

## **July 2016 Northern Region Council News and Highlights**

### **NRC August 23 10 a.m. Conference Call with Darla Guenzler**

*What the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act means to Northern Region Land Trusts.*

The California Council of Land Trusts has supports "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.

The passage of this Act has implications for Land Trusts working to restore, enhance and conserve lands impacted by marijuana cultivation. Join other Northern Region Council Members on a conference call, August 23 at 10am, with CCLT Executive Director Darla Guenzler to find out what the passage of this Act this means to your land trust how to play a part in implementing stronger environmental protections for impacted lands. Dial number: [\(641\) 715-3580](tel:6417153580), Access Code: 305-654.



If approved by voters, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) assures that cultivation must comply with existing environmental laws in all areas of the state, and agencies can impose additional requirements to address the adverse impacts of cultivation on natural resources. 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.

### **June Humboldt County Trails Summit a Success!**

Over 200 people packed the Wharfinger Building on June 4, for the first Trails Summit, designed to energize and engage the community in expanding a regional trails system. Hank Seeman, Deputy Director Environmental Services, Humboldt County Public Works Department shared the State of the Trails report and other city county and nonprofits were represented, including the Northern Region Council and Trinidad Land Trust.



Here's a link to the brochure: <http://www.hcaog.net/documents/state-trails-report-june-2016>



- **August 6, 2016 - 9:00 am - 11:00 am, Freshwater Farms Reserve Interpretive Walk: Restoration:** Join NRLT Executive Director Mike Cipra and special guest presenters from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Paula Golightly (Fish and Wildlife Biologist) and Conor Shea (Fluvial Geomorphologist and Engineer) for a look at a pioneering and successful habitat restoration and enhancement project. Tour will include viewing the first phase of the Wood Creek Tidal Marsh Enhancement Project completed in 2009 and will offer an exclusive look at the Wood Creek Phase 2 restoration project while in process!
- **October 8, 2016 - 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Annual Celebration, Fortuna River Lodge:** Celebrate land conservation at our annual gathering at the Fortuna River Lodge. A delicious local meal, live auction and other entertainment will be included in the festivities. Tickets \$60 per person.
- **October 22, 2016 - 8:30 am - 10:30 am, Freshwater Farms Reserve Interpretive Walk: Birding** Join NRLT staff Connie Low and special guest presenter Rob Fowler (Redwood Region Audubon Society) for a birding tour and discussion around this beautifully restored wild and working landscape.



Friends completed their 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Sand Sculpture Festival on July 9. Photos can be seen at: <http://www.friendsofthedunes.org/sand-sculpture-festival/gallery-2016.shtml>

**August 8, 2016 - 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Folie Douce Fundraising Dinner:** Come have dinner with us! Folie Douce offers a once a month prix fixe dinner on Monday evenings for \$50 per person. Profits from this dinner will be donated to Friend of the Dunes.

### **Coastal Naturalist Training, September 14 to October 22, 2016**



Coastal Naturalist Training is a 6-week intensive program focused on local coastal natural history offered each fall. Evening lectures and weekend field trips are led by local experts and cover a variety of topics including dune geology, botany, animal tracking, cultural history, marine ecology, and ecological restoration. The course is for community members interested in expanding their knowledge and appreciation of the coast.

**September 24, Wine by the Sea-** Save the date for this ocean view fundraiser at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center featuring local food, wine, music, silent auction and more.



**Friday, Aug 5** Art opening at TCLT's Simmons Gallery as part of Trinidad Arts Night.

**Wednesday, September 7**, Pints for Non-profits night at Mad River Brewery. In addition to live music, we will have our tee's for sale and two raffle items: a fire-red mountain bike, courtesy of Revolution Bicycle, and a 4-night stay at a beautiful vacation rental above Moonstone Beach.

**Friday, October 7**, stop by the TCLT's Simmons Gallery as part of Trinidad Art Night



### Welcome April Newlander- Sanctuary Forest's New Executive Director!



We would like to extend a warm welcome to April Newlander, Sanctuary Forest's new Executive Director! She obtained her Master of Science degree in biology from California State University Fullerton in 2013. She was awarded one of the highest honors, the Giles T. Brown Outstanding Thesis Award, in 2014 recognizing her work on wash flow disturbance and summer streamflow in the Mojave Desert and the subsequent influence on dispersion, production and physiological functioning of dominant shrubs. She is

familiar with California ecosystems and has worked on various oak woodland and native grassland restoration projects in southern California. She studied natural resources management with a minor in conservation biology as an undergraduate at Colorado State University.

She has been working for Sanctuary Forest as the Development and Education Director and is excited to take on her new role as leader of the organization. Her scientific knowledge and passion for conserving habitats of biological diversity align with Sanctuary Forest's mission to conserve and protect the Mattole River watershed for the fish, wildlife and people.



August 11, pints for nonprofits at the 6 River's Brewery in McKinleyville

Join supporters of the Mattole Restoration Council at Six Rivers Brewery for a delicious beverages and

excellent music- \$1 from each pint sold throughout the entire day goes to support conservation work in the Mattole.

## **Jacoby Creek Land Trust**



**Barntini** is Sept 9th - and is a fundraiser for BOTH JCLT and the HUmboldt Wildlife Care Center. 5:30 at the Kokte Ranch, 2182 Old Arcata Rd.



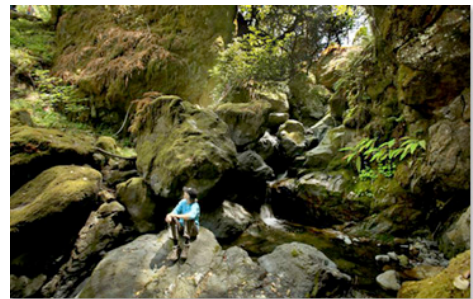
## **Sonoma Land Trust finalizing deal to add land to Hood Mountain Regional Park**

Sonoma County parks officials and county land acquisition partners are finalizing a deal this month that will add an additional

162 acres to Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve, unlocking for the first time a privately owned and largely untouched wilderness in the Mayacamas Mountains to public access.

The \$319,000 deal for the private property by Sonoma Land Trust, a Santa Rosa-based nonprofit that acquires land to preserve it as open space, will allow Sonoma County Regional Parks to expand its network of hiking trails and overnight camping destinations, as well as protect a slice of highly coveted wildlands between Hood Mountain and Sugarloaf Ridge State Park from the possibility of future development. Read more:

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/5662579-181/sonoma-land-trust-finalizing-deal?artslide=0>

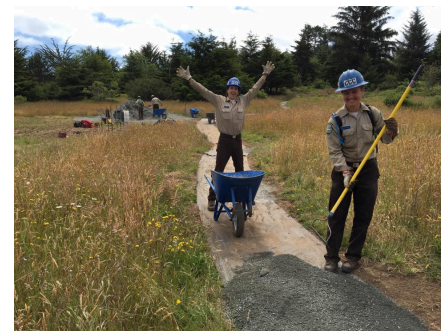


*Wendy Eliot, Sonoma Land Trust's conservation director, takes in the peaceful surroundings of Santa Rosa Creek near its headwaters in the Mayacamas Mountains. Photo by Kent Porter/Press Democrat.*



## **THE MCKINLEYVILLE LAND TRUST**

The McKinleyville Land Trust, working with Redwood Community Action Agency and the California Conservation Corps, is nearing completion of a new trail at Chah-GAH-Cho in McKinleyville. Chah-GAH-Cho is located behind the Mill Creek Shopping Center at the end of Betty Court off School Road. The new trail provides nearly three-quarters of a mile of crushed shale walking path that traverses through both grassland and forest canopy. A large portion of the trail is ADA accessible and provides access to a beautiful overlook of the lower Mad River and coastline. The Land Trust expects the trail and amenities such as a kiosk and interpretive signage to be complete by September. In the meantime, people are welcome to visit and enjoy the changes at Chah-GAH-Cho!







### **Mendocino Eco Artists**

'On the Trails' benefit show

**When:** On display until August 31st

**Time:** 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

**Where:** [The Stanford Inn by the Sea](#)

44850 Comptche Ukiah Rd., Mendocino, CA 95460

**What:** Come see art inspired by the natural beauty of Mendocino. A portion of all sales will benefit the Mendocino Land Trust. Enjoy the show hanging at the Stanford Inn until August 31st.



### **Save the Date!**

Save the Date for the Lake County Land Trust's annual benefit dinner. Oct. 8, 2016 at the Lodge at Blue Lakes. Join us for a great evening of socializing, information, music, beautiful scenery, a fun silent auction and more.

Send NRC Newsletter items to [carol.vandermeer@gmail.com](mailto:carol.vandermeer@gmail.com). The next NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is October 1.

Don't forget to visit [www.northernregioncouncil.org](http://www.northernregioncouncil.org) for the latest calendar of events and past newsletters in the document archive!