

NRC Conference Call Notes 4/16/19

On the call: Stephanie Metz, (JCLT) Mike Cipra (FOD), Nancy Correll (MLT) Tom Smythe, Kathleen Hitt, Renee Crawley, Carol Vander Meer

NRC- Where do we go from here?

- Carol gave a recap of the action items from the last face to face hosted by Sanctuary Forest. One need identified was to **develop a map of conservation easements and fee title in the region** by validating any info on Green info (<http://www.calands.org/data>) This would be useful in making clear the regions significant role in statewide conservation, serving as the “lungs and kidneys” of the region. The mapping project never took off, but there is a possibility that NCRLT staff might be able to implement it a project to
- It was **agreed that all still found lots of value in face-to-face meetings** and would like to see them continue. They are important for building relationships and sharing information
- We agreed that **quarterly conference calls** were about the right frequency and folks like the ideas of having special topics. All agreed to help generate ideas for special topics, either presenting them, or helping line up presenters.
- There is still carry-over funding in the NRC account, so we will **take a break from dues this year**, and re-evaluate in a year to see where we are.
- **Carol is willing to continue** to facilitate quarterly conference calls and an annual face-to-face gathering.

2019 Face-to-Face

- We agreed to schedule a **face-to-face meeting in July**, either in Mendocino or Humboldt.
- Carol will reach out to the Mendocino land trust to see if they are interested. If not, Humboldt will host of gathering in the same style of the “Big Day on the Land” visiting multiple land trust projects in the area.
- **Carol will send out a doodle pole for the best meeting dates.** We agreed that Thursday-Saturday is a good schedule.

Brief Member updates:

- **Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (TCLT)**- Carol is currently working part-time for the land trust as the Director of Community Engagement. She is coordinating education programs and fundraising. TCLT recently acquired the Saunder’s pasture property in the town of Trinidad.
- **McKinleyville**- looking at the possibility of hiring a part time bookkeeper and someone to look after the Cha-Ga-Co property
- **Friends of the Dunes**- Mike Cipra recently took on the role of FOD’s Executive Director, they have active education and restoration programs based out of the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center.

- **Sanctuary Forest-** Continue to be focused on water thank and water conservation in watershed tributaries. The acquisition of an easement on the Van Arken continues to be a slow process.
- **Jacoby Creek Land Trust-** Stephanie has been serving as the Executive Director for 10 months. They are excited to have two new board members, focusing on community engagement and the Barn renovation.
- **Sonoma Land Trust-** New CFO in a search for a new Executive Director
- **Siskiyou-** new staffing, Kathleen continues to work remotely from Chicago, comes to visit every 6-8 weeks to meet about land projects- growing as an organization and working to leverage capacity on their 40,000 acres of land and easements by involving land owners in projects.
- **Lake County Land Trust-** They are proceeding with the 200 acre purchase, that could expand with an additional 90 acres. They are doing a Take it Outside day event on May 4, preparing for a June fundraising dinner.

Next Call: June 11, 10am- Check in about Face to Face, focus topic TBD

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