



Dear Supporter,

Over the past 20 years, the American River Conservancy (ARC) has worked to protect the Cosumnes River - one of the last undammed rivers on the west slope of the Sierra Nevada.

Immediately east of Sacramento, the Cosumnes River serves as a rare biological model of a free-flowing river. One of our goals is to protect this 80-mile long river, from its headwaters in the El Dorado National Forest, downstream to its confluence with the Mokelumne River. This river supports an assemblage of native fish including Chinook salmon, steelhead, and rainbow trout. It supports rare amphibians, reptiles, song birds, and mammals from the Sacramento Valley to alpine meadows at 7,200' elevation.

Over the past 10 years, ARC has completed the purchase of 13 properties, protecting 7,000 acres and over 7 miles of Cosumnes River frontage. In the next 12 months ARC expects to complete the purchase of two additional ranch properties including: the 1,737 acre Ervin Ranch with 0.75 mile of river frontage and a 3,157 acre portion of the El Dorado Ranch with 2.3 miles of river frontage.

Your help is needed with the El Dorado Ranch Acquisition. ARC has secured 96% of the \$4,680,000 State-approved purchase price from the following sources:

- \$2.5 million grant from the State Wildlife Conservation Board;
- \$850,000 grant from the California Natural Resources Agency;
- \$500,000 grant from the California Wildlife Foundation;
- \$500,000 discount from the Seller as a donation to ARC;
- \$63,250 grant from the El Dorado County Oak Woodland Program;
- \$66,750 from ARC. (Total purchase funding to secured to date: \$4,480,000- 96%)

ARC must close escrow by the end of September, 2018. Your financial support is needed to raise the last 4% of the purchase price of \$200,000 before the end of September.

Once acquired, the El Dorado Ranch and Ervin Ranch will become a new **Wildlife Area**, the first in El Dorado County. These two ranches will also provide scenic landscapes for the **first public trails park** in the Upper Cosumnes River Watershed.

We have attached photos of the subject El Dorado Ranch, taken by Douglas Parks, and a map showing the El Dorado and Ervin Ranch properties and other properties previously protected by the American River Conservancy. Please help us meet this challenge and donate to the American River Conservancy today. 100% of your donation will go towards the purchase price of the El Dorado Ranch property.

You can make a secure donation on-line through [www.ARConservancy.org](http://www.ARConservancy.org), or mail to the address provided below. Thank you for helping ARC protect this free-flowing river and natural California landscape. Best wishes,

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