



TODAY

... to protect the land forever | May 2018

Election Day Reminder: Vote for Prop. 68 on June 5!



Has your vote by mail ballot arrived yet? Or are you headed to the polls on June 5? Either way, please support Proposition 68. This statewide funding measure will provide over \$4 billion for parks, clean water, and protection of California's incredible wildlife habitat and natural resources. As the Santa Rosa Press Democrat wrote in their recent editorial endorsing Prop. 68, "California's last park bond act was Proposition 84 in 2006. Almost all of that money is now gone, but parks and water sources need ongoing maintenance and upgrades. Money from Prop. 68 also could be available to help with restoring state and regional parks damaged in last year's fires and maintaining wildlife corridors. And Santa Rosa could compete for funding for park-poor areas to improve facilities in the newly annexed Roseland and southwest neighborhoods. The Press Democrat recommends a yes vote."

Yard and window signs are available at our office at 822 Fifth St. in Santa Rosa; if you'd like one, just come by.

DONATE NOW

New hats for new members!



May is #SonomaOutdoors month. Become a new member of Sonoma Land Trust this month and receive a complimentary cap! If you believe the beautiful, wild and working lands of Sonoma County are worth protecting, join us today.

Become a member

"Sonoma Fire Lessons" on OpenRoad TV



If you missed Doug McConnell's recent story filmed, in part, at Glen Oaks Ranch with our staffers

Black Mountain



Sonoma Land Trust recently convened a neighborhood gathering to connect with new and old neighbors living near the Land Trust's Little Black Mountain and Pole Mountain Preserves. This was a rare opportunity to share a conversation together about emergency notification systems, fuel reduction strategies and other topics relevant to this rural mountain community. [CAL FIRE](#) Battalion Chief Marshall Turbeville provided expert advice for defensible space and emergency response planning, and Jeff Schreiber of [Sonoma Resource Conservation District](#) introduced landowner assistance programs for fuel reduction and road improvement. As follow-up, we are working with CAL FIRE to develop an emergency plan map and phone tree for the neighborhood – an important outcome of the day. This springtime event was hosted by our generous neighbors at the Tukman Ranch. It was such a friendly gathering in a beautiful location that some asked, “Can we do it again next spring?”

Like son, like father

Be sure to catch it here.

Greenway news video



[News of the Northbay](#) recently featured our executive director Dave Koehler talking about the Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway project.

[Watch it here](#)

Heart of the Land



A big thanks to the 200 or so members and guests who joined in the revelry at the May 12 annual Heart of the Land member get-together. We hope everyone had a wonderful time connecting with other Land Trust members and spending a beautiful day on the land at Jack London State Historic Park.

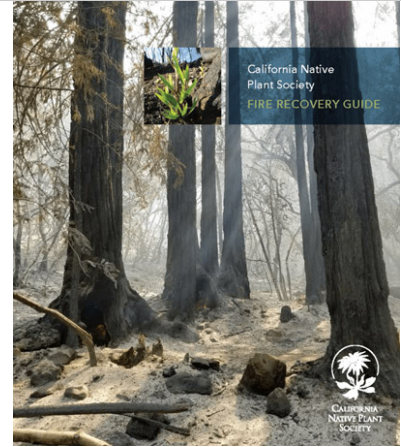
Free fire recovery guide



After the 2017 firestorm, Sonoma Land Trust's [video](#) showing the release of a hawk who had been trapped in a fire-damaged fence on the Sears Point uplands captivated Dave and Bill Tauck, science professors keenly aware of humans' responsibility for wildlife. For decades, both Taucks have transmitted the importance of appreciating and caring for the natural world to their students. In 2010, Dave moved to Sebastopol while continuing to teach biology at Santa Clara University, as he has since 1987. His Sonoma County life enticed his father Bill, a former physics professor, to move up from Ventura. Inspired by the flora and fauna of this vibrant county, Dave recently told us he added the Land Trust to his trust and retirement accounts, and Bill soon followed suit. Both educators are ensuring that the vitality of Sonoma County's natural beauty is protected after their own lifetimes. A warm thanks to Dave and Bill!

To learn more about leaving your own legacy gift, click [here](#).

Willow growth at Tolay



The [California Native Plant Society](#) has published a free land management guide for those impacted by last October's devastating firestorm, tackling issues that include erosion and tree damage, land care and recovery, and preparing for future fires.

Free download [here](#)

M + M blog Weeding out invasives



Everything's coming up ... weeds? The 2017 fires burned and blackened many weeds on our protected properties, but stewardship staffer Trevor George noticed some invasives are coming back stronger than ever.

Learn more on [Mountains + Molehills](#)



Last December, Sonoma Land Trust, STRAW and 13 of our volunteers teamed up to plant 400 willow sprigs along Tolay Creek, part of our larger erosion-control effort. Today, the willows are thriving — enough to capture the attention of hungry deer! — so each is being wrapped temporarily in protective tubing.

See photos of the growth [here](#)

Questions or comments? Email Sheri Cardo, managing editor.
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