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Board of Directors Meeting

Martin House

October 20, 2018



Welcome & Introduction to the Day



Agenda

- **10:00 AM Welcome and Introduction to the Day**
- 10:15 AM Land Conservation Program Presentation
- 12:00 PM Lunch & Opportunity to Personally Sign Year End Letters
- 1:00 PM Consent Agenda
- 1:05 PM Governance
- 1:10 PM Announcements/Information
- 1:15 PM Executive Director's and Staff Reports
- 1:30 PM Discussion/Requests for Approval
- 2:00 PM Public Policy Updates and Information
- 2:10 PM Development
- 2:25 PM Treasurer's Update
- 2:30 PM Logistics for Next Meeting (December 5, 2018)
- **2:30 PM Opportunity to Personally Sign Year End Letters**



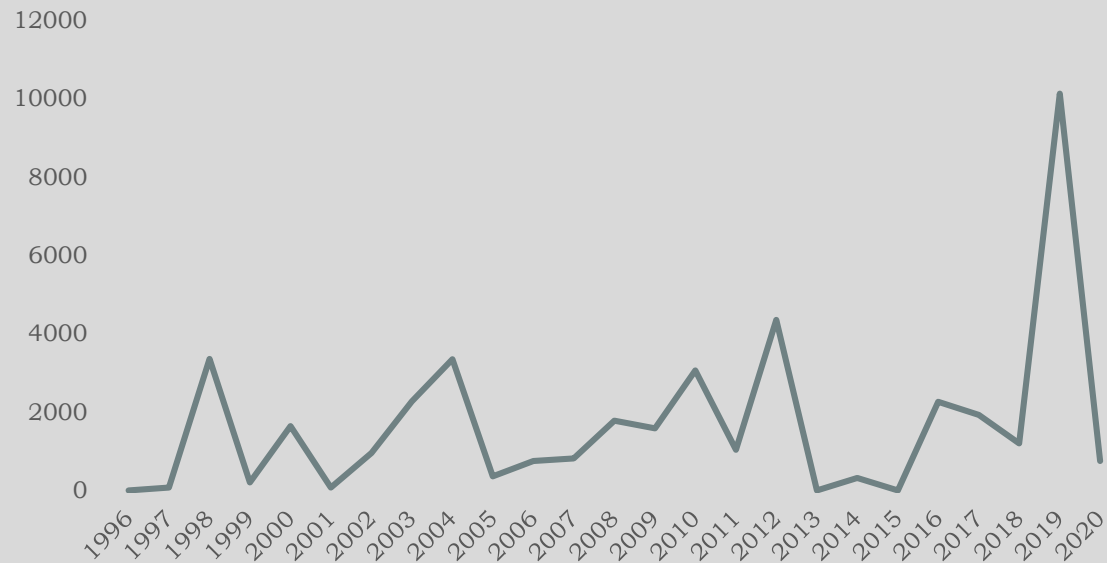
Land Conservation Program Presentation



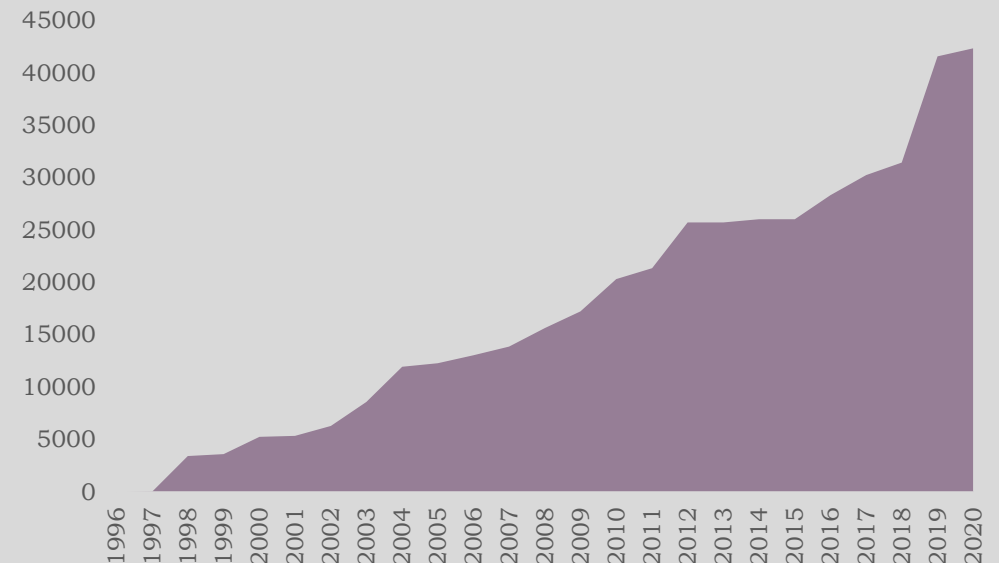
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Years of Incredible Growth!

Acres Per Year



Increase in Total Acreage Per Year



Spectrum of Land Conservation Projects



Community Conservation Projects



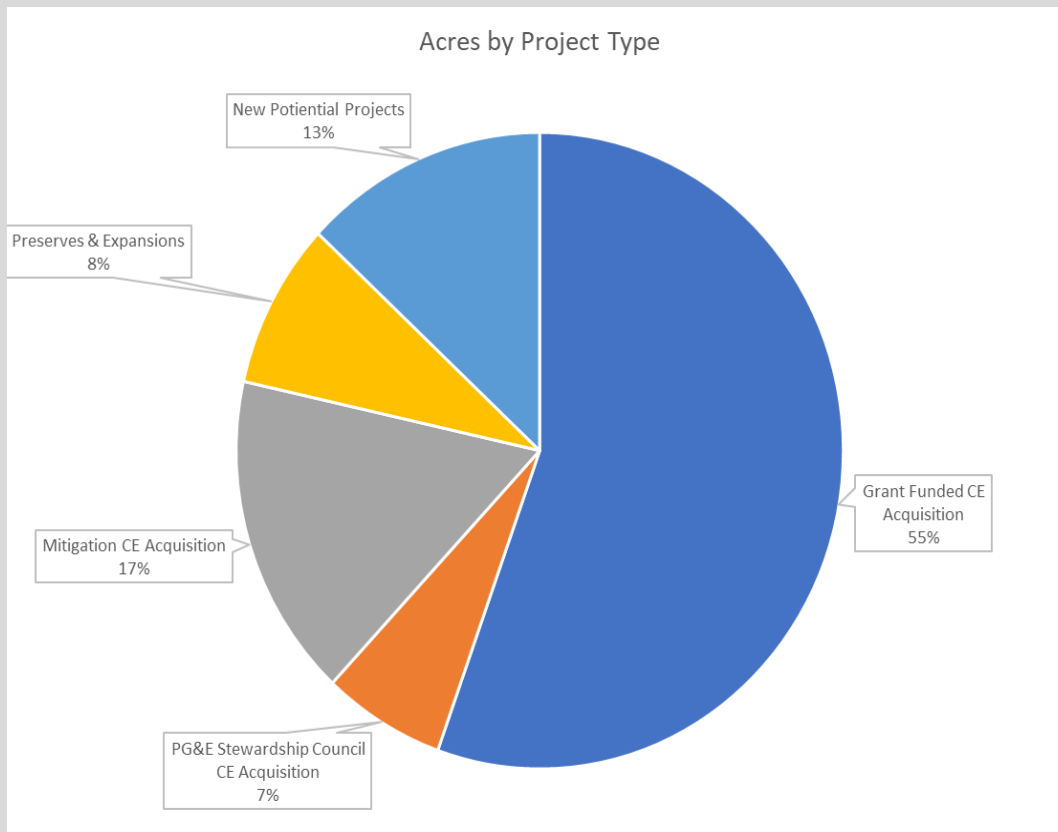
Habitat and Resource
Conservation



Working Land Conservation

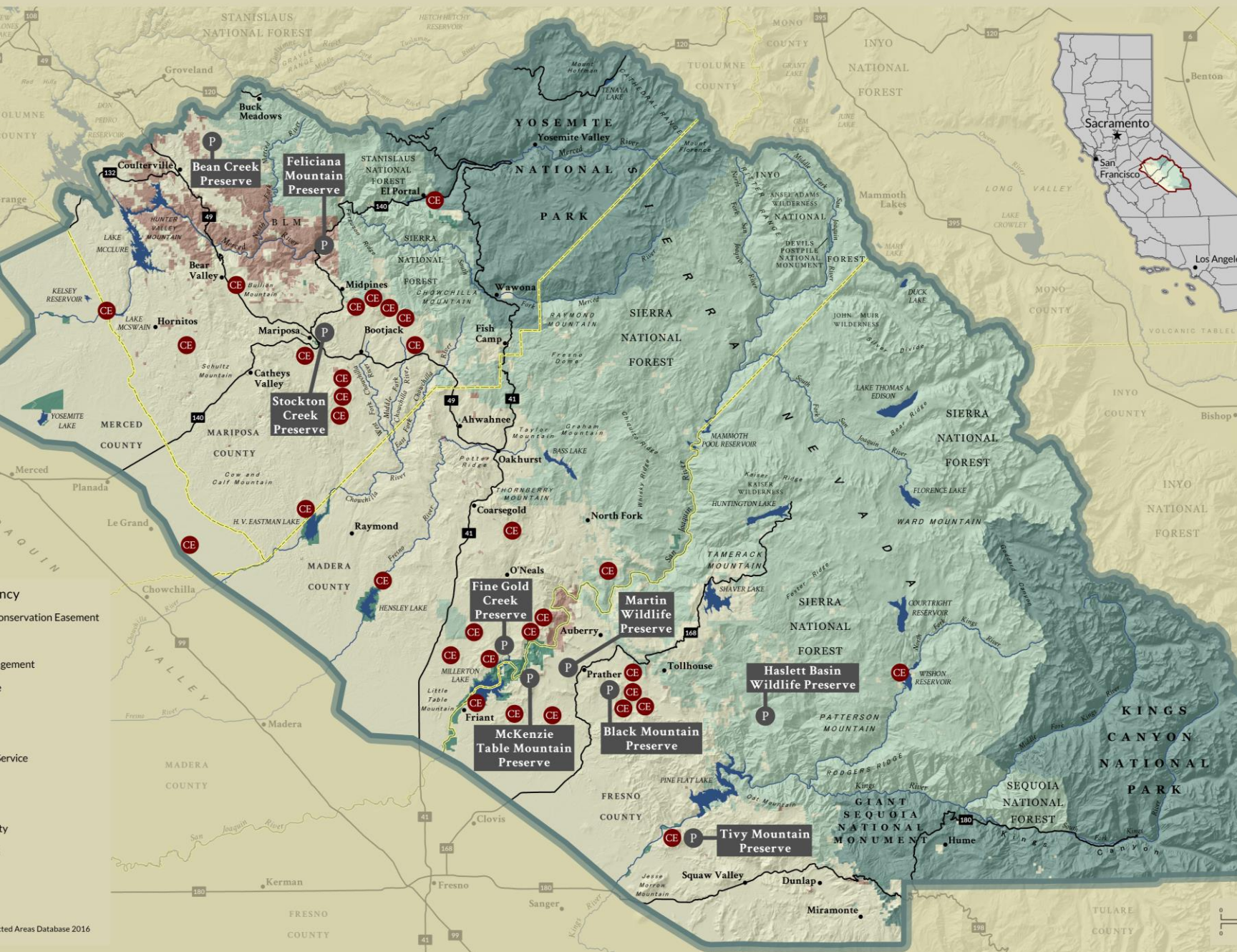


SFC Projects



- Grant Funded CE Acquisition (55%)
- Mitigation CE Acquisition (17%)
- New Potential Projects (13%)
- Preserves & Expansions (8%)
- PG&E Stewardship Council CE's (7%)



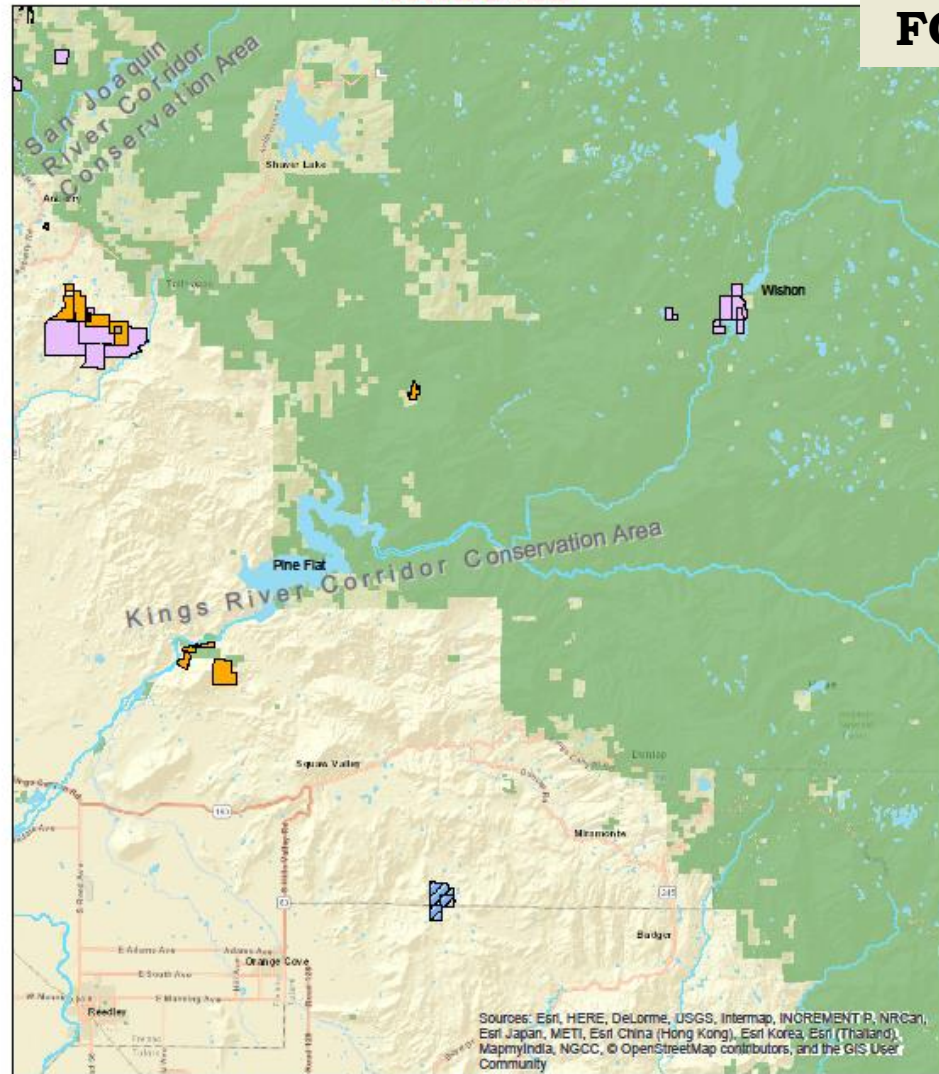


SFC Projects



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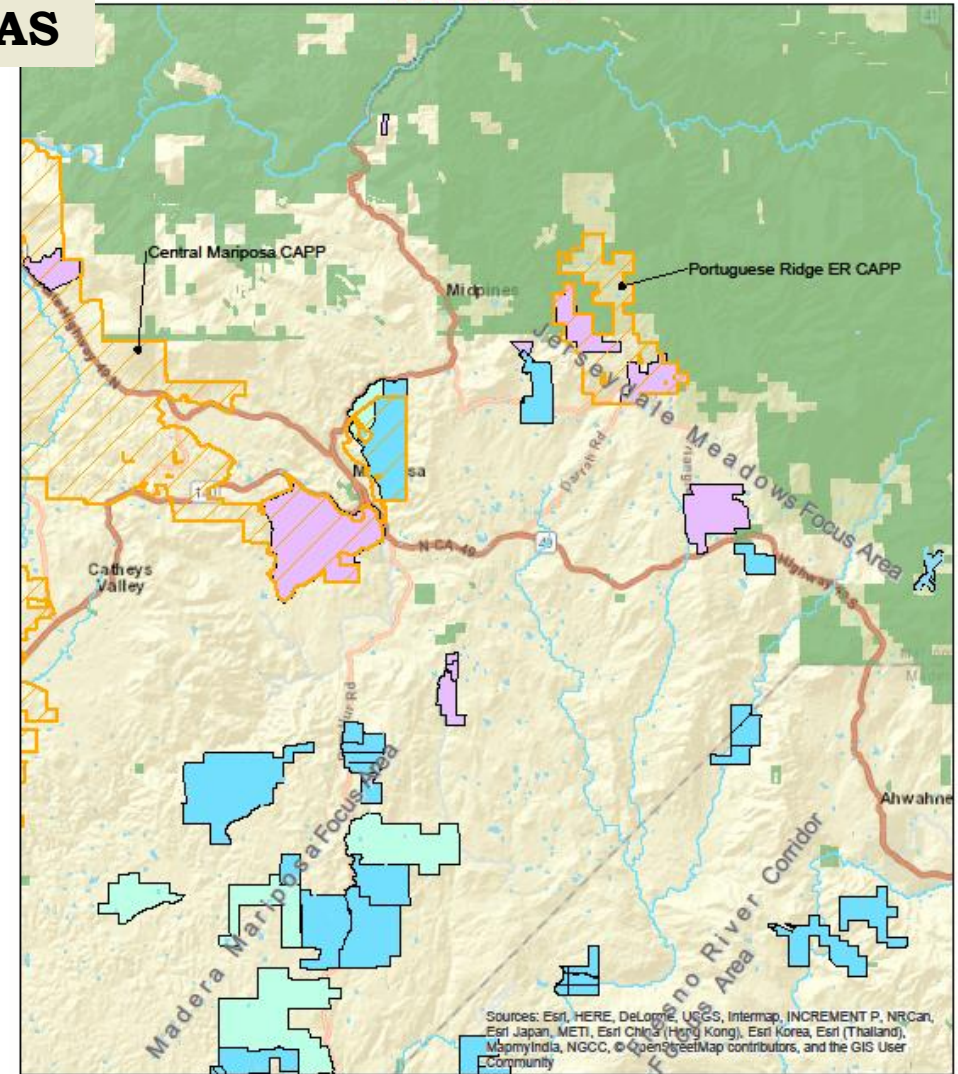
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Focus Area and Protected Lands Map

- SFC Existing Preserves
- Existing SFC Easements
- Other Easements
- Federal, State, or other Conserved Lands
- Proposed or In-Progress Easements

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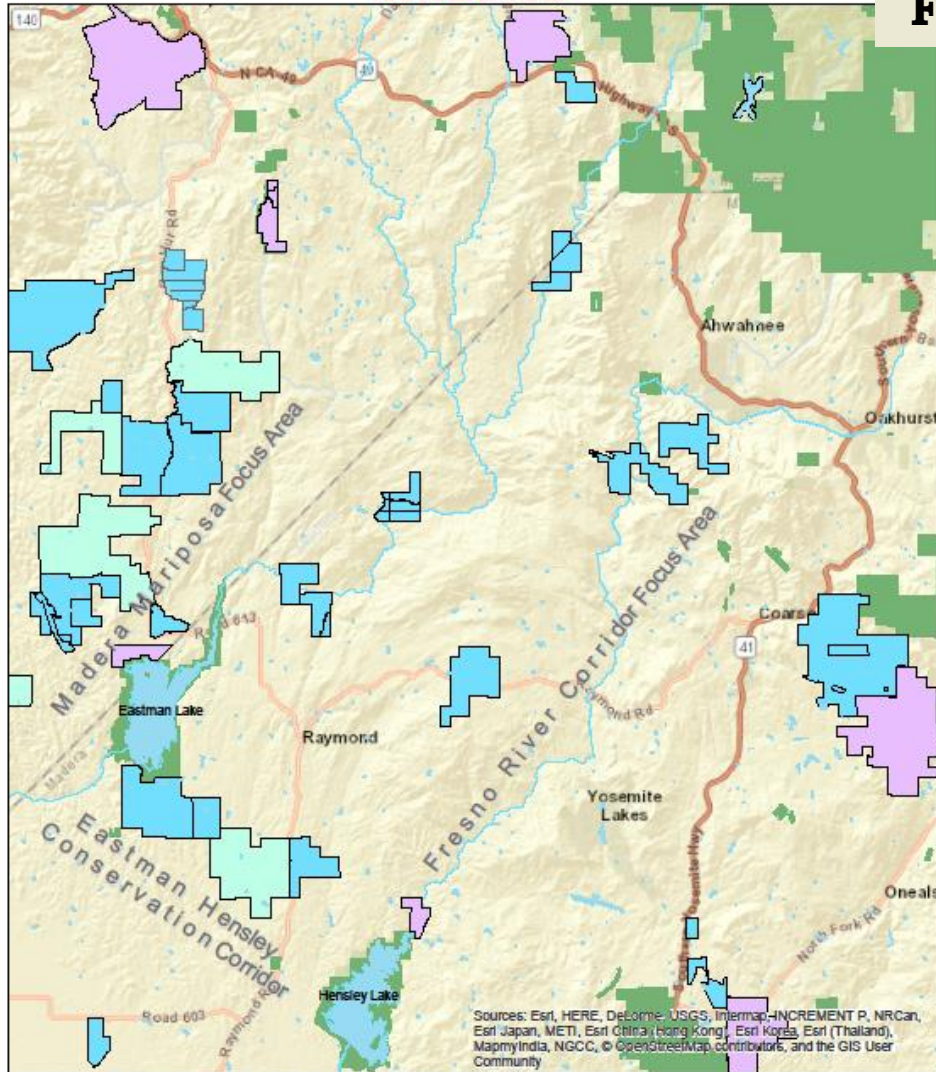
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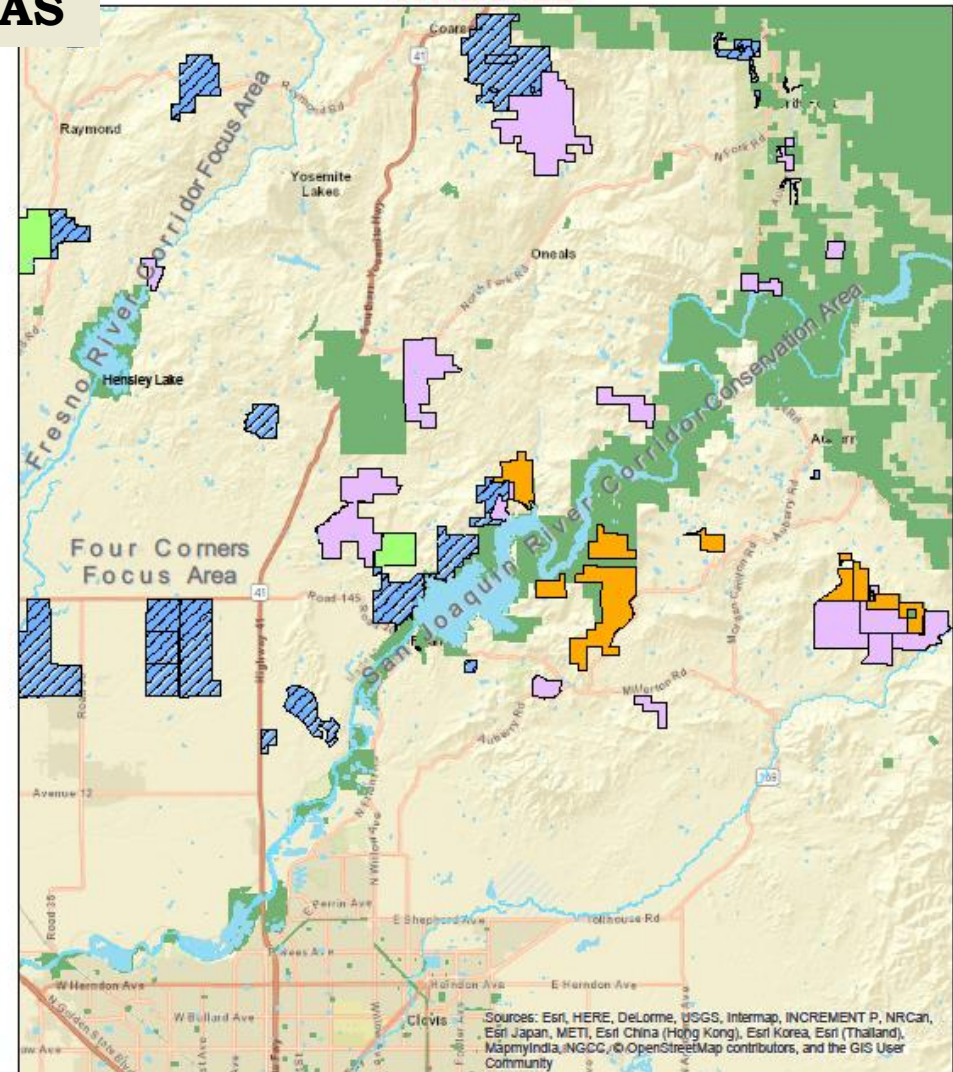
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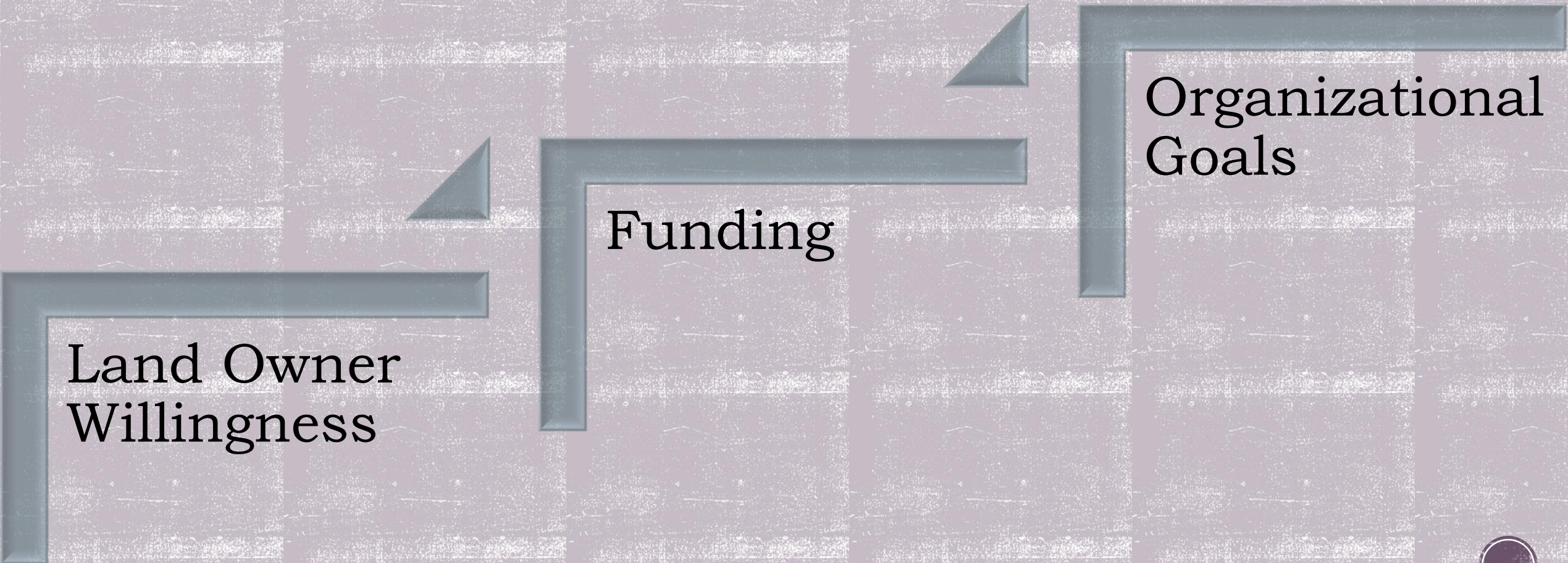
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Opportunities and Constraints



Opportunities

- Abundance of private land in our region
- Diversity of habitat and species in our region
- New funding sources at state level (Prop 68., Carbon Auction proceeds, CALFIRE)
- Growing recognition for working lands protection
- Growing reputation of SFC and our work at local, regional, state and even federal level
- SFC Staff experience, expertise and education
- SFC track record of success in securing competitive grant funding and completing mitigation
- Growing reputation with development community as valued partner
- Increased voice, action and influence at the state level (SCLTC, Sierra Consortium, CCLT, etc.)
- County General Plans

Constraints

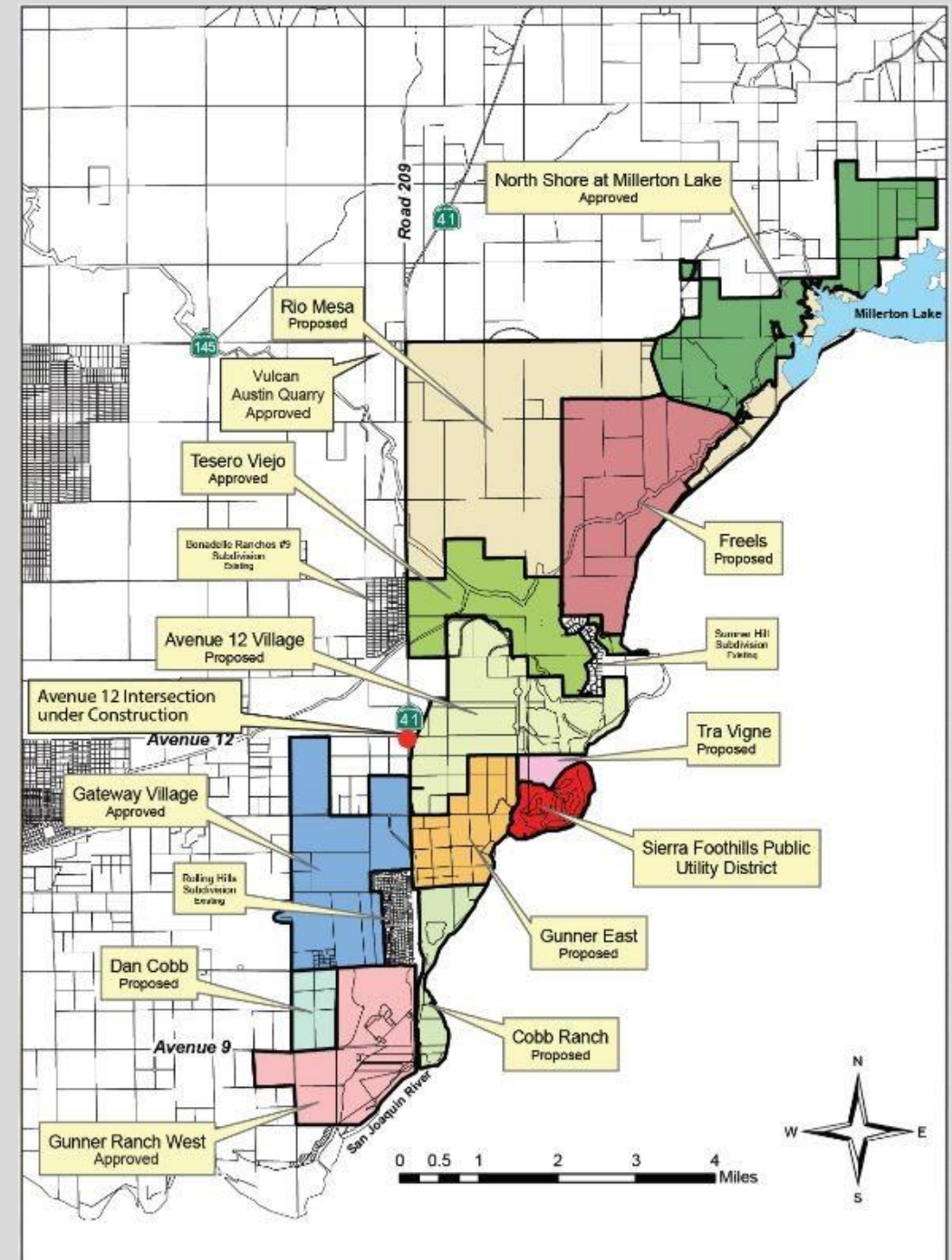
- Willing landowners (donor, seller etc.)
- No solicitation
- Funding trends (forest health, restoration, etc.)
- Grant funding guidelines
- Proposition and Legislative language
- Mitigation ties with location of development impact
- Regulatory agencies must approve location of conserved land to offset mitigation impact
- County General Plans
- Landowner financial constraints
- Conservation easement financial value
- Due Diligence (ie. title issues such as legal, liens or severed rights)

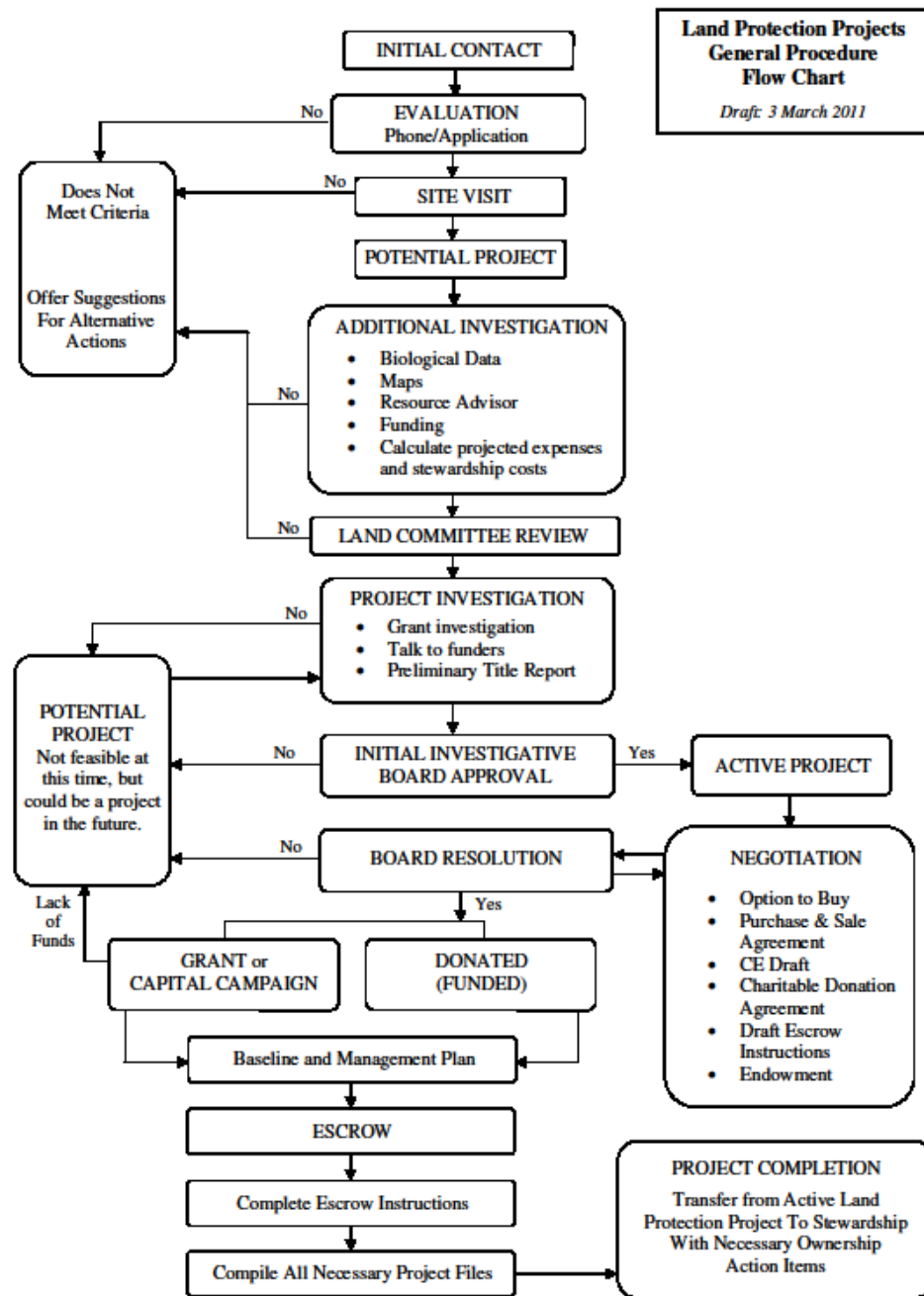


Dynamics of Growth in our Region



Madera Growth Map





The Land Evaluation Process



Land Conservation Layers

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- SFC Mission
 - Land Trust Alliance Accreditation Standards and Practices
 - Funding Agency Requirements
 - Regulatory Framework



Plans Used by SFC

- County Planning Department General Plan(s) (various)
- Integrated Regional Water Management Plan(s) (various)
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) State Wildlife Action Plan
- CDFW A Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment of Ca's Terrestrial Vegetation
- CDFW Areas of Conservation Emphasis (ACE)
- CALFIRE Forest and Rangelands Assessment, California Fire Plan and local CALFIRE community wide fire plans
- California Water Action Plan
- California Climate Adaptation Strategy (Safeguarding CA)
- California Biodiversity Initiative
- Wildlife Conservation Board's Strategic Plan
- SNC Strategic Plan, SNC WIP
- California Essential Habitat Connectivity Project: A Strategy for Conserving a Connected California
- USFWS Species Recovery Plan(s) (various)
- USFWS Critical Habitat Protection Plan(s) (various)
- USDA Critical Conservation Area Map
- NOAA Recovery Plan(s) (various)
- Department of the Interior Strategic Plan
- Funding Agency and Partners Strategic Plans (CDFW, WCB, DOC, SGC, CNRA, NRCS, USDA, NFWF, Point Blue)
- And more than we can fit here!



Land Acquisition Protection Policy

- Interests includes the grasslands, foothills and forests of Fresno, Madera, eastern Merced Counties and all of Mariposa County
- Land Committee has authority to give preliminary approval
- Board of Directors gives final approval
- Purchase lands at or below appraised value





Protection Policy Characteristics

Geographic Significance –
Connectivity, Size, Consistency
with Identified Plans

Resource Significance – Habitat,
Grazing Lands, Archaeological
Sites

Acquisition and Operational Costs
must be covered



Selection Criteria General Elements for Land Conservation Projects

- Goals and Purposes
- Geographic Significance
- Natural and Cultural Resource Significance
- Scenic / Open Space
- Feasibility
- Estimated Project Budget
- Project Deliverables and Schedule
- Conservation Values of the Property



Land Owner Engagement

- Cattlemen's Meetings/Dinners
- RCD's
- UCCE Workshops for Livestock & Land Management
- Range Workshops on the McKenzie
- Easement Closing Ceremonies
- Word of Mouth
- Recruited by SFC Board/Volunteers



**Lunch & Opportunity to
Sign Year End Letters**



Consent Agenda

- **Minutes from September 26, 2018 Meeting**
- **Approval Simple IRA Matching Contribution 3% from SFC**
- **Holiday Office Closure December 26-28, 2018**





Governance



Announcements / Information





Executive Director's and Staff Report





Discussion/ Requests for Approval

- Approve Conflict of Interest Waiver for attorney Ellen Fred re: PG&E
- Approve Acceptance of the North Shore Conservation Easement
- Approve Acceptance of the donated Rondenuis – Triangle Ranch Conservation Easement



North Shore Conservation Easement



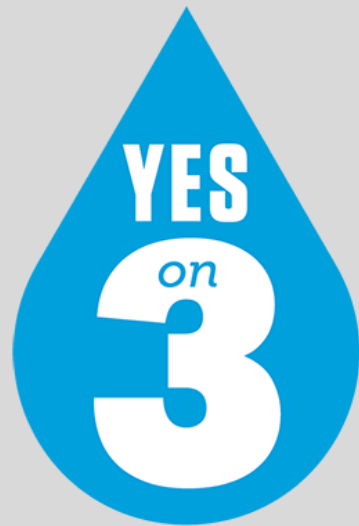
Triangle Ranch Conservation Easement



Public Policy Updates and Information



Prop 3 – Land Trusts from the coastline to the Sierra will benefit



CALIFORNIA WATER BOND
2018

Joining together in support of Proposition 3 is the **California Council of Land Trusts (CCLT)** who is joining over **100 other conservation groups** including the **Nature Conservancy, National Wildlife Federation, and Audubon California.**





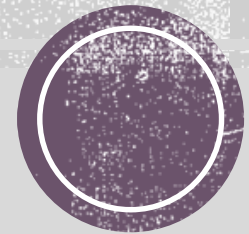
Development

- **McKenzie 20th Anniversary and Year End Campaign**



McKenzie 20th Anniversary and Year End Campaign

**Year Long Campaign to Raise \$100,000 for the McKenzie
Table Mountain Preserve Long-Term Fund!**





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Timeline for Campaign

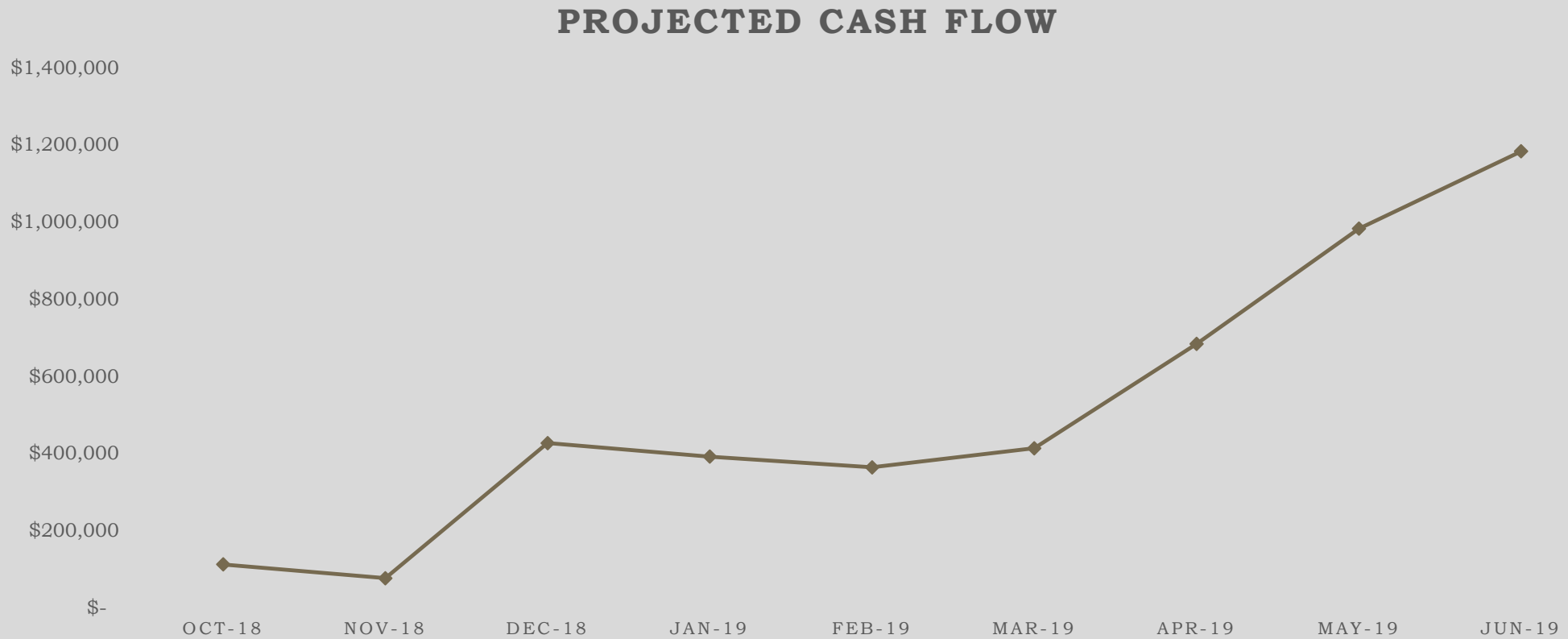




Treasurer's Update

FY 18-19 Cash Flow Update

FY 18-19 Cash Flow Projection





Thank you for joining us!

- **Logistics for next meeting
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 - **Adjourn**

