



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL LAND TRUST

Spring 2017 Newsletter

Keeping working lands working and wild lands wild ... for future generations!



Breaking News! Northern California Regional Land Trust conserved **over 8,600-acres** of Sierra-Cascade Woodland Rangelands!



Time to shed your winter coat and enjoy the sunshine & wildflowers. We want to wish you a happy spring, and share some exciting conservation news!

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UPDATE: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL LAND TRUST CONSERVES OVER 8,600-ACRES OF WOODLAND RANGELANDS!



The Northern California Regional Land Trust (**The Land Trust**) recently completed our orchestration of the permanent conservation of more than 8,600 acres of California's iconic Cascade foothill woodlands in partnership with local landowners, ranchers, hunters, nonprofit and private-sector partners, county personnel and representatives, as well as state and federal agency personnel.



John Sewell, the manager of a local ranch along the Butte-Tehama County line visited The Land Trust in 2012 to discuss practical avenues for permanently conserving the ranch and those of interested neighboring landowners. The manager's expressed conservation goals were tempered by practical aspects of the landowners' existing cattle operations.



Upon review of the approximately 5,500-acre ranch and surrounding properties, The Land Trust staff immediately recognized the extraordinary value in conserving these lands.



The area supports an enormous diversity of wildlife and botanical resources, and compelling scenic and open-space characteristics. These ranchlands are punctuated by springs, seeps, and small streams, that enhance the properties' structural diversity and provide excellent dispersion of water resources for management of both cattle and wildlife.

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The combination of habitat diversity and proximity to other protected lands to the north and east meet critical needs of wide-ranging wildlife species including golden eagle, prairie falcon, black bear, and mountain lion. These lands also provide critical winter range and migration corridors for the East Tehama Deer Herd, California's largest migratory deer herd.

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Northern California Regional Land Trust Programs

We are a nationally accredited Land Trust that helps landowners and their families develop financially viable paths for conserving their land.

Rangeland Conservation



The Land Trust works with landowners, ranch managers, conservation funders, and other partners to protect and enhance grasslands, woodlands, wildlife habitat, and other rangeland resources surrounding Northern California's Sacramento Valley.

What We Do:

The Northern California Regional Land Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that assists landowners in the voluntary conservation of land and other natural resources.

A primary part of our work is securing properties with high conservation value (e.g., ecological, agricultural, cultural, or aesthetic), through conservation easements or fee title acquisition. We orchestrate the process from the beginning to the end acquisition.

The Land Trust recognizes that conservation of our land resources is essential to our region's quality of life.

Farmland Conservation



For many landowners, property is their livelihood and legacy to be passed on to future generations. Nowhere is this more prevalent than in the agricultural community.

Wildland Conservation



The Land Trust works with landowners to conserve non-working landscapes comprised of conifer forests, mixed woodlands, wetlands, grasslands and riparian habitat. These areas provide scenic vistas, recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat, and clean water and air, which enhances the quality of life of residents and visitors in Northern California for generations to come.

Professional Conservation Services

The Land Trust Staff provides professional services in natural resource management and conservation including planning, monitoring and Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

Contact The Land Trust to find out more!



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The Northern California Regional Land Trust is blooming a new Spring Donation Drive.

Spring into action and renew your membership today! Donating means you become a valued member of our organization. You get the opportunity to participate in our quarterly hikes, receive our newsletters and updates, and to make a difference in your community. Your contribution is appreciated by us as much as the sun is to a spring flower, you give us a chance to grow and make our day a little brighter.

We're stronger together!

With a donation of \$100 or MORE, you will receive a complementary Land Trust hand-made calendar (see the newsletter for more information).

For those of you who have yet to renew your memberships, please go to www.landconservation.org and click "DONATE", or send a check to our new office.

Join our *Salt Of The Earth* (SOTE) members

What does that mean? It means you would be a part of a core group of donors who contribute monthly, and this is the root structure to our success.

Additionally, your donation will be matched at 33% by anonymous community pillars!

THANK YOU TO OUR INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTORS,
BUSINESS SPONSORS, DONORS &
SALT OF THE EARTH SUSTAINING MEMBERS!

The first 20 donors to renew their membership at any level, will be mailed a complementary hand-made Northern California Regional Land Trust 2017 calendar!

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(CONTINUED) THE LAND TRUST CONSERVES OVER 8,600 ACRES!

By 2013, representatives of a neighboring ranch came forward to express interest in conservation easements as a viable mechanism for conserving their property while maintaining ongoing cattle operations. At approximately the same time, California Wildlife Foundation Board Member, Lynn Barris, reached out to offer support for The Land Trust's conservation work. This was the start of an enormous effort to capture a superb conservation opportunity while setting new precedent for coordinated-community conservation.

As with all of its endeavors, The Land Trust's first step with the landowners and other project partners was to identify shared and complementary visions, goals, and objectives. This approach opens the door to an enormous spectrum of conservation partners, while



increasing our mutual understanding, which vastly expands the potential of The Land Trust's conservation work. This strategy is a simple exercise in civics: identify common interests, roll-up your sleeves, and work together.

Over the next four years, The Land Trust staff worked relentlessly to reach out to nonprofit partners, agency personnel, and community members and generate the support necessary to secure conservation easements on these neighboring ranches. Together, we succeeded in conserving a place of irreplaceable value and have expanded community capacity to do more.

The willingness, foresight, and cooperation of all partners has ensured that these lands, encompassing over 8,600 acres, will continue to provide open space, wildlife habitat, and scenic and agricultural values fundamental to our region's quality of life...forever!



Initial funding, provided by California Wildlife Foundation, catalyzed substantial support from a diverse spectrum of partners, including California Wildlife Conservation Board, Arthur L. and Elaine V. Johnson Foundation, Joseph and Vera Long Foundation, Sierra Nevada Brewery, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resource Conservation Service's Agricultural Lands Easement Program and the California Department of Conservation and Strategic Growth Councils' *Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALCP).



****This funding program is part of California Climate Investments, which uses proceeds from the state's cap-and-trade auctions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while providing a variety of additional benefits to California communities.***

For more information on practical technical and financial resources supporting landowners' efforts to conserve, protect, or enhance natural resources on farms, rangelands, and open space, call or email The Land Trust.

YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT OUR CONSERVATION WORK!

“\$1 Per Acre” Matching Campaign

A generous donor will match donations to help with our ongoing work and costs incurred completing the Rose & Garner Ranch Conservation Projects up to “\$1 Per Acre” = Over \$8,600 in matching funds!!

Donate Now & help us match this very generous support!

“Salt-of-the-Earth” Membership

Our “Salt-of-the-Earth” Members provide regular monthly donations, giving The Land Trust a pooled source of dependable support. Becoming a Member is an easy way to provide continuous support for land conservation in the North State.

To donate or become a member, visit us on the web at:
www.landconservation.org

Planned Giving and Endowment Contributions

Legacy Gifts, and Endowment Contributions are powerful means of supporting conservation and investing in our communities in a deep and meaningful way. The Land Trust's Staff can help you establish a lasting Legacy through your Will or Living Trust.

Become a Business Sponsor

The Land Trust's Business Sponsors have their brand or logo featured on The Land Trust's website, newsletter, and event posters showing their support for land & natural resource conservation in the North State.

For more information contact The Land Trust at:
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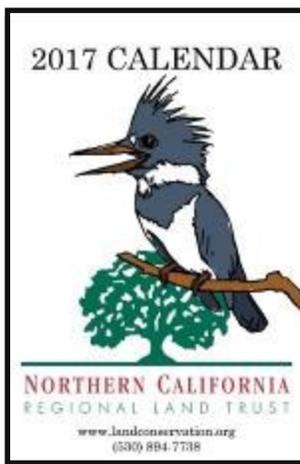
EVENTS

The Land Trust lead a hike at the historic Rancho Llano Seco during the 2016 Snow Goose Festival. We had a tremendous time visiting this beautiful & historic property. If you missed out this time, don't worry, we have our quarterly hike coming up.



FIELD TRIPS

Stay tuned for the next trip! Don't forget to become a member so you can have priority registration for our hikes. Being outside and enjoying nature reduces stress and increases well-being. For more information **contact:**
info@landconservation.org



Now Available - Beautiful 2017 Land Trust Calendars

Our 2017 Calendars featuring work by North State artist Sarena Rose Kirk
Support our work & share your love for the North State.





CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU TO SUPPORTERS OF THE ROSE & GARNER RANCH CONSERVATION EASEMENTS!

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and generosity to share our natural wealth with this generation and the next.”

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*Your financial contribution
provides essential support for conserving
Northern California's rangelands, rivers,
farms, fields and streams...
forever!*

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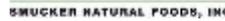
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done
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