



California Rangeland Trust

Annual Report 2000-2001

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The mission of the Rangeland Trust is:

To provide, promote and safeguard the long-term viability and stewardship of rangeland agriculture and the natural balance of the ecosystem.

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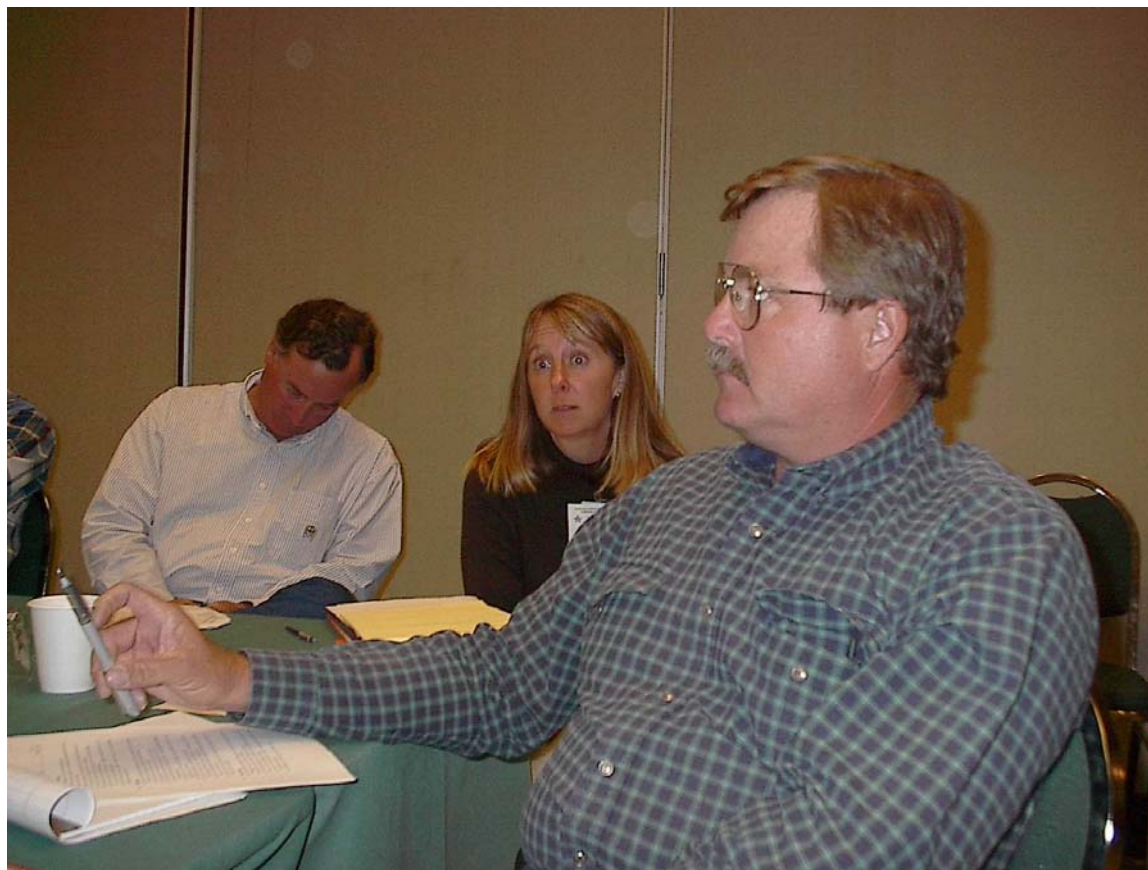
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Ranchland Conservation



- ✖ At the end of the 2000-2001 fiscal year, the Rangeland Trust holds 32,000 acres of ranchland and four conservation easements.
- ✖ Stewardship Monitoring Policies and Procedures are in place.

Current Easements

- ✚ Touch the Earth
(Garamendi) Ranch in
Calaveras County
- ✚ Donation of 418 acres
in 1999



Varian V6 Ranch

- ✂ 17,000-acre easement
- ✂ Monterey/Fresno counties
- ✂ Transaction completed in March 2001 in partnership with the Trust for Public Land



Tejon Ranch Mitigation

- ✦ 1,122-acre mitigation project completed in 2000
- ✦ Habitat enhancement for the San Joaquin kit fox and the blunt nose leopard lizard



Bear Valley Ranch

- ✿ The American Land Conservancy completed a sale in 2001 of the 13,800-acre Colusa County ranch to a cattle operation and transfer of the easement to the Rangeland Trust.



Other Projects in 2001



- ✎ 2,700-acre ranch in Mendocino County to protect high production grazing and farmlands, open space, oak woodlands, and riparian corridors. (Photo)
- ✎ 350-acres fronting Highway 101, using a phased approach on a 13,800-acre ranch in San Luis Obispo County.
- ✎ 500-acre ranch in Sierra Valley

Other Projects

- ✂ 6300-acre ranch in Mono County in partnership with the American Land Conservancy. (Photos)
- ✂ 9,300-acre ranch in Merced County in partnership with The Nature Conservancy.



Photo: Bridgeport Valley

Other Projects

- ✂ 11,000 acres in Sierra Valley
- ✂ 11,000-acre ranch in Monterey and Fresno counties; Fresno County portion is complete
- ✂ 850-acre ranch in Kern County





Financial Report

- **Operating Grants:** In 2001 Packard Foundation awarded a 2 year \$400,000+ capacity building grant to CRT, the largest such grant given to a new organization. Grant funding has also been provided by, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Sorenson Foundation, the Greenville Foundation, and the Gabilan Foundation, totaling \$362,000 for the year.
- **Endowment Fund:** We have a commitment to ranchers who place conservation easements on their lands and have created an endowment to sustain our operating funding needs into future. This fund currently totals more than \$19,000 and is growing.
- **Private Donations:** In the last fiscal year, private donations accounted for more than \$15,500 in revenue.
- **Monitoring Endowment:** This endowment fund currently has \$116,000 and is pledged an additional \$80,000.

Outreach and Communication



- ✦ Workshops for ranchers
 - 5 held throughout the state and more planned
- ✦ Workshops for public – participated in several
- ✦ Other partnership projects



Where We're Going

- ✦ More transactions completed on our own and in partnerships with American Land Conservancy, Trust for Public Lands, The Nature Conservancy, and local trusts
- ✦ Diversified funding plan
- ✦ Development of a Conservation Plan
- ✦ Increased media presence, education and outreach
- ✦ Your involvement!

Thanks to your support



The California Rangeland Trust would not be where it is today without the vision and leadership of the California Cattlemen's Association.

Photo: V6 Ranch

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