

Project Summary Sheet

Project Name: Shannon Farms Agricultural Conservation Easement Project

Tracking No. 3003:

Location: Approximately 5 miles southwest of Yuba City. County: Sutter

Project Sponsor: Ducks Unlimited

Point of Contact: Olen Zirkle, Manager Agricultural Programs

Co-applicant(s): NA

Assembly District: Senate District: NA

Project Description (including size): project will acquire a 746-acre 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:

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

Agricultural Land Conserved: 746 acres of land farmed in flood-irrigated rice.

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: 746 acres of seasonal foraging and resting habitat.

Total area conserved: 746 acres adjacent to already existing easement lands and the Sutter National Wildlife Refuge.

Other Benefits project lands have been assigned a high priority for completion by the California Department of Fish and Game, as well as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the 1999 Draft Recovery Plan for the giant garter snake. In addition, the DOC 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 keeping these lands in long-term productive agriculture will also continue to support the economy in Sutter County.

Total Cost: \$990,355.

FPCP Cost: \$673,200.

Funding Partners and Share of Cost: Local funds - \$4,355, DOC - \$312,800.