

# California Environmental Stewardship Resources Catalog

## Introduction

The California Environmental Stewardship Resources Catalog (The Catalog) was prepared for the 2010 California Trails and Greenways Conference held in Cambria, California in April, 2010. The conference session, *Building Capacity for Community Based Stewardship*, presented The Catalog and facilitated a discussion between land managers and stewardship practitioners on developing and implementing successful community-based trail stewardship programs. Presenters included Anya Perron-Burdick from The Center for Social and Environmental Stewardship and Randy Anderson from Alta Planning + Design.

The presentation and Catalog goals are:

(Short-Term)

- Increase awareness of stewardship opportunities and programs through a database that everyone can use and improve (The Catalog);
- Improve coordination between organizations and agencies that need stewardship help, organizations and agencies that provide services, and organizations and agencies that recruit, train and place people in “green” jobs or volunteer positions,

(Long-Term)

- New options and improved standards and arrangements for *perpetual* stewardship of trails and the lands they occupy;
- Better connections to *real* green jobs for job seekers and volunteers.

The Catalog identifies public and private organizations in California, and a few examples from other states, that facilitate programs in environmental stewardship. These organizations work locally and regionally to recruit and train volunteers and service corps members to perform vital stewardship services in our open space, parks and trail and greenway corridors. These services include trail and facility maintenance, invasive species eradication and habitat restoration, management of public use and provision of public information.

The Catalog was compiled primarily through internet and word-of-mouth research and does not represent a complete list. We have shared the Catalog with all organizations listed to obtain corrections, the most-up-to-date information, and potential additions we may have missed.

## What is Stewardship?

Merriam-Webster's 11th Collegiate Dictionary defines stewardship as:

“The conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.”

In the context of parks and open space properties, stewardship includes a variety of activities that frequently fall on the land-manager's very long “to do list”. These

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responsibilities can often be addressed with the help of trained volunteers and service corps members. Examples of stewardship activities include:

- Site clean-up and debris removal
- Invasive vegetation management
- Habitat restoration and enhancement
- Maintenance of roads, trails, and associated drainage facilities
- Construction of basic improvements or repairs
- Site monitoring and data collection
- Patrol and public contact to enforce access limits or regulations
- Providing public information, including talks, guided walks and rides
- Maintaining site facilities and structures – buildings, fences, gates, signs

### **Background**

Trails are the natural conduit for people to connect to nature and to their communities. High quality land stewardship is essential to the public benefit and long-term management of our parks, trails, and open space. Conversely, concerns about maintenance, management, safety and security are the primary reasons people are resistant to trails

All agencies and organizations involved with trails and public access are continually challenged to find the funding and time to sufficiently operate and maintain safe public access to our parks, open space, and trail corridors. A trail stewardship program is one solution that supports the organizations responsible for trail management, while protecting natural resources, and educating the public about responsible use and conservation. An organized and coordinated trail stewardship program can improve safety for users and staff, protect sensitive habitat and wildlife, and preserve the beauty of the protected space for future generations.

Hopefully The Catalog will provide useful resources for land managers and others who are interested in implementing a trail stewardship program. The goal of this presentation and discussion is to expand The Catalog to include all available resources and continue the conversation for increased coordination and creation of viable options for trail stewardship and support services for land managers.

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Cal. Dept. of Corrections/Rehab	<a href="mailto:careers@cdcr.ca.gov">careers@cdcr.ca.gov</a>	(916) 324-6919
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San Francisco Conservation Corps	<a href="mailto:info@sfcc.org">info@sfcc.org</a>	(415) 928-7322
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Tehama County Sheriff's Office	<a href="mailto:khausman@tehamaso.org">khausman@tehamaso.org</a>	(530) 529-7900
Trailworkers.com	<a href="mailto:cwisse@cruzio.com">cwisse@cruzio.com</a>	(831) 464-7402
Trails Forever - GGNP Conservancy	<a href="mailto:hr@parksconservancy.org">hr@parksconservancy.org</a>	(415) 561-3000
The Watershed Research & Trainin	Go to: <a href="http://www.thewatershedcenter.org">http://www.thewatershedcenter.org</a>	(530) 628-4206
<b>Local/Regional - SoCal</b>		
Conservation Corps of Long Beach	No Email Given	(562) 986-1249
Los Angeles Conservation Corps	<a href="mailto:info@lacorps.org">info@lacorps.org</a>	(213) 362-9000
Orange County Conservation Corps	Go to: <a href="http://www.hireyouth.org/contact">http://www.hireyouth.org/contact</a>	(888) 641-2677
Urban Corps of San Diego County	Go to: <a href="http://www.urbancorpssd.org/contact">http://www.urbancorpssd.org/contact</a>	(619) 235-6884
<b>Out of State</b>		
Blue Ridge Center for Env. Steward	<a href="mailto:info@blueridgecenter.org">info@blueridgecenter.org</a>	(540) 668-7640
Colorado Open Lands	<a href="mailto:cwagner@coloradoopenlands.org">cwagner@coloradoopenlands.org</a>	(303) 988-2373
Sustainable South Bronx	<a href="mailto:info@ssbx.org">info@ssbx.org</a>	(646) 400-5430
<b>Private Organizations</b>		
Cal. Land Mgmt Services Corp.	<a href="mailto:clm@clm-services.com">clm@clm-services.com</a>	(650) 322-1181
Go Native, Inc.	<a href="mailto:info@gonativeinc.com">info@gonativeinc.com</a>	(650) 728-2286
Parks Management Company	<a href="mailto:parksman@fix.net">parksman@fix.net</a>	(805) 434-1996

## **Statewide/Nationwide Organizations**

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### **AmeriCorps**

1201 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20525  
(202) 606-5000

[questions@americorps.org](mailto:questions@americorps.org)

<http://www.americorps.gov>

#### **Type of Work:**

Clean parks and streams  
Tutoring and mentoring  
Health services  
After-school programs  
Community Services

#### **Geographic Area Covered:**

Nationwide

#### **Project Examples:**

- Working with Habitat for Humanity AmeriCorps members help to build homes for low-income families
- Watershed Stewards Project (WSP) - conserves, restores, and enhances watersheds by linking education with high-quality scientific practices.
- ACCESS Project - Assists immigrant and refugee communities gain better access to human services, become economically self-sufficient

#### **Summary:**

AmeriCorps offers 75,000 opportunities for adults of all ages and backgrounds to serve through a network of partnerships with local and national nonprofit groups. Each year, AmeriCorps engages teams of members in service projects in communities across the country, to address critical needs related to natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship and conservation, energy conservation, and urban and rural development.

#### **Staff:**

Key Corporate Staff -  
Team Leader – Daniel Barutta  
Associate Director for Policy – Amy Borgstrom  
Director of Policy – Jennifer Brown

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### **California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC)**

(916) 285-8743

<http://www.californialocalconservationcorps.org>

#### **Type of Work:**

- Secures Funds for California's Local Conservation Corps
- Provides a forum for the benefit and advancement of Association Members

#### **Geographic Area Covered:**

The State of California

#### **Project Examples:**

- Secured State Park/water bond funding for local environmental and conservation projects
- Secured "bottle bill" funding for recycling services

#### **Summary:**

CALCC was formed in 1993 to enable California's Local Conservation Corps to collaborate and to provide a forum to advance the conservation corps movement in California and nationally. The 12 certified Local Conservation Corps that are members of CALCC are individual, local organizations, each with a mission to develop young women and men, primarily ages 18-25, through programs of conservation work, education and community service.

#### **Staff:**

Made up of CALCC Members

(See: Civicorps, and Conservation Corps for Long Beach, LA, North Bay, Orange County, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, and San Jose)

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### **The California Conservation Corps (CCC)**

Headquarters

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Sacramento, CA 95816

916-341-3100

[erin.healy@ccc.ca.gov](mailto:erin.healy@ccc.ca.gov)

<http://www.ccc.ca.gov>

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### Type of Work:

- Land Conservation
- Trail Maintenance and Construction
- Emergency Response
- Environmental Education

### Geographic Area Covered:

California-22 Locations statewide

### Project Examples:

- Backcountry Trails Program – Each year, a crew spends 5 months in California’s State, and/or National Parks helping to build, maintain, and repair trails
- Salmon Restoration Program - CCC Fisheries Restoration crews implement restoration site plans developed by the California Department of Fish and Game
- Watershed Stewards Project – conserves and restores and sustains watersheds in and around Arcata, Eureka, Fort Bragg, Fortuna, Happy Camp, Hopland, Klamath, Orleans, Petrolia, San Francisco, Sawyers Bar, Weaverville, Yreka, and Forest Knolls

### Summary:

Each year the CCC hires 3,300 corps-members between the ages of 18 and 25. Corps-members’ work includes landscaping, trail building, tree planting, brush clearance, minor construction work, wildlife habitat improvement, and flood prevention. In addition, the CCC responds to natural disasters, sandbagging against floods, fighting fires, assisting with oil spill cleanup or helping with earthquake recovery.

### Staff:

Director – David Muraki  
Communications Director – Jimmy Camp  
Chief Counsel – Ali Mansfield  
17 total staff members at Headquarters

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### **California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE)**

Sacramento Headquarters  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
PO Box 944246  
Sacramento, CA 94244  
(916) 653-5123  
<http://www.fire.ca.gov/index.php>

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### Type of Work:

- Fire Protection
- Land Stewardship
- Training/Education

### Geographic Area Covered:

California

### Project Examples:

Demonstration Forests – forest soperated by CalFire to demonstrate sustainable harvests and forest management while providing public recreation and wildlife and habitat conservation

- Jackson Demonstration State Forest
- Soquel Demonstration State Forest
- Latour Demonstration State Forest

### Summary:

CalFire’s mission is to protect life and property through fire prevention engineering programs, law and code enforcement and education. CalFire provide training education and certification programs for the California Fire Service and among other things, manages eight Demonstration State Forests, which provide for commercial timber production, public recreation, and research and demonstration of good forest management practices.

### Staff:

Director – Del Waters

Acting State Fire Marshal – Tonya Hoover

Chief Deputy Director – Crawford Tuttle

13 Total Executive Staff Members at Sacramento Headquarters

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### **California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Conservation Camps)**

1515 S Street

Sacramento, CA 95811

(916) 324-6919

[http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Conservation\\_Camps/index.html](http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Conservation_Camps/index.html)

### Type of Work:

- Fire/Flood Emergencies

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- Conservation Projects
- Community Service

### **Geographic Area Covered:**

The State of California

### **Project Examples:**

- Constructed an interpretive sign for a popular Sequoia National Forest tourist stop
- 1,000 youth and adult offenders helped combat wildfires in Santa Barbara County in May 2009
- 2,400 inmates were deployed to fight fires in Solano and Napa Counties in June of 2009

### **Summary:**

The Conservation Camp Program was initiated by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR) commitment to have able-bodied inmates perform meaningful work projects throughout the state. The Program provides the State of California's cooperative agencies with an able-bodied, trained workforce for fire suppression and other emergencies such as floods and earthquakes. Fire crews also work on conservation projects on public lands and provide labor on local community service projects.

### **Staff:**

Director of Division of Community Partnerships – Del Sayles-Owen

Director of Division of Juvenile Programs – Doug McKeever

CDCR has a workforce of 10's of Thousands

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## **Center for Natural Lands Management**

215 West Ash Street

Fallbrook, CA 92028

(760) 731-7790 Office

[info@cnlm.org](mailto:info@cnlm.org)

<http://www.cnlm.org/cms/index.php>

### **Type of Work:**

- Land Conservation
- Land Acquisition
- Land/Ecological Management

### **Geographic Area Covered:**



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The State of California: San Diego County, with satellite offices located in Humboldt, Sacramento, Santa Cruz, Kern, Butte, Riverside, Los Angeles, and Santa Barbara Counties.

### Project Examples:

- March-SKR Preserve in Riverside County - Inherited sole responsibility for the preservation and management as a result of a Caltrans mitigation project.
- Prichard Lake in Sacramento County - Manages the endowment, holds the Conservation Easement, and to manages the preserve for the Sacramento Count Airport System
- Miner's Creek in Placer County – Preserve steward protecting 25 acres as a result of wetland mitigation.

### Summary:

The mission of the Center for Natural Lands Management is to conserve habitats and natural ecosystems, to own and/or manage lands, to promote conservation values through education, to promote and facilitate uses of such lands by the public, and to cooperate with public and private entities in their efforts to protect native species and their habitats for the public benefit (e.g. mitigation).

### Staff:

Executive Director - David R. Brunner  
Preserve Manager - Lee Ann Carranza  
Consulting Biologist - Chris Clifford  
Preserve Manager - Judah Grossman  
Preserve Manager - Kim Klementowski

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## California Volunteers

1110 K Street, Suite 210  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 323-7646  
[reception@CaliforniaVolunteers.ca.gov](mailto:reception@CaliforniaVolunteers.ca.gov)  
<http://www.californiavolunteers.org>

### Type of Work:

- Program Management
- Grant Funding

### Geographic Area Covered:

State of California

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### **Project Examples:**

Administers the following programs and initiatives:

- AmeriCorps
- Citizen Corps
- Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning
- Disaster Corps
- California Green Job Corps
- Business Partners Program
- Governor and First Lady Service Awards

### **Summary:**

California Volunteers is the office agency that manages programs and initiatives to increase the number of Californians involved with service and volunteering. Through the agency, individuals and families can find more than 45,000 volunteer opportunities throughout the state involving the arts, education, animals, disaster preparedness, the environment and other areas of interest.

### **Staff:**

Secretary of Service and Volunteering – Karen Baker

Chief of Staff – Kaira Esgate

Special Assistant – Alice Rodriguez

Special Projects Specialist – Kara Jenkins

Approximately 40 staff members

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### **Student Conservation Association**

Oakland/California & Southwest Regional Office:

1230 Preservation Park Way

Oakland, CA 94612

(510) 832-4726

<http://www.thesca.org/>

### **Type of Work:**

- Conservation/Restoration Training
- Education
- Trail Building

### **Geographic Area Covered:**

Nationwide

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### Project Examples:

- Trail Corps—Pacific Crest Trail Project: Trail maintenance, clearing, construction of erosion prevention structures, construction of steps and bridges.
- Wildland Fire Corps -- California Fire Restoration: Works toward habitat restoration and maintenance in Cedarville, Susanville, and Angeles.
- Back Country Trail Team projects in numerous locations around the country in which students contribute to team efforts by learning and performing various aspect of trail-work.

### Summary:

SCA provides college and high school-aged members with hands-on conservation service opportunities. Made up of National Crews, Community Programs, Conservation Internships and Conservation Corps, the SCA offers the chance for young people to learn from resource management professions, trail engineers, and crew leaders to gain tangible skills and experience.

### Staff:

Western Regional Director—Jay Watson  
Staff of approximately 200 nationwide

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## Local/Regional Organizations – Northern California

### The Center for Social and Environmental Stewardship

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Windsor, CA 95492  
(707) 838-6641  
[TheCenter@cfSES.org](mailto:TheCenter@cfSES.org)  
<http://www.cfSES.org>

### Type of Work:

- Environmental Stewardship
- Environmental Education and Service-Learning
- Habitat Restoration
- Native Plant Nursery
- Adult and Youth Workforce Development
- Gang Prevention

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## Geographic Area Covered:

Sonoma County: Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Windsor, and Cloverdale California

## Project Examples:

- **Sonoma County Summer Youth Ecology Corps** in partnership with Sonoma County Human Services Department, Sonoma County Water Agency, and Sonoma County Office of Education
- **Nature Walks Series** in partnership with Sonoma County Agriculture Preservation and Open Space's Public Outings Program
- **Native Plant Nursery Jobskill Development and Training** in partnership with Windsor and Healdsburg Unified School Districts and the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County
- **Youth and Adult Workforce Development and Training** in partnership with Sonoma County Human Services Department
- **W.A.T.E.R. (Watershed Activities to Encourage Restoration)** program provides opportunities for local citizens to become stewards of their environment. These service-learning projects are designed to increase awareness of society's collective responsibility to protect, restore, and steward our natural resources..
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## Summary:

The Center for Social and Environmental Stewardship, a not-for-profit organization with offices in Windsor and Cloverdale, has been providing social and environmental programming designed to improve the quality of life in Northern California since 1976. The Center recognizes the interdependence of the people that live in our community and the health of the surrounding environment. To support this focus we have successfully developed creative, accessible programs that promote health, social stability, human potential and responsible use of natural resources. Our diverse programs invite community members to become stewards, not only of their own lives and the lives of others, but of the environment in which we all live.

## Contact:

Executive Director – Nancy Lesa Ph.D.

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## Civicrops Schools

101 Myrtle Street

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Oakland, California 94607

(510) 992-7800

[info@cvcorps.org](mailto:info@cvcorps.org)

<http://www.cvcorps.org/index.html>

### Type of Work:

- Education
- Field Work Services
- Recycling Services

### Geographic Area Covered:

Oakland/Bay Area

### Project Examples:

- Field Academy - Experts lead field crews to perform professional landscaping, clean up watersheds and maintain park trails.
- Recycling Program – Crews collect recyclables and litter for public or private accounts and for any type of event.
- Soil-Bioengineering / Erosion Control - Installed erosion control matting on exposed creekside banks and planted willow cuttings in banks for erosion mitigation for an Urban Creeks Council Project

### Summary:

Civicorps is comprised of charter schools and community-based programs to help youths and young adults to develop their academic skills and knowledge, and increase their sense of civic and environmental responsibility in order to prepare them for careers and support their local communities.

### Staff:

CEO – Joanna Lennon

CFO – Bill Zenoni

Director of Development – Rebecca Grove

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## **Conservation Corps North Bay**

27 Larkspur Street,

San Rafael, CA 94901

(415) 454-4554

(707) 303-3069

[meckert@conservationcorpsnorthbay.org](mailto:meckert@conservationcorpsnorthbay.org)

<http://www.conservationcorpsnorthbay.org/ccnb/index.html>

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### Type of Work:

- Conservation of Natural Resources
- Education & Career Guidance
- Employment Training & Skill Building

### Geographic Area Covered:

Marin and Sonoma Counties

### Project Examples:

In 2009 –

- 60 acres of invasive vegetation were removed to restore habitats for native flora
- 41 miles of country creeks were maintained to enhance habitats and reduce flood hazards
- 47,392 feet of trails were maintained to reduce erosion and improve public access and safety
- 593 environmental education lessons were presented by corps-members to 3,335 youth

### Summary:

CCNB provide year-round job training in the form of Community Recycling Crews, AmeriCorps disaster relief projects, working at the Indian Valley Organic Farm & Garden, Natural Resources Crews and more. CCNB also delivers education services to youth engaging them in environmental issues through first-hand experiences, and help prepare them with skills and training for a career in conservation. As a result of these programs, CCNB members help conserve and maintain the natural resources of Marin and Sonoma Counties.

### Staff:

Executive Director – Marilee Eckert

Sonoma Programs Director – Gary Miltimore

Development Director – Laura J. Giacomini

Approximately 40 total staff members

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### **Foresthill Trails Alliance**

Foresthill Trails Alliance, Inc.

P. O. Box 468

Foresthill, CA 95631

[fta@ftcnet.net](mailto:fta@ftcnet.net)

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<http://www.foothill.net/fta/>

### **Type of Work:**

- Trail preservation and maintenance
- Trail Development
- Promotion and preservation of multi-use trails throughout California and the U.S.

### **Geographic Area Covered:**

The Foresthill Divide located about 60 miles from Sacramento.

### **Project Examples:**

- Installed a culvert to reduce trail flooding on the Todd Valley Trail
- Host Trail Building Class
- Building 500 yards of new trail near Foresthill Road
- Cleared fallen trees and installed trail signs on the McKeon-Ponderosa Loop

### **Summary:**

The Foresthill Trails Alliance, Inc. (FTA) is a non-profit community organization whose purpose is to preserve, maintain and develop multi-use trails on the Foresthill Divide and to work in conjunction with other groups that promote and preserve multi-use trails throughout California and the United States

### **Staff:**

President - Sherri Osborn

Vice President - Jim Larimer

Secretary/Newsletter - Sarah Markoe

Treasurer --Bruce Littlefield

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## **LandPaths**

618 4th St. #217

Santa Rosa, 95404

(707) 544-7284

[info@LandPaths.org](mailto:info@LandPaths.org)

<http://landpaths.org/>

### **Type of Work:**

- Environmental Stewardship
- Environmental Education

### **Geographic Area Covered:**

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Sonoma County

### **Project Examples:**

- Restore and maintain the 30-acre Grove of the Old Trees and 400-acre Riddell Preserve
- In Our Own BackYard (IOOBY) – education program that works to connect students to the importance and significance of open space preserves

### **Summary:**

LandPaths organizes public outings to farms and open space preserves, educates youth on the importance of preserving local farms and natural lands, and leads volunteer stewardship projects.

### **Staff:**

Executive Director – Craig Anderson  
Assistant Director – Lee Hackeling  
Volunteer Coordinator – Rebecca Abbruzzese  
10 total staff members

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## **Northern California Conservation Planning Partners (Association)**

### **Coordinated by**

### **The Institute for Ecological Health**

409 Jardin Place

Davis, California 95616

[ieh@cal.net](mailto:ieh@cal.net)

<http://www.conservationplanning.info/index.html>

### **Type of Work:**

- Land, habitat, and wildlife conservation
- Creating a network for the support of the preservation of California's natural and agricultural lands

### **Geographic Area Covered:**

East Contra Costa County, Placer County, South Sacramento County, Santa Clara Valley, San Joaquin County, Solano, Yolo County, Yuba/Sutter.

### **Project Examples:**

- Implementing Habitat Conservation Plans/Natural Community Conservation Plans



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- Each Association Member implements its own projects

### Summary:

The NCCPP is an association of conservation groups, each working to address the conflict between nature and development. These groups collaborate and support each other to produce effective regional conservations plans, which provide a suite of biological, regulatory, fiscal, land-owner protection, and public participation provisions that will work over time.

### Staff:

John Hopkins- main contact

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### **Pacific Forest and Watershed Stewardship Council** **(Stewardship Council)**

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<http://www.stewardshipcouncil.org>

### Type of Work:

- Land conservation to support habitat protection, outdoor recreation, agriculture, sustainable forestry, and historic resources
- Provide funding for organizations to promote land stewardship education to disadvantaged youths.

### Geographic Area Covered:

140,000 acres of land to be determined within the PG&E watershed starting with pilot projects in Plumas County, Tulare County, Tuolumne County, and Shasta County

### Project Examples:

Acquisition and/or preservation of these 4 pilot projects:

- 2000 acres around Bucks Lake in Pluma County
- 43 acres at Doyles Springs in Tulare County

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- 244 acres of the Kennedy Meadows in Tuolumne County
- 7596 acres of the McArthur Swamp in Shasta County

Recent Grants to Youth Programs:

- \$30,000 to Adventure, Risk, and Challenge Program
- \$200,000 to Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program
- \$130,000 to Boys and Girls Club of Fresno

### Summary:

As a result of a chapter 11-bankruptcy settlement involving PG&E, 140,000 acres of PG&E watershed land will be conserved in perpetuity. The Stewardship Council was established to “protect and enhance 140,000 acres of PG&E watershed land, the beneficial values and uses of the watershed lands and to improve the lives of young Californians through connections to the outdoors.”

### Staff:

Allene Zanger-Executive Director  
Davide Moyce-General Counsel  
Joel Wagner-Director of Finance  
Bronwyn Hogan-Communications Manager

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### **Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps**

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(916) 386-8394  
[kdean@saccorps.org](mailto:kdean@saccorps.org) - Kala Dean - Director of Administration/Controller  
<http://www.saccorps.org>

### Type of Work:

- Education/Job Training
- Park Maintenance
- Wetland Restoration
- Community Service
- Recycling

### Geographic Area Covered:

Greater Sacramento Area

### Project Examples:

2009 Accomplishments:

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- 320,700 linear feet of creeks cleared
- 15,000 linear feet of protective fencing installed
- 1,426,620 pounds of recyclables collected
- 5,000 pounds of litter collected
- 2,000 trees planted
- 5 wetlands maintained

### **Summary:**

SLCC provides education, job skills, and paid employment to at-risk young adults, and supplies essential urban conservation and environmental work for the community. Corps-members are given opportunities to earn high school or GED diplomas, and through various community work programs, learn the skills and gain the confidence needed to obtain a job and/or enroll in higher education.

### **Staff:**

Executive Director – Dwight Washabaugh  
Deputy Director – Andi Liebenbaum  
Urban Projects Manager – Baldeo Singh  
Director of Administration – Kala Dean  
26 Staff Members

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### **San Francisco Conservation Corps**

241 5th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
(415) 928-7322  
[info@sfcc.org](mailto:info@sfcc.org)  
<http://www.sfcc.org/index.html>

### **Type of Work:**

- Education/Job Training
- Park Maintenance
- Community Service
- Recycling

### **Geographic Area Covered:**

Greater San Francisco Area

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### Project Examples:

- Landscaping and Playground Renovations – SFCC has improved public spaces and built playgrounds and landscape parks and gardens
- Recycling Crews - Collect recycling on routes throughout the city, sort recyclables, drop off and sell recyclables, and educate San Francisco businesses, non-profits and special event venues about best recycling practices

### Summary:

The San Francisco Conservation Corps (SFCC) is a non-profit green job and academic training program serving young people ages 18-26. Corps-members are an environmental workforce, “greening” the city of San Francisco by working closely with supervisors, to maintain parks, plant trees and native plants, build playground structures, and provide recycling services.

### Staff:

Executive Director – Ann Cochrane  
Corps-member Services Director – Janet Gomes  
Green Programs Manager – Laura McKaughan  
Development Coordinator – Michelle Gutierrez  
32 Staff Members

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### Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Association

SCMTA  
P.O. Box 1141  
Los Altos, CA 94023  
<http://www.scmta-trails.org/>  
(408) 252-8106 – Al Lisin  
(831) 338-0774 – Jeff Bleam

### Type of Work:

- Trail Construction
- Trail Maintenance

### Geographic Area Covered:

Big Basin Redwoods State Park, Castle Rock State Park, State Park’s Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail.

### Project Examples:

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Castle Rock State Park-

- Obliterated an illegal bike trail
- Removed Trees from trails
- Constructed/Repaired steps on trails

### **Summary:**

The Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Association was founded in 1969 under the guidance of the California State Parks and Sempervirens Fund (a non-profit land conservancy) to build and maintain trails in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

### **Staff:**

- Jeff Bleam-Big Basin Group
  - Al Lisin-Skyline-to-the-Sea group
  - Martin Donald
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## **Tahoe Rim Trail Association**

948 Incline Way

Incline Village, NV 89451

(775) 298-0012

[info@tahoerimtrail.org](mailto:info@tahoerimtrail.org)

<http://www.tahoerimtrail.org>

### **Type of Work:**

- Trail Maintenance
- Volunteer Training

### **Geographic Area Covered:**

165-mile trail around Lake Tahoe

### **Project Examples:**

- Tree Clearing – Volunteers get certified in chainsaw safety and use and join the TRTA sawyers in clearing the Tahoe Rim Trail once the snow melts
- Youth Back Country Camps - Young adults between the ages of 14-17 get the chance to learn about backpacking, trail operations, ecology and outdoor leadership skills, while spending a few days camping and working on trail maintenance.
- Doggett Summit Re-Route - a project to move 3 miles of trail from pavement to forest

### **Summary:**

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The Tahoe Rim Trail Association is a non-profit organization established in 1981 to plan, construct, and maintain the Tahoe Rim Trail. The Association relies almost entirely on the work of volunteers and provides training opportunities and youth education programs. Through a The Trail was built by over 10,000 volunteers and in 2009 our volunteers gave over 7900 hours clearing, building and rehabilitating the Tahoe Rim Trail.

### **Staff:**

Executive Director – Mark Kimbrough  
Director of Trail Operations – Lisa Cashel  
Director of Trail Use – Emily Williams  
Director of Development – Janice Barbour  
Office Administrator – Laurie Buffington

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### **Tehama County Sheriff's Office (Inmate Work Crews)**

P.O. Box 729  
22840 Antelope Boulevard  
Red Bluff, CA 96080  
(530) 529-7900  
[khausman@tehamaso.org](mailto:khausman@tehamaso.org)  
<http://www.tehamaso.org/Inmate%20Work%20Crews.htm>

### **Type of Work:**

- Park Maintenance
- Community Clean Up

### **Geographic Area Covered:**

Tehama County

### **Projects:**

- Tehama County Fairgrounds
- Red Bluff Parks and Recreation
- Tehama County School Districts
- Tehama County Parks and Recreation

### **Summary:**

Some inmates housed at the Jail are low risk inmates who provide labor as inmate workers. Tehama County inmates provide over 50,000 hours labor annually. Inmates leave the facility every day to go to their assigned jobs at various departments and public organizations in Tehama County.

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**Staff:**

Captain Ronald Dodd  
Lieutenant Yvette Borden

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**Trailworkers.com**

1567 Pesce Way, Santa Cruz, CA 95062  
(831) 464-7402  
[cwisse@cruzio.com](mailto:cwisse@cruzio.com) - Chuck Wisse  
<http://www.trailworkers.cotrom>

**Type of Work:**

- Trail maintenance
- Volunteer training,
- Stewardship education
- Consulting

**Geographic Area Covered:**

Santa Cruz County

**Project Examples:**

- Pipe repairs and trail clearing at Wilder Ranch
- Spring installation of bridges across Aptos Creek at Nisene Marks
- Clear silt from drains to keep trails dry in the Soquel Forest
- French Broom Removal at Moore Creek

**Summary:**

Trailworkers.com is a volunteer organization that maintains and builds trails, trains crews and crew leaders, and educates park users in the value of land stewardship by caring for its trails. In addition, Trailworkers.com provides consulting services for land managers on the mitigation of problems.

**Staff:**

- President-Chuck Wisse
  - Secretary- Liz Plummer
  - Treasurer- Creedence Shaw
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### **Trails Forever -- Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy**

Building 201, Fort Mason

San Francisco, CA 94123

(415) 561-3000

[hr@parksconservancy.org](mailto:hr@parksconservancy.org)

<http://www.parksconservancy.org/our-work/trails-forever/>

#### **Type of Work:**

Expanding and maintaining park trails, maintaining and restoring natural areas

#### **Geographic Area Covered:**

Golden Gate National Recreation Area lands

#### **Project Examples:** Since 2003 Trails Forever has:

- Repaired and improved 51 miles of existing trails
- Built or rebuilt 11 new trails throughout the Golden Gate National Parks
- Built five new scenic overlooks
- Installed 34 trailhead kiosks and hundreds of trail signs
- Engaged 4,000 new community volunteers in trail building and care
- Restored or enhanced over 1,000 acres of trailside habitat
- Launched four new trail-based volunteer and education programs
- Completed four new major trails—Presidio Batteries to Bluffs Trail, Chapel Steps Trail, Mori Point Coastal Trail, and Presidio Promenade
- Installed 450 new wayfinding signs on the Coastal Trail from the Marin Headlands to San Mateo
- Established two urban community trailheads to encourage diverse populations to enjoy trails

#### **Summary:**

The Trails Forever initiative, started in 2003, renovates and expands park trails to build a trail system and protect natural areas. The goal of Trails Forever is to make the Golden Gate National Parks more welcoming and sustainable, while inspiring a sense of stewardship.

#### **Staff:**

Volunteer Coordinator: Galena Seeger



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## **The Watershed Research and Training Center**

98 B Clinic Ave.

Hayfork CA 96041

(530) 628-4206

<http://www.thewatershedcenter.com/>

### **Type of Work:**

- Forest stewardship
- Job training,
- Youth development,
- Economic development,
- Affordable housing development
- Policy advocacy

### **Geographic Area Covered:**

In and around Hayfork, CA

### **Project Examples:**

- Big Creek Watershed Management Collaborative – A comprehensive watershed management plan for Hayfork’s municipal water supply
- Indian Valley Summer Camp – Designed to improve watershed health by connecting youth to the outdoors
- Fire control/prevention in the Trinity Basin

### **Summary:**

Formed in 1993 to help address the needs of the people and natural environment in Hayfork:

- Trains displaced workers in GIS, post-fire rehab activities, assessing ecosystems, restoration projects, and business skills
- Provides research and demonstration on how small-diameter logging can be low-cost, low-impact and profitable by marketing value-added products
- Provides micro-loans to entrepreneurs to market non-timber forest products
- Conducts research on sustainable harvesting of plants
- Created a Hayfork-based GIS center and socioeconomic monitoring program
- Designs "stewardship contracts" for small contractors  
(From thewatershedcenter.com)

### **Staff:**

- Lynn Jungwirth - Executive Director
- Nick Goulette - Deputy Director
- Joshua Smith - Natural Resources Project Manager

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- Nadya Novak - Program Coordinator
  - Laurie Roan - Financial Manager
  - Ben Letton, M.S. - Natural Resources Consultant
  - Ryen Rourke - Natural Resources Field Tech
  - Michelle Medley-Daniel - Administrative Assistant
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### **Local/Regional Organizations – Southern California**

#### **Conservation Corps of Long Beach**

340 Nieto Avenue,  
Long Beach, CA 90814  
(562) 986-1249

<http://www.cclb-corps.org/index.html>

#### **Type of Work:**

- Education
- Training
- Land Conservation
- Community Clean Up

#### **Geographic Area Covered:**

Greater Long Beach Area

#### **Project Examples:**

- Steam Cleaning Belmont Shore, trash pick-up, alley clean up and landscaping
- Planted over 60,000 trees and shrubs for Long Beach Rotary and other Organizations
- Helped develop 5 mini parks
- Maintenance of Cesar Chavez Park

#### **Summary:**

The Conservation Corps of Long Beach (CCLB) is a nonprofit, certified local conservation corps that recruits and employs 18 - 25 year old youth and trains them to carry out job duties needed to complete a variety of CCLB projects, primarily in habitat/park restoration and recycling.

#### **Staff:**

Executive Director/CEO – Mike Basset

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Chair of the Board Larry Forester  
Deputy Director - Joyce McDevitt  
Board of Directors is made up of over 20 individuals

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## **Los Angeles Conservation Corps**

605 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 450  
Los Angeles, CA 90015  
(213) 362-9000  
[info@lacorps.org](mailto:info@lacorps.org)  
<http://www.lacorps.org/index.php>

### **Type of Work:**

- Youth Education
- Habitat Restoration
- Landscaping/Park Construction
- Community Gardening

### **Geographic Area Covered:**

Los Angeles and the Greater Los Angeles Area

### **Project Examples:**

- LA River Keepers – Work to revitalize sections of the LA River through watershed education, native plant landscaping, and weekly restoration work.
- Urban Park Construction/Landscaping/Irrigation - build small urban pocket parks on unique and uninhabited lots throughout the city
- Urban Forestry Tree Planting Programs - has delivered over 46,000 trees to LA Department of Water and Power customers who have received education about how to strategically plant trees around their homes to maximize energy efficiency.

### **Summary:**

LA Conservation Corps provides at-risk young adults and school-aged youth with opportunities for success through job skills training, education and work experience with an emphasis on conservation and service projects that benefit the community. To date, the Corps has helped 725 young adults complete their high school education; 99 young adults earn their GED and 626 young adults earn their high school diplomas.

### **Staff:**

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Founder – Mickey Kantor

Executive Director – Bruce Saito

Approximately 150 Staff Members at 9 different office locations

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### **Orange County Conservation Corps**

1853 N. Raymond Ave.

Anaheim, CA 92801

(888) 641-2677

<http://www.hireyouth.org/index.html>

#### **Type of Work:**

- Education & Career Guidance
- Employment Training & Skill Building
- Park Maintenance/ Community Service
- Recycling

#### **Geographic Area Covered:**

Orange County

#### **Project Examples:**

- Hire-A-Crew - Restoration of fish and wildlife habitat at Bolsa Chica Wetlands
- Community work projects that maintain and improve local parks, beaches, rivers, streams, recreational trails, city facilities and county facilities
- Operation of the Recycling Center in Irvine that has recycled more than 6.5 million pounds of recyclable materials and diverted more than 3.8 million pounds of materials from local landfills.

#### **Summary:**

The OCCC is a work and learn program that provides at-risk and disadvantaged youths, ages 18 to 25, with a chance to earn a living while learning valuable employment skills through job training, work projects. Corps-members are offered the opportunity to work at the recycling center, obtain a high school degree, or work on a number of community projects ranging from park maintenance and habitat restoration to flood and fire prevention and building retro-fitting.

#### **Staff:**

Director of Operation – Josh Volp

George Petino – Project Manager

Maggie Lopez – Director of Programs

Approximately 30 staff members

## **Urban Corps of San Diego County**

3127 Jefferson St.  
San Diego, CA 92110  
(619) 235-6884  
<http://www.urbancorpssd.org/index.html>

### **Type of Work:**

- Education
- Job Training

### **Geographic Area Covered:**

San Diego County

### **Project Examples:**

- Environmental Projects Division – Corps-members learn how to build trails, control erosion, construct steps on trails, and restore the habitat of canyons, parks, and wetlands.
- Community Improvement Services – Provides services such as landscape maintenance, graffiti removal, high-pressure washing to San Diego’s Business Improvement Districts.

### **Summary:**

Urban Corps of San Diego County is a locally based nonprofit that provides education and jobs to young adults aged 18-25 in the fields of conservation, recycling, and community service. Urban Corps has served more than 4,000 youth since 1989, the majority of which were high school drop outs who had little or no job training.

### **Staff:**

CEO – Sam Duran  
Director of Development – Anne Bernstein  
Director of Environmental Services – Sam Lopez  
Director of Conservation Services – Erwin Sanvictores  
Director of Education – Dan Thomas  
Controller – Michael Priegel

## **Out of State Organizations**

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### **Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship**

11661 Harpers Ferry Road  
Purcellville, VA 20132  
(540) 668-7640  
[info@blueridgecenter.org](mailto:info@blueridgecenter.org)  
<http://www.blueridgecenter.org/>

**Type of Work:**

- Land Stewardship
- Education
- Farming

**Geographic Area Covered:**

893 acres in Virginia's Northern Blue Ridge Mountains

**Project Examples:**

- Clearing fallen trees and debris from hiking trails
- Repairing old wooden bridges, replacing floor boards and hand rails
- Adopt-a-Site Program – Volunteers or groups of volunteers adopt an area and are in charge of maintaining it for all visitors
- Education Programs - Birds of the Ridge, Wild and Wonderful Habitats for Birds, Adventures of Farming, Science and our Food Supply

**Summary:**

The Blue Ridge Center is a nonprofit educational organization that stewards a 893-acre landscape located in the Potomac Watershed, a region covering more than 14,670 square miles. Volunteers provide trail maintenance, lead hikes and tours, and aid in educational programs. More than 200 acres of land is actively farmed and pastured by resident and partner farmers--providing fresh local food and, in the process, stewarding the land.

**Staff:**

Facilities & Camping – Darlene Lamoureux  
Food & Farming – Shawna DeWitt  
Demory Wortman Cultural Center – Jeffrey Alvey

## **Colorado Open Lands**

274 Union Boulevard, Suite 320  
Lakewood, CO 80228  
(303) 988-2373  
[cwagner@coloradoopenlands.org](mailto:cwagner@coloradoopenlands.org) - Cheryl Wagner  
<http://www.coloradoopenlands.org>

### **Type of Work:**

- Land Conservation
- Maintaining lands protected by conservation easements
- Land Conservation Training

### **Geographic Area Covered:**

The State of Colorado

### **Project Examples:**

- Protected 10,326 acres through 27 projects in Denver and the surrounding five counties including 304 acres in Miramonte and 153 acres in Frazier.
- Completed 13 conservation easements protecting 2,192 acres of farm and ranch lands, natural wildlife habitat, and scenic open space in the North Fork Valley including 179 acres at the Heller Ranch and 520 acres at the Ayer Ranch

### **Summary:**

Colorado Open Lands partners with landowners, national, state-wide, and local land trusts, foundations, corporations and government entities in order to conserve and maintain Colorado's natural habitats, ranches, and farms. Currently, they hold 225 conservation easements and maintain a \$1.6+ million stewardship endowment. Since 2005, Colorado Open Lands has protected over 154,890 acres with conservation easements.

### **Staff:**

President – Daniel Pike  
Director of Conservation Operations – Dieter Erdmann  
Director of Development and Administration – Cheryl Fox  
Director of Land Stewardship – Cheryl Wagner  
11 Staff Members total

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## **Sustainable South Bronx**

890 Garrison Avenue, 4th Floor

Bronx, NY 10474

(646) 400-5430

[info@ssbx.org](mailto:info@ssbx.org)

<http://www.ssbx.org/>

### **Type of Work:**

- Education
- Urban “Greening”
- Policy/Advocacy/Research

### **Geographic Area Covered:**

South Bronx, NY

### **Project Examples:**

- Construction of The South Bronx Greenway (SBG) will create bike & pedestrian paths around the Hunts Point and Port Morris waterfront
- Tree planting and maintenance programs in Hunts Point have thus far planted over 400 trees in the neighborhood
- Toxic Tours - 1.5 hour walking tour that shows first hand the environmental issues a community like Hunts Point deals with each day. Also educates the public on SSBx's work and attempt at sustainable solutions for their community

### **Summary:**

In 2001, SSBx was created to address policy and planning issues like land use, energy, transportation, water, waste, education, and, most recently, design and manufacturing. Amidst one of New York’s last remaining industrial areas, the SSBx provides environmental education, youth development, and policy research programs in an effort to create a healthier, more sustainable community.

### **Staff:**

Executive Director – Miquela Craytor

Development Director – Laura Johnson Avanesian

Director of Operations and Administration – Janett Florindo

Staff of 14

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## **Private Firms**



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## **California Land Management Services Corporation (Private)**

675 Gilman Street  
Palo Alto CA 94301  
(650) 322-1181  
[clm@clm-services.com](mailto:clm@clm-services.com)  
<http://www.clm-services.com/>

### **Type of Work:**

- Landscape Maintenance
- Resource Management
- Visitor Services
- Security
- Janitorial
- Campground Management
- Hospitality Services

### **Geographic Area Covered:**

Mostly, but not limited to, California, Oregon, Washington, and Nevada

### **Project Examples:**

- Provide maintenance and security for Shoreline at Mountain View, Bayfront Park in Menlo, Palo Alto Baylands, Blackberry Farm in Cupertino.
- Management of over 200 campgrounds/facilities including Inyo National Forest, Tahoe National Forest, Lake Tahoe Basin and Sequoia National Forest.

### **Summary:**

CLM Services is comprised of several companies dedicated to the operation of outdoor recreation facilities and related hospitality services. While a large part of CLM's work is comprised of visitor services, campground management, and security, they also provide resource management and landscape maintenance as well.

### **Staff:**

Founder and President - Eric R. Mart  
Chairman and CEO - Janice Nakaya Mart

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## **Go Native, Inc. (Private)**

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P.O. Box 370103  
Montara, CA 94037  
(650) 728-2286  
[info@gonativeinc.com](mailto:info@gonativeinc.com)  
<http://www.gonativeinc.com/>

### **Type of Work:**

- Habitat Restoration
- Project Construction
- Long-term Maintenance
- Weed Management

### **Geographic Area Covered:**

The State of California (Most of their work takes place in Central/Northern CA)

### **Project Examples:**

- Frenchman's Creek – Replaced culvert with a bridge to alleviate blockage to steelhead fish passage for the San Mateo Resource Conservation District.
- San Pedro Creek and Pacifica State Beach – Flood control, removed steelhead migration barriers and restored native dune habitat
- Año Nuevo – Erosion prevention and restored habitat for burrowing seabirds

### **Summary:**

Go Native started as a native plant nursery in 1996 and has since evolved into a more diversified enterprise that offers services to implement open space preservation and habitat restoration. Their work includes wild land weed management, site-specific plant propagation, erosion control, project construction and long-term maintenance.

### **Staff:**

President – H. David Sands  
Vice President – Chuck Kozak

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## **Parks Management Company (Private)**

PO Box 1018  
Templeton CA 93465  
(805) 434-1996  
[parksman@fix.net](mailto:parksman@fix.net)  
<http://www.campone.com/>

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### **Type of Work:**

- Camp Ground Management
- Maintenance

### **Geographic Area Covered:**

Morro Bay, Big Sur, south of Monterey, and Lake Isabella, CA

### **Project Examples:**

Manage/Maintain the following campgrounds:

- Botcher's Gap
- Pfeifer Beach
- Kirk Creek
- Sand Dollar Beach
- 12 Campgrounds total

### **Summary:**

Parks Management Company operates and maintains US Forest Service campgrounds and day use parks outside of Morro Bay, along the Big Sur Coast, and south of Monterey, California. They also own and operate a Private Family KOA Kampground in Lake Isabella, CA located in the Kern River Valley.

### **Staff:**

Contact individual campgrounds