

Pleasanton Ridge contains 4,742 acres in the hills west of the City of Pleasanton in Alameda County. The park consists primarily of oak woodlands and savanna, coastal scrub, and annual grasslands. It hosts several threatened species, including populations of California red-legged frog, California tiger salamander, western pond turtle, and Alameda whipsnake.

Linking Landscapes

Pleasanton Ridge forms a critical link between the southern Alameda watershed along Calaveras Ridge through Bishop



California red-legged frog.

Ranch, connecting to the southern end of Las Trampas Regional Wilderness. This corridor will provide a spectacular ridgeline trail when completed.

Project Activities

The Pleasanton Resource Enhancement Project brought the District one step closer to completing the Calaveras Ridge wildlife and trail corridor. The City of Pleasanton provided the District with \$208,000 in funding to purchase approximately 30 acres of land at Pleasanton Ridge and an additional \$80,000 for fencing, erosion control and property clean-up. This project serves as partial mitigation for the City of Pleasanton's Happy Valley Golf Course Development in southern Pleasanton, which impacted riparian areas providing habitat for



California tiger salamander.

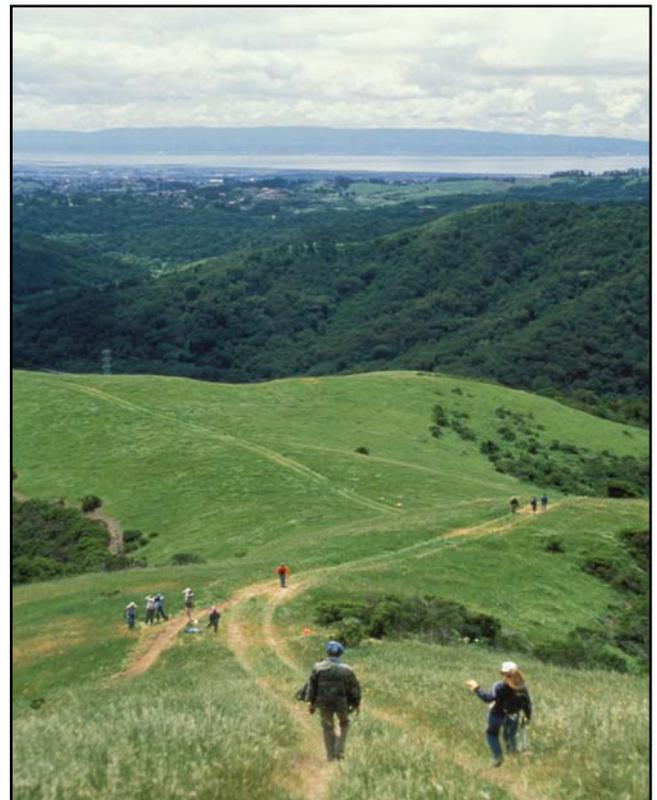
the California red-legged frog and the California tiger salamander, as required by the San Francisco Bay Regional

Water Quality Control Board. The District is seeking to acquire additional parklands on Pleasanton Ridge and I used the funds provided by the City of Pleasanton, along with other grants, to acquire the 654-acre Shea Homes property.

Money for fencing and erosion control will be used to secure park boundaries, and protect sensitive riparian areas and wetlands from the effects of unmanaged grazing. Some of the existing roads are severely eroded and will be closed or relocated away from drainages. Debris and other refuse will also be removed to improve park safety and aesthetics.

Quick Facts

Action: Land acquisition
Acres: 30
Funding: \$288,000
Provided by: City of Pleasanton
Target habitats: Riparian and grassland
Target species: Red-legged frog, tiger salamander
Improvements: Protect watershed, fencing, erosion control and clean-up.



Trail users at Anthony Chabot Regional Park will eventually be able to connect with Calaveras Ridge by way of Las Trampas Regional Wilderness.