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#### FINDING COMMON GROUND: IN PRAISE OF PARTNERS GREETINGS FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEREDITH HENDRICKS

With one deal, one wildly beautiful and complicated deal, we nearly doubled the number of acres we have protected forever. It took 38 years for us to conserve the first 32,008



acres and with the addition of the 24,341 acres surrounding Point Conception at the Jack and Laura Dangermond Preserve, the Land Trust has now protected 56,349 acres. This deal provides an important layer of forever protection to the landscape, ensures that our local organization has a permanent role in monitoring the land, and the funds we secured for this transaction will endow portions of the stewardship and research efforts at this globally important biodiversity hot spot. We made all of this happen with our partners at The Nature Conservancy and Vandenberg Space Force Base with a grant from the Department of Defense. The momentum created through this process will allow us to leverage more funding to expand conservation in the surrounding landscape in partnership with willing landowners. It took several years, hundreds of hours, and more than \$15 million in

Federal funding to pull it together. Our supporters allow us to spend the time needed to conduct strategic conservation deals that will stand the test of time, thank you.

One of the things I love most about conservation is that it requires collaboration, often between unlikely combinations of folks. If it was easy to do land conservation, we would have done it all by now. It isn't easy, and the only way it happens is when people commit to the process and stay invested for months or years. As a result, partnerships and friendships arise. Our Land Trust is honored to develop relationships with a diverse array of people and organizations for land preservation, protection of agriculture, recreation, and to work toward a resilient, equitable open space future. We could not succeed on behalf of this beautiful county and the unique communities that it holds without the help of individuals, other NGOs, funders, and our partners at all levels of government. The next time you visit a park, think about all it took just to keep the land the same. There is a good chance that a whole mix of folks were involved in pulling that off.

My thanks to those who are supporting the Land Trust and conservation in all sorts of ways. As we approach December, please keep us in your year-end giving plans. In these pages you'll not only read about our fruitful partnership with The Nature Conservancy, but also the critical, collaborative work our programs team is doing throughout the county. We also include an update on our 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. We invest your dollars in projects that shape the landscape of Santa Barbara County; ensuring a more resilient climate, economy, and communities.

Take care,

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Meredith Hendricks, Executive Director

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County conserves natural resources, agricultural land, and open spaces for the benefit of present and future generations.



#### A SAVVY WAY TO GIVE: **DONOR** ADVISED FUNDS

A DONOR-ADVISED FUND (DAF) is like a charitable investment account that is set up for the sole purpose of supporting charities. Individuals can contribute cash, stocks, or other assets into the DAF and receive an immediate tax deduction. Those funds are invested for taxfree growth and the individual can recommend donations to charities of their choice over time.

Donor-advised funds are the fastest-growing charitable giving vehicle because they are both easy and tax-savvy ways to give to charities like the Land Trust.

**1.** To establish a fund, an individual makes an irrevocable tax-deductible contribution (cash, stock, real estate, etc.) to a sponsoring organization community foundation or financial institution. Individuals receive a tax receipt and tax benefits when funds are deposited into their DAF.

**2.** The DAF sponsoring organization oversees your funds as they grow tax-free.

**3.** The assets within the fund now legally belong to the sponsoring organization, but the DAF account holder retains advisory privileges over disbursements made from the DAF in addition to the investment strategy.

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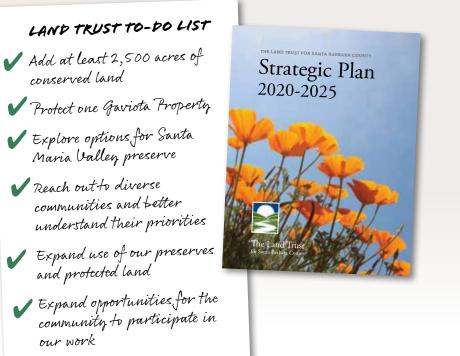
#### PROGRESS! 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

**IN AUGUST OF 2019** the Land Trust announced a strategic plan with a vision for the ensuing five years and statement of the impact we hoped to make for the community.

With your support, we have largely achieved our goals!

- We **exceeded our goal of 40,000 acres protected,** nearly doubling the amount of land under our protection.
- We **completed the purchase of Gaviota Overlook,** the first Gaviota Coast conservation in 15 years.
- We created a programs team to build partnerships throughout the county.
- We are **currently investigating a potential new preserve/park property** in the Santa Maria Valley. We are dedicated to expanding open space access in the Santa Maria Valley area and beyond.
- We expanded access to Arroyo Hondo Preserve.
- We **invested in our staff** (adding four new colleagues), our board (adding three additional community leaders), and volunteers (expanding opportunities and training).

Read the details in our 2022 impact report online at www.sblandtrust.org.



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#### A SILVER ANNIVERSARY FOR A PRECIOUS COMMUNITY RESOURCE

TAKE A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE...this year the Coronado Butterfly Preserve celebrates its 25th anniversary!

For many years, the neighbors of a small west Goleta neighborhood appreciated and cared for nine acres of undeveloped land near their homes. The property that would become the Coronado Butterfly Preserve was owned by the Goleta Union School District and in the 1970s was designated "surplus" land because of its proximity to the airport and was put up for sale many times. By the 1990s, developers started to pay serious attention to this Santa Barbara Shores land with proposals for 1-acre housing lots, dense housing development, and an option to use the site for soil for fill at another Goleta development site. The neighbors and community—armed with little more than good intentions and yard-sale proceeds—joined together to protect the area. In 1998, the Land Trust, with the help of neighbors and several generous grants, purchased the land and the Coronado Butterfly Preserve was born.

While small, the Coronado Butterfly Preserve is a key gateway piece in the complex of properties that make up the nearly 700 acres of open space stretching from Sandpiper Golf Course to Devereux Slough. Today these properties include the City of Goleta's Sperling Preserve (also called the Ellwood Mesa with its monarch butterfly overwintering groves) and UCSB's North Campus Open Space and Coal Oil Point Reserve. The neighbors who organized to protect and save the Coronado Butterfly Preserve were one of several community groups that helped spur the formation of the Friends of Ellwood Coast and dedicated themselves to preserving the larger coastal open space.

With the help of the neighborhood and greater community, the preserve—land that was dominated by wild radish, compacted soil, concrete and construction debris—has become a thriving place for native plants, wildlife, and learning. The preserve is a labor of love for the neighbors with many pitching in. Neighbors Jack Engle and Carol Vandenberg describe how seeds from native plants were collected on-site and propagated in Marcia Pepper's backyard; and planting and watering days were a group effort. Toyon, coast live oak, California wild rose, California encelia, golden yarrow, California sagebrush, lemonade berry, quailbush, buckwheat, mugwort, California poppy, and blue-eyed grass now flourish.

"Some neighbors remember waking up to their backyards literally covered with Monarchs, like a carpet of butterflies," recounted Eric Kowalchyk, preserve neighbor since 2016. "I'm excited about the future of the preserve with current plans to remove some downed trees, restore the butterfly habitat, and work to renovate the trails and bridges." It takes a village to maintain resources like this, but it's well worth it for young families like Eric's who explore the preserve on a daily basis.

"This preserve is a goldmine when it comes to meeting your neighbors."

A wonderful quote from neighbor Hurston Buck is printed on a Coronado Butterfly Preserve bench: "This preserve is a goldmine when it comes to getting to know your neighbors." Marcia Pepper continues, "the whole process of saving the property was a long-term neighborhood project. Neighbors from disparate backgrounds, ages, and political leanings came together—it was very unifying."

Many thanks to the cadre of dedicated Goleta neighbors who organized to protect one corner of this exceptional place. Happy birthday.

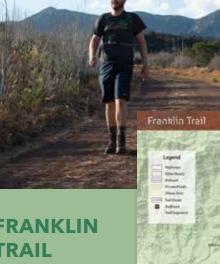












#### **FRANKLIN TRAIL** CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

THE FRANKLIN TRAIL is one of our area's iconic trails, constructed in 1913 by the US Forest Service. For many years the trail was one of the most popular ways to access the backcountry, climbing over the crest of the Santa Ynez Mountains and dropping down to



Alder Creek to an area known as Billiard Flats. When restrictions began to limit routes into the mountains, the community banded together—finding common ground—to reopen and restore the trails.

Public access to the mountains was reduced in the 1970s as avocados or nursery-related businesses developed. But in the early 2000s, things started to change. In 2003, Bill and Glenna Horton conveyed a trail easement to the County of Santa Barbara and a conservation easement with the Land Trust over their 104-acre ranch. A conservation easement negotiated by the Trust for Public Land and the Land Trust protected 3,000 acres of Carpinteria foothills and included public trail easements. In 2010 the Friends of the Franklin Trail was founded by Jane Murray and Bud Girard and a host of local organizations joined together to raise money; ground broke on the first phase of Franklin Trail in May 2013.

Today three phases—eight miles—of Franklin Trail have been restored and are opened. It's a well-used and well-loved route used by thousands of hikers, runners, bicyclists, and equestrians. Thanks and congratulations to all our partners: Santa Barbara Trails Council, Montecito Trails Foundation, Los Padres Forest Association, Santa Barbara Sierra Club, and US Forest Service. Happy birthday Franklin Trail!

https://sbtrails.org/our-work/trail-projects/franklin-trail

## **DOUBLING DOWN** FOR DANGERMOND PRESERVE

HUGE NEWS! In collaboration with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Vandenberg Space Force Base and the Department of Defense (DoD), the Land Trust has completed a conservation easement that <u>permanently protects</u> all 24,341 acres of the Jack and Laura Dangermond Preserve. This easement brings the Land Trust's conserved acreage to 56,349—nearly doubling the amount of land under our protection.

The Land Trust is thrilled to be working in conjunction with The Nature Conservancy and DoD to keep this important property a refuge for plants and animals and to protect 10,000 years of human ecology important to the Chumash Tribes and surrounding community. Locally known as the Bixby Ranch, The Nature Conservancy purchased the land in 2017 with a \$165-million lead donation from philanthropists and conservationists Jack and Laura Dangermond.

**One of the most biodiverse regions in the world,** the preserve surrounds Point Conception at the natural crossroads of southern and northern California, shaping its unique terrestrial and marine habitats. The preserve connects eight miles of wild coastline to the Santa Ynez Mountains, providing habitats and wildlife corridors for at-risk species including the mountain lion, snowy plover, red-legged frog, Western "This collaboration with TNC and DoD is a win for science, culture, and climate resilience and a model for future permanent legal land protection." - MEREDITH HENDRICKS, LAND TRUST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

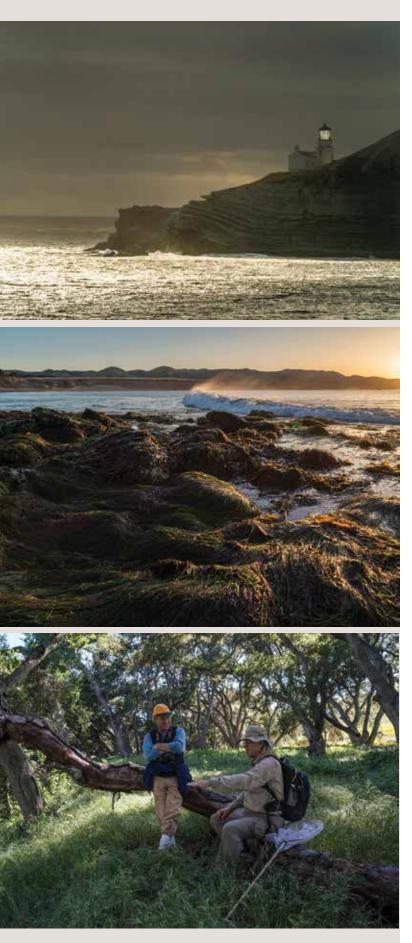
monarch butterfly, Gaviota tarplant, and coast live oak. The preserve's protected coastlines and wildlife corridors allow large carnivores such as mountain lions, coyotes, and black bears to forage and move in the coastal zone in ways that are unique in all of Southern California.

With funding from the Department of Defense and in collaboration with Vandenberg Space Force Base, the Land Trust will hold and enforce the conservation easement that permanently restricts the development and subdivision of this culturally and environmentally significant place. Placing a conservation easement over a preserve is considered a best practice in permanent land protection as it creates the ability to protect the property legally.

All proceeds from the sale of the easement will be used at the Dangermond Preserve, supporting its sustainable management and innovative programming as outlined in the Jack and Laura Dangermond Preserve Strategic Plan. The plan prioritizes research, discovery, and education to inspire the public about the importance of protecting our natural world. In partnership with local Tribes, the preserve will also establish itself as a center for the testing and study of Indigenous land management practices and strengthen engagement with Chumash communities through restored relationships as well as land use and access.

The easement that perpetually protects the Dangermond Preserve is the result of a thoughtful, collaborative partnership between the Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, and DoD—organizations that range from local to national to global. The preserve offers incredible opportunities for science, culture, and climate resilience, an astounding achievement that will advance a better present and future for generations to come. The Land Trust is honored to hold the legal obligation to protect this special place forever.

Learn more about the Dangermond Preserve at https://www. dangermondpreserve.org.





#### DISCOVERING THE **SECRET LIVES OF OWLS** AT DANGERMOND PRESERVE

**NESTLED WITHIN THE BREATHTAKING** expanse of the Dangermond Preserve lies a hidden world bustling with wildlife wonders. With a diverse array of over 200 wildlife species, this sanctuary has become a refuge for both plants and animals alike. But among its countless inhabitants, it is the Great Horned Owl, Barn Owl, and Western Screech Owl that reign supreme, soaring above as some of the preserve's most common and captivating avian residents.

To delve deeper into the mysteries of this thriving ecosystem, conservationists have turned to technology, utilizing motion-operated wildlife cameras to gain invaluable insights. These trap cams discreetly monitor and record wildlife patterns, offering glimpses into the otherwise concealed lives of the preserve's fauna. By capturing spontaneous images, scientists can learn more about the population size and spatial and temporal distribution of the species that call the preserve home.

However, the exploration does not end here. Ambitious plans are underway to enhance the understanding of animal behavior in this unique habitat. The combination of wildlife cameras with cutting-edge conservation tools like telemetry and GPS collars promises a deeper understanding of the intricate relationships and behaviors of the preserve's wildlife.

Embrace the captivating world of owls and their fellow residents as you embark on a mesmerizing photo tour of the Dangermond Preserve and witness the beauty and splendor of nature's best-kept secrets as scientists continue their quest to protect and preserve these precious species.

https://tnc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/index.html?appid=fc00a57be68640d3b107c26346e5dc96

Photos: Bill Marr, The Nature Conservancy

#### GUADALUPE FAMILIES EXPERIENCE JOY ATTHE ARROYO HONDO PRESERVE

FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS, the Arroyo Hondo Preserve has served as a community resource, providing access to nature and educational programs that foster a love of nature and conservation.

Over the past year, our programs team has spanned out across Santa Barbara County to connect more communities with Arroyo Hondo and to learn about their values and priorities surrounding conservation, recreation, and outdoor education. Our goal: to expand and enhance our existing networks and engage people and groups that have been underserved and disconnected from the work of the Land Trust thus far.

Guadalupe, just south of the Santa Maria River, is a hidden gem off the well-trodden path of Highway 101. Here, in the expansive Santa Maria valley fields of strawberries, broccoli, lettuce, and cauliflower, is a vibrant community in which the Land Trust has found a great partnership.



Beatitude House is a community of volunteers from various backgrounds committed to serving their lowincome neighbors in Guadalupe with food distribution, financial assistance, and many other types of

support. It's the hub for a diverse community, including many Salvadorean and Mexican families, many of whom make their living working in fields surrounding Guadalupe. At the heart of this community are Beatitude House founders Dennis Appel and Tensie Hernandez. Working in concert, the Land Trust and Beatitude House are introducing Guadalupe to Arroyo Hondo. Dennis and Tensie describe a new perspective these individuals bring, "they spend their lives working outside and their livelihoods depend on the land, but they don't benefit from it in the ways many of us do."

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In May and July of this year, with support for bussing expenses from the Mithun Family Foundation, the Land Trust hosted a group of 20 families from Guadalupe to a day of exploration at Arroyo Hondo.

Tensie shared that the experience at Arroyo Hondo "was profound and lifegiving" as families relaxed next to Arroyo Hondo Creek and wandered through the preserve looking at plants and trees that reminded them of landscapes they left behind in Central America and Mexico. Not only have many in the Santa Maria Valley not heard of Arroyo Hondo, but these families don't always have time off together and, with gas prices as high as \$6/gallon, the 132-mile round trip to the preserve is expensive.

Maria Chavez and her family live in Guadalupe and have now visited Arroyo Hondo with the Land Trust twice. A single mom, Maria told us she works a lot and doesn't have much one-on-one time with her kids. She said "that little bit of time [at Arroyo Hondo] is so valuable, and we get a chance to laugh and smile, and Arroyo Hondo gave us the time to spend with our family. We were having so much fun, that time flew by." Maria's mom and her sister, Brenda, were on the trip as well. "Brenda wants you to know that it was a very peaceful, very beautiful trip.

"Esta muy agredecida como nos juntamos, y como apoyaron a las personas que nunca han visitado..." said Brenda. "Darnos de comer, enseñarnos lugares tan bonitos, jhasta ayudarnos a cargar la carriola! Les agradecemos mucho!" [She's very grateful that we were able to come together, how you support the people that have never visited the preserve. "You fed us, showed us some beautiful spots, you even helped me push my kid's stroller! We're so thankful!"].

With the support of donors and foundation partners, the Land Trust is connecting families like Maria's and new communities to conservation and to the benefits the Land Trust's work helps to provide. Programs such as this also build and strengthen the Land Trust's roots in the county and allow us to understand and respond to community needs and priorities.

#### VISITING THE ARROYO HONDO PRESERVE

The Arroyo Hondo Preserve welcomes visitors on the first and third full weekends of each month to explore the canyon, trails, and ridgeline views. The preserve changes from gold to orange in the fall to lush green thanks to winter rains.

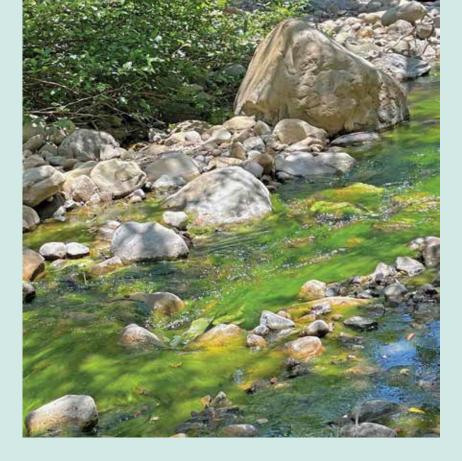
Reservations are FREE and required make yours online and get the most current visiting information at sblandtrust.org/ arroyo-hondo-preserve-reservations or join the waitlist at sblandtrust.org/waitlist if open weekends are full. If the weekends are full, please try again on the Thursday or Friday before, we often have last-minute cancellations.

#### WINTER HOURS:

The first and third full weekends of the month, Saturdays and Sundays from 10am–3pm.

#### **OPEN WEEKENDS:**

November 18–19, December 2–3, December 16–17, January 6–7, January 20–21, February 3–4, February 17–18, March 2–3, March 16–17



#### A SLIMY SUMMER: ALGAE

VISITORS TO ARROYO HONDO CREEK and other creeks in the region have noticed an explosion of sometimes smelly—and often slimy—green filamentous algae. Algae are important components of aquatic food webs and often found in local creeks and lakes, but were much more noticeable than usual this summer and fall.

Algae need water, sunlight, and nutrients to thrive—and thriving they are. Here are some possible reasons why Arroyo Hondo Creek is seeing green:

- Studies have shown that algal growth in streams often increases after fires. Nutrients from Alisal Fire sediment and ash washing down from slopes into waterways could be contributing to more abundant growth.
- Post-fire runoff and above-average winter rains in the recent past have flushed invertebrates from the riparian system. It takes time for the full diversity of invertebrates "grazers" to come back into balance with the new creek conditions. Once they do, they will eat the algae and the system should come back into balance.
- The loss of trees along the creek due to the fire allows more sunlight in the area and promotes algal growth.
- With abundant winter rain this year, Arroyo Hondo Creek continues to flow freely. In most years, stretches of the creek would now be dry. More water in the creek—for a longer period of time—has allowed more time for reproduction and growth of algae.

Algae are important component of creek ecology. They are the base of the food chain, providing food for herbivorous invertebrates, which are then consumed by carnivorous invertebrates, and in turn provide food for other species. In polluted waterways, algal growth can become a problem. Arroyo Hondo Creek, however, is clean and healthy, so there is nothing to worry about.

#### **COMINGS AND GOINGS**–LAND TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND STAFF

THIS FALL THE LAND TRUST WELCOMES three new members to our Board of Trustees: William O'Donnell, Teresa Romero, and Ben Romo.

Our all-volunteer board members play a significant role at the Land Trust, providing guidance by contributing to our culture, strategic focus, effectiveness, and financial sustainability. They are also our best ambassadors and advocates.



William O'Donnell brings more than 30 years of investment experience in credit and special situations investing

in the US and Europe to his work on the Land Trust's board. Since 2010, Bill has been a partner at Value Recovery Capital LLC. Bill has worked with the Land Trust as a member of our Land and Finance Committees. Bill and his wife K.C. relocated to Santa Barbara from the East Coast in 2017.



Teresa Romero most recently served as the Environmental Director for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash, Teresa,

with three other Indigenous women established a nonprofit, the Native Coast Action Network, to assist West Coast Indigenous communities in building capacity and assist in implementing cultural and traditional ecological initiatives. Teresa has spent many years working in Tribal communities, mental health advocacy, and nonprofit arts. Originally from Montecito, Teresa has deep ties and history in Santa Barbara County. She has deep experience in building partnerships, collaborations, and relationships across diverse communities. Teresa is an enrolled member of the Coastal Band of Chumash and is a member Syuxtun Plant Collective, a Traditional plant collective focusing on tending, gathering, and preparation of Traditional plants.



Ben Romo joins the Land Trust's board with a wealth of experience running nonprofits, strategic and business planning,

government relations, fundraising, and local land use planning and project development. Born in Santa Barbara, Ben began his career in politics working for Congressmembers Walter and Lois Capps. He left politics in 2005 to serve as the Director of Community Education for the County Education Office and later served as the Executive Director of First 5 of Santa Barbara County. In 2018, Ben took on a special assignment with the County Office of Emergency Management to help coordinate recovery efforts after the 1/9 Debris Flow. He started a consulting firm in 2019 focused on government relations and nonprofit and philanthropic services.

The Land Trust bids a fond farewell to board members **Christine Riesenfeld** and **Tres Riordan**. Both Christine and Tres joined the board in 2015 and were integral to the growth of our fundraising and communications departments. We are grateful that both will continue to work with the Land Trust as members of our Council of Advisors. Thank you, Tres and Christine.



The Land Trust is very pleased to welcome **Kyle Kusa** as our new Land Stewardship Coordinator. Originally from

New York, Kyle developed a passion for natural history by spending his early years exploring the bays and beaches of Long Island. Sailing, surfing, and fishing established an interest in ecology that would eventually manifest into a vocation. In 2017, Kyle relocated to California to work as an AmeriCorps volunteer. In 2022, he graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a degree in Environmental Studies. He previously worked for The Nature Conservancy as a conservation steward, and most recently as a research associate for The Great Basin Institute monitoring California Spotted Owls in Sequoia National Forest.



And we're both sad and happy that **Katie Szabo** will not be returning to work after the birth of her daughter. Katie

joined the Land Trust in 2020 and has been a key member of our development and communications team for the past 3+ years. Like you, we'll miss Katie's storytelling, allegiance to alliteration, and clever turns of phrase in the newsletter, the *Lowdown*, and other publications and we'll miss her as a colleague. Best of luck to Katie and her family—thanks for bringing a new conservationist into the world.



### CALLING ALL

THE LAND TRUST has an incredible network of volunteers who help keep our preserves and programs thriving and open to the public. Whether you want to co-lead a Land Trust Trek, work on Arroyo Hondo's volunteer trail crew, or participate in an occasional native plant restoration day, there are lots of fun ways to jump in and be part of the Land Trust's mission!

This winter the Land Trust will hold informational and training sessions for several volunteer opportunities:

#### **ARROYO HONDO PRESERVE**

**DOCENTS:** The Land Trust and Arroyo Hondo Preserve rely on a terrific group of volunteers who are invaluable. Trained docents lead weekend hikes for the public and work with local schoolchildren attending AHP's Environmental Education Program. Join us and make a difference!

LAND TRUST TREK LEADERS: Treks are guided hikes and outdoor experiences for the community to explore Santa Barbara County and introduce the work of the Land Trust. Learn to lead or support Treks and join us as an ambassador to the outdoors!

**TRAIL AND WORK CREWS:** Volunteer workdays regularly take place at Arroyo Hondo Preserve and are occasionally hosted at other Land Trust properties. Join us and get your hands dirty!

Sign up for the *Lowdown* to be the first to know about our volunteer trainings: www. sblandtrust.org.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

THE LAND TRUST HAS A FUN LINEUP of fall and winter events and Land Trust Treks.

#### **NOVEMBER**

#### 11/18

Celebrate Franklin Trail: 10-Year Anniversary Hike Carpinteria

11/21 Sensory Tour at Arroyo Hondo Gaviota

11/30

Morning Hike at Rattlesnake Canyon Santa Barbara

**11/30 Member Happy Hour** Santa Barbara

#### DECEMBER

12/9 Birding Walk of Oso Flaco Lake Guadalupe

#### JANUARY

1/13 Los Flores Ranch Park Hike Santa Maria

1/27 Hike the Midland School Trails Los Olivos

#### **FEBRUARY**

2/3 Orcutt Hills Open Space Hike Orcutt

2/24 Birding Tour of Ocean Beach Park Lompoc

Be sure to check the News & Events section of Land Trust's website for the most up-to-date information and additional outdoor opportunities. www.sblandtrust.org/news-events

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AHA! teens at the Arroyo Hondo Preserve July 2023