

## Central Valley Project Conservation Program FY23 Projects

Project	Proposed Activity	Funding
Capinero Creek Property Acquisition and Habitat Restoration Project Tule Basin Land and Water Conservation Trust	Negotiate and purchase 467.29 acres of the Capinero Creek 840 Property from the Pixley Irrigation District, and restore alkali scrub habitat there. The property lies adjacent to the western boundary of Pixley National Wildlife Refuge. Species to benefit include blunt-nosed leopard lizard, Tipton kangaroo rat, and San Joaquin kit fox.	\$789,999 Combined with \$4,200,000 of prior year funds to fully fund the FY 2022 grant.
Rustan Ranch Conservation Easement Acquisition Project California Rangeland Trust	Purchase of a conservation easement on the 862.88-acre ranch in southwest San Joaquin County. The ranch contains annual grasslands, blue oak and conifer woodlands, sage scrub, seasonal creeks and riparian habitats, a spring, and six stock ponds. It's preservation will protect rangeland habitats of the San Joaquin valley. Species to benefit include California red-legged frog and San Joaquin kit fox, and includes potential habitat for large-flowered fiddleneck.	\$173,323 Combined with \$544,044 of prior year funds to fully fund the FY 2022 grant.
Elgorriaga Ranch Conservation Easement Acquisition Project California Rangeland Trust	Purchase of a conservation easement on the 5,573-acre ranch to protect San Joaquin Valley floor rangeland habitats in the Ciervo-Panoche region of western Fresno County. Species to benefit include San Joaquin kit fox, giant kangaroo rat, blunt-nosed leopard lizard, San Joaquin woolly threads, and Hoover's woolly star.	\$143,335 Will be combined with FY 2024 and prior year funds to fully fund the \$1,000,000 acquisition

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Construction of a Conservation Building for Captive Propagation of Blunt-nosed Leopard Lizards at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo Fresno Chaffee Zoo	Construct a conservation building to house a blunt-nosed leopard lizard captive propagation program, aiming to maintain a colony of 20 breeding pairs. Progeny will be repatriated to the BLM-owned Panoche Plateau to reestablish the population. The building will also provide space for captive propagation of additional species of concern in the future.	\$20,657 Combined with \$248,749 of prior year funds to fully fund the FY 2022 grant.
Protection of Alkali Scrub Habitat on the Sand Ridge at the Atwell Island Project (AIP) Bureau of Land Management Bakersfield Field Office	Acquire 50 acres at two properties contiguous to federal lands to become part of the AIP. Their conservation will provide protection of alkali scrub and grassland habitats, and reduce habitat fragmentation to benefit San Joaquin kit fox, Tipton kangaroo rat, blunt-nosed leopard lizard, and other sensitive species.	\$159,500
FY 2023 Project Costs Total	N/A	\$1,286,814
Program Administrative Costs	N/A	\$280,186
Program Administration & Overhead Costs Total	N/A	\$1,567,000