

Northern Region Council Conference Call 9/28/16

Participants: Tom Smythe, Lake County Land Trust, Marion Vernon, Sonoma County Land Trust, Mike Cipra, North Coast Regional Land Trust, Nancy Correll, McKinleyville Land Trust, Renee Crowley, Sanctuary Forest, David McMurray, Carol Vander Meer.

Forest Conservation Conference- June 8-10, 2017

Marion Vernon, from Sonoma Land Trust will spoke about the Forest Conservation Conference, which will take place June 8-10, 2017, in Santa Rosa.

<http://sonomaforests.org/event/forest-conservation-conference/>

Marion will be taking the lead in organizing the conference and is in the process of working on topics and speakers. *Note, during the NRC face to face in Mt. Shasta, we agreed that we would hold our next face-to-face meeting in conjunction with the conference.* The theme is growing resilience in forest, woodlands, forest communities and economies. The conference is for practitioners, landowners, tribe members and others to share their diverse base of knowledge and how to apply it on the ground. There will be one day of field trips, and two days of talks, panels, workshops, etc.. There will be an email coming out soon to announce the conference and she noted that they really want to make it affordable and keep the registration fee to \$100.

Topics that were brought up to include at the conference:

- The impact of the marijuana industry (whether legalization happens or not) and the impact on forest conservation.
- Forest Carbon Action Plan
- Cal Fire's Forest Legacy program and workshops about submitting applications
- A funding track, a review of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund with Russ Henly
- A presentation from Sanctuary forest regarding their innovative programs of protecting in stream flows.
- Contact Del Norte organizations, such as the Smith River Alliance (Grant Wershell).

There are plenty of opportunities for NRC to participate including tabling, sponsorships, and giving presentations. Members of the NRC are encouraged to send Marion ideas at: marian@sonomalandtrust.org. Carol will keep in touch with Marion and keep NRC members updated.

Trail Guide Funding Update

Carol gave an update about the funding for the trail guide. She has had a difficult time with getting on the agenda of the local Humboldt County Convention and visitors bureau and it doesn't look like the guide by itself is a candidate for the Explore the Coast grant. Nancy Correll agreed to do what she could to ask Mark Carter if he could get the request for the guide on the Agenda for consideration from the Humboldt County Visitors bureau. Sonoma county has also pledge some funding for the guide.

Member Updates

- Nancy shared that **McKinleyville Land Trust** is preparing for the grand opening of their Cha-GAH-cho trail. They also have a Pints for Nonprofits coming up on November 10th at 6-rivers brewery.
- **North Coast Regional Land Trust (NCRLT)** is pleased to announce that the Oak woodland Restoration Bill, cosponsored with the Buckeye Conservancy was passed. The governor has signed it. The legislation makes legal for land owners to remove conifers that encroach on oak woodlands without redoing their THP. It was an interesting process to be a part of. NCRLT's Boots and Birkenstocks is October 8, tickets are going fast.
- Renee Crowley excited to have rejoined the **Sanctuary Forest board**. They just recently had a successful house meeting to raise funds for their work.
- Tom Smythe is the new Executive Director of the **Lake County Land Trust**. He is still getting the lay of the land and preparing for their annual dinner on October 8.

Upcoming Conference Call: November 16, 2pm