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**Local Conservation Group Acquires Site of Future El Dorado Ranch Trailhead Facility**

**Coloma, CA. July 11, 2025.** American River Conservancy (ARC) recently completed the acquisition of 30 acres in El Dorado County, the site of the future El Dorado Ranch Trailhead Facility. Escrow closed on June 27, 2025, and was the result of an incredible show of community support with all funds to purchase the property coming from private, individual donations – a truly local conservation success story. The 30-acre parcel was purchased for \$150,000.

Located along Highway 49 near the North Fork Cosumnes River, the planned facility will provide parking and trailhead improvements that will allow the public to access the future El Dorado Ranch State Wildlife Area. Future outdoor enthusiasts will have the opportunity to traverse the south end of Logtown Ridge, revealing sweeping views of the Cosumnes River canyon, rolling hills, unbroken blue oak woodlands, and riparian habitats. ARC has already secured funds from California Natural Resources Agency's Recreational Trails and Greenways grant program for project planning and construction costs and is seeking the additional match funding necessary to complete the project.

El Dorado Ranch is the single largest landholding in west El Dorado County. To date, ARC has purchased and permanently protected 4,128 acres of El Dorado Ranch across four transactions. Phase 5A, slated to close in 2026, represents the second to last transaction to protect the entire ranch and will add an additional 1,984 acres. Once all phases of acquisition are complete, the ranch will be transferred to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and be managed as a part of its Wildlife Area and Ecological Reserve system, which protects over 1 million acres across the state.

"Protecting open space and wildlife habitat is more important now than ever. We're so grateful to our community of supporters who have helped ARC complete this acquisition," said Elena DeLacy, Executive Director of ARC. While it's a small piece of a much larger vision, this project is integral to connecting more people to nature and providing access improvements for the future El Dorado Ranch State Wildlife Area."



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### **About American River Conservancy (ARC)**

ARC is a non-profit environmental organization that preserves healthy ecosystems in the upper American River and upper Cosumnes River watersheds through land conservation, stewardship, and education. Based in Coloma, California, since 1989, ARC has completed more than 90 conservation projects and contributed over 35 miles of trails, while safeguarding over 30,000 acres of native fisheries, endangered species habitat, agricultural lands, cultural resources, and recreational landscapes. ARC offers public hikes, hands-on workshops, community events, and environmental education programs for people of all ages. Support ARC by volunteering, donating, and discovering more at [ARConservancy.org](https://www.arconservancy.org).

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