



**sacramento valley
conservancy**

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Frequently Asked Questions About SVC

Q: What is the Sacramento Valley Conservancy (SVC)?

A: SVC is a private, nonprofit land trust.

Q: What is the organization's mission?

A: To preserve the beauty, character and diversity of the Sacramento Valley landscape by working with citizens, property owners, developers, public agencies and other nonprofit organizations. The Conservancy was founded in 1990 on two basic principles – that open lands are necessary for quality of life and that we must care for the land today so future generations may enjoy its physical and spiritual benefits tomorrow.

Q: What function does SVC perform?

A: SVC works cooperatively with private landowners throughout the Sacramento Valley, and public and private funding sources to purchase land from willing sellers. SVC's acquisition and fundraising efforts – currently centering on the Sacramento region - are driven by our 21st Century Open Space Vision. This vision identifies the critical remaining agricultural, biological, recreational, and scenic open space resources in the county that are essential to the quality of life in the region.

Q: How is acquired land used?

A: The land is used by SVC as dedicated open space for agricultural, natural resource protection, recreation, and wildlife habitat purposes.

Q: How is land acquired by SVC?

A: Through gifts, private purchase, facilitation of public acquisition, conservation easements, and cooperative efforts.

Q: Who are the largest donors?

A: The David & Lucille Packard Foundation, Sacramento Regional Community Foundation, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Wildlife Conservation Board), Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, California Department of Water Resources, CALTRANS, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Great Valley Center, the County of Sacramento, the Trust for Public Land, the US Environmental Protection Agency and over 3,800 individual and corporate community donors.

Q: What is the acquisition funds total to date?

A: Over \$27 million

Q: How many acres have been preserved in the Sacramento region through SVC?

A: Over 17,000 acres, and growing.

Q: What is SVC's 2017 Budget?

A: \$699,000

Q: Why is it important to maintain natural, recreational, and agricultural lands?

A: Our region's quality of life and long-term economic prosperity rely upon our efforts to establish natural, agricultural and recreational preserves today before our opportunity is gone forever. Sacramento County contains the only free-flowing river on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada, the Cosumnes, which is edged by rare valley oak forest. It also hosts rare vernal pools ringed by native spring flowers, rugged blue oak woodlands at the base of the foothills, and a river and creek system ideal for creation of a regional trail network. Sacramento also lies at the heart of the Central Valley, which contains the most productive farmland on Earth and the Sacramento River Delta-water supply of California.

Q: Are these lands open for public use?

A: Lands are open for public use, as appropriate for the habitat and agriculture on some site. We have docent tours at Deer Creek Hills monthly highlighting birding, history hikes, flower outings, equestrian rides, Mt biking and special evening outings. Check our Event Calendar at www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org or contact the SVC Office at 916/731-8798. Camp Pollock is open to the public every day.

Q: Where can I find out more about SVC and get involved?

A: Please see our website at www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org for the latest on our outings, volunteer and donor opportunities, and projects, or call 916/731-8798.