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of significant lands in the California Northstate*

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Dear Brittany,

I'm enclosing a copy of the recorded deed of conservation easement, the final buyer's closing statement, and a copy of the final title insurance policy for the Rickert Brothers Ranch project. The grant agreement number is: G0713001. This easement was recorded on October 20th, 2010.

Shasta Land Trust is very grateful for the financial support and partnership with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy which led to this important conservation success. We are particularly appreciative for SNC's flexibility and patience as we worked through the last time-consuming stages of the acquisition.

Please let me know if there are any other reports or documents that you need in order to close out this grant. Again, thank you very much for all of your help and assistance on this great conservation result.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Miles". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ben Miles
Shasta Land Trust

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RICKERT BROTHERS RANCH PROTECTED!

Ben Miles



Irrigated Pasture near Rte 299 and Little Cow Creek

At the end of 2010, Shasta Land Trust completed its latest conservation easement project, permanently protecting the 5,000 acre Rickert Brothers Ranch. This project is a result of the long-term commitment of the landowners, over 3 years of negotiations, crucial partnerships and the local support that is essential to our organization.

Dave Klasson, an SLT Board Member who recently stepped down as chair of the SLT Lands Committee, praised the “great conservation outcomes” that were achieved by this project. “The ranch is clearly in an SLT focus area, it’s adjacent to other protected land, and it includes great riparian corridors and open space,” he said. “It’s such a beautiful property,” said Kathleen Gilman, former SLT Executive Director. “We’ve always been excited about all of the different kinds of habitat that it contains.”

The Rickert Brothers Ranch project is the third easement project in two years completed by SLT and its long-standing partner, The Trust for Public Land (TPL), a national non-profit. The assistance provided by TPL was complemented by the generous funding partners who made grants for this project: the State of California Sierra Nevada Conservancy, the US Bureau of Reclamation’s Central Valley Project Conservation Program and the Central Valley Project Improvement Act Habitat Restoration Program, the State of California Department of Transportation’s Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program, and The Trust for Public Land. “We really owe a lot of thanks to the Bureau of Reclamation, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and to Caltrans for setting good priorities and sticking to them through thick and thin, because it gets really tough to hold these things together over the extended period of time it takes to do these deals,” said Carl Somers of TPL.

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The conservation easement for the Rickert Brothers Ranch joins other SLT conservation easements to permanently protect over **20,000 acres** of Shasta County. Reaching such a milestone “is an incredible accomplishment for a small local organization,” said Klasson. Protecting so much local land not only demonstrates SLT’s strong commitment to lasting conservation, it also reflects the values of local supporters who make each SLT success possible!

“We’ve just been really impressed at the consistently strong level of commitment and leadership, at both the board and staff level, over the last several years as the organization has blossomed and grown. Anyone can fill out the paperwork and start a land trust, but to really stick with it, put down stable roots in the community and build a lands program that includes easements over 30 square miles of open space and working lands is something else altogether,” said Somers.

Thank you for the support which makes our success possible!