

Land bordering El Dorado, Amador counties protected from development

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A conservation group has purchased more than 1,000 acres of Cosumnes River canyon land from a Sacramento developer, protecting the rural property from development.

The American River Conservancy completed the purchase of 1,059 acres of land from Angelo K. Tsakopoulos for \$4.8 million on Aug. 29. The purchase of the land protects another 1.5 miles of river canyon from residential development on the North and Main forks of the Cosumnes River, immediately east and west of Highway 49 in El Dorado and Amador counties, according to a press release from the conservancy.

The lands are in the southern part of the 7,868-acre El Dorado Ranch, historically known as the Cook ranch. Tsakopoulos purchased the ranch from the McCuen family in 2005.

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