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## GRANT DEED OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT

### Conway and Mattly Ranches

THIS GRANT DEED OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT ("Conservation Easement" or "Easement") is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, by **COUNTY OF MONO**, a political subdivision of the State of California ("Grantor"), in favor of **EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST**, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation ("Grantee"). Grantor and Grantee are collectively referred to herein as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party." As providers of funds for the protection of the real property described in this Easement, California Department of Transportation, California Department of Parks and Recreation, and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation have certain rights hereunder as set forth herein.

### RECITALS

A. Grantor is the owner in fee simple of certain real property located in Mono County, California, consisting of approximately 770 acres, as more particularly described in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and incorporated by this reference ("Property"). The Property is comprised of one-hundred twenty-five (125) parcels of land and is also identified as (i) Assessor Parcel Numbers 19-100-020, 19-100-019, 19-110-016, 11-200-009, 11-200-010, 11-280-021, 19-100-008, and (ii) Conway Ranch Subdivision parcels consisting of Assessor Parcel Numbers 19-200, parcels 1 through 6, 9 through 13, 16 through 50 (46 Assessor Parcels, 13 acres), 19-210, parcels 5 through 59 (55 Assessor Parcels, 16 acres), all as shown on the sketch map of the Property attached hereto as **Exhibit B-1** ("Property Sketch Map"). Certain existing improvements, including, but not limited to storage sheds, kiosk, aquaculture ponds, ditches, and raceways (collectively, "Aquaculture Improvements") are located within one area of the Property, consisting of approximately 75 acres, shown on the sketch map attached hereto as **Exhibit B-2** ("Aquaculture Area Sketch Map") and legally described in **Exhibit C** attached hereto ("Aquaculture Area"). The Aquaculture Improvements and other improvements on the Property,

such as roads, fences, irrigation ditches, corrals, and historic buildings located in various places on the Property, are more specifically described in that certain “Baseline Documentation Report” referred to in Recital K below. Improvements described in the Baseline Documentation Report shall be deemed to comply with this Easement.

B. Grantor is the owner of water and water rights, including, but not limited to surface and subsurface waters and water rights, springs and spring rights, wells and groundwater rights, riparian, prescriptive, contractual, appropriative and adjudicated and other rights in and to the use of water historically used or otherwise appurtenant to the Property (collectively, “Water” and “Water Rights”). The adjudicated water rights are described in **Exhibit D** attached hereto (“Mill Creek Adjudicated Water Rights” and “Virginia Creek Adjudicated Water Rights,” jointly, the “Adjudicated Water Rights”). The Water and Water Rights and water use on the Property are more specifically described in the Baseline Documentation Report referred to below.

C. The Property possesses natural, scenic, open space, habitat, and historic values described more particularly below (collectively, “Conservation Values”) of great importance to Grantor, the people of the surrounding Mono Basin, the people of Mono County, the people of the State of California, and the people of the United States of America. The Conservation Values are more specifically identified and described in the Baseline Documentation Report, and include, without limitation, all of the following:

1. Plant, Wildlife Species and Habitat, such as wildlife migration corridor (mule deer, mountain lions) resident wildlife, songbirds and waterfowl, plant and butterfly species: The Property contains plant communities and plant species that are associated with wetlands, freshwater springs, meadows, riparian areas, and sage-brush scrub. The Property contains significant relatively natural habitat for mule deer, mountain lion, red-tailed hawk, northern harrier, great blue heron, and various other species of raptors, songbirds, and waterfowl. As noted in the multi-agency Bi-State Action Plan (2012), the Property contains habitat of the Bi-State sage-grouse, which is currently proposed to be listed as threatened by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The Property serves as a critical component of the migration corridor for the Mono Lake mule deer herd. The natural habitat on the Property includes Great Basin mixed scrub, an important food and cover source for mule deer. The Conway Ranch and immediate area form a natural conduit of habitat types for mule deer and mountain lions to follow in migration. Conway Ranch is used on occasion by pronghorn antelope during the spring and summer when they seek other foraging areas away from the nearby Bodie Hills. The Property holds wet meadows that contain the larval host plant, the Northern bog violet, of the Apache silverspot butterfly, an uncommon species.

2. Water Resources and Wetlands, Meadows, Riparian Habitats, and Perennial Freshwater Springs: The Property’s surface and groundwater resources are essential to the maintenance of its unique combination of habitats. The Property consists primarily of meadows, wetlands, perennial springs, the riparian corridor of Wilson Creek, and surrounding uplands holding sagebrush scrub. Specific locations of these habitats are described in the Baseline Documentation Report. Water resources, plant communities, land use history, and location of wetlands are generally documented in a report produced by Mono County, the Mono Basin Watershed Assessment (March 2007).

3. Open Space and Scenic Resources: The Property has significant scenic value due to its proximity to Mono Lake and the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area. It is adjacent to state designated California Scenic Highway 395 and is highly visible from the scenic overlook on Conway Summit to the north.

4. Historic Resources: homestead, ranch buildings, corrals, and Native American cultural resources: The Property contains prehistoric and historic period resources, with sites dating from the ranching present to some 10,000 years ago, as described in the Conway Ranch Cultural Resources Study, by Foothill Resources, Ltd., January 2002. Found on the Property are ethnographic Paiute use areas and ranch residences and facilities, including the oldest pioneer ranch house in the Mono Basin (portions of the historic Conway family homestead).

5. Public Access: The Property's natural and historic resources provide educational and recreational opportunities to the public. The continued use of the Property by the public for educational and recreational purposes as limited hereby and in a manner that protects the Conservation Values is consistent with the goals of this Conservation Easement.

6. Connectivity to other Public and Protected Open Space Lands: The Property is, adjacent to federally-owned land that is managed by the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") and State-owned land that is managed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for habitat and historic resources purposes. The Property is located approximately one mile from the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area and approximately two miles from Mono Lake and the Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve. Additionally, the Property is adjacent to U.S. Highway 395, which has been designated as a California Scenic Highway, and approximately one mile away from the BLM "Conway Summit Area of Critical Concern," which is protected for waterfowl and migratory bird purposes.

D. A portion of the Property (Exhibit B-2, Aquaculture Area) is the location of a commercial fish-rearing operation that contributes to the region's recreational opportunities and economy. The continued use of the Property for sustainable commercial aquaculture as limited hereby and in a manner that protects the Conservation Values is consistent with the goals of this Conservation Easement.

E. The Property has been managed and irrigated to support sheep grazing since the mid-1800s. The continued use of the Property for sustainably managed sheep grazing as limited hereby and in a manner that protects the Conservation Values is consistent with the goals of this Conservation Easement.

F. Grantee is a nonprofit entity formed under the laws of the State of California authorized to hold conservation easements under California Civil Code Section 815.3(a), and is an organization described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended (the "Code"), and is an entity which meets the requirements of Section 509(a)(2) of the Code. The primary mission of Grantee is the preservation, protection, or enhancement of land in its natural, scenic, agricultural, forested and/or open space condition.

G. Acquisition of the Property by Grantor took place in phases in 1998 and 2000, using grants and funds from the following entities:

1. California Department of Transportation (“Caltrans”) utilizing California Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (“EEMP”) funding: Cycle 7 (1997/98), Applicant-State Agreement No. 09-097-32, dated June 30, 1998, \$200,000.00; Cycle 8 (1998/99), Applicant-State Agreement No. 09-098-28, dated June 8, 1999, \$250,000.00; and Cycle 9 (1999/2000), Applicant-State Agreement No. 09-99-32, dated September 29, 1999, \$500,000.00;

2. Caltrans utilizing California Transportation Enhancement Activities (“TEA”) funding: 2000 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP), Round 1, Contribution Agreement, District Agreement 9-253, dated Feb. 28, 2000, \$400,000.00;

3. California Department of Parks and Recreation (“State Parks”) utilizing Habitat Conservation Fund, Deer and Mountain Lion Habitat Program (“HCF”) funding: (1997/98) Project Agreement, Project No. HD-26-001, \$492,500.00; and (1998/99) Project Agreement, Project No. HD-26-002, dated October 6, 1998, \$100,000.00; and

4. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (“NFWF”) utilizing U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“NFWS”) funding: Grant Agreement, Project No. 98-066, Grant Period: 01/01/1998 to 01/01/1999, \$100,000.00.

Caltrans, State Parks, and NFWF may collectively be referred to herein as the “Funders.” The grant agreements referenced above may collectively be referred to herein as the “Grant Agreements.” The Grant Agreements are incorporated herein by this reference. Grantor acknowledges that funds to acquire the Property have been provided pursuant to the terms of the Grant Agreements between Grantor and each of the Funders. Grantor acknowledges that the Grant Agreements impose certain requirements on the use and ownership of the Property and provide certain rights to the respective Funders in the event of noncompliance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grant Agreements and their respective restrictions apply only to those portions of the Property acquired with the funds provided by each of said Grant Agreements. Nothing in this Easement gives Grantee the right or obligation to enforce the Grant Agreements. In the event of any conflict between this Easement and the Grant Agreements, the Grant Agreements shall control, provided that, if the Easement contains terms and conditions respecting the use of the Property that are consistent with, but more restrictive than, the conditions and terms in the Grant Agreements, the more restrictive terms and conditions of this Easement shall control as between the Parties hereto. Conway Ranch, the acquisition phases and the funding sources used to acquire them are shown on **Exhibit F** attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (“Map of Conway Ranch Phases and Funding Sources”). The Grant Agreements require that the Funders approve this Easement. The respective Funders have approved this Easement as evidenced by authorized signatures on their behalf on **Exhibit G** attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

H. In conjunction with the Grant Agreements, and as a condition thereof, Caltrans and TEA grant restrictions encumbering the Property were recorded in the Mono County Recorder’s Office as follows:

1. EEMP, Cycle 7 (1997/98), Agreement Declaring Restrictive Covenants (ADRC) recorded Vol 0832 Page 022 Dec. 31, 1998;
2. EEMP, Cycle 8 (1998/99), Agreement Declaring Restrictive Covenants (ADRC) recorded Vol 897 Page 137 March 30, 2000;
3. EEMP, Cycle 9 (1999/2000), Agreement Declaring Restrictive Covenants (ADRC) recorded Vol. 897 Page 124 March 30, 2000; and
4. Caltrans - TEA, Agreement Declaring Restrictive Covenants (ADRC), recorded Vol. 897 Page 114 on March 30, 2000.

The ADRCs listed above have been amended pursuant to those certain Amendments to Agreement Declaring Restrictive Covenants, recorded herewith.

I. Grantor and Grantee intend that the Conservation Values of the Property be preserved and maintained in perpetuity by imposing certain restrictions on land use and by allowing for land uses and practices permitted herein, including but not limited to aquaculture, sheep use, and grazing activities, that do not diminish or impair the Conservation Values and that can, in certain ways, support and enhance the Conservation Values.

J. The conservation purposes of this Easement are recognized by, and the grant of this Easement will serve, the following clearly delineated governmental conservation policies:

Section 815 of the California Civil Code in which the California Legislature declares that the preservation of land in its natural, scenic, agricultural, historical, forested, or open-space condition is among the most important environmental assets of California, and further declaring it to be the public policy and in the public interest of the state to encourage the voluntary conveyance of conservation easements to qualified nonprofit organizations.

California Constitution Article XIII, section 8, California Revenue and Taxation Code, sections 421.5 and 422.5, and California Civil Code section 815.1, under which this Easement is an enforceable restriction, requiring that the Property's tax valuation be consistent with restriction of its uses for purposes of recreation, enjoyment of scenic beauty, use of conservation of natural resources, or production of food or fiber.

Section 51220 of the California Government Code, which declares a public interest in the preservation of agricultural lands.

The California General Plan law, section 65300 et seq., and section 65400 et seq. of the California Government Code, and the Mono County General Plan (2010), which includes as one of its goals of the Conservation/Open Space Element to maintain an abundance of wildlife types in Mono County, with particular emphasis on threatened species, including support for purchased easements in important habitat areas.

The Mono County General Plan has documented in its Land Use Element (February

2009) the county's future goals for the Mono Basin. Goal One: Provide for the orderly growth of Mono Basin communities in a manner that retains the small town character, coincides with infrastructure expansion, facilitates economic and community development, and protects the area's scenic, recreational, and natural resources. The primary objective is to "Direct future development to occur in and adjacent to Lee Vining."

California Streets and Highways Code Section 164.56, establishing the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Fund, to undertake projects that contribute to mitigation of the environmental effects of transportation facilities, including acquisition or enhancement of resource lands to mitigate the loss of, or the detriment to, resource lands lying within the right-of-way acquired for transportation improvements;

Section 133(d) (2) of 23 United States Code Annotated Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program Transportation Equity Act for the 21st. Century U.S. Code, Title 23 Sections 104b(3) and 133d(2) authorized the funding of California Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA), 2000 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP), to fund transportation enhancement activities related by function, proximity or impact to surface transportations systems, including acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites, scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities) and historic preservation;

California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 (Prop 117), California Fish and Game Code, Div. 3, Ch. 9, declaring that protection, enhancement, and restoration of wildlife habitat and fisheries are vital to maintaining the quality of life in California and establishing the Habitat Conservation Fund, including the Deer and Mountain Lion Habitat Program, in order to preserve, maintain, and enhance California's diverse wildlife heritage and the habitats upon which it depends, including deer, mountain lion, and other wildlife habitat within the Sierra Nevada; and

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, Public Law 98-244, approved March 26, 1984, 98 Stat. 107, as amended through Public Law 107-136, Jan. 24, 2002, established the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation as a charitable nonprofit corporation for the purposes of , among other things undertaking and conducting such other activities as will further the conservation and management of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources of the United States, and its territories and possessions, for present and future generations of Americans.

K. The specific Conservation Values of the Property, its current use and state of improvement are documented and described in a baseline documentation report ("Baseline Documentation Report" or "Baseline"), which the Parties hereto have prepared, dated [REDACTED], 2014, so as to be able to provide accurate photographs and documentation of the vegetation patterns and topography of the Property. The parties agree that the Baseline Documentation Report, which consists of reports, maps, photographs, video, and other documentation, will provide an accurate and complete representation of the Property and its Conservation Values at the time of this grant and is intended to serve as an objective, though

nonexclusive, information baseline for monitoring compliance with the terms of this Easement. Grantor and Grantee acknowledge, as set forth in **Exhibit H**, attached hereto and incorporated herein, that each has received a copy of the Baseline Documentation Report. Grantor and Grantee shall retain duplicate originals of the Baseline Documentation Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above and the mutual covenants, terms, conditions and restrictions contained herein, and pursuant to the laws of the State of California and in particular California Civil Code sections 815 et seq., Grantor hereby voluntarily grants and conveys to Grantee this Conservation Easement in perpetuity over the Property of the nature and character and to the extent hereinafter set forth.

1. Conservation Purpose. The purpose of this Easement is to preserve and protect in perpetuity the Conservation Values for the benefit of the public generally, and to prevent any uses of the Property that will impair or interfere with the Conservation Values (“Conservation Purpose” or “Purpose”). Grantor and Grantee agree that this Conservation Easement will restrict the use of the Property to activities that are consistent with the Conservation Purpose of this Easement and will prohibit and prevent any use of the Property that will impair or interfere with the Conservation Values of the Property. More particularly, the Conservation Purpose of this Easement is to:

- (a) Ensure that the Property will be retained forever in its relatively natural, scenic, and open-space condition, and that the Conservation Values will be protected;
- (b) Protect plant, wildlife species and habitat, such as wildlife migration corridor (mule deer, mountain lions) resident wildlife, songbirds and waterfowl, plant and butterfly species;
- (c) Protect surface and groundwater resources and the wetlands, meadows, riparian habitats, and perennial freshwater springs that they support;
- (d) Protect open space and scenic resources;
- (e) Protect historic resources, including homestead, ranch buildings, corrals, and Native American cultural resources;
- (f) Allow for public access for passive recreation and educational purposes; and
- (g) Protect connectivity to other public and protected open space properties.

Under this Easement, “impairment” (or any derivation thereof, as applicable) of Conservation Values means a material adverse impact to the Conservation Values. The consideration of actual and potential impacts of a particular activity or use on Conservation Values shall take into account the impacts of the activity or use in question as well as the cumulative impacts of other uses and activities on the Property. In every evaluation of whether impairment of Conservation Values has occurred or is threatened, both the magnitude and the duration of the actual or potential change(s) shall be considered.

2. Extinguishment of Development Rights; Prohibition on Subdivision.

(a) Except as otherwise reserved to the Grantor in this Easement, all development rights that were previously, are now, or hereafter allocated to, implied, reserved, appurtenant to, or inherent in the Property are hereby released, terminated and extinguished, and may not be used on or transferred to any portion of the Property as it now or hereafter may be bounded or described, or to any other property adjacent or otherwise, or used for the purpose of calculating permissible lot yield of the Property or any other property. This Easement shall not create any development rights.

(b) The division, subdivision, de facto subdivision or partition of the Property, including transfer of development rights, whether by physical, legal, or any other process, is prohibited. The Property is currently comprised of one hundred twenty-five (125) parcels of land and is also identified as (i) Assessor Parcel Numbers 19-100-020, 19-100-019, 19-110-016, 11-200-009, 11-200-010, 11-280-021, 19-100-008, and (ii) Conway Ranch Subdivision parcels consisting of Assessor Parcel Numbers 19-200, parcels 1 through 6, 9 through 13, 16 through 50 (46 Assessor Parcels, 13 acres), 19-210, parcels 5 through 59 (55 Assessor Parcels, 16 acres) described in **Exhibit A**. Grantor will not apply for or otherwise seek recognition of additional legal parcels within the Property based on certificates of compliance or any other authority. Grantor shall treat the Property as a single legal parcel and shall not separately sell, exchange, convert, transfer, assign, mortgage or otherwise encumber, alienate, or convey any parcel associated with the Property or any portion of any parcel of the Property, provided, however, that a license or lease of a portion of the Property for uses allowed by this Easement is permitted, provided that no such license or lease shall impair the Conservation Values and shall be subject to this Easement.

3. Rights of Grantee. To accomplish the Purpose of this Easement, the following rights are conveyed to Grantee:

(a) To carry out the Conservation Purpose of this Easement and to preserve and protect in perpetuity the Conservation Values of the Property;

(b) To enter upon the Property, in accordance with the terms set forth herein, in order to monitor Grantor's compliance with and otherwise enforce the terms of this Easement;

(c) To prevent any activity on or use of the Property that is not permitted by or consistent with the terms of this Easement and to require the restoration of such areas or features of the Property that may be damaged by any inconsistent activity or use;

(d) To review and determine the suitability of those activities and projects described in Section 8, and to grant, grant with conditions, or deny permission therefor, subject to the standards specified in Section 8; and.

(e) To place a sign(s) at access points to the Property, subject to the mutual agreement of Grantor, Grantee, and the Funders regarding text, design and location, to indicate the participation of the Parties and the Funders in the creation of this Conservation Easement.

4. Reserved Rights. Grantor reserves to itself, and its successors in interest, all rights accruing from its fee ownership of the Property which are not transferred and conveyed hereby, or which are not expressly granted to Grantee or prohibited herein and which are not inconsistent with the Conservation Purpose, including the right to engage in or permit or invite others to engage in all uses of the Property that are not expressly proscribed or limited hereby and are not inconsistent with the terms of this Easement. Grantor reserves the following:

(a) *Water and Water Rights:* all Water and Water Rights in, on, under, to and benefiting or associated with or appurtenant to the Property, *provided that*, lease, sale, severance, conveyance, diversion or encumbrance of Water or Water Rights separately from the underlying title to the Property, or other action or inaction that abandons, forfeits, diminishes or extinguishes such Water or Water Rights, or use of any Water or Water Rights for any purpose or in any manner other than for permitted uses of the Property consistent with the requirements of this Easement and the “Management Plan” described in Section 13 is prohibited. In connection with leases or licenses for permitted uses, the aforesaid prohibition shall not preclude Grantor from licensing or leasing a right to use *on the Property* any Water or Water Rights for permitted uses of the Property consistent with the requirements of this Easement and the Management Plan, provided however, all of said leases and licenses shall be subject to and subordinate to this Easement and the Management Plan and shall incorporate the terms of this Easement and then-current Management Plan by reference, and shall include provisions that acknowledge the quantity or right to use Water or Water Rights is not guaranteed and may be adjusted during the term of the lease or license, if necessary, based on changes in conditions on or about the Property and based on restrictions described in this Easement and the then-current Management Plan. Grantor shall consult with Grantee regarding the proposed language for the lease or license intended to satisfy this Section 4(a).

(b) *Geothermal Resources, Oil, Gas and Mineral Rights:* geothermal resources, oil, gas, minerals and mineral rights appurtenant to the Property, *provided that*, severance, conveyance, diversion or encumbrance of such resources or rights appurtenant to the Property, separately from the underlying title to the Property, or other action or inaction that diminishes or extinguishes such resources or rights is prohibited, as is exploration, extraction or use for any purpose or in any manner other than as permitted by this Easement.

5. General Requirements for All Uses.

(a) *Compliance with Terms, Conditions and Conservation Purpose of this Easement.* All activities on the Property shall be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Conservation Purpose of this Easement, and in accordance with the specific terms set forth in this Easement.

(b) *Protection of Conservation Values.* All uses and activities on the Property shall be undertaken in a manner reasonably designed to minimize adverse impacts to the Conservation Values, including minimizing soil degradation and erosion and unauthorized diversion or use of, pollution to, or degradation of, any surface or subsurface waters.

(c) *Compliance with Laws and Management Plan.* All activities and uses permitted on the Property pursuant to this Easement shall be subject to, and undertaken in accordance with,

all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations (“Applicable Laws”) and the Management Plan.

6. **Prohibited Uses.** Any activity on or use of the Property which is inconsistent with the Conservation Purpose or terms of this Easement or in violation of Applicable Laws is prohibited (collectively, “Prohibited Uses”). Grantor shall not engage in, or allow others to engage in, any Prohibited Use. The Parties agree that this Section 6 is not an exhaustive recital of all Prohibited Uses and that there may be other existing or future uses not expressly listed therein that are inconsistent with the Conservation Purpose. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and except as expressly provided otherwise herein, the following uses, practices, and improvements are inconsistent with the Conservation Purpose of this Easement and are Prohibited Uses that are expressly prohibited:

(a) *Construction or Reconstruction of Improvements.* The construction or reconstruction of any buildings, other structures, or other improvements, except as may be permitted, or permitted with the prior consent of Grantee, in Sections 7 or 8;

(b) *Billboards and Advertising.* The erection of any billboards or other type of advertising;

(c) *Mining.* The exploration, mining, extraction or removal from the Property of soil, rock, sand, gravel, oil, geothermal resources, natural gas, fuel or any other hydrocarbon or mineral substance using any exploration, mining, extraction or removal method;

(d) *Mobile Homes, Trailers, Heavy Equipment.* The construction or placement of any mobile homes, trailers or heavy equipment, except as may be permitted in the “Building Envelope” within the Aquaculture Area as described in Section 8(a)(i) and Section 7(j);

(e) *Storage and Disposal of Unightly and Offensive Materials.* The dumping, burying, storage or accumulation of any kind of trash, refuse, derelict equipment, vehicles, ashes, garbage, or other unightly, or offensive materials, except for limited and/or temporary uses as provided in Section 7(j);

(f) *Development and Manipulation of Wetlands and Water Resources.* The draining, diversion, filling, dredging, diking, damming or other alteration, development or manipulation of wells, watercourses, springs and wetlands or use, extraction, pumping, or manipulation of any Water or Water Rights for any purpose or in any manner other than for permitted uses of the Property, including uses permitted, or permitted with the prior consent of Grantee, in Sections 7 or 8, consistent with the requirements of this Easement and the Management Plan;

(g) *Removal of Native Plants.* The removal of living native plants or trees located on the Property, except during the regular maintenance of existing or permitted irrigation ditches, water supply system, roads, grazing meadows, and except as specified by Section 7 and 8;

(h) *Motorized Vehicles.* The use of motorized vehicles on the Property apart from use on existing (or permitted) roads and except for over-the-snow vehicles consistent with the Management Plan and for uses reasonably related to permitted uses not otherwise prohibited and emergency vehicles responding to an emergency;

(i) *New Roads and Paving of Existing Roads.* The construction or paving with any impervious surfacing materials of any new roads on any part of the Property or the paving of any existing roads on any part of the Property;

(j) *Landscaping.* Landscaping or planting the Property (excluding the Aquaculture Area or Building Envelope, as defined in Section 8(a)(i), other than for Grantee- approved restoration or enhancement purposes as set forth in Section 8 and in accordance with the Management Plan;

(k) *Commercial Use.* Any commercial use of any portion of the Property, except as may be permitted by Section 7 and 8;

(l) *Residential and Industrial Use.* Any residential use, except as provided in Section 7(m) (regarding limited overnight security and oversight of aquaculture and sheep ranching operations) or industrial use of any portion of the Property;

(m) *Commercial Power Generation and Transmission.* Except as may be permitted in Section 8(d) (limited solar power collection, generation and sale for own use), commercial power generation, collection or transmission facilities, including solar or windmills or facilities;

(n) *Hazardous Materials.* The use, storage, disposal, transport and/or release of any “Hazardous Materials” as defined in Section 14(f), except as expressly provided in this Easement in conjunction with permitted uses under Section 7; and

(o) *Commercial Recreational Structures, Airstrips, Helicopter Pads.* Construction or use of resort structures, golf courses, swimming pools, tennis courts, equestrian facilities, playing fields, or any other commercial recreational structure; airstrips, helicopter pads; operation of a stable and the commercial raising, training and boarding of horses; and any activity that requires artificial lighting or prepared grounds or courses.

7. Permitted Uses. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the uses and practices set forth in sub-sections (a) – (n) below, though not necessarily an exhaustive recital of all uses and practices consistent with the Conservation Purpose, are permitted, subject to the limitations set forth herein:

(a) *Fences, Gates, Roads.* Maintenance, repair, replacement and removal of existing and approved fences, gates, and roads at currently existing levels of improvement, including associated trimming of brush and trees as reasonably necessary for safety and security. Grantor shall design and construct any replacement fencing, including boundary fences, using current best management practices for wildlife friendly fencing that accommodates wildlife movement, in accordance with the Management Plan. Where ownership or right to maintain fences is shared with another party, such as on property boundaries, to the extent that Grantor has control, newly constructed or replaced fences shall be designed using currently accepted standards for wildlife friendly fencing that accommodates wildlife movement;

(b) *Property Signs*. Construction or erection of reasonable, non-illuminated signs, including no trespassing or no hunting signs or signs regarding County regulations on public use of the Property, or other appropriate markers in prominent locations on the Property, including boundary fences, access roads and entries to support and manage permitted uses of the Property;

(c) *Sheep Grazing*. Grazing of sheep on the Property, and use of temporary fencing for sheep on the Property, with proceeds from grazing lease dedicated to the maintenance and operation of the Property, in accordance with current best management practices and the Management Plan;

(d) *Surface Water*. Management and utilization of the Water Rights (surface water) as reasonably necessary, but not exceeding the limits specified in this Easement and the Management Plan, including, but not limited to use of the Water Rights all in accordance with the quantity, diversion and use restrictions set forth in the Water Rights adjudication and the prohibition against impairment of the Conservation Values in connection with: (i) the maintenance, repair and replacement of water storage and delivery systems, including ponds and irrigation ditches, and any associated removal of living native plants or trees as permitted under Section 6(g); (ii) maintenance of existing meadows and irrigated areas; (iii) the restoration and enhancement of natural resources permitted under Section 8(f); and (iv) carrying out permitted aquaculture operations and sheep-grazing and supporting permitted public uses, all in accordance with Sections 7 and 8 and the Management Plan;

(e) *Property Leases and Licenses*. Leasing or licensing of the Property, or portions thereof, to third parties for permitted uses, subject to the terms and conditions of this Easement, with “Written Advisement” to Grantee in accordance with Section 9(a);

(f) *Dangerous Trees and Plants*. Removal of diseased, damaged or otherwise dangerous trees and plants on the Property;

(g) *Commercial Activities*. Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Easement, with Written Advisement to Grantee in accordance with Section 9(a), commercial activities on the Property, other than sheep grazing and aquaculture, are limited to, non-motorized activities not otherwise specifically prohibited by the terms of this Easement, provided that: (i) these uses require no surface alteration, permanent facilities or other development of land; (ii) the proceeds from said limited commercial use are dedicated to the maintenance and operation of the Property; (iii) said commercial uses comply with the Management Plan; and (iv) said commercial uses do not impair the Conservation Values;

(h) *Film Production*. Commercial or private film production, including the filming of commercials; with Written Advisement to Grantee in accordance with Section 9(a), provided that: (i) any motorized activities occur only on existing roads, (ii) uses require no surface alteration, permanent facilities or other development of land; (iii) the proceeds from said limited commercial use are dedicated to the maintenance and operation of the Property; (iv) said film production complies with the Management Plan; and (v) said film production does not impair the Conservation Values;

(i) *Aquaculture*. Commercial aquaculture and public fishing in the Aquaculture Area and maintenance and repair of existing aquaculture facilities and public fishing, subject to the limitations set forth in this Easement and the Management Plan, with any monetary proceeds the County may receive from commercial aquaculture dedicated to the maintenance and operation of the Property;

(j) *Storage*. Vehicles, equipment, building materials, machinery and supplies required for permitted uses; compost piles; and wood piles may be stored within the Building Envelope or Aquaculture Area (aquaculture uses), or within reasonably close proximity to the existing or permitted structures located elsewhere on the Property (sheep grazing uses), provided that vehicles, equipment, building materials, machinery, and supplies used and stored around the Property for sheep grazing purposes shall be removed after sheep grazing season. Vegetation and other biodegradable non-manmade materials generated from the Property shall not be considered as waste material, refuse or debris, and need not be removed from the Property; temporary storage of waste generated in the ordinary course of permitted uses on the Property for regular, periodic removal off-site is permitted; as is the use and storage of agricultural products, agricultural chemicals, agricultural byproducts and agricultural equipment. Composting of organic materials from the Property is also permitted provided that the Conservation Values of the Property are not impaired;

(k) *Public Use*. Public use for passive, non-motorized recreation, including, but not limited to hiking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, bicycling, picnicking, wildlife viewing, bird watching or other nature study, horseback riding, visiting historical sites, painting, photography, hunting (to the extent permitted by County regulations regarding public use of the Property), and fishing, scientific research and education, consistent with the Management Plan. Grantor may adopt reasonable regulations regarding public use of the Property that is otherwise consistent with this Easement and the Management Plan;

(l) *Historic Resources*. With Written Advisement to Grantee in accordance with Section 9(a), the maintenance and/or restoration of historic resources on the Property undertaken in accordance with the Management Plan;

(m) *Other Uses*. Any other use expressly permitted without prior consent by Grantee by the then-current Management Plan, provided it is conducted in accordance with that Plan; and

(n) *Overnight Use*. Overnight use by aquaculture employees or contractors and seasonal shepherds only as needed to oversee the overnight operations and security of the aquaculture and sheep ranching operations; permanent residential use is prohibited (e.g. an employee may not live on the Property with his or her family nor otherwise use it as a “home” or domicile for any purpose).

8. Uses of Property with Grantee’s Prior Consent. The following uses of the Property shall be prohibited unless the prior written consent of Grantee is obtained in accordance with Section 8(a)(v), with respect to Section 8(a) activities; or Section 9, with respect to Section 8(b)-(g) activities:

*(a) Aquaculture; Public Fishing; Public Educational or Interpretive Facilities Related to Aquaculture.*

(i) Within the approximately two (2) acre building envelope of the Aquaculture Area shown in **Exhibit B-2** (“Building Envelope”), and sited to avoid and minimize impacts to wetland or wildlife habitat, Grantor shall have the right to construct, expand, renovate, replace, repair, and/or remove an existing commercial aquaculture operation, public fishing operations, and/or public educational or interpretive facilities, and may construct additional customary appurtenances and infrastructure associated with such improvements, such as landscaping, fences, telephone, electric, gas and other utility conduits, connections, and meters; a septic system and/or sewer connections; an unpaved driveway from the nearest public road to the Building Envelope of the Aquaculture Area (including customary appurtenant structures), provided that all new utilities are located and designed to avoid impacts to the Conservation Values.

(ii) The aggregate footprint of buildings within the Building Envelope shall not exceed six thousand (6,000) square feet. There shall be no more than three (3) buildings and four (4) storage buildings. Buildings shall be of varied heights, but shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height and will be constructed with materials designed to blend into the landscape using harmonious earth tone colors, non-reflective roofing and siding, and appearing rustic and historic. Storage buildings shall have a footprint of no larger than eight by twenty feet (8 x 20’) each, constructed with materials designed to blend into the landscape using harmonious earth tone colors, non-reflective roofing and siding, and appearing rustic and historic, and constructed below grade as much as reasonably feasible. Permanent night lighting will not be allowed. New impervious surfaces, other than permitted buildings, ponds and raceways, are not to exceed five thousand (5000) square feet. Additional raceways, ditches, ponds, or other aquaculture infrastructure, as permitted herein, shall be constructed within the Aquaculture Area.

(iii) Any construction or expansion of commercial aquaculture operations will be designed to function primarily on the Mill Creek Adjudicated Water Rights as described in **Exhibit D** and in the Baseline Documentation Report. Any extraction of groundwater will be limited to the following purposes and amounts (“Groundwater Extraction Limit”): (A) No more than 303 acre feet a year for the purposes of human consumption and sanitation in conjunction with permitted uses, disinfection of equipment, and taking, hatching and raising of fish eggs; and (B) no more than 216 acre feet per year from each of the two production support wells located at the head of two raceways, to respond to extreme heat and/or cold conditions in the fish raceways. In the case of a catastrophic water supply or water quality emergency involving Wilson Creek, groundwater pumping of 6cfs for seven (7) days (“Emergency Water Supply Limit”) will be allowed to provide time to evacuate fish stock. Based on these limited uses, the total annual Groundwater Extraction Limit is 519 acre feet and the Emergency Water Supply Limit is 83 acre feet to be used only in a qualified emergency, defined as a catastrophic water quality or quantity emergency involving Wilson Creek that requires immediate evacuation of fish stock, with Written Advisement for Emergency Water Supply to Grantee. Written Advisement respecting Emergency Water Supply will be given to Grantee by telephone and email within twelve (12) hours of the emergency event and will be followed by a written report to Grantee

giving details of the event, duration and amount of groundwater pumping, and advisement of the proposed follow-up response to emergency.

Any proposed pumping or extraction of groundwater for aquaculture purposes or permitted facilities must be evaluated through a Grantor-funded environmental study (“Water Study”), and associated monitoring program to determine the amount of water that can be extracted, not to exceed the Groundwater Extraction Limit and the Emergency Water Supply Limit, that will avoid the risk of impairing the Conservation Values or adversely affecting any wells in the vicinity. The Water Study will be considered adequate if conducted by a licensed hydro-geologist, agreed to in advance by Grantor and Grantee. The proposed Water Study Scope of Work for said hydro-geologist will also be agreed to in advance by Grantor and Grantee. The Water Study Scope of Work may include a temporary pump test if recommended by the hydro-geologist conducting the Study and, in that event, the nature and duration of the test would be specified in the agreed-upon Scope of Work and the testing activity specified in the Scope of Work would not be subject to any other Grantee prior approval requirement. Grantor will provide the complete Water Study, recommended pumping amounts and monitoring measures, and pump test data to Grantee. Grantee shall determine whether any proposed extraction would create a risk of impairing the Conservation Values. Proposed groundwater extraction will be considered a risk to Conservation Values if it is projected to remove groundwater from the root zone of groundwater dependent vegetation on the Property. Further, any projected adverse effect on springs, surface water, wetlands, or meadows from groundwater depletion will be considered a risk to Conservation Values. Grantee can approve the proposed use, approve with conditions (including the installation of monitoring wells) and can disapprove the proposed use. Conditions placed on or disapproval of proposed groundwater extraction will be protective of the Conservation Values even during drought conditions. In addition to any conditions imposed by Grantee to protect Conservation Values, Grantor shall adopt and implement such additional conditions (if any) and/or monitoring requirements as may be recommended or indicated by the Water Study to avoid any adverse effects on wells in the vicinity.

(iv) *Mattly Ranch Aquaculture Area*. The construction of a fish-rearing raceway within the thirty five by one thousand three hundred and twenty five foot (35 x 1,325’) “Mattly Ranch Aquaculture Area” as shown in **Exhibit E** (“Mattly Ranch Aquaculture Area Sketch Map”), provided that: (i) a State or Federal wildlife agency identifies the development of a site as important to the recovery of endangered species *and* provides funding for a facility, operations and maintenance; (ii) Grantor receives approval for the facility from the Funders and Grantee; (iii) the facility is constructed entirely at or below ground level, other than fencing, with no buildings, storage, or groundwater extraction; (iv) the facility is located and designed to avoid impairment to the Conservation Values; (v) funding to Grantee is provided for long term monitoring, stewardship, and the review and approval process in accordance with Section 8(a)(v), related to planning, constructing and operating the facility; and (vi) Grantee’s approval shall be in Grantee’s sole and exclusive discretion.

(v) *Grantee Consent*. Grantee’s consent or approval is required for activities under Section 8(a) and, except for the additional conditions and standard of review set forth in

Section 8(a)(iii), and (iv), shall be handled in accordance with this Section 8(a)(v). At least ninety (90) days prior to seeking any regulatory permit (such as construction, well-drilling, and/or grading permit) for the activities in Section 8(a), Grantor shall submit a written request for approval describing the nature, scope, design, location, timetable, and any other material aspects of the proposed activity, building or facility in sufficient detail, including the provision of the Water Study under Section 8(a)(iii), in addition to any proposed use of groundwater in the aquaculture operation, to establish that the proposed use or activity will not impair or diminish the Conservation Values and to permit Grantee to assess compliance with this Easement and to keep its records current.

Within sixty (60) days of Grantee's receipt of the request, Grantee will notify Grantor if the information provided is adequate to permit Grantee to evaluate the request or to request additional information. Except as provided in Section 8(a)(iv), (in which Grantee's sole and exclusive discretion shall govern decisions), in reviewing the request, Grantee shall exercise Grantee's reasonable discretion and Grantee may place reasonable conditions on the use of groundwater, size, design, and location of the building(s) or facilities to avoid impacts to the Conservation Values and ensure consistency with the Conservation Purpose, but cannot prohibit altogether the construction of a building(s) or facility(ies) that is in compliance with Section 8(a) and the Management Plan, except if the aforementioned Grantor-funded Water Study determines that any proposed groundwater extraction will create a risk of impairing the Conservation Values, in which event, the provisions of Section 8(a)(iii) shall apply.

Prior to any new construction, Grantor, at Grantor's sole cost and expense, shall survey the Building Envelope and set boundary markers on the Property locating both the Building Envelope and the Aquaculture Area on the ground, and shall provide said survey of the Building Envelope and information on the boundary markers to Grantee for the purposes of supplementing the Baseline Documentation Report. Where the consent or approval of any of the Funders is required under this Easement, said approval shall in all cases be obtained by Grantor prior to taking the proposed action. No construction shall be carried out prior to receipt of approval from Grantee and delivery of the required survey of the Building Envelope and boundary marker information on the Building Envelope and Aquaculture Area to Grantee.

(b) *Fencing*. The construction of new permanent fences on the Property; Grantor shall design and construct any replacement fencing, including boundary fences, using currently accepted standards for wildlife friendly fencing that accommodates wildlife movement;

(c) *Infrastructure for Public Access, Education and Recreation*. Except as otherwise provided in Section 8(a) pertaining to aquaculture, the construction of infrastructure related to public access, education, and passive recreation on the Property, including informational signage, picnic tables, parking area, and pit-toilet facility;

(d) *Solar Power Facilities*. The installation of solar power collection and transmission facilities within the Aquaculture Area for limited production of power to be used on the Property, sited to avoid and minimize impacts to wetland or wildlife habitat, and scenic resources, not to

exceed two thousand (2000) square feet. Power generated in excess of requirements on the Property may be sold to public or private utility companies;

(e) *Vegetation Management.* The implementation of vegetation thinning based on current best management practices for fire safety and fuels reduction;

(f) *Planting for Restoration or Enhancement.* The planting of the Property with native plants or seeds, or other ecologically beneficial activities for restoration or enhancement purposes;

(g) *Uses and Improvements not Expressly Addressed.* Uses and improvements that might be consistent with the Conservation Purpose of this Easement that are not expressly addressed in the Easement may possibly be permitted with prior approval of Grantee obtained pursuant to Section 9.

#### 9. Written Advisement; Grantee Consent.

(a) *Written Advisement.* As described in this sub-section, below, and as set forth elsewhere in this Easement, certain actions by Grantor will require the prior written notice of Grantee. Where expressly required in this Easement and, prior to undertaking any activity or improvement on the Property as permitted herein or exercising any reserved right that may impair the Conservation Values or Purpose of this Easement, including any activity requiring a building, grading, well-drilling, or zoning permit or environmental regulatory review or permit, Grantor shall give Grantee at least sixty (60) days' advance written notice thereof (except where a longer period is expressly required), ("Written Advisement") sent in accordance with the notice provisions of Section 21. The Written Advisement must provide Grantee with adequate information, documents and plans so as to enable Grantee to confirm compliance with this Easement and enable Grantee to keep its records current.

(b) *Grantee Consent.* Where Grantee's consent or approval is required under this Easement, said approval (i) shall not be unreasonably delayed by Grantee, (ii) shall be sought at least sixty (60) days in advance of the desired action and given in writing, and (iii) shall in all cases be obtained by Grantor prior to taking the proposed action. Where the consent or approval of any of the Funders is required under this Easement, said approval shall in all cases be obtained by Grantor prior to taking the proposed action. In seeking approval, Grantor will describe the nature, scope, design, location, timetable, and any other material aspects of the proposed activity in sufficient detail to establish that the proposed use or activity will not impair or diminish the Conservation Values and to permit Grantee to confirm compliance with this Easement and to keep its records current. Within sixty (60) days of Grantee's receipt of the request, Grantee will notify Grantor if the information provided is adequate to permit Grantee to evaluate the request or to request additional information. Grantee shall grant approval only where Grantee, acting in Grantee's reasonable discretion (except where Grantee's discretion is expressly stated to be in Grantee's sole and exclusive discretion) and in good faith, determines that the proposed action will not diminish or impair the Conservation Values or otherwise be inconsistent with the terms and Conservation Purpose of this Easement and the Management Plan. Grantee's approval of a proposed use may be subject to reasonable conditions to ensure consistency with the Conservation

Purpose and protection of the Conservation Values. Pending the determination by Grantee, the use or activity may not be conducted.

10. Monitoring. Grantee shall manage its responsibilities for the Easement, including but not limited to, annual monitoring, such additional monitoring as circumstances may require, record keeping, and enforcement, for the purposes of preserving the Property's enumerated Conservation Values in perpetuity. With forty-eight (48) hours' advance oral notice, except in the event of an emergency or suspected emergency, in which case a shorter, but reasonable oral notice shall be given, Grantee has the right to enter upon, inspect, observe, and evaluate the Property to identify the current condition of, and uses and practices on the Property to determine whether they are consistent with this Easement. The Funders may accompany Grantee on its annual monitoring visits. This monitoring will be supported through the Baseline Conditions Report and subsequent reviews, using photographs and narrative descriptions, among other evaluation tools. Monitoring will consider issues such as changing conditions in the vicinity of the Property and impacts to Conservation Values, water conditions, weather and climate conditions, unusual natural events, vegetative variety and quality and trends in resource conditions. Failure of Grantee to carry out these responsibilities shall not impair the validity of the Easement or limit its enforceability in any way. Grantee shall indemnify, defend with counsel of Grantor's choice, and hold Grantor harmless from, all expense, loss, liability, damages and claims, including Grantor's reasonable attorneys' fees, if necessary, arising out of Grantee's entry on the Property, unless caused by a violation of this Easement by Grantor or by Grantor's negligent action or omission or willful misconduct.

11. Disputes and Remedies. If Grantee determines that Grantor or third party is conducting or allowing a use, activity, or condition on the Property which is prohibited by the terms of this Easement or that a violation is threatened, Grantee shall give written notice to Grantor of such violation and demand corrective action sufficient to cure the violation, and, where the violation involves damage to the Property resulting from any use or activity inconsistent with the Conservation Purpose of this Easement, to restore the portion of the Property so damaged to the condition in which it existed prior to the damage.

(a) *Consultations Regarding Interpretation and Enforcement of Easement*. When any disagreement, conflict, need for interpretation, or need for enforcement arises between the Parties to this Easement, each Party shall first consult with the other party in good faith and attempt to resolve the issue without resorting to mediation or legal action.

(b) *Mediation*. Grantor and Grantee agree that mediation offers an alternative to the expense and time required to resolve disputes by litigation. Mediation is therefore the Parties' preferred dispute resolution procedure when circumstances do not require Grantor or Grantee to seek immediate injunctive relief from the courts. If a dispute arises between the Parties concerning the meaning, requirements, interpretation, or implementation of the Easement, including the consistency of any proposed use or activity with the terms of this Easement that they cannot resolve through unassisted consultation between themselves, and Grantor agrees not to proceed with, or shall discontinue, the use or activity, or to compel a third party to not proceed or to discontinue the use or activity, pending resolution of the dispute, either party may refer the dispute to mediation by request made in writing upon the other. The non-requesting Party shall

have ten (10) days after receipt of a mediation request to consent thereto or refuse to mediate the dispute.

(i) Procedure. Within ten (10) days after Grantor and Grantee agree to mediation of a dispute, the Parties shall mutually select a trained and impartial mediator. Mediation hearings shall remain informal, with each party being permitted to present such facts and evidence as it may reasonably believe supports that Party's position. Costs and expenses of mediation shall be divided equally between Grantor and Grantee; provided, however, that each Party shall pay its own attorneys' fees.

(ii) Limitations. The mediation is not intended to result in any express or *de facto* modification or amendment of the terms, conditions or restrictions of this Easement. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the mediation procedure set forth herein shall in no way be construed to deprive Grantor or Grantee of any judicial remedy provided at law or in equity, or by agreement herein, and is intended solely as an informal dispute resolution mechanism. Neither Grantor nor Grantee shall have the right to compel performance of mediated solutions, unless such solutions are reduced to a binding written agreement between Grantor and Grantee at the conclusion of the mediation process. The parties hereto intend that each conflict and dispute submitted to mediation shall be unique, with facts, circumstances, and recommended resolutions to be determined on a case-by-case basis, without reference to prior conflicts, disputes, or the resolutions thereto.

(iii) Confidentiality. All information presented to the mediator shall be deemed confidential and shall be disclosed by the mediator only with the consent of the Parties or their respective counsel. The mediator shall not be subject to subpoena by any party. No statements made or documents prepared for mediation sessions shall be disclosed in any subsequent proceeding or construed as an admission of a party.

(iv) Time Period. Neither party shall be obligated to continue the mediation process beyond a period of ninety (90) days from the date of receipt of the initial request or if the mediator concludes that there is no reasonable likelihood that continuing mediation will result in a mutually agreeable resolution of the dispute.

(c) Other Remedies. If Grantor fails to cure the violation within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice thereof from Grantee, or under circumstances where the violation cannot reasonably be cured within a thirty (30) day period, fails to begin curing such violation within the thirty (30) day period, or fails to continue diligently to cure such violation until finally cured, Grantee may bring an action at law or in equity in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Easement, to enjoin the violation, to recover any damages to which it may be entitled for violation of the terms of this Easement or injury to any Conservation Values and to require the restoration of the Property to the condition that existed prior to any such violation or injury. Grantee's rights under this Section apply equally in the event of either actual or threatened violations of the terms of this Easement. These remedies shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to all remedies now or hereafter existing at law or in equity. The failure of Grantee to discover a violation or to take immediate legal action shall not bar Grantee from doing so as a later time.

(d) *Damages.* Grantee is entitled to recover damages for violation of the terms of this Easement, including, without limitation, damages for the loss of scenic, aesthetic, or environmental values, and to require the restoration of the Property to the condition that existed prior to any violation or damage. Without limiting Grantor's liability, Grantee shall apply any damages recovered to the cost of undertaking corrective action on the Property. Should the restoration of lost values be impossible or impractical for whatever reason, after reimbursing Grantee for all costs of enforcement, any and all remaining damages recovered shall be paid to the Funders as determined in accordance with Section 16(b), or as otherwise directed by the Funders.

(e) *Equitable Remedies.* Grantee's rights under this Section apply equally in the event of either actual or threatened violations of the terms of this Easement. Grantor and Grantee expressly agree that the Property, by virtue of its Conservation Values, is unique and that a violation of this Easement, and the ensuing harm or alteration of the Property, may result in damages that are irreparable and not subject to quantification. Grantor agrees that Grantee's remedies at law for a violation of the terms of this Easement may be inadequate and that Grantee may seek the injunctive relief described in this Section, both prohibitive and mandatory, in addition to such other relief to which Grantee may be entitled, including specific performance of the terms of this Easement, without the necessity of proving either actual damages or the inadequacy of otherwise available legal remedies. Grantee may bring an equitable action in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Easement, to enjoin the violation, *ex parte* as necessary, by temporary or permanent injunction. If Grantee, in its sole discretion, determines that circumstances require immediate action to prevent or mitigate significant damage to the Conservation Values of the Property, Grantee may pursue its remedies under this Section without prior notice to Grantor or without waiting for the period provided for cure to expire.

(f) *Recovery of Costs.* If Grantee prevails in any action to enforce the terms of this Easement, any and all costs incurred by Grantee in enforcing the terms of this Easement against Grantor or against others where Grantor had the legal right and had the legal obligation to have acted in a manner that would have made such enforcement action unnecessary, including, without limitation, costs of suit and reasonable attorneys' fees, and any and all costs of restoration resulting from Grantor's violation of the terms of this Easement shall ultimately be the responsibility of Grantor, provided that, in an action against a third party, Grantee shall make good faith reasonable efforts to first recover any costs from the third party whose actions or omissions were responsible for the legal action. If Grantor prevails in any action to enforce the terms of this Easement, any and all costs incurred by Grantor, including, without limitation, costs of suit and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be the responsibility of Grantee. The prevailing party also shall be entitled to recover all such costs and fees that may be reasonably incurred in enforcing any judgment or award, and this provision shall not be merged into any judgment but shall survive any judgment.

(g) *Grantee's Discretion.* Enforcement of the terms of this Easement shall be at the discretion of Grantee, and any forbearance by Grantee to exercise its rights under this Easement in the event of any breach of any term of this Easement by Grantor shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver by Grantee of such term or of any subsequent breach of the same or any

other term of this Easement or of any of Grantee's rights under this Easement. No delay or omission by Grantee in the exercise of any right or remedy upon any breach by Grantor shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver. Grantee's permission to carry out, or failure to object to, any proposed use or activity shall not constitute consent to any subsequent use or activity of the same or any different nature, nor shall it permit any activity prohibited by law.

(h) *Waiver of Certain Defenses.* Grantor hereby waives any defense of laches, estoppel, prescription, unclean hands or the doctrine of changed circumstances in any action or proceeding, including but not limited to any mediation brought by Grantee to enforce or to interpret the provisions of this Easement.

(i) *Acts Beyond Grantor's Control.* Nothing contained in this Easement shall be construed to entitle Grantee to bring any action against Grantor for any injury to or change in the Property resulting from any natural cause, including fire not caused by Grantor, flood, storm, extreme temperatures, drought, and earth movement or other acts of God, or from any prudent action taken by Grantor under emergency conditions to prevent, abate or mitigate significant injury to any person or to the Property resulting from such causes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Grantor's failure to comply with any applicable restrictions on use of the Property, including the use of Water and Water Rights, arising from fire, flood, storm, extreme temperatures, drought, and earth movement or other acts of God shall be subject to the enforcement provisions of this Easement (e.g., in the event of a drought, if water use restrictions are imposed pursuant to the Easement, Management Plan or Applicable Laws) .

12. Public Access. Grantor shall not be obligated to allow public access to the Aquaculture Area.

13. Management Plan. Grantor and Grantee have prepared a management plan for the Property, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, incorporated herein by this reference, ("Management Plan"), providing for sustainable sheep grazing, commercial aquaculture, public access, and the protection and preservation of water resources (Water and Water Rights), wetland, riparian and other sensitive habitats, flora, fauna and other sensitive resources, historic resources, and natural features of the Property. The Management Plan provides that sheep grazing and aquaculture operations shall be conducted only in a manner and to an extent that will not diminish or impair the Conservation Values and that are consistent with the terms and Purpose of this Easement and with all Applicable Laws. An "Operations Plan" for sheep grazing, aquaculture, public access activities and infrastructure, and any other planned activities will be provided to Grantee by Grantor prior to April 1 at an annual meeting. Both Parties acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Management Plan. The Management Plan shall be updated and adjusted as necessary, upon mutual agreement of Grantor and Grantee, but in no event less frequently than every five (5) years. If sheep grazing or aquaculture operations cease or are downsized, as determined by mutual agreement of Grantee and Grantor, Grantor will undertake restoration and irrigation activities (if necessary), as described in the Management Plan. Grantee shall have the right to monitor and enforce the specific terms and restrictions of the Management Plan, the same as any other term or provision of this Easement.

14. Costs and Liabilities. Grantor retains all rights and privileges of ownership that are not prohibited or restricted by this Easement, and Grantor retains all responsibilities of ownership. Nothing contained in this Easement shall be construed as giving rise to any right or ability in Grantee or the Funders to exercise physical or management control over the day-to-day operations of the Property, or any of Grantor's permitted activities on the Property. Other than as specified herein, this Easement is not intended to impose any legal or other responsibility on Grantee, or in any way to affect any obligations of Grantor as owner of the Property. Neither Grantee, nor the Funders, shall have responsibility for the operation of the Property, monitoring of hazardous conditions on it, or the protection of Grantor, the public or any third parties from risks relating to conditions on the Property. Neither Grantee, nor the Funders, shall be liable to Grantor or other person or entity in connection with consents given or withheld, or in connection with any entry upon the Property occurring pursuant to this Easement, or on account of any claim, liability, damage or expense suffered or incurred by or threatened against Grantor or any other person or entity, except as the claim, liability, damage, or expense is the result of the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of Grantee or the Funders.

(a) *Liability Insurance.* Grantor shall maintain comprehensive general liability insurance in the amount of no less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) (either in a stand-alone general liability policy, or as part of any umbrella coverage, or a combination of the two) for the Property. Grantor shall cause all such policies of insurance to name Grantee as an additional insured and provide Grantee with a certificate of insurance for each such policy and all renewals thereof.

(b) *Taxes.* To the extent applicable to Grantor, Grantor shall pay before delinquency all taxes, assessments, fees and charges of whatever description levied on or assessed against the Property by competent authority (collectively "Taxes"), including any Taxes imposed upon, or incurred as a result of, this Easement, and shall furnish Grantee with satisfactory evidence of payment upon request. If Grantee pays any taxes or assessments to protect Grantee's interest in the Property, Grantor will reimburse Grantee for the same, together with interest at the legal rate from the date of the payment by Grantee.

(c) *Upkeep and Maintenance.* Grantee shall have no obligation for the upkeep and maintenance of the Property.

(d) *Compliance with Laws.* Nothing in this Easement shall be construed as limiting Grantor's ability or relieving Grantor of its obligation to undertake activities on the Property to comply with any statute, law, ordinance, rule, regulation, code, order, guideline, or other restriction or requirement applicable to the Property which currently exists or is enacted or otherwise promulgated by any federal, state, county, municipal, or other governmental body (whether legislative, administrative, or judicial), or by any competent official of any of the foregoing (collectively, the "Applicable Laws"). Nothing in this Easement shall be construed as granting Grantor any rights not permitted by local land use and/or zoning regulations at the time of construction, demolition, occupation, or other regulated use.

(e) *Hold Harmless.* Grantor shall hold harmless, indemnify, and defend Grantee and the Funders, and their respective members, directors, officers, employees, agents, and contractors and the heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns of each of them (collectively

“Indemnified Parties”) from and against all liabilities, claims, demands, losses, expenses, damages, fines, fees, penalties, suits, proceedings, actions, orders, liens, and costs of actions, sanctions asserted by or on behalf of any person or governmental authority, or causes of action or cases and other liabilities (whether legal or equitable in nature and including, without limitation, court costs, and reasonable attorneys’ fees and attorneys’ fees on appeal) to which the Indemnified Parties may be subject or incur relating to, or occurring on the Property or the Easement, arising out of Grantor’s acts or omissions, including, but not limited to, Grantor’s negligent acts or omissions or Grantor’s breach of any representation, warranty, covenant, agreements contained in this Easement, or violations of any Applicable Laws, including all “Environmental Laws” as defined below, except to the extent caused by the active negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnified Parties.

(f) *Environment Matters.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this Easement to the contrary, the parties do not intend and this Easement shall not be construed such that it creates in Grantee or the other Indemnified Parties: (1) the obligations or liabilities of an “owner” or “operator” or “arranger” or “generator” as those words are defined and used in “Environmental Laws,” as defined below, including without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (42 USC, sections 9601 *et seq.* and hereinafter “CERCLA”); or (2) the obligations or liabilities of a person described in CERCLA at 42 USC section 9607(a)(3) or (4); or (3) the obligations of a responsible person under any applicable Environmental Laws; (4) the right or duty to investigate and remediate any “Hazardous Materials,” as defined below, associated with the Property; or (5) any control over Grantor’s ability to investigate, remove, remediate or otherwise clean up any Hazardous Materials associated with the Property.

Grantor represents, warrants and covenants to Grantee that Grantor is in compliance with all applicable Environmental Laws and Grantor’s use of the Property shall comply in all material respects with all applicable Environmental Laws. Grantor further represents, warrants and covenants to Grantee that Grantor has no actual knowledge of a release or threatened release of Hazardous Materials on the Property and hereby promises to indemnify, defend and hold the Indemnified Parties harmless from any and all loss, cost, claim (without regard to merit), administrative actions, liability or expense (including reasonable attorneys’ fees and investigation, testing and remediation costs) arising from or connected with the release or threatened release of any Hazardous Materials on, at, beneath or from the Property, or arising from or connected with a violation of any Environmental Laws.

If at any time after the grant of this Easement there occurs a release in, on or about the Property (excluding any release caused by an Indemnified Party, its employees, agents, consultants or contractors) of Hazardous Materials, Grantor agrees to take all steps that may be required under federal, state or local law necessary to assure its containment and remediation, including any cleanup.

For the purposes of this Easement:

(i) The term “Hazardous Materials” means any petroleum, petroleum products, fuel oil, waste oils, natural gas, natural gas liquid, liquefied natural gas, synthetic gas usable for

fuel (or mixtures of natural gas and such synthetic gas), drilling fluids, produced waters, and other wastes associated with the exploration, development or production of crude oil, natural gas or geothermal sources, explosives, reactive materials, ignitable materials, corrosive materials, hazardous chemicals, hazardous wastes, hazardous substances, extremely hazardous substances, toxic substances, toxic chemicals, asbestos-containing materials, radioactive materials, infectious materials and any other element, compound, mixture, solution or substance which may pose a present or potential hazard to human health or the environment or any other material defined and regulated by Environmental Laws.

(ii) The term “Environmental Laws” means any and all Federal, state, local or municipal laws, rules, orders, regulations, statutes, ordinances, codes, guidelines, policies or requirements of any governmental authority regulating or imposing standards of liability or standards of conduct (including common law) concerning air, water, solid waste, Hazardous Materials, worker and community right-to-know, hazard communication, noise, radioactive material, resource protection, subdivision, inland wetlands and watercourses, health protection and similar environmental health, safety, building and land use as may now or at any time hereafter be in effect.

(g) *Compliance with Grant Agreements.* Nothing in this Easement shall be construed as relieving Grantor of its obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreements.

15. Termination of Easement. It is the intention of the Parties that the Conservation Purpose of this Easement shall be carried out forever, notwithstanding economic or other hardship or changed conditions of any kind. No inaction or silence by Grantee shall be construed as abandonment of the Easement. The fact that the Property is not in agricultural or aquaculture use, or that the Property’s natural and historic resources are diminished, are not reasons for termination of this Easement. Nonetheless, if circumstances arise in the future such that render the Purpose of this Easement impossible to accomplish, this Easement shall only be terminated or extinguished, whether in whole or in part, by judicial proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction, and the amount of the proceeds to which Grantee shall be entitled, after the satisfaction of prior claims, from any sale, exchange, or involuntary conversion of all or any portion of the Property subsequent to such termination or extinguishment shall be determined as provided in Section 16 below, unless otherwise provided by California law and applicable Federal law at the time. Grantee shall distribute all such proceeds in a manner consistent with this Easement.

16. Condemnation.

(a) This Easement constitutes a real property interest immediately vested in Grantee. If all or any part of or interest in the Property is taken by exercise of the power of eminent domain, or acquired by purchase in lieu of condemnation, whether by public, corporate or other authority, so as to terminate this Easement, in whole or in part, Grantor and Grantee acknowledge that Grantee and the Funders are entitled to certain rights of notice, comment and compensation as provided in section 1240.055 of the California Code of Civil Procedure. If

Grantor or Grantee is notified that the Property may be acquired for public use by eminent domain, the party receiving such notice shall notify the other party and the Funders of the potential acquisition no later than fifteen (15) days after first receiving such notice. Prior to the inspection of the Property by the appraiser pursuant to section 7267.1 of the California Government Code or any other provision of law, Grantor shall notify Grantee that it or its designated representative may accompany the appraiser during his or her inspection. Within seven (7) days of receiving any notice of the hearing on the resolution of necessity pursuant to section 1245.235 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, Grantor shall provide Grantee and the Funders a copy of the notice of the hearing. As provided in sections 1250.220 and 1250.230 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, in any eminent domain proceeding to acquire all or a portion of or interest in the Property, Grantee shall be named as a defendant and may appear in the proceedings.

(b) If all or any part of or interest in the Property is taken by exercise of the power of eminent domain, or acquired by purchase in lieu of condemnation, Grantor, Grantee and the Funders shall act collectively to recover from the condemning authority the full value of the property or interest so taken or purchased, and all direct or incidental damages resulting therefrom. The Funders or their respective successors shall be entitled to the proportionate share of the Award (as defined below) as determined in accordance with the Grant Agreements.

Grantee has also contributed indirect costs and services to the acquisition of this Easement and contributed administrative costs of ongoing easement monitoring and enforcement. Those contributions shall be deducted from the total proceeds prior to the proportional division set forth above. All expenses incurred by Grantor and Grantee in connection with the taking or in-lieu purchase and Grantee's contribution for Easement monitoring and enforcement shall first be paid out of the total amount recovered and the net amount shall then be distributed to each of the Funders in accordance with their respective proportionate shares. If only a portion of the Property is subject to such exercise of the power of eminent domain or in-lieu purchase, this Easement shall remain in effect as to all other portions of the Property, and the deduction for Grantee's contributions of indirect costs and services shall likewise be proportional. Grantor shall promptly notify Grantee of any notices or actions pertaining to the actual or potential condemnation of all or any part of the Property. For purposes of this Agreement, the "Award" shall mean all compensation awarded, paid or received on account of the Property so taken or purchased, and all direct or incidental damages resulting from the taking or purchase, less all out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred by Grantee in connection with the taking or purchase.

17. Grantor's Title Warranty. Grantor represents and warrants that Grantor has good fee simple title to the Property, that the Property is not subject to any other conservation easement whatsoever and that **Exhibit I** attached hereto sets forth all senior liens and encumbrances affecting the Property ("Prior Encumbrances"). If Grantor discovers at any time that any old or new interest in the Property exist that is not disclosed herein, Grantor shall immediately notify Grantee of the discovery of the interest and shall take all necessary steps to make the discovered interest subject to this Easement.

18. Perpetuation of Easement. This Easement shall be of perpetual duration, pursuant to California Civil Code section 815.1. No merger of title, estate or interest shall be deemed

effected by any previous, contemporaneous or subsequent deed, grant or assignment of an interest or estate in the Property, or any portion thereof. It is the express intent of the Parties that this Easement shall not be extinguished by, or merged into, any other interest or estate in the Property now or hereafter held by Grantee or Grantee's successor or assignee.

19. Transfer of Easement by Grantee. This Easement is transferable, but Grantee may assign its rights and obligations under this Easement, only with Grantor's and the Funders' consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, and only to an organization that is a qualified organization at the time of transfer under section 170(h) of the Code (or any successor provision then applicable), and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder, and authorized to acquire and hold conservation easements under California Civil Code section 815.3 (or any successor provision then applicable). If Grantor fails to respond to a written request for assignment by Grantee within thirty (30) days of Grantee's request therefor, such lack of response shall be deemed consent on the part of Grantor to the assignment. If no such private nonprofit organization exists or is willing to assume the responsibilities imposed by this Easement, then this Easement may be transferred to a public agency authorized to hold interests in real property as provided in section 815.3(b) of the Civil Code of California. Such a transfer may proceed only if the transferee agency or organization expressly agrees to assume the responsibility imposed on Grantee by this Easement pursuant to an assignment and assumption agreement. Any such assignment shall be in writing, shall refer to this Easement by reference to its recordation data, and shall be recorded in the Official Records of Mono County, California.

20. Subsequent Transfers. Any conveyance of the fee simple interest in the Property requires the approval of the Funders. Grantor agrees to incorporate the terms of this Easement in any deed or other legal instrument by which they divest themselves of any interest in all or a portion of the Property, including, without limitation, a leasehold interest or a license. Grantor further agrees to give written notice to Grantee of the transfer of any interest at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such transfer. The failure of Grantor to perform any act required by this Section 20 shall not impair the validity of this Easement or limit its enforceability in any way or excuse the transferee from complying with the terms of this Easement.

21. Notices. Any notice, demand, request, consent, approval or communication that either party desires or is required to give to the other shall be in writing. Notice shall be sufficiently given for all purposes as follows:

(a) Personal Delivery. When personally delivered to the recipient, notice is effective on delivery.

(b) Overnight Delivery. When delivered by overnight delivery, charges prepaid or charged to the sender's account, notice is effective on delivery, if delivery is confirmed by the delivery service.

(c) Facsimile Transmission. When sent by facsimile to the last facsimile number of the recipient known to the party giving notice, notice is effective on receipt, provided that (i) a duplicate copy of the notice is promptly given by certified mail or by overnight delivery as set forth above, or (ii) the receiving party delivers a written confirmation of receipt. Any notice

given by facsimile shall be deemed received on the next business day if it is received after 5:00 p.m. (recipient's time) on a nonbusiness day.

(d) *Email Notices.* Written notice for Written Advisements may be given by email to the parties at the email addresses set forth below. Notices transmitted by email shall be deemed given on the date the receiving party confirms receipt by return email.

Addresses for purpose of giving notice are as follows:

To Grantor: Board of Supervisors  
Attn: Clerk of the Board  
P.O. Box 715  
Bridgeport, CA 93517  
(760) 932-5530  
Email: [lroberts@mono.ca.gov](mailto:lroberts@mono.ca.gov)

To Grantee: Eastern Sierra Land Trust  
Post Office Box 755  
Bishop, California 93515  
Telephone: (760) 873-4554  
Email:

To Funders:

or to such other address, facsimile number or email address as either party from time to time shall designate by written notice to the other.

Any correctly addressed notice that is refused, unclaimed, or undeliverable because of an act or omission of the party to be notified shall be deemed effective as of the first date that said notice was refused, unclaimed, or deemed undeliverable by the postal authorities, messenger, or overnight delivery service.

22. Recordation. This Easement shall be recorded in the Official Records of the County of Mono, State of California, according to the requirements of the County of Mono.

23. Amendment. If circumstances arise under which an amendment to or modification of this Easement would be appropriate, Grantor and Grantee may jointly amend this Easement; provided that no amendment shall be allowed that will adversely affect the qualification of this Easement or the status of Grantee under any applicable laws, including California Civil Code section 815.3 or section 170(h) of the Code, and any amendment shall be consistent with the Conservation Purpose of this Easement and with Grantee's easement amendment policies and procedures and shall not impair the Conservation Values, nor affect its perpetual duration. Any

amendment of this Easement shall require the prior written consent of the Funders and any amendment made without this consent shall be void. Any such amendment shall be recorded in the Official Records of Mono County, California.

24. Executory Limitation. If Grantee ceases to exist or no longer qualifies to hold the Easement under section 170(h) of the Internal Revenue Code or applicable state law, a court of competent jurisdiction shall, upon consultation with Grantor and the Funders, transfer Grantee's interest in this Easement to another qualified organization as defined in Section 19 having similar purposes that agrees to assume the responsibilities imposed by this Easement or to a public agency that is willing and authorized to hold interests in real property as provided in section 815.3(b) of the Civil Code of California.

25. Third-Party Beneficiaries. Except as expressly provided below, there shall be no third-party beneficiaries of the Easement. The Funders are, jointly and severally, intended third-party beneficiaries of this Easement, in accordance with California Civil Code sections 1085 and 1559 and common law and, as such, hold the right to enforce its terms in accordance with applicable law and policy; provided, however, that (a) only Grantee (including any successor Grantee) shall have the right to enforce the provisions of this Easement unless and until any of the Funders gives written notice to Grantor that Grantee has been replaced as the enforcing party; and (b) thereafter, only the Funder, as designated in such notice, shall have such enforcement authority until the enforcing Funder gives written notice to Grantor that Grantee has been reinstated as the enforcing party. It is the intent of the preceding sentence that, at any particular time, only one party shall have the right to enforce the terms of this Easement against Grantor (Grantee, or any one of the Funders).

26. Miscellaneous Provisions.

(a) Controlling Law. The interpretation and performance of this Easement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.

(b) Liberal Construction. Any general rule of construction to the contrary notwithstanding, this Easement shall be liberally construed in favor of the grant to effect the Purpose of this Easement and the policy and purpose of California Civil Code Section 815.1. If any provision in this instrument is found to be ambiguous, an interpretation consistent with the Purpose of this Easement that would render the provision valid shall be favored over any interpretation that would render it invalid.

(c) Severability. If any provision of this Easement, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is found to be invalid, the remainder of the provisions of this Easement, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is found to be invalid, as the case may be, shall not be affected thereby.

(d) Entire Agreement. This instrument sets forth the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the Easement and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, understandings or agreements relating to the Easement, all of which are merged herein.

(e) No Forfeiture. Nothing contained herein will result in a forfeiture or reversion of Grantor's title in any respect.

(f) Successors. The covenants, terms, conditions, and restrictions of this Easement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their respective personal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns and shall continue as a servitude running in perpetuity with the Property.

(g) Termination of Rights and Obligations. A party's rights and obligations under this Easement terminate upon transfer of that party's interest in the Easement or Property, except that liability for acts or omissions occurring prior to transfer shall survive transfer.

(h) Captions. The captions in this instrument have been inserted solely for convenience of reference and are not a part of this instrument and shall have no effect upon construction or interpretation.

(i) Counterparts. The parties may execute this instrument in two or more counterparts, which shall, in the aggregate, be signed by all parties; each counterpart shall be deemed an original instrument as against any party who has signed it. In the event of any disparity between the counterparts produced, the recorded counterpart shall be controlling.

(j) Exhibits and Recitals. All of the exhibits attached to this Easement are hereby incorporated into this Easement by this reference. All recitals in this Easement are accurate and shall constitute an integral part of this Easement, and this Easement shall be construed in light of those recitals.

(k) Administrative Costs. [The administration of this Easement by Grantee requires considerable time and expense. Because the Aquaculture Area was added to the scope of this Easement after the stewardship endowment was agreed upon, Grantee and Grantor are currently determining how administrative and stewardship expenses related to activities within the Aquaculture Area will be covered.]

27. Acceptance. As attested by the signatures of their authorized parties affixed hereto, in exchange for consideration, Grantee hereby accepts without reservation the rights and responsibilities conveyed by this Grant Deed of Conservation Easement.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto Grantee, its successors, and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF Grantor and Grantee have set their hands on the day and year first above written.

GRANTOR:

COUNTY OF MONO, a political  
subdivision of the State of California

GRANTEE:

EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST,  
a California nonprofit public benefit  
corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: Chair, Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: Executive Director

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_

Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) ss.  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

On \_\_\_\_\_ before me, \_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY of PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) ss.  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Notary Public

**EXHIBIT A**  
Legal Description of Property

Conway Ranch Legal Descriptions for APNs: 019-100-008, 019-100-019, 019-100-020, 019-110-016, 011-200-010, 011-200-009, 011-280-021 and lots within the Conway Ranch subdivision also known as lots A, B, 5 through 14, inclusive, 17 through 21 inclusive and lots 24 through 108, inclusive, in tract number 34-13, in book 9, pages 53 to 53H, inclusive, of maps in the office of the County of Mono Recorder.

019-100-008:

THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 25 EAST, MDM IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF.

019-100-019:

THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER AND THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AND THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 25 EAST MDM, IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT OF SAID LAND FILED IN THE DISTRICT LAND OFFICE.

019-100-020:

THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER; THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER; THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER; THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER; THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, ALL IN SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 25 EAST, MDM, IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF. EXCEPT THEREFROM THAT PORTION OF SAID LAND CONVEYED TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN DEED RECORDED MARCH 29, 1961 IN BOOK 50 PAGE 224 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS.

019-110-016:

**PARCEL 1:**

THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 26 EAST MDM, IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF.

**PARCEL 2:**

THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 26 EAST MDM, IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE DISTRICT LAND OFFICE ON DECEMBER 17, 1857.

**PARCEL 3:**

THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 26 EAST, M.D.M., IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLACE THEREOF.

**PARCEL 4:**

THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, ALL IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 26 EAST, MDM, IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF.

**PARCEL 5:**

THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THE WEST HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THE EAST HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; ALL IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 26 EAST, MDM, IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF.

**PARCEL 6:**

THE EAST HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; ALL IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 26 EAST, MDM, IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF.

011-200-09 & 10:

THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 25 EAST, MDM, IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF. EXCEPT THEREFROM, THAT PORTION OF SAID LAND AS CONVEYED TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN DEED RECORDED MARCH 29, 1961 IN BOOK 50 PAGE 224 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS.

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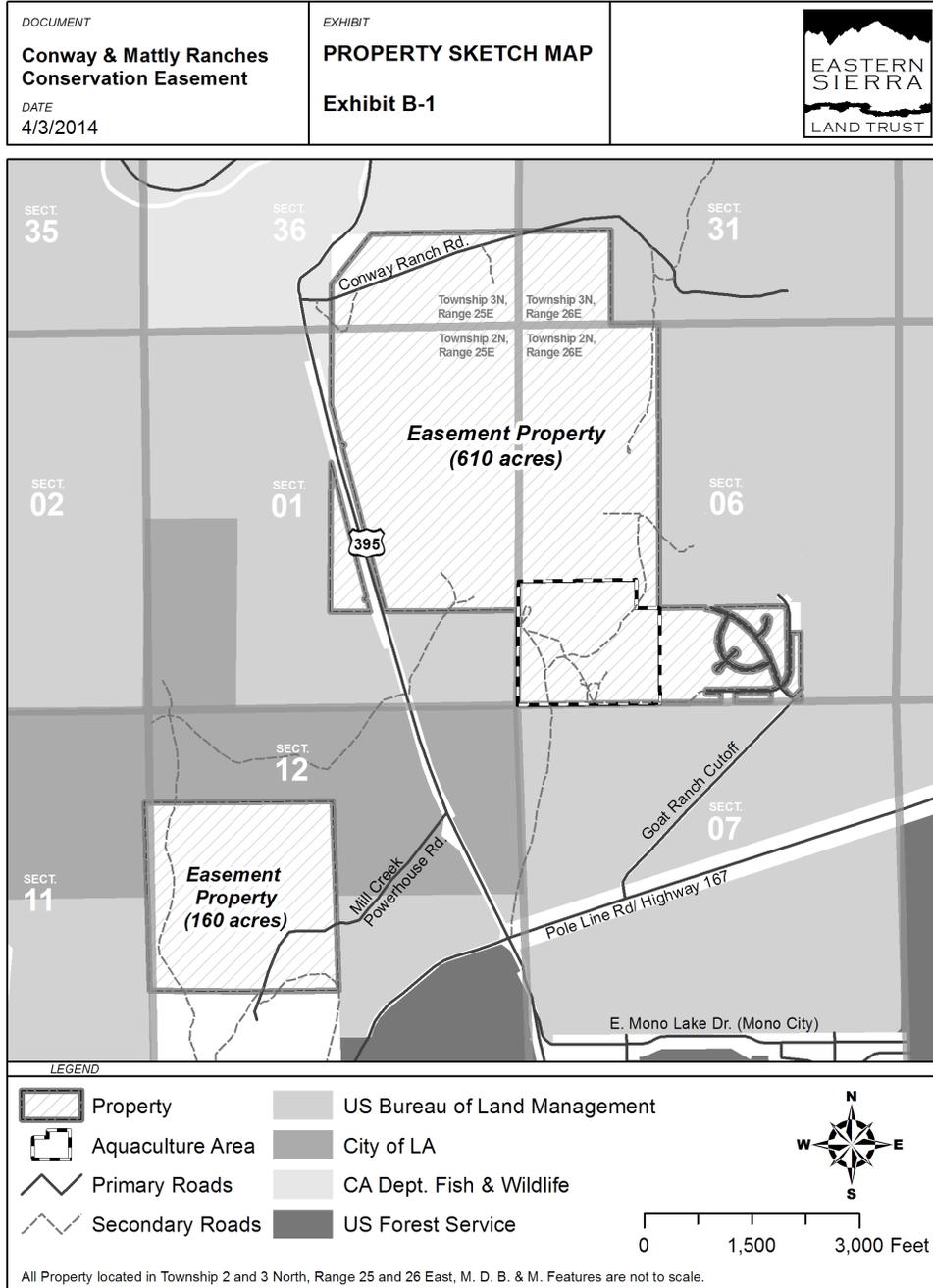
THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 26 EAST, MDM, IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF.

Lots in Tract 34-13:

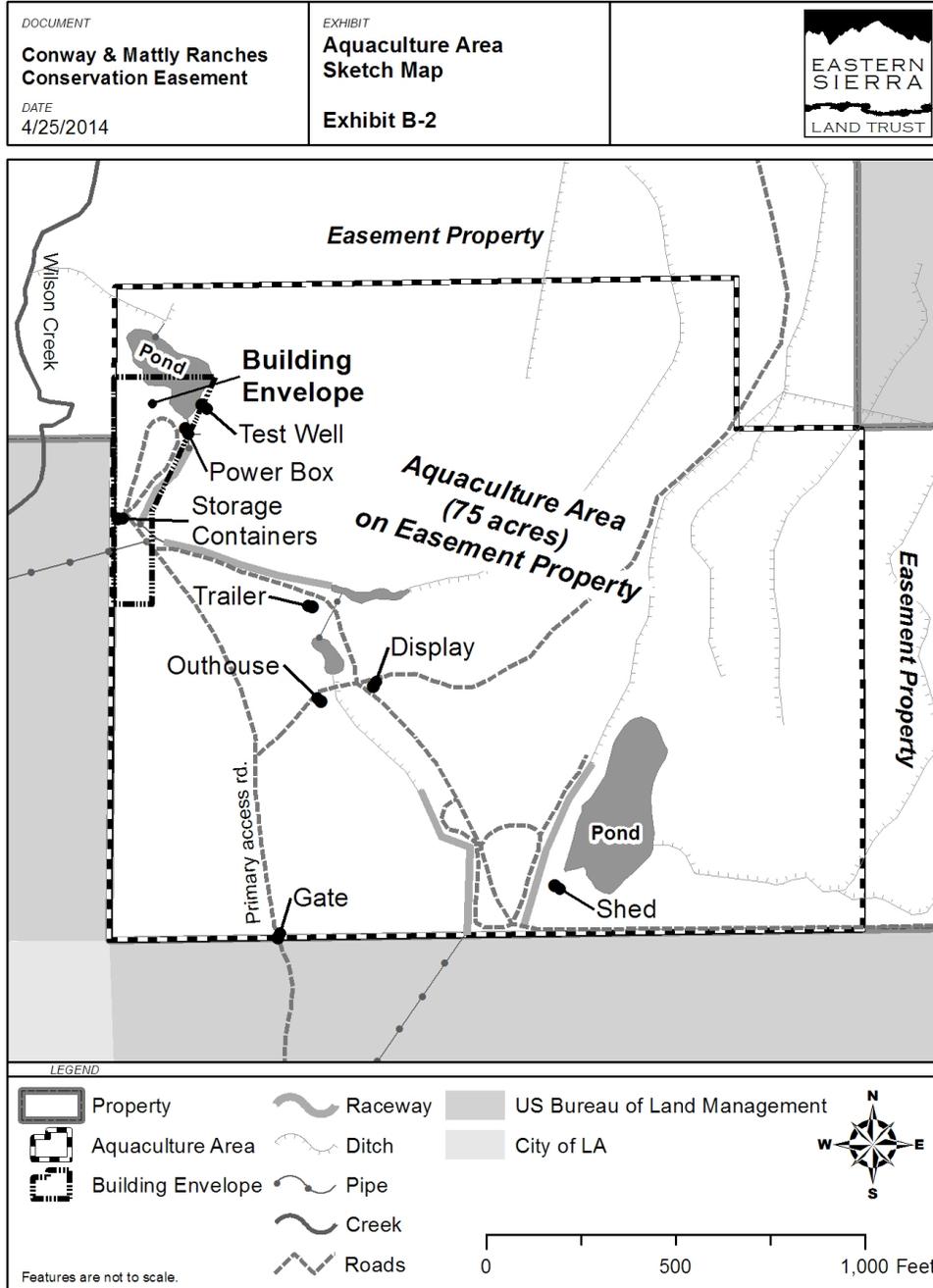
LOTS A, B, 5 THROUGH 14, INCLUSIVE, 17 THROUGH 21 INCLUSIVE AND LOTS 24 THROUGH 108, INCLUSIVE, IN TRACT NO. 34-13, IN BOOK 9, PAGES 53 TO 53H, INCLUSIVE, OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.

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# EXHIBIT B-1 Property Sketch Map



## EXHIBIT B-2 Aquaculture Area Sketch Map



## **EXHIBIT C**

### **Legal Description of Aquaculture Area**

All of that portion of the southwest 1/4 of Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, more particularly described as; Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 6; And the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 6; And the northwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of section 6; And the South 400 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 6; And the South 400 feet of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 6; in the County of Mono, State of California, according to the Official Plat thereof, approved December 17, 1857. Containing approximately 74.67 acres.

**EXHIBIT D**  
 Mill Creek Adjudicated Water Rights

Priority Right	Right Holder	Quantity of Right	Cumulative DWP	Cumulative Conway	Cumulative Total
(Mono Co.)					
1st	LADWP	1	1	0	1
2nd	Mono Co.	2	1	2	3
3rd	BLM	2	1	2	5
4th	Mono Co.	8	1	10	13
5th	LADWP	9.2	10.2	10	22.2
6th	Simis	1.8	10.2	10	24
7th	LADWP	14	24.2	10	38
8th	Mono Co.	5	24.2	15	43
9th	USFS	12.6	24.2	15	55.6
10th	LADWP	18	42.2	15	73.6
11th	Mono Co.	1	42.2	16	74.6

TOGETHER WITH all right, title and interest to a portion of the water rights appurtenant to the Property as follows: a total of 4.0 cubic feet per second ("cfs") (the "Conveyed Water Rights") of the 14 cfs of water annually which is an allocated proportion of the pre-1914 appropriative and adjudicated water rights as confirmed and adjudicated pursuant to the Mono County Superior Court in Hydro Electric Company vs. J.A. Conway, et al., Judgment and Decree No. 2088 rendered by said Superior Court on June 17, 1915, but entered *nunc pro tunc* as of November 30, 1914 (the "Decree") which awarded John A. Conway 14 cfs to waters flowing in Mill Creek for reasonable and beneficial purposes on the land referred to in the Decree. A summary of the water rights adjudicated by the Decree is attached hereto and incorporated herein at Exhibit B. The Conveyed Water Rights are more particularly the following:

(A) a total of 3 cfs of the 12 cfs decreed to be owned by J.A. Conway under the Decree, which are "Priority 2" rights, which are further agreed to be the sixth (6th) cfs, the seventh (7th) cfs and the eighth (8th) cfs of said 12 cfs; and

(B) a total of 1 cfs of the 2 cfs decreed to be owned by J.A. Conway under the Decree, which are "Priority 9" rights, which is further agreed to be the first (1st) of said 2 cfs.

SUMMARY OF WATER RIGHTS  
FOR MILL CREEK

Based on: Case #2088  
Hydro Electric Co. v. John A. Conway et al  
(November 30, 1914)

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Decreed Owner</u>	<u>Amount (cfs)</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	N.C.P.C.	1	1
2	J.A. Conway	12	13
3	Hydro Electric Co.	6	19
4	Mary Felosina	2.4	21.4
4	A.G. Allen	1	22.4
4	Thomas Sylvester	1.6	24
7	Hydro Electric Co.	14	38
8	F.D. Mattly	4	42
9	J.A. Conway	2	44
10	L.W. Dechambeau	10.6	54.6
11	Mary Felosina	2	56.6
12	F.D. Mattly	1	57.6
13	J.S. Cain	6	63.6
14	Hydro Electric Co.	1	64.6
other	Pacific Power Co	300	Power
	Pacific Power Co.	300	Irrigation
	Pacific Power Co	300	all surplus for power

TOGETHER WITH all right, title and interest to a portion of the water rights appurtenant to the Property as follows: a total of 12 cubic feet per second ("cfs") (the "Mill Creek Conveyed Water Rights") of the 18 cfs of water annually that is an allocated proportion of the pre-1914 appropriative and adjudicated water rights as confirmed and adjudicated pursuant to the Mono County Superior Court in *Hydro Electric Company v. J.A. Conway, et al.*, Judgment and Decree No. 2088 rendered by said Superior Court on June 17, 1915, but entered *nunc pro tunc* as of November 30, 1914 (the "Mill Creek Decree") which awarded John A. Conway 14 cfs and F.D. Mattly 4 cfs, to water flowing in Mill Creek for reasonable and beneficial purposes on the land referred to in the Mill Creek Decree. A summary of the water rights adjudicated by the Mill Creek Decree is attached hereto and incorporated herein at Exhibit B.

The Mill Creek Conveyed Water Rights are more particularly the following:

(A) a total of 7 cfs of the 12 cfs decreed to be owned by J.A. Conway under the Mill Creek Decree, which are "Priority 2" rights, which are further agreed to be the first (1<sup>st</sup>), second (2<sup>nd</sup>), fifth (5<sup>th</sup>), ninth (9<sup>th</sup>), tenth (10<sup>th</sup>), eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) and twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) of said 12 cfs as identified in Exhibit B attached hereto.

(B) a total of 3 cfs of the 3 cfs decreed to be owned by F.D. Mattly under the Mill Creek Decree, which are "Priority 8" rights as identified in Exhibit B attached hereto;

(C) a total of 1 cfs of the 2 cfs decreed to be owned by J.A. Conway under the Mill Creek Decree, which are "Priority 9" rights as identified on Exhibit B attached hereto, which are further agreed to be the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) of said 2 cfs; and

(D) a total 1 cfs of the 1 cfs decreed to be owned by F.D. Mattly under the Mill Creek Decree, which is "Priority 12" rights as identified on Exhibit B attached hereto.

TOGETHER WITH all right, title and interest in and to a portion of the water rights appurtenant to the Property as follows: a total of 3 cfs (the "Virginia Creek Conveyed Water Rights") of the 6 cfs of water annually that is an allocated proportion of the pre-1914 appropriative and adjudicated water rights as confirmed and adjudicated in *United States v. Walker River Irrigation, et al.* Case in Equity, C-125 ("Walker River Decree"), which final decree was entered April 14, 1936 and amended April 24, 1940, to waters flowing in Virginia Creek for reasonable and beneficial purposes on the lands referred to in said decree.

The Virginia Creek Conveyed Water Rights are more particularly the following: a total of 3 cfs of the 6 cfs of water from Virginia Creek decreed to J.A. and R.P. Conway under the Walker River Decree, which consists of the first (1<sup>st</sup>), third (3<sup>rd</sup>), and fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) cfs of said 6 cfs. As provided in the Walker River Decree, of the 3 cfs of the Virginia Creek Conveyed Water Rights, 1.56 cfs has a relative priority date of 1860 and 1.44 has a relative priority date of 1863.

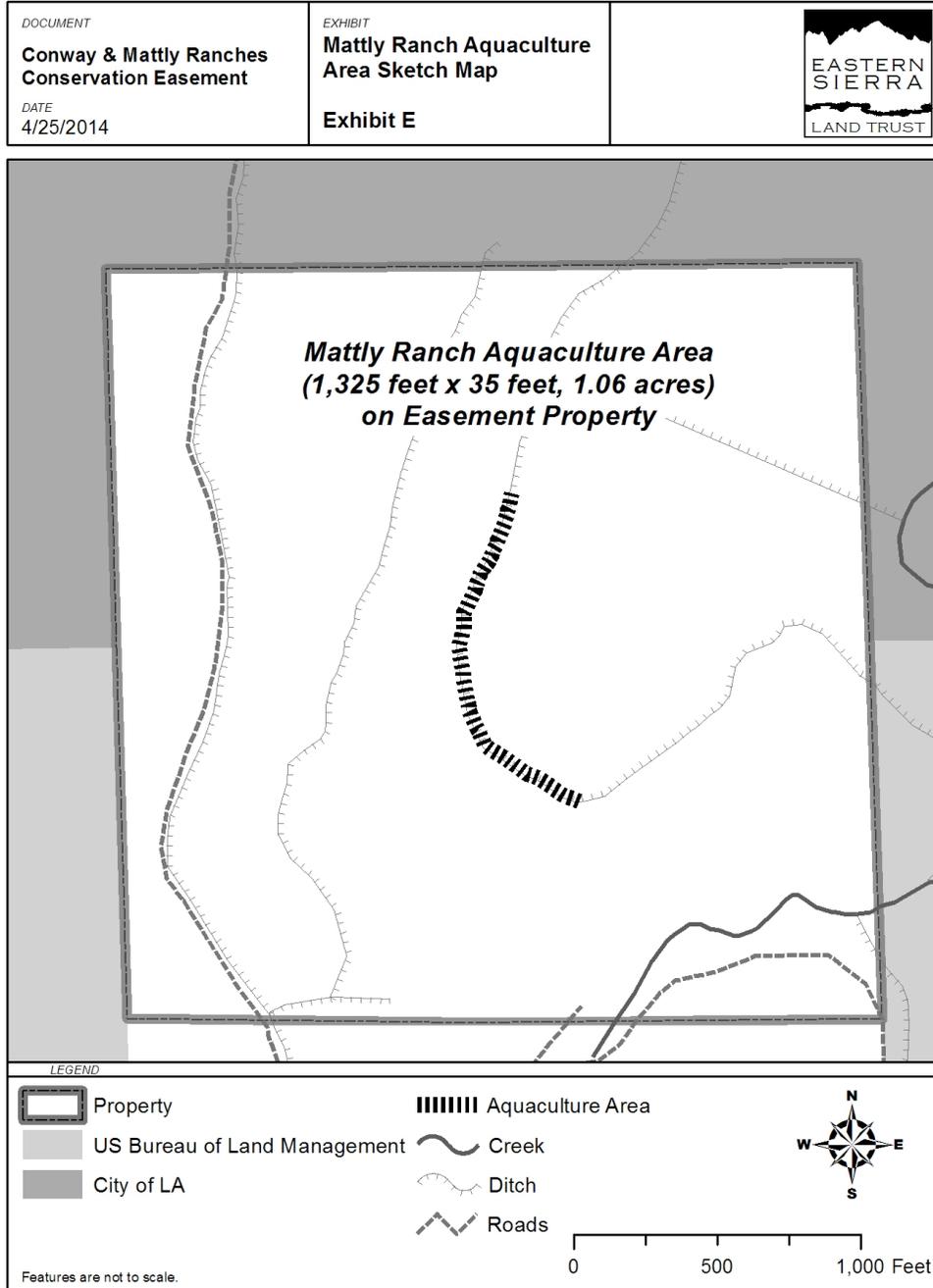
TOGETHER WITH all right, title and interest in and to a portion of the water rights appurtenant to the Property as follows: a total of 2 cubic feet per second ("cfs") (the "Mill Creek Conveyed Water Rights") of the 14 cfs of water annually that is an allocated proportion of the pre-1914 appropriative and adjudicated water rights as confirmed and adjudicated pursuant to the Mono County Superior Court in *Hydro Electric Company v. J.A. Conway, et al.* Judgment and Decree No. 2088 rendered by said Superior Court on June 17, 1915, but entered *nunc pro tunc* as of November 30, 1914 (the "Mill Creek Decree") which awarded John A. Conway 14 cfs to water flowing in Mill Creek for reasonable and beneficial purposes on the land referred to in the Mill Creek Decree. A summary of the water rights adjudicated by the Mill Creek Decree is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B.

The Mill Creek Conveyed Water Rights are more particularly the following: a total of 2 cfs of the 12 cfs decreed to be owned by J. A. Conway under the Mill Creek Decree, which are "Priority 2" rights, which are further agreed to be the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) of said 12 cfs as identified in Exhibit B attached hereto; and

TOGETHER WITH all right, title and interest in and to a portion of the water rights appurtenant to the Property as follows: a total of 3 cfs (the "Virginia Creek Conveyed Water Rights") of the 6 cfs of water annually that is an allocated proportion of the pre-1914 appropriative and adjudicated water rights as confirmed and adjudicated in *United States v. Walker River Irrigation, et al*, Case in Equity, C-125 ("Walker River Decree"), which final decree was entered April 14, 1936 and amended April 24, 1940, to waters flowing in Virginia Creek for reasonable and beneficial purposes on the lands referred to in said decree. The Virginia Creek Conveyed Water Rights are more particularly the following: a total of 3 cfs of the 6 cfs from Virginia Creek decreed to J.A. and R.P. Conway under the Walker River Decree, which consists of the second (2nd), the fourth (4th), and the sixth (6th) cfs of said 6 cfs. As provided in the Walker River Decree, of the 3 cfs of the Virginia Creek Conveyed Water Rights, the second (2nd) cfs has a priority date of 1860 and the fourth (4th) and the sixth (6th) cfs have a priority date of 1863.

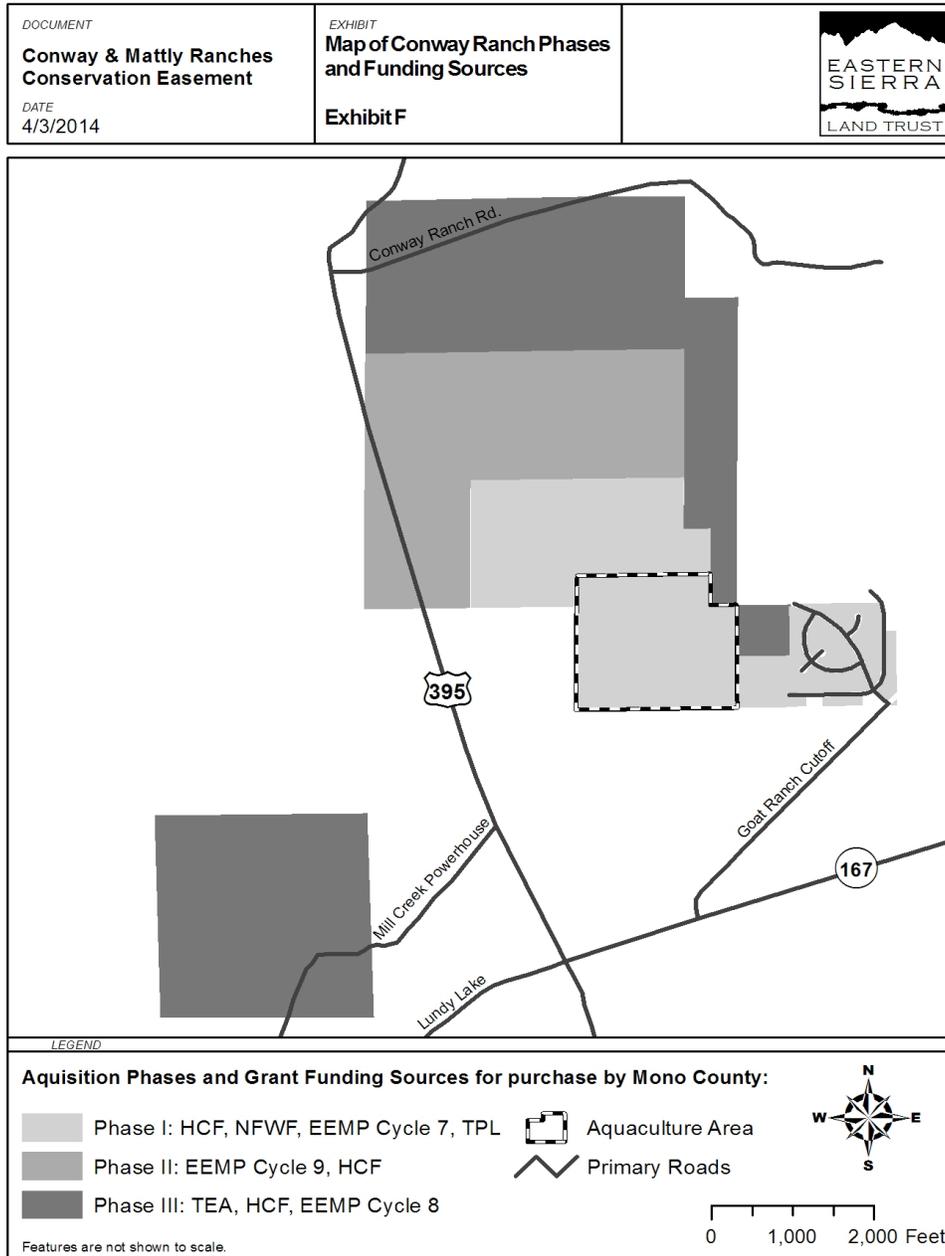
# EXHIBIT E

## Mattly Ranch Aquaculture Area Sketch Map



# EXHIBIT F

## Map of Conway Ranch Phases and Funding Sources



**EXHIBIT G**  
Approval of Funders

The undersigned Funders hereby approve the foregoing Grant Deed of Conservation Easement:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
THOMAS P. HALLENBECK

Title: District 9 Director \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT H**  
Acknowledgement of Baseline Documentation Report

**Conway and Mattly Ranches  
Conservation Easement**

**Baseline Documentation Report**

Acknowledgement of Property Condition

In compliance with Section 1:170A-14(g)(5) of the federal tax regulations, the undersigned accept and acknowledge that this Baseline Documentation Report is an accurate representation of the property at the time the Conservation Easement was transferred to the grantee on June \_\_\_, 2014.

Grantor:

COUNTY OF MONO, a political  
subdivision of the State of California

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: Chair, Board of Supervisors

Grantee:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Kay Ogden*  
*Executive Director*  
Eastern Sierra Land Trust

Grantee \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aaron Johnson  
*Lands Director*  
Eastern Sierra Land Trust

**EXHIBIT I**  
Prior Encumbrances

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