

Sonoma Land Trust: Big Changes

Sonoma Land Trust has just moved to a new office at 534 B St. in Santa Rosa. Their new phone number is 526-6930. Dan Schurman is serving as the new full time executive director. He was chosen from over 50 applicants because of his extensive non-profit association experience.

The Land Trust has permanently protected 4500 acres in Sonoma County over the past ten years through acquisition of lands and conservation easements. Dr. Martin Griffin recently gave SLT an easement creating wildlife habitat and open space along a half mile of the Russian River near Healdsburg to help restore the riparian corridor and reestablish the steelhead and salmon fishery. Dr. Griffin, owner of Hopkilm Winery, is spearheading a new organization, Westside Wineries Association, whose purpose is to save valuable farmland and protect the underground aquifer along the middle reach of the river.

California State Coastal Conservancy in January approved SLT's Sonoma Baylands enhancement plan and funds to acquire 830 acres stretching from Port Sonoma-Marin at the mouth of the Petaluma River to Lakeville Rd. Most of the land, which covers a mile of bayfront and Hwy. 37 frontage, will be returned to tidal or seasonal wetlands, with 200 acres remaining in agriculture. Other benefits will include public access as part of the San Francisco Bay Trail, restoration of habitat for rare and endangered species, more coastal wetlands for migratory shorebirds of the Pacific Flyway, and a buffer for

Earth Day Meeting

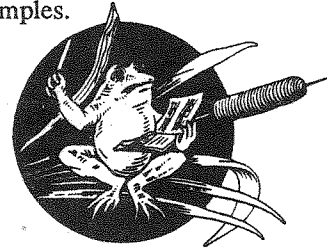
The Earth Day Committee will be meeting on Sunday Aug. 19th from 3 to 6 p.m. (potluck) at the David Thatcher home to discuss further Earth Day varieties of events in Sonoma County conceivably involving the Peace and Justice Center and the Environmental Center. Representatives from the Conservation Counsel are invited to attend. Representatives from Sonoma, Sebastopol, and Petaluma, who held their own Earth Day celebration are also invited to attend. Call David Thatcher at 823-8122 for more information.

"2 four Recycling": A Community TV Series on Waste Management

"2 four Recycling" is a weekly thirty minute TV program which deals with waste management in Sonoma County. The series will focus on recycling efforts throughout the county in schools, city and county governments, large and small business and within the neighborhoods in our community.

ML Media in Rohnert Park will broadcast the show on August 19th at 6 p.m. on Channel 21 and Viacom in Petaluma will air the program on Channel 36 at 6:30 on that same date. The program will be repeated on the same day and time throughout the month.

"2 four..." is made up of video tapes set in Sonoma County showing various forms of waste management. It will focus on what is currently being done to reduce the amount of wastes deposited in the landfill, as well as what is not being done. Separating our garbage is only part of the solution, another part is buying it back. Recycling is spelled, "REUSE". We shall attempt to create an awareness in our community and offer information as to the issues surrounding recycling and possibly offer solutions by showing real live examples.



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