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**NRC Spring E-News**

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## Northern Region Council News- Spring 2017

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

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### **Northern Region Council Face to Face in Santa Rosa, June 9 &10!**

NRC face to face meeting will be held immediately following the [North Coast Forest Conservation Conference](#) in Santa Rosa, Starting Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> with an optional Urban Conservation field trip led by Jen Kuzmar of



the Sonoma Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, followed by an evening social/gathering of NRC members at La Rosa, for appetizers, drinks and dinner. Saturday morning, the Sonoma Land Trust is hosting a field trip to Glen Oaks Ranch, ending with plenty of time for those who have to travel to get home. More details below.

#### **Urban Conservation Field Trip, Friday, June 9, 2-5pm**

For those who are not attending the conference, we have a wonderful

opportunity to join Jen Kuzmar for an afternoon touring urban conservation projects. Folks joining in the field tours can meet at 2:00 the Ag & Open Space District offices located at 747 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa (parking lot is behind the building on Carrillo). We'll return here around 5:00 and can walk the ½ mile to downtown for dinner.

***Here is a preview of what to expect on the Urban Conservation Tour:***

Frist, start off at Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve. Forming the backdrop to Santa Rosa, Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve offers opportunities for public recreation on the urban edge. The top of Taylor Mountain offers hiking, cycling, disc golf, and spectacular vistas in every direction. The property's meadows, oak woodlands and several wetlands and springs provide habitat for a wide variety of wildlife and bird species. Taylor Mountain also has a rich farming and cultural heritage dating back to 1876. The creation of this park was the culmination of five property acquisitions (Bath-Watt, Matteri, Russell, Nunes and Van Stein) and 18 years of work.

Next, travel to downtown Santa Rosa to the Prince Gateway Park

This former gas station site in downtown Santa Rosa serves as the trailhead for the Santa Rosa Creek bicycle and pedestrian trail. Located along Santa Rosa Creek and Santa Rosa Avenue, this public gathering space features a giant fish sculpture and decorated benches.

Our final stop will be Bayer Park and Garden in the community of Roseland, currently unincorporated Santa Rosa, soon to be annexed into the City. With partial funding from the District's Matching Grant Program, the City of Santa Rosa was able to acquire this property in the Roseland community for the development of a public park with an emphasis on agricultural education and community gardening.

**NRC Face-to-Face Gathering at La Rosa, June 9- starting at 5:30 p.m.**

Gather together with other members of the Northern Region Council for appetizers, drinks and dinner at La Rosa, 500 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Rosa. We will make time for round table updates for the region and enjoy good food, drink and networking with other land trust professionals. <http://www.larosasantarosa.com/>

PLEASE RSVP to Jennifer Kuszmar, [Jennifer.Kuszmar@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Jennifer.Kuszmar@sonoma-county.org) or 707-565-7266 to RSVP **NO LATER THAN May 26.** for the Urban Conservation

## Field Trip and/or Friday night dinner

**Saturday Morning, June 10 Field Trip to Glen Oaks Ranch**

Just a 25 minute drive from Santa Rosa, the Sonoma Land Trust's Glen Oaks Ranch is a beautiful destination with several flexible hiking options for those who need to travel home by Saturday evening.

Glen Oaks Ranch includes a stone mansion from the 1860's surrounded by oak woodlands, adjacent to Stuarts Creek, with several trails through blue oak woodlands, chaparral and along the creek. It is the center of Sonoma Land Trust wildlife corridor activities, part of some fish passage barrier removal projects, and a splendid place. The tentative schedule is to meet up at 8:30 (location to be determined), have some coffee and goodies, a round table meeting then head out for a tour of the property to look at some of the restoration work, talk about wildlife corridors, and eat lunch at a great overlook of the Sonoma Valley. **RSVP is required so we can make sure we have enough participants and can finalize the meeting location. Please RSVP with Carol at: [carol.vandermeer@gmail.com](mailto:carol.vandermeer@gmail.com)**

**Humboldt Bay Trail Summit- June 3**

**TRAILS SUMMIT**  
HUMBOLDT BAY TRAIL: CONNECTING THE PIECES

**Saturday JUNE 3**  
Wharfinger Building • 1 Marina Way, Eureka  
Family-friendly!

**Program Topics**

- Humboldt Bay Trail progress & updates
- Unveiling of Humboldt Bay Trail logo
- Launch of Humboldt Bay Trail Fund
- Open house with trail-supporting orgs

For more information visit:  
[Facebook.com/HumboldtTrailsCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/HumboldtTrailsCouncil)

The Humboldt Bay Trail summit will be held on Saturday June 3rd at the Wharfinger building in Eureka and will be focused on celebrating the success and preparing for the challenges ahead for creating a 13 mile trail between Eureka and Arcata.

The Northern Region Council will have a table at the event and welcomes any information from land trusts in the region for an informational table. There is also a need for volunteers to help staff the table from 10-12.

contact Carol at: [carol.vandermeer@gmail.com](mailto:carol.vandermeer@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping with the table.



## North Coast Regional Land Trust

### NRLT Hires New Executive Director

NRLT Executive Director, Michael Cipra stepped down from his position in the end of March and the organization hired current Project staff, Dan Ehresman to take on the role of Executive Director. We thank Mike for his leadership and hard work and welcome Dan!



**NRLT New ED, Dan Ehresman**



**NRLT Outgoing ED, Mike Cipra**

### Panther Creek Conservation Easement Funded:

The California Natural Resources Agency announced \$6.7 million in funding for 15 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) projects statewide, one of which being NRLT's Panther Creek Conservation Easement project. Located in the upper Summit and Panther Creek drainages within the Trinity watershed, the project will permanently protect 160 acres of working forest lands, water quality, Pacific fisher habitat, and globally significant stands of Port Orford cedar occurring at the interfaces of the North Coast Ranges and the Klamath Mountains.

\*\* Picture attached: Miller Rainbow\*\*

### North Coast Regional Land Trust Seeks Project Assistant

Dynamic and growing non-profit organization seeks a skilled and collaborative professional to fill Project Assistant position. The Projects Assistant will work with Land Trust Projects staff to implement and administer conservation easement and land management projects. Primary duties include development of project materials, field monitoring, report preparation, file organization, volunteer coordination for property stewardship events, vegetation cultivation and maintenance, and research. Secondary responsibilities may include grant writing, grounds maintenance, mapping, or other tasks depending on interests

and abilities.

Part time position (~12-16 hours per week, including some weekends) available June 1, 2017; term position ending October 15, 2017 with possibility of extension. \$13-\$15/hour depending on qualifications and experience.

To download an application packet [CLICK HERE](#). For more information contact the Northcoast Regional Land Trust, [d.ehresman@ncrlt.org](mailto:d.ehresman@ncrlt.org) or [707-822-2242](tel:707-822-2242).

**Completed application packets (application cover sheet, cover letter, resume) must be received by 5:00 p.m., Friday 5/12/17: email to [d.ehresman@ncrlt.org](mailto:d.ehresman@ncrlt.org) or fax to [\(707\) 822-5210](tel:(707)822-5210).**

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## Lake County Land Trust

Lake County Land Trust (LCLT) recently acquired three conservation easements

and are developing our baselines and inspection protocols. They are working on restoring a Valley Oak Woodland on the recently acquired Melo property. They are in the process of updating their Conservation Priority Plan that will help guide their conservation efforts for the coming years.

LCLT is excited to have Melissa Kinsel, as their new Outreach Coordinator. Upcoming events include:

- Spring Fundraiser event at the Blue Wing on June 11.
- Annual dinner on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Boatique Winery.

More details about projects and events are available at: [lakecountylandtrust.org](http://lakecountylandtrust.org)

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## Sanctuary Forest

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Dynamic Job Opportunity: Sanctuary Forest seeks experienced individual to assist with activities in our Water and Lands Programs. 24-32 hours per week. Pay rate based on skill level and experience. See job description and download application from our website: [sanctuaryforest.org/news](http://sanctuaryforest.org/news). Please submit cover letter, application and resume, with references, to [jobs@sanctuaryforest.org](mailto:jobs@sanctuaryforest.org) by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## Trinidad Coastal Land Trust

### New Education Program

In February of 2017, the State Coastal Conservancy approved Trinidad Coastal Land Trust's (TCLT) Explore the Coast grant proposal for the Connecting Coast to Community



Project. The purpose of the project is to engage K-college students, families, visitors and residents in the exploration and conservation of local coastal habitats. The project places an emphasis on reaching audiences who are new to exploring coastal habitats. An overarching goal of the project is to set up the framework for a sustainable coastal education program in the Trinidad area. For more information, visit their website at: [Trinidadcoastallandtrust.org](http://Trinidadcoastallandtrust.org)

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## Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District is launching the Vital Lands Initiative – a comprehensive plan that will guide the District's work for the next 15 years. The [Vital Lands Initiative](#) takes an innovative planning approach that enhances community engagement and partnerships. They are also pleased to release their new short film about the founding of the district entitled [Protected Forever- The Formation of the District](#). Be sure to check out these two innovative new projects

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**Renew your Northern Region Council Membership!** Please help keep the region strong by renewing your membership in the NRC. Membership helps support continued opportunities for collaboration through E-newsletters, conference calls, Face-to-Face gatherings and support for projects that advance land and water conservation in the region. You can renew on-line at: [NRC Membership](#)

**NEXT Northern Region Council Conference Call, May 17, 2pm****Dial number:** [\(641\) 715-3580](tel:6417153580)**Access Code:** 305-654

Next Newsletter Deadline: June 26, 2017 (July-Aug) Send newsletter items to: [carol@northernregioncouncil.org](mailto:carol@northernregioncouncil.org)

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