Sugarloaf Preserved; Garden Bar Dam Opposed; More Trails Opened; New Burton Farm; Youth Programs Grew

In January 2010, it was impossible to predict what we’d accomplish for the year. Uncertainty troubled us through the late summer. But by fall the pace of activity picked up, landowners began to make definitive conservation decisions, and funding began to loosen up. The year ended with a satisfying feeling of momentum into 2011.

We expect to close on the Garden Bar Preserve acquisition this spring though gaps in funding remain and we are working to fill them. We also expect to hear South Sutter Water District’s plans to move forward on a Bear River dam and we will keep everyone informed on how we can work together to oppose it. There are other Bear River lands in transition, in fact the vast majority of riverfront land is owned by PG&E, BLM, NID or is conservation held by the Land Trust. Other parcels include some of the largest and oldest family ranches in the county. We are working actively with each agency to open much of it for continued agricultural protection, public recreation and habitat protection.

We have landowner interest in conservation of working timber lands in the Grouse Ridge area. To date, we’ve conserved a small sensitive pitcher plant fen there and we are looking forward to moving a larger landscape into permanent protection soon and working with landowners for progressive sustainable forestry management.

There is a lot of activity from a variety of conservation organizations around the South and Middle Forks of the Yuba River. With the demise of the Yuba Highlands development, conservation of lands in the Spenceville and Smartsville areas have become a high priority. As a community, we have come to recognize the importance of this oak foothills landscape and want to ensure the community has a voice in determining where to develop and what should be protected for open space and agriculture.

You can expect to see new trails open on Kenny Ranch and Banner Mountain and more connectivity between trails throughout the Grass Valley and Nevada City communities.

Burton Homestead has grown as a community nature center for Land Trust Youth Programs, the Tsi-Akim Maidu

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Tribe, and two new partners: 4 Elements Environmental Education, and Living Lands Agrarian Network. With more impact on Burton, we are planning to improve the facilities there to accommodate more traffic: foot, vehicle and otherwise. In the spring we will embark on a wetlands restoration project that will rehabilitate 3 springs, improve the hydrology of the riparian areas, restore two ponds as Western Turtle habitats and reduce fuels.

Interest in youth programs has exploded, in particular, for teen leadership. We are pleased to be able to add resources and emphasis in this important area so that the next generation of conservationists are able to experience and appreciate nature, and desire to work on behalf of conservation. A teen leadership program called Junior Stewards trains camp counselors, works with seniors on environmentally focused Senior Projects, and provides hands-on restoration experiences.

As usual, we will be offering many Trek options for hikers, bikers and equestrians. We hope to see you out on the trail this year. Bring a friend!

Marty Coleman-Hunt
Executive Director

Youth Programs
Earth Encounters, Eco-Kids, Junior Stewards, and more!

Our Earth Encounters camp program for children 5 to 12 years old at Burton expanded to include a Fall and Winter Camp. At all our camps we focus on creating a fun, safe, and educational environment for children and teens so that the relationship they develop with the outdoors today continues to grow throughout their lives.

At this year’s Winter Earth Encounters camp kids started each day with “adventures in nature” storytelling and sharing. We made some very interesting nature sculptures from twigs and leaves during our arts and crafts time and we explored under some moss-covered logs to see what kind of life hides there in the winter. The teen Junior Stewards also provided fun camp skits that the younger kids really enjoy. Our camp program always proves to be a great way for kids and teens to make new friends and create memories to last a lifetime.

NCLT continues to expand the teen Junior Stewards program and offers opportunities in outdoor leadership training at all our Earth Encounters camps. Quite a few Junior Stewards have used their time at camp towards their high school senior projects. Check out the link below to see a completed Junior Stewards video project made just for the Land Trust. Another exciting part of our expanding Junior Stewards program is the watershed restoration projects in Bitney College Preparatory High School students are doing a two day hands-on invasive weed removal project at the Burton property while learning about the value of restoring local ecosystems. We continue to work on developing practical and innovative programs for all youth in our community. We want to connect kids with the outdoors and to provide programs that enhance appreciation and development of conservation skills to care for our amazing surrounding lands, our home.

Stacy Prater-Vigil
Youth Programs Coordinator

Volunteers are the heartbeat of the Land Trust. Without their generous gifts of time and effort it would be impossible to do the work we do.

If you’re interested in volunteering for Nevada County Land Trust, please visit our website at www.NevadaCountyLandTrust.org

THANK YOU Volunteers!
Treks Update
20th Anniversary “Treks Through Time” a Huge Success!

Twenty years of trekking has introduced our members to many of nature’s wonders in the Sierra Nevada. Last year we replicated many of the early NCLT outings. Surprisingly, many early trek leaders remain engaged in outdoor pursuits. For so many years, Stephanie Lorenser had a stellar line-up of hikes, some of which have become popular annual events. With over two dozen treks: from snowshoeing, to wildflower viewing, from stroll to strenuous, from the foothills to the Sierra Crest, we did it all!

But we didn’t do it all by ourselves. We partnered with the Yuba Watershed Institute for a trek into the Inimin Forest, with the Middle Mountain Foundation to Sutter Buttes, with Bicyclists of Nevada County for the “Chili Ride,” with Snowlands for our Winter Ecology talk, and with the Tsi-Akim Maidu for several events in the year. And, of course, all of our fabulous and dedicated volunteers who gave up their weekends and evenings to lead treks and make sure that everyone had fun and remained safe.

2011 will be just as exciting! It began with a packed house to hear Dr. Joe Medeiros speak about Winter Ecology: Nature’s Survival Strategies. Robin Milam followed a few weeks later with her presentation on the Amazon of Ecuador and the indigenous people’s unique relationship with nature. The first outing of the year, as usual, was Cathy Anderson-Meyers snowshoeing trek. Once again, everyone had a grand time!

Coming up we have:

- Sierra College Teacher and photographer Dana Bruce will be presenting an evening program on photo composition. Dana will follow up his Armchair presentation with an outing where you will be able to practice your new skills.
- One of our most popular annual events is the wildflower trek to Table Mountain and the volcanic outcropping outside of Oroville. This year we have two outings in April – a weekday trek with Sue Graf, Vicki MacDonald, and Clarence Motter; and a weekend trip with Sue Graf and Julie Carville.

This is just the beginning. Be sure to check our website often for treks information, schedules and registration.

Pay Attention to Wildlife Corridors, Watershed Protection, More Land Trust Leadership on County Parks and Trails

We asked for and received quite a bit of input from members at our Annual Member Meeting on February 15 and from our 2011 member survey, and the message was rather consistent.

Members tell us that protecting wildlife corridors and critical watershed lands, especially those landscapes under threat of “sprawl” development are the most important conservation goals to them. Many fear that this opinion is not shared by local business or government representatives. In fact, there is more discussion about why Nevada County is one of only two counties statewide that does not have a parks and recreation department. The reason for this, as we know, is that voters have not expressed a majority opinion supporting the cost. Another consensus opinion is that the special quality of our environment enhances the quality of life, the desirability of our community to live, and for tourism. Yet most don’t believe green jobs support our local economy. How do we protect, enhance and provide access to our most important assets? There is limitless opportunity for restoration, mine remediation, enhancement of recreational amenities, sustainable forestry and agriculture. How can we inspire youth with an appreciation for our natural environment to pursue conservation, outdoor recreation or working landscapes professions?

In planning our priorities for 2011, we determined that the Land Trust has the obvious critical role of protecting landscapes through conservation easements or acquisition of land. But we also continue providing recreation through the creation of trails and parks, and in delivering environmental educational programs for all ages and professions – until another entity such as the County builds the capacity. This expanded charter makes the Land Trust somewhat unique in comparison to land trusts in other communities. The challenge becomes the potential for diluting our efforts by trying to do too much. We remain energized by the enormous spirit of volunteerism here and the willingness for people to support us financially. We will continue our commitment as long as we have that mandate.

Marty Coleman-Hunt
Executive Director

Welcome Americorps Member: Chris Gee

Please welcome Christopher Gee, our Sierra Nevada Americorps Program Member for NCLT for 2011. Having studied International Relations at UC Davis, Chris last year spent a semester studying abroad at Fudan University in Shanghai, China.

Most recently, Chris served as an Americorps Member in Idaho’s Salmon-Challis National Forest. During that assignment he came to realize firsthand the importance of mountain watersheds as a part of the world ecology. He brings experience coordinating logistics for numerous outdoor excursions, retreats, and group activities for youth. Chris will be involved in community outreach, in particular with hikers and youth in Nevada County, and in supporting the NCLT trails building and wetlands restoration programs.

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Marty Coleman-Hunt
Executive Director
Message from Fran Cole
2011 President, Board of Directors

The organization is well positioned to enter a year that will present incredible opportunities for the Land Trust and its members on many different fronts. I believe that the main challenge we will have in 2011 will be finding the capacity to manage all of the initiatives we face. Our region faces challenges to its quality of life, with serious cutbacks in funding and services at all governmental and agency levels. At our recent members meeting, several of you commented on the important role the Land Trust can play in providing trails, recreation and open space to our community, a capacity we are building to fill a local need. While the Land Trust is not a permanent solution to fill a role better served by a publicly funded governmental agency, the lack of a county parks district has led many to look to us for help. With the knowledge we have, the land and deal making transactional expertise, the forestry and trail knowledge and our extensive dedicated volunteer network, we have the motivation and expertise to help fill the public resource gap and preserve open space, working lands and build trails.

I am very enthusiastic about the expanded kids’ camps and Junior Stewards programs. At first I had to exert parental leverage to convince my teenage daughters to participate in the program, but they now have emerged as avid proponents of land conservation.

On the legislative front, Congress has acted to renew conservation easement tax incentives retroactive to January 1, 2010, following a year-long lapse. The new incentives:

• Raise a landowner’s annual income tax deduction from 30% of net income to 50%;
• Allow farmers and ranchers to deduct up to 100% of their income; and
• Increase the number of years over which a donor can take deductions from 6 to 16 years.

Because these incentives are temporary (expiring December 31, 2011), landowners considering placing conservation easements on their property may wish to do so this year in case the legislative incentives are not extended.

Looking back over the last year I would like to thank Dave Palley for his strong leadership of the organization. Please check out the many accomplishments of the organization under Dave’s leadership described in this newsletter.

Please also join me in thanking retiring Board members Paul Carlson, Rich Johansen and Greg Fenner for their three terms of service to the Land Trust.

Finally, some accomplishments are important but less visible. Our dynamic Investment Committee (of which I’m a member) overhauled and modernized the investment management process for the Land Trust, creating and implementing an Investment Policy that resulted in the hiring of a new investment manager. Similarly, Jim Ward, the Land Trust’s Treasurer, overhauled the accounting policies for the Land Trust, building a strong foundation for financial reporting and legal compliance. As an attorney who practiced in the corporate world in the field of governance for many years, I will focus on similar projects that build organizational strength to ensure our conservation agreements are durable and that we have an organization to steward the lands for a long, long time.

I urge you to become more involved in the Land Trust this year, as it will be quite a journey. Thank you for your support.

2010 Accomplishments

• Began conservation of 10,000 acres of PG&E lands in Bear River watershed
• Opposed Garden Bar Dam on the Bear River
• Monitored 5,000 acres of conserved lands, 22 parcels
• Held 3 watershed restoration clinics with 100 volunteers
• Built Deer Creek Tribute and Hirschman Trails
• Dedicated Orene Wetherall Trail on Banner Mountain
• Maintained 13 miles of trails
• Held Workshop for 50 legal and financial professionals & technical forum for 100 professionals
• Had 250 kids at Summer and Fall camps, 1/3 on scholarships
• Held EcoKids community event
• Trained 12 teen Junior Stewards
• Broke ground for Burton Demo Farm
• Took 850 people on guided Treks
• Distributed $70k in grants to animal groups
• Received NC BOS Resolution for land conservation
• Honored John Taylor for Conservation Leadership

2010 Sources of Income

2010 Expenses

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I urge you to become more involved in the Land Trust this year, as it will be quite a journey. Thank you for your support.
As anticipated, 2010 was a year of transition for the economy which presented a number of challenges for Nevada County Land Trust financial management, mainly: uncertainty. Since it was difficult to predict which source of revenue would rebound or further decline, our goal became diversification. We put more emphasis on delivering services to the community that are not currently being met by other agencies or businesses for fee. We added resources to trail building as a contract service, and expanded the number of youth programs, and these proved to be good areas to invest in, an investment we will continue to make in 2011. The finances for the benefit concert, which has expanded to the North Star House site, are proving to be more complicated. In 2010 we captured concert expenses and income and reported it as a net figure in fundraisers. In 2011 we will outsource the concert entirely to the Center for the Arts but hold it at the same location. We expect the Center will contribute greatly to the success of the concert since this type of production is more their core competency than ours.

The following are some highlights to consider in reviewing 2010 results:

- The total number of memberships remained about the same as 2009, however the total membership dues dropped from $56,960 to $47,895
- For several years grant funding has not been a significant portion of our revenue
- Unrestricted donor contributions in 2010 increased by $71,000 over 2009
- Income from investments grew from $28,000 in 2009 to $34,000 in 2010
- Realized and unrealized gains on investments were $67,000 in 2010 compared with $191,000 in 2009
- Program fees significantly grew from $15,498 in 2009 to $54,532 in 2010
- In 2010 operating expenses were reduced by $58,000 in anticipation of a challenging economic environment. This was accomplished by reducing staffing and careful monitoring of all expenses
- In 2010 administrative expenses included investment management fees and certain expenses that had previously been reported as outreach expenses

### SUMMARY REPORT OF 2010 FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

#### 2010 Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

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#### Expenses

| Programs                       | $205,153 | $252,165 |
| Fundraising                    | $40,158 | $76,627 |
| Administrative                 | $60,837 | $34,392 |
| Transfer of funds to unrestricted | $50,264 | $64,994 |
| **Total Expense**              | **$356,412** | **$428,178** |
| **Net operations**             | **$46,945** | **$180,421** |

#### Other Items

| Salter Benefit for Animals Releases | $(69,000) | $(39,000) |
| Loss on sale of assets            | $(69,000) | $(60,707) |
| **Change in net assets**          | **$(22,055)** | **$119,714** |

| Net assets January 1              | $2,635,692 | $2,515,978 |
| Net assets December 31            | $2,613,637 | $2,635,692 |

#### 2010 Statement of Financial Position

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New Trails Set to Open in Spring

This winter the trails program has focused on completion of trail work for the Deer Creek Tribute Trail Project. Working cooperatively with The Sierra Fund, American Rivers Conservancy, Sierra Streams Institute (Friends of Deer Creek), and the Greater Champion Mine Neighborhood, the Land Trust is responsible securing trail easements and for most of the trail construction being done. This winter the Land Trust hired Trailscape to construct about ½ mile of trail for the project. The work was recently finished on the new trail from Newtown Canal to Deer Creek where a bridge across the creek is being constructed as part of the Tribute Trail Project. All construction must be completed by March 31 when the grant expires.

The Tribute Trail will extend from Pioneer Park in Nevada City on sidewalks and trails west, then follow Champion Road, trails, service roads, and the Newtown Canal. Much of the trail will be wheelchair accessible. The trail plan includes major riparian restoration activities along the Creek. A truss bridge spanning Deer Creek is being constructed that will incorporate a memorial area for the Chinese laborers of the mining period. Within a year, a loop trail will be built on the south side of the creek. The trail segments closest to town are in the final stages of completion, thanks to great weather in January and early February. Sometime this spring, we will have a community celebration to dedicate the trail and raise awareness about Deer Creek as an important watershed and the publicly accessible open space and trails in Nevada City.

The other major project this winter has been mapping all of the Land Trust Trails and placing trail information and maps on the Nevada County Land Trust web site. Volunteers Greg Archbald and Orval Choate have been working with our Americorps member Chris Gee to make this information available to everyone interested in our trails. If you have not looked at the web site recently, please take a look at the new trail information.

The plan for this spring is to continue working on the trails at Kenny Ranch and to start construction of an extension of the Orene Wetherall Trail on Banner Mountain, making the trail a loop trail within the Woodpecker property owned by the Land Trust.

Bill Haire
Trails Coordinator

Betty Fry

Elizabeth “Betty” Fry held a degree in business from a private college in Vancouver, British Columbia. She and her family moved to Portola Valley in 1958 where she became President of the PTA, played tennis, joined an investment group, and helped set up the Gorilla Foundation in Woodside where Dr. Penny Patterson is teaching Koko (yes, the famous gorilla) to communicate in American Sign Language. As a young mother in 1965, Betty co-founded The Almanac, a Portola Valley newspaper, and served as publisher until the family moved to Nevada City in 1984. She sold real estate locally for a while. Just as she was very involved in Mid Peninsula activities, she plunged into community service here. “Betty enjoyed and supported Music in the Mountains and its outstanding programs,” said Dr. Bill Fry, her husband of 50 years. They became involved with Nevada County Land Trust right after the organization’s inception in 1990. A year later, Betty joined the Board of Directors where she served for many years, including a term as Board President, and later became a member of the Board Advisory Council. She has had considerable impact on the organization and its board, staff and members. We will remember her with great fondness, admiration and appreciation for her important contribution to the Land Trust and the community.

Germaine Young

Germaine was born in St Paul, Minnesota on New Years Eve of 1925. She met future husband Howard Young in 1947 in Yellowstone National Park while they both had summer jobs; she as the lodge switchboard operator and he as a handyman. After Howard finished college, they married in 1953 and lived briefly in Los Angeles where he worked as a geophysicist for an oil company. Later Howard became a civil engineer for CalTrans where he worked for the rest of his long career. The Youngs lived in San Francisco but were drawn to the beauty of nature so they bought a home in Ben Lomand in the Santa Cruz Mountains in 1964 where Germaine opened an antiques shop. She was a lifelong sketch artist who also dabbled in watercolors as well as cartooning. A voracious reader, she loved traveling, gardening, and watching movies. When Howard retired, they moved to Bend, Oregon; after fifteen years there, they missed California and moved to Grass Valley in 2003. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Claudia Walker

Claudia grew up in Sacramento and later in Southern California. A gifted RN with a specialty certification in Critical Care Nursing, Claudia enjoyed a long career in nursing. She testified on the floor of the United States Senate, helping to secure passage of the nursing ratio law. She retired from her position as Nursing Supervisor at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital in 2008. Claudia loved the outdoors and was a longtime member of Sierra Outdoor Sports Club. She and her husband Paul enjoyed camping, cycling, hiking, skiing and kayaking. An adventurous traveler, she visited New Zealand, China, Thailand, Costa Rica and Mexico, and loved to scuba dive in the Caribbean. The Walkers joined Nevada County Land Trust in 1997. Generous supporters, they earned a Lifetime Treks Pass in 2008.
Jonathon Whitworth Butts Working Forest Area

We recently met with landowner Everett Butts to chat about his 160 acres of land and the conservation easement held by NCLT since 1995.

Were there other options you considered before deciding on a conservation easement?

We purchased the land as a family and it is a sustainable working forest. When our son Jonathon died unexpectedly of a genetic disorder, my wife and I decided to make a donation of the land in his name. We first considered donating the land to the University of California to be used as a research facility. Then we heard about land trusts. We had a large commemorative sign installed so that any trespassers will know that the preserve is in memory of my son, Jonathon Whitworth Butts.

How did you find out about the land trust?

First we contacted The Nature Conservancy and Trust for Public Land, and they explained that they usually work larger land deals and referred us to our local land trust. Even though the property is in Sierra County, Nevada County Land Trust is the closest of the land trusts, and agreed to hold the conservation easement. NCLT was very helpful in educating us as we thought through the decisions.

What do you see as the long-term benefits of establishing a conservation easement?

I know now that the land will be protected after I’m gone and I feel so much better about that. I’d never sell that land; I’d give it away before selling it for any kind of profit. We had a large commemorative sign installed so that any trespassers will know that the preserve is in memory of my son, Jonathon Whitworth Butts.

Laurie Harrison and Charlie Dayton moved to Nevada City in 1984 when their two children, Elizabeth and William, were small. They had been involved in preserving open space in the mid-peninsula area south of San Francisco and were excited to help Nevada County Land Trust’s efforts in their new home area.

Members since 1993, Laurie and Charlie helped organize and staff early fundraisers, attended several of the nine annual Stars concerts, and support the North Star House refurbishment. The whole family has enjoyed many of the public access trails created by the Land Trust throughout the years.

Laurie is a consultant working primarily for the California Community Colleges. She feels that the Land Trust offers a particularly good example of a way to fulfill the slogan Think Globally, Act Locally. “We can’t preserve natural treasures everywhere else in the world,” Laurie said, “but if we help with those in our own setting, and if others do the same, together we can make real progress.”

Charlie has worked at UC Berkeley for the past dozen years helping to build public-private partnerships to support programs for high school youth. He sees Nevada County Land Trust as a good example of such a partnership. By individuals coming together as private citizens to support this venture, public spaces can be created that everyone can use, thereby improving both our individual and community life.

Having lived in a variety of rural and urban places in this country, and traveled many other places around the world, Laurie and Charlie are keenly aware of what a beautiful natural environment Nevada County boasts. “Combined with the seemingly endless cultural wealth here,” said Charlie, “it’s kind of a magical place. And the work of Nevada County Land Trust is a key part of this.”

While there’s always more to do, it is a labor of love that keeps adding to the magic.

Jean Gilbert
Operations Manager

Volunteers Needed
Scotch Broom Pull Challenge 2011

Scotch broom is a pernicious plant, and its successful removal is a boon to all. Eradication is an improbable goal, hence instead to ‘challenge’ to remove as much as possible from our communities. Last year with the help of our volunteers we were able to remove over 30 cubic yards of broom from 10 acres. We’re at it again this year with two opportunities to participate:

- Adam Ryan Wildlife Preserve at the intersection of Alta Sierra Drive/Dog Bar Road on Saturday March 19, 9-12.
- Hirschten Pond Trail Access on Indian Trail Rd, Saturday March 26, 9-12.

More information at www.NevadaCountyLandTrust.org or call our office 530-272-5994
Upcoming Treks

Developing Your Photographer’s Eye  
with Sierra College photography instructor Dana Bruce  
Wednesday, March 30th (Armchair Trek Presentation)  
Sunday, April 10th (Field Trip)

Table Mountain Wildflowers  
with Clarence Motter, Sue Graf and Vicki MacDonald  
Tuesday, April 5th  
with Sue Graf and Julie Carville  
Saturday, April 9th

Spenceville’s Indigenous Sites  
with Grayson Coney  
Saturday, May 14th

Bee Husbandry  
with Rancy Oliver  
Sunday, May 15th

EquiTrek  
Ride this gorgeous ranch land in Penn Valley  
Saturday, May 21st

Wildflowers of Castle Peak Area  
with Julie Carville  
Sunday, July 17th

For more information or to make a reservation go to www.NevadaCountyLandTrust.org/treks

Mark Your Calendar!

2 Scotch Broom Challenges  
Saturday, March 19th at Adam Ryan Wildlife Preserve  
Saturday, March 26th at Hirschman Trail

Walk on the Wild Side  
Explore permanently protected lands and Celebrate Earth Day  
Saturday, April 23rd

Oak Tree Ball  
Gala Dinner Dance at Alta Sierra Country Club plus Presentation of the 2011 William Nickerl Award for Conservation Leadership  
Saturday, April 30th

Summer Kids Camp  
3 week-long sessions at beautiful Burton Homestead in Nevada City  
June 13th through July 1st

Stars at North Star House Benefit Concert  
Saturday, August 27th  
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