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**Save-the-Redwoods League**  
**Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets**  
**for the year ended March 31, 2000 with**  
**comparison data from period ended March 31, 1999**

	<b>2000</b>	
<b>Revenue and public support:</b>		
Contributions	376,659	
Membership	12,324,786	
Donations	1,392,719	
Grove Donations	437,536	
Reforestation and other contributions	817,783	
Income from investments	3,445,000	
Grants from State and Federal agencies	161,138	
Other Income		
	<u>18,955,621</u>	
<b>Total revenue and public support</b>		
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program Expenses:	2,843,170	
Land deeded to State of California	3,122,368	
Land deeded to United States of America	745,201	
Redwood Land Program support	1,945,448	
Cooperative preservation funded	415,097	
Redwood reforestation grants	101,001	
Other grants	64,367	
Research grants		
	<u>9,236,652</u>	84.5%
<b>Total program services</b>		
<b>Support Services:</b>	840,380	7.7%
General and administrative	857,869	7.8%
Fund-raising		
	<u>1,698,249</u>	
<b>Total support services</b>		
	<u>10,934,901</u>	100%
<b>Total Expenses</b>		
	<u>8,020,820</u>	
<b>Increase (Decrease) in net assets</b>		

Net assets released from restriction during FY 1999-2000 total \$9,236,652. The condensed financial information as of and for the year ending March 31, 2000 has been derived from SRL's financial statements, audited by Burr, Pilger & Mayer, independent auditors. The condensed financial information should be read in conjunction with the complete audited statements and their associated notes. Contact the Save-the-Redwoods League office for copies of the complete audits.

For years, Save-the-Redwoods League has focused on purchasing the surviving stands of the primeval redwood forest and extending protection to their watersheds. This year the League sponsored the writing of *The Redwood Forest*. The book demonstrates that long-term forest health and sustainability require an even broader geographic commitment. It also evaluates the effects of logging and population pressures on the forest's natural processes and develops a model for prioritizing conservation opportunities.

The forest's natural processes and wildlife require linkages among protected areas. The League's largest project in 1999-2000, the acquisition of 3,800 acres in the Corridor from the Redwoods to the Sea in Humboldt County, illustrates the landscape-scale preservation necessary for effective conservation.

As we move toward this broader vision, we will continue our historical commitment to purchase the remaining fragments of the ancient forest.

In 1999-2000 the League secured an option to purchase the Dillonwood Grove on the southern boundary of Sequoia National Park. Dillonwood is 70% of the remaining privately owned Giant Sequoia forest. I hope by next year at this time I can report that we raised the \$10,000,000 necessary for this purchase. With your help we will make it happen!

The League is deeply appreciative of our 40,000 members who take part in building a living legacy for future generations.

Sincerely,



Richard C. Otter  
President

Save-the-Redwoods League  
Statement of Financial Position  
March 31, 2000



“The fauna of the  
old-growth redwood forest  
represents the more vulnerable  
end of a continuum of biological  
resilience in coastal temperate  
rain forests.”

*--The Redwood Forest*

**Assets**

Cash and cash equivalents	4,965,995
Accounts receivable	190,069
Contributions receivable	65,096
Investments	21,281,726
Note Receivable	256,780
Real estate held	24,175,932
Contributions receivable from irrevocable trusts	7,779,873
Office equipment, net	131,632
Other assets	67,141
Endowment cash	195,351

**Total assets** 59,109,595

**Liabilities:**

Notes payable, current portion	2,482,430
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	224,474
Contributions payable	415,097
Notes payable, less current portion	20,167
Liabilities to beneficiaries	299,634

Total liabilities 3,441,802

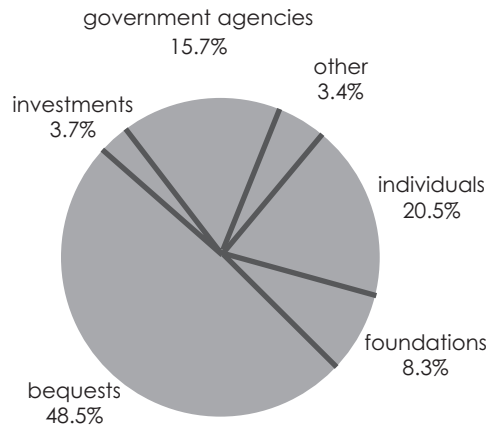
Net Assets:

Unrestricted	27,708,154
Temporarily restricted	27,764,208
Permanently restricted	195,351

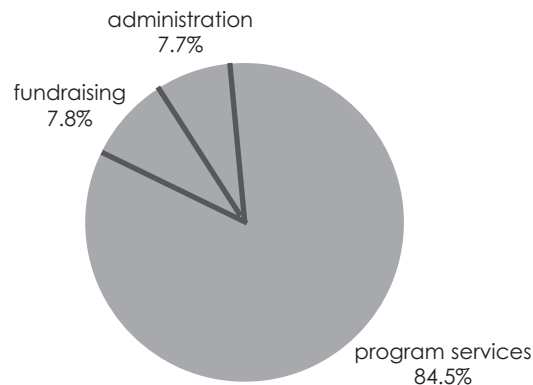
**Total net assets** 55,667,793

59,109,595

## Save-the-Redwoods League Revenues by Source 1999-2000

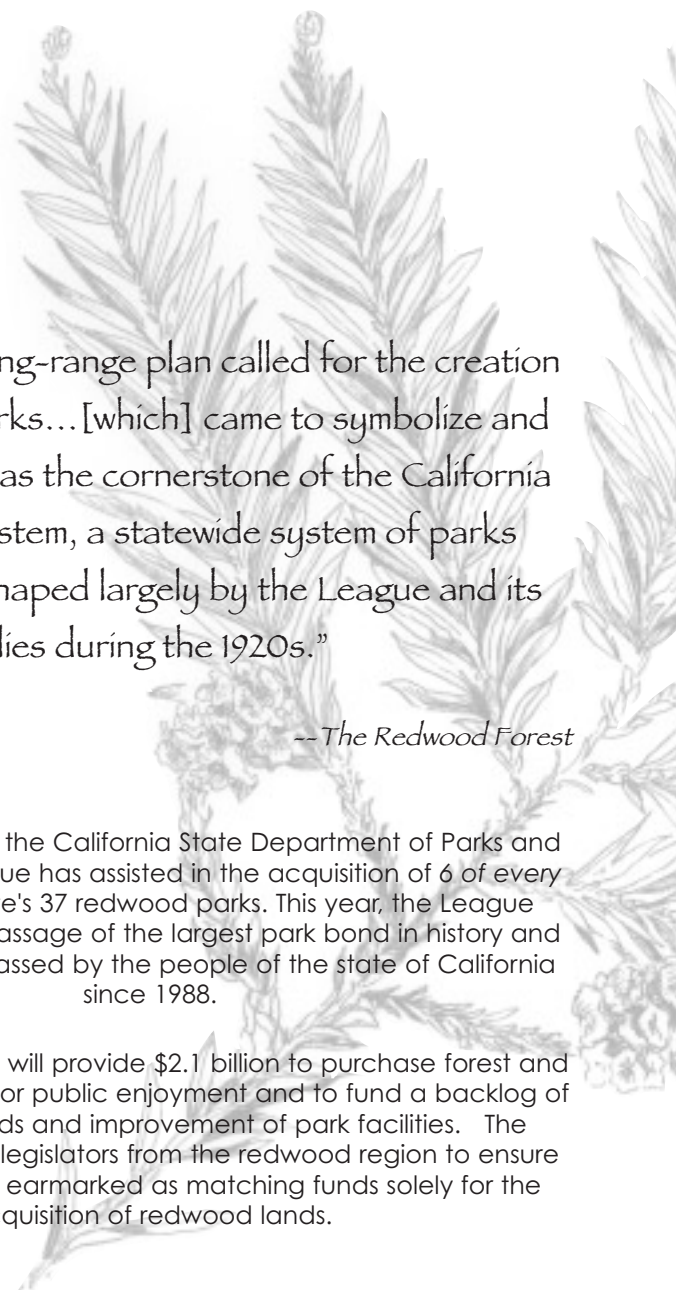


## Save-the-Redwoods League Use of Funds 1999-2000



The fauna of the old-growth redwood forest benefit from linkages between protected natural areas. Save-the-Redwoods League's Fall 1999 acquisition of 3,800 acres of dramatic forestland in **the Corridor from the Redwoods to the Sea** will permanently protect the critical stepping stones in a vital corridor for rare old-growth dependent wildlife species. Northern spotted owl, goshawk, golden eagle, black bear, pileated woodpecker, red tree vole and mountain lion all take refuge in this area. It is habitat for the very rare Pacific fisher and the Humboldt Marten, long considered extinct. Spawning grounds for threatened salmon and steelhead populations are found in the tributaries of the Mattole River which flow through the property.

The Corridor from the Redwoods to the Sea stretches between Humboldt Redwoods State Park, the world's largest old-growth redwood forest, and the King Range National Conservation Area, the longest unroaded coastal area in the continental United States. The acquisition enhances the wildlife benefits of 126,550 acres of neighboring public lands. It protects two complementary components of the ancient forest by connecting the old-growth redwoods along the Eel River and the old-growth Douglas-fir forest of the Mattole River watershed.



“The League’s long-range plan called for the creation of four state parks... [which] came to symbolize and otherwise serve as the cornerstone of the California State Park System, a statewide system of parks launched and shaped largely by the League and its allies during the 1920s.”

*-- The Redwood Forest*

Since the creation of the California State Department of Parks and Recreation, the League has assisted in the acquisition of 6 of every 10 acres in the State's 37 redwood parks. This year, the League actively supported passage of the largest park bond in history and the first park bond passed by the people of the state of California since 1988.

**California's Park Bond** will provide \$2.1 billion to purchase forest and wildlife habitat lands for public enjoyment and to fund a backlog of maintenance needs and improvement of park facilities. The League worked with legislators from the redwood region to ensure that \$10 million was earmarked as matching funds solely for the acquisition of redwood lands.

Save-the-Redwoods League's financial condition continues to be strong.

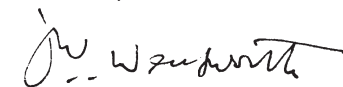
At the end of our fiscal year March 31, 2000, cash and investments were significantly greater than at the end of the prior year, primarily because of major bequests. Planned gifts and bequests continue to be a very substantial source of support and we encourage you to include the League in your estate plans.

After cash and investments, the League's largest asset is redwood lands purchased and held. In keeping with our mission, during 2000-2001 the League will continue transferring these lands to California State Parks and other public agencies. The recent passage of the park bond will once again make possible the State's investment in lands necessary for expansion and protection of our magnificent state parks. The bond proceeds and other matching funds the League receives will be reinvested in more redwoods. Thank you for your support of the park bond!

This year, raising funds to purchase Dillonwood Grove will be a major focus. As many of you know, Dillonwood's 1,540 acres include the largest privately-held stand of ancient Giant Sequoias in existence today. Dillonwood's purchase is an important complement to the protection afforded Giant Sequoias by the creation of the Giant Sequoia National Monument.

The League stands ready to preserve and protect redwood lands. We thank you for your support and interest in our mission.

Sincerely,



Frank W. Wentworth  
Treasurer

The following corporations matched individuals' gifts in 1999 - 2000:

American Express  
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“Redwood forests will be conserved only when we recognize them for all their values, including those values we are only beginning to understand and some that we will never fully comprehend.”

--*The Redwood Forest*

The League has a long history of strategic planning for the redwoods. **The Master Plan for the Redwoods** is being developed to promote the survival of a sustainable coast redwood ecosystem in the coming millennium. The scientific foundation for the Master Plan was presented in *The Redwood Forest*, edited by Reed Noss (Island Press). It makes clear that redwood conservation requires working on a landscape-scale. The Corridor From the Redwoods to the Sea implements this vision.

The League's **Grant Program** supports research that expands knowledge of redwood forest dynamics. With League support, Professor Sillett of Humboldt State University is unlocking the secrets of coast redwood canopies by monitoring soil deposits suspended in the branches of an ancient redwood tree. The upper canopy of this tree is home to several species of plants, including the leather-leaf fern and huckleberry, as well as several salamanders.

The League also awarded grants in 1999 to study the ancestry of the coast redwood, and non-vascular epiphytes growing on Sitka Spruce trees in an old-growth redwood forest.



“... in less than two centuries after the arrival of Europeans to the region, more than 95 percent of the ancient redwoods disappeared ...”

*-- The Redwood Forest*

Stately monarch trees rise from the flats of the Eel River. Nearby, the heart of the Redwood Empire can be found along the Avenue of the Giants where huge **Old-growth Redwoods** tower above the forest floor. Save-the-Redwoods League made a key acquisition here in order to protect and expand the existing park forestlands. Purchase of a 127-acre parcel from the Daly family permanently preserves some of the few remaining unprotected old-growth trees. Most importantly, this acquisition adds another piece to this redwood park and further strengthens the forest buffer that will ensure the future of this precious legacy.

**\$1,000- \$2,499**

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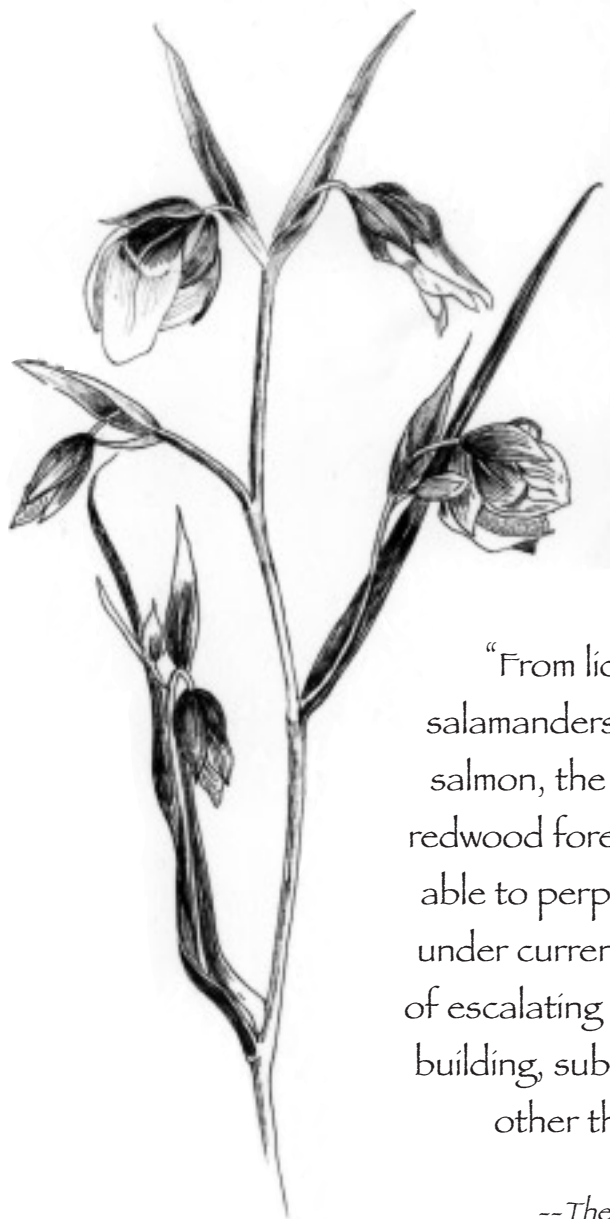
“The ecosystems in the most degraded condition in the redwood region are likely riparian/aquatic ecosystems.”

--The Redwood Forest

The preservation of entire watersheds is essential to the survival of the existing forest and the species that inhabit the area. Land managers are learning to restore damaged watercourses. Placement of large woody debris in the League's Hartsook Creek this year began to form spawning pools for fish. But no one can reproduce a pristine stream. Protection of watersheds and especially their headwaters remains a high priority.

With the League's purchase of a small but significant property in the headwaters of the Lost River, the **Healthy Watershed** of a tributary of the upper Mattole River is permanently protected. Coho, chinook and steelhead spawning habitat located in this heavily forested region will remain clear and cold forever.





“From lichens to salamanders, beetles to salmon, the old-growth redwood forest will not be able to perpetuate itself under current conditions of escalating logging, road building, subdivision, and other threats.”

-- *The Redwood Forest*

## Redwood Legacy Circle

The Redwood Legacy Circle has been established to recognize those individuals who have chosen to make an enduring tribute to the protection of redwood forestlands. By including the League in their estate plans, Redwood Legacy Circle members ensure that the ancient redwoods remain a vital part of our community--both today and tomorrow.

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... and to all our esteemed donors, too numerous to list here, who supported the League in 1999-2000:

\$100 to \$499	6,446 donors
\$50 to \$99	5,015 donors
\$25 to \$49	2,409 donors
\$10 to \$24	4,601 donors
Less than \$10	184 donors

We could not continue our work without all of our dedicated members. Every gift counts!

If your total giving in FY 1999-2000 was more than \$500 and your name does not appear in this list, we may not have a permission form on file for you. We will not publish any donor's name without his or her permission. If you would permit the inclusion of your name in future publications, please contact the League office.

As threats to our forest intensify, the League's **Partnerships and Collaborations** with other conservation groups and public agencies continue to grow in importance. We are working with our partners in the public and private sectors to acquire land and to ensure that once acquired it is managed wisely.

Highlights from the past year include work with the Upper Mattole River & Forest Cooperative to protect the wild forest of this remote area of California; providing input to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District's development of a county-wide acquisition plan; and working with the Department of Parks & Recreation to forge a vision for state parks in the new century.

This year the League continued two decades of funding reforestation in partnership with the North Coast District of the State Department of Parks & Recreation. Members have made gifts to plant thousands of trees to build the forests of the future.

The League also provided funding for the construction of a native plant nursery at Sinkyone Wilderness State Park.

Other collaborative efforts over the past 12 months include:

- Coast Dairies Management Plan
- Corridor from the Redwoods to the Sea
- Giant Sequoia Ecology Cooperative
- Gray Whale Ranch Advisory Committee
- Humboldt Redwoods State Park General Plan
- Old-Growth Task Force for the Board of Forestry
- Redwood National & State Parks General Management Plan
- Stewardship Incentives Task Force of the State Resources Agency
- The Nature Conservancy North Coast Ecoregional Plan



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**\$2,500-\$4,999**

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Miriam and Thomas Schulman  
Richard N. Goldman  
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This year Save-the-Redwoods League negotiated an option to purchase the 1540-acre **Dillonwood Grove**, located on the southern boundary of Sequoia National Park. We are advocating passage of federal legislation to expand the Park boundary to include Dillonwood. At the same time, efforts are underway to secure \$5 million in federal funds and \$5 million in matching private contributions for the purchase.

Old-growth Giant Sequoia tower above the multi-age second-growth forest in the remote canyons of the Tule River headwaters. This forest will fill a missing age class in the National Park where a century of fire suppression has limited regeneration of the Giant Sequoia that requires bare mineral soils to sprout.

Purchase of Dillonwood, 70% of the remaining privately owned Giant Sequoia forest, is a central goal for the League in the coming year.



“There are certain values in our landscape that ought to be sustained against destruction or impairment... They are essential to our life, liberty and pursuit of happiness; this nation of ours is not so rich it can afford to lose them; it is still rich enough to afford to preserve them.”

-- Newton B. Drury

Our warmest thanks to all of our individual and institutional **Benefactors** for their thoughtfulness, generosity, and commitment to our mission of preserving redwood forests. In 1999, donors made more than 22,000 gifts to Save-the-Redwoods League. We deeply appreciate your support and commitment.

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Raymond H. Boyer  
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Fred Goldman  
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