

# Farmer & Rancher Climate Leaders

## Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program Participants

*The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALCP), administered by the Department of Conservation (DOC), funds agricultural conservation easements and strategic planning grants for local governments to protect farm and ranch land at risk of development as a strategy to avoid future greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation and urban development. More info is available on DOC's website: <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/SALCP/Pages/Index.aspx>*

### CALIFORNIA RANGELAND TRUST

**Yolo, Calaveras, Humboldt  
& Monterey Counties**  
**Award Amount: \$16,113,975**  
**17,973 Acres Protected**



"The SALCP grants are a critical resource for enabling us to protect some of the 400,000 acres of ranches in our queue. We have leveraged more than \$15 million in matching funds needed to protect these valuable ranches."

- Nancy Schaefer  
Bay Area Program Manager



The California Rangeland Trust has received SALCP grants to protect four ranches in four counties from being sold and developed as rural ranchettes or converted to more intensive agriculture uses (e.g., almonds or wine grapes). In addition to avoiding increased greenhouse gas emissions, keeping these large acreages in ranching provides groundwater recharge, carbon

sequestration, and wildlife habitat connectivity with adjacent natural areas, such as the Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area in Yolo County, the Gabilan Range near Salinas, and the salmon-bearing South Fork of the Eel River. In fact, some of the matching funds for the easements have come from wildlife agencies.

The California Climate & Agriculture Network (CalCAN) is a statewide coalition that advances state and federal policy to realize the powerful climate solutions offered by sustainable and organic agriculture.



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