

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program
Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control,
River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)**

Applicant: AMERICAN LAND CONSERVANCY
Project Title: OAKVALE RANCH EASEMENT ACQUISITION
Application Number: SNC 080234

PROJECT SCOPE

The Oakvale Ranch is situated in Mariposa County in the Yosemite foothills south of the town of Mariposa, an area classified by the County as oak woodlands at highest risk of development due to its proximity to major roads leading to Yosemite National Park. The land has been used as a working cattle ranch for over 150 years by the same family and contains a cemetery in which four generations are interred. The property also has miles of stone wall constructed by Chinese laborers in the mid-19th century. This project will protect these historically significant sites. This project will also protect a total of 3,941 acres dominated by oak woodland and oak savannah habitat that supports many species, including several species of concern. Additionally, over 10,000 linear feet of streambank will be protected by the presence of the conservation easement.

Outcomes delivered through the SNC grant::

- Acquisition of a conservation easement on 3,941 acres (Mariposa County APN 018-230-015, 018-250-002, 018-250-003, 018-210-002, 018 -210-004, 018-210-008, 018-210-009, 018-190-007, 018-220-001, 018-220-002, 018-220-006, 018-220-012, 018-340-001, 018-240-001) providing permanent protection of the natural and cultural resources within its boundaries.

Additional project benefits:

- Increases protection of water quality the Chowchilla River watershed
- Protects cultural and archeological resources
- Preserves a working landscape and enhances its economic viability
- Serves as a model program for greater ranching community in area

PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Easement acquisition	The Project Schedule will be set at the time the agreement

	is finalized.
Review of Transaction Documents by SNC	
Final Reports to SNC	

SNC PORTION OF PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
SNC portion of easement acquisition price	\$ 1,000,000
SNC Grant Total	\$ 1,000,000

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
Sierra Nevada Conservancy	\$ 7,500
Property Owner	8,000
American Land Conservancy	20,000
Unknown	1,715,000
TOTAL	\$ 1,750,500

PROJECT SUPPORT LETTERS

- Supervisor Janet Bibby, Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, District III
- California State Senator Dave Cogdill
- U.S. Representative George Radanovich, House of Representatives, California 19th District
- William Loudermilk, Regional Manager (Region 4), California Department of Fish and Game

PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

There are four Performance Measures common to all grants. In addition, grantees are required to include between one and three project-specific measures. Performance Measures listed here represent those proposed by applicants and may be modified through further discussion with SNC staff.

- Linear Feet of Stream Back Protected
- Number of Special Significant Sites Protected or Preserved
- Acres of Land Conserved