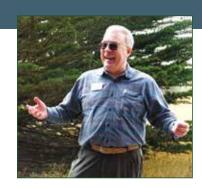


## TRUST landlines

2019 Annual Report

#### 2019 Was Our Best Year Ever

This is my last President's message to all of our friends and supporters. Last fall I decided to step-down as President after seven wonderful years because every organization needs new blood. When you hold a position as long as I did you feel very personal about it, but I know that my successor, Barbara Lohman, will do a great job. I am happy to continue as a board member and watch her implement her vision.



2019 was our best year ever. As described elsewhere in this Annual Report, we were on hyperdrive and our land acquisitions and net worth soared. Donations from all of our wonderful supporters poured in. Our staff was energized, our donors and volunteers were energized, and we were rolling into 2020 at the top of our game.

Then COVID-19 turned us around on a dime. We had to cancel all of our public programs, donations slowed to a trickle due to the economy, and we were left high and dry. It was a scary time for the Board and our staff.

Thankfully, for many years the Finance Committee of the Board under the Chairmanship of long-time Treasurer Bob Buffin has insisted on having a cash reserve for this kind of contingency. Because of his leadership, we had the cash saved to get through this financially. Thank you, Bob! We did not have to lay off our staff. We decided that we should not hunker down in the bunker but should continue our mission, so we implemented the Saturday bird webinars with Alvaro Jaramillo and the "Nature Nuggets" in the Half Moon Bay Review, on our website and in our social media. We wanted to tell the community that we are still here and working for all of us. We have been humbled by the support for these programs.

And I would be remiss if I did not personally thank Alvaro for his generosity. If you have not seen his bird webinars, please check them out on our You-Tube channel. They are fantastic! You will also see all of the wonderful work that we have done on the Junior Land Stewardship Program: www.CoastsideLandTrust.org/ourblog

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I am asked frequently about the Dunes and Surf beach mega-hotel and RV project. We oppose this project and are working with various groups on that. We have a standing offer to buy the land at market, open-space value but the developers are not interested. They live "over the hill" and have no qualms about imposing a project on the Coastside that no resident wants. They just want the profits.

I am also asked about the California Coastal Trail extension from our Bird Trail south to Redondo Beach Road. The plans are completed. We had hoped to start construction this Fall but COVID-19 related funding issues will push that back to 2021.

We have many challenges ahead of us. Who knew last Fall that COVID-19 would bite with a vengeance? But we have a solid Board and staff, we are financially sound, and we will weather this.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served the Coastside. My best wishes to all of you. And I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your continued support of CLT.

Paul Reidl, President

#### from the executive director



# The work done by Coastside Land Trust creates outdoor recreation space that is free to all.

Each day at CLT we spend our time permanently protecting open space for public benefit. And we especially like that the work done by CLT creates outdoor recreation space that is free to all. Thank you for helping make this a reality.

In 2019 CLT was fortunate to purchase 212 parcels, adding 89 acres of Wavecrest open space from the Peninsula Open Space Trust. The acquisition makes it possible to complete three miles of California Coastal Trail between Poplar and Redondo Beaches. Additionally there will be parking for up to 90 vehicles, restrooms with running water, stairs to the beach, and bicycle repair station and racks. Trails will be

ADA compliant except for the stairs to the beach.

Construction will start in September of this year or next and will take 3 to 5 years to complete.

Happiness is a beautiful view of open space. A perfectly maintained trail is a delight to be enjoyed by everyone. Please join us.

Thank you.

Jo Chamberlain, Executive Director

Happiness is a beautiful view of open space.

And especially happiness can be a new Border Collie puppy to be trained to herd the goats and sheep that keep some of our properties well trimmed.



## Acquisitions 2019...

Michael Kimsey Vice President, Chair, Development Committee

As we write this report for 2019 acquisitions, we need to begin by commenting on what a tough year 2020 has been for all of us. We hope that this letter reaches you all, and your families, doing as well as you possibly can. With our donors' businesses and investments all affected by Covid-19, we must caution that the results for 2019 may be difficult for us to repeat during 2020. However, because many of you have stepped up to help in significant ways, we remain optimistic about the outcome of this year.

As for 2019, it was unusual in that CLT accomplished the largest single-year total acquisitions in its 22-year history, but these came from only two major transactions. These required much of our staff time and cash, so we will spend a little time describing them. All of these acquisitions were west of Highway 1 on the Coastside, between Miramar and the golf course. The first consists of the purchase of three large parcels located along the ocean blufftops, purchased from Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) at an extremely favorable price. Then POST donated another 209 parcels directly to CLT. And as with every year, there were individual families who also donated blufftop parcels that had been in their families for many years. 2019 acquisitions brought our total new parcels in 2019 to 215. Adding the 215 to our pre-2019 fee parcels, CLT now holds 417 parcels as permanent open space for the public's benefit.

While it might seem that our two major acquisitions would mean that we had the capacity to add even more land, the limiting issues for CLT have always been our staff time and the costs associated with each parcel. For example, much of the time spent by our Executive Director, Jo Chamberlain, has been working with San Mateo County to confirm that each parcel has a clear title and that any back taxes still due have been paid.

Both of these generous acquisitions from POST were due to the track record CLT has built with them of maintaining the protection of all the natural habitats under our control,



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and of maintaining staff oversight of all transactions along with ongoing stewardship of the properties.

In no way could CLT come close to achieving these goals each year without the support of our annual cash donors. It is because you all respond generously to our mailings, e-mails, phone calls, and personal meetings that any of this happens. Although our personal meetings with you all, such

as educational and stewardship groups, are temporarily on hold for now, removing any one of these other forms of support makes our ability to protect the ocean blufftop land much more difficult. Thank you.



Michael Kimsey

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## Land Stewardship Barbara Lohman, incoming President of the Board and

Chair, Stewardship Advisory Committee

2019 was a time of great growth at CLT. We accepted 215 new properties for stewardship and monitoring. Every year each one of CLT's properties and conservation easements must be monitored by the Stewardship Advisory Committee volunteers. We look at the similarities and differences in the land as compared to last year's monitoring

report. Pictures are taken from predetermined points for comparison. This is a wonderful opportunity for Stewardship members to share knowledge about plants and animals and to enjoy the open spaces that we all have protected. Last year, as a bonus, we were lucky enough to observe a Burrowing Owl on the Surf Beach properties. Our new properties are mostly clustered together so although there's more acreage to monitor it won't require 215 separate reports. Instead we will just get to walk more!

We also have the Wavecrest Watchers volunteers who walk the Wavecrest acres every week and report on any changes or problems. Unfortunately, this year they alerted us to a number of homeless encampments that required cleanup. This cleanup is a necessary but expensive proposition for CLT. It is done in a sensitive manner with coordination from the social services and the Sheriff's department.

CLT hosted four Wavecrest workdays in 2019. Invasive teasel was a major focus this year. We identified a concentrated patch and started digging out the extensive root systems. We also utilized tarping on the teasel and poison hemlock patches. As usual, fun busting, where we place large branches across casual trails (casual trails channelize runoff and increase erosion) and graffiti removal were also workday activities.

The Advanced Habitat Stewards (AHS) organized by Sara Polgar worked throughout the year on hemlock removal in the 50 acres. Our youngest AHS volunteer, Jasmine Hernandez, weeded around the Junior Land Steward plantings.

Jan Leonard continues to report from the County Weed Management meetings concerning new invasive plants, biological controls, and new techniques of chemical controls

Finally, I don't want to leave out everyone's favorite workers, the goats and sheep. They were back on the RROW with their dog managers doing their usual wonderful work.

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It wasn't all work at CLT this year as we hosted the Wildflower Walk and Workshop by Toni Corelli. We had a wonderful Art and Science exhibit by the Junior Land Stewards and another great art show by the Half Moon Bay High School Art Department. We tabled at the California State Parks Coastal Wildflower Day, the Pumpkin Festival, and at National Trail Day where we introduced people to the concept of Coastal

Trail Phase II including the stairs down to the beach near Redondo Beach Road.

At the very end of the year we received the exciting news that the US Army Corps of Engineers had received a \$50,000 grant to study the rewatering of the 50 acres. This plan would redirect storm runoff and minimize erosion, potentially returning parts of this area to a more natural seasonal wetland.

As I look back at Stewardship in 2019 from this 2020 period

of shelter in place I am amazed at all that we took for granted. I am also encouraged that these open spaces are there to comfort us as we go through this difficult time. 🎋



Barbara Lohman

## Land Stewardship: Wavecrest Workdays

Huge thanks to the many volunteers who not only "cleaned up" but attacked invasive poison hemlock and teasel, removed grafitti, and placed large branches across casual trails to discourage their use.

(Casual trails channelize runoff and increase erosion.)





Winter 2019 Art Show

#### Faces & Places

Presenting work by HMB High School AP Art Students



Join us on Night of Lights for the Opening & Artists' Reception Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 5 - 7pm Coastside Land Trust Gallery 788 Main Street, Half Moon Bay (across from La Petit Baleen)

Exhibit runs through January 2020 Call to arrange to see the show: (650) 726-5056







Junior Land Stewards Program 2019 Exhibit

Science and stewardship in our coastal open spaces



Presented by the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students of Hatch Elementary School

Exhibit Opening & Community Event • May 10<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm 788 Main Street, Half Moon Bay Exhibit runs from May 10<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Call to arrange to see the show (650) 726-5056

The Junior Land Stewards Program is supported by a grant from the Tomberg Family Philanthropies



Teacher Sean Riordan and Sara Polgar, CLT volunteer Gallery coordinator, at the High School AP Art Show.



Staff members Yvonne Paladini and April Ramos in our 2019 Pumpkin Festival booth.



Northern Harrier hawk: from CLT's Raptor webinar presented by bird expert Alvaro Jaramillo. Harriers have a sort of disk around their face like owls have, which helps them hunt by listening as well as seeing. Check out "Raptors at Wavecrest" at: www.CoastsideLandTrust.org/ourblog

#### Volunteer of the Year Award 2019, Emyl Cauluori



Emyl Cauluori is our 2019 volunteer of the year. As the unofficial steward of the 50 acres and Wavecrest properties, nothing goes on out there that Emyl doesn't see. He notices any changes in the plants or animals and is able to notify CLT immediately. And some of the animals know him, especially the sea gulls! CLT thanks you Emyl for all the hours that you spend on the land. It is obviously a labor of love.



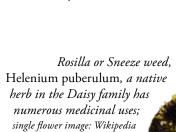


#### 2019 Like a Hawk Award, Paul Reidl

The Coastside Land Trust's annual Like A Hawk award is given to our most important supporters for the year. The recipients can be entities or individuals who help us both in terms of their efforts to further our mission of protecting land on the coastside, and providing us with an important funding source.

This year's Like A Hawk award goes to our President Paul Reidl. Paul served as CLT Board President for seven productive years. 89 new acres of coastside land were protected during his tenure. That is an amazing 100 per cent increase in acreage. 212 parcels were transferred from POST adding tremendously to our ability to provide recreational opportunities. Planning for an extension of the Bird Trail to Redondo Beach Road with staircase access to the beach was also completed during his administration. The Coastside Land Trust Board profited from his leadership and inspiration during Board meetings, at workdays where he is our official weigh master, and especially during fund raising.

The Like a Hawk award is a tribute to a lot of hard work! Thank you Paul from all of us. . \*



Rattlesnake weed, Daucus pusillus, a native herb in the Carrot family



Barbara Lohman and Paul Reidl





#### Junior Land Stewards, 2019 Kate Dickey

The Junior Land Stewards Program (JLSP) provides Coastside students with a rich science curriculum that educates them about their local open spaces, and guides them in developing the skills and desire to become life-long stewards of their local ecosystem. JLSP currently works with approximately 100 fourth grade students each school year at Hatch Elementary School (Hatch) and 30-50 Half Moon Bay High School (HMBHS) environmental science students. CLT plans to expand the program to include El Granada Elementary at the start of the 2020/2021 school year.

The JLSP provides weekly hands-on science curriculum in the classrooms, addressing driving environmental questions. Students also participate in four field trips to the Wavecrest



Open Space (a one mile walk from Hatch). Students begin the year investigating and becoming familiar with their local coastal prairie ecosystem. The in-class lessons and field trips build up to a large stewardship project—habitat restoration—at Wavecrest. Students prepare "garden" plots, and plant native pollinator plants in order to attract and provide

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food for critically important pollinators (e.g. birds, butterflies, bees, and other insects), while adding to the diversity of the native plants and the overall health of the coastal prairie habitat. All small group field activities are facilitated by the Half Moon Bay High School environmental education science students.

New this year, the HMBHS students took part in their own field trip, an introduction to the prairie, facilitated by Jo Chamberlain, Barbara Dye and Malia DeFelice. With the support of HMBHS Science Chair, Joseph Centoni, and the guidance of Barbara Lohman and CLT staff, these students continued to receive on-site training and their own planting opportunities throughout the school year.



Program facilitators and some of the Half Moon Bay High Environmental Science students who mentored the 4th graders in the activities of the Junior Land Stewards Program

The JLSP students' work will be displayed and shared with the Half Moon Bay community in a virtual gallery on our website due to COVID- 19 restrictions this year.

This program gives great thanks to the Tomberg Family Philanthropies who have funded us for our second official year, and to CABRILLO EDUCATION the Cabrillo Education Foundation, our newest FOUNDATION funder.



It was a stroke of genius to bring the high schoolers in to work with the 4th graders... I love that this curriculum took all that 4th grade curiosity, energy and respect of nature and directed it into an ethos of stewardship.

- Mary Jansen, chaperone

Coastal twinberry: Martie Bateson Sautter





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