

CPAD v. 1.3 Release Notice

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Finding parks and other protected open lands anywhere in California just became much easier with the release of a newly updated California Protected Areas Database (CPAD), published by the non-profit organization, GreenInfo Network. CPAD is the only comprehensive, high-resolution, statewide GIS data showing all of California's protected areas, from the smallest urban park to the largest national park or wilderness area.

A total of 49,000,000 acres of protected open land are now inventoried in CPAD (just under half of California's total land area) – this total is made up of 51,000 separate holdings or parcels, that are grouped into 14,200 units (e.g., a specific named park or preserve), and are owned by 850 governmental agencies and non-profit organizations. CPAD only contains data about lands protected for open space purposes and owned in fee by agencies and organizations – it does not contain data about conservation easements.

ParkInfo.org Website: In addition to the new protected lands data, GreenInfo's ParkInfo website – www.parkinfo.org – has also been updated and now includes public campground data for the entire state, as well as an option to explore the data in a Google Earth view.

What's New in CPAD

CPAD v. 1.3 has the following improvements:

- **Major data updates** for holdings of all federal and agencies, and numerous regional agencies;
- **Alignment to assessor parcels** in most counties;
- Extensive improvements in the inventory of **regional and county parks** suburban and exurban areas of California, including many new special district agency lands;
- A completed **National Designation** attribute field.
- A more complete listing of **managing agencies**;
- Added functions and information on the **www.Calands.org web site**, including an interactive directory of the agencies and organizations whose holdings make up CPAD, allowing users to provide updated contact information in a simple online form, as well as to report data issues with CPAD.

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DOWNLOAD: CPAD is freely available for download and non-commercial use – see the CPAD License Agreement for details (agreement is on www.calands.org, along with a detailed manual on the data set).

CPAD USES: The protected areas data is suitable for general planning and analysis by government agencies, non-profits, private businesses, planning consultants and many other users, including individuals with access to GIS technology. The public web site www.parkinfo.org allows any user with Internet access to find and view interactive maps of publicly accessible protected areas.

NOT OFFICIAL OWNERSHIP DATA: CPAD data is not a replacement for and does not override official land ownership data for any individual agency – users needing the most up to date, or official boundaries must contact relevant agencies for that information. CPAD data may not be fully up to date or accurate and is provided “as-is” to users.

NATIONAL PROGRAM: CPAD is also an element in a national program to improve protected land inventories – learn more at www.protectedlands.net

FUTURE UPDATES: CPAD is updated as funding becomes available – there is no dedicated source of ongoing support for CPAD. GreenInfo Network may not be able to respond to any special data requests, unless those requests are able to provide payment for the time required to process them.

If your agency, organization or foundation would like to join the CPAD Partnership to ensure that CPAD is maintained into the future, please contact GreenInfo Network! (email to: cpad@greeninfo.org)

A statewide map showing the CPAD is available. Printed and laminated copies of this 20"x30" high resolution map are available for \$30 each, including shipping and handling – order by sending a check made out to “GreenInfo Network” to:



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CALIFORNIA'S TOP 50 PROTECTED AREAS OWNERS – August 2009

Agency	Acres
United States Forest Service	20,774,019
United States Bureau of Land Management	15,151,602
United States National Park Service	7,556,153
California Department of Parks and Recreation	1,397,201
California Department of Fish and Game	628,150
California State Lands Commission	619,914
Los Angeles - Dept. of Water and Power, City of	402,427
United States Fish and Wildlife Service	332,904
United States Bureau of Reclamation	204,911
The Nature Conservancy	143,783
The Wildlands Conservancy	128,324
Imperial Irrigation District	103,456
East Bay Regional Park District	87,168
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection	72,471
San Diego, City of	66,794
California Department of Water Resources	61,552
San Francisco - Public Utilities Commission	55,619
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District	51,905
United States Army Corps of Engineers	47,408
Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Dept.	43,026
Santa Catalina Island Conservancy	42,266
Vista Irrigation District	40,964
San Diego, County of	36,018
Orange, County of	34,771
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	30,124
East Bay Municipal Utility District	26,562
Riverside, County of	25,442
Marin Municipal Water District	21,521
Los Angeles, City of	19,775
Peninsula Open Space Trust	19,354
University of California	18,910
Contra Costa Water District	18,272
San Luis Obispo, County of	18,051
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	17,520
The Conservation Fund, California	17,153
Marin County Open Space District	17,142
Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District	15,285
Los Angeles, County of	14,619
Other State	14,026
San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Dept.	13,481
Trust for Public Land	12,477
Monterey County Water Resources Agency	12,460
United States Department of Defense	12,209
Central Valley Flood Protection Board	11,698
Santa Clara County Open Space Authority	11,095
Center for Natural Lands Management	10,842
Friends of the Desert Mountains	9,212
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	9,170
Monterey, County of	9,028
Stanislaus, County of	8,407

PROTECTED AREAS BY ACCESS TYPE, BY COUNTY – August 2009

County	Open	Restricted	No Access	Unknown	Grand Total
Alameda	77,223	34,776	1,582	317	113,899
Alpine	440,627			1,661	442,288
Amador	88,118		37	130	88,284
Butte	214,987	3,773	749	1,318	220,827
Calaveras	263,207	12,435			275,643
Colusa	110,105	10,451	559	1,678	122,792
Contra Costa	81,135	27,909	11,777	878	121,700
Del Norte	500,127		27	274	500,428
El Dorado	554,726		1,356	472	556,553
Fresno	1,532,011	2,488	860	4,030	1,539,390
Glenn	230,800	1,582		2,174	234,556
Humboldt	598,208		2,936	776	601,920
Imperial	1,508,814		31,635	44,723	1,585,172
Inyo	5,923,512			84,996	6,008,508
Kern	1,125,479	133,182	18,977	7,917	1,285,556
Kings	10,362				10,362
Lake	394,998			2,066	397,064
Lassen	1,749,675			25,443	1,775,118
Los Angeles	859,922	4,177	6,721	9,511	880,330
Madera	514,863			217	515,080
Marin	153,427	1,456	6,689	1,903	163,474
Mariposa	494,380		1,072	439	495,890
Mendocino	381,999		20,065	7,426	409,490
Merced	67,143	35,987	3,153	661	106,944
Modoc	1,680,420	41,088		2,124	1,723,632
Mono	1,849,893		80	11,516	1,861,489
Monterey	407,120	10,937	8,379	2,801	429,238
Napa	97,816	8,702	10,924	8,453	125,895
Nevada	213,458		4,461	505	218,424
Orange	115,005	8,733	59	2,369	126,166
Placer	403,167	24	2,924	92	406,207
Plumas	1,198,626			3,562	1,202,187
Riverside	2,736,224	1,156	17,595	91,663	2,846,638
Sacramento	34,649	15,391	495	8,990	59,524
San Benito	110,354				110,354
San Bernardino	8,334,676	1,591	786	271,407	8,608,459
San Diego	1,267,946	13,173	22,174	4,863	1,308,155
San Francisco	5,610	9			5,619
San Joaquin	5,715	37	9,499	1,875	17,126
San Luis Obispo	509,200		7,372	5,360	521,933
San Mateo	48,917	39,514	19,725		108,155
Santa Barbara	668,199	125,266	1,432	3,726	798,624
Santa Clara	145,574	32,421	17,944		195,939
Santa Cruz	62,000	1,914	7,495	1,979	73,387
Shasta	1,008,589		68	8,788	1,017,445
Sierra	442,609			1,438	444,047
Siskiyou	2,556,753		548	3,079	2,560,380
Solano	34,240	9,152	11,016	5,234	59,641
Sonoma	73,789	9,891	12,283	5,387	101,350
Stanislaus	45,381	7,802	99	335	53,618
Sutter	5,841	2,712	1,811	171	10,535
Tehama	302,668	4,115	1,882	235,435	544,100
Trinity	1,558,452			500	1,558,952
Tulare	1,530,262	2,770	9,529	2,522	1,545,082
Tuolumne	1,096,974	2,369		1,002	1,100,346
Ventura	628,768	3,772	3,329	403	636,272
Yolo	50,946	608	2,521	4,192	58,268
Yuba	68,793	5,755	4	1,774	76,325
Grand Total Acres	47,174,482	617,118	282,628	890,554	48,964,782