



Natural Wonders Forever

Placer Land Trust

2018 Annual Community Report



Taylor Ranch Preserve

Our Mission

Placer Land Trust works with willing landowners and conservation partners to permanently protect Placer County's natural and agricultural lands for current and future generations.

Dear Friends,

2018 was a very successful year for Placer Land Trust, thanks to our amazing staff and our generous members. Together, we completed three exciting conservation projects, protecting close to 1,500 acres, bringing our total to nearly 11,000 acres.



In just one year, we preserved grasslands and vernal pools near Lincoln that will protect threatened wildlife, provide rangeland for livestock grazing, and offer scenic open space for local residents. We preserved oak woodlands along the Bear River north of Auburn which expands a block of nearly 8,000 acres of protected land covering about 6 miles of the Bear River, providing critical habitat for our State insect, the rare California dogface butterfly. And we protected historic ranchlands north of Auburn, helping to preserve our rural way of life.

As you can see, we accomplished a lot together this past year, but we can't stop there! There are many projects that need your support in 2019. We are currently working on several projects along the American River that total nearly 1,000 acres. With YOUR support, these projects will help us protect clean water, beautiful vistas, public trails, valuable wildlife habitat, and more! We are also working with willing landowners on several projects that will help protect Placer County's agricultural land for future generations.

We are so thankful for our members who make this work possible by contributing funds that are critical to our success, and by spreading the importance of our mission in the region — you are helping to improve quality of life in Placer County for generations to come!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fred Yeager". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fred Yeager
President

2018 BY THE NUMBERS...



“The Placer Land Trust preserves were chosen to protect land in this rapidly developing area of the State. These preserves show off the beauty of Placer County, with its oak woodlands and vernal pools, which are unique in California.”

– Shannon and Gary Wells,
PLT Volunteer Docents



\$220K

Amount raised for Placer Land Trust on Big Day of Giving — the most out of nearly 600 nonprofits (thanks to our generous members!)

800 ACRES RESTORED

Restoration includes removal of invasive plant species, planting of native species, fire and flood safety improvements, and wildlife habitat enhancement



60 EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ON OUR PRESERVES

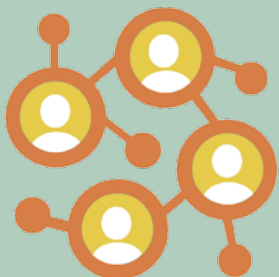


“Growing up in the foothills and running barefoot through them as a kid are some of my fondest memories. Knowing that there are people working to protect those lands gives me all the feels.”

– Amy Eubank, new PLT Board Member

10,000+ ACRES

In 2018, we passed the major milestone of permanently protecting over 10,000 acres!



6,400+ FOLLOWERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



800+ MEMBERS

10,000 Acres and Counting!

Placer Land Trust wouldn't exist without the support of those who choose to act now to make a positive and direct impact on land conservation. Our members help us preserve vital natural and agricultural lands, so that the treasures we value so greatly in this region will be around forever.

In 2018, Placer Land Trust protected three new landscapes, each significant in its own way. As we welcome these new preserves to our portfolio, we continue to steward our existing properties.

Placer Land Trust staff members work continually to maintain and restore our preserves, and monitor our conservation easements to ensure that these properties are being kept in excellent condition. Sustainability is key to our work — we are dedicated to ensuring that these lands will be protected and maintained forever. And with the support of our members, we look forward to the challenge and the privilege of caring for even more land in the future!



Antonio Mountain Ranch Preserve
photo: WRA

Antonio Mountain Ranch *Grassland and Vernal Pool Landscape*

In July, Placer Land Trust recorded a conservation easement on the Antonio Mountain Ranch property on Fiddymont Road in Lincoln. Part of a mitigation project, this new preserve permanently protects 794 acres of grasslands, vernal pools, streams and other wetlands as critical wildlife habitat and scenic open space.

“With this easement, we’ve now permanently protected over 10,000 acres in Placer County,” said Placer Land Trust Executive Director Jeff Darlington. “Mitigation projects like this help our rural county balance the growth of development with the protection of our most important resource: lands and open spaces. Current and future generations benefit from this balance – as does our environment, economy, and quality of life.”

Oest Ranch — Lone Star Preserve

In November, Placer Land Trust permanently protected the Oest Ranch Lone Star Preserve, 427 acres of prime ranch land in Placer County. The Lone Star Preserve is the northern portion of the Oest Ranch, located along Highway 49 and Lone Star Road close to the Bear River. With the completion of this project, Placer Land Trust has permanently protected the entire 940-acre Oest Ranch. All three Oest Ranch Preserves contain beautiful oak woodlands and livestock grazing land.

The property remains privately owned and managed by the Oests, a pioneering Placer County family that has been farming and ranching in the Auburn area since 1859, for four generations. In November, Placer Land Trust honored Daryl and Sue Oest with the 2018 Placer Conservator award, for their vision to permanently preserve the agricultural heritage of their land for generations to come.

“Being a rancher is hard work, but spending time in beautiful open space makes it worth it. That’s why it’s important to us to protect our land, our wildlife, our agricultural heritage, and our family’s history. It’s been great working with Placer Land Trust in protecting our land.”

– Daryl Oest



Oest Ranch – Lone Star Preserve



Laursen Bear River Preserve



“People have lived on this land for thousands of years - Native Americans, Basque sheepherders, gold miners. We protected all this land to keep it the way it is, to keep it natural, to keep it special.”

– Andy Laursen

Laursen Bear River Preserve Watershed Protection and Scenic Open Space

In November, Placer Land Trust purchased and permanently protected the 361-acre Laursen Bear River Preserve on the Bear River north of Auburn. This new property joins other protected parcels to create a block of nearly 8,000 acres of protected lands along the lower Bear River. It is home to mule deer, mountain lion, grey fox, flying squirrel, Cooper’s hawk, and lazuli bunting, as well as the locally-rare Oregon white oak. Together with the adjacent Shutamul Bear River Preserve, the Laursen Bear River Preserve features the largest known population of California dogface butterfly (the California state insect) in the Sierra Nevada. With purchase of this property, Placer Land Trust has now protected the entire known habitat in Placer County for this rare butterfly, and is working with local citizen scientist Deren Ross and the Bohart Museum of Entomology at U.C. Davis to study its life cycle.

2018 Members and Supporters

For a full list of all our generous donors, please visit www.placerlandtrust.org/2018highlights

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Forever Society

Forever Society members preserve the natural wonders of Placer County for generations by including Placer Land Trust in their will and/or estate plans. We are forever grateful to our members listed below, and for our much-appreciated anonymous members.

Veronica Blake
Kurt & Karen Bleuel
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Jeff Darlington
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& Diane Pargament
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Placer Land Trust Team

Jeff Darlington, *Executive Director*
Lynnette Batt
Julia Boorinakis Harper
Sarah Darney
Jim McBride

Eden Rock
Janet Voris
Justin Wages
Kara Walker
Jeff Ward

Statement of Operations 2018

ANNUAL INCOME

Contributions	\$275,065
Events	\$152,673
Other Gifts	\$488,091
Grants	\$19,105
Other Income	\$323,200
Special Programs	\$180,241
TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME*	\$1,438,375

ANNUAL EXPENSES

Administration	\$163,507
Fundraising	\$158,433
Land Protection & Programs	\$799,637
TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSES	\$1,121,577

ASSETS

Cash and investments**	\$9,407,967
Accounts receivable and other assets	\$412,733
TOTAL ASSETS	\$9,820,700

Selected items from statement of financial position ***

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable & accrued expenses	\$137,826
Deferred revenue	\$6,077
Due to other agencies	\$953,005
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,096,908

LONG TERM COMMITMENT

*Funding for land stewardship can often arrive in one year but is designed to provide for many years. As a result, income for an individual year can vary greatly compared to the related stewardship expenses.

**Likewise, 85-90% of our cash and investment assets are invested in long-term endowments to fund the ongoing and perpetual protection of our lands.

*** Amounts do not reflect recorded property value.



Be sure to check out our online annual report for additional videos, photos, content, and a complete donor recognition list. You can find it on our recently refreshed website at www.placerlandtrust.org.



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