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GILL RANCH CONSERVATION BANK APPROVED BY U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

SACRAMENTO, CA, NOVEMBER 9, 2007: Conservation Resources, LLC announces that Phase I of the Gill Ranch Conservation Bank has been approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The bank allows Conservation Resources, LLC to sell mitigation credits for the preservation in perpetuity of habitat for endangered, threatened and other species including habitat for Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp (*Branchinecta lynchi*), a small branchiopod crustacean protected under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). The Gill Ranch Conservation Bank Phase I occupies approximately 1800 acres of the 10,400 acre Gill Ranch located in Southeastern Sacramento County just east of the community of Wilton. The Service Area for the new conservation bank as determined by the USFWS Recovery Plan for Vernal Pool Ecosystems - south east Sacramento Valley, covers a broad area

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from Marysville to the Calaveras River east of Lodi and from Auburn to San Andreas.

Chris Vrame, Managing Member of Conservation Resources, LLC, said, "By approving this new bank the USFWS has recognized the importance of the Gill Ranch in preserving endangered or threatened habitat in the Sacramento region."

Conservation Resources, LLC with over 13,000 acres of preservation properties in Sacramento and surrounding counties has been preserving habitat for endangered or threatened species, including the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle, Swainson's hawk, and the Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp for over 13 years. The company operates several mitigation banks and also provides third party or turnkey mitigation on several preserves in the Sacramento area.

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