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Watch! Rehabbed hawk released at Sears Point Ranch

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After the fires, our Baylands manager Julian Meisler found a badly injured hawk trapped in fire-damaged fencing at Sears Point Ranch. Thanks to [Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue](#) (SCWR), the bird was rehabilitated over six weeks and able to be released over the holidays. The hawk couldn't wait to be free and literally burst out of the box and took off, soon meeting up with another red-tailed hawk — maybe its mate! Enjoy the video above of the hawk's release and read the full story on our [Mountains + Molehills blog](#). Huge thanks to the skilled staff and volunteers at SCWR, to SLT's Corby Hines for this wonderful video of the release and to volunteer photographer Tom Reynolds for [these lovely images](#).



Thank you to our Charter Business Partners, listed [here](#), who believe that when the land is healthy, our people and economy are healthy, too. Interested in getting your business involved? Learn more about the generous package of benefits, including brand promotion, team building and employee engagement, by contacting [Emily Klein](#).

Humbled, grateful and ready for 2018!

Welcome, Tom!



Our dedicated community members continue to rally around Sonoma Land Trust and our work to protect and manage Sonoma County's beautiful, wild and working lands. For this, we are truly grateful. Together, Fran Conley, Rob Das and Beth Berkson donated \$1 million and challenged other supporters to contribute another \$1 million before year's end. We are excited and humbled to share that, as of December 31, we exceeded our goal. Hundreds of new members – *welcome!* – joined our cadre of steadfast supporters to address our land protection priorities. We will continue to work toward protecting the magic of the land we all love. *Thank you!*

Art along the Estero Americano



Award-winning fine art photographer [Thomas Jackson](#) was back out on the land to create his latest art installation on our beautiful coastal property, the Estero Americano Preserve. The Bay Area-based artist first contacted us last summer about creating a two-day art installation on Cougar Mountain at Sears Point. Jackson, whose artwork has been featured in in national publications,



Join us in extending a warm welcome to Tom Tolliver who recently joined our staff as fire recovery project manager. Tom will work with us for one year to manage post-fire recovery work on our preserves. He brings a wealth of experience in natural resource stewardship and project management.

SF Bay Flyway Festival

February 9–11



Celebrate the migration of a million birds through the San Francisco Bay Flyway! Booths will be set up on Mare Island, and SLT and other Bay Area groups are offering outdoor activities. Join us at Sears Point on February 10 for a special walk about the raptors of the flyway.

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Wildfire protection



Cardo and photographs comparing the nature depicting animal objects that mimic swarming behaviors found in nature, removing all traces of his creation and presence when complete. His latest creation on SLT land was a one-day art installation at our Estero Americano Preserve titled "File Folders no. 4" (pictured above), and we think the results are stunning! Check out his [Instagram page](#) for a video of his work in progress.

Save Sonoma at our home on February 22 from 7–9pm to learn about the wildfire protection plan for Sonoma County and the steps you can take to protect your home and community from wildfires.

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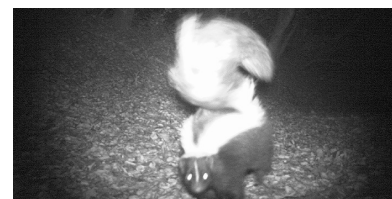
Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary rebuilds well-house at Glen Oaks Ranch



Left to right: Rotary members Leroy Carlezoli, Steve Amend and Rob Sanville pose in front of the newly built well-house at Glen Oaks Ranch.

Members of the [Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Sunrise](#), several of whom lost their own homes in the October fires, generously donated their time and skills last weekend to help rebuild the well-house at Glen Oaks Ranch that was damaged in the firestorm. The club also donated \$500 to help cover the materials costs for the well-house. Despite inclement weather, the Rotary members, with the help of Tom Tolliver, our new fire recovery project manager, completed most of the work as of this past Monday and are expected to complete it after one more workday. The Rotary Club has been a wonderful partner of ours for over 15 years, supporting the Land Trust through donations and volunteer labor for major projects, including replacing the roof of the historic stone barn and building the outdoor barbecue at Glen Oaks Ranch. Thank you, Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Sunrise, for continuing to support your local land trust!

"Scent-ual" encounter



Pepé le Pew! Is that a skunk ... up above? On a recent afternoon at Glen Oaks Ranch, SLT staffer Kate Freeman noticed the pungent smell of skunk musk coming from above. But it was no skunk – it was a Great Horned Owl! Read her musings about this fragrant experience on our [Mountains + Molehills](#) blog.

[Read it here](#)



