

# Butano Farms

PESCADERO, CA



## CONSERVATION HIGHLIGHTS

Encompasses the Willow Patch, one of the largest intact riparian habitats on the San Mateo Coast. It provides critical habitat for steelhead trout, California red-legged frog, and the endangered San Francisco garter snake.

Has been farmed for at least 100 years, and includes over 500 acres of grazing land.

This property also contains two middens, remnants of the extensive populations of Ohlone Native Americans that farmed these lands and lived in communities throughout the San Francisco and Monterey Bay Regions for centuries.

## AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY

This property includes 60 acres of farmland and over 500 acres of grazing land. POST has three tenants on this property; one on 25 acres, another recently selected farmer on 35 acres and a rancher who grazes cattle.

Butano Farms boasts a history as one of the world's biggest producers of straw flowers under the Dias family, who emigrated from Portugal and farmed the land for three generations, from 1885-2010.

## POST'S IMPACT

When Noel Dias died in 2010, the farm was in danger of being lost to luxury estate development. POST worked with the heirs to purchase the property, ensuring that this land remains in agricultural production.

We recently partnered with the Resource Conservation District to obtain a grant to restore the Butano Creek ecosystem by reconnecting the creek to its historic floodplain on Butano Farms. POST's work on Butano Farms also includes erosion control, invasive species removal and habitat restoration.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**903.5**  
Total acres protected

**50**  
Total farmland acres

**140**  
Acres Willow Patch habitat

**500**  
Acres of grazing land

**\$937,926**  
Grant for habitat and flood-plain restoration

## PROTECTION

**\$9.97 Million**  
POST purchased Butano Farms in December 2012