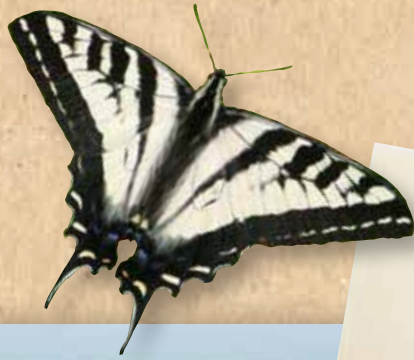


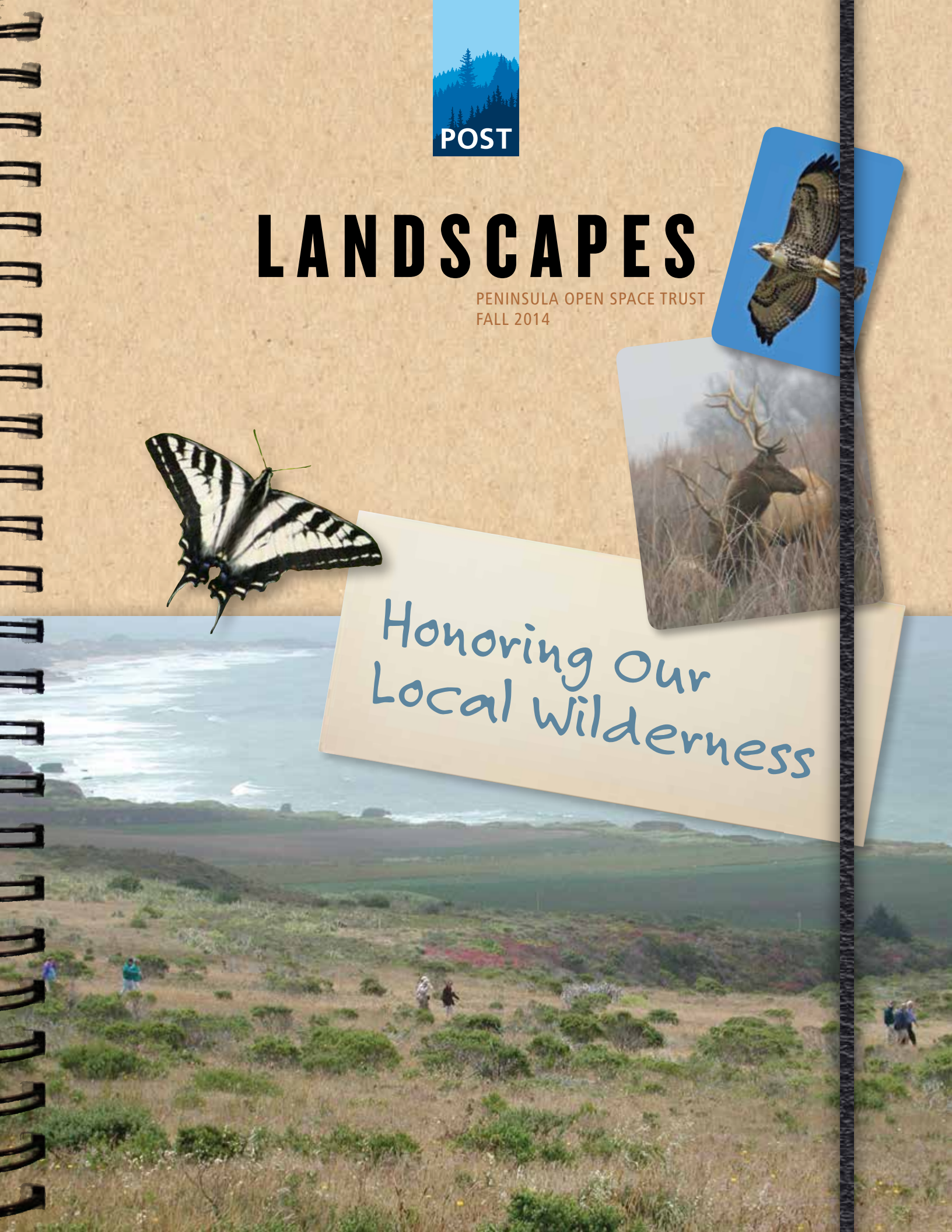


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POST protects and cares for open space, farms and parkland in and around Silicon Valley.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE WILDERNESS ACT



President Lyndon Johnson signs the Wilderness Act of 1964.

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In September 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed legislation to “establish a National Wilderness Preservation System for the permanent good.” Today, the law known as the Wilderness Act protects 758 wilderness areas in the United States, totaling nearly 110 million acres—10 million acres larger than the state of California. At the time, Johnson said, “If future generations are to remember us with gratitude rather than contempt, we must leave them a glimpse of the world as it was in the beginning, not just after we got through with it.”

Like the advocates of the Wilderness Act, POST supporters recognize the intrinsic value of nature and the need to secure its future. It’s why you’ve helped preserve more than 70,000 acres of open space over the past 37 years. Our local protected lands offer an escape, while grounding us in the reality of the larger natural community upon which we all depend. ■

Managing Wilderness: Looking to Local Landscapes of the Past



One population that depended heavily on our local wilderness was Native Americans. Although many archaeological sites have been lost to development, others still exist on protected lands throughout our region, providing insight into how earlier populations interacted with the land. On the San Francisco Peninsula, 50 distinct Native American tribes lived and thrived by managing the landscape around them. Along the coast and baylands, anglers collected fish and seafood, while inland peoples hunted and trapped animals and gathered seeds and nuts.

“They manipulated land to increase their harvest—it was a different kind of agriculture,” says California State Parks Associate State Archaeologist Mark Hylkema. Remnants of bulb gardens and burnt hazelnuts have been found on or near POST-protected Mindego Hill along Skyline Ridge. In addition, tribes cultivated native tobacco for medicine and smoking. “It shows they understood seed propagation, and demonstrates how they managed their environment on a landscape level without having to plant,” Hylkema says.

Native populations also used selective burning to maintain grasslands for seed harvesting, create stronger post-fire materials for basketry and trap animals attracted by new plant shoots. Stewardship, says Hylkema, is how native populations differed from Europeans in their relationship to the land.

“Through observation of seasonal patterns, native people learned how and when to influence the land. We’re learning now that you need people in the landscape to keep it healthy,” insists Hylkema. “Native Americans lived within the landscape 24/7. They had no word for ‘wilderness.’” ■

Wilderness, Wildlife, Water and What We Eat: Managing Local Landscapes Today

Today, most people live outside the wilderness, apart from the land and knowledge of how it was once managed and must continue to be managed in the future. POST's work reflects a shared affinity with the authors of the Wilderness Act, yet we recognize an increasing complexity in stewardship that previous caretakers may never have imagined.

"The biggest challenge for POST moving forward is learning to manage multiple resource values that occur simultaneously on our properties," says POST Vice President of Land Stewardship Paul Ringgold. On our Cloverdale Coastal Ranches property near Pescadero, for example, those values include endangered and threatened species habitat, row-crop fields and hills for grazing, hiking trail potential and pond restoration efforts.

Stewardship projects generally revolve around three main objectives: protecting natural resources such as wildlife habitat, promoting social or human resources such as agriculture or timber harvesting, and enabling recreation such as hiking trails. "It's about keeping all the pieces in mind at all times," says POST Director of Land Stewardship Daniel Olstein. "It's looking for a way to balance them all to achieve win-win situations."

Stepping up to the Challenge

All POST properties pose their own unique blend of stewardship challenges, but there is an upside. "These situations provide an exciting opportunity to find complementary solutions," says Ringgold. Especially as California's drought persists season after season, managing the land these days is a lot about managing water resources on the land. Proper management of our water resources can lead to a healthy landscape for both wildlife and humans, and that's the aim of POST stewardship projects.

Over the last decade, POST has repaired erosion gullies at Johnston Ranch and Cloverdale Coastal Ranches, improving water quality on both properties and preventing the loss of usable rangeland and unique coastal prairie habitat. Similarly, the Timber Harvest Plan for San Vicente Redwoods (formerly CEMEX Redwoods) requires fixes for problematic culverts



Margaret and Curt Weil walk on POST-protected Cowell-Purissima Trail. The trail is adjacent to working farmland and vulnerable coastal bluff habitat.

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Erosion-control techniques help protect water quality for wildlife habitat and drinking water.

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and roads, which will maintain access for management operations as well as reduce sedimentation into San Vicente Creek and its tributaries. This is critical for a waterway that supplies drinking water for Davenport and Santa Cruz, and provides downstream habitat for anadromous Coho salmon and steelhead trout.

“The goal of this type of road maintenance is to deliver the best quality water from the upper watershed to the lower reaches of the creek,” says Nadia Hamey, property manager for San Vicente Redwoods.

Oftentimes, wildlife benefit greatly from such amendments to the landscape’s natural infrastructure. Erosion control at Cloverdale Coastal Ranches has helped recover fish habitat, leading to a resurgence of steelhead trout in Gazos Creek. In other places on the property, POST has rehabilitated a pond system that provides vital habitat for the threatened California red-legged frog and endangered San Francisco garter snake (learn more about research on these snakes on page 7). Recently, POST helped replace and upgrade a failing culvert on San Vicente Redwoods to reduce excessive sedimentation into San Vicente Creek. The new series of checks and pools around the culvert now provide the resident rainbow trout population better passage along the creek.



Before and after photos of the culvert restoration on San Vicente Creek.

// COURTESY NADIA HAMEY



Factoring in human uses of the landscape — recreational or agricultural — brings a whole new set of challenges to land management, but can also lead to synergistic solutions. The pond restoration work on Cloverdale Coastal Ranches also maintains a crucial drinking water resource for grazing cattle, for example. POST envisions building off-stream ponds on our agricultural land in places such as Butano Farms. These reservoirs would divert water from the local waterway during off-peak times, minimizing impact on fish habitat and improving the ability of both fish and farmers to survive critical water shortages during droughts.

Modern land stewardship may seem far removed from land management of the past. Hikers and bikers, farmers and ranchers, timber harvesting operators, wildlife populations, nearby communities and other stakeholders have introduced new complexities and compound considerations for today’s land managers. Still, the work to find balanced solutions, especially around the protection of our water resources, illustrates that the ultimate goal of stewardship remains: to treat the land well and use it responsibly for its health and the health of all of us who depend on it. ■

Taking Stock of Our Biodiversity

Imagine your favorite open space in the Bay Area. Now, zoom in on a small section of that landscape and try to guess the number of species living on and under that little piece of land. Deer, coyotes, jackrabbits and mountain lions take refuge in the chaparral and redwood forests that cover so much of our extended backyard. Salt marsh harvest mice, brown pelicans, the clapper rail and hundreds of migratory bird species all call our baylands their home. Threatened and endangered plant and animal species, including some only found in our area, live along our coastlines, in our creeks and on our working farms and ranches.

Power to the People

So how do we even begin to take stock of the abundance around us? What can we do with the information once it's gathered?

Enter the BioBlitz—an intensive biological survey in which scientists and members of the public search for and identify as many species of flora and fauna as they can find in a designated region. The events usually last 24 hours and have been used in various forms around the world. POST-protected Driscoll Ranch, Rancho Corral de Tierra and Pillar Point Bluff have all been settings for recent BioBlitzes.

“The BioBlitz supports the idea that everybody is a scientist, everybody is an explorer, everybody has a role to play in understanding and conserving the natural world,” says Michelle O’Herron, project manager and communications specialist with the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. O’Herron was co-lead of the BioBlitz 2014 in March that included POST-protected Rancho Corral de Tierra.

For those citizen scientists and nature enthusiasts who can’t attend a local BioBlitz, there’s a web and app alternative—iNaturalist. With more than 37,000 users, iNaturalist is a global nature mapping and documentation project where members post photos and observations that are later verified by other nature lovers and experts, and compiled into an extensive web-accessible database (www.inaturalist.org/).

Using Data to Manage Landscapes

Understanding the extent and type of wildlife in our open spaces—whether the data comes from the public or from specialists—is key when making decisions about trail alignment, public access and visitation schedules, habitat restoration and more. POST partners with a variety of individuals and organizations to gain a comprehensive picture of the variety of life on the lands we save.



Participants of the July 2014 Pillar Point BioBlitz enjoy time exploring among the rocks.

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"Making sure we know what's out there informs how we manage the land," says POST Director of Land Stewardship Daniel Olstein. A good example is the 8,500-acre San Vicente Redwoods (formerly CEMEX Redwoods) property near Davenport. Thanks to the continued efforts of local scientists, POST staff, consultants and our partner organizations, we now know which areas of the property are frequented by mountain lions. "That information is critical in providing insight for the public access plan that's being developed," says Olstein. "It's not a good idea to put a multi-use trail too close to an area that's an important den site."

In addition, identifying the local sensitive species can help delineate areas that require further protection and stewardship.

Researchers have identified POST's Cloverdale Coastal Ranches as prime habitat for the endangered San Francisco garter snake and the threatened California red-legged frog. To protect these iconic coastal Californian species, POST staff and volunteers work to enhance their preferred wetland habitat and eradicate invasive plants that may impede restoration efforts.

"There's value in the scenic vistas, there's value in the land itself, but frankly, what a lot of us value greatly are the plants and the animals that are out there," says Olstein. "The more we learn about the lands we protect, the more we can do to preserve habitat, restore natural resources for the health of our environment and improve the quality of life that benefits us all." ■



Tracking by the Santa Cruz Puma Project and onsite wildlife cameras inform us how mountain lions use properties like POST-protected San Vicente Redwoods.

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Open Space Legacy Society

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Dana Rahlmann, POST Open Space Legacy Society member

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Wildlife Conservation at Cloverdale Coastal Ranches: A Conversation with Researcher Richard Kim

The endangered San Francisco garter snake calls many POST-protected properties home, including Cloverdale Coastal Ranches, where ongoing studies by the U.S. Geologic Survey (USGS) have provided important insights into the snake's behavior and range. Richard Kim is a USGS field technician and a first-year graduate student at San Francisco State University. Following a July training event with POST volunteers, he took some time to talk to us about his research.

What makes POST's Cloverdale Coastal Ranches property such a crucial habitat for garter snakes?

Cloverdale has a lot of small ponds, wetlands, riparian areas and adjacent uplands. During the day, the San Francisco garter snakes forage for amphibians in those wetlands, and during the night and early in the morning, they use the upland areas—meadow hills and riparian forests—to bask and find shelter. At night, they will use rodent burrows to sleep. Cloverdale has a good mixture of all of that.

Why is it important to conserve habitat for garter snakes, and how do we do that?

Habitat fragmentation and alteration are the worst adversaries. If the snakes lose habitat, they become isolated in terms of their genetic diversity, and also have limited prey to catch. What we can do for them is rebuild ponds, plant semi-aquatic vegetation and make sure there's upland habitat they can use. Also, it's important to open up grasslands—to a certain point—to let the snakes move around. Certain management plans, like prescribed fire, have been used in the past to open up these areas, and grazing is currently being tested as a management and habitat restoration technique.

Why should the public care about garter snakes?

Garter snakes occupy an important niche in the food web. They are mesopredators; they control amphibian populations and are an important food source for animals like predatory birds, foxes and coyotes. Bullfrogs are becoming a problem because they eat native species and take away the niche of red-legged frogs. I want to see if these snakes are eating bullfrogs when they co-occur. Also, any endangered species like the San Francisco garter snake can be a good indicator of an ecosystem's health.

What is the most interesting thing you've learned about San Francisco garter snakes?

They can eat toxic newts, which are deadly to most predators. Also, one of their main prey items is the red-legged frog, so an endangered species favors another threatened species as their prey—that's pretty interesting.

On a more personal note: If garter snakes could talk and you could ask them one question, what would you ask?

Honestly, I would ask, "What did you eat for lunch?" I would expect them to answer: in the spring, coarse frogs, and in summer, red-legged frogs. I would love to hear them talk about that diet shift. Or, I would love to have them say, "I just had a bullfrog for lunch." ■



Richard Kim discusses his research at a POST volunteer training event in July 2014.



Kim prepares to mark a snake for future identification and tracking.

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Heart of the Redwoods Campaign



Andy and Audrey Butcher
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CAMPAIGN GOAL
\$50 million

RAISED TO DATE!
\$35.2 million

HALFWAY THERE
\$25 million

AS OF JULY 31, 2014

Heart of the Redwoods Campaign Receives \$1.75 Million Gift from Andy Butcher

Growing up in the South Bay in the 1950s, Andy Butcher never imagined a day when fortune would smile upon him.

“We always thought we were the poorest people,” Andy remembers of his childhood. “Everybody else’s fathers were engineers, even back then.” But recently Andy’s fortune changed through the sale of his family’s South Bay property. Instead of making up for lost time, he donated \$1.75 million to POST’s Heart of the Redwoods Campaign. We are extremely grateful for his generous gift.

“Preserving land is important to my family,” Andy says. “What was most meaningful to me was putting the money back where it belongs. I believe in what POST does.”

The Family Factor

Andy’s family had a strong tradition of working on the land, but it was his mother, Audrey Edna, a former Big Basin Camp Fire Girl leader and avid hiker, who passed down her appreciation of the land to him. Audrey passed away in December 2012.

“She was a great outdoors person, but also had a lot of interests like pottery, history and art,” says Andy. They included POST’s Wallace Stegner Lectures, which Audrey attended unflinchingly with her son. “She was so intelligent and inquisitive,” he says. “Everybody benefits from exposure to different events like that.”

Andy’s own life has been full of assorted experiences. An interest in photography grew into TV studio work, but he’s also worked as a fire-fighter, land surveyor, “whatever jobs I could get to pay the bills and eat and live,” he laughs.

While studying surveying in Alaska in the late 1970s, Andy climbed Mt. McKinley. It was a bittersweet moment. His father, Air Force Captain Lloyd George Harris, had once flown supplies to McKinley for explorer Bradford Washburn. Lloyd was killed training pilots in World War II, before his son was born.

Audrey’s second husband, Robert T. Butcher, adopted Andy and raised him on the plum ranch the Butchers owned since 1881. When Andy and his sisters sold that ranch in 2013—a remnant of the Valley of Heart’s Delight and the last commercial orchard in Sunnyvale—Andy donated a portion of the proceeds to POST. To honor his gift, the cabin on POST’s Alpine Ranch property in La Honda will be converted into a hikers’ hut bearing his mother’s name.

Looking out over the forested backyard of his new home in Los Gatos, Andy says, “There’s nothing like redwoods.” He is particularly interested in preserving these forests for animals, and is heartened by organizations partnering to connect land for wildlife corridors.

Andy also intends to take advantage of our protected lands for his own enjoyment. “I hear people with bucket lists of all the places they see in magazines they want to visit,” he says. “California is a big state with a lot of variety. I’d like to see more of it and get to know it better.” ■

Help Us Reach the Heart of the Redwoods Campaign Finish Line

Less than three years ago, POST set an ambitious goal: raise \$50 million to save the last remaining redwood forests of the Santa Cruz Mountains. To date we have raised \$35.2 million—including \$8.5 million from individual donors—and saved nearly 9,900 acres of redwood forest, almost halfway toward our 20,000-acre land-protection goal.

As we look to the end of the campaign, we ask you to help us protect even more of our iconic local redwood forests. With that in mind, POST Board Emeritus member Paul Newhagen and his wife, Antje, posed a \$100,000 challenge to fellow POST donors; make a gift to the campaign in addition to your annual gift to POST. We have already received \$60,000 toward the challenge and need your help to complete it. Every gift makes a difference! ■

To learn more about how you can help safeguard our local redwood forests forever, contact Director of Individual Gifts Kathleen Phan at kphan@openspacetrust.org or (650) 854-7696 x303.



Introducing San Vicente Redwoods

When POST made its largest land acquisition in December 2011, the 8,500-acre property was deemed CEMEX Redwoods. This summer, POST and the Living Landscape Initiative partners who helped protect CEMEX Redwoods announced the property will now be known as San Vicente Redwoods.

“Naming this property for San Vicente Creek recognizes the life spring that feeds this critical watershed and is a defining feature of the local landscape that we now honor and celebrate with this new name,” said POST President Walter T. Moore.

POST is currently completing production on a video about San Vicente Redwoods’ colorful history and contributions to the health of the surrounding community. ■



Watch New POST Video on Creating Passages for Wildlife

As traffic zips through the Santa Cruz Mountains on Highway 17, wildlife ecologist Tanya Diamond and wildlife researcher Ahiga Snyder of Pathways for Wildlife study how wildlife navigate—or don’t—the perilous journey across to find water, food and mates. POST has helped fund their research into options for safe passage, and recently filmed a video about the project. ■

Visit the Heart of the Redwoods section on POST’s YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/POSTPaloAltoCA to see our new video and learn more about the role of protecting local lands in order to make a way for wildlife.

Santa Clara County Open Space Authority Puts Open Space Protection on November 4 Ballot: Vote “Yes!” on Measure Q



This June, voters approved Measure AA in support of acquiring, maintaining and expanding public access to open space on the San Francisco Peninsula. This November, the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (OSA) needs voters in the South Bay to do the same.

Since its establishment by the state legislature in 1993, the OSA has protected more than 16,000 acres of open space in Santa Clara County. From the valley floor to foothills, waterways, agricultural lands and urban open space areas, the OSA, a longtime POST partner, has worked steadily to fulfill protection of the “natural areas and working farms and ranches” in its mission. The OSA also hosts a robust program of hikes, events and educational programs to encourage the public to become familiar with local protected lands and the benefits they provide. Without additional funding, the OSA will struggle not only to preserve our unique South Bay landscapes, but to provide new opportunities for the public to explore and experience these lands firsthand.

The Proposal

Measure Q proposes a \$24 annual parcel tax to raise \$120 million to protect land and provide more recreational opportunities. The tax affects Campbell, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, San Jose, Santa Clara and most of the county’s unincorporated area, and expires after 15 years. The funds raised would be spent on projects identified in those communities, and could not be appropriated for use by the state. In addition, a citizen oversight committee would work with the OSA to ensure that, per the measure, 75 percent of the funding is used for land acquisition, capital projects and stewardship, while the remaining 25 percent is used for grants to local organizations and communities for waterway restoration, trail connections and community gardens. Like Measure AA in June, Measure Q faces the tough battle for a two-thirds majority to pass in November.

“We’ve made a lot of gains in the past 21 years and we’re working to position Santa Clara County as an environmental leader in California,” says OSA General Manager Andrea Mackenzie. “We’re nearing a time when the pressures of increased population, the challenges of droughts, wildfires and other climate effects, and the decrease in public funding for conservation and stewardship will come to a head. We need to be prepared to ensure we don’t fall behind or, worse, undo the progress we’ve already made.”

Leveraging Support for Lasting Results

Picture more parks, expanded open spaces and better trail connections. Think about continued access to clean water and fresh local food. Imagine hiking with friends, camping with family

and learning about the incredible species sharing the land all around you. Recently the OSA developed its Santa Clara Valley Greenprint, a 30-year vision for open space protection in the county. The Greenprint expands opportunities to improve quality of life, health and recreation for local residents. This includes 30 high-priority project areas like Calero County Park, which includes POST-protected Rancho San Vicente and Rancho Canada del Oro, and trail connections around Uvas Reservoir, where POST recently protected Seven Oaks Hill with financial assistance from the OSA.

"We've been working consistently to ensure the lands we protect are truly part of a larger, connected network from the Santa Cruz Mountains up through the heart of the Peninsula," says POST President Walter T. Moore. "We view Measure Q as the geographic complement to Measure AA. We need the people living in these Santa Clara County communities who enjoy the benefits of protected open space to get out and show their support at the polls on November 4."

POST Director of External Affairs Marc Landgraf is heading POST's support of Measure Q, including assistance with campaign strategy, coordination and outreach to voters. "It's important for POST to support an organization that has been such a significant partner over the years," says Landgraf. "Not only has the Open Space Authority been key to permanent protection of many of the lands we've acquired in the South Bay, but their long-term vision ensures that future generations are able to appreciate and benefit from the larger Bay Area landscapes we're working so hard to link to one another." ■

Your help is critical to Measure Q's success!

To contribute, endorse, volunteer or learn more about the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority campaign, visit www.YesforSCVOpenSpace.org or contact Marc Landgraf at mllandgraf@openspacetrust.org or (650) 854-7696 x340.

Thank You! Voters Said "Yes!" Leading to Measure AA Success

The campaign to pass Measure AA turned into a victory dance in June when Peninsula voters said yes to a \$300 million property tax that will expand and improve open space in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. The infusion of capital will allow the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to preserve and acquire more land, build trails and open new properties to the public, starting now. POST drove the campaign with its own funding and countless volunteer hours, but the real credit goes to the voters, says POST President Walter T. Moore. "The fact that it passed is an indication how much our community cares about the future of open spaces on the Peninsula," he says.

Three properties POST acquired and subsequently transferred to the District are on the District's priority list of 25 projects: Bear Creek Redwoods, near Los Gatos; the Purisima-to-the-Sea corridor linking Purisima Creek Redwoods to the Coastal Trail; and Mindego Hill access in the Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve.

"We made a promise to our donors that these lands would be protected in perpetuity. That includes public access," says Moore. "We want to help the District apply Measure AA funding to expedite opening up these lands for everyone to experience and enjoy." Thanks to voters, that promise will be honored. ■



Welcome to New Vice President for Advancement Jennifer Lynch

POST is pleased to announce that Jennifer Lynch, former Director of Development at the San Francisco Opera, has joined POST as our new Vice President of Advancement. This is not Lynch's first time with POST — she previously served as Director of Major Gifts during our Saving the Endangered Coast Campaign.

“Our open land improves the life of everyone in the region, even those who never set foot in a preserve,” says Lynch. “I am excited and honored to have this opportunity to rejoin the team and help take POST to the next level.”

Lynch has more than 17 years of experience in nonprofit fundraising. She began her career in 1997 at La Jolla Playhouse and directed individual giving at Roundabout Theater Company in New York. She joined San Francisco Opera in 2001 as a major gifts officer and worked in positions of increasing responsibility before being appointed development director in 2010. During her tenure the opera's development team raised more than \$170 million for their endowment, capital needs, special projects and annual fund.

Lynch was born in Redondo Beach, Calif., and grew up mostly in Bonny Doon, near Santa Cruz. She earned her bachelor of arts in English from Mount Holyoke College. She and her husband, Justin Schuster, reside in San Mateo with their young daughter.

“Whether it's the opera or open land, people want to share what they love,” Lynch says. “In either enterprise, people make generous gifts so the thing they love will continue for future generations. I'm excited to help POST grow and connect to supporters who are passionate about open space, agriculture, parks and our quality of life in this beautiful part of California.” ■



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Kelly Runyon Honored as POST Volunteer of the Year



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When it comes to conservation, Kelly Runyon thinks big. Runyon, who lives in San Francisco, has been a POST donor for more than a decade and an enthusiastic volunteer for 15 years. He was named POST's Volunteer of the Year at our annual volunteer recognition event earlier this year.

Runyon cares deeply about preserving wildlife habitat and has spent countless hours at San Vicente Redwoods in Davenport removing pampas and jubata grass. But he doesn't stop there. On each volunteer outing, he uses his geographic information system (GIS) and global positioning system (GPS) skills to map the day's work and delineate invasive species. He scouts alone in his car, finding pockets that are overlooked. Runyon also uses his time on the property to make short videos showcasing how POST stewardship volunteers operate on the land.

“It's so much fun for me that I'd be doing it if nobody cared,” says Runyon. “I just find it so interesting to see what humans have done to this property and the way it's going to be managed and restored.”

Runyon says he was flattered to be named Volunteer of the Year. “I'm hoping this inspires other folks to consider volunteering,” he adds. ■



POST Saves Scarper Ridge in El Granada

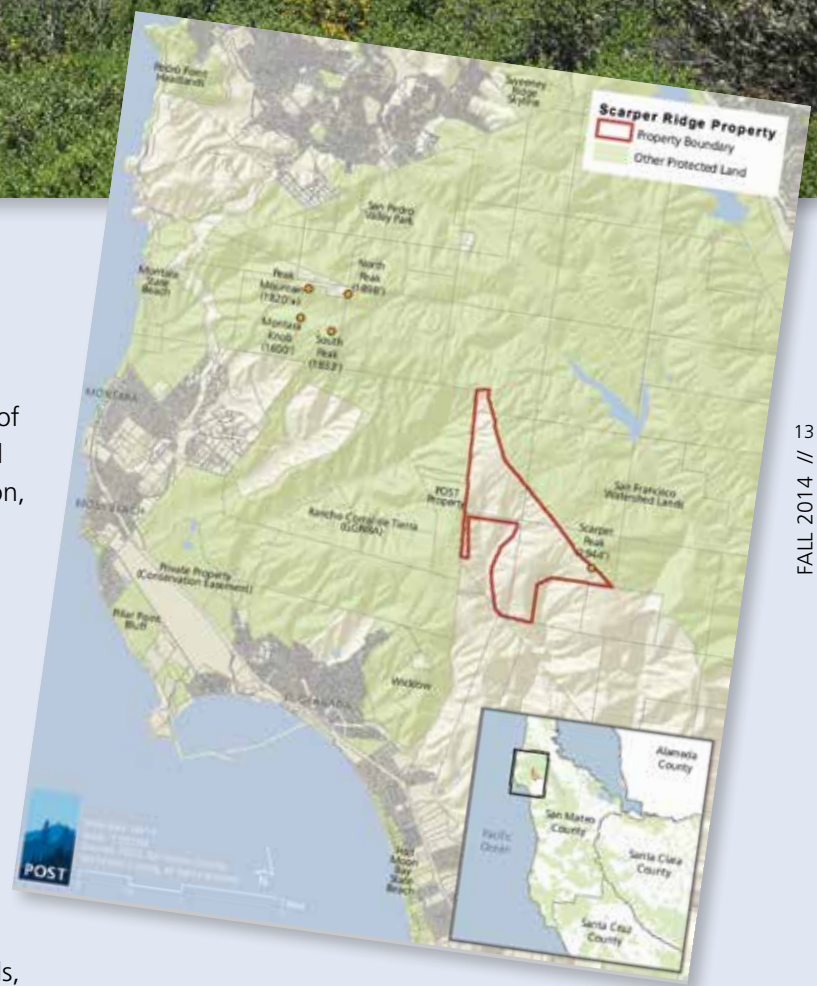
In April, POST realized a long-held dream with its purchase of the 896-acre Scarper Ridge property. POST bought the land from private owners for \$4 million. To aid with the acquisition, Resources Legacy Fund's Living Landscape Initiative Grant Program gave POST \$300,000, and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation provided \$180,000.

"POST has been interested in Scarper Ridge ever since we protected Rancho Corral de Tierra in the early 2000s," said POST President Walter T. Moore. "This is a natural extension of the work we've already done in the area. We're committed to connecting lands that preserve critical wildlife habitat as well as provide new opportunities for people to experience our unique coastal landscapes and incredible views."

Bordered on the west and northeast by other protected lands, Scarper Ridge is steep, with a mix of northern coastal scrub and chamise chaparral. It also contains the headwaters for Frenchman's Creek, which flows into the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

The highest point on the property, Scarper Peak, rises to 1,944 feet and was, at one time, a climbing destination. In a Sierra Club Bulletin from 1903, a hiker named William A. Brewer recounted his view from the top: "Thus we behold, in one sweeping glance an ocean, a bay, lakes, and mountain-peaks and forests, and above the blue sky of California. Our climb is indeed worth while."

Scarper Ridge has potential to link pieces of a hiking trail that one day may lead from the town of El Granada north through the adjacent protected lands, ending at Montara State Beach. ■





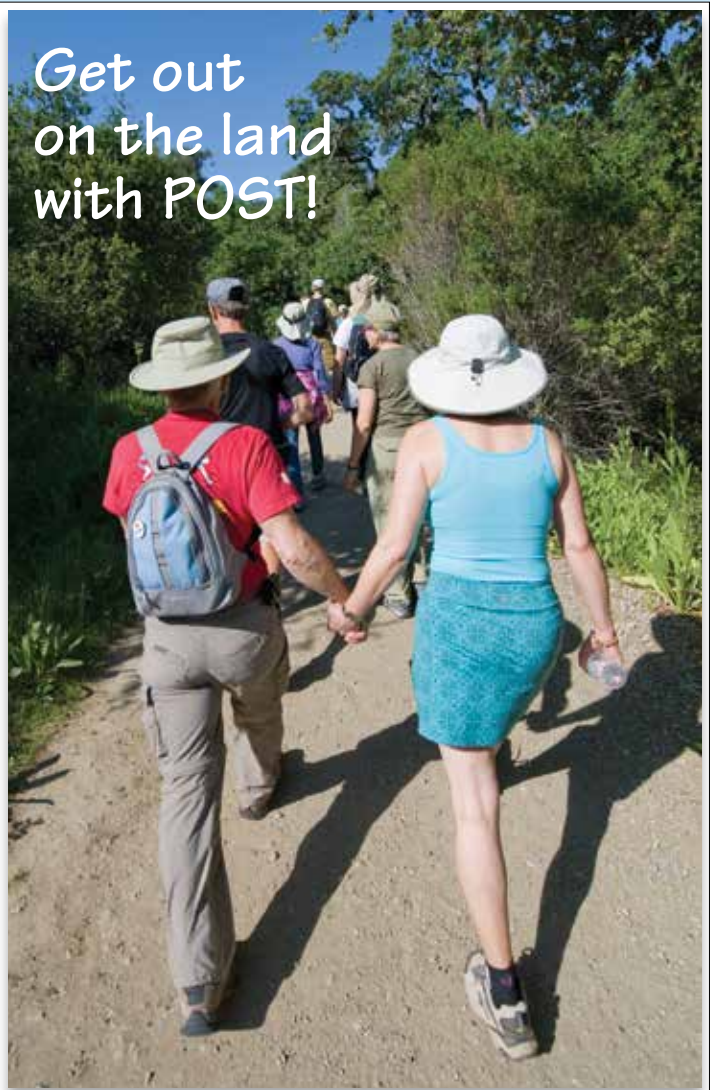
POST Shows Appreciation for Ridgeline-level Donors

The second-annual Ridgeline event was at Cooper-Garrod Estate Vineyards, hosted by POST Board member Jan Garrod and his wife, Betsy. What better way to spend the day than hiking on Fremont Older Open Space Preserve, wine-tasting and listening to a lively musical performance?

ABOVE TOP: POST staff join some of the donors attending the April event. ABOVE BOTTOM: Nancy Cassidy and friends performed at this year's event for donors whose gifts total \$5,000 or more annually.

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Open Space Legacy Society Honored at Annual Event

On May 8, POST celebrated our Open Space Legacy Society members at Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park. The society is made up of supporters who include POST in their estate plans.

LEFT TOP: POST co-founder and Board Emeritus member Ward Paine shares some cheer with Doris Smith and Steve Halprin. LEFT BOTTOM: POST Planned Giving Director Jeanine Crider spends time with Margaret Weil and Kathy Schoendorf. // PAOLO VESCIA 14



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