

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program
Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control,
River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)**

Applicant: AMERICAN RIVER CONSERVANCY
Project Title: PURCHASE OF GOLD HILL RANCH AND
WAKAMATSU TEA AND SILK FARM COLONY SITE
Application Number: SNC 080146

PROJECT SCOPE

The project is located in El Dorado County near the town of Coloma. The 271 acre ranch contains a small lake, six undeveloped springs, and unique low elevation large wet meadow areas that feed two major tributary streams of the American River. The acquisition will protect and improve the water quality in the American River watershed by allowing for appropriate management. The project will also preserve two historic sites of national and international value – the first Japanese settlement in North America, the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony (1869) and the gravesite of Okie Ito, the first Japanese person to pass away on American soil. The Gold Hill ranch is a working ranch in an area of active residential development. This project will preserve the open landscape and allow for the development of a range of educational and recreational activities

Outcomes delivered through the SNC grant:

- Acquisition of 271 acres (El Dorado County APN 089-010-06)

Additional Project Benefits:

- Protection of streams and wet meadows in the American River watershed
- Protection of native fish species and species of special concern
- Protection of blue oak woodlands and associated wildlife
- Protection of and future public access to historically significant cultural resources
- Increased recreational access / opportunities
- Development of a public park facility

PROJECT DELIVERABLES AND SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Include specific tasks identified in scope and all reports, etc.	The Project Schedule will be set at the time the agreement is finalized.
Review of Transaction Documents by SNC	
Close of Escrow	
Final Report	

SNC PORTION OF PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
SNC portion of purchase price .	\$ 1,000,000
SNC GRAND TOTAL	\$ 1,000,000

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
Private Donations	\$ 433,000
Bureau of Land Management appropriation	1,857,000
TOTAL	\$ 2,290,000

PROJECT SUPPORT LETTERS

- State Office of Historic Preservation (National Register Eligibility Letter)
- Congressman Doris Matsui
- Makoto Tamanaka – Consul General of Japan
- Assemblyman Alan Nakanishi
- County Supervisor Ron Briggs
- Japanese American Citizens League (National Chapter)
- National Japanese Historical Society
- Dr. John Van Sant (Wakamatsu Colony Historian)
- Gold Hill Wakamatsu Colony Foundation (Board Resolution of Support)
- Mary Jean Eisenhower – President of People-to-People International
- Robert Wisell – President High Serra Resource Conservation and Development Area
- El Dorado Chamber of Commerce
- Gold Trail Union School District
- Dr. Susan Lindstrom and Jean Starns – Archaeologists and Historians

PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

There are four Performance Measures common to all grants. In addition, grantees are required to include between one and three project-specific measures. Performance Measures listed here represent those proposed by applicants and may be modified through further discussion with SNC staff.

- Linear feet of Stream Bank Protected
- Acres of Land Conserved
- Number of Special Significant Sites Protected or Preserved