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**Bay Camp is back!**

What better way to celebrate Earth Day than to help foster the next generation of environmental champions! As we welcome the warmer weather, our staff members

programs. Bay Camp, SLIME (Students Learning in Marsh Environments) and The Conservation Council. Through these programs, third graders to high schoolers from Sonoma County and beyond will engage in hands-on projects to learn about our mission and understand that they have the power to control what happens in our environment through their actions. The programs also nurture a bond with nature that inspires a lifelong love of the land. This Earth Day, support Sonoma Land Trust in providing thousands of children the opportunity to fall in love with nature. You can donate [here](#).



## Live Oaks Ranch forest treatments



Live Oaks Ranch forest treatments—thinning, prescribed burning, pruning and mechanical understory treatments, such as mastication or mowing—often have multiple purposes. At Live Oaks Ranch, in Knights Valley, we designed our forest treatments to increase freshwater availability, reduce the likelihood of fire spreading to the forest canopy and improve habitat for species traveling along the riparian corridor of Bidwell Creek.

The reason for our focus was the 2017 Tubbs Fire, which burned hot along the creek and caused extensive damage to riparian corridor vegetation. Before post-fire creek restoration can begin, however, the forest adjacent to Bidwell Creek must be managed so that it will be more fire-resilient and burn cooler in future fires. We are pleased that, for long-term forest management, many of the units we treated are lending themselves well to

This summer we are excited to host six week-long sessions of our bilingual camp program for children aged seven to 12 on the San Pablo Bay at Sears Point. Participants will explore the vital salt marsh habitat—by land and water—and discover all about the various plants and animals that live there.

[Visit our Bay Camp webpage to register and learn more!](#)

## Vernal Pools of the Santa Rosa Plain



good fire —prescribed burns—to the land.

## Land Trust is one of the first to cut green tape



Sonoma Land Trust recently completed a design for the Lakeville Creek Restoration Project, located at Sears Point Ranch in southern Sonoma County. The project, when complete, will restore stream function for three-quarters of a mile of stream, along with wildlife habitat, groundwater and seasonal wetlands. It's a big project and a groundbreaking one. Until now, the cost of permitting even smaller stream restoration projects could potentially exceed the cost of the restoration itself. Additionally, the process of satisfying the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) can be extraordinarily time intensive.

Considering the rapid and devastating effects of climate change on our rivers and streams, processes clogged by high costs and slow paperwork before restoration can even begin are unacceptable. Recognizing that regulatory processes needed to be streamlined without compromising oversight, the California Natural Resources Agency, under Governor Newsom's direction, launched the [Cutting the Green Tape](#) initiative. The initiative is part of the larger 30x30 effort to conserve 30 percent of the state's land and coastal waters by 2030.

With the help of consultant Prunuske Chatham, Inc. and California Department of Fish and Wildlife staff, our project became the second in the state to qualify for the



Photo by Sarah Gordon

Join us on May 25 for a presentation by Kandis Gilmore and Victoria Brunal to learn about vernal pools on the Santa Rosa Plain. These seasonal wetlands are home to many unique and endangered species of plants and animals.

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**May hikes**

truly a case of cutting the green tape, the exemption provides a fast track to project implementation. All permits are still required, but CEQA has been satisfied.

## Campaign highlights

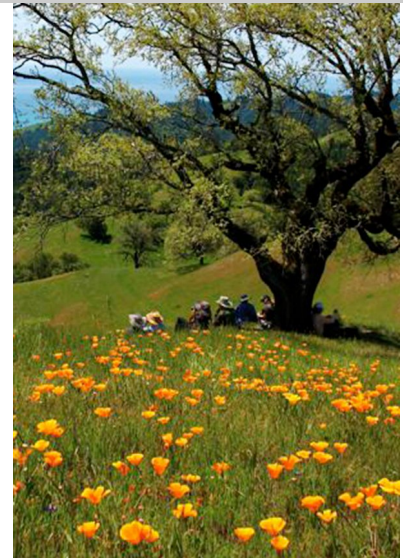


As we approach the one-year anniversary of the public launch of A Force for Nature, the Sonoma Land Trust Campaign, we are heartened by all we've been able to accomplish with your help. This summer we'll share a mid-campaign report and highlight campaign milestones:

- Adding to Taylor Mountain Regional Park, and Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserves
- Protecting wildlife corridors on Sonoma Mountain
- Conserving three miles on the Russian River
- Helping with coho salmon recovery
- Advocating for smart development at Sonoma Developmental Center
- Supporting the creation of the Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway and Petaluma River Park

We'll also share more about our programs that are fostering the next generation of land stewards, such as our bilingual summer camp, a program for teens and hikes for families.

We've accomplished all this and more, thanks to the support of generous individuals, businesses, foundations and government partners. We thank you for investing in this essential work.



Join us for a real or virtual walk in the outdoors and enjoy the signs of spring! We'll be heading out to Pole Mountain via Little Black Mountain Preserve and to Glen Oaks Ranch in the Sonoma Valley. This will also be our last virtual wildflower tour featuring several areas across Sonoma County.

[Register here](#)

## Women in conservation quiz

See how well you did on our March eNews Women's History Month quiz.

1. Rachel Carson  
LGBTQ+ author whose work continues to drive interest in environmental and public health

2. Marjorie Stoneham Douglas  
Brought attention to the Everglades as an essential ecosystem

3. Rosalie Barrow Edge

BIRDS OF ALL KINDS,  
particularly raptors

4. Deb Haaland  
Secretary of the  
Department of the Interior  
and first Native American  
to serve as a cabinet  
Secretary

5. Lisa P. Jackson  
First Black American to  
hold the position of  
Administrator of the  
Environmental Protection  
Agency

6. Margaret Thomas Murie  
Instrumental in passing  
the Wilderness Act

7. Kate Sessions  
Recognized the  
importance of and created  
green space in cities

8. Elizabeth Yeampierre  
Led the historical People's  
Climate March in 2014 and  
first Latina chair  
appointed to the EPA's  
National Environmental  
Justice Advisory Council



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