

2015-2016

**SONOMA LAND TRUST** REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

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We're celebrating 40 years!

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Dear Friend of Sonoma Land Trust,

Our eye is on the future. We are profoundly aware of California's growth and its pressures on Sonoma County — there's not a moment to waste for conservation.

Two thirds of California's salmon population and half of its migratory birds are dependent on a healthy San Francisco Bay for their survival. Sonoma Land Trust is committed to restoring historic tidal marsh and wetland areas. Working with a longtime Sonoma ranching family, we purchased Sears Point Ranch. Then, together with our partners, we accomplished a massive restoration project that has broken through the old levee, allowing tides to return to that area. With the marsh returning, we opened a new 2.5-mile extension of the Bay Trail and transferred the land to become part of the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Your support and recent voter approval of Measure AA is enabling our work here to expand. The Sonoma Baylands is a sanctuary for everyone to enjoy.

Then there's the magic of the Sonoma Coast. In this region, our goal is to protect key forest and open landscapes. We are working with property owners who want to save the land that they've come to know through a lifetime of memories living in a special place. One of those places includes the Middle Reach of Russian Gulch, a spectacular coastal stream that is vital to steelhead trout and coho salmon recovery.

*Cover: At the Bay Trail Opening & Celebration this past May, hundreds of people turned out to walk along the brand new trail at Sears Point. Photo by Melania Mahoney. Below: Our On the Land program offers abundant wildflower hikes each spring. Photo by Corby Hines.*

*“There are always flowers for those who  
want to see them.”*

*—Henri Matisse*



In Sonoma Valley, there's a rich wildlife corridor essential for animals to pass from the Mayacamas, over Sonoma Mountain, and on to Marin. We have embarked on a multi-year project to keep the narrowest section of this passage open. Our goal is to protect a network of properties linking to the Sonoma Developmental Center and Jack London State Park. By protecting this corridor, we are preserving our natural heritage.

Sonoma Land Trust is listening to the community — and responding. We are putting our expertise in land conservation transactions to use by joining collaborative efforts on the Santa Rosa Greenway. Over the next year, we will be working with our conservation partners to develop a Russian River Program and the protection of a vital waterway.

We're excited to preserve these special places of Sonoma County and it is your support that makes our work possible.



Denny Van Ness  
Chair, Board of Directors



Dave Koehler  
Executive Director



*Dave Koehler (left) and Denny Van Ness.*



Making a  
Lasting Impact



*Our work is about protecting the land for future generations. One of the ranches that became the Sears Point wetland restoration site used to belong to the Dickson Family. Here, celebrating the opening of the new Bay Trail, is Nancy Dickson Wiseman (right) with her daughter Lindsey Wiseman and Lindsey's son Colton, who represents the seventh generation of this farming family in Sonoma County. Photo by Scott Hess Photography.*



WE ARE CELEBRATING

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YEARS



## SONOMA LAND TRUST REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

It's hard to imagine that the forward-thinking individuals who founded Sonoma Land Trust 40 years ago could have envisioned the organization of today, a large, nationally respected land trust with 50,000 acres protected. A land trust that takes on massive projects, like the Sears Point Wetland Restoration. A land trust that fights to save an imperiled wildlife corridor and the developmental center within it. A land trust that understands how vital it is to connect people with natural lands, and also to keep some areas free for wildlife. A land trust that supports an urban greenway and a rural conservation ethic. A land trust that keeps in mind the big picture of climate change and water resources when choosing properties to protect and connect. A land trust that strives, every day, to be worthy of the trust of our supporters ... and to deserve the gratitude of future generations.

SONOMA LAND TRUST IS *YOUR* LAND TRUST. THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR ORGANIZATION AND FOR SUSTAINING AND INSPIRING THIS ESSENTIAL WORK. OUR SUCCESSES ARE A DIRECT RESULT OF YOUR SUPPORT!

**LIVING LARGE** > In 2015, big projects dominated: purchasing a large, coastal ranch; re-creating a new 1,000-acre marsh; planning our five-year goals and strategies; preparing to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with you; advancing the vision for the Santa Rosa Greenway; and expanding our outreach in the Sonoma Valley Wildlife Corridor. So far this year, we've taken a leadership role on Measure AA for a Clean and Healthy Bay, closed on a 162-acre property that will be added to Mt. Hood Regional Park and Open Space Preserve, and opened up the new Bay Trail segment at Sears Point. Here's a quick rundown on many — but not all — of Sonoma Land Trust's recent and current initiatives.



Five-four-three-two-one ...

# splash!


**PROTECTING A COASTAL JEWEL** > One property at a time, your land trust continues to protect our county's incomparable coastline. We purchased the 547-acre Estero Ranch at the very end of 2015. A conservation target for more than 20 years, Estero Ranch protects the coastal prairie habitat located at the southwest corner of our county where the Estero Americano empties into the Pacific Ocean. This acquisition connects to our 127-acre Estero Americano Preserve and a network of other protected lands and marine areas. Upon close of escrow, Sonoma Land Trust transferred ownership to our good partner The Wildlands Conservancy, which will continue its use for agricultural production (currently a cow-calf operation), while planning for public recreation and caring for the natural resources. This key acquisition, two years in the making, was only possible thanks to the ongoing and dedicated support of our members.

**SONOMA VALLEY WILDLIFE CORRIDOR** > Two years, and more than 50 critter cams, thousands of pictures, and a variety of other surveys and reports later, have revealed that the wildlife corridor between the Mayacamas and Sonoma Mountain, which narrows to a pinchpoint in the Valley, is still functioning as a critical passageway for wild animals — and it is highly imperiled. The main focus of this past year involved completing the *Sonoma Valley Wildlife Corridor Project: Management and Monitoring Strategy*, and conducting direct outreach to landowners

about simple steps they can take to allow wildlife to pass through their properties (such as reducing fencing and night lighting, and minimizing the removal of vegetation). We are applying these same principles to our own properties in the corridor and throughout our preserves, as well. In the upcoming year, we are expanding our program management strategy to encourage a viable wildlife corridor connecting to the Marin and Napa County boundaries.

**SONOMA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER (SDC)** > With 750 acres of wild and undeveloped land in the heart of the wildlife corridor pinchpoint, SDC remains a primary concern of Sonoma Land Trust. Last year, the State announced its intention to close SDC by 2018. The closure of this 125-year-old institution signals the end of an era of state residential care for people with developmental disabilities and leaves the future of the property in doubt. Fortunately, the SDC closure plan states, "... it is not the intention of the State to declare SDC's property as surplus (to sell) ... because of its incredible natural resources and historic importance ...." As the closure process continues, we are working closely with Sonoma County and the State to prepare a comprehensive site assessment and conceptual master plan for the property that will identify viable alternatives for reuse and land protection that honor community values for this irreplaceable Sonoma Valley treasure.





**A SEA CHANGE AND EXTENDING THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL** > “Five-four-three-two-one ... splash!” On October 25, hundreds of SLT members and supporters counted down and welcomed back the tides to Sears Point as a giant excavator removed the last bit of barrier between San Pablo Bay and nearly 1,000 acres of former marshland. It was a rare and unforgettable moment watching the breach of the 140-year-old levee, one that underscored the profound truth of our tagline: “... for future generations.”

The Sears Point Tidal Marsh Restoration Project, a 12-year-long effort, from major acquisition to innovative restoration, pushed the boundaries of our organization far beyond what one would expect of a local land trust — and, yet, we never would have known all that Sonoma Land Trust and our supporters are capable of without having dived into this groundbreaking restoration project. Within three days of the breach, the empty 1.5-square-mile tidal basin had completely filled with water, with only the tops of the new marsh mounds showing at high tide. This is how a marsh starts, with sediment and seeds flowing in with each changing of the tides. Over the next few decades, this brand new wetland seascape will continue to evolve into a beautiful, functioning marsh that will do its part to protect Sonoma County’s southern shoreline from the impacts of sea level rise.

Sears Point’s story doesn’t end there. Completing the project entailed constructing a 2.5-mile extension of the San Francisco Bay Trail (named the Eliot Trail in honor of longtime conservation director Wendy Eliot) atop the new levee so that generations of people will get to enjoy watching the marsh grow and viewing the birds and other wildlife who are returning. In mid-May, we celebrated the opening of the new Bay Trail with our supporters and members of the public and, almost simultaneously, transferred title to the marsh and trail to the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge. With dedicated support from a specialized volunteer force, we implemented a Baylands docent program to enhance visitors’ enjoyment and immersion into this unique tidal ecosystem. Sears Point’s new chapter has begun.

**SANTA ROSA CREEK HEADWATERS** > Very recently, we acquired a 162-acre inholding — the Santa Rosa Creek Headwaters property, owned by Margaret Spaulding — in the Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve and Sugarloaf Ridge State Park complex. This strategic purchase connects more than 4,800 acres of wild, publicly accessible land less than 30 minutes from Santa Rosa. Upon close of escrow, we immediately donated the property to Sonoma County Regional Parks to expand Hood Mountain Regional Park — just as we did last year when we purchased and donated the Curreri property for Sonoma Valley Regional Park, and as we will be doing later this year when we transfer our 1,665-acre Tolay Creek Ranch to Tolay Lake Regional Park. Significantly, this property lies within the critical wildlife linkage between Napa County and the Marin Coast, and about a half mile of the South Fork of Santa Rosa Creek flows through it, providing water and riparian habitat for fish and wildlife.

**SOUTHEAST SANTA ROSA GREENWAY** > A two-mile linear stretch of 58 acres in the heart of the city that has been fenced and vacant for decades is in the process of being reborn as the Santa Rosa Greenway. It’s a major urban greening project that will restore a natural resource corridor linking to Spring Lake Regional Park and Annadel State Park, and connect communities through trails and outdoor recreation opportunities. It takes experience and expertise to undertake a significant land transaction like this with parallel community outreach and planning processes. That’s why Sonoma Land Trust became the Southeast Santa Rosa Greenway Committee’s fiscal sponsor and joined the Santa Rosa Greenway partnership, bringing our experience in purchasing and funding open space projects. Collectively, we made great strides last year: The property owner, Caltrans, inked an agreement giving us the right to buy the property and the Santa Rosa City Council agreed to begin the general plan amendment process for the 58-acre property. Once the City decides, through a public process, how it wishes to use the land, the Land Trust will be able to assist with raising the necessary funding and securing the land for a public greenway.



**CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF SAVING LAND** > We decided early in our anniversary year that the idea of several smaller celebrations appealed to us more than one big event — so we could celebrate Sonoma Land Trust all year long! In May, we offered a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary wildlife speaker series that took place in a different venue around the county each week, addressing full houses each time! — and each quarter, we've been offering special 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary field trips that combine visits to exceptional, off-the-beaten-path properties with local, seasonal meals. This summer, a couple of well-known rural supporters are offering their stunning settings and working with topnotch local chefs to present farm-to-table dinners that benefit Sonoma Land Trust. We hope you will take the opportunity to celebrate with us in one or more of these extraordinary events this year.

**AND THERE'S SO MUCH MORE** > It's impossible to cover in this report everything that your land trust is doing because there is always so much going on. New acquisitions are important, but clearly, they are just one part of our work. This year, we played a leading role in Sonoma County on behalf of passing Measure AA on the June 2016 ballot. Measure AA will generate \$500 million in local funding over the next 20 years to help clean up and restore San Francisco Bay. Thank you for voting for Measure AA — we are very grateful to Sonoma County and our members for your willingness to invest in our region's environment and to continue the work we started at Sears Point.

Our stewardship department continues to monitor conservation easements, build bridges, maintain landscapes, work with rural neighbors, involve kids in planting native trees, and so much more. Volunteers play a critical role in our stewardship efforts and our On the Land program team consistently comes up with new and fun activities for people of a wide range of ages and interests. The communications department launched the enchanting Mountains + Molehills blog and has been working with Bay Area favorite Doug McConnell to tell Sonoma Land Trust's stories on his new *Open Road* TV series. Along

with generating the funds to support our labor-intensive work, the development department is helping to raise the money needed to build the parking lot at the Jenner Headlands — the only remaining obstacle to unguided public access to this spectacular 5,630-acre property and our Pole Mountain Preserve. Our financial team is awarded clean audits every year, having carefully shepherded millions of dollars of government agency funding in compliance with myriad regulations. And our volunteer manager has been growing both the number and capacity of our dedicated volunteer crew, finding more and more niches where they can participate meaningfully in our mission.

**WHAT'S NEXT?** > Our executive director, Dave Koehler, came on board in April 2015 and, a few months later, the Land Trust board and staff began engaging in an intensive, half-year-long strategic planning process to build the path for the organization to follow from now until 2020. Earlier this year, our board voted to approve the new plan. In addition to continuing our current projects, the plan contains a number of exciting new initiatives, such as expanding protection of the critical wildlife corridor from Napa to Marin; building a Russian River watershed program; improving the cultural relevancy, diversity and inclusivity of our programs; developing a Preserve System program plan to integrate our restoration and outdoor program activities across the county; and launching an apprenticeship program to give recent college graduates practical natural resource stewardship experience — to help foster the next generation of land trust stewards. It's an ambitious strategic plan — but we wouldn't have it any other way.

Thank you for being part of Sonoma Land Trust — and for helping to make the impossible possible.

Make the impossible  
**possible**

*At the end of 2015, we protected Estero Ranch along the Sonoma Coast. Photo by Susan Upchurch.*







OUR DIVERSIFIED  
PORTFOLIO OF  
CONSERVATION  
PROJECTS

TOTAL ACRES PROTECTED: 48,588.4



# THANK YOU

Sonoma Land Trust's strength depends on the extraordinary generosity of those who are committed to the urgent work of permanently protecting the beautiful, agricultural and open lands that define Sonoma County. Our donors ensure that the innate beauty of our region is protected today and for generations to come. We gratefully acknowledge the following individuals, foundations and businesses that made gifts or pledges from January 1 through December 31, 2015.



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## HAROLD APPLETON

*WHEN IT COMES TO COMMITMENT TO THE  
 LAND AND STEWARDSHIP OVER THE LONG  
 TERM, HAROLD APPLETON'S DEDICATION  
 TO THE LAND TRUST'S SONOMA COAST  
 PROPERTIES IS WORTH RECOGNIZING.*



As our registered professional forester, erosion control specialist, author of the 2002 and 2013 Little Black Mountain Management plans, high-level volunteer and major donor, Harold has invested more than a decade of involvement in seeing these preserves thrive. Through Harold's leadership, Sonoma Land Trust has implemented a multitude of projects addressing forest and wildland fuel management, property infrastructure, erosion control and trail development to ready the preserve for educational programs and recreational activities.

"It is absolutely inspiring the way we have been able to partner with groups like CalFire, FireSafe Sonoma, Conservation Corps North Bay, local contractors and our hearty volunteers to continue to implement the many needed projects identified in the stewardship plan," remarks Harold. "I give a lot of credit to SLT's Shanti Edwards for keeping it going and keeping me involved."

Harold has recently turned his attention to the Pole Mountain property management plan, and is helping to identify forest management and fuel reduction priorities. He is taking his landscape-scale knowledge of forest management priorities and applying them to one of the most visible and significant properties in the region.

His understanding of the need for ongoing land stewardship runs deep. He focuses his philanthropy, like his volunteer efforts, on care of the land. "If we truly value these lands, we must proactively take care of them."

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## REDWOOD HILL FARM

*IN 1978, AT THE TENDER AGE OF 23, JENNIFER*

*BICE TOOK OVER THE GOAT FARM THAT HER*

*PARENTS HAD ESTABLISHED DURING THE "BACK*

*TO THE LAND MOVEMENT" IN THE '60s.*



Her passionate interest in dairy goats and artisanal foods led her to become an award-winning goat breeder and cheesemaker.

Nestled among majestic redwoods in western Sonoma County, Redwood Hill Farm & Creamery produces artisanal cheeses, yogurts, kefir, sour cream and other specialty dairy products. The farm and creamery were founded and are, to this day, operated by Jennifer Bice.

Excellence is a top priority. Redwood Hill takes pride in producing the best-tasting, least-processed products. They focus on supporting Sonoma county workers and community organizations, small-scale dairy farmers and the dietary needs of consumers.

When asked about supporting Sonoma Land Trust, Jennifer responded: "Sonoma Land Trust's work to preserve open space and farmland in Sonoma County is very important to us as it completely aligns with our values. Organizations like the Land Trust nurture our community and protect its beauty — we feel an inherent responsibility as a company to do the same. I am so proud to have supported this great organization since 1994."

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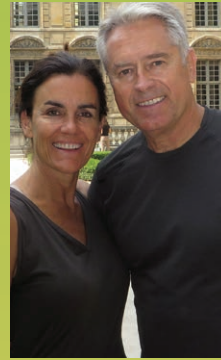
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*ALTHOUGH DANIEL AND VICTORIA  
 CRESSMAN RESIDE IN MARIN  
 COUNTY, THEIR HEARTS ARE TIED  
 TO THE SONOMA VALLEY.*

The Cressmans are passionate about wildlife and nature, reinforced by Victoria's childhood horseback rides on Sonoma trails and Dan's experience in the '70s as a Banff National Park warden in Canada. Since purchasing a house in Glen Ellen in 2001, the couple became familiar with our work to preserve the Sonoma Valley Wildlife Corridor, and especially the work pertaining to the Sonoma Developmental Center. Inspired by our work (and the events that led to the formation of the GGNRA in their Marin backyard), the Cressmans became summit leadership supporters in 2015. Dan, who works in commercial real estate, recognizes the importance of developing urban areas — but also maintaining open spaces. "Sonoma County is such a sanctuary for wildlife," says Dan. "Here, it's all about creating and preserving open space."

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## CORKY FERRIS

*A LEFT-HANDED BASS PLAYER,  
 CORKY FERRIS FOUND IT TOUGH TO  
 MAKE IT AS A JAZZ MUSICIAN IN SAN  
 FRANCISCO AFTER MOVING THERE IN  
 1974 FROM PHILADELPHIA.*



In the early '80s, he started Commoncents to aid artists, designers and musicians ("those who are burdened by creativity") with their finances. In 1994, he fell in love with a color consultant/fiber artist client named Lynn Kasuba; they bought a home in Occidental in 1998 and moved there full time in 2001. "It just got harder and harder to leave."

In 2007, a client introduced Corky to Sonoma Land Trust. He started making regular gifts and was soon writing monthly checks to aid the Trust's cash flow. While most monthly givers to the Land Trust give online, Corky enjoys writing that check. "It's my favorite thing to do in the month because it's about somebody else, not me," he says. "And it's easier than coming up with a big number at the end of the year for the tax deduction." A finance professional, Corky knows the value of cash flow and tax deductions. As an artist, he knows the value of the landscapes surrounding us. "It's stunning here. We're in one of the most beautiful spots in the world and we need to keep it this way."

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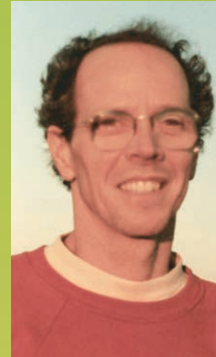
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Nancy A. Sheppard and S. Peter Poullada  
Art and Elaine Reichert  
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Agilent Technologies  
Apple  
BlackRock  
Chevron  
Constellation Brands  
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eBay  
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Keysight Technologies  
NVIDIA  
Pfizer  
PG&E  
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The Caddell Family  
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Bill Hutchinson  
Christine Hyde  
The Kajeckas Family  
David Kimball  
Julie and Claire Landecker  
Elyse Lord  
Anna McLawhorn  
David Pierotti  
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Pamela Sauers  
Christina and Evan Sharp  
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Irene Theodos  
David and Georgia Vossler  
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#### Gifts In Kind

Ace Cider  
Allison Ash and Marc Schwager  
Atwood Ranch  
Balletto Vineyards and Winery  
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Victor Reus, MD and Kira Tiedgens  
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Christopher Szcsey  
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Don Hanesworth  
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## Celebrating, Honoring & Remembering

*From November 1, 2014 through*

*December 31, 2015, the following*

*friends of Sonoma Land Trust made  
gifts honoring exceptional individuals*

*and celebrating special events. As*

*always, we are grateful that our work*

*of protecting the land forever is*

*chosen as a symbol of appreciation*

*and continuity.*

**Anonymous** in memory of Tom Falk  
**Edward E. Abramson, PhD** in memory of Morris B. Abramson  
**Nancy Abreu** in memory of Marie Del Bondio  
**Alla Acheff** in memory of George C. Acheff  
**Janice Adams** in loving memory of Norman L. Boling  
**Richard and Margo Addison** in memory of Tom Barnett  
**Paula and Ken Alban** in memory of Norm Boling  
**Suzanne Albin** in memory of Bill Kortum  
**Tim Aldredge** in memory of Donna Youngreen  
**Winifred and Harry B. Allen Foundation** in memory of Howard Allen  
**Leslie Allyn** in memory of Brooke and Shirley Dubell  
**Katie Alvord** in memory of Pat Wiggins; in memory of George and Phyllis Ellman  
**Tania Amochaev** in memory of Harold Hahn  
**Bob and Sue Anderson** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
**Ted Andersen and Kat Gledhill** in celebration of Bill and Jean Andersen  
**Irene Ange** in celebration of Patrick Scott's birthday  
**Steve and Valerie Arelt** in memory of Kent Larson  
**Karen and Gerry Arrington** in memory of Rachael Chambara; in honor of Faye Hansen  
**Stephen Ayala** in memory of Anne Okada Ayala  
**Peter E. Babcock** in memory of Carole Barbour  
**Suzanne Badenhoop and Guy Lampard** in honor of the Verlanders  
**Schuyler and Susie Bailey** in honor of Bryant and Diane Hichwa, Steve DePietro and Brenda Bullington  
**Bill Baldewicz and J.C. Lipzin** in memory of Marvin Lipzin  
**Reva and Jerry Basch** in memory of Tom Falk  
**Walter and Lu Benson** in memory of Edith Hanna, Inez Oliva and Bill Kortum  
**James and Janice Berkland** in memory of Gertrude Berkland  
**Jennifer Bice** in memory of Steven Schack  
**Iris Borg** in memory of Richard Borg  
**Gordon and Tamara Boulbee** in memory of Frank T. Slavens  
**Yseult Bourbonnais** in memory of William L. Blaine  
**Laurel Bozzolo** in honor of Betsy Livingstone  
**Betty A. Brachman** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
**Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Brosbe** in honor of Reta Lockert; in honor of Harry and Dee Richardson



**Aaron Brown** in honor of Bruce and Lorraine Brown  
**Alan Brubaker** in celebration of Gloria Murphy  
**Florence E. and John Bryan** in memory of Caroline Martin Larsen  
**Deborah and Winston Bull** in memory of Norman Boling  
**Ann Butler** in memory of Grey Hayes  
**Katharine Butler** in honor of David Kimball  
**Martha Campbell** in memory of E. Rae Hudspeth  
**Canyon Records** in memory of Emily Evers  
**Sheri Cardo** in memory of Erik Holbek and Kirsten Lindquist; in memory and celebration of Bill Kortum, who inspired such a deep love of the land  
**Lynne and Dick Carlile** in memory of Tim Temple and Davide Maronati  
**Carolyn Carpenter** in celebration of Betsy Livingstone  
**Padma Catell** in memory of Benjamin Millstein  
**Catherine Chatton Cheney** in memory of Moira Chatton Young  
**Theodore and Lynda Chenoweth** in celebration of Barbara Kelley McLaughlin, a scholar of Roman and Greek history and a great birder  
**Cherrybrook Fund** in memory of David Smith  
**Randal S. Churchill** in memory of Bill Kortum  
**John and Lena Chyle** in honor of Ralph Benson  
**Susan M. Clark** in celebration of Bill and Marge Clark  
**Molly and Richard Cohen** in celebration of the Wednesday Wanderers  
**Jim Cole** in honor of his Airbnb guests  
**Guy Conner** in memory of Pat Wiggins  
**Mary C. Connick** in memory of Derek Covert  
**Darren and Julie Cooke** in honor of Richard Harkness  
**Mickey S. Cooke** in memory of Erik Holbek  
**Elizabeth and Martin Covington** in memory of Charles M. Schulz  
**Valerie Creveling** in memory of Lorna Creveling  
**Mary and Michael Cuoio** in celebration of Ralph Benson  
**Sandra Curtis** in honor of Miles Bradley's volunteer efforts at Sonoma Land Trust  
**Nancy Dakin and David Woltering** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
**Millie Davis** in memory of Tom Falk  
**Roberta Delgado** in memory of Mark E. Spaulding  
**Jeff Diamond and Amy Zimmer** in honor of Berta Kaliski  
**Russ and Judy Dieter** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
**Junhui Ding** in memory of Kirsten

Lindquist  
**Joan Withers Dinner** in memory of Michael H. Smith  
**Ron and Sandy Dodge** in celebration of Dogtoberfest  
**John and Sara Donnelly** in memory of Bill Kortum  
**George and Cynthia Doubleday** in honor of David Smith  
**James and Colleen Drake** in memory of Emily S. Evers  
**Jane Edwards** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
**Ken Egel and Liz Wiegardt** in memory of Bill Kortum  
**Irene Ehret** in honor of Steve Ehret  
**Electro Optical Components, Inc.** in memory of Norm Boling  
**Pat and Ted Eliot** in memory of Jim Lyon; in memory of Anthony Arnold, Erik Holbek, J.R. "Bob" Stone and Sidney Peters; in honor of Wendy Eliot, Emily Evers, Bill Kortum and Kirsten Lindquist; in honor of Teddy; in honor of Ralph Benson  
**Wendy Eliot and Michael Fitzgibbon** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist and Erik Holbeck  
**Patrick W. Emery and Allison Sanford** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
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**Linda Fraley and J. Geren Nichols** in memory of Mila Martin  
**Anne French** in honor of Susan Smile  
**Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. Friedman** in honor of Lauren and Scott Dixon  
**Nan Kathryn Fuchs, PhD** in celebration of Madge Holland  
**Jackie Gardener** in honor of Jeri Taylor and David Moessinger and Marty and Bette Covington  
**Charles and Terry Gast** in memory of Emily Evers  
**Joan Geary** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
**Therese Geary** in memory of Patricia Sherman; in memory of Joan Zappettini  
**Philip and Cheryl Genet** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
**Irmgard and Heinz Gerstle** commemorating their birthdays  
**David Gettman** in memory of Norm Boling  
**Susan Gilliland** in honor of Ralph



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## BEN WHEELER



***BEN WHEELER, A FORMER  
HIGH-TECH EXECUTIVE LIVING IN  
BODEGA BAY, IS AN EVERGREEN  
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"I support county land conservation because open space is at the core of why I live here — the relatively rural aesthetic feels like home and outdoor access is the foundation for most of my lifestyle," says Ben. "Our proximity to the Bay Area and its ever-growing economy puts inexorable development pressure on our open space. Even well-meaning market forces, left to themselves, would pave us over in a generation. Sonoma Land Trust provides a key voice for conservation in this environment, both as a strategic open space planner and as a quick-reaction bidder in important real estate sales."

Benson  
**Cindy and John Gilpin** in memory of Emily S. Evers  
**Bruce Goldstein and Vicki Hill** in memory of Steven James Lee; in memory of Frances Y. Ekart  
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**Parke and Sarah Hafner** in celebration of Mary Hafner  
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**Michael and Nancy Hall** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
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**James Harwood** in memory of Debra Petricka  
**George Hasa** in appreciation of hike leader Corby Hines  
**Cynthia Hauck** in memory of Tom Falk  
**Michael and Patricia Hayes** in celebration of Ralph Benson  
**Scott and Claudia Hein** in memory of

Rich Stallcup  
**Robert and Eloyse Held** in celebration of Robert and Paula Brent  
**Patty and Mike Hickey** in memory of Norman Boling  
**Thomas Higley** in memory of Eugene Russell  
**Darla Hillard and Rodney Jackson** in honor of Ralph Benson  
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**Joan Hornig** in honor of Caroline Daniels  
**Linda Hornstein** in memory of Joel Hornstein  
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**Priscilla Ireland and Dale Carroll** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
**Michele Issel** in celebration of the McIver Family; in celebration of the Berry Family; in celebration of Lindsay, Cliff and Baby Paulin; in celebration of Jennifer Dailey; in celebration of Helen Issel; in celebration of Joane and Evan Dailey  
**Richard Iverson** in memory of Barbara A. Iverson  
**Blaine and Susan Janin** in memory of Carita Larsen  
**Marilee Jensen** in memory of Norman Boling  
**Stephen K. Jones** in memory of Bill Kortum  
**Jim and Joan Jordan** in honor of Friends of the Gualala River  
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**Paul Judge and Christine Yaeger** in memory of Greg Hayes  
**Harland Kahn** in celebration of Loretta Barsamian  
**Nicole and Marc Katano** in memory of William A. Henkin, Jr.  
**Jean and Roy Knapp** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
**Lucy Kortum** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
**Cynthia and Hugo Landecker** in celebration of Julie and Claire's new home in Sonoma County  
**Elizabeth Lane** in memory of Sara Branch

**Cynthia Langendorf** in memory of Harold Ryan  
**Sean and Chris Lanham** in celebration of Michael Lanham  
**Jack and Mary Lawrence** in honor of Bill Kortum  
**Gaye LeBaron** in memory of John LeBaron  
**Nelson Lee and Lia Rudnick Lee** in honor of Ralph Benson  
**Enid Leff** in memory of Irwin Leff  
**Sarah Cameron Lerer and Jim Lerer** in celebration of Sonoma Land Trust's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
**Peter and Olivia Leveque** in memory of John Crevelli  
**Marjorie Lilienthal** in memory of Philip Lilienthal  
**Liz Linde and Walt Hays** in memory of Woody and Barni Linde  
**Reta Lockert** in celebration of the incomparable Ralph Benson  
**Ruth Lombard and Trymon Hunter** in celebration of Rhiannon's birthday  
**Bill and Tieli Long** in honor of Ralph Benson  
**Rachel Long** in honor of the generous and passionate Sheri Cardo  
**Andrew Macdonald and Anne Peterson** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
**Sue MacMillan** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
**Eileen Ann Maloy** in memory of Bill Kortum  
**Thomas Martin** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
**Dennis Martino** in celebration of Lilli  
**Andy and Sophie Mattson** in honor of Peter Mattson  
**Robin and Jean Maybury** in memory of William Lepley; in memory of Joan January, wonderful artist of Healdsburg, who died unnecessarily in September 2014  
**Drew McCalley and Marilyn Green** in memory of Tom Falk  
**Elizabeth McCarthy and Marko Castor** in memory of Bill Kortum  
**Mrs. David McDaniel** in memory of Caroline Martin Larsen  
**Winton and Margaret McKibben** in honor of Roland Brandel  
**David McLean** in memory of Norm Boling  
**Kathryn K. McNeil** in memory of Mrs. Henry Evers  
**Jean McVeigh** in memory of Douglas McVeigh  
**Bernard Meyers** in honor of Arnie Feldsher  
**Erin Miller and Tod Noguchi** in honor of Gerri Levenberg-Miller  
**Gerald Missey** in memory of Agnes McTernan  
**Cecilia Moelter** in memory of Thomas Falk  
**Leonard Mott** in memory of Norm Boling

**Moyra Moy** in honor of Michael and Patricia Hayes  
**Kathleen Mugele** in memory of Margaret (Maggie) Falkenburg; in memory of "the Harley Dude"; in memory of Erik Holbek; in celebration of Sue Weingarten; in celebration of Reta Lockert's birthday; in celebration of Karen Garcia; in celebration of Iris (Ruth) Lombard and Sunflower (Susanne) Otteman; in celebration of Gerry and Lilly Mugele; in celebration of Ciel, Sunflower and Iris  
**Daniel Needham** in celebration of Reta Lockert  
**Sally Nees** in memory of The Cochran Family of Glen Oaks Ranch  
**Patricia Nelson** in memory of David Nelson  
**Edith R. Newsome** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
**Jane Nielson** in memory of Bill Kortum  
**Dan Nuebel and Karen Thompson** in memory of Frank Daniel Nuebel  
**Marcia and James Nybakken** in memory of Tom Falk  
**Margie and Bruce Obendorf** in honor of Art and Jill  
**Barbara Saarni Oddone and Pier Oddone** in memory of Carolyn Saarni  
**Kenneth Ogren** in memory of Marjorie Ogren; in memory of Ila Peterson  
**Richard and Susan Olness** in memory of Caroline Martin Larsen  
**Emily Oppenheimer** in honor of Rudolf Oppenheimer  
**June and Darrell Osbourn** in appreciation of Ralph Benson and his service to Sonoma Land Trust  
**Susanne Otteman and Myrna Goodman** in honor of Ruth Lombard's birthday  
**Nancy and Kevin Padian** in memory of Sibyl Ann Otter  
**Jean and Jim Palmer** in honor of J. Sterling Morton, the founder of Arbor Day; in memory of Carita Larsen  
**Jackie Parker** in memory of Brad Parker  
**Leland E. Parker** in memory of Gary Haag; in memory of Douglas Richardson  
**Donald and Joyce Parsons** in memory of Deborah Lynn Parsons  
**Jill Pass** in memory of Joseph Pass, longtime Sonoma County resident and founder of Redwood Aviation  
**Ellen Gill Pastore** in honor of Lizanne Pastore and Will Bucklin; in celebration of Elizabeth Anne Pastore's birthday  
**Johanna Patri** in celebration of Reta Lockert's birthday; in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
**Anne and Robert Pedrero** in honor of Ken Freeman  
**Kathy Pedroni** in memory of Caroline Martin Larsen  
**Stephen Max Perr and Holly Christman** in memory of Patricia Loretz  
**Richard Peters** in memory of Donald B. Rice, Jr.

**Ervand and Judie Peterson** in memory of Matilda E. Peterson  
**David Petritz** in honor of Bill Kortum  
**Linda Petrulias** in memory of Sandra Rooklin Paillon  
**Mary Piasta** in celebration of clients of Piasta Valluzzo Law Group LLP  
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**Sharon Ponsford and Chris Jones** in memory of Doug Tompkins  
**John and Polly Post** in memory of John Howard Mansfield  
**Linda and Alan Proulx** in memory of Richard Yahner, PhD, who dedicated his life and career to wildlife conservation  
**Miles Raines** in memory of Norm Boling  
**Josephine and Umland Redd** in honor of Web and Elizabeth Marquez  
**Art and Elaine Reichert** in memory of Lorna Gilmer  
**Elaine Reichert** in celebration of Art Reichert  
**Katherine and Alan Reinke** in honor of Mirka Knaster and Larry Jacobs  
**Amanda Jane Reynolds** in memory of Carita Larsen  
**Willard and Nancy Richards** in honor of Ralph Benson and all he has done for Sonoma Land Trust and for Sonoma County  
**Harry and Dee Richardson** in memory of Rudolph Oppenheimer, MD; in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
**Kenneth Roberts** in honor of Bill Kortum  
**Bernice H. Rosenthal** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
**Annette and Craig Roth** in memory of Gary Haag  
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**Robert Rottmayer** in memory of Norm Boling  
**Helen Rudee** in memory of Bill Kortum  
**Robin Doerr Russell** in memory of John George Doerr and Howard George Hanvey  
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**Stephen and Jean Schapp** in honor of Earle and Susie Cummings  
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**Steve and Georgia Schwartz** in celebration of Oliver and Dylan Deal  
**Chere and Eric Secrist** in celebration of Cassie Gillespie  
**Dr. and Mrs. Michael Shane** in memory of Erica Demarest Shane  
**Sandra Shannonhouse and Arthur Schade** in memory of Bill Kortum  
**Greig Shepard and Constance Sharpe** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist  
**Stephen and Betty Sherer** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist; in celebration of the marriage of Julia Beaufait and Dave Sherer  
**Tina Shone** in memory of Kirsten



Lindquist

**Patrice and Julie Sicaud** in honor of Alfred A. Stone

**Mercy Sidbury** in memory of Alice and James Sidbury, Jr.

**Alan Siegle and Shelley Brown** in memory of Bill Kortum

**Jill Silvas** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist

**Steve and Wendy Smit** in honor of Pauline Secor Elliott

**Daphne Smith** in honor of Ralph Benson

**David L. Smith and Bonnie Martin** in celebration of the anniversary of Rich and Bev

**Susan Manuel Smith** in honor of Ralph Benson

**Denise Sobel and Tom Oczkowski** in memory of Kirsten Linquist and Eric Holbeck

**The Solem Family** in memory of Matthew D. Solem

**Barbara Spain** in memory of Gary Spain

**Katherine Speas** in memory of Manette Hollingsworth Speas and R. Dixon Speas

**Max Stein and Jean Kenna** in memory of Helen Stein

**Helen Stevens** in celebration of Lise's 94 years

**Michael Stone** in memory of Carol A. Stone

**John P. Strebel** in memory of Ralph Benson, Sr. "Chief of the Fire"

**Sandra Stribolt** in memory of Bernice Lee

**Lisa Sugarman** in honor of Mary Williams and Peter Elias

**Jack and Marilyn Swire** in memory of James Hegarty

**Lory and Dana Teicheira** in memory of Satchel

**Gladys Thacher** in honor of Anne Teller

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**Christina Toms** in memory of Art Toms

**Dale and Elaine Trowbridge** in memory of Denis Rex Trowbridge

**Kathleen Truax** in honor of Ralph Benson's fine work and retirement

**Arlene Ulmer** in memory of Joseph W. Ulmer

**Pamela Vanderbilt** in memory of Connie and Norman Beekley

**Elizabeth R. Vaughn** in celebration of Ralph Benson

**Maria Sarah Vella** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist

**Sally Vella** in celebration of Lorraine Wedekind's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday; in memory of Ignazio Vella

**Michael J. Vellutini** in memory of Caroline "Carita" Larsen

**The Viking House at Jenner** in

memory of Matt Solem and Allen Ray

**Eileen Walsh** in memory of John and Maureen Walsh

**Nola Watson** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist

**Shane and Sally Weare** in memory of Kirsten Lindquist

**Linda and Jim Weathers** in memory of Jonathan Glass

**Anne and Putney Westerfield** in memory of Caroline Martin Larsen

**Jeffrey and Line Westman** in honor of Julia Grant

**Cy Wilcox** in memory of Billie Blumenthal

**Carol Williams** in memory of Bill Kortum; in memory of Kirsten Lindquist

**Peter Elias and Mary Williams** in memory of Mabre Krueger

**Andrea Selietta Williamson** in memory of Allison Scott

**Colleen and Mark Wilson** in memory of William Henry Canthers

**Camilla Wilson and Leigh Wilson-Mattson** in memory of Emily Evers

**Linda and Steven Wolan** in celebration of Casey and Alicia Case

**Patricia Wolffe** in celebration of Ms. Judy Laurson

**Joan Woodhull** in memory of Joel Woodhull

**Ronald and Pieter Anne Wright** in honor of Austin Jerome Edwards

**Alfred and Julia Wurglitz** in celebration of Ralph Benson and the incredibly hardworking staff at Sonoma Land Trust

**Thomas Yarish and Laure Campbell** in memory of Donald C. Campbell, Ret. USN

**Pamela Zimmerman** in memory of Jerry Waxman

## LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

### FOR CONSERVATION

Making a bequest to Sonoma Land Trust is a simple way to ensure that the places you love remain forever open. You can name Sonoma Land Trust as a beneficiary of your will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy or financial accounts. Anyone can make a bequest.

### FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The amounts presented here are derived from the Sonoma Land Trust's financial statements for the years ending December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014. Copies of the audited reports of financial statements are available upon request.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT DECEMBER 31

	2015 (PRE-AUDIT)	2014 (AUDITED)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,970,644	\$ 6,087,685
Investments	4,106,763	3,233,118
Contracts and other receivables	4,992,247	3,125,622
Pledges & bequests receivable	4,684,707	1,141,476
Deposits and other assets	52,486	88,487
Conservation lands and easements	36,223,755	36,318,418
Property and equipment, net	742,251	2,255,423
Property subject to life estate	1,100,000	1,083,925
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$ 57,872,853</u>	<u>\$ 53,334,154</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 3,397,531	\$ 2,721,762
Deferred revenue	1,688,709	519,186
Short-term note payable	400,000	674,118
Refundable advances	1,006,293	1,006,124
Use obligation-life estate	603,879	609,594
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>\$ 7,096,412</u>	<u>\$ 5,530,784</u>
<i>Net Assets</i>		
Unrestricted		
Available for operations	\$ 8,160,578	\$ 5,417,687
Board designated — conservation projects	1,652,064	763,911
Investment in conservation lands	36,263,802	36,318,418
Total unrestricted net assets	46,076,444	42,500,016
Temporarily restricted net assets	4,699,999	5,303,354
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<u>50,776,443</u>	<u>47,803,370</u>
<i>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</i>	<u>\$ 57,872,855</u>	<u>\$ 53,334,154</u>

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31

<b>REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>		
Contributions and grants	\$ 7,282,338	\$ 3,242,975
In-kind contributions	900	262,188
In-kind contributions: Conservation land & improvements	—	40,000
Project income	4,954,885	8,603,291
Investment income	(13,889)	159,807
<i>Total Revenue and Support</i>	<u>\$ 12,224,234</u>	<u>\$ 12,308,261</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Projects and stewardship	\$ 7,361,598	\$ 10,469,569
Governance and administrative	1,114,504	1,059,010
Fundraising	725,059	640,812
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>\$ 9,201,161</u>	<u>\$ 12,169,391</u>
Net income before land acquisitions & donations	\$ 3,023,073	\$ 138,870
Land acquisition expenses	(1,000,000)	(568,063)
Land acquisition contributions (net)	950,000	2,352,827
<i>Net income after land acquisitions &amp; donations</i>	<u>\$ 2,973,073</u>	<u>\$ 1,923,634</u>



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*“How strange that  
nature does not knock, and  
yet does not intrude!”*

*— Emily Dickinson*

