



Lake County Land Trust

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Untouched shoreline habitat at the Wright property near Lakeport.

Wright Property acquisition is one of the Lake County Land Trust's largest projects

By Roberta Lyons

The Lake County Land Trust (LCLT) is undertaking its most ambitious acquisition yet as part of the Big Valley Wetlands Preservation Project. The acquisition of the 200 acre Wright Property, just southwest of the City of Lakeport will significantly add to the protected wetlands on the shores of Clear Lake.

The project is an important part of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Big Valley Wetlands (BVW) Conceptual Area Protection Plan (CAPP). The North Central Region (NCR) of CDFW is urging the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) to support the Land Trust's request for fee title acquisition of the

property, which NCR staff consider a priority for conservation.

This beautiful and significant shoreline property is south of the City of Lakeport in the Big Valley Wetland area. Habitats found on the property include lake, freshwater marsh, pasture, valley foothill riparian and valley oak woodland.

The property is home to game species including black-tailed deer, California quail, wild turkey, black bass, catfish, waterfowl, and habitats that support special status species including Clear Lake hitch and

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President's Message

By
Val
Nixon



Val Nixon

If there was ever a time when land conservation and management needed to be discussed, it is now. As we race the upcoming rain to prevent erosion and runoff from the devastating Mendocino Complex Fires, we come to grips with the absolute necessity of restoring wetlands to act as Clear Lake's natural filters.

At this time the Lake County Resource Conservation District (LCRCD) is working on emergency measures. Using a \$605,000 grant, provided by the US Environmental Protection Agency through the California Water Boards, LCRCD is following best management practices in controlling erosion in key locations in the Clear Lake watershed. Implementation of these measures began in mid-November but they need to be followed by long-term solutions, which is where the Lake County Land (LCLT) Trust fits in.

The priority of acquiring, restoring and protecting wetlands has never been greater. Re-establishing Clear Lake's natural filters are one of the long-term solutions to the health of Clear Lake. The LCLT is poised to continue our priority acquisitions by signing an option agreement to purchase the Wright Property, 200 acres, the majority of it wetlands for the Big Valley Wetlands Conservation Area Protection Plan. There are other adjacent properties on the horizon. It is with great optimism that the LCLT moves forward to protect and restore our ancient lake and its watershed.

Along with the RCD and other non-profits, public agencies and individuals, we continue to work with the Middle Creek Restoration Coalition to restore one of the largest wetlands and tributaries of Clear Lake. At this time the objective is to encourage and assist Lake County in the development of a purchase plan for the property within the project area using the \$15,000,000 funding from the Department of Water Resources from water bonds. The coalition also hopes to support and assist the county and the Army Corp of Engineers in developing and implementing the plans to successfully re-establish the Middle Creek wetlands.

As I write this I hear rain gently falling on the roof and hope it will assist the firefighting efforts near Para-

dise and in Southern California. The realization of the destruction and loss of life weighs heavy on all of our hearts. I will close this letter grateful for the courage of the firefighters and with hopes for recovery and strength for all those affected by these raging infernos.

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Melissa Kinsel, Outreach Coordinator for the Lake County Land Trust works with volunteers, Gayle Gura and Jessyca Lytle during the Boggs Lake cleanup day.

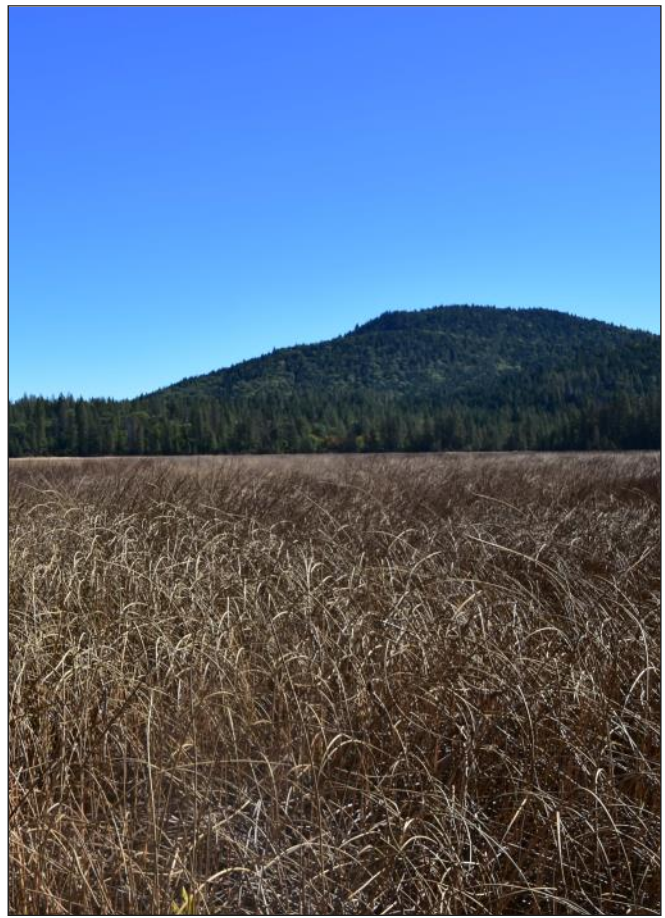
Boggs Lake Preserve clean up and work party was a great volunteer opportunity

The Lake County Land Trust (LCLT) has been partnering with The Nature Conservancy for many years now to help manage the Boggs Lake Preserve on Mt. Hannah. The Nature Conservancy, based in San Francisco, owns the preserve. Recently the LCLT held a cleanup day that included both old and new LCLT volunteers.

This was a special day which brought together members of the Boggs and Cobb communities, and members of the greater Lake County community, as well. About 40 people gathered to trim back foliage, rake trails, paint interpretive markers, sand and improve the dock, and generally spruce things up at this unique vernal pool.

Since Boggs Lake is owned by the Nature Conservancy and managed by the Lake County Land Trust, everyone was pleased to have a representative of The Nature Conservancy, Larry Serpa, on hand, to discuss interesting insights and plans for the property.

It was heartening to have members from Cub Scout troops 315 and Boy Scout troop 134 there to complete work in order to earn badges in outdoor responsibility and stewardship. When the hard work was concluded, the group was welcomed to friends' of the Land Trust's



Lovely view of Mt. Hannah behind Boggs Lake.



Cub Scout Pack 315 was a great help during the day.

home for a board and staff-provided luncheon and great company.



Richard and Angela Birk were the recipients of the Lake County Land Trust’s Supporters of the Year award for their continuing support of the Land Trust’s projects, including the Big Valley Wetlands acquisition drive; shown with board member, Roberta Lyons and LCLT president, Val Nixon. This year’s 19th annual dinner was dubbed: Dinner With Direction, and encouraged supporters to become involved with goals of the land trust to preserve and protect the Clear Lake shoreline and other important natural habitat areas of Lake County.



Assemblywoman Cecilia Aguiar-Curry with LCLT President, Val Nixon. Aguiar-Curry was the guest speaker for the event.



Kelseyville Interact volunteer Mya Castillo serves appetizers to Lynne Bruner and Bobbi and Neil Towne.

Lake County Land Trust dinner brings out supportive crowd

The 19th Lake County Land Trust Annual Dinner on Oct. 13 was dubbed “Dinner With Direction,” this year to signify the Land Trust’s continuing commitment to its mission of preserving and protecting lands with valuable natural habitats in Lake County.

Over 160 people gathered at the spacious Boatique Winery on Red Hills Road to enjoy elegant views of Clear Lake and the surrounding mountains while socializing, enjoying a wide array of Lake County wines and bidding on a silent auction that featured numerous items including jewelry, art, gift certificates to local eateries, and baskets full of amazing Lake County produce and products.

The Live Auction portion of the event was a fun affair and raised several thousand dollars thanks to the efforts of auctioneer, Supervisor Jim Steele. Local

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wineries donated wine for both pouring and auctioning and local businesses and individuals sponsored the event. This was one of the Land Trust's most successful annual dinners, bringing in \$15,000 to help support the Trust's ongoing operations and management of its properties.

Each year the Land Trust honors its Supporters of the Year. This year's honorees were Richard and Angela Birk, well known for their volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity of Lake County, but also important donors to the Land Trust as significant contributors over the past several years.

Assemblywoman Cecilia Aguiar-Curry was this year's keynote speaker. She spoke about her fondness for Lake County and how she has always been impressed with the community, especially the way people here work together and support each other.

She discussed the formation of the special Blue Ribbon committee, composed of scientists, environmentalists, and other stakeholders to address the on-going problems with and rehabilitation of Clear Lake. She promised she would continue to work with residents here tackling the many issues resulting from the fires as well.

Val Nixon, president of the Lake County Land Trust, discussed the plans and accomplishments of the organization including a recent update of the trust's Land Conservation Priority Plan, recent acquisitions and plans for a significant new 200 acre acquisition on the shores of Clear Lake near Lakeport dubbed the Wheeler-Wright Property Acquisition project.

The annual dinner was catered by Fresh and Banging eatery in Lakeport and was generously sponsored by numerous businesses and individuals, including: Adventist Health Clear Lake, Brad and Kathy Barnwell, Clear Lake Dental, Community First Credit Union, Jonas Energy Solutions, Katzoff and Riggs LLP, Meg Lankford, Attorney at Deb Blum Law, Law Office of Dennis Fordham, Roberta and Harry Lyons, Montesol and Joyce and Russell Porterfield.

Contributing wineries included Boutique Winery, Brassfield Estate Winery, Fore Family Vineyards, Gregory Graham, Langtry Estate & Vineyards, Laujor Estate Winery, Olof Cellars, R Vineyards, Shannon Ridge, Steele Wines and Wildhurst Vineyards.

Cobb Mountain musician, Scott Serena provided entertainment for the event and Boutique Winery served as a lovely venue.

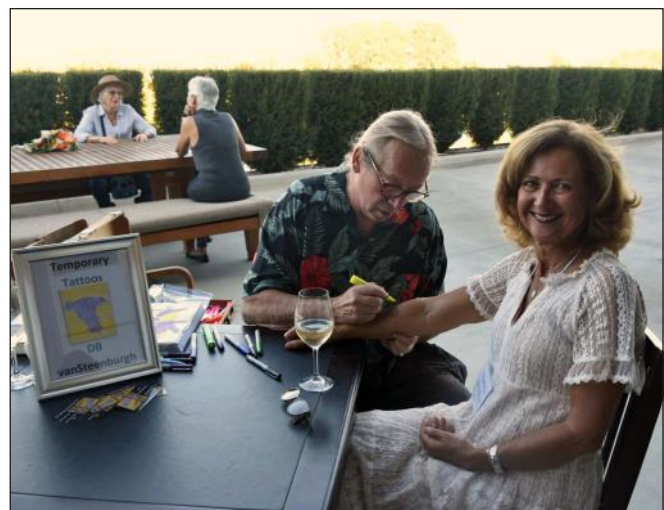
Many thanks to everyone who contributed to both the Silent and Live Auctions and to Ben Van Steenburgh III for providing his fun and unusual temporary tattoos.



Lake County Land Trust supporters Steve Schepper and Marth Mincer.



Lake County wines, donated by numerous wineries were a popular feature of the event.



Ben van Steenburgh III delighted attendees with his temporary tattoo station; shown here with Pamela Bordisso.

Please recognize our many sponsors, volunteers and donors that make the LCLT Annual Dinner a success

The Lake County Land Trust Annual Dinner would not be possible without our many donors, volunteers, sponsors, and guests. Many thanks to everyone who makes this event a success. This year's dinner raised \$15,000 to help the Land Trust carry on with our mission. Thank you to everyone and to all who attended and who bid on our silent and live auction items.

Many Thanks to our Dinner Sponsors:

Adventist Health Clear Lake
Brad and Kathy Barnwell
Clear Lake Dental
Community First Credit Union
Jonas energy Solutions
Katzoff and Riggs LLP
Meg Lankford, Attorney at Deb Blum Law
Law Office of Dennis Fordham
Roberta and Harry Lyons
Joyce and Russell Porterfield
Montesol Ranch

Live Auction Donors:

Tje Koski – commissioned portrait of “Man’s Best Friend.”
Henry Bornstein, Gae Henry and Kathleen Windrem –
Catered Pontoon Boat Birding Tour
for four through Anderson Marsh.
Ben Van Steenburgh III –
Raven Screen: artist enhanced triptych.
Six Sigma Ranch – Locavore - beef cuts,
local walnuts, honey, pears and wine
Thomas George Estates – Reserve Cave Tasting and
one-half case of wine.

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Kelseyville High School
FHA Student Volunteers
Scott Serena - Musician

Live Auction auctioneer - Supervisor Jim Steele

Special Guest Speaker –
Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
...and Randy Krag, Sherrie Hidalgo-Piccolo,
Bonnie Piccolo, Martha Mincer,
Ben van Steenburgh III, Kathleen Windrem,
Ruth Stierna, Collin Piccolo, Lisa Wink,
Anna Ravenwoode, Paul Aigner, Jim Kinsel, and all of
our other special volunteers who made this event possible
and support us throughout the year.

Following is the list of donors and items donated:

Pamela Minton

Sterling Double Hoop Earrings &
Opalite Gray Tassel Necklace.
Black Tourmaline Quartz Drop Earrings.
Razzle Dazzle Rhodium Overlay Spiked Necklace.
Vermeil 24k Overlay Chalcedony
and CZ Teal Tassel Necklace.
24k overlay Metal Tassel Necklace.

Pamela Minton, Kathy Scavone

Druzy Hoop Earrings & Handmade
Green Catch-all Pottery Dish.

Fran Battendieri/ Kathy Scavone

18k Gold and Faceted Turquoise Earrings and
Handmade Glass Bottomed Jewelry Dish.

Donna Thompson

"Summer Sunset in Lakeport" acrylic on canvas

Peter McRae/ Katherine Griffin

A Capital Crime & Music for Soul and Healing

Don Cobb/ Joyce Anderson

Duckhorn Cabernet Sauvignon
and "Distant Echoes" poetry

Debra Blum

Two hours of legal advise towards choice of estate
planning, probate work, or trust administration

Six Sigma Ranch and Winery (Contact: Patty Grantham)

Pinzgauer Vineyard Tour for up to 10 adults.
Two tickets for a 2019 Ranch to Table Dinner.

Mary Oom

1 month unlimited yoga classes, yoga mat, etc.

Tess Mcquire

Handcrafted felt hat

Mischelle Maldonado

14c gold diamond necklace by Fritz & Mischell Jewelry

Janet Swedberg

Garden Basket

**Saw Shop Gallery Bistro
& Aardvark Construction**

3 course dinner for 2 at Saw Shop,
and 1 magnum Steel Red Hills
Cabernet Sauvignon valued at \$58

Riviera Hills Restaurant & Steele Winery

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1 Hour Massage valued at \$60

Joyce Anderson

"Tasting the Earth" & a bottle of wine.
"Distant Echoes" and a fossil.

Michele Quere

10.5 foot long kayak

Roberta Lyons

Sibley Guide to Birds & Nat Geo Caribiner Clip Watch

Grew- Sheridan Studio

"Three Views" by Joe Schopplein

Roberta Lyons

Two Tommy Gilliam Framed Prints

David Velasquez

Private home-cooked flat enchilada dinner
for 8 in the Velasquez home

Kathy Scavone

Hand thrown blue vase.
Handmade green vase.
Handmade black pot with lid.

Tom Scavone/ Janet Swedberg

"Location, location, location"
Birdhouse and Garden Basket

**Fore Family Vineyards/
Lake County Wine Studio**

2 bottles of wine & two admission tickets to
Art & Wine reception at LCWS

Saw Shop Gallery Bistro,

\$100 Gift Certificate

Langtry,

3 bottles of wine

Erica Lundquist & Randy Krag

Lake County Bounty Basket
(wine, olive oil, balsamic, walnuts)

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Mike & Jan Thompson

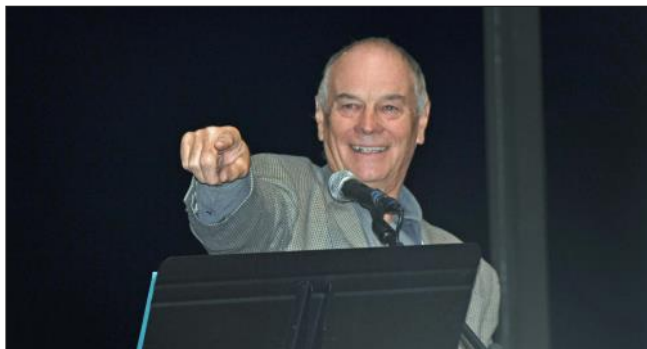
Thompson Estate Wine and olive oil.
Flag flown over the White House.



Kathy Barnwell, Kathy Jensen, Annette Hopkins and Leanne Harvey enjoyed the event.



Annual Dinner attendees check out the goodies for the Live Auction.



Jim Steele is our auctioneer. Live Auction continues to be a fun part of the evening.

Land Trust and Adventist Health share some of the same goals for Lake County



Adventist Health Clear Lake CEO, David Santos, Opens the Golden Gala with a moment of silence for the wildfire areas. The Gala program, *Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Journey and Inspiring the Future*, led guests through a journey from 1968 into present success before laying the groundwork for future investments in Lake County.

Editors Note: Adventist Health of Clear Lake was a Gold Level Sponsor (\$1,000) this year for the Lake County Land Trust's Dinner with Direction event. We appreciate the support of Adventist Health and would like to share here some information about their history and recent projects. Their Gala Event raised significant funds for Adventist's campaign, aligned with the City of Clearlake, to purchase much-needed playground equipment for the City of Clearlake's Austin Park. The LCLT and Adventist Health share the same goal of protecting and improving our Lake County community.

Adventist Health Clear Lake Golden Gala Celebration

Adventist Health Clear Lake's Philanthropy Council hosted their 50th Anniversary Golden Gala Celebration on Nov. 10 at Boatique Winery. Presented by Rob and Madi Mount of Boatique, the event celebrated 50 years of Hospital history and launched a new campaign aligned with the City of Clearlake. Two hundred and twenty five guests, under the theme of "What Together Can Do", raised \$100,000.00 in community giving.

In the last 50 years, Adventist Health Clear Lake, previously known as Redbud, has continually invested in the community through philanthropic events. In an effort to continue that investment the Golden Gala focused on raising funds in partnership with the City of Clearlake's Park Restructuring to provide new safe playground equipment for children. The equipment is one phase of the park restructuring and the funds raised will cover the cost of purchasing the equipment for Austin Park in Clearlake.

The hospital has been tied to the history of the community of Clear Lake since it was built in 1968. As guests arrived they had a chance to walk through some of the stories of that 50-year history of both the hospital and Clear Lake. Honored historian Gene Paleno, author of Lake County History, was on hand to share rich stories of the lake history. "The Doctors Three" Mark Copper, Marc Shapiro and John Weeks shared humorous stories of their practices while Conrad Colbrandt, Redbud Healthcare District Executive Manager, and Jim Robello, Philanthropy Council Chair, shared childhood memories of living in Lake County.

Gold and Platinum level sponsors of the LCLT Annual Dinner are featured in the Fall/Winter newsletter. Please continue to support and appreciate our sponsors!

Annual Holiday Appeal will be Starting soon

If you haven't already received it, keep an eye out for our annual Holiday Appeal in the mail. We look forward to hearing from our many supporters. Thank you all for your fantastic donations in the past and we thank you in advance for your continued support. We know you are as excited as we are about continuing to preserve Lake County's beautiful natural places.

Donate to the Land Trust while shopping on Amazon.com

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Executive Director's Message

By Tom Smythe

The Lake County Land Trust (LCLT) is poised to undergo significant growth. In the past four years, we have accepted three separate donated conservation

easements. These are the first conservation easements LCLT has held.

A conservation easement is a permanent easement that restricts the property owner's right of future development, and is frequently used by land trusts and other agencies to maintain open space, habitat, and wildlife corridors.

We also completed the 30 - acre Melo property acquisition, our first acquisition in the Big



Tom Smythe

Valley Wetlands Project. The Big Valley Wetlands Project's goal is to protect the largest, most significant remaining wetland block on Clear Lake for water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and open space values.

Our involvement with the Middle Creek Restoration Committee has helped Lake County obtain \$15 million in funding to acquire additional properties for the Middle Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project.

The Committee continues to work diligently to assist the implementation of this very important project which involves restoring over 1400 acres of natural habitat to the north end of Clear Lake that was drained and re-structured with levees in the 1920s.

We have started the process to acquire the Wright property, our second acquisition in the Big Valley Wetlands Project.

We have also been discussing assisting Caltrans with mitigation for habitat impacts from highway improvement projects.

This growth requires increased responsibility by the Land Trust to properly steward lands within Lake County for the benefit of all. We appreciate your support of the Land Trust in helping us improve and increase our stewardship of the land and water resources of Lake County.



Susan Green, a resident of Nice enjoying the view on a Rodman walk.



Zoe, Chris, and Shannon King; Susan Green, and Katherine Lindsley on a recent Rodman Preserve walk. The King family, and mom Susan, are from the Nice area and love their relatively new home in Lake County.



The Redbud Audubon and Napa Solano Audubon folks enjoyed lunch on the back porch at Rodman Preserve.

You never know what you will see on a hike at the Rodman Preserve

Guided hikes at the Rodman Preserve, 6350 Westlake Road, Upper Lake, are held the second and fourth Saturdays of every month, weather permitting. September through May, walks start at 9am. These easy-paced hikes are open to the public and children are welcome.

Sightings on these “field trips” are never the same: one day you might see a Bald Eagle and a Red-tailed Hawk, the next a flock of migrating warblers. Whether woodpeckers, flickers, Red Fox, or a family of wood ducks, there’s always something exciting to see. A recent group took special note (and several pictures!) of bear scat. Evidently, California Black Bears have decided to make Rodman Preserve part of their landscape. Although no one has seen a bear on the preserve yet, it might not be too long before someone does.

So far this year the Land Trust has hosted the Napa/Solano Audubon Society on a joint Redbud/Napa Audubon field trip. About 20 walkers enjoyed the day, gathering for a lunch on the back porch. Volunteer hike leaders Katherine Lindsley of Lakeport and Erica Lundquist of Bachelor Valley enjoy taking people on general nature hikes. Brad and Kathy Barnwell are great at leading birding walks, and Kelseyville’s Pamela Bordisso lends her expertise on local flora and fauna as well. Join one of the twice monthly Saturday walks at the Rodman Preserve soon!



One of our most commented on pictures on our Facebook page has been the discovery of bear scat at the Rodman Preserve. He/she seems to like it there as on every walk we find fresh evidence.



A group of Napa Solano Audubon members, along with Redbud Audubon, were hosted at the Rodman Preserve in September for a joint field trip. Members enjoyed the view from the Vic Barnes lookout.

Editor Note: Following is a release issued by the State Water Board regarding its efforts and those of the local Resource Conservation District to try to ameliorate erosion issues that could arise from the Mendocino Complex Fires in Lake County last summer.

State Water Board Funds to be used for vital erosion control after record-setting Mendocino Complex Fire

By Blair Robertson

With erosion threats to Clear Lake looming following the largest wildfire in California history, the State Water Board and Lake County Resource Conservation District (RCD) are poised to jump-start native plant restoration and limit the environmental damage.

The State Water Board's \$605,000 grant will pay for erosion control work in strategic locations within the 459,000 acres ravaged by the Mendocino Complex Fire, including the charred landscape in watersheds tied to Clear Lake, the primary drinking water source for thousands of residents. An additional \$70,000 in Water Board funds will pay for laboratory analysis of creek water flowing to Clear Lake.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) worked with the Lake County Resource Conservation District (RCD) to obtain the funding from the State Water Board.

"We're racing to get these erosion controls in place before the rain hits," said Andrew Altevogt, assistant executive officer for the Central Valley Water Board in Sacramento. noting that he is counting on cooperation from landowners contacted by the Lake County RCD to get the erosion control work going as soon as possible. While a fire of that magnitude causes massive immediate damage to the vegetation and wildlife, a second wave of potential problems makes the waterways especially vulnerable.

Without new roots and plant growth holding the soil in place, strong winter rains could create enough runoff to trigger significant erosion, leading to turbidity in the water. The runoff could also carry enough nutrients, metals and organic carbon to affect drinking water and impact aquatic life.

The Lake County RCD will use the grant to install and maintain erosion and sediment control best management practices, or BMPs, in critical areas identified by Central Valley Water Board staff and the RCD. This work will focus on reducing erosion from affected roads and burned landscapes in areas tributary to Clear Lake.

These areas are in the Middle Creek, Scotts Creek, and Manning Creek watersheds. The Lake County RCD will contact property owners in targeted areas to

obtain permission for workers to install the BMPs. The work will include spreading straw mulch, cleaning or repairing damaged culverts, and other actions to reduce sediment transport. The erosion control work on private property will be done free of charge to the property owners.

The State Water Board also provided \$70,000 in emergency funding to analyze water quality in the burned area. Water samples will be collected by staff from Lake County and the Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians through the wet season from creeks around Clear Lake that were impacted by the fire. Data from this work will help alert drinking water purveyors about pollutants entering Clear Lake and prioritize areas for additional BMP installation. The data will also help researchers better understand future algae blooms that could impact drinking water purveyors and other lake users next summer.

Key Points:

- \$675,000 total funding, broken down as \$605,000 for the erosion control work and \$70,000 to analyze water quality
- Central Valley Water Board working with the Lake County Resource Conservation District (RCD)
- Erosion control best management practices: spread straw mulch, clean/repair damaged culverts, other actions to reduce sediment erosion
- Erosion control work to focus on Middle Creek, Scotts Creek, and Manning Creek watersheds.
- Work on private property will be done free of charge
- Mendocino Complex Fire is two wildfires that burned within miles of each other near Clear Lake in Northern California
- The fires were reported in late July, were fully contained by mid-September but continued to smolder late into the month



This group of folks gathered at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Nov. 20 to celebrate approval of a proclamation to recognize Lake County as a Dark Sky Destination. It is hoped that the proclamation will lend momentum to planned outdoor lighting regulations which would seek to protect Lake County's night skies. The Lake County Land Trust supported the proclamation as did other environmental and art groups in the county as well as many individuals. The Proclamation was spear-headed by members of the Taylor Observatory in Kelseyville. It was pointed out that Lake County is one of the few areas left where people can still view the Milky Way.

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Osprey: \$500-\$999

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Blue Heron: \$100-\$499

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The Wright Property also features Valley Oak and open grassland.

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Western Pond turtle.

The Big Valley Wetlands Preservation project has been a leading goal of the Lake County Land Trust for over 10 years. It emerged at the top of the Land Trust's Land Conservation Priority Plan when the plan was first developed in 2006 and once again took the top spot when the Priority Plan was updated last year. The Land Conservation Priority Plan was developed using a series of workshops which convened Federal, State, and local experts in land use and natural resources, along with active citizen stakeholders in Lake County. The group was asked to prioritize areas and/or issues that they felt were most worthy of conservation because of future threats from development and conversion.

The wetlands in the Big Valley area, stretching from the Clear Lake State Park, all the way to the southern boundaries of the City of Lakeport, represent the most significant remaining unprotected wetland habitats on the shores of Clear Lake.

The value of this area, along with the creeks flowing through it, is recognized by both County and State

agencies, thus the approval in 2014 of the Department of Fish and Wildlife's CAPP.

In order to receive a grant from the State's Wildlife Conservation Board which is the land protection funding arm for the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the LCLT must supply some matching funds for purchase of the targeted property. In this case, the LCLT has set a goal to contribute \$100,000 in matching funds towards purchase of the property recently appraised at \$775,000.

Please join us in moving forward with this significant addition to our Big Valley Wetlands Preservation Project to help preserve the remaining natural shoreline of our beautiful and ancient Clear Lake. Lynne and Bernie Butcher have challenged the community to donate by generously offering to match donations 2:1, or at 50% up to \$40,000. That means that your \$100 gift becomes matched by \$50 and turns into a total financial contribution of \$150. Thank you to Bernie and Lynne Butcher.

If you are interested in contributing, please call the LCLT office at (707) 262-0707 or email us at LCLT@lakecountylandtrust.org.

LEAVING A LEGACY

What better legacy is there to leave than your commitment to protecting Lake County's natural resources for future generations? Whether you are taking those first important steps toward planning your estate or are in the process of updating your estate plan, please consider a donation to the Lake County Land Trust. To discuss how you can name the Trust in your will or estate plan call the Land Trust's Executive Director, Tom Smythe at (707) 262-0707.



LCLT board members, supporters, and Fish and Game biologists visited the property last Spring.



Lake County Land Trust board members look over maps at the Wright property near Lakeport.



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2018-19 Calendar of Events

The Lake County Land Trust shares a common goal with many organizations in the County, the State and the Country, that of preserving and enhancing our environment and educating the public about the wonders of nature. Through our newsletter we are able to publicize other events, both locally and some out-of-county that we believe will interest our members. The public is cordially invited to all of the events listed here.

Second and Fourth Saturdays of the Month – Walks at the Rodman Preserve, flagship property of the Lake County Land Trust, will be held the second and fourth Saturdays of the month as long as weather permits. Continuous heavy rains will cancel the walks for the season as the trails get too soggy. Walks start at 9 a.m. September through May, and 8 a.m. June through August with participants to meet at the Rodman Preserve Nature Education Center at 6350 Westlake Road (the corner of Westlake and the Nice-Lucerne Cutoff). No dogs please and moderate to heavy rains will cancel. Please do not mistake the County Rodman Slough Park for the Land Trust's Rodman Preserve. To get to the Preserve turn left on Westlake Road after exiting the highway onto the Nice-Lucerne Cut-off. If you reach the bridge going over the slough, you have gone too far and missed the preserve entrance. Call Erica Lundquist at (707) 245-8384 for information.

Dec. 14 – Friday – The Sierra Club's Lake Group will hold its annual Holiday Party at the Lower Lake Methodist Church Community Room, 16255 Second St in Lower Lake. As always this festive event is completely FREE to Club members and their guests, and will be organized as a semi-potluck, with the Club providing the main dish. Guests should bring beverages and a side dish, salad or dessert to share as well as their own re-useable plates, glasses, and eating utensils. RSVPs (please!) may be made by calling Denise at 560-1166 or sending an email to denise@productfrog.com.

Dec. 8 – Saturday - Christmas at the Ranch – The Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association (AMIA) will hold its popular Christmas at the Ranch event. The fun Christmas celebration starts at 10 a.m. at the Ranch House at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park between Lower Lake and Clearlake off of Highway 53. The event includes live music by local musicians including David Neft, Scott Serena, Don Coffin, Harry Lyons, Rick McCann and Joan Moss. Santa will be there to greet the kids and refreshments including hot apple cider will be served.

Dec. 15 – Saturday – Audubon Christmas Bird Count – The Redbud Audubon Society will hold its annual Christmas Bird Count. The Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is a traditional project of Audubon societies around the country and takes place between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5. If you are interested in participating in the bird count, call (707) 263-8030, leave a message with your phone number, and someone will return your call. Prior to the bird count the annual Bird Identification program will be held at the regular Redbud Audubon Society meeting, which will be held early this year on Dec. 13, the second Thursday of the month instead of the third at the Kelseyville Methodist/Unitarian Social Hall in Kelseyville.

Who We Are

The Lake County Land Trust is a local, 501 (c) (3) charitable nonprofit organization directly involved in protecting important land resources. These include: wetlands, wildlife habitats, parks, forests, watersheds, riparian stream corridors, lakeside areas, and trails. The trust is also concerned with property that has unique scenic, cultural, agricultural, educational, or historical value.

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