



CRCC signatory organizations may request support letters for their conservation easement or other projects on private ranches at least fifteen days prior to application deadline. Please complete the questions and review the Guiding Principles below to affirm the request meets these criteria. Send request to: palvarez@carangeland.org.

1	Project Name:
2	1. Name of CRCC Signatory organization requesting letter: Contact Name: Email / Phone:
3	Name and address for the letter:
4	Who are the key partners on the project? Land owners and the cattle operators: Funding organization (s): Other:
5	Circle the purpose for the proposal funds. Appraisal Easement Purchase Other (specify):
6	Describe your project in 100 words or less and how it achieves the conservation goals of the Rangeland Resolution.
7	Ranch location. (County and general description or map) What proportion (general %) of the project ranch is within CRCC focus area?
8	List other letters of support. Are you aware of local opposition or concerns by the local cattleman's association and/or Farm Bureau?
9	Does this project meet the Guiding Principles below? Yes No (circle)
10	May the project be posted on the website or is it 'confidential'? Yes No (circle)

CRCC Guiding Principles for approving letters of support for easement-related projects:

The Rangeland Coalition Steering Committee may approve project letters of support meeting the minimum criteria listed below and on a consensus basis:

- a. Located within the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition focus area
- b. Conducted on private lands
- c. Grazing must be a "conservation value" in the easement, or there must be other assurances that reasonable grazing will always be allowed.
- d. Rancher grazes project site/property
- e. Project lead is signatory to the California Rangeland Resolution

- f. Project has environmental benefits (water, air, species, etc.)
- g. Voluntary participation on the part of landowner

CRCC Letter of Support process:

- a. These types of letters may be initiated by individual representatives or committees. If individual Rangeland Coalition representatives are seeking a project letter of support, they are responsible for initially drafting the letter and providing background information and assistance to Rangeland Coalition staff to complete the letter.
- b. Rangeland Coalition Directors are responsible for circulating the letter for approval from the Steering Committee and, if appropriate, other Committees. The staff will make the final edits and send the letter to the designated individual(s) with one or more staff signatures. Final letters will be posted at www.carangeland.org.
- c. Generally, support letters will be provided by e-mail with a turnaround time of at least ten (10) days. However, there may be certain instances when this timeframe may take longer, but in limited instances it may be shortened.
- d. If a Committee member objects to a proposed Rangeland Coalition support letter within the proposed signatory turnaround time, the letter will be tabled until an understanding has been reached, allowing the signatory to have a neutral or supporting stance. If this is unattainable, the support letter will be tabled indefinitely.