



ECORP Consulting, Inc.
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

Preserving in Perpetuity: Use of Conservation Easements in CRM

Lisa Westwood, RPA

Cultural Resources Manager

lwestwood@ecorpconsulting.com

(916) 782-9100



Perpetual Conservation Easements

- ◆ A special legal document that is attached to a specific piece of land that serves to voluntarily restrict its development in perpetuity
 - Dictates what can and cannot be done
 - Specifies requirements for long term maintenance

- ◆ Held by a third party, tasked with upholding the restrictions and maintenance forever

- ◆ Many benefits to all parties, including tribes

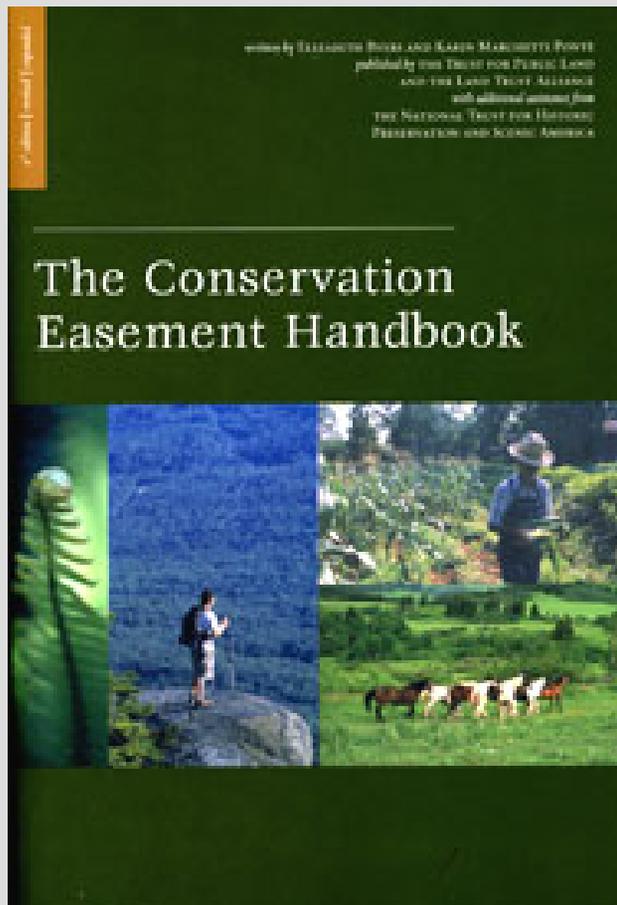


The Process

- ◆ Step 1: host a meeting, build relationships
- ◆ Step 2: define and assess the value
- ◆ Step 3: determine scope/cost to maintain
- ◆ Step 4: draft and negotiate in writing
- ◆ Step 5: record and fund the CE
- ◆ Step 6: maintain and monitor forever



Resources



“The Conservation Easement Handbook”

A detailed guide for establishing and maintaining a conservation easement program, the handbook provides technical guidelines for drafting conservation easements - complete with case studies, sample documents and references to landmark court decisions.

555 pp. plus document CD-ROM; \$49.95 from the Land Trust Alliance, www.landtrustalliance.org.