

# Portfolio 13

## Cloverdale Ranch Wildlife Protection, Grazing and Trail Connections



Cloverdale Ranch by (Megan Derhammer)

### DESCRIPTION

- Improve fencing, corrals and water systems to increase conservation grazing and sustain large contiguous grasslands.
- Restore habitat for endangered species.
- Provide trail connections to nearby state parks.

**Portfolio Allocation: \$15,712,000**

**Portfolio Expenditures Through 6/30/2023: \$5,681,407**

### NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### MAA13-003 Cloverdale Ranch Land Opportunity

##### Fiscal Year 2023

Purchased an approximately 5,100-acre portion of the Cloverdale Ranch property from Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST). In addition, secured a purchase option for approximately 1,200 additional acres (Phase 3), which includes a lease and management agreement to patrol and manage this property.

POST completed the following work on Cloverdale Ranch as part of the purchase: abandoned vehicle removal and disposal; road work below High Hill; corral design and construction; new leech field at Bean Hollow residence; and removal of five eucalyptus trees at access road from Pescadero Road.

As part of purchase, POST completed the following consultant work: Phase 1 environmental assessment report; roads and trail assessment; water infrastructure assessment; and livestock corral upgrade plan.

##### Prior Years

Held community engagement meetings, attended Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council and Sustainable Pescadero meetings and held a site visit at Lower La Honda in June 2022 with Pescadero community members.

Completed second year of botanical study, draft road and trail inventory and began preparing the rangeland management plan.

Secured a \$500,000 grant from San Mateo County to support the purchase.

Completed initial botanical studies of the property and the Lake Lucerne water system infrastructure evaluation.

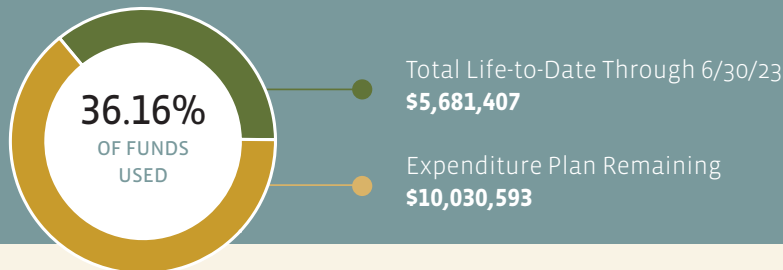
Secured \$8 million in funding in the 2021-22 state budget and \$1.4 million from the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the purchase of Cloverdale Ranch.

Continued public outreach to coastal community members, including neighbors, grazing and agricultural tenants and those living in surrounding areas, to facilitate public engagement and participation.

Compiled existing conditions report for the Cloverdale Ranch property.

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Project	Expenditure Plan	Total Through Prior Period 6/30/22	Current Period 7/1/22 Through 6/30/23	Total Life-to-Date Through 6/30/23	Expenditure Plan Remaining	Percent Expended
Total Portfolio Allocation	\$15,712,000					
13-003—Cloverdale Ranch Land Acquisition		\$0	\$15,609,689	\$15,609,689		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$15,712,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,609,689</b>	<b>\$15,609,689</b>	<b>\$102,311</b>	<b>99.35%</b>
13-003—Cloverdale Ranch Land Acquisition (Grant Income)		\$0	(\$9,928,282)	(\$9,928,282)		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$15,712,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,681,407</b>	<b>\$5,681,407</b>	<b>\$10,030,593</b>	<b>36.16%</b>



Began public outreach to coastal community groups and individuals, including the San Mateo Resource Conservation District, La Honda Pescadero Unified School District, Pescadero Municipal Advisory Committee, State Parks, Sustainable Pescadero, County of San Mateo, Puente, State Coastal Conservancy and grazing tenants.

Held site tours at Cloverdale Ranch for board members, local officials, State representatives and funding agencies.

Initiated bimonthly meetings and conducted staff site tours of Cloverdale Ranch with POST.

Conducted ongoing due diligence investigation to evaluate site resources and obligations of a potential future land purchase and subsequent management of POST's 6,300-acre Cloverdale Ranch. Worked with POST to conduct an introductory site tour for board members and key management staff to learn more about the property.

### PROJECT CHALLENGES

None

### POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS

Continue public outreach, community engagement and work toward Phase 3 purchase of Cloverdale Ranch.

Work with local nonprofit(s) to engage the public in protecting and restoring habitat for endangered species through service-learning events.

Execute Phase 1 of a consultant contract to install flow meters and hydraulic valves to improve management of the water system.