

NRC Conference Call Notes 2/27/18

Participating in the call: Tom Smythe, David McMurray, Galen Doherty, Bob Neale, Nancy Correll, Beth Bray, Dan Ehresman,

NRC Face to Face Hosted by Sanctuary Forest- May 19th, 2018

Carol reviewed the plans for the 2018 Face-to-Face meeting will be May 19th, with a meeting and social the night before at David McMurray's house in Whitethorn. He has a place with a big meadow for camping, screened in porch and some indoor accommodations. Renee Crowley also offered that folks could spend the night at her place in Garberville. So far it looks like 13 people are interested in attending and the limit is 15.

A general schedule of events includes:

Friday, May 18,

Arrive between 4-5, snacks and refreshments

5-6:30 round table NRC meeting, check-in

6:30pm Dinner* and Socializing- Vegetarian Lasagna, Salad, and grilled chicken

Saturday, May 19

9am-12- Field Trips

12- Lunch* time discussion: Where has the Northern Region Council been and where do we want it to go?

1-3:30 Field Trips and wrap- up

*participants will be asked to contribute \$15 for food.

Those who have confirmed they plan to attend include: Siskiyou land trust (possibly 2) North Coast Regional Land Trust (2), Carol Vander Meer, David McMurray, Jen Kuzmar, Nancy Correll, Galen Doherty, Reene Crowley, Tom Smythe, Bob Neal.

We acknowledged that given the venue, there really isn't space for spouses.

David would like to know who plans to camp, and who would like to request the limited indoor beds.

NEXT STEPS: Carol will coordinate with David and Galen to get a packet together with directions, what to bring, agenda, and field trip descriptions.

The future of the NRC:

Where we want to go in the future, especially now that the leadership has changed in California Council of Land Trusts?

Face to Face meetings- generally once per year continue to be very important to members

Special speakers on conference calls- Darla had spoken to the group in the past presenting mini talks with visual aids (ie cannabis impacts on land trusts). David mentioned that he is in touch

with Darla and she could do a talk on Drones and land conservation or mitigation banking. The was interest in members on the call to hear more on mitigation banking,

ACTION: David will follow up with Darla to let her know the group is interested, and better assess what topics she is prepared to speak on.

Advocacy with policy makers in Sacramento- It was acknowledged that things have changed with CCLT now that Darla is no longer spending time on advocacy and this may be an area where the NRC wants to pull together to be sure legislative issues are being monitored and the region is in a position to respond as needed.

Collection of data on trends in the region that would help inform land managers. Galen elaborated on this area that he mentioned during our last call. He felt it would be helpful for folks to share knowledge about trends in land values, how different economic factors are affecting land trusts (ie contractors and steel in the wake of the fires, impacts on land values with the volatile cannabis industry, timber values, etc...). Perhaps there could be a committee formed that would follow these issues and report on current trends.

ACTION: Those planning on attending the CCLT conference (Bob, Beth, Kerri, Tom, April, & Sandy) will keep their ears open to the issues of advocacy and land trends at the conference and report out at the next meeting scheduled for March 27th at 2pm

Partner updates/announcements:

- Sonoma Land Trust-Bob Neale: Fires have definitely increased the work load.
- Sanctuary Forest-Galen Doherty- Great article in the North Coast Journal about the fight to save he Van Arken: [Acre by Acre](#) they are continuing to work on this project and other groundwater recharge projects.
- MLT-Nancy Correll- McKinleyville Land Trust is having their Annual dinner on March 11. More at: <http://www.mlandtrust.org/home>
- NCRLT-Dan- Pints for Nonprofits, April 10, Hunter Ranch Wildlife easement complete, undergoing their 5 year renewal for accreditation,
- Lake County LT- Tom- Continuing to protect a wetland on the south side of Clear lake
- TCLT- recently awarded the Public Lands Partnership excellence awards by the BLM. Carol is working with TCLT to build the environmental education program and build organizational capacity.

NEXT Conference Call: March 27, 2pm

Topics: Face to face updates, Reports from CCLT conference, strategies for addressing the needs of the region including conference call speakers, and legislative advocacy, and monitoring regional economic trends affecting land trusts.

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