Women’s History Month

In honor of Women’s History Month, we celebrate the incredible women of Sonoma Land Trust—donors, volunteers, staff and board members. From advocating on nature’s behalf to rolling up their sleeves to protect the land for future generations, the women of Sonoma Land Trust are dedicated to preserving the natural beauty of the land and building climate resilience across Sonoma County. Thank you!

Women in Conservation

Test your knowledge by matching the right name to the accomplishment (below the names). Answers in next month’s eNews.

a. Elizabeth Yeampierre
b. Lisa P. Jackson
c. Rosalie Barrow Edge

Language of the Land: Spotting otters around the bay

Join us on April 21 for a presentation by Megan Isadore of the River Otter Ecology Project, a nonprofit dedicated to documenting river otters using community science. We’ll learn about the return of these elusive animals and why a healthy “ottershed” is a healthy watershed!

Register Now!
e. Deb Haaland

f. Margaret Thomas Murie

g. Rachel Carson

h. Kate Sessions

1. Instrumental in passing the Wilderness Act

2. LGBTQ+ author whose work continues to drive interest in environmental and public health

3. Recognized the importance of and created green space in cities

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

5. Dedicated to protecting birds of all kinds, particularly raptors

6. Brought attention to the Everglades as an essential ecosystem

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

8. First Black American to hold the position of Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency

Sonoma Land Trust and 30x30

Wildflower blooms are in full swing, and we’re excited to bring you out on the land to see them. Keep an eye on our outings page for upcoming walks—we’ll be adding more over the next few weeks.

Welcome board member Gymmel Trembly

Sonoma Land Trust welcomes new board member Gymmel Trembly.
California has joined more than 72 countries, including the United States, in setting a goal of conserving 30 percent of our lands and coastal waters by 2030. Achieving this goal will allow California to protect biodiversity, expand equitable access to nature, and lessen the impact of and build resilience to climate change. Scientists warn that we must meet the 30x30 goal to avoid the worst impacts of a warming planet.

From the San Pablo Baylands, through the Marin Coast-Blue Ridge Critical Linkage and into the Russian River watershed, Sonoma Land Trust has projects and programs focused on our most threatened species and habitat areas. Sonoma Land Trust is playing a key role in helping the state and the nation achieve the 30x30 goal through stewardship of our 17 nature preserves, which are managed for biodiversity conservation, and most of our conservation easements, which were originally identified for their unique biological value.

Our programs are designed to get us to our 30x30 goal of conserving 30 percent of Sonoma County’s land base—the gateway to larger, connected systems—by 2030. And we have already begun work. With community support and adequate funding, we are confident that we can achieve the 30x30 goals in Sonoma County and conserve this biodiversity hotspot for future generations.

Language of the Land in Spanish: tell a friend!
Language of the Land is Sonoma Land Trust’s monthly webinar series featuring speakers on topics at the intersection of nature and the human experience. Since October 2021, the Land Trust has worked with MR Translations to offer live Spanish interpretation for all our Language of the Land virtual presentations. By providing these webinars in Spanish, we aim to broaden community access to our presentations—at the time of the event as well as afterward.

Previous recordings of our Language of the Land series, such as our most recent Soundscapes to Landscapes, can be found in both English and Spanish on our YouTube channel and on our Nature at Home page.

Please visit our outings and events page to see our upcoming Language of the Land offerings.

Lenguaje de la tierra programa en español: ¡comparte con un amigx!

“Language of the Land” o Lenguaje de la tierra es la serie de webinarios mensuales de Sonoma Land Trust que presenta oradores sobre temas en la intersección de la naturaleza y la experiencia humana.

Desde octubre de 2021, el Land Trust ha trabajado con MR Translations para ofrecer interpretación en vivo en español para todas nuestras presentaciones virtuales de Lenguaje de la tierra. Al ofrecer estos webinarios en español, los proponemos a ampliar el acceso comunitario a nuestras presentaciones, tanto en el momento del evento como después.
Las grabaciones anteriores de nuestra serie Lenguaje de la tierra, como la más reciente Piasajes sonoros a paisajes de tierra, pueden encontrarse tanto en inglés como en español en nuestro canal de YouTube y en nuestra página "Nature at Home".

Visite nuestra página de salidas y eventos para ver nuestras próximas ofertas de Lenguaje de la tierra.

Glen Oaks Douglas-fir mystery

About halfway down the Glen Oaks Ranch fire road along Stuart Creek, there is a stand of 20 Douglas-fir trees that burned in the 2017 Nun’s Fire. The one-two punch of fire damage plus the ongoing drought were just too much for them. So, in consultation with our Registered Professional Forester, we decided to remove five of them, as they were dying and posed a risk to the public and to the health of nearby oak trees. In looking at the oldest of these trees (it was 108 years old) however, we were surprised to discover that, even though Glen Oaks burned in 1923 and 1964, there was no evidence of fire scarring on the tree’s rings. It’s most likely that, with grazing and historic fire conditions, this area was much less affected by earlier fires than in 2017. We plan to leave the rest of the stand as it is as there is already plentiful use of the habitat that these snags provide, with nests, acorn storage and strong evidence of fungi and mycological activity.