

Project Summary Sheet

Project Name: Leal Properties Ag Conserv. Easement Project

Tracking No 3002:

Location: ~16 miles south of Yuba City

County: Sutter

Project Sponsor: Ducks Unlimited

Point of Contac: Olen Zirkle, Manager, Agricultural Programs

Co-applicant(s): N/A

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. Since this land cannot reasonably be made safe from future flooding, protecting the agricultural land use of the real property enhances flood corridor protection without fee title purchase and keeps the land in production.

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

Agricultural Land Conserved, acres, if any: 1,624 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.

Wildlife Habitat Conserved, acres, if any: 1,624 acres of seasonal foraging and resting habitat.

Total area conserved: 1,624 acres adjacent to already existing easement lands and the Sutter National Wildlife Refuge.

Other Benefits: Great wildlife viewing opportunities for the general public along the Hwy 99 corridor. In addition CDOC has assigned this action a high priority for completion for the purpose of preserving agricultural land in accordance with the Agricultural Land

Stewardship Program Act of 1995 and CDFG and the U.S. FWS have assigned it a high priority for completion as a giant garter snake recovery site.

Total Cost: \$2,281,731

FPCP Cost: \$1,544,830.

Funding Partners and Share of Cost:

Department of Conservation - \$725,670

Local funding sources – \$11,231