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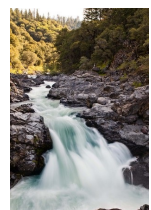
Spring 2011 E-Newsletter

Here Comes The Sun: A Letter From NCRLT Board President Jerry Armour



Finally, we have emerged from what has seemed at times to be an endless, wet winter. The warmth of the sun is welcome comfort after enduring so much cold and dampness. Spring is the perfect time to be out in the countryside enjoying the land and the rich beauty and heritage of our home. At the Northern California Regional Land Trust, we treasure this time of year, and we want to share a couple of opportunities with you to be out and about. Monday, May 9, 2011 at 5pm, we are holding a Buy Fresh Buy Local - North Valley Local Eater's Guide kick-off party and consumer workshop at Bertagna Son Kissed Vineyard in Chico. Call us at 894-7738 to reserve a spot, or purchase a ticket online [here](#). The second event will be a hike to Deer Creek Falls on a wildland parcel the Land Trust is negotiating to purchase. This hike is scheduled for May 14, 2011 and will begin at Highway 32 and Deer Creek just a half an hour from Chico. It is a perfect opportunity to gather the family or friends, enjoy a short hike and discover some of the incredible beauty that surrounds us. Please call to confirm (530-894-7738) or visit our [website](#).

We look forward to seeing you at our events, and we are grateful for your support and enthusiasm for our important work, protecting agricultural lands and wildlands in our part of California. Your involvement builds a legacy of land protection for the benefit and enjoyment of everyone and each generation to come. Thank you.



Our Newest Conservation Easements: The Red Bank Project

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Upcoming Events:

May 7, 2011

Endangered Species Faire

[More Info Here!](#)

May 9, 2011

**Eater's Guide Kick-Off Party
& 'How to Choose Local
Food' Consumer Workshop**

[Info & Tickets!](#)

May 14, 2011

Deer Creek Falls Hike

More Info Coming Soon

*Click the Photo Below to
Learn More About NCRLT's
Conservation Easements!*



*Make a contribution to the
Land Trust online.*

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In December of 2010, NCRLT recorded two voluntary conservation easements collectively known as the "Red Bank Project". The Red Bank conservation easements protect two working ranches and approximately 7,132 contiguous acres of rangeland in western

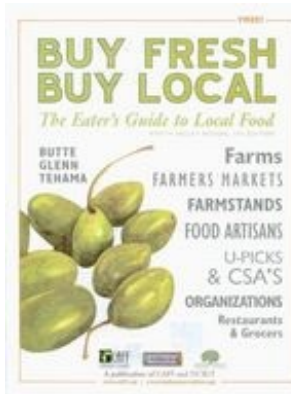


Tehama County, approximately 15 miles west of Red Bluff. Among the resources conserved, the Red Bank Project will permanently protect 4,275 contiguous acres of oak woodland as well as annual grassland, working

farmland, chamise-redshank chaparral, spring-fed wetlands, intermittent and perennial streams, riparian habitat along Red Bank Creek and North Fork Elder Creek, scenic open space, and habitat supporting several special-status species. The project also provides an essential buffer along approximately 7,000 acres of land owned by the Bureau of Land Management and Mendocino National Forest.

Eater's Guide to Local Food Published

The Northern California Regional Land Trust has partnered with the statewide farmer advocacy organization Community Alliance with



Family Farmers to create the first ever North Valley Eater's Guide to Local Food, the region's most comprehensive resource for finding farm fresh, locally produced foods in Butte, Glenn, and Tehama counties. The Eater's Guide lists farmers throughout the region that direct market to their consumers as well as restaurants and retailers currently

using and selling local products. Fifteen thousand copies of the Guide have been printed and will be available throughout the year at member businesses including Chico Natural Foods and Zucchini & Vine in Chico, Discover Earth in Red Bluff and Sav-Mor in Orland.

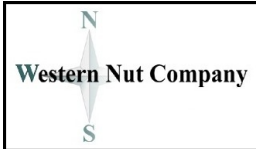
You can also pick up a Guide at NCRLT's office at 167 East 3rd Avenue in Chico, at all county Farm Bureau offices, and farmer members will have copies available at the farmers markets. [Click here for more information or to download a Buy Fresh Buy Local, North Valley membership application.](#)

Little Chico Creek Linkage Project

The Northern California Regional Land Trust recently received a grant from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to complete appraisals on four private properties in the Little Chico Creek Watershed. The



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appraisals will allow NCRLT to seek additional grant funding that would be used to purchase conservation easements on the properties. The linkage project represents an opportunity to facilitate the connection of the four properties (totaling approximately 414 acres) to 176 acres of land that is already owned and protected by the Department of Fish and Game. The project would result in the permanent protection of approximately 590 contiguous acres and 2 river miles of riverine/riparian habitat within the Little Chico Creek Watershed.



PROJECT UPDATES

Tuscan Headwaters Project

NCRLT continues outreach regarding watershed health and protection with collaborating watershed conservation groups in Butte and Tehama counties. Since the onset, the goal of the project has been to significantly increase stakeholder awareness and the permanent protection of private lands within the upper reaches and areas adjacent to the headwaters of ten prominent creeks contained within the Tehama Land Formation. As a result of the project thus far, NCRLT has received nine land protection applications covering 7,722 acres. [Click here to learn more about the Tuscan Headwaters Project!](#)

Comanche Creek

The pending Comanche Creek Conservation Easement located just west of Chico's Greenline includes 145 acres, 140 of which are designated as "Prime Farmland" by California's Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program. The project is part of NCRLT's Farmland Protection Program.

Home Place

Also pending, the Home Place Conservation Easement, another project that's part of NCRLT's Farmland Protection Program, includes 520 acres located in central Tehama County near the Sacramento River. It includes 425 acres of irrigated farmland, 378 designated as "Prime Farmland" by California's Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program.

[Learn More About NCRLT's Conservation Programs Here!](#)