



Carol Vander Meer <carol.vandermeer@gmail.com>

Northern Region Council News- Fall 2016

1 message

Northern Region Council Coordinator <carol@northernregioncouncil.org>

Mon, Oct 17, 2016 at 2:15 PM

Reply-To: Northern Region Council Coordinator <carol@northernregioncouncil.org>

To: Carol Vander Meer <carol.vandermeer@gmail.com>



Northern Region Council News- Fall 2016

A quarterly newsletter highlighting success stories, upcoming activities and innovative conservation practices of land trusts in California's Northern Region.

North Coast Regional Land Trust

Timberlands Conservation Bill AB1958 signed by the Governor!

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed AB 1958 by Assembly member Jim Wood updating the Forest Practice Act to allow for restoration of northern California's oak woodlands. This bill was sponsored by the Northcoast Regional Land Trust and The Buckeye, two local organizations committed to helping conserve working landscapes.



“Prior to the bill’s signing, landowners using any state approved harvest plan to

manage conifer encroachment into oak woodlands were required to replant conifers, effectively making it impossible to protect oak woodlands from conifer encroachment,” said Yana Valachovic, Forest Advisor with the University of California Cooperative Extension whose research helped in the bill’s development. “AB 1958 eliminates that requirement and provides a restoration exemption, allowing landowners to remove and sell the conifers in order to make conservation, protection and maintenance of oak woodlands more effective and affordable.”

To learn more about oak woodlands and conifer encroachment visit:

http://ucanr.edu/sites/oak_range/Conifer_Encroachment/

For full text of the bill, visit: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>

Boots and Birkenstocks fundraiser a success!



It was a sold out crowd at North Coast Regional Land Trust’s annual fundraiser at the Fortuna River Lodge. It was a “Boots and Birkenstocks” theme that brought together a diverse group of land conservation supporters. At the event, Rondal Snodgrass (pictured on right) was honored with NCRLT’s Visionary Award, to honor significant contributions toward working lands conservation and stewardship on the North Coast. Among Rondal’s

many accomplishments, he was a leader in getting the North Coast Regional Land Trust started.

McKinleyville Land Trust

Pints for Nonprofits Thursday, November 10 – McKinleyville Land Trust invites you to Pints for Nonprofits at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave, McKinleyville. \$1 of every beer sold throughout the day will buy biodegradable dog bags to help keep our beautiful Mad River Bluffs and Cha-GAH-Cho trails poop-free. Come have a drink with your friends and enjoy evening music by rock/soul band, Ghost Train.

Grand Opening of the New Trail at Chah-GAH-Cho



After some lovely rain, the skies cleared on Sunday, October 2 for the grand opening of the new trail at Chah-GAH-Cho. Over 100 people came out to celebrate McKinleyville Land Trust’s new neighborhood trail,



join guided walks, learn about the history of this unique property, and connect with friends and neighbors.

Lake County Land Trust New Executive Director- Tom Smythe

Tom Smythe grew up in Kansas and Nebraska. He obtained a Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Nebraska and a Masters Degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Kansas. He accepted a job with the Lake County Department of Public Works in 1987, and has lived in Lake County ever since. He retired from the county in July, 2016.

Tom enjoys living in Lake County, boating, mountain biking, and enjoying the great outdoors. Tom is married to Jackie, and has three daughters and one grandson. Tom serves on the Board of the Friends of Boggs Mountain, a non-profit formed to enhance the visitor's experience in Boggs Mountain State Forest. He joined the Lake County Land Trust in 2006 and accepted the position of Executive Director in June of 2016. His goal is to help preserve the beautiful open spaces in Lake County that make it such a wonderful place to live.



Sanctuary Forest Protect Van Arken Watershed

Please tune in to KMUD on Tuesday October 25th at 7:00 p.m. for a special edition of the Sanctuary Forest Radio Hour. Sanctuary Forest is announcing the kick-off of their land conservation campaign to forever protect the 1300 acre **Van Arken Watershed** -the third largest tributary to the Mattole River Headwaters.

KMUD Community Radio

Garberville 91.1 ~ Eureka 88.1

Laytonville 90.3 ~ Shelter Cove 99.5

or stream it live at www.kmud.org!

Thanksgiving Wine Tasting November 25 @ 1:00 pm

Join Sanctuary Forest supporters for the annual Whitethorn Vineyards wine tasting.

Check out <http://www.sanctuaryforest.org/> for more details.

Trinidad Coastal Land Trust

The TCLT has taken a leadership role in the state-wide campaign to designate existing BLM coastal areas (including Trinidad Head) to the California Coastal National Monument (CCNM).

The Obama Administration is currently considering adding six special federally owned coastal places, totaling roughly 6,300 acres, to the existing California Coastal National Monument. Three of these are in Humboldt County: Trinidad Head, Lighthouse Ranch,



and the Lost Coast Headlands. The Lost Coast Headlands (south of Centerville Beach) in particular, need stronger public support in order to be included in the nomination.

Congressman Jared Huffman and Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell need to hear from county residents advocating for inclusion of the Lost Coast Headlands in the California Coastal National Monument.

Write an official public comment & send to:

ccnmcomments@mail.house.gov

Friends of the Dunes Cows and Cattails



Friends of the Dunes is once again partnering with North Coast Regional Land Trust to offer “Cows and Cattails”, a school field trip program 3rd-6th graders at Fresh Water Farms Reserve. The program takes school children along the newly opened nature trail and helps them explore habitats that support both cows and coho. Friends of the Dunes is currently recruiting community volunteers to help lead the field trips.

Jacoby Creek Land Trust Barntini was a Success!

Jacoby Creek Land Trust had a successful “Barntini” fundraiser in on September 9th. At the Kotke Ranch. Learn more about upcoming events on their [Facebook page](#).



Siskiyou Land Trust

Siskiyou Land Trust connects with their supporters by sponsoring their 7th annual Slide Show series starting up again on November 10. This popular series highlights culture, travel and adventure. Check out their schedule [here](#).

Mattole Restoration Council

On Friday, September 16, the Mattole Restoration Council (MRC) teamed up with the



Mattole and Honeydew schools to participate in the largest volunteer event in the state of California. With almost 60 volunteers, students and adults split into teams to scour the beaches near McNutt Gulch and collected over 176 pounds of trash!

CCLT Update

Darla Guenzler leaves CCLT

Darla Guenzler, founder and Executive Director of California Council of Land Trusts for twelve years, is leaving to become the new Executive Director of Wildlife Heritage Foundation, a statewide land trust dedicated to preserving California's rich heritage of open spaces, agricultural land, and diverse wildlife.

"Darla's dedication to land conservation and her tireless efforts on behalf of California land trusts over the last decade is truly remarkable," said Linus Eukel, CCLT Board Chair. "The impact of her vision and advocacy at the state and local level will be felt for decades to come."

If you are interested in applying for CCLT's Executive Director position, please [click here](#) for more information. All inquiries should be directed to dawn@blocktalent.com.

Mark your calendars!

Forest Conservation Conference,

June 8-10, 2017, Santa Rosa



**SONOMA COUNTY FOREST
CONSERVATION WORKING GROUP**

The theme for the conference is growing resilience in forest, woodlands, forest communities and economies. The conference is for practitioners, landowners, tribe members and others to share their diverse base of knowledge and how to apply it on the ground. There will be one day of field trips, and two days of talks, panels and workshops. The conference will also serve as the next Northern Region Council face-to-face gathering. Conference organizers are in the process of soliciting presenters. If you have suggestions for presentations, please contact:

Marian Vernon I Strategic Initiatives Analyst
Sonoma Land Trust
822 Fifth Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95404
 [\(707\) 526-6930 ext. 133](tel:(707)526-6930)
www.sonomalandtrust.org

NEXT Northern Region Council Conference Call, November 16, 2pm
Dial number: [\(641\) 715-3580](tel:(641)715-3580)
Access Code: 305-654

Next Newsletter Deadline: January 9, 2017 (Jan-March) Send
newsletter items to: carol@northernregioncouncil.org



Copyright © 2016 Northern Region Council of land trusts, All rights reserved.

You are receiving this email because you are on the Northern Region Council email list for quarterly updates and alerts.

Our mailing address is:

Northern Region Council of land trusts
44 Pelican Lane
Arcata, CA 95521

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)

MailChimp