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## **Three Business and Community Leaders Join Sonoma Land Trust Board July 5, 2006**

The Sonoma Land Trust today announced that three business and community leaders have joined its board of directors:

Denny Van Ness – Mr. Van Ness is a highly regarded venture capitalist who is Chairman of Hidden Hill Advisors and owner of Van Ness Vineyards in Geyserville. Van Ness is a former partner at Hambrecht & Quist.

Kathy Tierney – Ms. Tierney, a resident of Healdsburg, has been Chief Executive Officer of Sur La Table since 2004. She was previously CEO at Smith & Hawken from 1993 to 1999 and is credited with growing their retail and direct business significantly.

Harry Richardson, M.D. – Dr. Richardson, a resident of Santa Rosa, practiced medicine for 30 years with a specialization in the treatment of cancer. He serves as the Medical Director of the Blood Bank of the Redwoods, on the boards of two medical liability insurance companies, and on the board of the Community Foundation Sonoma County.

“Sonoma Land Trust aspires to be a leading civic institution,” said Ralph Benson, Sonoma Land Trust Executive Director. “Harry Richardson, Kathy Tierney, and Denny Van Ness bring a wealth of experience to our organization. We are honored to have them on our Board. They will help make Sonoma Land Trust even more effective in our efforts to protect land along the Bay, in the Mayacamas, on the Coast and throughout Sonoma County.”