



ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2013-2014

To restore and conserve the Laguna de Santa Rosa, and to inspire greater public understanding and appreciation for this Wetland of International Importance.



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Dear Friends of the Laguna,

The 2013-2014 Fiscal Year was one in which we continued to make great strides in our mission to conserve, restore and inspire public appreciation for the Laguna de Santa Rosa, which is a Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

During the upcoming calendar year of 2015 we will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary! We'll be recognized by many governmental entities on this momentous occasion but it is important to note that those of us doing this important work today stand on the tall shoulders of our founders. These men and women recognized that there was a gem in their midst that was degraded by human activities over the previous 125 years. They set out, as volunteers, to do something about that and here we are today doing the work they envisioned. We thank them and hope to have an event in 2015 to bring them back to the Laguna Environmental Center where we can properly recognize their foresight and work. The Laguna Environmental Center is looking more beautiful with each passing month. The demonstration wetland and all the native plants are maturing and attracting lots of wildlife. We welcome you to come visit at one of our Open House days on the second Saturday of every month. Many of these open houses include a speaker who does a talk in the afternoon. Topics range from bird watching, to kayaking the Laguna, to animal mating behavior.

As you'll see as you continue to read inside this report, our three Program areas of Education, Restoration and Conservation Science continue to produce excellent work and results as our reach is spreading with increased public knowledge and appreciation for the work we do. It helps that we have an excellent and dedicated staff in all of our departments.

Last year, we added new expertise to the Board of Directors. We are happy to welcome Dr. Curt Groninga and Dr. Robert Rubin to our diverse Board of caring and committed community members. Thanks to the Board, our valued donors, volunteers and members for helping us make progress every year, especially as we look ahead to our 25th Year!

For the Laguna,



Raini Vallarino Sugg
President, Board of Directors



David Bannister
Executive Director

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Education

Inspiring Appreciation for the Laguna

- 2014 marked the 15th year of the *Learning Laguna* elementary school program!
- In the 2013-2014 school year over 1300 students from 50 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade classes learned about Laguna plants and animals and the importance of wetlands through interactive classroom activities and experiential field trips to the Laguna.
- We gratefully acknowledge the work of 60 Learning Laguna Docents who skillfully and heartfully contributed more than 1,285 hours of teaching time to the *Learning Laguna* program.
- The Laguna Foundation provided bus scholarships to 50% of the participating classes. Over \$3,700 was paid in direct transportation costs, enabling 650 students to experience the Learning Laguna field trip. Bus scholarships and administration of the program was made possible through individual donations and grant funding.

- 8 volunteers fulfilled the Laguna Environmental Center Guides training program. 26 Laguna Guides lead and support our public education programs.

With appreciation we recognize the Guides and contributing Docents for:

- Hosting and providing tours and Laguna education during 12 open house events and 10 special request tours.
- Leading/assisting with 6 trail walks
- Supporting 21 public education talks and workshops on a wide variety of topics from basket making and nature journaling to Laguna flora & fauna identification. Approximately 1,750 community members and visitors participated in these education programs for the community.

Restoration

Bringing Back the Laguna's Natural Abundance

- Over 80 volunteers planted 600 trees and shrubs at our 5th Annual Laguna Re-Leaf Day helping expand riparian habitat on Irwin Creek by more than 2-acres.
- 8 Laguna Keepers events throughout the Laguna watershed generated over 750 volunteer hours for restoration efforts in the Laguna
- We continued with the second phase of the Southern Laguna Restoration Project. All together, this project will establish over 5,000 native plants & restore over 18-acres of critically important riparian habitat along 12,000 linear feet of the Laguna main stem between Stony Point and Llano Roads
- We continued with the care and maintenance of more than 4,000 native plants, covering nearly 40-acres of diverse habitat in the Laguna
- Our internship program provided enriched work experience opportunities for college students and generated over 1,380 hours of project support.
- Over \$650,000 is secured for future restoration efforts in the Laguna.
- A wide spectrum of community groups were engaged in our stewardship work including: Sonoma Youth Ecology Corps, Sonoma County Regional Parks - Parks Alliance Youth Crew, Traditional Medicinals, Team Prunus, and Sonoma State University.
- The scope and capabilities of our in-house Stone Farm Native Plant Nursery continue to expand, to ensure an ongoing supply of high-quality native plants for our projects that are grown from genetically appropriate stock derived from native populations in the unique Laguna de Santa Rosa ecosystem.

Conservation Science

Understanding and Protecting the Laguna Watershed

- In partnership with the San Francisco Estuary Institute, conducted a study to pinpoint the location of the historical confluence of Mark West Creek and the Laguna de Santa Rosa main channel – approximately 2 miles north of its current location
- Our *Field Guide to the Vernal Pool Plants of the Santa Rosa Plain* went through a second printing. (Do you have your copy?)
- The first year of monitoring invasive *Ludwigia* regrowth was implemented. Working with the Sonoma County Water Agency, we investigated how fast the problematic weed reestablished areas where it had been removed.
- We completed a multi-year study evaluating the effect of the new Laguna de Santa Rosa trail on the abundance and diversity of bird species. Our findings show that there was an increase in diversity over time and no effect of the trail on diversity. This largely means, if you go out and look year after year, you find a few new species each time. We also found a slight decrease in abundance over time and a slightly negative effect of the trail on abundance. In particular, Song Sparrows may shy away from the trail a bit and drive the overall trend.
- We completed our 8th year of the Adopt a Vernal Pool Program! As the longest running, most comprehensive native plant assessment program in Sonoma County, the AVP program collects data to monitor and protect three endangered species in the Laguna Watershed.

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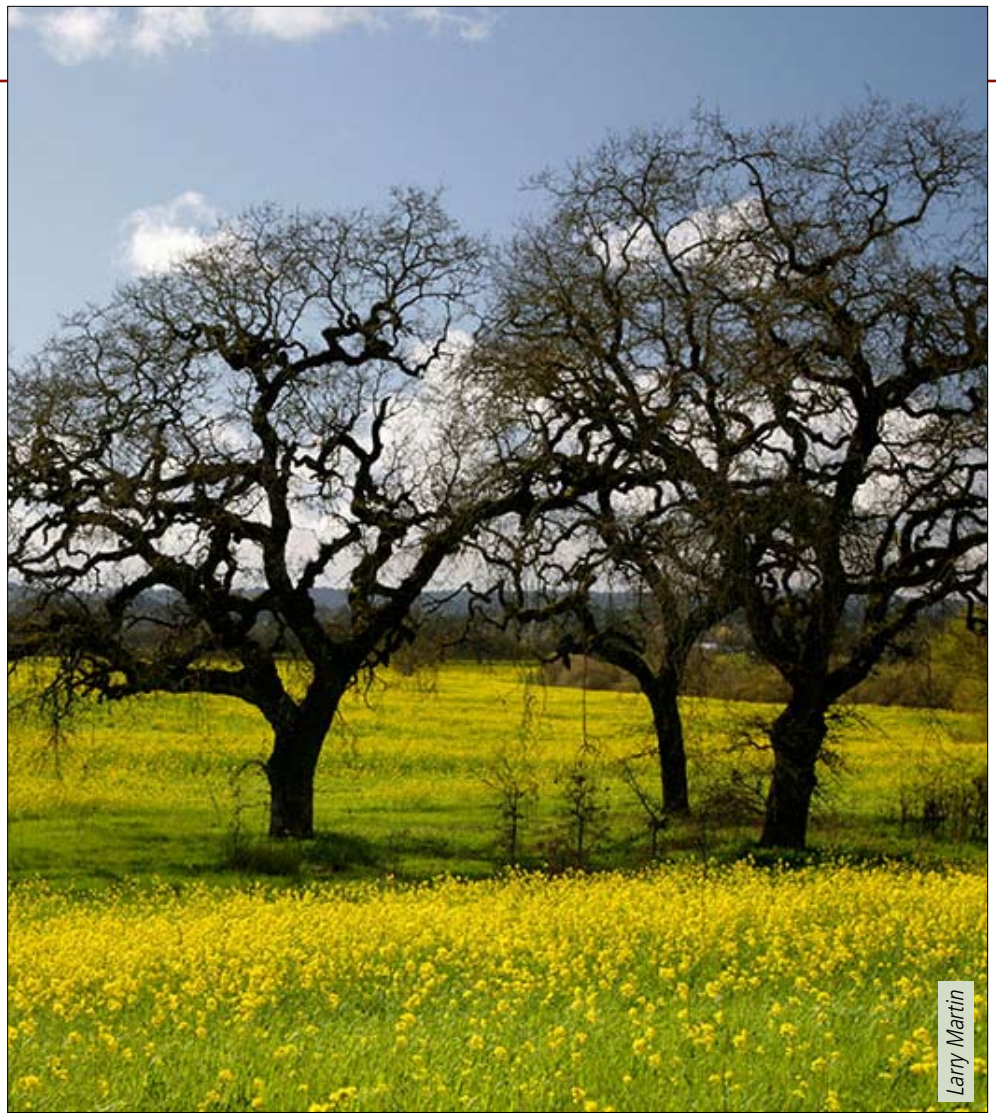
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**Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
REVENUES AND SUPPORT				
Government Grants & Contracts	\$465,895			465,895
Other Grants	16,900	29,900		46,800
Contributions by individuals	241,951			241,951
Program income	82,851			82,851
Net assets released from restrictions	23,186	-23,186		0
Total revenues and support	\$830,783	\$6,714	\$0	\$837,497
EXPENSES				
Program services				
Restoration & Conservation Science	\$421,941			421,941
Education	109,441			109,441
Heron Hall Programs & Rentals	46,203			46,203
Total program services	\$577,585	\$0	\$0	\$577,585
Supporting services				
Management and general	195,589			195,589
Fund Raising and member services	67,868			67,868
Total supporting services	\$263,457	\$0	\$0	\$263,457
Total expenses	\$841,042	\$0	\$0	\$841,042
Change in net assets	-\$10,259	\$6,714	\$0	-\$3,545
Net assets, beginning of period	\$2,236,091	\$30,431	\$10,000	\$2,276,522
NET ASSETS, END OF PERIOD	<u>\$2,225,832</u>	<u>\$37,145</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$2,272,977</u>

These statements are unaudited and for internal use only.

Statement of Financial Position
As of June 30, 2014

ASSETS

Current assets

Cash and equivalents	\$29,661
Accounts receivable	120,664
Retainage receivable	4,242
Prepays	2,732
Other current assets	<u>0</u>
Total current assets	\$157,299

Fixed assets

Land, See Note 1	\$150,000
Building and property improvements	1,999,385
Furniture & equipment	104,036
Vehicles	14,093
Accumulated depreciation	<u>-205,135</u>
Total fixed assets	2,062,379

Other assets

Lease gift in kind less value discount	183,710
Endowment fund	<u>9,649</u>
Total other assets	<u>193,359</u>

Total assets **\$2,413,037**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities

Accounts payable	\$74,393
Accrued vacation	21,410
Line of Credit payable	28,300
Rental deposits	10,150
Payroll liabilities	4,718
Other payables	<u>1,089</u>

Total current liabilities **\$140,060**

Net assets

Unrestricted	\$2,225,832
Temporarily restricted	37,145
Permenantly restricted ¹	<u>10,000</u>
Total net assets	\$2,272,977

Total liabilities and net assets **\$2,413,037**

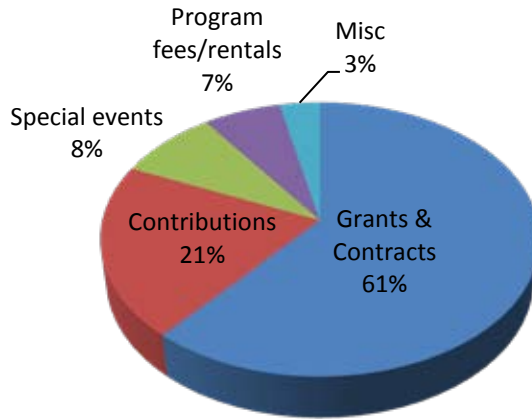
Grants and Contracts

California Department of Fish and Game
Habitat Conservation Planning Branch
California Department of Transportation
City of Santa Rosa
City of Sebastopol
North Bay Climate Action Initiative
San Francisco Estuary Institute
Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation
and Open Space District
Sonoma County Fish And Wildlife Commission
Sonoma County Regional Parks
Sonoma County Water Agency
State Coastal Conservancy

Note 1 - Land is shown at current appraised value. The property is encumbered by a conservation easement.

FY 2013-2014 Revenue

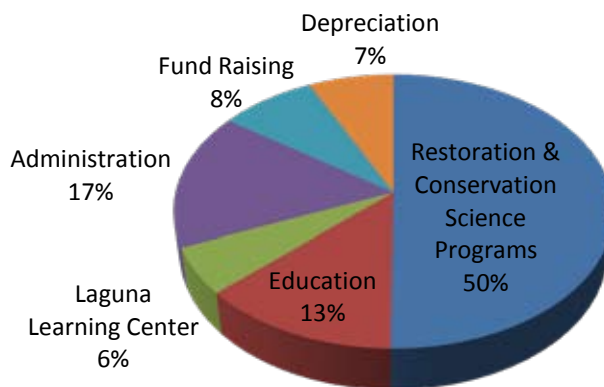
Income by Source



Government Grants & Contracts	\$512,695
Contributions by Individuals	171,270
Special Events	70,681
Program fees/rentals	54,486
Misc.	<u>28,365</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$837,497

FY 2013-2014 Expenses

Expense by Activity



Restoration/Cons. Sci. Programs	\$421,941
Education Programs	109,441
Laguna Learning Center	46,203
Administration	135,496
Fund Raising	44,174
Fund raising event costs	21,564
Depreciation	<u>60,093</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$841,041