

B. Additional Actions to Protect and Enhance the Biological Value of the Caldecott Corridor

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Action 8: Public Agency Purchase of Key Private Lands

Description:

Public agency(s) or land trust(s) could purchase key private lands in critical portions of the corridor from willing sellers to reduce potential future development of Corridor, maintain wildlife corridor function, and prevent increases in the numbers of residences or other structures requiring protection from the threat of fire.

Implementation:

EBRPD and EBMUD are the agencies best suited for this action. Public and private funding sources, such as the State Department of Parks and Recreation Habitat Conservation Fund (which includes the “mountain lion” funds provided by passage of Proposition 117), California Resources Agency Environmental

Enhancement and Mitigation Program (mitigation from transportation projects), the State Park bond measure approved by the voters in March of 2000 (Proposition 12), development project mitigation (perhaps Gateway Valley, the fourth bore of the Caldecott Tunnel, etc.), and the Trust for Public Land, could assist this action.

Fiscal Impacts:

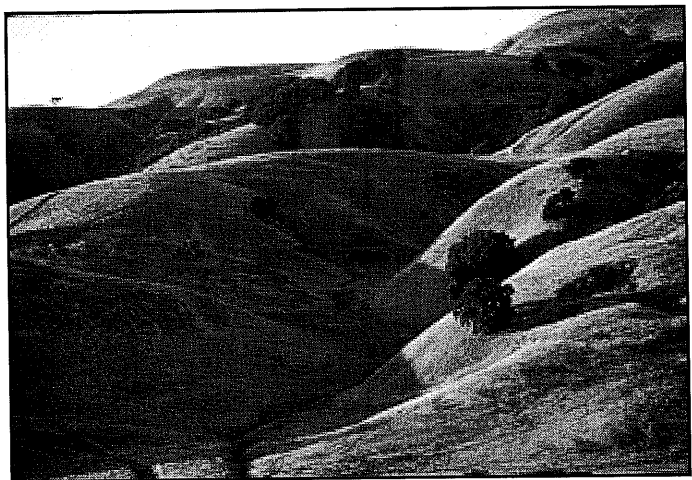
Acquisition costs vary with the parcel, but per acre costs range from \$20,000 to \$325,000. Management costs may increase following acquisition from no additional funds to \$1,000/acre/year (perhaps more initially), depending on whether the parcel in question is adjacent to existing holdings, whether the parcel is within a fuel reduction buffer, etc.

Anticipated results:

Protect wildlife corridor function; prevent expansions of fire risk management activities; limit increases to the number of people, residences, or other structures which could be at risk during a future fire; and limit increases in potential ignition sources in new areas of the wildlands.

Cautions:

Property owners may not wish to sell.



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