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We know that our work is not often headline material and many of our successes are quiet victories that are accomplished with



little publicity and public attention. Nevertheless, your local Land Trust is making measureable progress in protecting rangeland, farmland, and wild lands in our region. We now have approximately 14,000 acres under permanent protection in Butte and Tehama

Counties, and are continuing to raise community awareness with programs such as Buy Fresh Buy Local North Valley, the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program, the North Valley Strategic Farmland Protection Project, and the Tuscan Headwaters Project.

With the goal of keeping you more informed of our activities and providing opportunities to get involved in our programs, we are launching a membership campaign for the Northern California Regional Land Trust. As a member, you will receive frequent e-mail updates on the Land Trust and be invited to events, hikes and other opportunities to be involved in local land protection. We would welcome your contribution of \$30 or more to establish your annual membership with the Northern California Regional Land Trust and become a part of our team dedicated to local land protection. To become a member, go to <http://www.landconservation.org/makeacontribution.php>.

We thank you for partnering with us as a member of the Northern California Regional Land Trust and helping us achieve success in our mission of protecting local lands.

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Upcoming Events:

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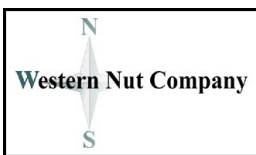


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Gratefully yours,

Jerry Armour

NCRTL Board President

Our Newest Conservation Easement: Comanche Creek

In June 2011, NCRLT acquired a 146-acre agricultural conservation easement on the Comanche Creek property in northwestern Butte County in an unincorporated area approximately four-tenths of a mile southwest of the City of Chico and its Greenline.

When George Nicolaus, the landowner, was asked why he decided to sell an agricultural conservation easement on the Comanche Creek property he replied, "A lot of agricultural land around here has been broken up into 20-acre parcels. I saw that potential for this property. I



understand the appeal of living on a ranchette, but with that size parcel, agriculture isn't sustainable. A few people have questioned my decision. They think I've taken away my children's right to develop this property. Maybe, but I don't want to grow houses. We have some great soil, and if you take care of it, it's going to be productive forever. That's what I'm leaving my children."

Funding for the purchase of the agricultural conservation easement was provided by the Department of Conservation's California Farmland Conservancy Program and the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program.

[More Information Here!](#)

Beginning Farmer Rancher Development Program

NCRLT is developing a Beginning Farmer and Rancher training program for the North Valley which will start in the fall of 2011. To enable us to evaluate the needs of new and beginning farmers and ranchers, we are conducting [this online survey](#). If you are a new or aspiring farmer, please take a moment to fill out the survey, and please forward the information along to any friends, family, neighbors or colleagues you think might be interested!

Committee is looking for fresh ideas & lots of energy to help plan, organize and carry out events, hikes & other outreach activities!

Contact Angie for more info!

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[More Information on the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program Here!](#)



The North Valley Community Foundation is about to launch the largest community-wide grant program in the region--Annie B's Community Drive. The Northern California Regional Land Trust is pleased to once again participate in this fundraising drive in which the North Valley Community Foundation will match a portion of money donated to participating organizations.

One hundred percent of the monies raised for NCRLT through Annie B's Community Drive will enable us to continue protecting valuable open spaces, agricultural lands, and other natural resources in Butte, Glenn, and Tehama counties. Your donation will directly help keep our Tri-County region a special place to live, work, or visit for future generations.

Donations will be accepted between 8/1/11 and 9/30/11. You can make your donation online [here](#). The campaign can also accept gifts of stocks, equities, real estate, or other personal property of value.

Donations by check can be made out and mailed to:

Annie B's / **NCRLT**
North Valley Community Foundation
3120 Cohasset Road, Suite 8
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