



California Land Ownership

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| Local Government | US Bureau of Land Management |
| Non-Profit Conservancies and Trusts | US Bureau of Reclamation |
| CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife | US Department of Defense |
| CA Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection | US Fish and Wildlife Service |
| CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation | US Forest Service |
| Other State Lands | US National Park Service |
| US Bureau of Indian Affairs / Tribal | Other Federal Lands |

This ownership dataset was generated primarily from California Protected Areas Database (CPAD) data, which already tracks the majority of ownership information in California. CPAD is utilized without any snapping or clipping to Federal Responsibility Areas (FRA) / State Responsibility Areas (SRA) / Local Responsibility Areas (LRA). CPAD has some important data gaps, so additional data sources are used to supplement the CPAD data. Currently this includes the most currently available data from Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Defense, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife. Additional sources may be added in subsequent versions. Decision rules were developed to identify priority layers in areas of overlap.

Starting in 2022, the ownership dataset was compiled using a new methodology. Previous versions attempted to match federal ownership boundaries to the FRA footprint, and used a manual process for checking and tracking federal ownership changes within the FRA, with CPAD ownership information only being used for SRA and LRA lands. The manual portion of that process was proving difficult to maintain, and the new method was developed in order to decrease the manual workload, and increase accountability by using an automated process by which any final ownership designation could be traced back to a specific dataset.

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