



October 6, 2022

James Corless, Director  
Sacramento Council of Governments  
Via email jcorless@sacog.org

Re: Application for Conservation Grant in Sutter County

Dear James Corless,

The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program is a component of the Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program. SALC supports California's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals by making strategic investments to protect agricultural land from conversion to more GHG-intensive uses. Avoiding conversion to urban or rural residential development promotes housing development within existing urban and suburban areas, supports the agricultural economy and food security, and ensures open space remains available.

SALC funds acquisition of conservation easements or fee title with deed restrictions equivalent to a conservation easement. A conservation easement is a voluntary, perpetual, recorded deed restriction that limits non-agricultural uses and prohibits subdivision of the property. The applicants would hold and monitor the easement to ensure its terms are fulfilled.

Pursuant to the SALC funding guidelines, I am providing you notice of one of application for a conservation easements in Sutter County by:

- Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust

SALC projects must "support implementation of an adopted or draft sustainable communities strategy or, if a sustainable communities strategy is not required for a region by law, a regional plan that includes policies and programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions." (Public Resources Code section 75211(b).) The applicant states that the project will support the implementation of the adopted Sacramento Area Council of Governments' Metropolitan Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy of "conserving natural resources preserves agriculture and habitat and improves quality of life by providing outdoor places such as parks, open space, and other recreational areas." Attached is a copy of the notification letter that the applicant provided to the county planning director. The letter describes the locations of the project.

SALC staff are reviewing the applications and expect that awards will be made in mid-December 2022. Please contact me with any comments by November 6, 2022, so that we can consider the comments when evaluating the projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Melinda J. Kelley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Grant Manager

(916) 858-9691

Melinda.Kelley@conservation.ca.gov

Attachments

## Notification Letter to the Planning Director



### Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust

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August 10, 2022

Neal Hay, Development Services Director, Sutter County  
1130 Civic Center Blvd  
Yuba City, CA 95993

Subject: Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program; Intent to Apply

Dear Mr. Hay:

This letter is to inform you that Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust intend to apply for easement acquisition grant funding under the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALCP), which is a component of the Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program. The Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust will be the applicant, applying on behalf of the landowners, Patrick Laughlin, Garry Laughlin, Carolyn Laughlin, and Paula Bicknell. The easement acquisition grant funding would be used to purchase an agricultural conservation easement on approximately 150 acres identified as Sutter County assessor's parcel numbers: 13-070-094, 13-070-096, 13-070-104, 13-010-10, 13-010-12, as shown in the attached map.

An agricultural conservation easement is a recorded restriction on title that limits non-agricultural uses and prohibits subdivision of the property. The easement would ensure that, in perpetuity, this land would not be converted to non-agricultural uses. Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust would hold and monitor the easement to ensure its terms and conditions are adhered to and properly fulfilled.

The Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust is a private non-profit 501(c)3 corporation that exists to conserve agricultural land in Sutter County by acquiring and holding agricultural conservation easements.

The Strategic Growth Council will consider the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust's grant application for funding at its December 2022, meeting. Questions or concerns may be directed to the Department of Conservation, which administers SALCP on behalf of the Strategic Growth Council and the Natural Resources Agency:

Department of Conservation  
Division of Land Resource Protection  
715 P Street, MS 1904  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 324-0850  
[salcp@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:salcp@conservation.ca.gov)

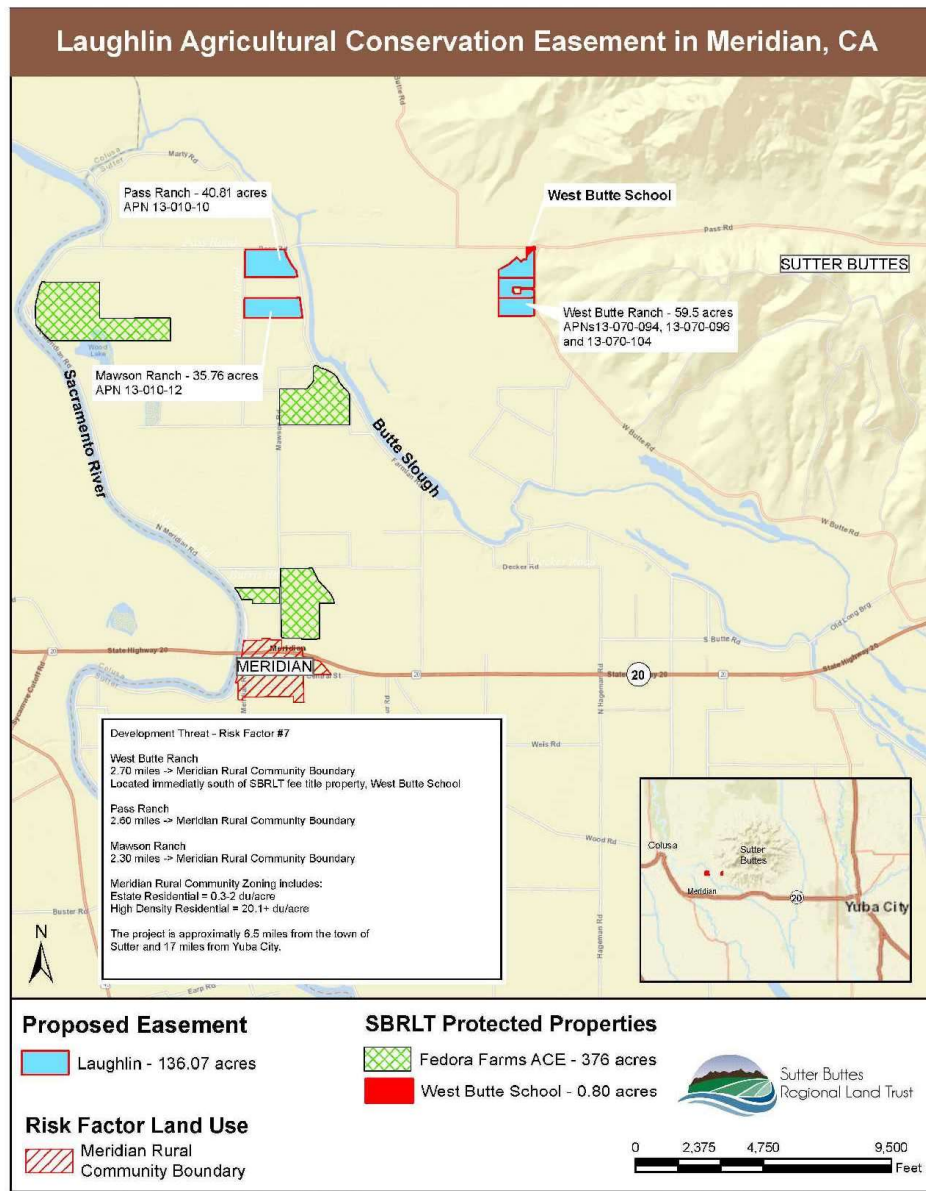
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alyssa Lindman".

Alyssa Lindman, Executive Director

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# Easement Location Map



Map created by Alyssa Lindman, 06/10/22

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