

**Project:** Sugarloaf Ridge State Park  
The Trust for Public Lands/Stern Ranch  
Property

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**Approving Board:** State Public Works Board

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**Actual Acquisition date:** 3/31/2010

This notice relates to a possible authorization from the State Public Works Board to acquire approximately 362.30 acres as an addition to the Sugarloaf Ridge State Park. This addition along with the other properties contained within Sugarloaf Ridge SP are important for the protection of the State's wildlife habitat.

**Bond Section providing funding: Public Resources Code Section 75063[a]**

The proposed acquisition satisfies the criteria of PRC Section 75063, subsection [a] [3] as the property will contribute to the protection of important, representative natural resources of the Stern Ranch property by preventing development that would interfere with the existing habitat, watershed, scenic nature of the surrounding community, and water quality. The acquisition would also benefit the existing state park (criteria Section 75063[a][1]) by protecting the view shed of existing park land.

**Fulfillment of Public Resource Code Section 75071:**

This project is being undertaken in order to enhance the characteristics outlined in PRC Section 75071 [a] and [b]. The property is located in Sonoma County and is contiguous with the easterly property line of Sugarloaf Ridge State Park. Acquisition of this property is a priority because it will:

[a] Link and contribute to linking existing protected habitat areas. Purchase of this property will further connect Sugarloaf Ridge State Park with Sugarloaf Ridge and forever preserve the scenic vista of this former Ranch property.

[b] Contribute to the long-term protection and enhancement of the watershed for the entire Sugarloaf region. This property sits on a steep hillside overlooking the Sonoma Valley and Wine production region