

# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL LAND TRUST



Seasonal Newsletter: 25th Anniversary Edition

Fall 2015



WE NEED YOUR HELP.

**THE LAND TRUST IS WORKING TO PROTECT AN ADDITIONAL 9,000 ACRES**  
OF ESSENTIAL WILDLIFE HABITAT AND RANGELAND IN BUTTE AND TEHAMA COUNTY.  
YOUR CONTRIBUTION DIRECTLY SUPPORTS THIS CRITICAL WORK, NOW ... AND FOREVER.

## MEET THE NEW PROGRAMS MANAGER: **PAUL KIRK**

### **What dreams do you have for the Land Trust?**

My biggest immediate dream is to help secure the 9,000 acre Pine Creek Linkage Project and be a part of such a historic conservation effort. I also want to develop an outreach and education program that will allow the community to enjoy the public spaces we are protecting. I envision offering guided walks and educational programs for local schools.

### **What experience do you bring to the organization?**

I studied Agriculture for a year at CSU, Chico before graduating with a degree in Biology. I got a teaching credential, taught public school for 12 years, and brought environmental education into my curriculum. I returned to CSU, Chico and completed a masters in Botany in 2003. Since then, I have worked in natural resource management.

### **What are your favorite local outdoor activities?**

Morning walks along the horse trail in Lower Bidwell Park. I love the gallery oak forest there. I also canoe on the Sacramento River and enjoy seeing the riparian forest and picnicking on the gravel bars.



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Snow Geese in flight. Photo credit: Dean Smith

## UPCOMING EVENTS: SNOW GOOSE FESTIVAL January 27-31, 2016

Mark your calendars for this educational, local, family-friendly event! Birders and nature enthusiasts of all ages are invited to attend the 17th Annual Snow Goose Festival, one of the premier birding events in California. This action-packed 5-day event celebrates the millions of waterfowl migrating along the Pacific Flyway that call the Northern Sacramento Valley their home during the winter months. It also gives our local community an opportunity to rediscover the abundant treasures the North State has to offer all year round, from wholesome foods and delectable wines to inspirational artists and gifted musicians. And with the wide variety of engaging youth activities, there truly is something for everyone at the Snow Goose Festival!

### Say hello to the Land Trust at....

#### THE FIELD TRIP AT LLANO SECO RANCHO

Check our Facebook page for updates about our involvement.

### For more information/registration

Go to [www.snowgoosefestival.org/](http://www.snowgoosefestival.org/) and join the mailing list. Call (530) 345-1865 or email [info@snowgoosefestival.org](mailto:info@snowgoosefestival.org)

## GIVING TUESDAY December 1, 2015

"GivingTuesday is a global day dedicated to giving back. On this day charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give."  
[www.GivingTuesday.org](http://www.GivingTuesday.org)

This GivingTuesday, join our critical "**Salt-of-the-Earth**" sustaining member network with a monthly donation of \$20 or more and your membership will be matched by anonymous donors at 60%!

Your contribution to the Northern California Regional Land Trust provides essential financial support for conserving the Sacramento Valley's rangelands, rivers, fields, and streams forever.

To upgrade your membership, go to [landconservation.org/donate-now/](http://landconservation.org/donate-now/)

## MEMBERS APPRECIATION HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday  
December 12/3,  
2015 at 4:30pm

Look for you invitation in the mail!

Enjoy wine and appetizers and let us thank you!



## 5TH ANNUAL **HARVEST DINNER** & **25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Our annual Harvest Dinner was quite the affair this year. We were graced with beautiful folk music from the Rock Ridge Bluegrass Band, a stunning lightning show, a scenic hay ride tour of Llano Seco Rancho, a delicious locally grown feast, and last but not least, our wonderful members. Thanks to Sigma Alpha for dedicating their time to the event. Special thanks to our major sponsors Golden State Farm Credit and Sierra Nevada Brewery, as well as The Nature Conservancy, Nicolaus Nut Company, Llano Seco Rancho, Western Nut Company, K-Coe & Isom, Eckert Malting and Brewing Company, Bertagna Vineyards, Long Creek Winery, Studio 22, Rock Ridge Bluegrass Band, Noble Orchards, Sierra Nevada Cheese Company, and Farmelot. Without them, and without members like you, our work at the Northern California Regional Land Trust would not be possible. If you enjoyed the Harvest Dinner or enjoy the work we do, please donate. Together we make a difference.

TOGETHER, IN THE PAST **25 YEARS**, WE  
HAVE CONSERVED **16 THOUSAND** ACRES.

# IN THE WORKS: PROJECT UPDATES

## PINE CREEK LINKAGE PROJECT

With your help, The Land Trust will be able to conserve 9,000 acres of critical wildlife habitat and open rangeland by 2016. This work will preserve essential habitat for golden eagle, black bear, mountain lion, salmon, songbirds, and California's largest migratory deer herd.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP: WORKING LANDS CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Together, we are building partnerships with private landowners, agencies, non-profits, and educational organizations to conserve and enhance our North State's natural resources.

## FARM LANDS CONSERVATION

We are working with private landowners, the California Farmland Conservation Program, and the USDA to conserve prime agricultural lands and economic value for our local community.

## STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL PARTNERSHIP

We are helping the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council to carry out their mission of ensuring that California's watershed lands are conserved for public benefits: water, wildlife, rangelands, recreation, and economic value.

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