22 minutes). Sanger is 8 minutes from the property.

*Co-Benefits*

*Economic:* The fruit and nuts produced on the property are processed and packed locally, which generates downstream revenues for the local economy.

*Environmental:*

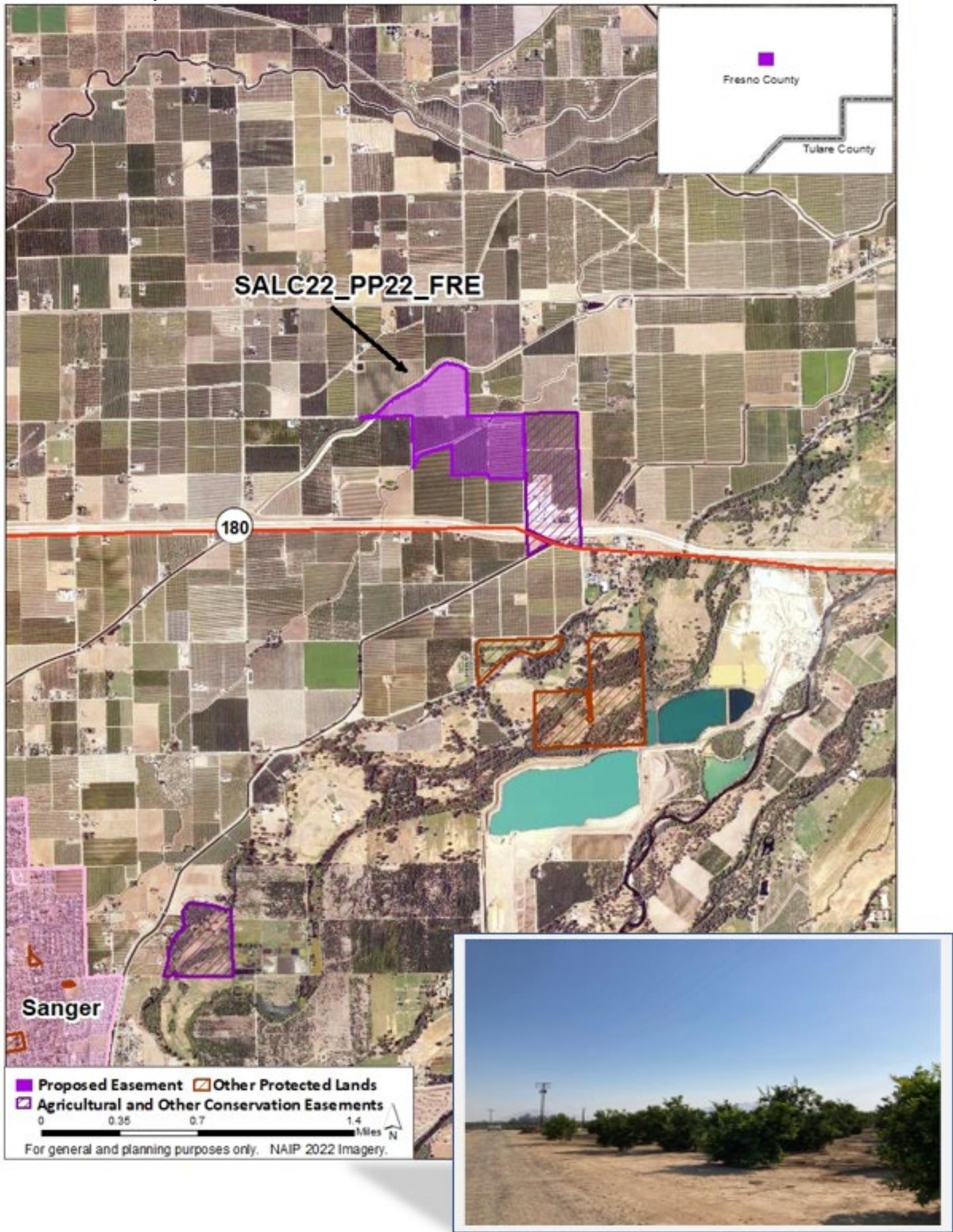
*Proximity to Protected Land:* The property is adjacent to conserved land.

*Habitat:* The Lone Tree Channel runs through the property and provides wildlife forage and shelter.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP24\_SCR

**Applicant**

Land Trust of Santa Cruz  
County

**Project Location**

Santa Cruz County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but  
requires resolution of specific  
issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

2,148 potential development  
rights extinguished  
508,088,459 VMT  
260,023 MT CO<sub>2e</sub>

**Acreage**

± 1,204

**Funding Requested**

\$3,060,000

**Match Funding**

Funding Approved – CAL FIRE  
Landowner Donation –  
Committed

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This project consists of two easements that will protect ±1,204 acres of rangeland and forestlands in Santa Cruz County near the city of Watsonville. The property has been continuously grazed since the 1840's and supports a cow-calf operation with about 40 pairs. Cattle drink from natural springs, creeks, and catch basins and are rotated between three pastures every 45-60 days.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The project is located less than five miles from the city of Watsonville. The two easements will prevent future subdivision of the property and encourage infill within Watsonville and other nearby developed areas.

*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* Two creeks on the property are identified by NOAA as important for the recovery of threatened South-Central California Coast steelhead, which have been confirmed on the property. Riparian areas on the ranch also provide habitat likely to support threatened red-legged frog.

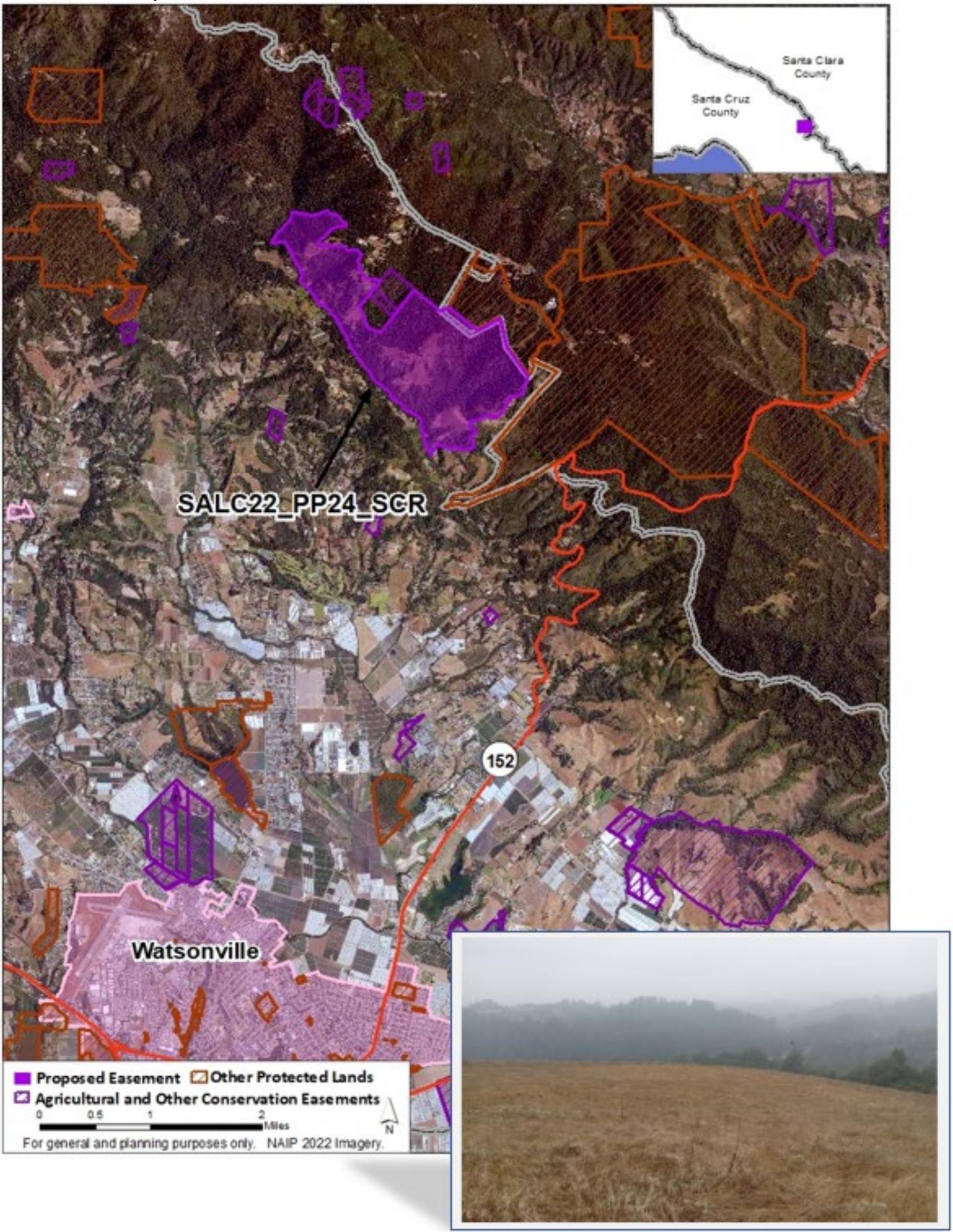
*Environmental:*

*Connectivity:* The project area is important for maintaining habitat permeability. CDFW has identified the ranch as a keystone property within the Santa Cruz Mountains – Gabilan Range Wildlife Linkage.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP25\_MNT

**Applicant**

Ag Land Trust

**Project Location**

Monterey County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

1,510 potential development rights extinguished  
154,334,537 VMT  
101,914 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 320

**Funding Requested**

\$3,516,000

**Match Funding**

Match Funding Secured – Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project will protect ± 320 acres of irrigated cropland in Monterey County two miles outside of the City of Marina and Castroville CDP. The property produces strawberries and a variety of green vegetables, including, lettuce, celery, broccoli, and cauliflower. The property contains multiple water sources to sustain agricultural production in the long term, including reclaimed urban wastewater and groundwater rights.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Greenbelt/Community Separator:* Protection of the property would add to the growing number of protected properties between Marina, Salinas, and Castroville CDP.

*Sustainable Agriculture Use*

*Soil quality:* The property consists of Prime Farmland soils in the Blanco area of the Salina Valley.

*Co-Benefits*

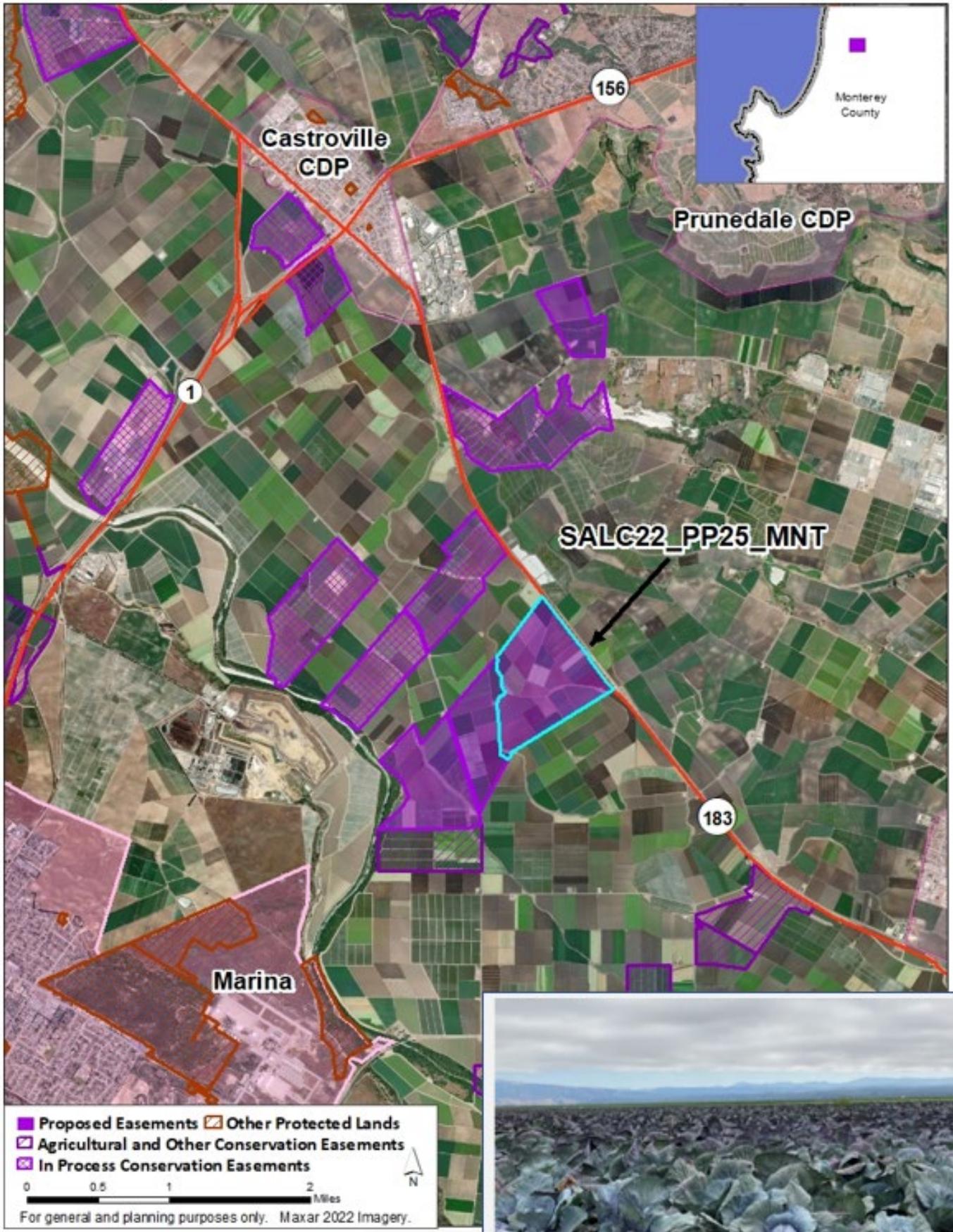
*Environmental:*

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The project is in close proximity to several established and proposed conservation easements.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP26\_MNT

**Applicant**

Ag Land Trust

**Project Location**

Marina, Monterey County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

645 potential development rights extinguished  
65,924,355 VMT  
43,536 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acres**

± 157

**Funding Requested**

\$1,761,000

**Match Funding**

Match Funding Secured – Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project will protect ± 157 acres of irrigated cropland in Monterey County within 2 miles of the City of Marina and Castroville CDP. The property produces irrigated vegetables and fruits including strawberries, lettuce, celery, broccoli, and cauliflower. Crops are grown year-round and rotated seasonally. The property contains multiple water sources to sustain agricultural production in the long term, including reclaimed urban wastewater and groundwater rights.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Greenbelt/Community Separator:* The property is located between the job centers of Salinas and Marina. Protection of the property would add and connect to other protected properties separating these urban areas.

*Sustainable Agriculture Use*

*Soil quality:* The property consists of Prime Farmland soils.

*Co-Benefits*

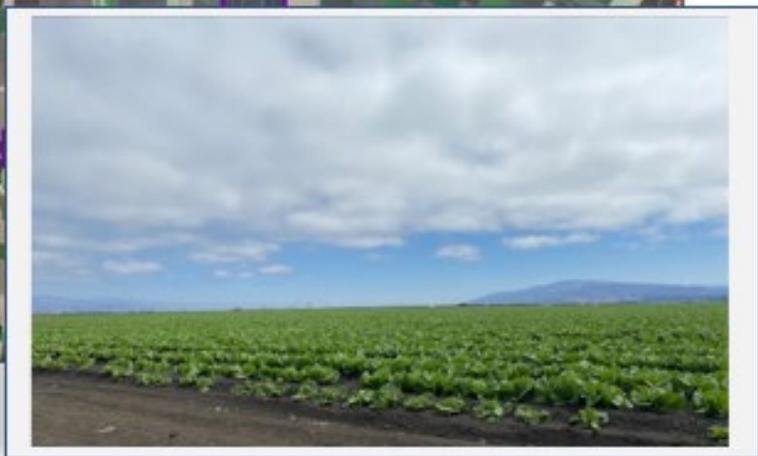
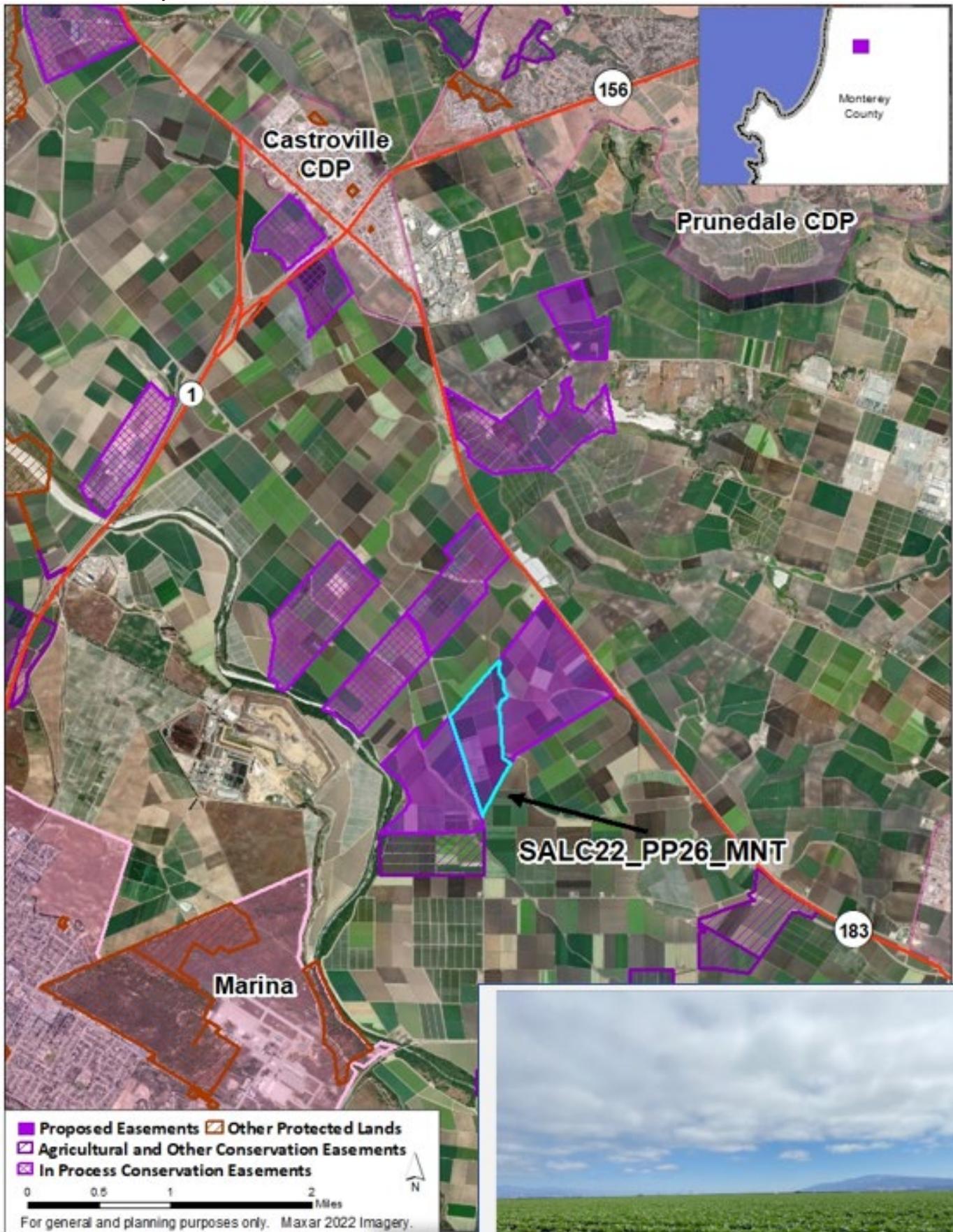
*Environmental:*

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The project is in close proximity to several established and proposed conservation easements.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP27\_MNT

**Applicant**

Ag Land Trust

**Project Location**

Marina, Monterey County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

677 potential development rights extinguished  
69,195,021 VMT  
45,697 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 227

**Funding Requested**

\$2,422,500

**Match Funding**

Match Funding Secured –  
Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project is comprised of ± 227 acres of irrigated cropland in Monterey County within 2 miles of the City of Marina and Castroville CDP. The property produces irrigated vegetables and fruits including strawberries, lettuce, celery, broccoli, and cauliflower. Crops are grown year-round and rotated seasonally. The property contains multiple water sources to sustain agricultural production in the long term, including reclaimed urban wastewater and groundwater rights and is located along the Salinas River.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Greenbelt/Community Separator:* The property is located between the job centers Salinas and Marina. Protection of the property would add and connect to other protected properties separating these urban areas.

*Sustainable Agriculture Use*

*Soil quality:* The property consists of Prime Farmland soils.

*Co-Benefits*

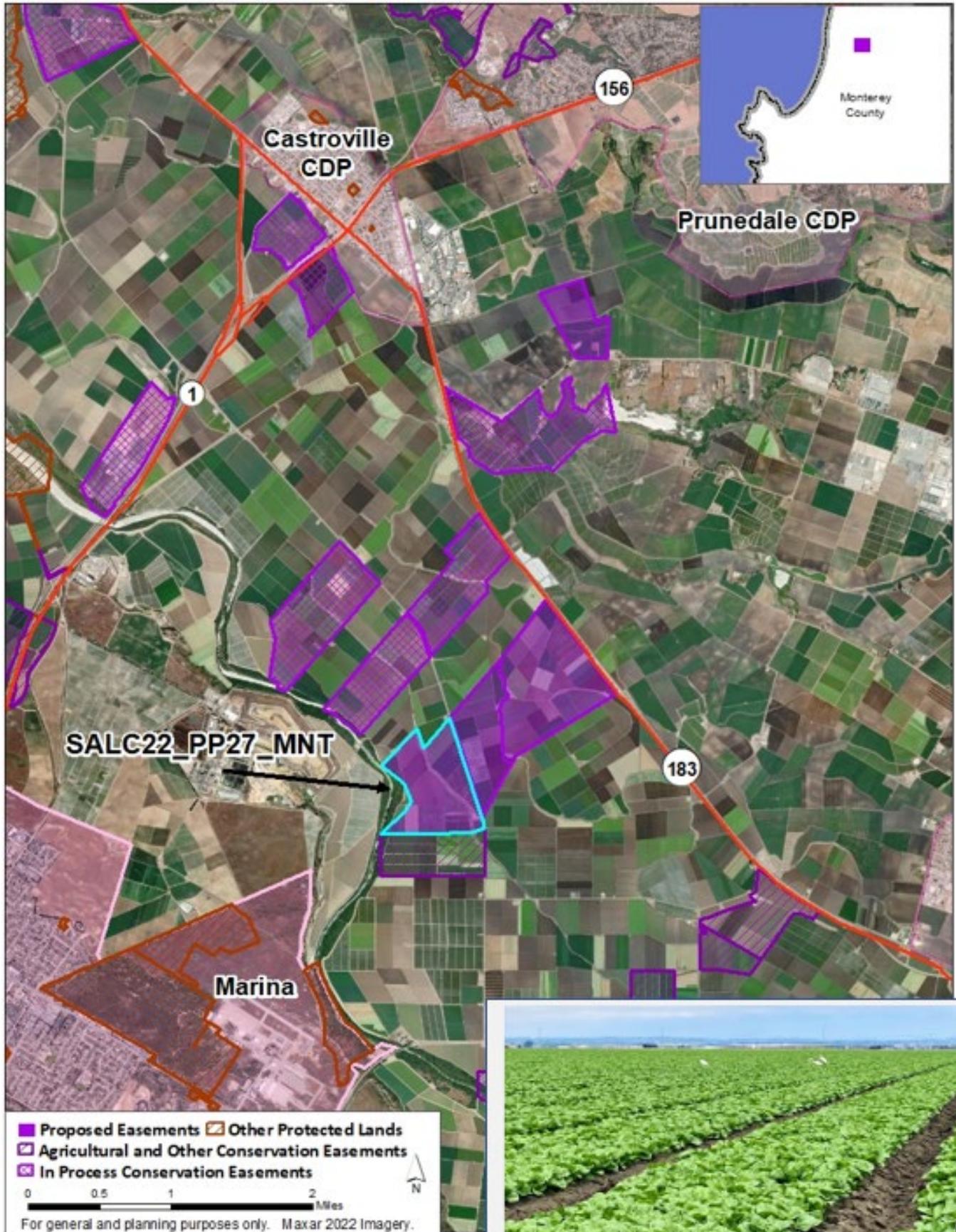
*Environmental:*

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The project is in close proximity to several established and proposed conservation easements.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP28\_MNT

**Applicant**

Ag Land Trust

**Project Location**

Castroville, Monterey County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

348 potential development  
rights extinguished  
35,568,489 VMT  
23,854 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

±100

**Funding Requested**

\$1,113,000

**Match Funding**

Match Funding Secured –  
Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project is for ± 100 acres of irrigated cropland in Monterey County and is located less than one mile outside of Castroville CDP. The property produces artichokes, broccoli, and cauliflower. The property contains multiple water sources to sustain agricultural production in the long term, including reclaimed urban wastewater and groundwater rights.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Greenbelt/Community Separator:* Protection of the property would add to the growing number of protected properties between Castroville CDP and the City of Marina.

*Sustainable Agriculture Use*

*Soil quality:* The property consists of Prime Farmland soils in the Salinas Valley.

*Co-Benefits*

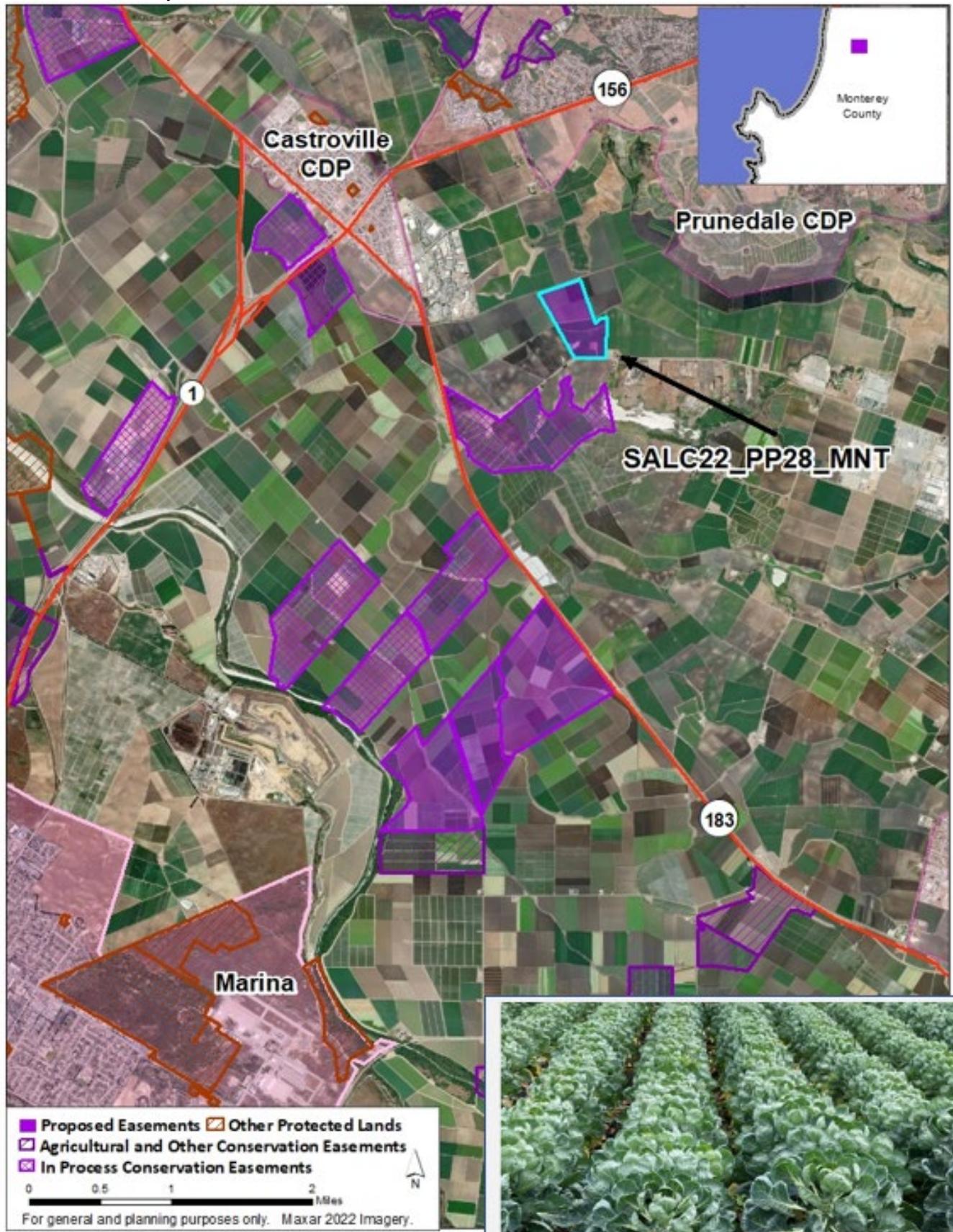
*Environmental:*

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The project is in close proximity to several established and proposed conservation easements.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP29\_SHA

**Applicant**

Shasta Land Trust

**Project Location**

Shingleton, Shasta County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural at Risk zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

3 potential development  
rights extinguished  
3,024,128 VMT  
1,324 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 5,260

**Funding Requested**

\$3,090,300

**Match Funding**

Qualifies for 100% SALC  
Funding

**Priority Populations Benefits**

Yes

**Other Investment Targets**

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

**Project Description**

The easement project is a ± 5,260-acre cattle ranch in Shasta County located 3.5 miles from Shingleton CDP. The landowner runs ~150 cow/calf pairs and 20-30 heifers annually. The property also includes spring-irrigated pastures for hay production and summer grazing. An apiary maintains approximately 500 hives on the ranch in the winter and 200 hives in the summer to produce queens, bees, and honey. The property contains multiple water sources to sustain agricultural production in the long term, including three seasonal ponds, multiple tributaries, and seven springs.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Greenbelt/Community Separator:* The property is 3.5 miles from Shingleton CDP and would add to a block of other protected lands forming a greenbelt outside the community.

*Climate Resilience*

*Climate Smart Management Practices:* The property owner and CAL Fire have an existing partnership to conduct long-term prescribed burning on the ranch to aid in fuel reduction.

*Equity*

*Secure Land Tenure:* The project would provide secure land tenure to a rancher who is a military Veteran.

*Co-Benefits*

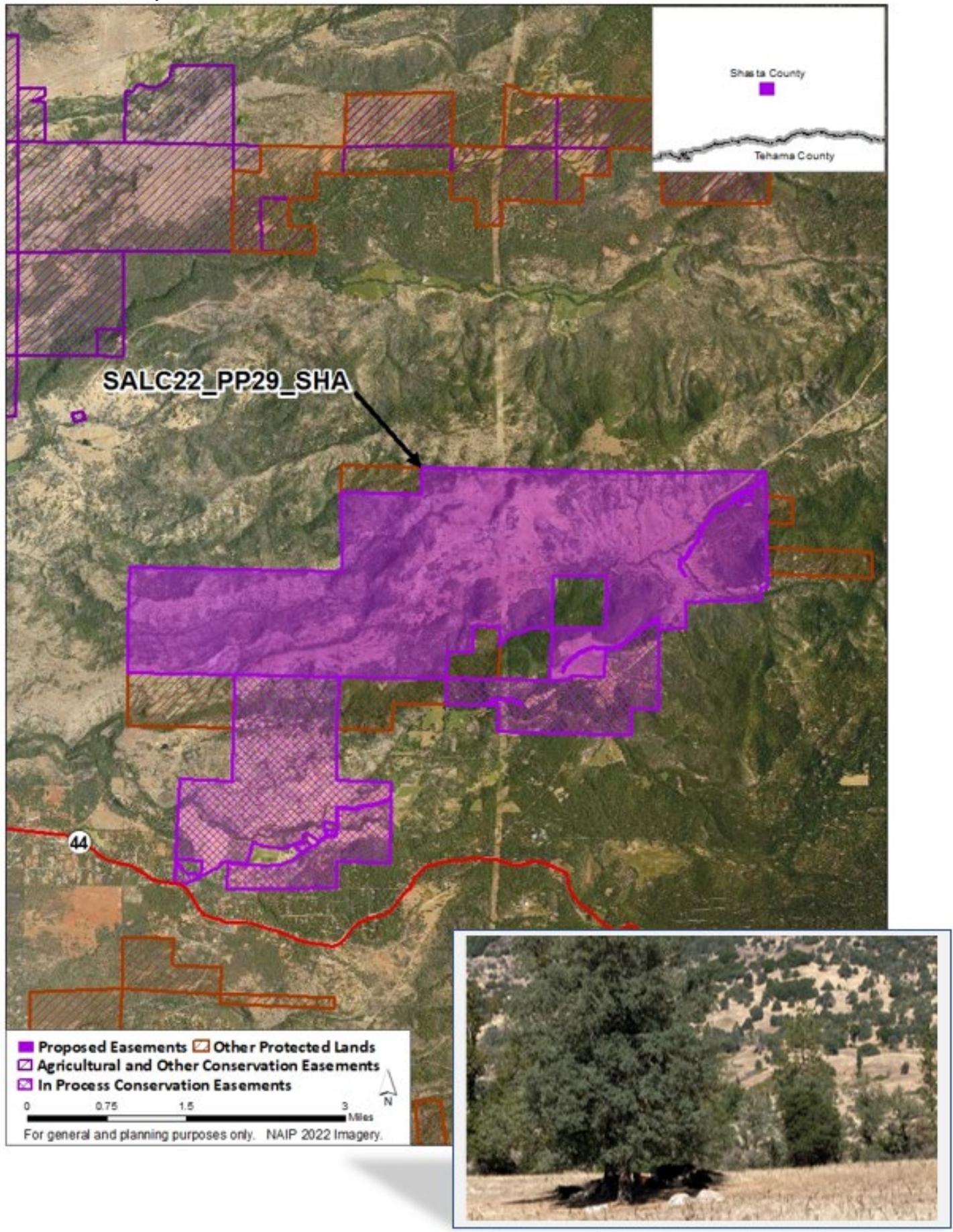
*Biodiversity:* A variety of species typical of the Sierra Foothills region can be found on the property, including Mule Deer.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The project borders a conservation easement that is in the process of being established as well as other existing protected lands.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP30\_SHA

**Applicant**

Shasta Land Trust

**Project Location**

Anderson, Shasta 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

5,295 MT CO<sub>2e</sub>

**Acreage**

± 381

**Funding Requested**

\$1,246,457

**Match Funding**

Match Funding Secured – Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project is a ± 381-acre property located in Shasta County approximately five miles from Anderson. The current agricultural uses include hay crop production and cattle grazing. The landowner manages 35 head of cattle and 32 acres of irrigated cropland. There is adequate infrastructure including wells and water rights to Bear Creek that provide reliable water sources.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* Protection of this property will prevent development in an unincorporated area and support compact development within larger communities such as Anderson and Redding to the west.

*Co-Benefits*

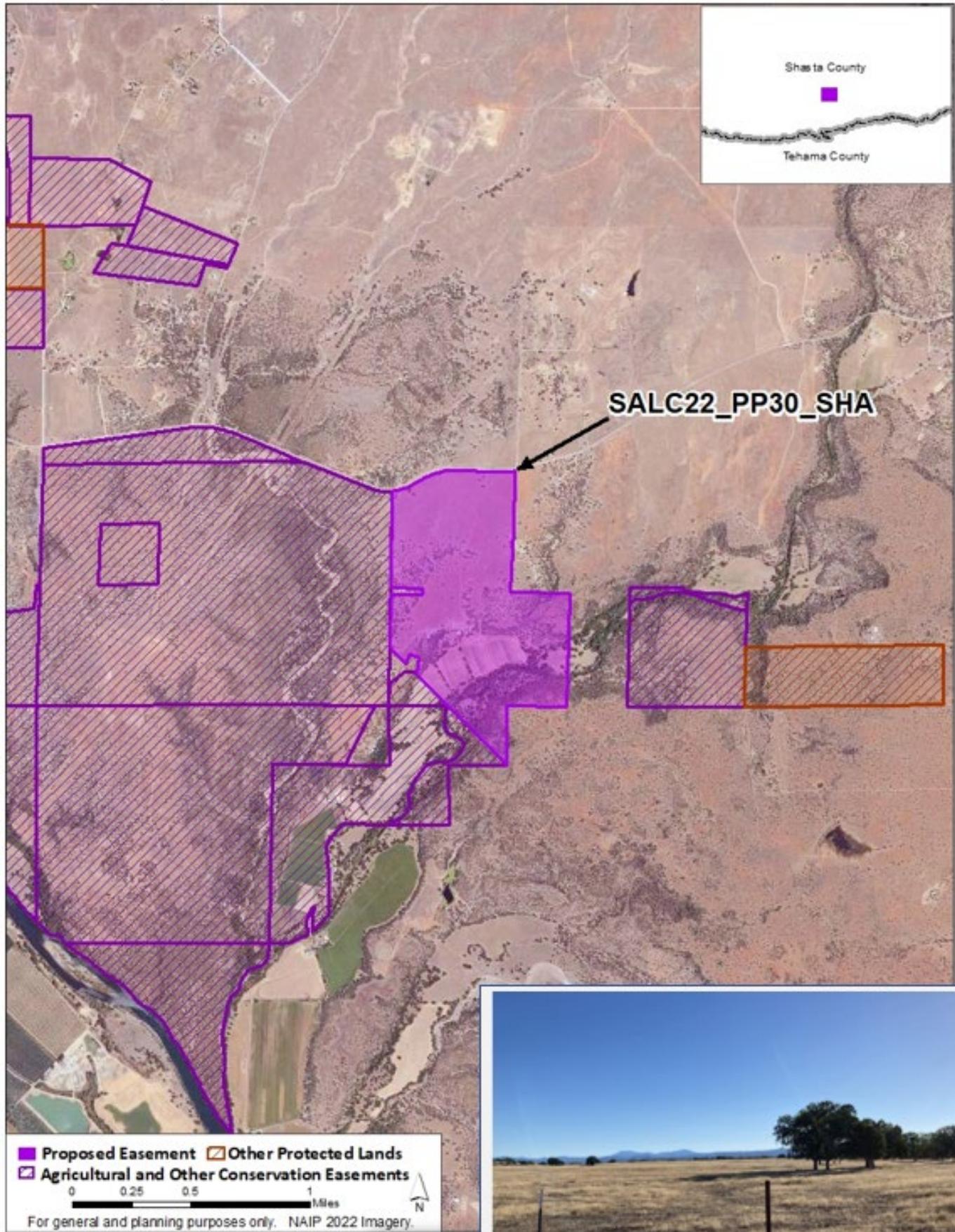
*Biodiversity:* The property is ranked within the highest category for biodiversity due to the diverse landscape, vernal pools, live oak woodland, and riparian habitat.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* This property is directly adjacent to 2,200 acres of protected land that faced threat of conversion in the past.

**Notable Features**

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

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP32\_HUM

**Applicant**

California Rangeland Trust

**Project Location**

Humboldt County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural at Risk zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

44 potential development  
rights extinguished  
35,192,762 VMT  
16,108 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 4,693

**Funding Requested**

\$3,570,000

**Match Funding**

Agreement Executed - NRCS

**Priority Populations Benefits**

Yes

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project will protect approximately ± 4,693 acres of rangeland and forestlands in Humboldt County. The property has been grazed continuously since the late 1800's and currently supports a cow-calf operation with anywhere from 225 – 325 head of mother cows depending on seasonal conditions. The ranch's extensive grasslands, forestlands, and healthy riparian corridors provide high quality habitat for a variety of wildlife.

**Strategic Value**

*Equity*

*Priority Populations Benefits:* The project will provide priority populations benefits by avoiding the conversion of forestlands that would impact domestic water sources for priority populations within the Van Duzen and adjacent Eel River watersheds.

*Co-Benefits*

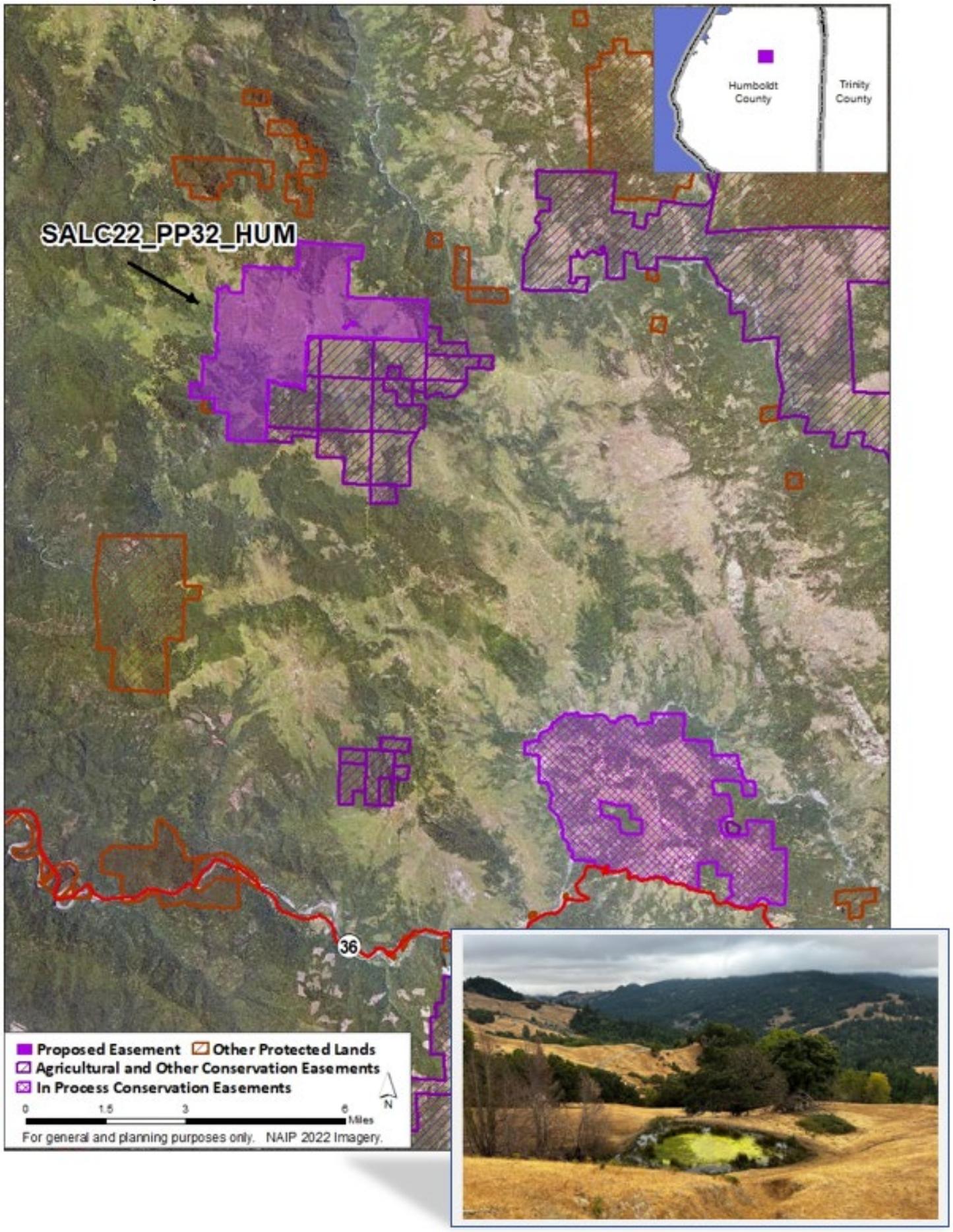
*Biodiversity:* The property's varied habitats support numerous threatened and endangered species including Chinook salmon, steelhead, foothill yellow legged frog, and northern spotted owl.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The property is proximate to over 40,000 acres of protected lands including the adjacent 4,747-acre Laquna Ranch conservation easement and the nearby 15,682-acre Hunter Ranch easement.

**Notable Features**

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

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP33\_SBA

**Applicant**

California Rangeland Trust

**Project Location**

Solvang, Santa 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**

5 potential development rights extinguished  
3,696,880 VMT  
1,671 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 2,549

**Funding Requested**

\$7,485,000

**Match Funding**

Match Funders Identified – NRCS and private funding

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This project is for an easement on a ± 2,549-acre rangeland property in Santa Barbara County. The ranch supports 50-100 cattle seasonally and hosts multiple water sources including wells, natural springs, and a seasonal pond. Existing development includes a ranch headquarters and residential support buildings as well as wells, troughs, fencing and staging areas to support the ranch use. The property is comprised of nine legal lots and spans an area over Highway 1 along the Gaviota coast in Santa Barbara County.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Greenbelt/Community Separator:* The property is located adjacent to Gaviota State Park and is part of a larger open space and agricultural area separating the coastal community of Goleta and the other northern communities of Lompoc.

*Co-Benefits*

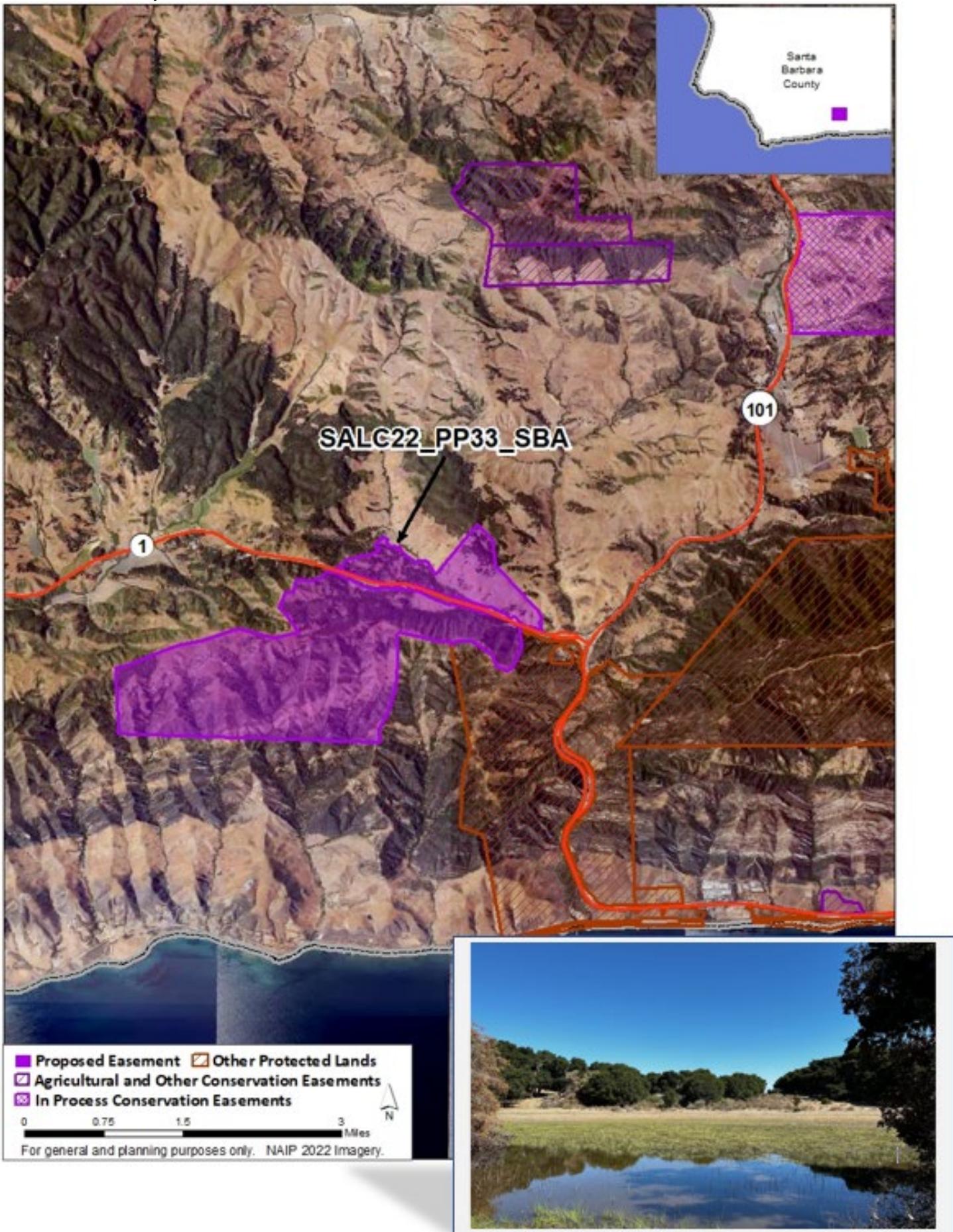
*Biodiversity:* The property is located in a region with sensitive wildlife species and acts as a corridor for wildlife in the region. The project site includes a tunnel under HWY 1 which is frequently utilized by wildlife between coastal and more inland ranges.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The property is adjacent to Gaviota State Park and proximal to other similarly protected lands.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP34\_NEV

**Applicant**

Bear Yuba Land Trust

**Project Location**

Penn Valley, Nevada County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

83 potential development rights extinguished  
61,014,165 VMT  
28,616 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 476

**Funding Requested**

\$1,458,300

**Match Funding**

Match Funder(s) Identified – NRCs-ACEP or Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project is a ± 476-acre cattle ranch located in Nevada County five miles west of Grass Valley. The landowners run 35 cow/calf pairs year-round. There is ample irrigation water, ponds, and infrastructure on the property to irrigate 150 acres of pasture and hay land. Beef is sold locally to neighbors, and calves are sold at the livestock market in Galt. The owners also manage a 2-acre blueberry farm with on farm sales and through a local market in Grass Valley.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The project is located just outside of the 2020 Penn Valley Area Plan which designates housing to accommodate population growth. There is strong pressure to convert large properties to rural residential in the area.

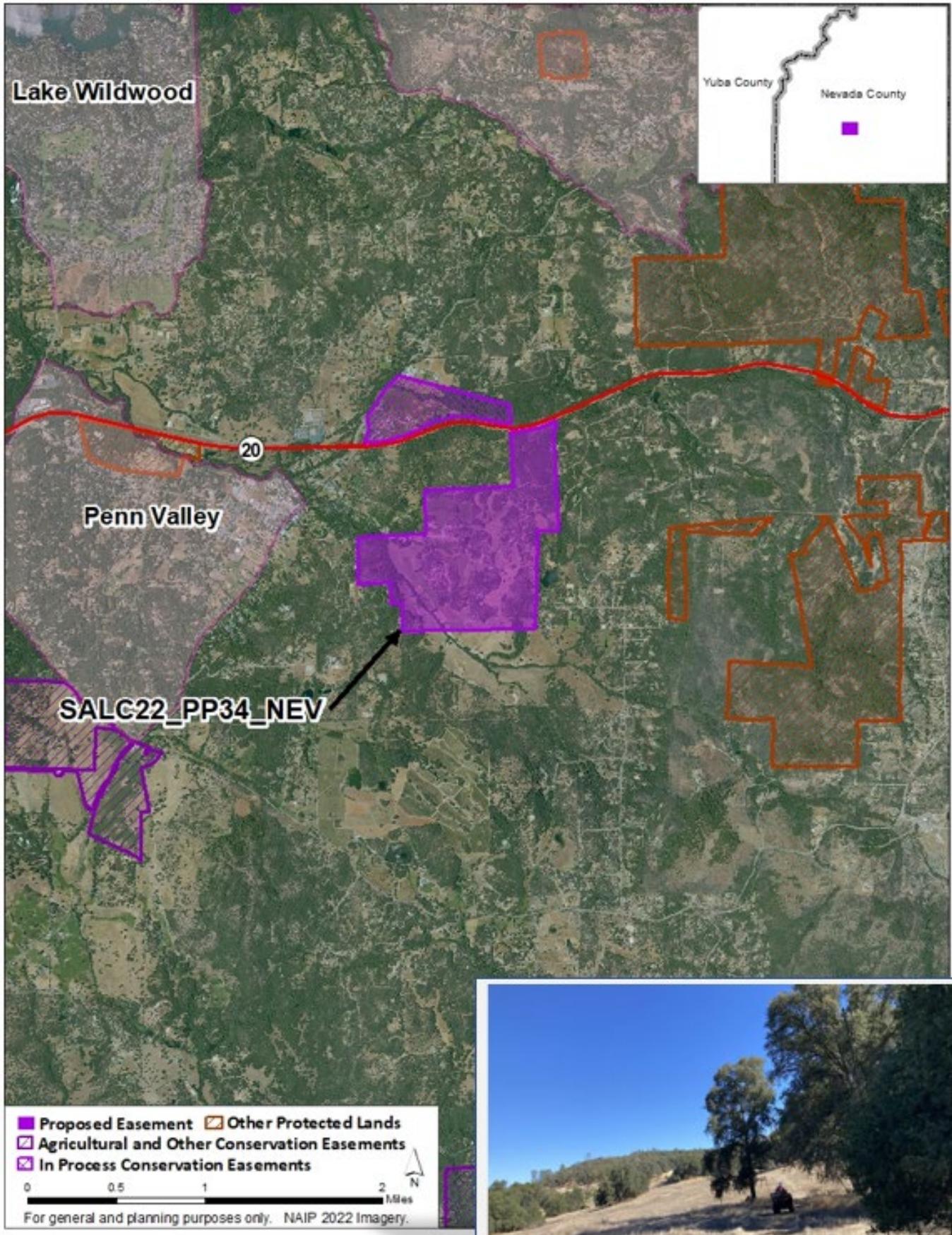
*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* According to CDFW's Areas of Conservation Emphasis, this ranch features above average terrestrial biodiversity and important blue oak woodland habitat.

**Notable Features**

The landowner intends to retain the right to sell a 20-acre portion on the western side of the ranch close to existing rural residential development. The project includes development and implementation of a SALC-funded management plan.

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP36\_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**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

629 potential development  
rights extinguished  
420,820,570 VMT  
161,802 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 192

**Funding Requested**

\$2,650,000

**Match Funding**

Match Funder Identified –  
South Sacramento  
Conservation Agency

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

Provides secure land tenure  
to a farmer/rancher who is a  
resident of a priority  
population

**Project Description**

This easement project is for a ±192-acre property located 1.2 miles from Rancho Cordova in Sacramento County. Historically, the property has grown certified seed crops; it is currently planted to annual hay crops and Teff grass. Irrigation water is provided by onsite wells and surface water from Laguna Creek.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is experiencing residential development pressures associated with the greater Sacramento metro area. Rancho Cordova and Elk Grove are within a mile and two miles, respectively.

*Climate Resilience*

*Climate Smart Management Practices:* Preventing urbanization will position the area to better withstand drought and flooding as the property retains its ability to recharge groundwater and allows Laguna Creek to overflow.

*Equity*

*Secure Land Tenure:* Conservation of the property will also ensure secure land tenure for farmers who are residents of a priority population. These farmers farm 30 acres of the property and grow culturally important vegetables for the Hmong community.

*Co-Benefits*

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The property is adjacent to and near numerous protected lands in the vicinity of the property.

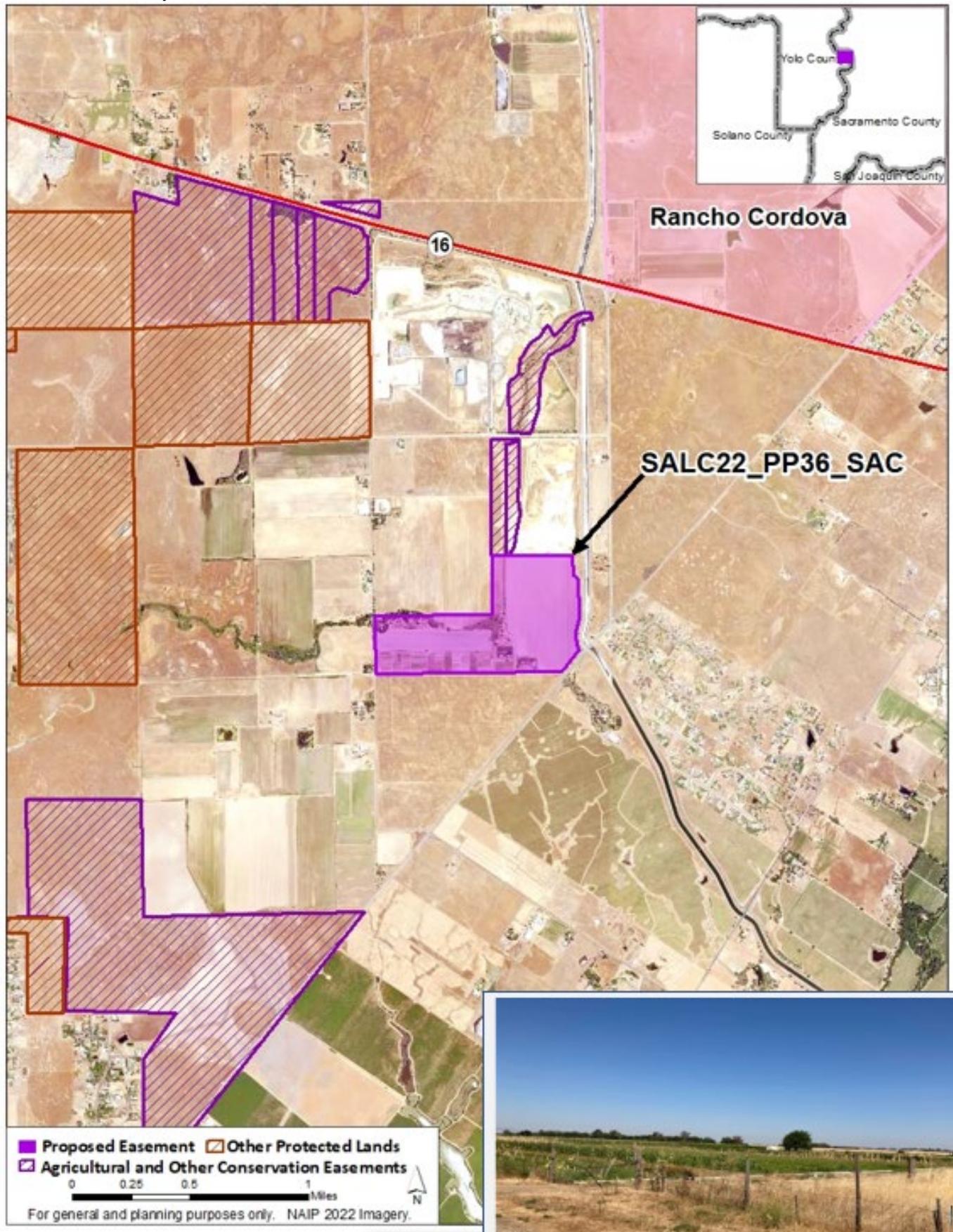
*Habitat:* Laguna Creek provides forage and shelter for wildlife. Twenty acres of the property along the creek will be designated as a zone of special protection that will include additional restrictions to protect the habitat values.

**Notable Features**

Six acres have been excluded to serve as a buffer to the future Southeast Sacramento Connector right-of-way.

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

Site Photo and Map



## Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program

### Acquisition Presentation Summary

FY 2022-23 Funding Not Recommended

SALC22\_PP37\_MER

#### Applicant

California Rangeland Trust

#### Project Location

Snelling, Merced 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

6 potential development rights extinguished  
5,009,285 VMT  
2,286 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

#### Acreage

± 1,068

#### Funding Requested

\$1,213,800

#### Match Funding

Match Funder(s) Identified – WCB, Private Funding, NRCS-ACEP

#### Priority Populations Benefits

No

#### Other Investment Targets

None

#### Project Description

This easement project is to protect a ± 1,068-acre cattle ranch in Merced County located 0.5 miles from Snelling CDP. The landowner runs ~250 cow/calf pair on the property. The property contains multiple water sources to sustain agricultural production in the long term, including one well, six water troughs, multiple vernal pools, and access to a one-mile stretch of the Merced River.

#### Strategic Value

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Greenbelt/Community Separator:* The property is 0.5 miles from Snelling CDP and would continue to fill in a gap of other protected lands outside the community.

*Co-Benefits*

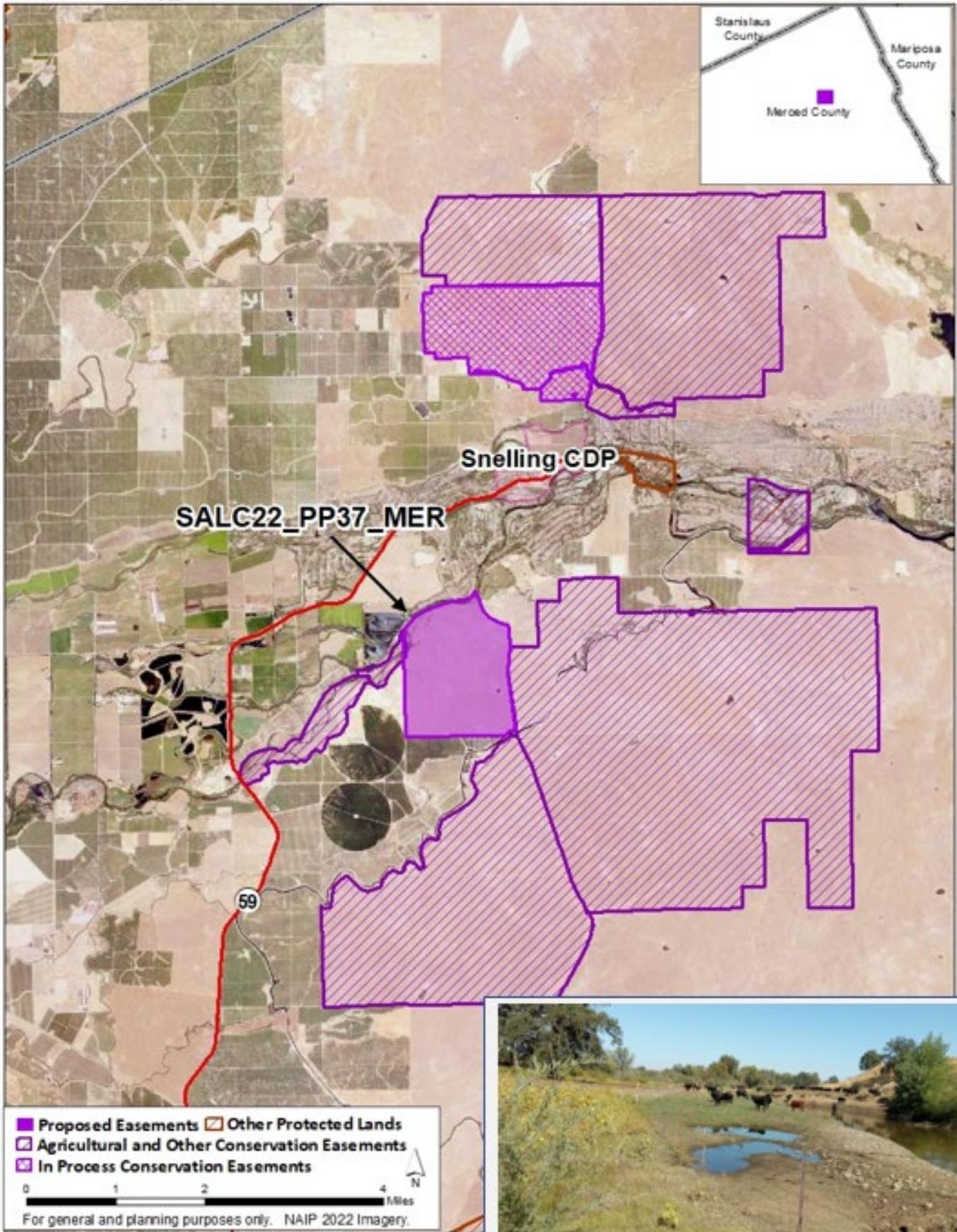
*Environmental:*

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The project is adjacent to two existing conservation easements.

#### Notable Features

N/A

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP38\_MAR

**Applicant**

Marin Agricultural Land Trust

**Project Location**

Novato, Marin County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

246 potential development rights extinguished  
42,805,501 VMT  
34,342 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 697

**Funding Requested**

\$3,195,645

**Match Funding**

Match Funder(s) Identified –  
Marin Agricultural Land Trust's  
Land Fund

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project is for a ± 697-acre ranch 4.5 miles outside the city of Novato in Marin County. The landowner leases portions of the property for raising heifers, pigs, a pastured chicken egg operation, and a bee operation. The property has ample water resources, including multiple ponds and its own water company. The property includes a historic creamery and cheese company that produces artisan-style French cheeses. It has been operating since 1865 and is the oldest continuously operated creamery in the US. Their products are sold at a retail shop on the property, local and regional markets, and across the country. Milk for the cheese production is sourced from a local dairy co-op.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The project will support infill development within the cities of Petaluma and Novato and would prohibit leapfrog development.

*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The project protects important wildlife corridors.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The project would add to a growing greenbelt of protected agricultural lands outside the developed urban areas of Marin and Sonoma counties.

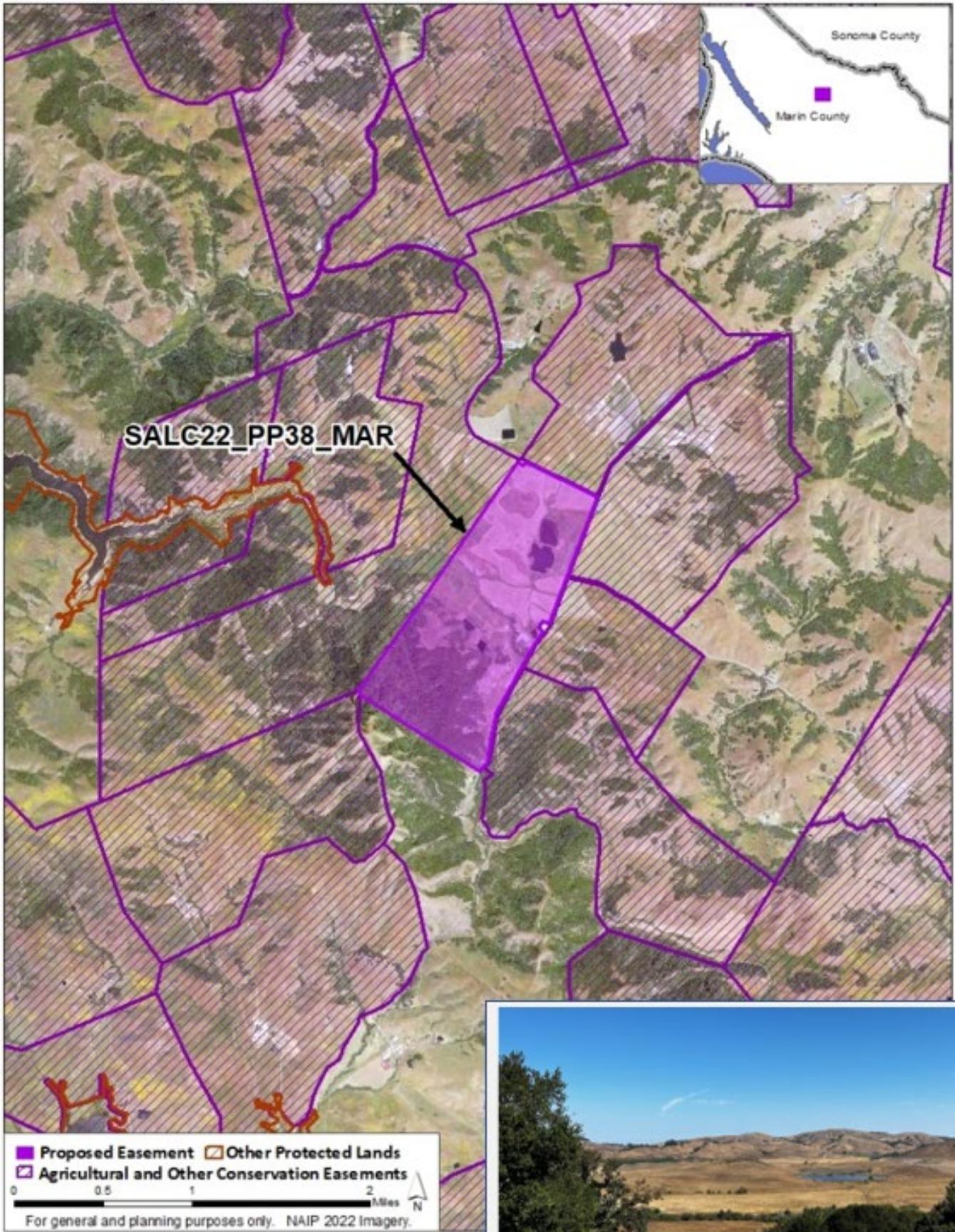
*Source Water Protection:* A Creek Conservation Area Management Plan will be developed to protect the riparian areas on the property.

*Habitat:* The ranch's five ponds, intermittent streams, and forest and grassland habitat support a variety of plant and animal species including: burrowing owl, northern spotted owl, California giant salamander, California red-legged frog, western pond turtle, American badger, black-tailed deer, bay checkerspot and Myrtle's Silverspot butterflies, California foothill pine, Coastal redwoods, and various oaks.

**Notable Features**

The project will include a non-SALC-funded forest management plan as part of the Agricultural Management Plan.

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP40\_MER

**Applicant**

California Farmland Trust

**Project Location**

Hilmar, Merced County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

6 potential development rights extinguished

5,009,285 VMT

2,107 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 147

**Funding Requested**

\$1,519,260

**Match Funding**

Match Funding Secured – Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project is for a ± 147-acre farm in Merced County located an eight-mile drive from the Hilmar CDP. The property produces alfalfa, corn, and oats that are utilized for animal feed and sent to local dairy farms. The farm is comprised of 96% Prime Farmland with a 2.1-acre area that runs along the Merced River. There is sufficient surface water through Turlock Irrigation District and a groundwater partnership with neighboring properties.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property would prevent ranchette type development and would support infill in the nearby communities of Hilmar and Delhi.

*Climate Resilience:* The project builds climate resilience by providing a flood buffer along the Merced River and land for groundwater recharge.

*Co-Benefits*

*Environmental:*

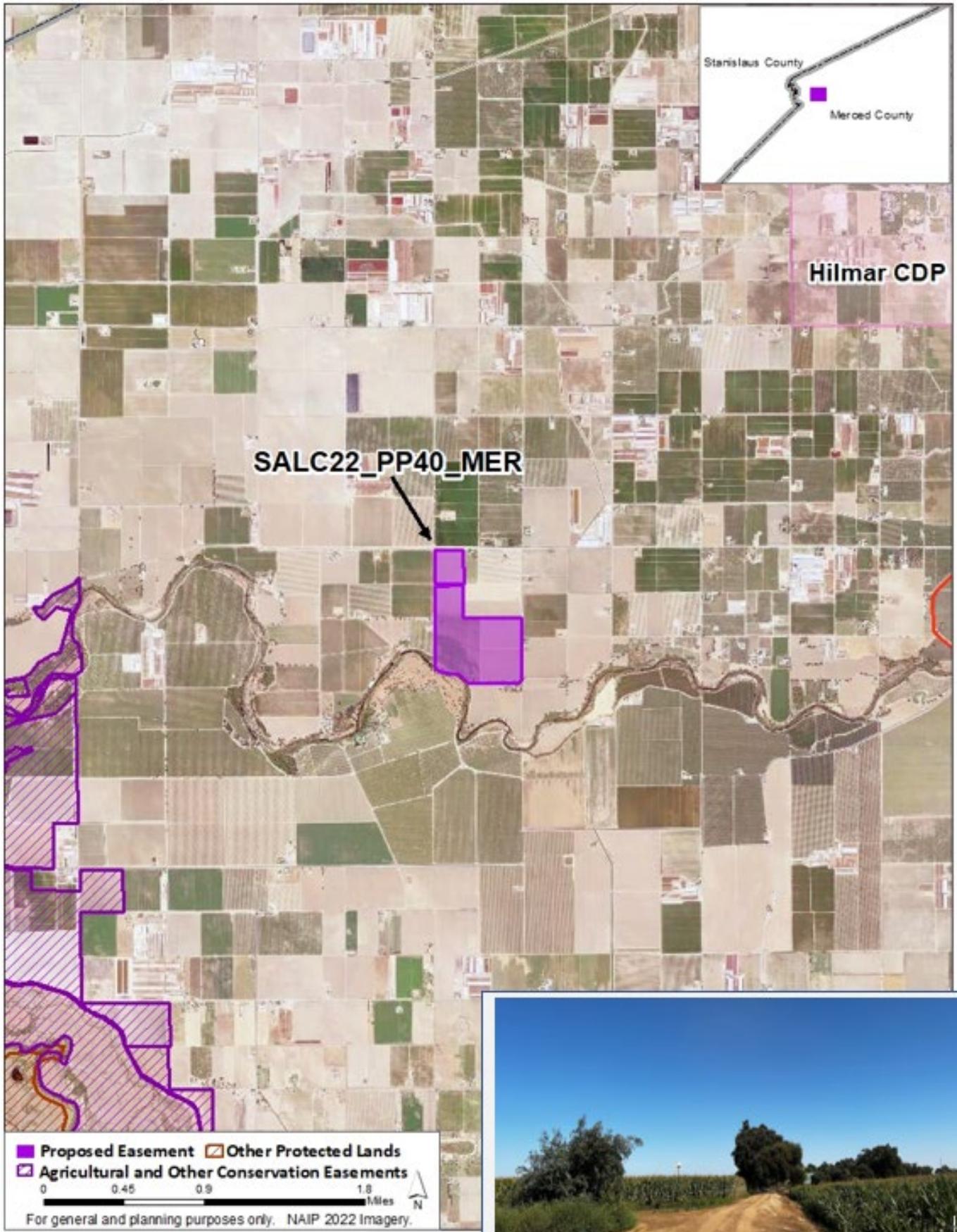
*Watershed Protection:* Sustainable on-farm practices and natural weed management minimizes pollutants in the Merced River.

*Habitat:* The project will protect a wildlife corridor along the Merced River.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP41\_STA

**Applicant**

California Farmland Trust

**Project Location**

Oakdale, Stanislaus County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

2,467 potential development  
rights extinguished  
2,059,651,083 VMT  
784,243 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 595

**Funding Requested**

\$8,628,000

**Match Funding**

Match Funding Secured –  
Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project is for a ± 595-acre property located adjacent to the community of East Oakdale and 3.4 miles from the City of Oakdale SOI in Stanislaus County. Historically, the property was irrigated pastureland and clover before being planted to almonds and walnuts. Irrigation water is provided by five onsite wells and surface water from Oakdale Irrigation District via OID South Main Canal that traverses the property.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is located on the well-traveled Highway 120 and is adjacent to the community of East Oakdale and 3.4 miles from the City of Oakdale SOI.

*Climate Resilience*

*Food Security:* The farm produces a nutritious food product in a location with convenient access to markets and processing facilities.

*Climate Smart Management Practices:* Organic material, such as compost, gypsum, and ground orchard pruning materials are applied to the orchard floor.

*Co-Benefits*

*Viewshed:* The property is located on and visible from Highway 120.

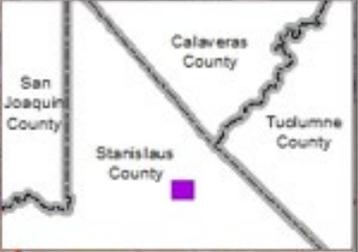
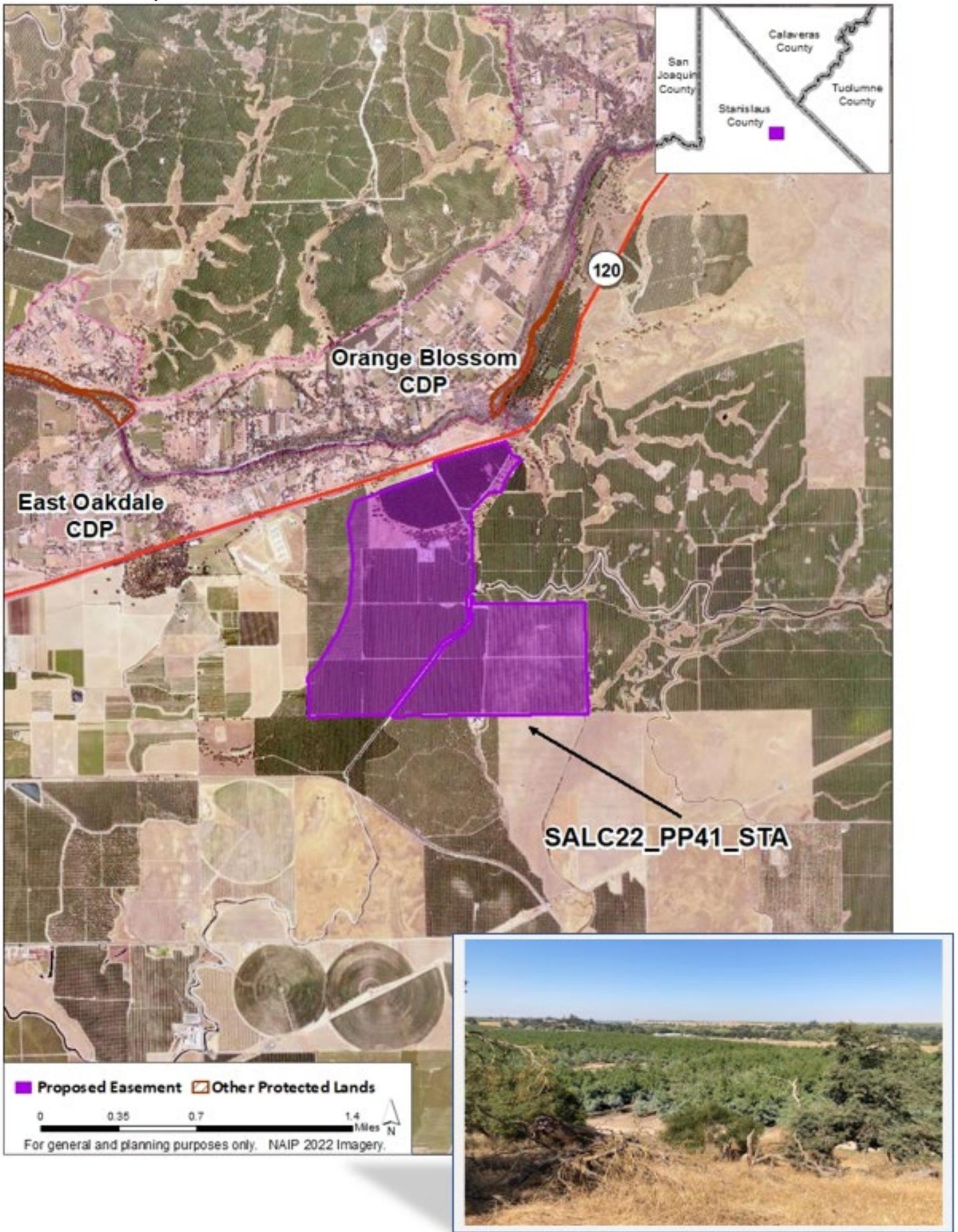
*Economic:* The nuts produced on the property are processed and packed locally, which generates downstream revenues for the local economy.

**Notable Features**

Approximately 99 acres have been excluded to accommodate the construction of the North County Corridor. An additional 6 acres have been excluded in the northeast corner.

A 2-acre solar array envelope has been reserved.

Site Photo and Map



**Proposed Easement** **Other Protected Lands**

0 0.35 0.7 1.4 Miles N

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**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP42\_STA

**Applicant**

California Farmland Trust

**Project Location**

Turlock, Stanislaus County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

1,467 potential development  
rights extinguished  
1,224,770,222 VMT  
465,727 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 316

**Funding Requested**

\$4,615,728

**Match Funding**

Funder Identified –  
Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project is for a ± 316-acre property in Stanislaus County at the edge of the City of Turlock surrounded by very parceled acreage. The property is a mature almond orchard sold and marketed through Blue Diamond Growers. The property has an adequate, diverse water supply, including surface water from Turlock Irrigation District and two deep onsite agricultural wells.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* Clearly under pressure from increased urban development pressure from the City of Turlock. Protecting this property will support infill and compact development.

*Climate Resilience*

*Climate Smart Management Practices:* The land managers process their own compost comprised of tree limbs and other material and apply it to their almond trees. Pollinator habitat has been planted on the property, and the ranch has implemented regenerative farming practices and received a silver performance ranking in its Farm Sustainability Assessment.

*Sustainable Agriculture Use*

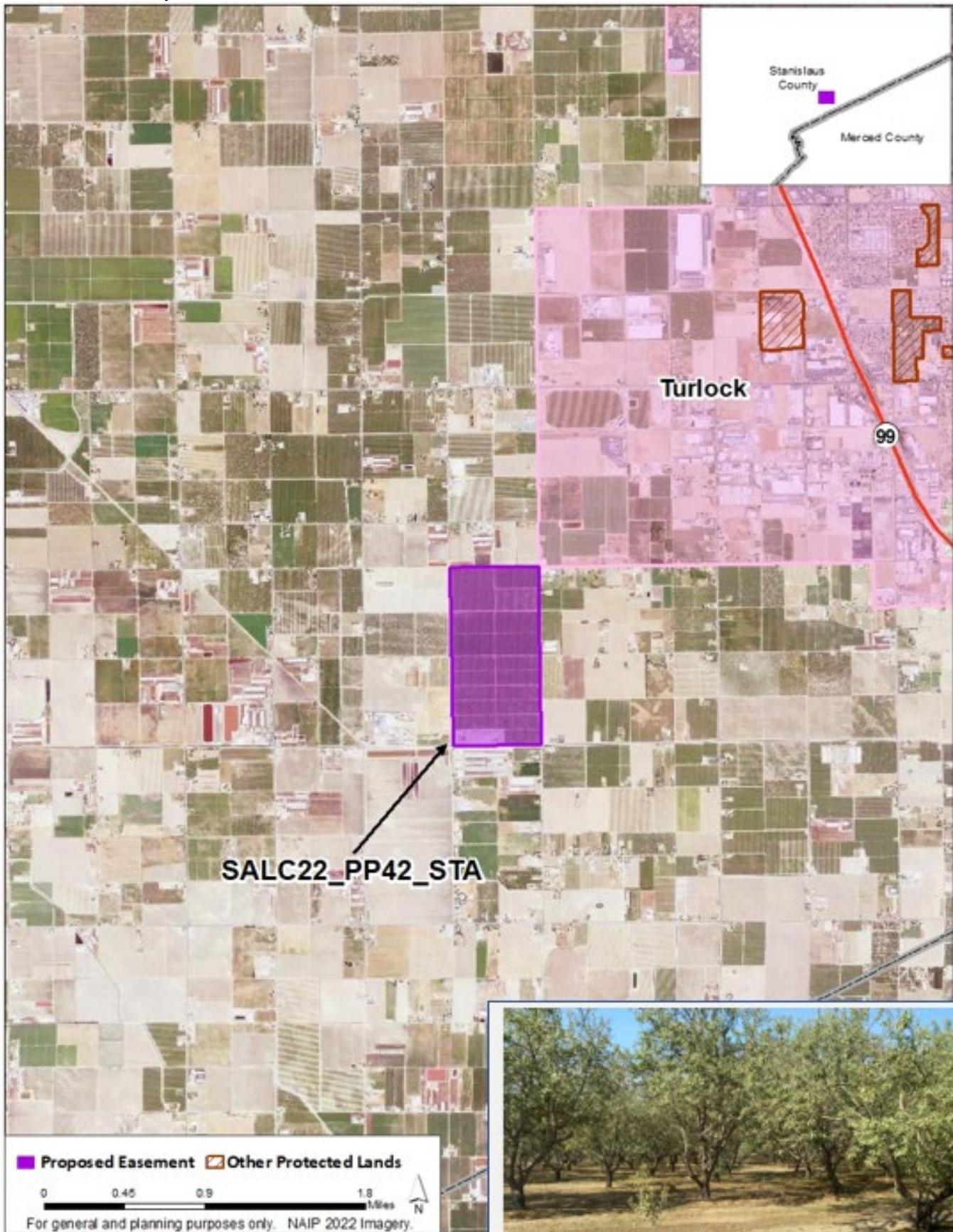
*Soil quality:* The land includes high quality, predominantly Prime soils. Walnut shells are used for road maintenance.

*Water Management Practices:* Water is delivered to the orchard via micro-sprinkler.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP44\_FRE

**Applicant**

California Farmland Trust

**Project Location**

Firebaugh, Fresno County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

3,042 potential development rights extinguished  
2,539,707,577 VMT  
958,603 MT CO<sub>2e</sub>

**Acreage**

± 759

**Funding Requested**

\$7,575,090

**Match Funding**

Match Funding Secured –  
Landowner donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project is for a ± 759-acre property in Fresno County, adjacent to the City of Firebaugh SOI. Currently planted to tomatoes, the property was historically used to grow cotton and various row crops. The San Joaquin River runs along the easternmost property boundary and provides habitat for wildlife. The farm has ample water through surface water supplied by the Central California Irrigation District and four onsite wells.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The northernmost portion of the property is within the City of Firebaugh SOI and adjacent to a residential subdivision. GHG's avoided score for this project ranked #1 this round.

*Community Separator:* The property will form a nascent community separator between Firebaugh and Mendota.

*Economic*

*Food Security:* The tomatoes grown on the property are processed and packed locally, which generates downstream revenues for the local economy.

*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The San Joaquin River runs along the easternmost property boundary and provides habitat for wildlife

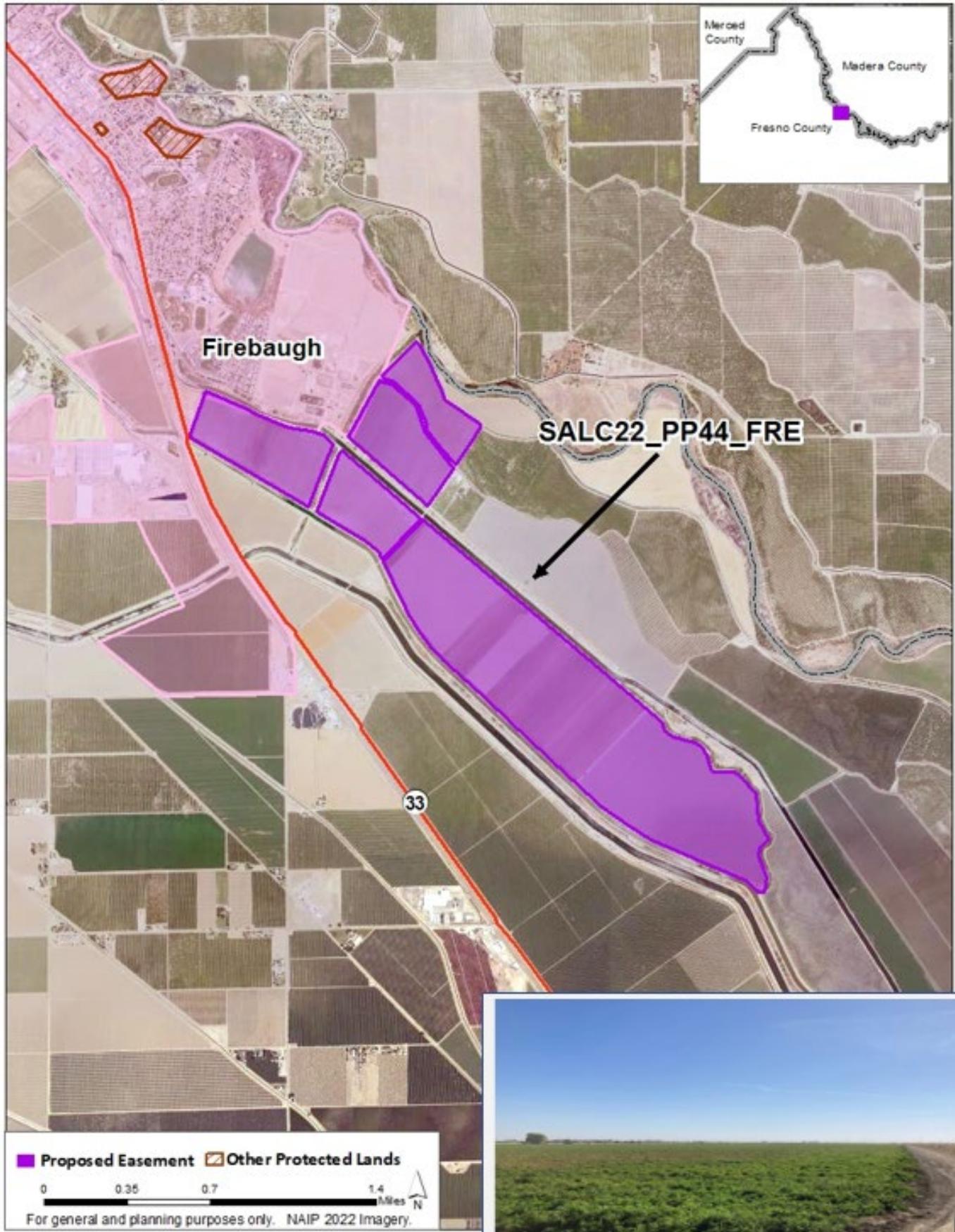
*Viewshed:* The property is visible from Highway 33.

**Notable Features**

Approximately 66 flood-prone acres along the San Joaquin River have been excluded.

Insurance exception for legal access to Parcel 2 & Parcel 3. Applicant has proposed a course of action to obtain insured access.

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP46\_HUM

**Applicant**

Northcoast Regional Land Trust

**Project Location**

Humboldt County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural at Risk zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

49 potential development rights extinguished  
39,191,939 VMT  
16,931 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 2,463

**Funding Requested**

\$6,084,000

**Match Funding**

Match Funding Secured – Landowner Donation

**Priority Populations Benefits**

Yes

**Other Investment Targets**

Provides secure land tenure to a beginning rancher

**Project Description**

This easement project will protect a ± 2,463-acre property used for cattle grazing and irrigated hay production. The property is located east of the city of Arcata along Kneeland Road. The agricultural operation consists of approximately 70 cow-calf pairs and produces around 150 tons of hay per year.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The easement will prevent future subdivision of the property and steer future development away from viable agricultural lands and support infill within already developed areas.

*Equity*

*Priority Populations Benefits:* The easement will maintain water quality and avoid the conversion of forest lands that would impact domestic water supplies for priority populations within the Mad River watershed.

*Secure Land Tenure:* This project will provide secure land tenure for at least 10 years to a beginning rancher.

*Co-Benefits*

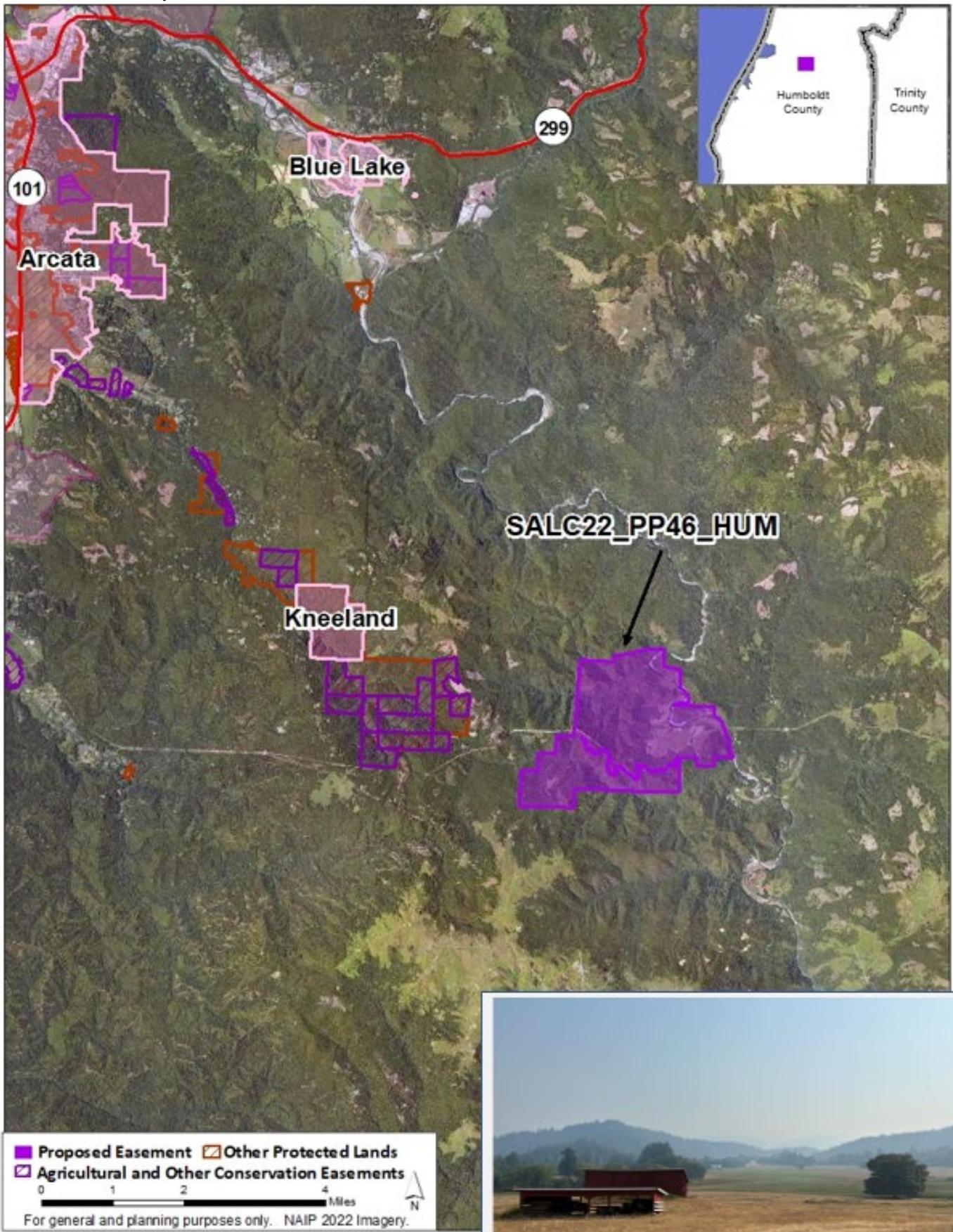
*Biodiversity:* The project will support SALC's biodiversity goals by protecting approximately 3.5 miles of critical habitat for three threatened anadromous fish species and two sites with documented occurrences of northern spotted owl.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The project will increase connectivity between protected lands outside of the cities of Eureka and Arcata and the Six Rivers National Forest.

**Notable Features**

Staff recommends funding \$84,000 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 Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP47\_HUM

**Applicant**

Northcoast Regional Land Trust

**Project Location**

Humboldt County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural at Risk zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

144 potential development rights extinguished  
115,176,312 VMT  
52,717 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 6,726

**Funding Requested**

\$13,090,000

**Match Funding**

Qualifies for 100% SALC Funding

**Priority Populations Benefits**

Yes

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project will protect a ± 6,726-acre rangeland property in Humboldt County. The property is located along Highway 36 near the town of Bridgeville and supports approximately 200 cow/calf pairs. The ranch's expansive grasslands, forestlands, and riparian corridors provide high quality wildlife habitat for multiple threatened species.

**Strategic Value**

*Equity*

*Priority Populations Benefits:* The easement will protect nearly 16 miles of streams within the Van Duzen River watershed and avoid the conversion of forestlands that would impact domestic water sources for priority populations in the Van Duzen and adjacent Eel River watersheds.

*Co-Benefits*

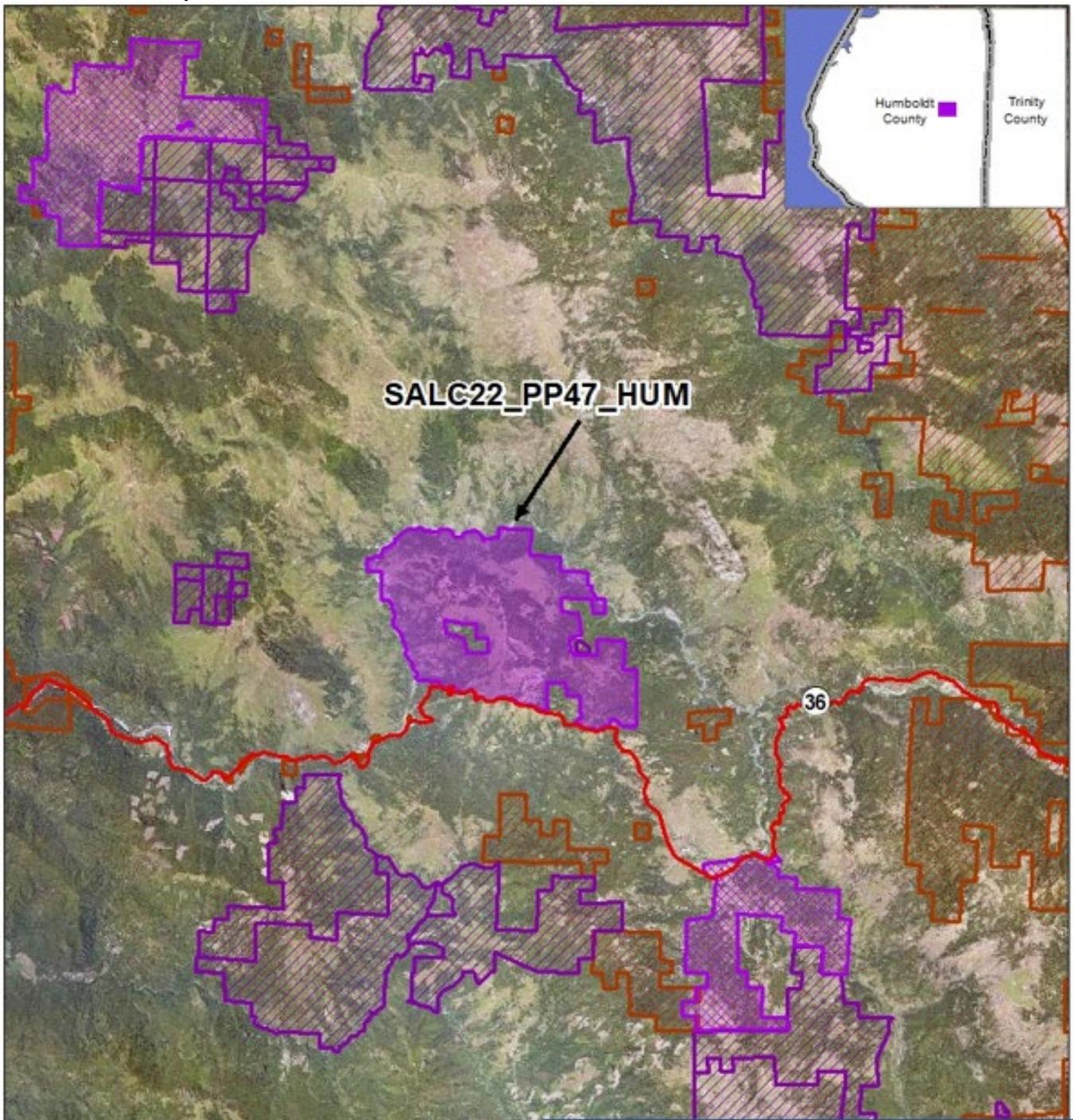
*Biodiversity:* The property's grasslands and forestlands support northern spotted owl and large herds of Roosevelt elk. The Van Duzen River runs along the northern border of the ranch and provides critical habitat for steelhead, Coho, and Chinook Salmon.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The project is part of a landscape scale conservation effort in Humboldt County and is proximate to nearly 40,000 acres of completed conservation easements.

**Notable Features**

Staff recommends funding \$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."

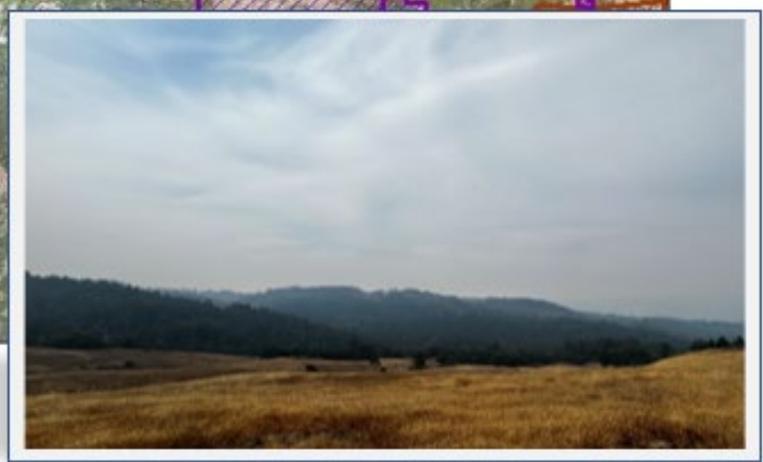
Site Photo and Map



■ Proposed Easement    ▨ Other Protected Lands  
▤ Agricultural and Other Conservation Easements  
▩ In Process Conservation Easements

0    1.75    3.5    7 Miles

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**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP48\_MAR

**Applicant**

North Fork Mono Tribe

**Project Location**

Mariposa, Mariposa County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

55 potential development rights extinguished  
40,431,073 VMT  
19,488 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 368

**Funding Requested**

\$1,030,000

**Match Funding**

Qualifies for 100% SALC Funding

**Priority Populations Benefits**

Yes

**Other Investment Targets**

A CA tribe is the applicant/co-applicant

**Project Description**

The project is a fee title acquisition for a ± 368-acre ranch 7 miles from the Mariposa CDP in Mariposa County. The project has abundant culturally significant resources including native plants, oak woodlands, as well as historical tribal resources important to the tribes that access the property. The property is large enough to support tribal cultural practices, stewardship of the land, and the cultivation and gathering of berry crops, native food, basket making material, and medicinal plants. The project will support local tribes in the implementation of indigenous land management practices, preservation of cultural heritage, gathering of native foods and medicinal plants, and utilization of traditional knowledge to steward the land. The property will also serve as a training ground for education around Indigenous stewardship, including among tribes, local community members, and university students and faculty.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* Protection of the property would prohibit leapfrog/sprawl development around Mariposa and would support infill/compact development in the communities of Mariposa.

*Wildland Urban Interface:* The project provides a wildfire buffer for the nearby communities and supports regular cultural and prescribed burnings that reduce fuel loads and increase the health and productivity of plants.

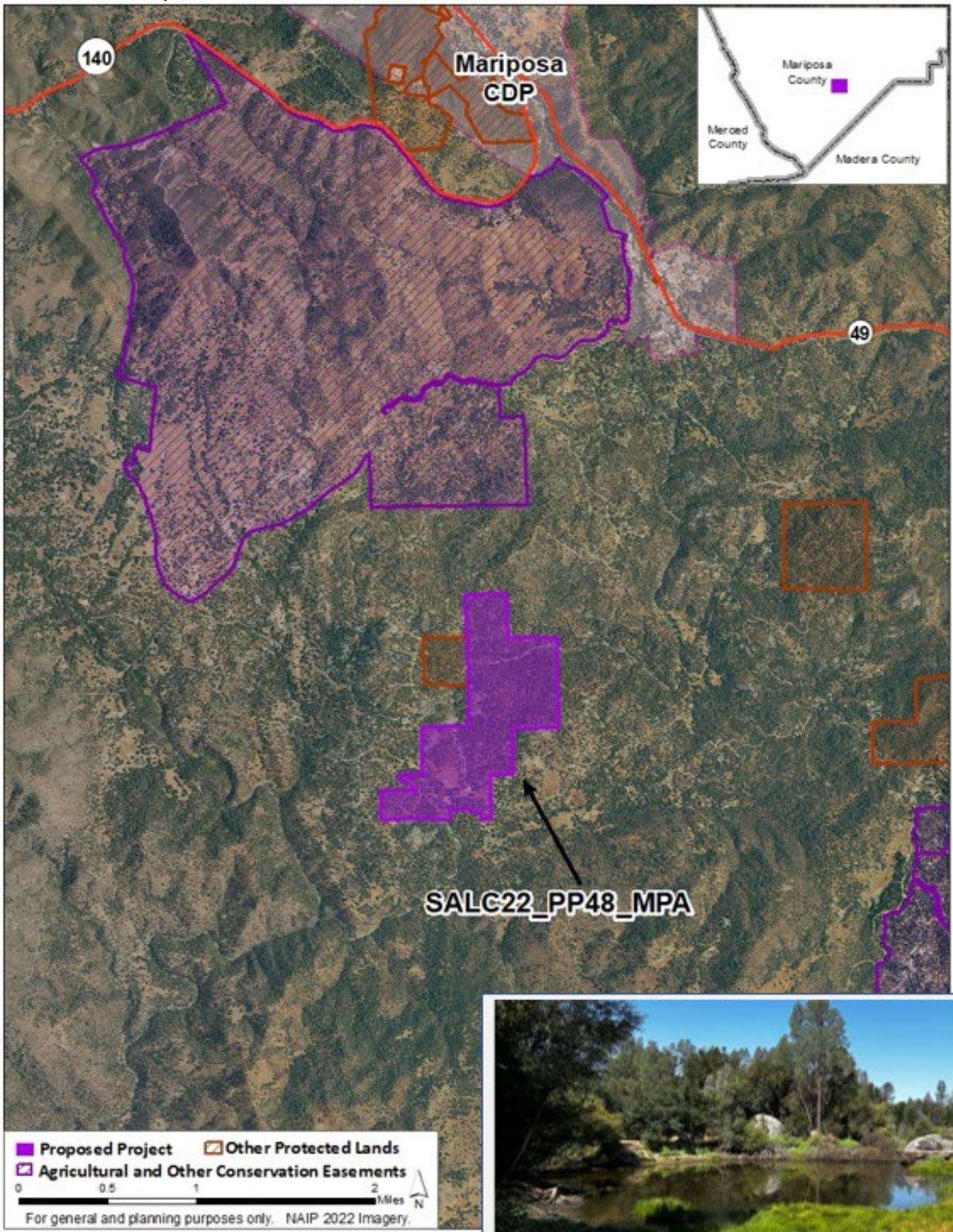
*Equity*

*Secure Land Tenure:* The project will support the return of land to a California Native American tribe and will provide access for cultural learning opportunities to multiple area tribes, tribal members, and communities.

**Notable Features**

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

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP49\_VEN

**Applicant**

The Nature Conservancy

**Project Location**

Santa Paula, Ventura County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

261 potential development rights extinguished  
51,561,377 VMT  
25,181 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 70

**Funding Requested**

\$343,500

**Match Funding**

Match Funding Identified – Public or Private Funds

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project is for a ± 70-acre property with irrigated cropland and riparian area in Ventura County, about 4 miles outside the City of Santa Paula. The property produces a variety of row crops. The property contains one well for irrigating the cropland.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Greenbelt/Community Separator:* The property is about 4 miles from the City of Santa Paula and would fill in a gap with other protected lands forming a greenbelt outside the community.

*Sustainable Agriculture Use*

*Soil quality:* The property consists of soils that are listed as Soils of Statewide Importance.

*Co-Benefits*

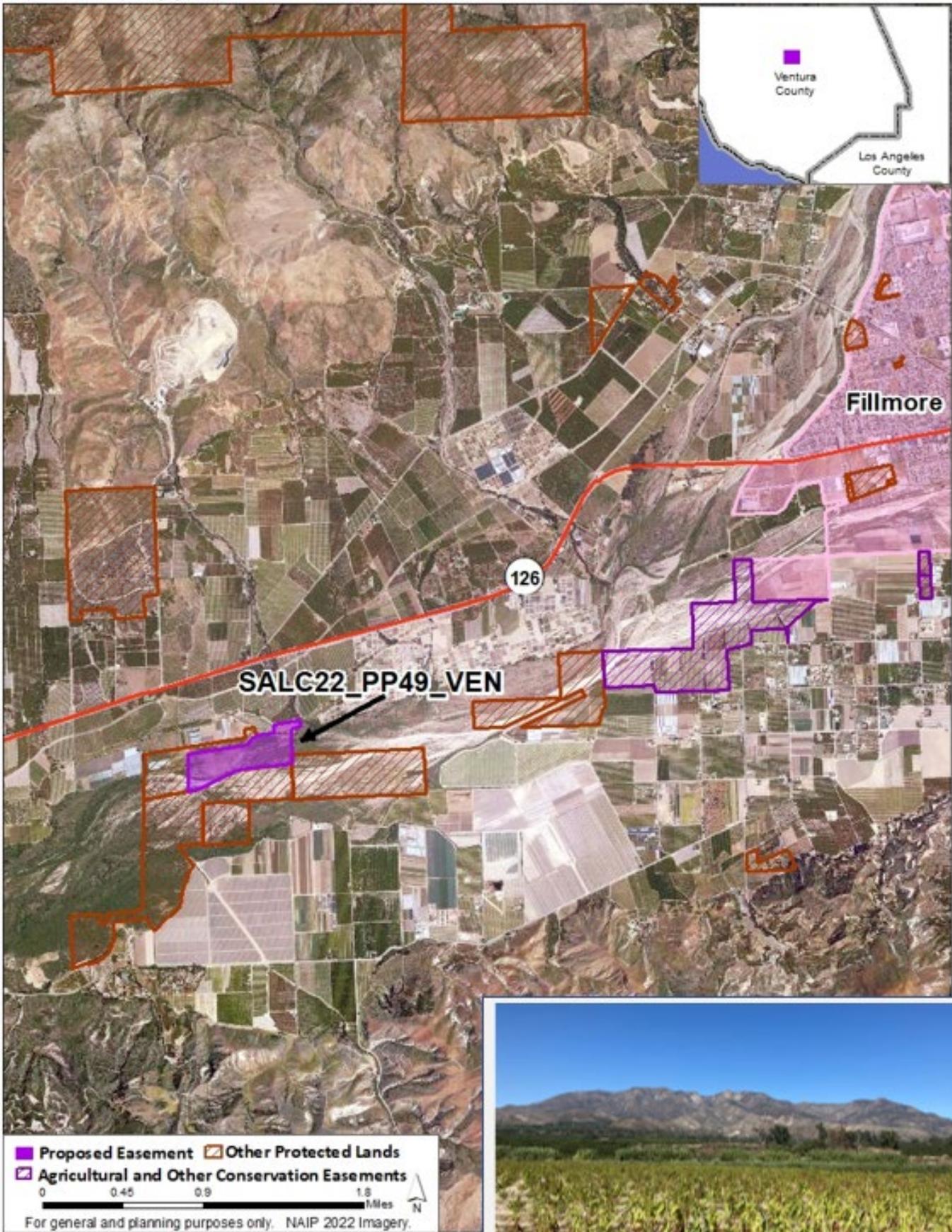
*Biodiversity:* The property contains important riparian habitat along the Santa Clara River that benefits a diversity of species, including several federally listed species.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The project is adjacent to other protected lands.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP52\_SIS

**Applicant**

Siskiyou Land Trust

**Project Location**

Montague, Siskiyou County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural at Risk zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

140 potential development  
rights extinguished  
42,165,286 VMT  
28,216 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 5,745

**Funding Requested**

\$968,550

**Match Funding**

Application Submitted – WCB

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

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

**Project Description**

This easement project is for a ± 5,745-acre property in Siskiyou County. The property is a working cattle ranch that supports 300 cow-calf pairs year-round and provides critical wildlife habitat corridors necessary for Klamath Dam removal restoration efforts. Two miles of Bogus creek runs through the ranch, and the property neighbors a National Forest. Adequate water supply comes from Bogus Creek, Little Bogus Creek, and rights to springs and ponds located on property.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Wildland Urban Interface:* This project will help support a wildfire buffer and provides wildfire protection to urban communities.

*Equity*

*Secure Land Tenure:* The project will provide secure land tenure to a rancher who is a military Veteran.

*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The property supports a wildlife migration corridor and the recovery of SONCC coho salmon.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* The property is located within 0.25 miles of National Forest lands.

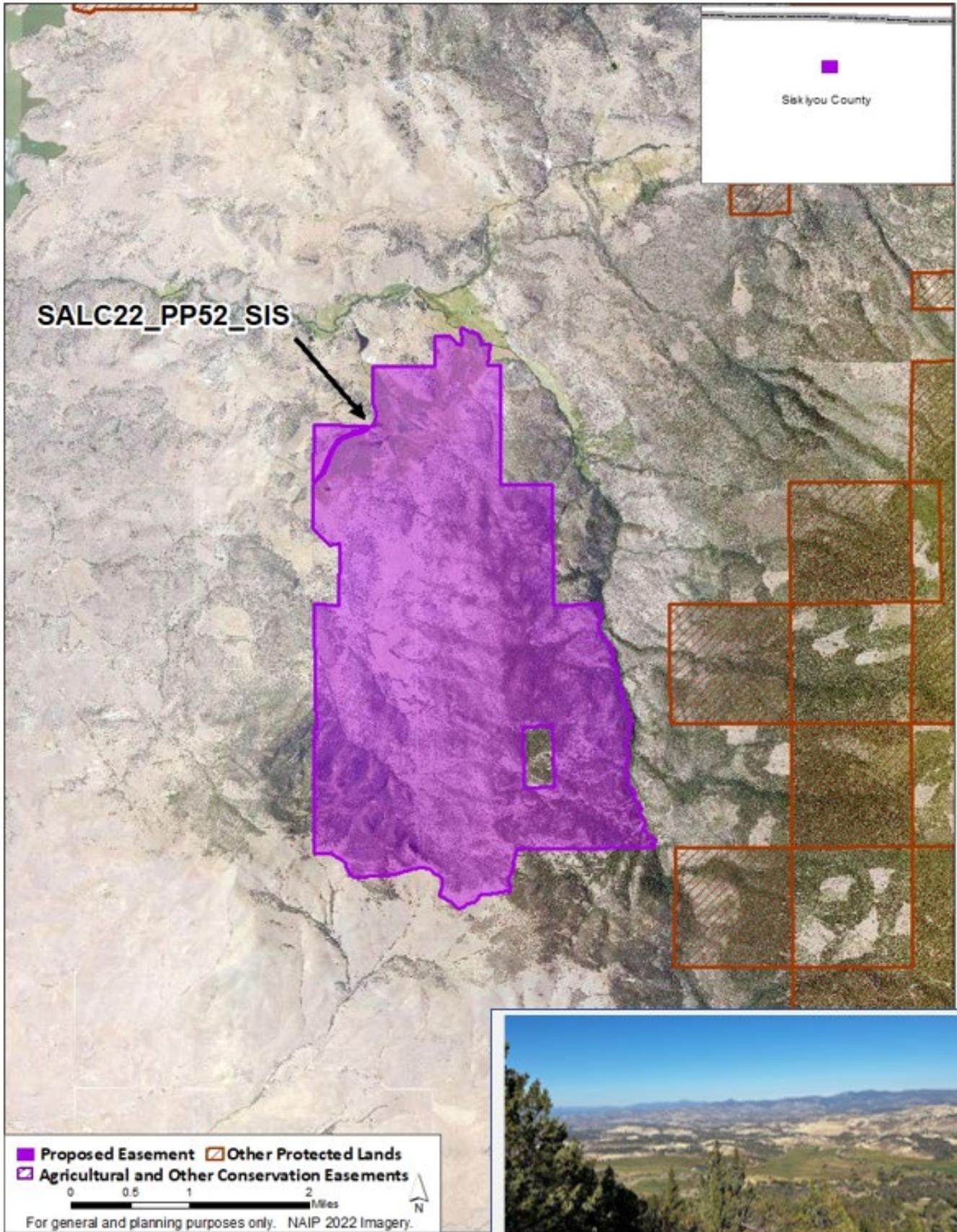
*Source Water Protection:* The project will protect Bogus Creek, an essential tributary to the Klamath River that has been identified for salmon recolonization following the Klamath Dam removal.

**Notable Features**

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

Staff recommends funding \$83,500 requested for associated costs.

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP53\_BUT

**Applicant**

California Open Lands

**Project Location**

Oroville, 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**

15 potential development rights extinguished  
2,743,608 VMT  
1,994 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 323

**Funding Requested**

\$868,500

**Match Funding**

Qualifies for 100% SALC Funding

**Priority Populations Benefits**

Yes

**Other Investment Targets**

A Tribal non-profit is the applicant/co-applicant

**Project Description**

This project will support the purchase of a ± 323-acre ranch in Butte County located nearby the city of Oroville. The project will result in the return of land to the tribal communities of Butte County and will be focused on restoration, cultural gathering, and food and fiber cultivation. The property hosts native grasses, endemic wildflowers, and natural resources that are culturally and spiritually significant to tribes in the region. The property is located adjacent to public lands and includes features such as mature oaks, creeks, and waterfalls.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* Protection of the property will reduce leapfrog development and support infill development within the city of Oroville.

*Sustainable Agriculture Use*

*Land Management Practices:* The project will emphasize sustainable land management using Indigenous practices through traditional ecological knowledge.

*Equity*

*Tribal Management & Access:* The project would secure land tenure for a Tribal non-profit and include cultural events and would increase indigenous management practices onsite.

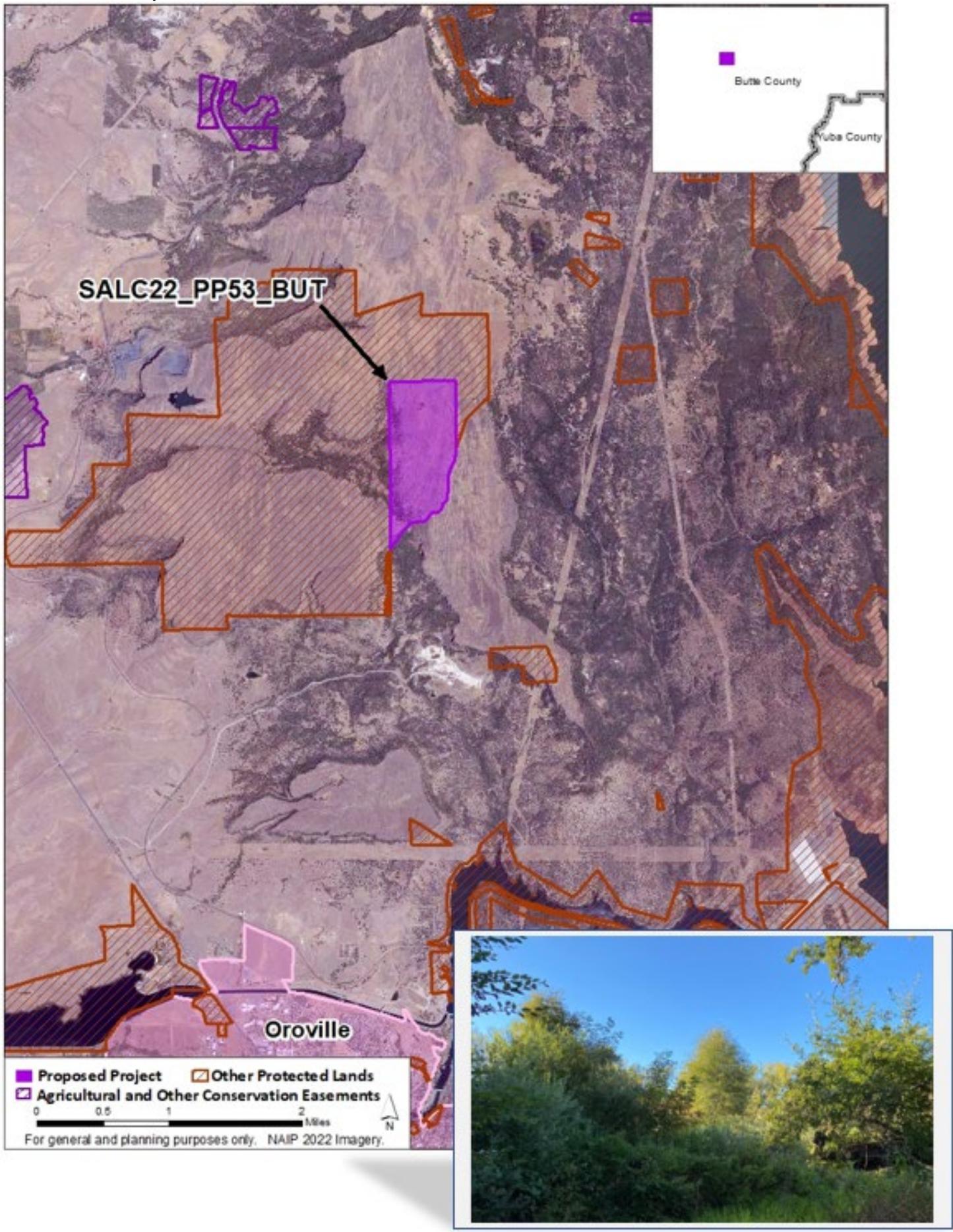
*Co-Benefits*

*Economic:* The project will provide a place for trainings related to indigenous traditional ecological knowledge and other sustainable tribal practices that will increase skills and job development for tribal community members.

**Notable Features**

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

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP54\_SAC

**Applicant**

40-Acre Conservation League

**Project Location**

Walnut Grove, Sacramento County

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural at Risk zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

1 potential development right extinguished  
336,031 VMT  
302 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 160

**Funding Requested**

\$920,000

**Match Funding**

Applications Submitted – WCB  
Qualifies for 100% SALC Funding for easement value of property

**Priority Populations Benefits**

Yes

**Other Investment Targets**

Provides secure land tenure to a beginning farmer/rancher

**Project Description**

The project is for a fee title acquisition of a ± 160-acre farm in Sacramento County located 2 miles from the city of Walnut Grove. The property is comprised of 84% Prime soils and has abundant surface water allotments. Grapes and cherries are currently grown on the property. Approximately 50 acres will be leased out in of 5-10 acre increments to provide land tenure to new and beginning farmers through a partnership with the Center for Land Based Learning.

**Strategic Value**

*Equity*

*Priority Populations Benefits:* The project will provide land tenure to new and beginning farmers and ranchers, with an emphasis on Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers. The project would also provide affordable farmworker housing onsite.

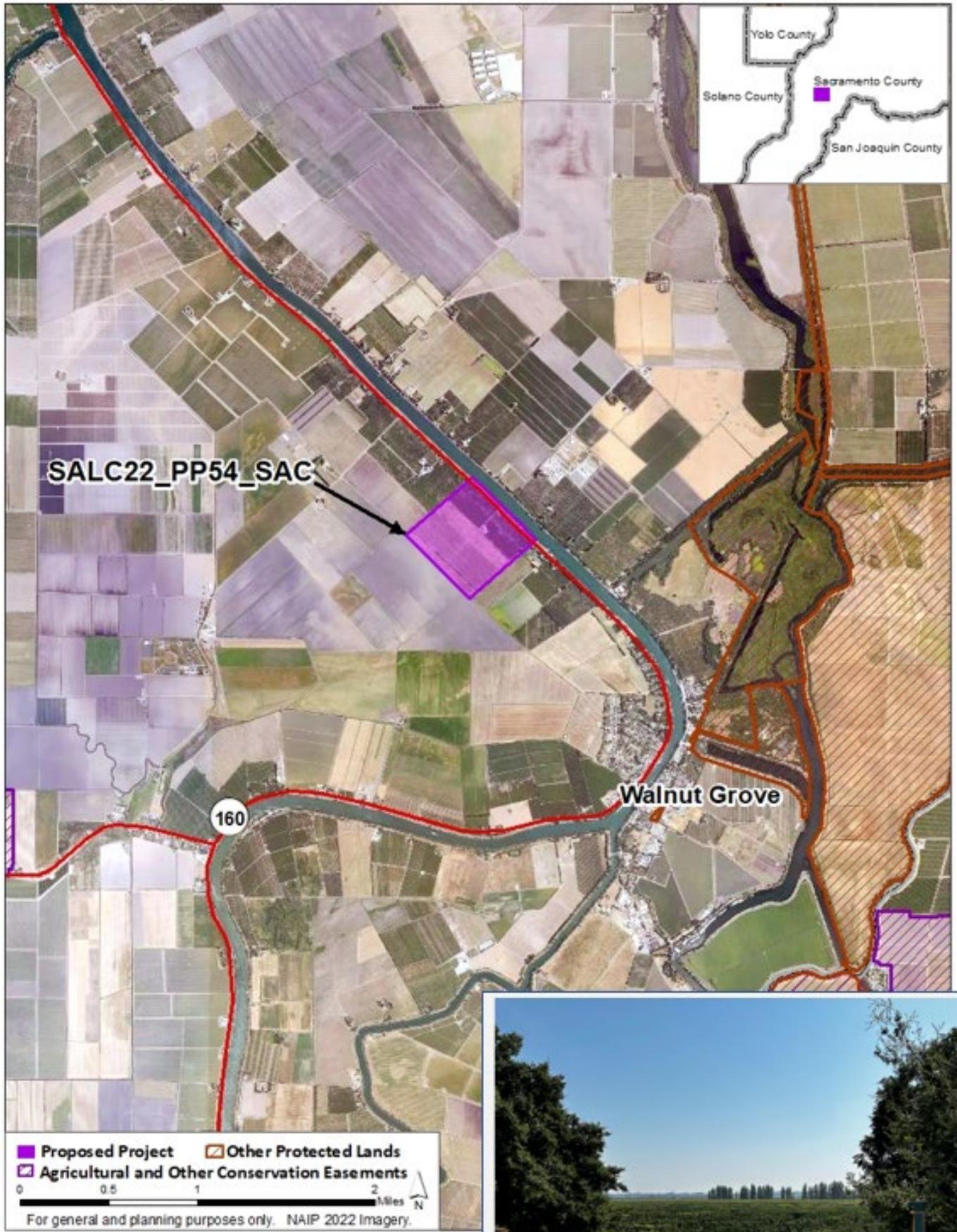
*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The project will support biodiversity by implementing conservation practices, establishing pollinator habitat, and companion planting and interplanting.

**Notable Features**

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

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP55\_SDG

**Applicant**

County of San Diego

**Project Location**

Valley Center, San Diego

**Recommended Ranking**

B - Project feasible but requires resolution of specific issues

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

271 potential development rights extinguished  
337,658,129 VMT  
127,692 MT CO<sub>2e</sub>

**Acreage**

± 450

**Funding Requested**

\$1,411,500

**Match Funding**

Match Funder Identified – San Diego County General Fund

**Priority Populations Benefits**

No

**Other Investment Targets**

None

**Project Description**

This easement project is for a ± 450-acre orchard in San Diego County, about 2 miles from Valley Center CDP. The property is an active avocado and citrus orchard with approximately 19,000 avocado trees, 3,000 grapefruit trees, 2,500 orange trees, and 500 kumquat trees. The property has water rights and water available from Yuima Municipal Water.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The property is about 2 miles from Valley Center CDP and would limit development on the property, redirecting that development to nearby communities.

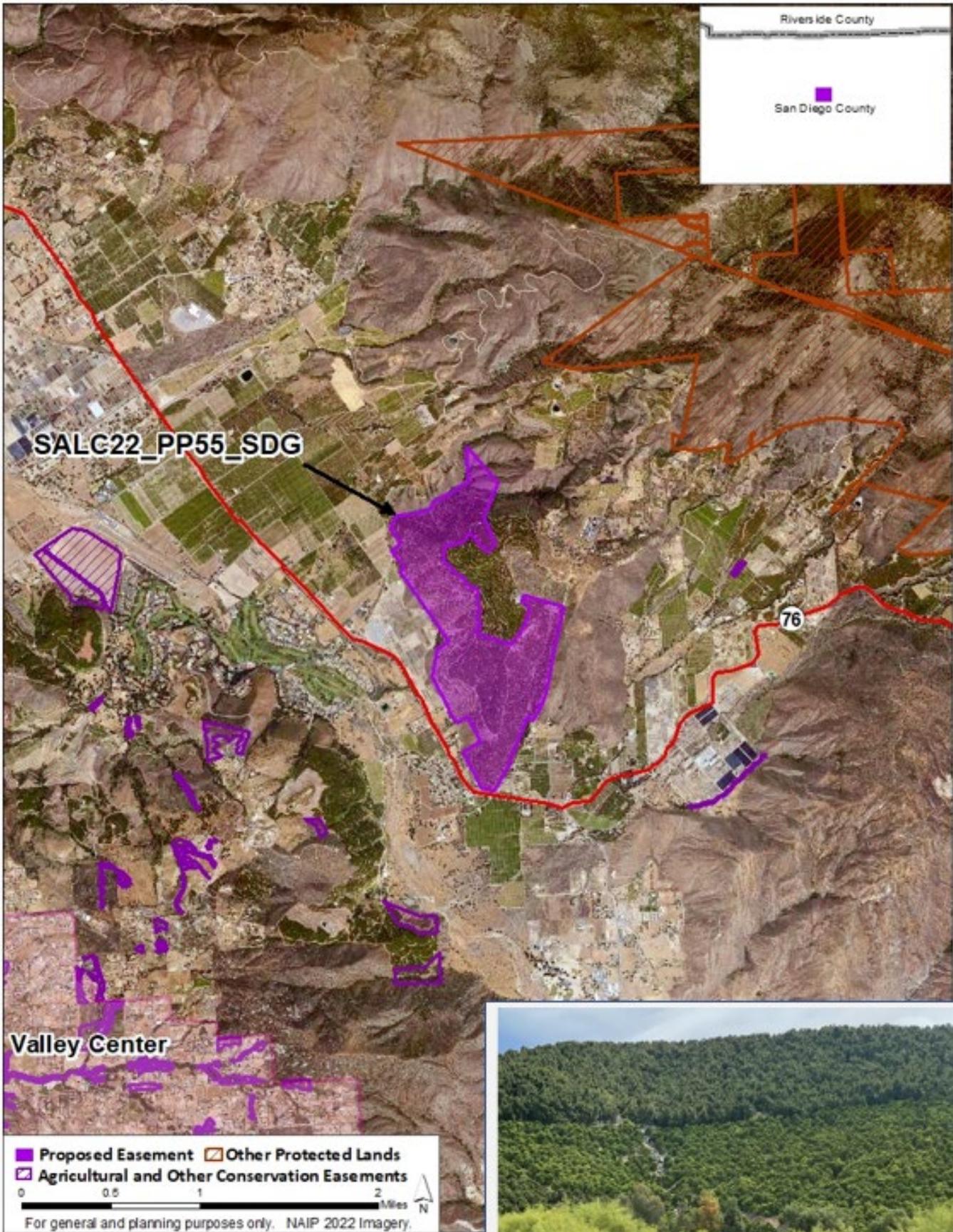
*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The property is identified for protection in the County of San Diego's draft North County Multiple Species Conservation Plan due to the high habitat value and sensitive species observed on the property.

**Notable Features**

N/A

Site Photo and Map



**Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**  
**Acquisition Presentation Summary**  
**FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended**  
SALC22\_PP57\_TUO

**Applicant**

Mother Lode Land Trust

**Project Location**

Groveland, Tuolumne County

**Recommended Ranking**

A - Project ready

**Land Use Conversion Threat**

Rural Residential zoning density

**Estimated GHG's Avoided**

373 potential development rights extinguished  
274,196,189 VMT  
114,877 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Acreage**

± 319

**Funding Requested**

\$761,000

**Match Funding**

Funding Approved - Sierra Nevada Conservancy

**Priority Populations Benefits**

Yes

**Other Investment Targets**

Provides secure land tenure to a beginning farmer/rancher

**Project Description**

This project will support the purchase of a ± 319-acre property in Tuolumne County. Long Gulch Ranch was historically a 1,000-acre cattle ranch, situated just north of Yosemite National Park. WCB funding has already aided in purchasing 575 acres of the historic ranch. This project would support the purchase of the remaining 319 acres of the original ranch. Adequate water supply comes from springs, creeks, a mine shaft, and a stock pond.

**Strategic Value**

*Infill and Compact Development*

*Infill/Compact Development:* The project supports infill/compact development by reducing expansion of the Pine Mountain Lake community.

*Equity*

*Priority Populations Benefits:* This project will provide outdoor access to residents of Pine Mountain Lake, a low-income community. The buyer will develop public trails on the property that will continue the Tuolumne River trail system, which connects the area to Yosemite National Park.

*Secure Land Tenure:* Once purchased, MLLT will re-establish cattle ranching on the property and lease the property to a beginning farmer/rancher, or a member of a priority population.

*Co-Benefits*

*Biodiversity:* The property contains habitat for wildlife species including the great gray owl, which has been observed on the adjacent property, as well as riparian habitat.

*Proximity to Protected Land:* This property is adjacent to other previously protected land and is in close proximity to National Forest Lands.

**Notable Features**

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

Site Photo and Map

