



Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust

FALL 2021

BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

In 2020, Governor Newsom announced his "30 x 30" plan and shortly after that, President Biden issued his order to address the climate crisis, protecting 30% of our nation's lands and waters by 2030. The goal of conserving 30% of our lands is equal to an area twice the size of Texas, more than 440 million acres. The momentum for such a decision has been growing as our nation and global leaders focus on addressing climate change. The plan has a combined goal of maintaining a resilient carbon sink, improving air and water quality, and increasing habitat protection and public recreation.

Land trusts will play a vital role in helping to achieve climate resilient communities. Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust mission and work support these national goals by conserving farmland and critical habitat areas from conversion to developed land. As an accredited land trust nationally recognized by the Land Trust Alliance (LTA), we are serious about our commitment to land conservation and creating a sustainable, responsible, and thoughtful organization that truly cares about the work we do and ensuring it will last into perpetuity.

As an accredited land trust, we must apply for renewal of our LTA accreditation every 5 years, completing a rigorous review process through the LTA Commission, which ensures we are following all the standards and practices set by the LTA. In pursuing our renewal, we submitted a final application in August, and expect notification of our accreditation renewal status announced later this year.

Watching our region bounce back from the chal-

lenges presented by COVID and climate change, we have no doubt of the incredible resilience and determination of our communities. The land trust shares that resiliency and determination, working through these difficult times and adapting to all the challenges, because we know that our survival depends on our farmland, water and natural resources. These critical landscapes are rapidly disappearing as land is increasingly being developed into strip malls and sprawling subdivisions to support the growing population and its needs. Once undeveloped, the land loses its ability to store carbon, recharge aquifers, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Each year, California loses approximately 50,000 acres of farmland to development and every 30 seconds the US loses a football field of natural area to development. It's no wonder land protection efforts have been busier than ever and we are seeing increased interest in landowners wishing to protect their land. The land trust efforts to conserve farmland and habitat not only safeguards our natural resources but protects the economic health of our communities, making us more resilient and better able to adapt to change.

We thank you for all the support and contributions you have given over the years. Now more than ever we need your donations and involvement to reach our nation's ambitious but vital conservation goals. Join us as we work towards protecting our rural heritage and open spaces for present and future generations.

Lisa Lindman, Executive Director

SISTER ORGANIZATIONS

Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust has been committed to land conservation, equitable access to the outdoors, and environmental education since the late 1970's, when the organization was formed. It all started in 1976 when a high demand for public access into the Sutter Buttes prompted a landowner and naturalist, Walt Anderson, to start the West Butte Sanctuary, which allowed the public and scientific researchers to experience the Buttes in a controlled manner. In 1989, the organization became a non-profit, known as The Middle Mountain Foundation, whose mission was to protect the natural resources of the Sutter Buttes and surrounding region for present and future generations. By 2013 the land trust held several conservation easement properties in Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa County and we began to see an increase in development pressure, especially on agriculture, which is a significant part of our economy and way of life.

Land conservation and the protection of our agricultural and natural lands was becoming a main focal point for the organization. The decision was made to pursue national accreditation through the Land Trust Alliance and we began the process of reorganizing and creating a regional focus area. However, the steadily growing land conservation activity and successful interpretive hike program in the Sutter Buttes represented two unique focus areas for the organization. In order to better serve the community and pursue accreditation, the board made the decision to split the organization into two separate non-profits, Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust and Middle Mountain Interpretive Hikes.

In 2015 Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust was recognized as an accredited land trust, which not only represented our commitment to land conservation but also in creating a sustainable organization that will last into perpetuity. Today our mission is to protect and maintain the natural and agricultural resources of the Sutter Buttes and the surrounding region for present and future generations. We currently have over 4,000 acres of habitat and agriculture planned for conservation in the next 5 years.

Even though we are now two separate organizations, our roots are strongly tied to each other and the Sutter Buttes. As sister organizations, we maintain a strong partnership that is rooted in our love of the land. We do this in a variety of ways:

- Provide outreach at local events, where we co-host a booth to provide land conservation and environmental education
- Co-host annual hike for land conservation partners
- MMIH provides docent led access on our fee property, North Butte. A challenging hike, climbing steep slopes to reach the summit. A portion of the hike fee supports land trust conservation efforts.
- Co-host Sunset Serenade Fundraising Event in the Sutter Buttes – attendees enjoy dinner and music while

watching the sunset from inside the Sutter Buttes. Auction and raffle proceeds benefit the land trust.

- In a generous show of support for the land trust's conservation efforts, MMIH guides have continually donated their guide fees to the land trust. We are incredibly grateful for their contributions and partnership.
- In 2019 MMIH awarded a \$5,000 grant to SBRLT to fund stewardship and land conservation activities.

While the organization has undergone a lot of change over the years, we truly value and appreciate our partnership with Middle Mountain Interpretive Hikes. Being sister organizations allows each organization to prioritize and fulfill different community needs, helping us both better serve the communities we represent and more efficiently do the work we do. We're excited to look to the future and see our partnership grow as we work to protect and share this beautiful place we call home.

Check out the Latest News page of our website to hear more about our story in a recent radio interview between Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust Executive Director, Lisa Lindman, Middle Mountain Interpretive Hikes Board President, Greg Payne, and host Bobbi Tryon with KZFR 90.1 FM "North State Give and Take" program.

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MIDDLE MOUNTAIN INTERPRETIVE HIKE SCHEDULE FALL 2021

November 20	Summit North Butte
November 21	In A Sacred Manner
November 27	East Ridge on Shaeffer Ranch
December 4	Geology on Dean Place
December 11	Tres Picos
December 12	Brockman Canyon
December 18	Birding on Dean Place
December 19	Summit North Butte
December 19	Full Moon Stroll on Dean Place

SPRING 2022

January 15	Summit North Butte
January 22	Ridge Hike on Dean Place
February 6	Ridge Hike on Dean Place
February 19	Brockman Canyon



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

If it weren't for the generous donations from our members, the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust wouldn't be able to continue to make a difference in our region. Because of YOUR direct support, SBRLT has been able to provide managing and monitoring services for 4 easements and 2 in-fee properties, with more currently in negotiations.

Do you want to hike the Sutter Buttes? Many of our membership levels come with discounts and gift certificates for Middle Mountain Interpretive Hikes who provide guided hike tours most weekends from October through May. Gift certificates can also be given as gifts.

Join & Support Today. Together we can protect the land that defines our heritage.

LEVEL	MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT
\$25 Donor	Newsletters and Event Info
\$50 Friend	10% off a hike, Event Info, Newsletters
\$100 Associate	One hike certificate, Event Info, Newsletters
\$250 Sponsor	Two hike certificates, Event Info, Newsletters
\$500 Conservator	Four hike certificates, Event Info, Newsletters
\$1,000 Patron	Six hike certificates, Event Info, Newsletters
\$2,500 Benefactor	1 charter hike for 10, Event Info, Newsletters
\$5,000 Corporate	2 charter hikes for 10, Event Info, Newsletters

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A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR NEW 2022 CALENDAR SPONSORS

Sponsorship is a way to give back to your community through support with monetary or in-kind products and services. I recently sent out letters and emails for sponsorship of the yearly land trust calendar and was amazed at the quick response from so many new and returning sponsors. Your support of the calendar is so appreciated!

This year's land trust calendar page sponsors include:

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SPONSORING

Sponsorship is important to the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust. It helps to fund the events and fundraisers that help the land trust to continue with its efforts to safeguard the lands and resources that define our region, community and heritage.

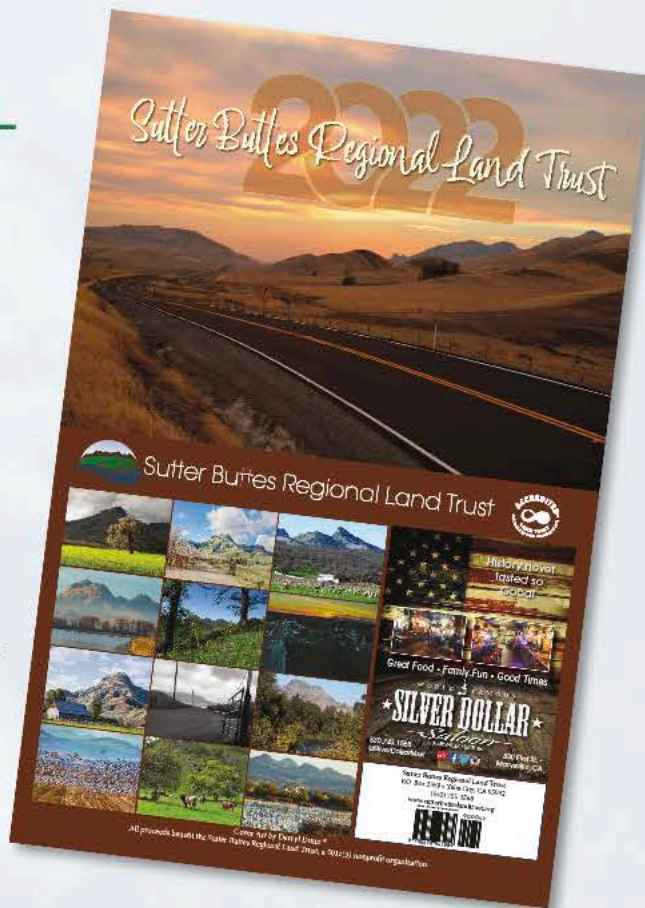
If you or someone you know wants to partner with the land trust in it's continuing efforts please contact us today for more information.

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2022 SUTTER BUTTES REGIONAL LAND TRUST CALENDARS

They're here! The new 2022 calendars are in and ready for purchase at www.sutterbutteslandtrust.org/calendars - This calendar has wonderful photos taken by local photographers of the buttes and surrounding areas. Add these calendars to your holiday gift giving list.



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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust is to protect and maintain the natural and agricultural resources of the Sutter Buttes and the surrounding region for present and future generations.

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