

# FERNANDEZ RANCH

## HERCULES, CALIFORNIA



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01 Fernandez Ranch with corral in the foreground

02 Scouting upland trails

03 Existing creek conditions

As the prime consultant the Restoration Design Group piloted the project team in the development of comprehensive creek restoration, public access, and long term property management plans for the 702-acre Fernandez Ranch.

RDG set forth restoration strategies for highly unstable reaches of Rodeo Creek and local tributaries. The team performed geomorphic surveys and developed a series of design concepts to encourage positive long-term change to this highly incised creek network.

Developed in partnership with Alta Design + Planning and the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, the public access plan includes over 3.5 miles of multi-use trails as well as a new segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Key features of the plan include picnic areas, a staging area for equestrians and park day users, and a bridge that spans Rodeo Creek to provide emergency vehicle access to the majority of the ranch.

The property management plan incorporates detailed site assessments and articulates

specific strategies to maintain and monitor the property. The plan addresses creek restoration, public access, habitat protection, and cattle grazing.

This exemplary project was awarded over \$1.92 million in funding from the California River Parkways Grant Program. RDG spearheaded the grant application process, procuring significant funds for design and construction of the creek restoration and public access plans.