

Project Summary Sheet

Project Name: Lakeview Farms Conservation Project

Tracking No: 4013

Location: Lakeview Farms property is located southwest of Sheridan west of S.R. 65, near the crossroads of Dowd Road and Waltz Road in Placer County. Coon Creek and its related valley foothill riparian habitat runs along the southern boundary of the property.

County: Placer County

Project Sponsor: Placer County Planning Department

Point of Contact: Loren Clark, Principal Planner, Placer County Planning Department (530) 886-3000

Co-applicant(s): None

Assembly District: #1

Senate District: #4

Project Description (including size):

This conservation project is being proposed as a collaborative effort with two partners: Lakeview Farms Inc. and Ducks Unlimited to acquire a conservation easement and improve the floodplain and wetland habitat resources on Lakeview Farms, a 138-acre property south and west of Sheridan along Coon Creek in western Placer County. The County's purchase of a conservation easement on this agricultural rice land is a part of a larger restoration effort at this site, through other funding sources, to restore the habitats that have been destroyed as a result of poor farm management. Wetlands habitat will be reconstructed to the primary benefit of the numerous waterfowl and migratory birds that are found in the area.

Flood Benefits:

The project proposes to recontour banks of incised channels to remove sediment sources at excessively high eroding banks, increase the frequency of over bank flow, improve floodplain ecosystem function, improve native plant stands, reduce hydraulic force, increase sediment filtering, accelerate natural recovery and improve overall stream channel stability.

Agricultural Benefits:

The project will protect farmlands and farm soils through conservation development techniques; coordinating efforts to support agricultural operations; maintaining the open, rural character of western Placer; protecting critical environmental areas; and, preventing strip commercial or residential development that encroaches into agricultural areas.

Agricultural Land Conserved, if any: 138 acres.

Wildlife Benefits:

The proposed restoration work will create 116.6 acres of new seasonal wetlands and 7.4 acres of meandering channels and brood ponds near high quality upland habitat. Lakeview Farms owns four adjacent parcels, two with existing conservation easements and two with pending conservation easements with funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board, that total 794 acres. Combined with the proposal outlined here, 932 contiguous acres would be conserved under easements.

Wildlife Habitat Conserved if any: 124 acres.

Total area conserved: 262 acres.

Other Benefits:

The proposed easement will protect the property from future subdivision and development.

Total Cost: \$ 495,527

FPCP Cost: \$ 325,000

Funding Partners and Share of Cost:

Local Funds - \$50,000

In-Kind Contributions – \$120,527