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SILVA RANCH: A PERFECT UNION

It is often joked that the signing of a conservation easement is like a wedding-forever uniting a landowner and land trust in an ongoing collaborative partnership. Ranching is unique and complex, with highs and lows as cyclical as the weather. So, it makes sense that ranchers pursuing conservation want assurance that the organization they are signing a perpetual contract with understands these challenges and supports their efforts to steward the land while also making a living off it. The Silva family is no exception.

The Silvas know their ranch is special. Not only is it a great place to raise cattle, the combination of vast oak savannah grasslands, dense redwoodforests, and the Wheatfield Fork of the Gualala River (the largest of three major tributaries of the mainstem Gualala River) supports rich biodiversity. Deer, grouse, steelhead trout, and quail are in abundance and are just a few of the many species of wildlife that call the ranch home. Beyond its ecological significance, the ranch also exists as a symbol of history and heritage for Dale Silva and his sister, Ronda Silva Schaer, co-owners of the property, along with the entire Silva family.

Their ancestors immigrated from the Azores Islands of Portugal to the United States in the late 1800s. Eventually, they settled in Alameda County and earned an honest living raising beef cattle. Subsequent generations



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maintained their ties to ranching in various ways, both directly and indirectly. Dale and Ronda's father worked as a businessman, but he made sure that agriculture remained a very significant part of his life.

"My parents were immersed in ranching all their lives, and they wanted a place that they could be on the land themselves," Dale explained.

In 1958, their parents purchased 4,400 acres in western Sonoma County near the town of Geyserville. Originally, the ranch was home to a sheep operation, but in 1972, the constant threat of predators, combined with a desire to rejoin the beef industry, prompted the family to switch to cattle ranching. As the family grew, the Silvas continued to instill their passions for their land and livestock in the next generation.

Dale and his wife, Cindy, would pick up their now adult daughters, Marissa and Rebecca, from school and spend their weekends on the ranch working cattle, fixing springs, riding horses, and exploring the open range. Sometimes the girls' friends would tag along, which offered a rare opportunity for their urban classmates to learn about and connect with agriculture firsthand.

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SILVA RANCH, SONOMA COUNTY

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LEADERSHIP LETTER

Dear Friends,

What an incredible year we've had at the Rangeland Trust! Coming off the heels of the pandemic, we renewed our commitment to work harder than ever and closer than ever. And the results are a beautiful representation of what can be accomplished when we rally together in support for the land, people, and wildlife of our great state. But don't just take our word for it... Read the list of highlights below:

- By year-end, we expect to have conserved six ranches totaling nearly 8,000 acres of working lands in 2022. This is possible because of generous community support, federal and state agency grants, and partnerships with mitigators seeking to offset impacts.
- We leveraged the results of our Ecosystem Services Study to demonstrate to state policymakers the value of working rangelands. These efforts included organizing an educational ranch tour for California Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crowfoot, California Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary Karen Ross, and state legislators and their staff. And we're happy to report that these efforts are already paying off. \$250 million has been allocated to conservation programs through the Wildlife Conservation Board. That's a huge win for the working lands in California!
- Over 150 donors rallied together and helped us meet our goal of raising \$1 million toward conservation of the 5,652-acre Spanish Ranch in the Cuyama Valley. Thanks to this wonderful community of supporters, we were able to match investments from local foundations, and we now have significant leverage to seek a second agency grant to close the funding gap and complete this important conservation project.
- We tipped our hats to the people who steward our magnificent rangelands at the inaugural Landowner Appreciation Dinner. Held in June in conjunction with the California Cattlemen's Association Mid-Year Meeting, the event served to thank the ranching families that have helped the Rangeland Trust successfully conserve over 365,000 acres of pristine rangeland for the benefit of all throughout the Golden State and beyond.
- We sold our office building in downtown Sacramento. Just like our conservation portfolio, the Rangeland Trust staff has also grown to meet the ever-increasing needs of our landowner partners. In the year ahead, we look forward to finding a new place within the Sacramento Region to better accomodate us. For now, the Rangeland Trust will continue to lease back the building at 1225 H Street until we find a new place to hang our cowboy and cowgirl hats.
- Along with our colleagues through the Partnership of Rangeland
 Trusts, we assembled a coalition and developed a list of priorities
 to guide our advocacy activities surrounding the 2023 Farm Bill.
 We are hopeful this will result in needed changes to the Bill, including
 increased funding for agricultural conservation programs.



Coordinator

- As part of our commitment to connect people to the land and one
 another at the local level, we hosted several regional events, a
 conservation easement celebration, two ranch tours, and our Virtual CEO
 Speaker Series. Thank you to each and every one of you who joined us at an
 event this year. When we come together, we are making a collective impact
 on our local communities.
- With the release of our monthly podcast and new short film, we are changing the way people think about the role of ranchers and rangelands in their everyday lives. In January, we launched our <u>Tuned in to the Land</u> podcast featuring conversations with ranchers, scientists, conservationists, friends, and donors who demonstrate the importance of preserving California's working lands. Then in the spring, we released our new short film, <u>From the Ground Up: Healing Our Planet, Healing Ourselves.</u> The video, which showcases the power of rangelands to restore mind, body, soul, and planet, has generated 11 thousand views across social media.

All that before the Rangeland Trust turns 25 years old!

Since 1998, you and others in this community of like-minded supporters from all walks of life have come together to conserve California's working lands and keep ranchers ranching. Next year marks a major milestone for the Rangeland Trust, and we plan to take a moment to celebrate the gifts we continue to receive because of what has been conserved so far. (We hope you will join us to celebrate the fruits of our labor on May 20th at A Western Affair 2023! See pg. 7 for details.) But as soon as we are done celebrating, we will get right back to work because we know there is too much at stake for us to stand idle.

The ranching families who steward our life-giving landscapes are in a seemingly constant struggle, with challenges on multiple fronts that make it tough to continue. When we lose our lands stewards, we also lose our rangelands and the benefits they provide—the fresh food we eat, the very air we breathe, protection against devastating wildfires, resilience for the health of our planet, our connection to the earth and one another, and so much more.

The Rangeland Trust knows this, and that's why we are so committed to fighting alongside our ranching partners and this wonderful community of supporters to save the open spaces we love and depend upon. Together, we can bring attention to the good ranchers are doing and the bounty they are responsible for producing on well-managed rangelands. We can help find common ground and bring forth win-win solutions for conservation. And we can secure the resources necessary to protect more working lands.

Our future will grow from the foundations we've been building over the past 25 years with ranching partners, policy makers, and urban and rural residents—all people passionate about the land and its inhabitants. There is hope for an abundant future through rangeland conservation—and it's a future worth fighting for!

25 years in and the Rangeland Trust is just getting started. Will you join us in this fight to protect rangeland and secure a brighter future?

Sincerely,







Andy Mills Board Chairman





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Between meetings and raising awareness of the California Rangeland Trust, the Legacy Council has been hard at work.

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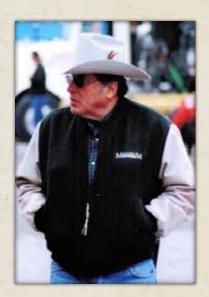
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IN MEMORY OF DUANE FRANKLIN MARTIN



Duane Franklin Martin passed away on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 in Ione, CA at the age of 82. He was born in Hayward, CA on March 6, 1940, the son of the late Inez (Perry) and Frank Martin.

Duane was raised on his father's dairy in San Jose, CA where he learned the value of hard work and perseverance. He discovered his real passion when he got his start in the cattle business at the age of 24. He was driving a ready-mix truck when he purchased his first 20 cows from his father. Through years of hard work and determination, he grew his operation with the help of his son to become one of the top 25 largest cow-calf producers in the United States, while running a large stocker operation and feeding cattle.

He always said, "Buy dirt!", and that is what he did, accumulating numerous ranches along the way (*including the Rangeland Trust-conserved Cook Ranch near Stockton, CA*) and leasing many others. Duane took great pride in his cattle, his business, and his family. He was very proud to bring the 3rd generation into the family business. Meeting others in the industry and sharing his knowledge was also a passion; he was never short on encouragement. Duane always said that the cattle business "isn't an exact science." When things got tough, he would insist that you "stay with it; don't weaken!" He lived those words until his final days.

We are honored to have known Duane as a landowner partner and supporter of our mission.

FALL EVENTS AT THE RANGELAND TRUST

WEEKEND GETAWAY ON SKYROSE RANCH

SkyRose Ranch, outside San Miguel, CA, welcomed fifteen guests and Rangeland Trust staff the weekend of September 23-25 for a scenic getaway on this conserved landscape. Throughout the weekend, guests participated in a whiskey tasting by Rod & Hammer's SLO Spirits out of San Luis Obispo, saddled up for a trail ride to overlook the more than 22,000-acre ranch, visited the neighboring Sandy Creeek Ranch's trap range to learn or practice their trap shooting skills, enjoyed a wine tasting featuring Austin Hope Vineyards, and listened to a presentation by Dr. Lynn Huntsinger from UC Berkeley. On top of that, the group was treated to delicious meals throughout the weekend from Chef Kenny and his family, who also take care of the Mighty Oaks veterans that come to this special place for needed healing and refreshment.

This special weekend enabled us to engage with current and potential supporters in a unique way, as we work to achieve transformational impact for California's rangelands through our major gifts program. We cannot begin to thank SkyRose Ranch owner, Wayne Hughes Jr.; Sandy Creek Ranch owner, Eric Lindberg; and the staff at the SkyRose Ranch for their generous hospitality.











BBQ WITH THE RANGELAND TRUST BOARD

On September 12th, Bob Slobe and the North Sacramento Land Company graciously welcomed 80 guests to their beautiful and unique office in Sacramento, CA for the *BBQ with the Rangeland Trust Board.* The event brought together a diverse group of Rangeland Trust friends, both long-time and new, including ranchers, farmers, and plenty of agriculture enthusiasts; landowner partners; donors; artists; lifelong Sacramentans; and of course, volunteer leadership on the Rangeland Trust Board and Legacy Council.









WHAT IT TAKES TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

Every day, a Rancher gets up early, slips on their boots, and sets to work providing the best care for their land, livestock, and family members. That rancher's hard work extends to their communities, near and far, doing as much good as possible. If you're reading this, then you know it's not easy. It's about passion, commitment, and getting up each and every day to continue to fight the good fight. There are many challenges, and also many rewards.

In the year ahead, we will pause to celebrate the abundance that comes from healthy rangelands, and especially that there are lands forever conserved so they may continue producing for our most essential needs. And after each celebration, we'll return to the work that makes more possible.

Because there is still a lot to do, and it's your support that makes it possible.

I got into this work because I know the power of people who are intimately connected to land and its natural resources. I've seen how people's passion translates into careful stewardship that does great things for our planet, people, and wildlife. Working with global conservation partners during my time at the Oakland Zoo, I witnessed this over and over again, locally and around the world.

Then I joined the Rangeland Trust and started meeting our partners. I see how deeply they care and how seriously they take their responsibilities to their lands and animals. I didn't grow up in agriculture, but I've learned just how important the work of ranchers is for everyone. I also see how undervalued and under-supported their contributions can be.

Every day, I get up and proudly go to work because I am filled with gratitude for the incredible people we have the privilege of working with—landowners and ranchers, donors, volunteers, and colleagues. My commitment to this fight is to help the Rangeland Trust fulfill our promises to every landowner who wants to prepare for the future by partnering with us.

Please consider making a gift to support a future for ranchers and rangelands. Let's show people what's possible when we all forge ahead together.

Thank you,

Shannon Foucault
Director of Development

Another thing I've learned is that ranchers are always ready to step up and help out. This is one of those opportunities. As lonely as the fight may seem sometimes, we really are all in this together.

A WESTERN AFFAIR 20 23

Join us on Saturday, **May 20, 2023** at Yolo Land & Cattle Co. in Esparto, CA to celebrate the fruits of our labor!

For 25 years, the California Rangeland Trust community has come together to conserve California's working lands and keep ranchers ranching. At *A Western Affair 2023*, we will gather round the table to celebrate the achievements of the past 25 years, enjoy good company and pasture-to-plate flavors, and look ahead to all that is possible for the future—a bountiful future worth fighting for! Help us kick-off this incredible weekend on Friday, May 19 during the exclusive pre-party at the California Agriculture Museum in Woodland, CA.

You can take advantage of special discounted table pricing during our **Holiday Sale now thru January 15th!**



May 20, 2023

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Scan Me!

Nant to attend, but don't want to purchase a table?

We have reserved a group of individual tickets that will go on sale on **February 1**st.

Company sponsorship opportunities are also available!

For additional information and a list of recommended hotels in the area visit: www.rangelandtrust.org

EDGAR PEAK PACKAGE

\$10,000 **\$7,500***

One premier table for **10** guests

10 exclusive pre-party tickets

VIP parking or Shuttle access (Saturday Only)

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\$6,000 **\$4,500***

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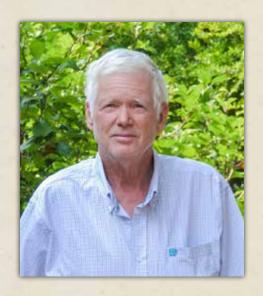
BULLARD BASIN PACKAGE

\$3,000 **\$2,750***

One table for **10** guests Shuttle access

*Price available if purchased by January 15, 2023.

WELCOME NEW BOARD



MICAHEL DENNIS BOARD MEMBER

Michael Dennis is a fifth-generation California rancher. He spent much of his childhood on Rancho Santa Ana where he developed a love for open spaces. His passion for living and working in a natural setting later took him to Wyoming, which he then turned into his home for almost 30 years. Michael worked on a few ranches before deciding to become a veterinarian. He attended the University of Wyoming for his pre-veterinary coursework, and then attended veterinary school in Manhattan, KS. Michael returned to California when his mother, Judith Friend, asked him to manage the Carrizo Ranch (which his mother donated the development rights on through multiple conservation easements held by the Rangeland Trust). As the Ranch manager, Michael is working to improve the ecological processes on the land using regenerative practices with grazing as the main tool. His top-notch stewardship earned him, along with his mother, the Rangeland Trust's coveted Conservationist of the Year award in 2020.



BRUCE HART BOARD MEMBER

Bruce is a now retired real estate businessman with an affinity and appreciation for the western way of life and the myriad benefits to our society provided by well-managed rangelands. Born and raised in San Francisco, CA and educated at Stanford, he is now residing in Glen Ellen, CA with his wife of over 40 years, Elizabeth (Liz) Hart. For 46 years, Bruce worked in real estate development and program management. Though he retired in 2019, he continues to stay busy through his community involvement with organizations like The Herbst Foundation, the Fallen Lake Community Services District, and the California Rangeland Trust. Before joining the Rangeland Trust Board of Directors, Bruce served on the Trust's Legacy Council and was a member of its Finance Committee for nearly 10 years. In his spare time, Bruce enjoys improving his property in Glen Ellen, riding his horse across California's wide-open spaces and helping work cattle on his friends' ranches.

Get to know Bruce by listening to our November episode of "Tuned in to the Land"! Visit: www.rangelandtrust.org/podcast



MARK LACEY BOARD MEMBER

Mark Lacey is a fourth-generation California rancher. He and his wife, Brenda, live in the small community of Lone Pine, located on the Eastern side of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in the Owens Valley. Together with his father, John Lacey, Mark manages Lacey Livestock, a commercial cow-calf, stocker, and registered quarter horse operation in Inyo, Mono, and San Luis Obispo Counties. Mark is also a partner in Centennial Livestock, which leases the Tejon Ranch in Kern and Los Angeles counties. Having served as president of the California Cattlemen's Association from 2018-2020, Mark is a staunch supporter and advocate of the cattle industry in California and beyond. He is also a founding board member of the California Cattlemen's Foundation. The Lacey family is also one of the first participants of conservation easements executed by the Rangeland Trust.

AND STAFF MEMBERS



JUSTIN GALLO CONSERVATION LAND STEWARD

Born and raised in the South, Justin has family roots in farming and ranching. He obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in environmental studies where he began to integrate a personal, academic, and collective sense of appreciation for open spaces. He received his master's degree from the University of Southern California in landscape architecture and quickly expanded studies beyond just landscape architecture to grazing methods, farming practices, and botany. After graduate school he went on to work in landscape architecture but quickly realized he wanted to get back to the open spaces he loves. He has since worked with environmental conservation and agricultural non profits.



JOYCE VITUG DEVELOPMENT AND EVENTS ASSOCIATE

Joyce Vitug is passionate about and committed to helping people. She is a connector who loves to bring people together. In and out of her professional life, she seems to always find herself in the middle of planning fun and memorable events for the people around her. As an experienced event planner, she has a knack for creating tasteful designs with incredible attention to detail. Joyce looks forward to putting her skills and knowledge to work in 2023 as she plans the Rangeland Trust's 25th anniversary activities, including *A Western Affair*.



BEN WANGBERG ACCOUNTING SPECIALIST

As a Sacramento native, Ben has been serving his local community for nearly 15 years. After two terms as an Americorps member, Ben began working with at-risk youth populations in local school districts, later transitioning to school district financial departments and accounting. Growing up with a passion for the outdoors and California's natural resources, Ben pursued and completed a B.S. in Geology at California State University, Sacramento. He has also worked with the State Water Resource Control Board in the Irrigated Lands Reporting Program. In his current position, Ben is able to combine his accounting background, geology education, and his desire to help preserve California's open spaces, clean water, and fresh air.



KASSIE YDE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATE

A California native, Kassie has always had an affinity for the outdoors. She spent much of her youth visiting her family's property in southern Siskiyou County, catching alligator lizards and fishing with her father. She has always had an insatiable curiosity for nature, animals, and any new thing that sounds interesting. Kassie attended UC Davis, graduating with a B.A. in International Relations while working part time for various small businesses. From there, she spent nearly a decade working for Apple Inc. in myriad support roles; then she moved over to a small business specializing in real estate acquisitions for major telecommunication companies. She also most recently had a brief stint with Tesla Inc.

CREATE A SECURE FUTURE FOR BOTH OF US

We are all trying to secure the future for our loved ones, but we also need to feel secure today. Did you know that you can make a gift to support the future of rangelands and also receive payments for life in return? This unique gift, called a charitable gift annuity (CGA), is a simple way to further conservation efforts, while securing your retirement years as well. Here's what you need to know:

An Example

Mary, 76, wants to support conservation, so

a \$25,000 gift of appreciated stock. Based on her age, Mary will receive \$1,400 each

year for the remainder of her life. She is also eligible for a charitable deduction of \$11,453*

*Based on a 1.2% charitable midterm federal

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when she itemizes on her taxes this year.

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What is a charitable gift annuity?

A charitable gift annuity is a giving vehicle in which you transfer assets, such as cash or securities, to a nonprofit organization. In return, you receive dependable income for life and qualify for tax benefits.

How does a CGA work?

In exchange for a gift of cash or other assets, you (or a loved one) will receive a set amount each year based on your age at the time of the gift. After your lifetime, you can designate the remaining balance to the Rangeland Trust.

Why should I consider this type of gift?

When you use a charitable gift annuity to support causes you care about, you qualify for a partial income tax deduction in the

year you make your gift. You also receive income for life and payments that are partially income tax-free throughout your life expectancy. If you use appreciated securities to fund your CGA, you can also reduce capital gains tax. You can even use your IRA to fund your CGA with a qualified charitable distribution up to \$50,000 (age 70.5 and up).

How does a CGA benefit the Rangeland Trust?

After your lifetime, the remaining balance of your charitable gift annuity goes to our organization to help us continue to serve the land, people and wildlife by conserving California's working rangelands.

Take the Next Step

When you establish a charitable gift annuity, you take the first steps to creating a secure future—for you and for the Rangeland Trust. To learn more, please contact **Shannon Foucault** at **(916) 444-2096** or **sfoucault@rangelandtrust.org.**

This article is purely informational, and if you are interested in learning more, we recommend contacting your tax professional. Note that while the Rangeland Trust does not manage CGAs, we can refer you to an entity that can help, and you can still designate our organization to receive the funds after your lifetime.

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SILVA RANCH: A PERFECT UNION CONT.

"The ranch is my earliest memory," Rebecca reminisced. "And when I think of home, it is the first thing that comes to mind."

Given the family's fond memories, deep sentimental ties, appreciation for the land, and knowing the threats of agricultural land conversion in the area, the Silvas felt compelled to secure the ranch's future with a conservation easement.

"All around us, there are ranches that have fallen into subdivisions of much smaller parcels," Dale explained. "This is our way of preparing for the future and ensuring that won't happen to us."

In 2017, the family members embarked on a joint mission to protect the land they love. They researched conservation easements and contacted multiple land trusts. With significant help from the Western Rivers Conservancy, which has been a continued advocate for the family financially and as stewards of the process, the Silvas had some early success when funding for conservation was secured through the CAL FIRE Forest Legacy Program. Things seemed to be heading in a promising direction, that was until they discussed the terms of the easement with some conservation groups interested in the property.

"Other land trusts would view our ranch as potential parkland. That core value of agricultural use was not prominent in their perspective," explained Marissa.

In late 2019, while trying to upkeep the ranch and compensate for the effort they and others had already put towards securing an easement, the family needed to figure out an alternative option quickly.

By chance, Marissa was introduced to a California Rangeland Trust staff member at a wedding. It was there where she first learned how the Rangeland Trust was formed by a group of cattlemen and cattlewomen to offer creative conservation solutions, specifically, to the ranching community.

In early 2020, the Silvas met with members of the Rangeland Trust's conservation team to discuss their options. Right away, it seemed like the organization was the perfect fit for the family.

"After reviewing the sample conservation easement, I guess you can say we fell in love," Marissa joked.

The Rangeland Trust understood the value of keeping the ranch as a working landscape and shared the Silvas' vision to allow for stewardship of the land through managed livestock grazing and sustainable timber harvesting. Testimonials from some of the Rangeland Trust's landowner partners and conversations with members of its Board of Directors further solidified the family's decision to unite with the rancher-led land trust.

"[They understood] cattle work; [they understood] working ranch families. There was less of a preservationist mindset and much more of a conservation-of-working-lands mindset," said Marissa.

Over the following two years, the Rangeland Trust helped the family secure additional funding through CAL FIRE and the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Agricultural Land Easement program to bring the project over the finish line. The Silvas are thrilled to finally see their



commitment and years of hard work pay off.

"It is a dream that has become a reality that is not often realized for people in agriculture," Dale expressed. "We're extremely grateful to the California Rangeland Trust for providing us a way to maintain a working ranch and carry forward our family's ag heritage without fear of one day needing to compromise. Without [the Rangeland Trust] I don't know what the future would hold years down the road, but I do know now that an ag future on our ranch is secure."

Much like finding the right significant other, finding the right group to hold a conservation easement requires a solid foundation of trust. By partnering with the California Rangeland Trust, the Silvas have peace of mind knowing that their ranch's "life partner" will honor and uphold the heritage, environmental values, and agricultural characteristics of the land forever. ©

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