

LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTARY LAND PROTECTION

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ABOUT SEQUOIA RIVERLANDS TRUST:

Sequoia Riverlands Trust protects more than 40,000 acres of land in the Southern Central Valley. Since our founding in 2000 we have created and continue to manage seven nature preserves, helped countless landowners protect the land they love in perpetuity, permanently protected vital working and agricultural lands in the Central Valley, and pioneered outdoor education programs for students across Tulare County.

SRT's mission to conserve the land and waters of California's heartland is achieved by working with diverse partners in these ways:



Protecting
nature



Protecting
farmland



Land
management



Restoring
habitat



Connecting
stakeholders



Educating

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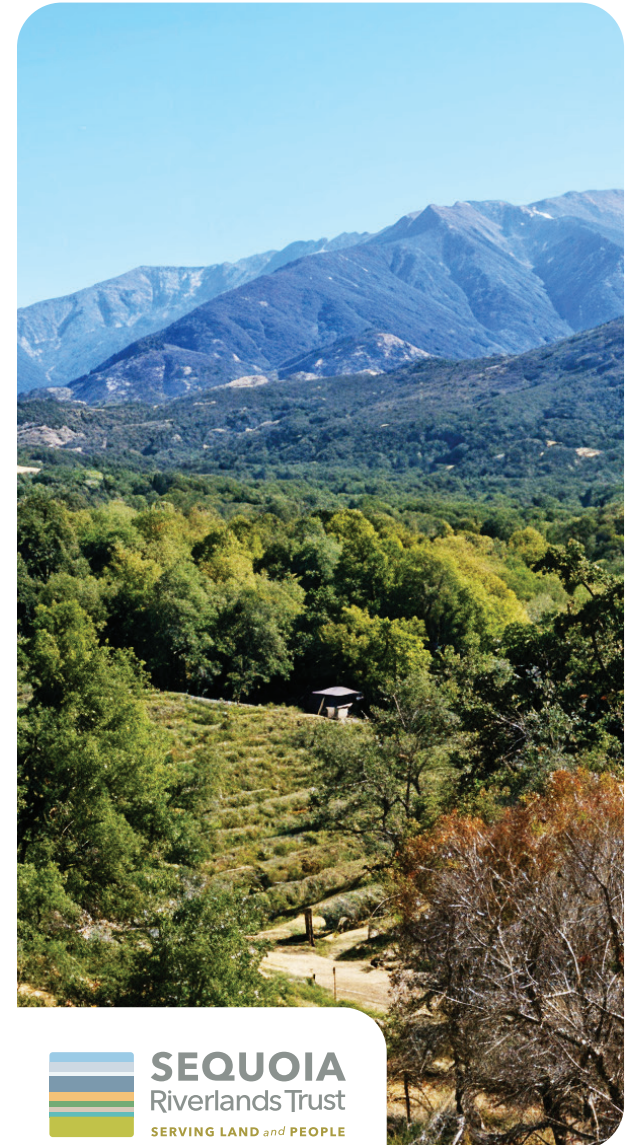
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PROTECTING THE LONGEVITY OF LAND & LEGACIES

How voluntary land protection agreements can be utilized to help fulfill your goals for your land.





Sequoia Riverlands Trust strives to help landowners ensure their vision for the future of their land is protected. By partnering with SRT you can ensure that the treasured values of your land will be preserved in perpetuity.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Voluntary land protection agreements, often called “conservation easements”, are elective legal agreements that lay out a landowner’s commitments to protect the existing character of their property.
- Each agreement is unique and written in accordance with the landowner’s wishes.
- Conservation easements keep land in private ownership and allow the landowner to continue to own and operate their property while protecting it from development.
- The monetary value of the easement is the difference between the value of the land with the easement and its value without the easement. This determination is made by a qualified appraiser.
- Land trusts must also obtain stewardship funds (easement “endowments”) to cover the expenses of permanently monitoring the land protected by the agreement to ensure the terms are being met, even if land ownership changes.

LAND PROTECTION BENEFITS:

- The terms of the agreement will be upheld in perpetuity.
- Landowners could see potential federal and state tax benefits.
- Flexibility to tailor easements so that landowner needs, agricultural uses, and conservation goals can all be satisfied.
- Protection of natural resources, habitats, agriculture, and scenic landscapes.
- Contributions to the health and longevity of local environments, economies, food supply and communities.