

The 80-acre Rummel property is the most recent addition to Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve. The property primarily supports oak woodlands, chaparral and annual grasslands. It provides habitat for a number of special-status species, including populations of California red-legged frog, California tiger salamander, Alameda whipsnake, San Joaquin kit fox, Mt. Diablo Sunflower and Mt. Diablo globe lilly.



Brad Olson

The Rummel property, showing the future connection to Clayton Ranch and Mt. Diablo in the background.

Linking Landscapes

The Rummel property forms a critical link between open space at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve through Clayton Ranch to Mt. Diablo State Park. When complete, the corridor will link together more than 75,000 acres of public lands from Interstate 580 in Livermore to near Highway 4 in Pittsburg.

Project Activities

The Shell Pipeline Resource Enhancement Project brought the District one step closer to completing the corridor between Black Diamond Mines and Clayton Ranch by providing funding to acquire additional land in this corridor. Shell Pipeline Company, formerly known as Equilon, is replacing existing petroleum pipeline in eastern Contra Costa County that has significantly corroded and is at risk of failure. Replacement of pipeline sections will result in temporary impacts to habitat for kit

fox, red-legged frog and tiger salamander. In order to mitigate this impact, Shell Pipeline has purchased a 62-acre Conservation Easement from EBRPD, constructed habitat improvements, developed a management plan and created a perpetual

Quick Facts

Action: Land acquisition
Acres: 62
Funding: \$261,696
Provided by: Shell Pipeline
Target habitats: Riparian, chaparral and grassland
Target species: Red-legged frog, Alameda whipsnake and San Joaquin kit fox
Improvements: Property protection, fencing, pest management.



Alameda whipsnake habitat is abundant on this property.

management endowment. EBRPD will use interest on the endowment to fund management of the property consistent with the management plan requirements. Habitat improvements include installation of new fencing and gates to manage livestock grazing, removal of non-native vegetation and control of feral pigs.



Brad Olson

The diverse habitats of the Rummel property, including grassland, oak woodland and chaparral.