

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

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

Applicant: Northern California Regional Land Trust

Project Title: Pine Creek Linkage Project

Subregion: North Central

County: Tehama

SNC Funding: \$50,300.00

Total Project Cost: \$50,300.00

Application Number: 740

Final Score: 80.25

PROJECT SCOPE

The Pine Creek Linkage Project will facilitate the acquisition of conservation easements on four (4) large, working ranches totaling approximately 13,848-acres located within the Pine Creek Watershed in southeastern Tehama County on the border of northern Butte County. 12,768 of 13,848-acres (92%) of the land acquisition is contiguous and the project will permanently protect vital habitat connectivity through a mosaic of habitats already providing essential migration habitat and critical deer winter forage.

Northern California Regional Land Trust (NCRLT) will negotiate terms of the conservation easements with the landowners and develop the easement deeds. Deliverables generated from the Project will include a Department of Fish and Game (DFG) approved and adopted Conceptual Area Protection Plan (CAPP) and four (4) appraisals. With the CAPP and appraisals completed, NCRLT will formally seek funding from DFG and Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) to purchase conservation easements on the four (4) properties.

When completed, the 13,848-acres of protected ranches will sustain oak woodland, grassland, migration corridors, critical deer winter range, water quality, and habitats for many sensitive species that rely solely or in part on this landscape. In addition, by maintaining watershed health and promoting groundwater recharge, the project supports existing downstream uses such as recreation and irrigation.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Negotiate terms and draft four (4) deeds of conservation easement with landowners	May 1 – July 31, 2013
Commission appraisals on subject properties meeting SNC and WCB guidelines and specifications	August 2013
Review existing regional CAPPs, specifically the Lassen Foothills Ecological Reserve	May 1 – June 30, 2013
Work with DFG personnel to prepare Project CAPP using provided DFG template	July 1 – August 31, 2013
Complete Project CAPP and submit to DFG for review and approval	September 2013
Complete appraisals	November 2013
Submit deliverables (Project CAPP and completed appraisals) to SNC	December 2013
Report on all Performance Measures that are incorporated into the grant agreement in the Final Report, in accordance with the Detailed Performance Measures descriptions.	March 2014
FINAL PAYMENT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST	July 1, 2014

PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Direct*	\$50,300.00
Indirect**	\$0
Administrative***	\$0
GRAND TOTAL	\$50,300.00

* Direct: Direct costs are expenses necessary to acquire, construct, or to adapt property to a new or different use, or to improve property including land, buildings and equipment. The property/expense must have a useful life longer than one year.

** Indirect: Expenses involve ongoing operations, repair or maintenance costs, regardless of whether the repair or maintenance may last more than one year.

*** Administrative: Expenses associated with the administration of a project and may not exceed 15 percent of the total SNC grant request for direct and indirect costs.

PROJECT LETTERS SUPPORT/OPPOSITION

- Support
 - California Department of Fish and Game – Northern Region
 - California Department of Fish and Game – Northern Central Region
- Opposition
 - None

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.

- Number of collaboratively developed plans and assessments.
- Percent of pre-project and planning efforts resulting in project implementation.