

Northern Region Council Zoom meeting Tues, 4/20/21

Present on call: Michelle Kunst, Carol Vander Meer (TCLT), Tom Smyth (Lake County Land Trust), April Newlander, Renee Crowley (Sanctuary Forest), Beth Bray, Andria Townsend (NRLT), Conrad Kramer (MLT), Kathleen Hitt (Siskiyou Land Trust).

Introductions & Partner Updates:

- **Lake County Land Trust** - Training volunteers in iNaturalist wetland plant ID for biological surveys of properties.
- **Sanctuary Forest** - Closure of Van Arken conservation easement with new funding sources, next phase is opening for public access. Continued development of forest management plans. Planning for movement out of COVID restrictions.
- **Northcoast Regional Land Trust** - Navigating bringing on five new board members, hiring two staff members, planning first in-person volunteer event this weekend, and preparing for how to offer more in person events this summer at Freshwater Farms Reserve. Quite a few easement projects happening concurrently, closing a small 21 acre CE in the Mattole region, grant writing and monitoring season.
- **Mendocino Land Trust** - Stream restoration project with CalFire in Jackson Demonstration Forest, several CE projects happening concurrently, and grant writing. Interested in the Finite Carbon sequestration project to do collaboratively throughout the region.
- **Siskiyou Land Trust** - Working though staff capacity issues at the same time as ~ 10 projects happening concurrently, closing several big projects, Shasta headwaters phlox protection initiative. Figuring out face-to-face meetings and tensions, discomforts that arise.
- **Trinidad Coastal Land Trust** - Dealing with increased public use and abuse along Scenic Drive properties and applying to a NEEF grant to engage volunteers in restoration projects in these high use areas. Navigating through working with the various Yurok tribal entities and how to do this in the best way possible, while also reckoning with repatriation possibilities. Board recruitment and navigating covid vaccination landscape when working with the public.
- **Friends of the Dunes (Carol)** - Samoa Dunes and Wetlands is a major project currently, considering future land managers and potential for incorporating into a Coastal National Monument.

Face-to-Face Gathering in Mendocino Report Out - Mendocino Land Trust has a 3 bedroom house on 3 acre property in Albion that could serve as a central location for gathering. Tom Smyth also has space nearby in Fort Bragg. Tentatively scheduled for early September. Michelle will send a poll to identify the best date. Michelle and Conrad will correspond for nail down more details.

Special Topic: Collaborative Project promoting collective voice, while being efficient and within our staffs capacity

- Conrad proposed [Wild & Scenic Film Festival](#) fundraisers across the region. Participants must pay between \$1000-1500 for access to films, and can insert personal promotional videos. This

event could be strong if hosted together. Several members were interested in this and suggested a special meeting to get more details, or discuss at the next quarterly meeting.

- Beth discussed promoting Planning Giving from a unified PR front to reach more people. Beth could coordinate a special meeting on this for interested organizations. Carol will track down notes from a past NRC conference on this subject. Siskiyou LT board member is compiling materials on this subject and will share.
- Kathleen made the excellent point that we should show to our communities that we are in conservation and not a vacuum!

Future Special Topics could be presentations/discussions to develop these collaborative project ideas.

Next meeting: August 24, 1:30-2:30pm