



# TODAY

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## 30x30 and TOGETHER Bay Area



TOGETHER Bay Area—a regional coalition of Indigenous Tribes/groups, nonprofits and public agencies—created a 30x30 map that highlights projects in need of funding that could help California achieve its 30x30 goals. The searchable, [interactive map](#), designed for leaders and policymakers, compiles a current list of Bay Area projects, including several of Sonoma Land Trust's projects, that meet California's 30x30 goal to conserve 30 percent of our land and coastal waters by 2030. The projects span the 10-county Bay Area, are ready for funding and implementation, and would generate 14,000 new jobs at all levels over the next three to five years.

Contact your State Senator or Assemblymember today to request that they support robust funding for California's 30x30 initiative. [Click here](#) for contact info and a sample message.

## Roadway clearance for community safety

DONATE NOW

### Half my DAF



Do you make your donations through your Donor Advised Fund (DAF)? If you make a grant to Sonoma Land Trust by June 24 and commit to spending down half the money in your DAF by September 30, we will be eligible to receive up to \$50K in matching funds—making your donation go even farther. Details are at [www.halfmydaf.com](http://www.halfmydaf.com).



Thanks to funding provided by the Nion Robert Thieriot Foundation and [State Coastal Conservancy](#), we recently removed encroaching and overhanging vegetation from alongside the ranch road that connects the Little Black Mountain and Pole Mountain preserves, thereby reopening an important east-west evacuation route between Cazadero and the coast for nearby rural residents.

Our caretaker at Little Black Mountain and nearby neighbors on both sides of our remote preserves live at the end of unpaved roads at the top of the ridge. This route is vital in the event of wildfire and provides an access point in this steep, forested terrain for crews and equipment to conduct fuel reduction work.

This work builds on previous roadside clearance and shaded fuel break projects, completed in partnership with [Calfire's California Forest Improvement Program](#) and [Natural Resources Conservation Service's Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#). Much of the work was done by the [Conservation Corps North Bay](#) and Boy Scout Troop 14, and more work is planned in collaboration with the growing network of partners that make our forestland stewardship possible.

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## Strategic Plan online

### Freshwater Flows for Fish



Join us for a presentation by Mariska Obedzinski, fisheries biologist, and Sara Press, land acquisition and conservation strategy program manager, to learn about the state of salmon in the Russian River watershed and what Sonoma Land Trust's plans are to protect and increase freshwater flows in our streams.

[Register now](#)

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### June outings







You previewed our strategic plan through A Force for Nature campaign, where we invited you to explore six natural solutions—focal strategies—designed to improve our climate resilience. At webinars and community forums this year, you heard how our plan will contribute to California’s 30X30 plan and increase equitable access to nature’s benefits. Now [here’s](#) the whole story—all in one place.

## Star tulips and goldfields cover hillsides



*The hairy star tulip is a perennial herb native to California and elsewhere in western North America.*

hike at Glen Oaks Ranch or a journey on foot from Little Black Mountain to Pole Mountain.

[Learn more here](#)

## Farewell to Corby Hines, outings guide



Corby Hines has been with Sonoma Land Trust for more than eight years, leading hikes and kayak trips for thousands of people in Sonoma County. Corby is an avid photographer and videographer, and he will be leaving the Land Trust in June to pursue his videography work full-time. We will miss you, Corby!

## A Force for Nature campaign going strong

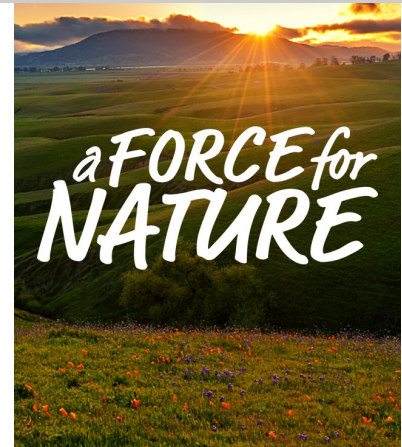


*These tiny yellow, daisy-like flowers are goldfields, a signature wildflower of serpentine grasslands.*

The rolling hillsides that flank the Estero Americano tidal estuary form a rare coastal prairie. Coastal prairies are found only along the Pacific Coast of California and Oregon, occurring in areas where plants receive some moisture from fog. The area is considered an Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area by the California Coastal Commission because it contains the highest plant diversity among North American grasslands.

The expansive rolling grassland hills on the southwestern flank of the Jenner Headlands Preserve were aglow this spring with goldfields. The native wildflowers persist here because of the low-nutrient, high-magnesium soil, which prevents exotic annual grasses from crowding out and displacing native species. Did you experience the bloom at [The Wildlands Conservancy's Jenner Headlands Preserve](#) Jean Schulz Wildflower Loop Trail? Post your pictures and tag us and our conservation partners:

- Sonoma Land Trust: [@Sonoma Land Trust](#)
- Sonoma Ag + Open Space: [@SonomaOpenSpace](#)
- The Wildlands Conservancy: [@JennerHeadlandsPreserve](#)



Thanks to the individuals, businesses, foundations and government partners who joined A Force for Nature campaign. In the first year of the public phase of our ongoing campaign, we have raised \$16 million in gifts, grants and commitments, bringing the total to \$74 million. Together we have tremendous impact! Thank you for your support.

### In the news

[Another \\$3.8m of PG&E settlement money for fire prevention](#)



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