

# Chimineas Ranch Foundation

## California Open Zone Deer Tag Auction



This auction presents an opportunity to bid on one of only four California Open Zone Deer tags available this year. The successful bidder will have the privilege to hunt in ANY 2026 California deer zone, using the legal method of take for that zone and season, and within the season dates for that zone.

### Eligibility and Requirements

California residency is not required. However, all bidders must satisfy the requirements, including hunter safety certification, to be eligible for either a resident or non-resident hunting license. This tag is non-transferable and will only be awarded after the California Fish and Game Commission finalizes the annual mammal hunting regulations, which typically occurs in May. All existing regulations for the take of deer apply as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

### Benefits and Use of Proceeds

Funds generated from this auction will be deposited in the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Big Game Management Account. This dedicated account supports the management and conservation of big game species throughout California.

### Exclusive Advantage

With this tag, the winning bidder gets the opportunity to hunt in California's most coveted deer zones without the need to accumulate preference points or go through a statewide drawing.

### Refund Policy

The full bid will be refunded to the winning bidder should a hunting season not be implemented for the species and/or location as advertised.

### Auction Information

The auction will be held at the Chimineas Ranch Foundation banquet on February 7, 2026, at the Elks Lodge, 1309 North Bradley Road, Santa Maria, CA. Banquet tickets may be purchased by going to our website at [chimineasranchfoundation.org](http://chimineasranchfoundation.org) and selecting Banquets, or by sending in a banquet order form, or by calling the number below.

Interested bidders are encouraged to attend in person as there will be a limited number of call-in bidding lines. For further information about the banquet or Open Zone tag, please contact Terry Palmisano at 408-425-3513.