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An update to the California Conservation Easement Database (CCED) has been published by GreenInfo Network (www.GreenInfo.org). CCED is the statewide GIS database of all known easements in California. It includes conservation, scenic, agriculture, and forestry easements.

CCED contains data outlining parcels with an easement over part or all of the parcel. A total of 2 million acres are inventoried – this total is made up of nearly 12,000 separate easements, and are managed by 215 governmental agencies and non-profit and other organizations. For lands conserved in fee title, see www.CALands.org to learn more about the California Protected Areas Database (CPAD).

What's New

This is the third update to CCED and is a significant enhancement. Substantial improvements include:

- 500,000 new easement acres from over 100 agencies
- New agencies data: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Tahoe Conservancy, Golden State Land Conservancy, Homeowner Associations (various), Marin Agricultural Land Trust, Riverside Conservation Authority
- Updated 50 agencies: American Farmland Trust, Ducks Unlimited, Trust for Public Land, The Nature Conservancy, National Conservation Easement Database, and Wildlife Conservation Board
- Acquired permission to include easement data from CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Reviewed and include over 7,000 easements from SanGIS and SANDAG
- Removed duplicate easements (easements reported by multiple agencies). Secondary easement holders are now tracked in the field `s_esmthldr1`. *Note: small slivers remain in some areas when the overlapping is less than 100 acres*
- Standardized core fields: easement holder (agency name), access, county
- Developed agency level tracking for easement holders in California to facilitate outreach
- Conformed attributes to the NCED national data framework, with all data received processed to standardize fields, attributes, and domains

