

Northern Region Council News- March 2016

News from CCLT:

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF LAND TRUSTS SUPPORTS STRONG ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS IN MEASURE BEFORE VOTERS TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - After thorough review, the California Council of Land Trusts has adopted a position of support for the "Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act" (AUMA) proposed for the November 2016 state ballot as the measure with strong environmental protections and the means of enforcement and remediation of damages to California's natural resources. While CCLT has no view on the personal use of marijuana, they are supporting this measure because of the strong environmental protections it provides. Agencies must develop protocols for permitting and enforcing environmental protections. An excise tax will be divided among a number of public uses, with slightly less than one-fifth of the funds to be used for environmental purposes by the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and CA State Parks and Recreation to clean-up and remediate the impacts of marijuana cultivation on natural resources, discourage and prevent illegal cultivation on public lands, and for enforcement by CDFW and a multi-agency task force.

Take it Outside California April 30 & May 1st

CCLT is promoting a weekend for land trusts to schedule events that encourage the public to get outside and enjoy what land trusts and their partners have conserved. Learn how to register your Take it Outside California event at: **TakeitOutsideCA.com**



Upcoming NRC Face-to-Face Mt. Shasta- May 6&7



Reserve your spot now for what promises to be a great face-to-face meeting hosted by the Siskiyou County Land Trust. We will be out in the field touring projects that highlight restoration projects with easements including partnerships with the Pacific Forest Conservation Trust and The Nature Conservancy. Please let Carol know you are planning on coming: carol.vandermeer@gmail.com

NRC at Poster Session at Salmon Federation Conference April 6-9, Fortuna, CA



The Northern Region Council poster will highlight some projects from groups in the Northern Region that have restored salmon populations and their habitat. Land trusts that have projects they would like to see included should contact Kerry McNamee, k.McNamee@ncrlt.org, NO LATER than 4/25. More about the conference at: <http://www.calsalmon.org/>

NRC Member Updates

Friends of the Dunes

Friends of the Dunes is part of a multi-agency **Dunes Climate Ready study** to help better understand coastal dynamics in order assess coastal vulnerabilities and prepare for climate change. Public education and outreach are a vital part of this study. The next public education event is a tour in the field on Saturday, March 26, from 1-3pm at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center. Learn more about the progress of the Dunes Climate Ready grant by going out in the field to view the native beach grass nursery site and see a demonstration of how topographic, and vegetation data are collected and used in the study.



The annual **Get Outside Gear Sale** will be Saturday, April 9, 11-3 at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center. This fundraiser features gently used gear to help you enjoy getting outside. Plan to come to the event to score some great gear, or donate your gently used gear to benefit Friends of the Dunes stewardship and education program. More at: www.friendsofthedunes.org.

Northcoast Regional Land Trust

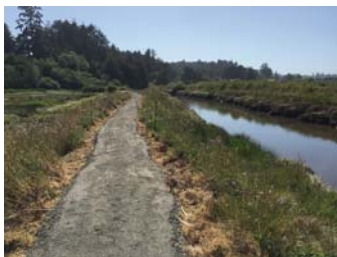
Freshwater Farms Reserve Volunteer Days

Join NRLT and other community members in helping to make Freshwater Farms Reserve a place that you and your family use, enjoy and take care of. We welcome individuals, businesses, community organizations and service groups to participate.

March 19, 2016 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Freshwater Farms Reserve:

Join us at the new Nature Trail along Freshwater Slough for a rewarding day of invasive plant removal, native planting and more! Hosted by NRLT and the CCC Watershed Stewards Program.

April 23, 2016 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Freshwater Farms Reserve: Come out and help us prepare for the official Grand Opening of our Nature Trail on May 1st.



Freshwater Farms Reserve Nature Trail Grand Opening

Sunday, May 1, 2016 ~ 1:00-5:00 pm ~ 5851 Myrtle Avenue,

Freshwater: On Sunday, May 1 the Northcoast Regional Land Trust will be hosting a grand opening for the newly developed nature trail at their Freshwater Farms Reserve property. The gathering will include a plein air art event, locally produced food, live music, guided walks and short presentations. This property is a very

special place that highlights the scenic and pastoral land of Humboldt County; we hope you will join us for this celebration on the land!

May 18, 2016 - 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Pints for Non-Profits, Mad River Brewing Company: Come have a beer with NRLT to celebrate conservation. \$1 of each beer sale goes to NRLT. Live music and food.



Partnership Brings 2.6 Million to Northcoast to Restore Oak Woodlands: Thanks to a new partnership, \$2.6 million will be available to private landowners with oak stands being invaded by Douglas firs and other conifers in Humboldt, Mendocino and Trinity counties. Partners in the North Coast Oak Woodland Conservation Project include University of California Cooperative Extension, CAL FIRE, the Watershed Research and Training Center, the North Coast

Regional Land Trust, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Mattole Restoration Council, Yager/Van Duzen Environmental Stewards, and the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District. More at: www.ncrlt.org

Trinidad Coastal Land Trust

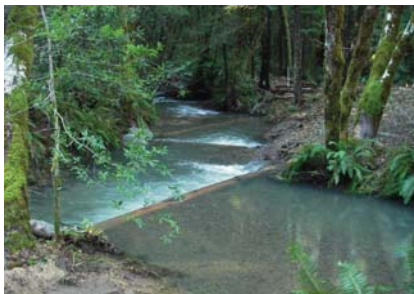
TLC's new office is open! Located in the Simmons Gallery building, behind the Trinidad Library. Office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am-3pm. The new office phone number is 707-677-2501. Other happenings include a summer docent program, public access trail projects for Green Diamond's Strawberry Rock parcel as well as the California Coastal Trail extension from Clam Beach to Trinidad.



Get the latest updates by checking the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust Facebook page.

Sanctuary Forest

Sanctuary Forest was recently granted funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) for the Mattole Headwaters Streamflow Enhancement Planning and Implementation Projects. The planning project will make possible the development and permitting of 6 streamflow



enhancement projects located on 5 tributaries and the headwaters of the Mattole River. This project would not have been possible without financial support from the Weeden Foundation, Patagonia Foundation, Bella Vista Foundation, the Mattole community, and dedicated donors. In addition, Nick's Interns, a program for local youth to get involved with their community and give back to the environment, were instrumental in helping Sanctuary Forest implement the pilot

project at Baker Creek. Subscribe to the newsletter at: <http://www.sanctuaryforest.org>

McKinleyville Land Trust (MLT)

The McKinleyville Land Trust held its 15th annual dinner and fundraiser on Sunday, March 6. A large crowd braved the stormy weather to support the land trust, peruse silent auction items donated from many local businesses, and hear a passionate presentation about the California condor from staff of the Yurok Tribe.



Senior Yurok Wildlife Biologist Chris West and Yurok Biologist Tiana Williams-Claussen spoke on "The Return of the Pre-Go-Neesh - Efforts to Restore the California Condor to the North Coast." The land trust would like to thank the excellent presenters, many dedicated volunteers, local businesses and all our attendees for making the event such a success. The purpose of the McKinleyville Land Trust is to conserve local open spaces for ecological, historical, agricultural, educational, recreational and scenic values. For more information can be found at mlandtrust.org.

Sonoma Land Trust



Sonoma Land Trust proudly endorses [Measure AA: People for a Clean and Healthy Bay](#). People for a Clean and Healthy Bay is a coalition of environmental, business and labor leaders working together to pass Measure AA, which will be on the June 7, 2016 ballot in the nine Bay Area counties. This modest, \$12/year parcel tax will

generate critically needed funding for the restoration of San Francisco Bay wetlands, benefiting people, wildlife and the Bay Area economy.

Check out the wide array of conservation projects happening at Sonoma Land Trust at:

<https://sonomalandtrust.org/enews/2016/1602/1602.html>

Mendocino Land Trust

The Land Trust will be hosting their annual environmental potluck and awards ceremony on Saturday, March 19 at Russian Gulch State Park. This year they are honoring Sheila Semans, with this year's "Matt Coleman Environmental Service Award" for her many years of service in the field of coastal conservation and for her



work in engaging the community at the Noyo Center for Marine Science. Congressman Jared Huffman will be joining them for the event. Learn more about Mendocino Land Trust events by signing up for their e-newsletter at: <http://www.mendocinolandtrust.org/>

Mattole Restoration Council

Read the latest about the great work happening on the Mattole Estuary Project to return the Mattole estuary back to a healthy estuary/lagoon with deep pools and extensive riparian and slough habitat. <http://www.casalmon.org/Mattole-Estuary-Project>

Submit Your NRC News Items!

If you would like to submit items to be included in the quarterly Northern Region Council News, send your items and photos to: carol.vandermeer@gmail.com

Also, be sure to check out the NEW NRC website at: www.northernregioncouncil.org to check for upcoming events, archives of past newsletters and to renew your NRC membership!