LEAGUE OBJECTIVE
To rescue from destruction representative areas of our primeval forests.

To walk in the quiet of the redwood forest, to stand and look upward, to follow the shafts of sunlight into the forest canopy high above, is a welcome change from the demanding, frantic tempo of life in today’s world. It can rejuvenate our spirits and remind us of what is truly important and sustaining in our lives.

The tempo of the forest is set by the ancient monarchs whose lives stretch back as far as two thousand years. But that tempo was abruptly interrupted by the arrival of settlers some 150 years ago. The mechanization of logging with steam-powered tools allowed logging at a pace that has cleared all but some 4% of the ancient forest.

Save-the-Redwoods League was founded in 1918 to protect and preserve the redwood forest from the saw and the axe by purchasing forest stands for permanent protection and enjoyment. Today, other pressures multiply the threats to the tempo of the forest. Working throughout the range of the coast redwood and the giant sequoias of the Sierras, the League buffers the forest from those pressures. We maintain our long-standing commitment to protection through the purchase of forest lands, informed now by a comprehensive Master Plan that prioritizes action to protect and link core reserves of ancient redwoods in key watersheds.

Success in saving the redwoods today requires use of new conservation tools as well. The League has begun to engage its conservationists and volunteers in a continuous process to refine our strategies. And the League is expanding its investment in educational initiatives to stimulate a new generation of redwood stewards.

We deeply appreciate your continuing support! It is essential for the League’s effectiveness. Your commitment creates the hope that the tempo of the forest will survive. Thank you.

Katherine Anderton, Secretary and Executive Director
Ed Claassen, President

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California Tiger Lily
Photo by Howard King
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To purchase redwood groves by private subscription.

The commitment and support of the League’s members positions us to buffer the impact of human pressure on the forest through purchase of critical forest lands.

LEAGUE OBJECTIVE
To support reforestation and conservation of our forest areas.

Restoration of logged-over lands is a key League conservation strategy for linking old forest reserves and protecting their waters.

LEAGUE OBJECTIVE
To foster and encourage a better and more general understanding of the value of the primeval redwood or sequoia and other forests of America as natural objects of extraordinary interest to present and future generations.

The League’s education program focuses on fostering the stewards of the future.

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Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park
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Photo by Evan Johnson

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Many species cannot exist without the ancient forest’s ability to strip water from foggy air to provide essential moisture to the delicate ecosystem.

Residential development, new roads, domestic pets, pollution and exotic vegetation disrupt the natural processes of the forest.

Incompatible forestry practices replace the old complex forest with young, simple plantation forests.

Ancient redwoods are irreplaceable.
Today only 4% of the original 2 million acres of ancient redwood forest remain.
Save-the-Redwoods League buffers the forces that alter the tempo of the forest. The League remains committed to a balance between the way we use the forest and the needs of the forest to support and sustain itself.

The League spearheaded purchase of the following properties:
- Corrill from the Redwoods to the Sea: 785 acres
- Montgomery Redwoods State Reserve: 2 acres
- Grizzly Creek Redwoods State Park: 23.5 acres (pending)
- Humboldt Redwoods State Park: 112 acres (pending)
- John O. Dewitt State Reserve: 51 acres

The League transferred the following properties to the California Department of Parks and Recreation and to the Federal government: Land Purchased
- Humboldt Redwoods State Park: 112 acres
- John O. Dewitt State Reserve: 51 acres
- Mill Creek Redwoods State Park: 32 acres
- Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park: 546 acres

Conservation
The League is developing a Master Plan for the Coast Redwoods to ensure survival of the ancient redwood forest for the coming millennium. The Master Plan is a scientific tool to identify priority actions, determine appropriate methods for protecting critical lands, and identify restoration needs for the ancient redwood forest.

All conservation decisions made by the League are based upon the Master Plan’s scientific principles and strategies. The heart of the Master Plan is identification of conservation strategies to foster protection of the ancient redwood forest.

This year saw completion of a detailed plan for the Santa Cruz mountain range, one of the seven regions in the natural range of the ancient redwood.

Master Plan:
- Identifies remaining ancient redwood forest
- Assesses threats to the redwood forest
- Assesses the visitor experience
- Identifies potential conservation partners
- Recommends specific conservation strategies

Education
The League’s Education Grants program is dedicated to informing the public about the dynamic lives of the redwoods by engaging them in programs that will enable the League to experience the majesty of the redwood forest, often for the first time.

- Twenty-four grants funded high-quality education projects; 50% were in urban communities.
- Twenty-five land use and forest restoration work at Mill Creek Redwoods during the summer, and tours to view riparian sections in the winter.
- More than 1,000 redwood enthusiasts visited the Hartrock Inn Redwood Visitor Center during the summer.
- Over 1,000 students and 92 teachers participated in the Redwood Environmental Education Fair held in Humboldt County.
- Over 1,000 children from low-income San Francisco families camped at the Boys & Girls Club in the new Mountain’s County.
- Over 1,000 San Francisco students and 52 teachers participated in the “Trip into the Redwood Forest” program.
- The League supported development of curriculum materials to teach students in Los Angeles about the ecology of the Giant Sequoia using art activities.
- The League’s research program seeks to expand our understanding of the redwood forest.
- Initiated graduate research fellowships at California Polytechnic and Humboldt State Universities to support studies linked to redwood forest ecology and restoration.
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Research projects funded included:
- An examination of prehistoric understory vegetation of giant sequoia groves in Calaveras State Park to inform forest management decisions.
- A comparison of changes in land use, ownership and forest structure in Mendocino County from the late 1800s to today and its effects on the sustainability of redwood resources.
- An evaluation of the impacts of the 10,000-acre Canoe Creek fire in Humboldt Redwoods State Park.

Mill Creek Restoration Project
In 2002, the League spearheaded the purchase of Mill Creek Redwoods, a 25,000-acre stand whose tempo had been fundamentally altered by logging since 1956. Last year the League and its partners continued active restoration of the forest. In 2003, over 300 acres were logged to eliminate floodway light and increase space for young redwoods to grow, and completing a detailed, computerized road inventory that will advance plans to remove roads that damages the natural ecosystem.

Restoration will:
- Restore the complexity of the ancient forest.
- Remove logging roads that scar the landscape and interrupt the natural flow of water.
- Enhance California’s premier wild coho salmon nursery.
- Provide the public an opportunity to experience the forest as it recovers from logging.

Photo by David Swanlund

LEGEND
- Historical Extent Coast Redwood
- Existing Old Growth Coast Redwood
- Giant Sequoia Grove
- Urbanized Areas
- Protectred Lands
- Land Purchased
- Land Transferred to Public Agencies
- Educational Grants

Map by GreenInfo Network www.greeninfo.org

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The financial information as of and for the year ended March 31, 2004, has been derived from the League's 2004 financial statements, audited by Burr, Pilger & Mayer, independent auditors. The condensed financial information should be read in conjunction with the 2004 audited financial statements and related notes. Contact the League's office for copies of the complete audited financial statements.

**Assets**

- Cash and cash equivalents: $1,679,134
- Accounts receivable: 57,373
- Contributions receivable: 2,294,373
- Investments: 34,469,485
- Notes receivable: 1,780
- Real estate held: 23,178,310
- Contributions receivable from irrevocable trusts: 505,402
- Office equipment, net: 104,881
- Deposits on land purchase: 88,000
- Other assets: 42,890
- Endowment cash: 245,440

**Total assets:** $64,346,230

**Liabilities**

- Accounts payable and accrued liabilities: $312,636
- Notes payable: 180,000

**Total liabilities:** $492,636

**Net assets:**

- Unrestricted: $33,662,582
- Temporarily restricted: 24,847,470
- Permanently restricted: 246,942

**Total net assets:** $63,854,194

**Total liabilities and net assets:** $64,346,230

**Revenue and Public Support**

**Contributions:**
- Donations: $1,906,700
- Program and land acquisition contributions: 3,748,065
- Reforestation, retraction and research and other contributions: 732,296
- Change in value of irrevocable trusts: 138,948

**Grants from state and federal agencies:** 217,500

**Inception from investments:** 515,638

**Gain on realization of land:** 604,330

**Other income:** 194,000

**Total revenue and public support:** $8,077,440

**Expenses**

- Program services:
  - Land deeded to State of California: 3,385,022
  - Land deeded to the United States of America: 2,244,808
  - Redwood land program support: 1,132,611
  - Redwood reforestation grants: 60,000
  - Other grants: 92,388
  - Research grants: 87,725

**Total program services:** 7,443,604

- Support services:
  - General and administrative: 812,960
  - Fundraising: 1,515,397

**Total support services:** 2,328,357

**Total expenses:** 9,771,961

**Increase (Decrease) in net assets:** $(1,694,521)

**Revenues and Public Support**

- Fundraising: 15.5%
- Administration: 8.3%
- Program Services: 76.2%

**Expenses**

- General and administrative: 65%
- Program services: 12.1%
- Support services: 2.7%
- Investments: 16.3%

Save-the-Redwoods League
Statement of Financial Position
March 31, 2004

Save-the-Redwoods League
Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
for the year ended March 31, 2004
Save-the-Redwoods League is governed by a 60-member voting Board of Councillors from which nine members are elected to serve as the Board of Directors. The Council advises the Directors, who set policy and have fiduciary responsibility for the League operations. The Secretary and Executive Director, a non-voting member of the Board of Directors, is responsible for implementing and managing the policies established by the Directors.

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