

Project Summary Sheet

Project Name: Akin Gilsizer Ranch Ag Cnsv. Easement Project Tracking No 3001:

Location: ~11 miles southwest of Yuba City County: Sutter

Project Sponsor: Ducks Unlimited

Point of Contact: Olen Zirkle, Manager, Agricultural Programs:

Co-applicant(s):

Assembly District: Senate District: N/A

Project Description (including size): The project will acquire an agricultural conservation easement that will preserve and enhance the agricultural use and wildlife values of the real property and reduce future flood damage costs.

Flood Benefits: an agricultural conservation easement that will preserve and enhance the agricultural use and wildlife values of the real property and reduce future flood damage costs by acquiring development rights on real property.

Agricultural Benefits: An agricultural easement will allow the current use, flood-irrigated rice, to remain in agricultural production in perpetuity.

Agricultural Land Conserved: 386 acres

Wildlife Benefits: The purpose of the project is to co-manage the land for flood-irrigated agriculture and to provide enhanced wildlife forage and resting habitat for shorebirds, wintering and migrating waterfowl, and other seasonal wetland dependent species. Akin Ranch is adjacent to Gilsizer Slough, a large marsh with significant, high-quality giant garter snake habitat.

Wildlife Habitat Conserved: 386 acres of seasonal foraging and resting habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Total area conserved: 386 acres adjacent to already existing easement lands and the Sutter National Wildlife Refuge.

Other Benefits: The CDFG and the U.S. FWS have assigned this property a high priority for completion as a giant garter snake recovery site.

Total Cost: \$515,055

FPCP Cost: \$510,700.

Funding Partners and Share of Cost: Local funding sources – \$4,355