



..... 2008 ANNUAL REPORT



Save The Redwoods

L E A G U E

Objectives of Save the Redwoods League

*To rescue from
destruction
representative
areas of our
primeval forests.*

*To cooperate with
California State
Parks, the National
Park Service, and
other agencies in
establishing redwood
parks and other
parks and reserves.*

*To purchase
redwood groves by
private subscription.*

*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.*

*To support
reforestation and
conservation
of our forest areas.*





Ed Claassen (left)

President,
Board of Directors

Ruskin K. Hartley

Executive Director
& Secretary

THE FUTURE GREW BRIGHTER FOR THE NOBLE REDWOODS IN THE 2007-8 FISCAL YEAR, A PERIOD OF TREMENDOUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR SAVE THE REDWOODS LEAGUE. WE AND OUR PARTNERS PROTECTED MORE THAN 1,500 ACRES OF REDWOOD FORESTLANDS VALUED AT \$15.6 MILLION, BRINGING OUR TOTAL NUMBER OF PROTECTED ACRES TO MORE THAN 180,000.

We also branched out — expanding the scope of redwood protection, using new technology, and strengthening the connection between all people and our cherished giants to ensure they thrive and inspire visitors forever.

Expanding the Scope of Protection

In addition to preserving spectacular ancient groves, we focused more on protecting landscapes that connect and buffer old redwoods and promoting the viability of redwood parks and reserves. This broadened scope stems from our Master Plan for the Coast Redwoods, which identifies and prioritizes landscapes for protection to enhance the investments made over the last 90 years. This year’s land acquisitions featured new partners, new types of partnerships and new protection arrangements for us.

Improving Restoration

The League continued work as a leader in restoring logged forests to their inspiring, majestic state. We also started analyzing data from a study using a new technology that is to revolutionize forest restoration.

Furthering Research and Education

Members’ contributions enabled the League to continue awarding research grants that will advance understanding of redwoods and climate change. And our Education Program continued to support programs that helped thousands of children and adults experience, for the first time, the beauty and majesty of the redwood forest.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without our members and partners. We thank you for your generosity, and we look forward to your continued support to help us save the many important unprotected redwoods among which future generations can nurture their bodies, minds and spirits.

Offering Our Thanks, Announcing a Leadership Change

We extend our deepest gratitude to Ed Claassen for his five years of outstanding leadership as President of our Board of Directors. He steps down from his position in September 2008. Ed presided over remarkable achievements, including the ongoing restoration of our largest land acquisition, Mill Creek forest; completion of major plans to guide and expand our work; and a deal protecting ancient redwoods at the Hartsook Inn, a cherished landmark.

Pete Dangermond, former Vice President and new Board President, also contributed to these achievements. We look forward to continued success under his leadership. Pete, a member of the League’s Board of Councillors since 1986 and a former California State Parks Director, brings to his presidency nearly 40 years of professional experience in parks and recreation development, wildlife conservation and open space preservation.

With our donors' generous support, Save the Redwoods League protected several key California parcels that preserved spectacular old-growth redwoods, promoted viable parks and maintained connecting landscapes for all to enjoy.

This year's acquisitions, all part of the Master Plan, feature new partners, new types of partnerships and new land protection arrangements for the League that will help to protect even more land than a single organization could preserve alone. The League is working with some of these partners

PROTECTION

Protecting More Land with New Partners and New Deals

on a prospective park along the Mendocino Coast. In addition, we recently completed our first project in Napa County, creating a new relationship with a local land trust there.

In 2007 and 2008, the League and its partners protected more than 1,500 acres of redwood forestlands valued at \$15.6 million. Even with these accomplishments, there are still more important acres to save at increasingly higher prices. With your support, we can continue to save the irreplaceable redwoods for future generations.



A New Partnership Conserves a Magnificent Coastline

Old and young redwoods, grassy bluffs and more than 1½ miles of stunning Pacific Ocean coastline are highlights of a 401-acre Mendocino County property the League has acquired. In a new type of partnership, the Coastal Land Trust will help to manage and oversee the planning and development of public access and educational opportunities on the property. The League is exploring exciting new alternatives for long-term stewardship that include California State Parks and other partners to ensure the public can enjoy this inspiring place. This acquisition was made possible through the extraordinary generosity of longtime League members who honored their sister, Ellen M. Egger, by protecting a part of California's natural beauty.

The League continues to protect redwood forests in Mendocino County, including Montgomery Woods State Reserve (pictured). Since 1919, we have been a partner in protecting the Montgomery Woods area.



**Preparing for
Climate Change**

The League recently protected 113 acres of land adjacent to Bothe-Napa Valley State Park containing some of the magnificent unprotected old-growth redwoods in Napa County. In the face of global climate change, redwoods in this region are important to preserve because they are adapted to drier and warmer conditions. Of the total 113-acre project area, the League acquired 51 acres for future transfer to the park. We acquired a conservation easement on 62 of the acres and transferred it to The Land Trust of Napa County, a new League partner, for permanent monitoring. Generous funding from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, the California Coastal Conservancy and League donors made this project possible.

**Saving
Ancient Trees and
Imperiled Seabirds**

A League conservation easement in Del Norte County on industrial timberland now protects some of the best privately owned old-growth forest habitat for marbled murrelets in northern California. The murrelets, a species of seabird, need old-growth trees' large branches for nest platforms. The conservation easement, totaling 672 acres, includes 142 acres of old-growth forest buffered by 508 acres of younger forest.

Another purchase protects marbled murrelets: The League acquired and transferred 100 acres to Butano State Park in San Mateo County. Funded by a grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, the acquisition also expands protection for ancient redwood forests and critical watersheds, and will expand the park's recreational features.



**A League Donor
and Evangelist**



Lynn Roe (pictured) and his wife, Michelle Hedges, have included the League in their estate plan, in addition to making donations and matching gifts from Lynn's employer.

Lynn Roe loves redwoods so much that he calls himself a redwood evangelist because he likes to tell people about the great trees. As the Texan says, "Not everything in Texas is bigger!" Roe says his zeal stems from childhood trips to California's beautiful natural areas while he lived in the northern part of the state.

"I want to make sure that generations that come behind me can share the same things."

Starting about 13 years ago, computer technology work brought the Arlington, Texas, resident back to the redwood region. He visited the ancient forests during his frequent trips to northern California. During a visit to Muir Woods National Monument, Roe learned about the League at an information table. Soon, Roe became an avid League supporter. He and Michelle, his wife, have included the League in their estate plan, in addition to making donations and matching gifts from his employer.

"It's fascinating to see something so primeval," Roe said of the redwoods. "I want to make sure that generations that come behind me can share the same things."



This map shows locations of properties that we and our partners protected in the 2007-8 fiscal year. These redwood forestlands total more than 1,500 acres valued at \$15.6 million.

With support from the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation, we protected a property that is virtually surrounded by Humboldt Redwoods State Park. This 10-acre property, primarily forested with second-growth redwoods, is upslope from the South Fork of the Eel River and a large stand of old-growth redwoods, making it an important acquisition for the protection of this critical watershed. After acquiring the property, restoration efforts were completed to prevent erosion and improve habitat for imperiled coho salmon in the South Fork of the Eel River.

Securing an Old-Growth Watershed

A purchase of 39 acres upslope of the scenic Freshwater Lagoon in Humboldt County increases watershed protection for the lagoon and adds second-growth redwood forest to Humboldt Lagoons State Park. With a grant from the California Coastal Conservancy, this acquisition also protects the breathtaking views along Highway 101 at the entrance to Redwood National Park.

Protecting Redwoods along California's Coast

In another Humboldt County project, we directed the transfer of 216 acres to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, improving protection for the critical Mattole River watershed and expanding the wildlife migration corridor between Humboldt Redwoods State Park (HRSP), Gilham Butte and the King Range National Conservation Area. Supported by a generous grant from the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation, this project adds to the League's Corridor from the Redwoods to the Sea by growing the connection between the rugged Pacific shoreline and HRSP, which contains the world's largest ancient redwood forest.

Building the Corridor from the Redwoods to the Sea

With support from our generous members and partners, Save the Redwoods League in 2007-8 continued work as a leader in accelerating restoration of logged forests to their inspiring, majestic state.

RESTORATION & CONSERVATION

Branching Out with New Technology, Plans and Grants

We also awarded research grants to advance understanding of redwoods and climate change, and completed a major step in conservation planning to save the trees for future generations.

A Scientific Approach to Saving Unprotected Redwoods

The League in 2007 completed the last of four detailed regional plans that comprise the Master Plan for the Coast Redwoods, a science-based conservation strategy to save unprotected old-growth and supporting forests for current and future generations. The League has identified and prioritized the 15,000 acres of unprotected ancient coast redwoods for protection. Despite the League's nine decades of work to build California parks, potential development and destructive forest management practices still threaten giant trees.

A Model for Restoring a Forest's Natural Qualities

Work continues on a unique opportunity to restore the qualities of an ancient redwood forest for all to enjoy on the 25,000-acre Mill Creek property, which is now part of Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park. After acquiring the property in 2002 and transferring it to California State Parks, the League partnered with organizations to restore the former logging site. Project work will restore habitat for threatened species such as coho salmon and the marbled murrelet. The project also is a model for restoration of other former industrial forestlands.

- Coast Redwood Range
- Giant Sequoia Range



Mill Creek accomplishments included, among others, restoring 603 acres of forest; removing 12.3 miles of eroding logging roads to prevent sediment from fouling salmon streams; recording more young fish in restored streams; and adding a seasonal interpreter who offered summer talks and tours to the public.

Since 2002, 34 miles of logging roads have been removed; 1,600 acres of young, dense forest stands have been thinned; 1,800 seedlings



have been planted in Mill Creek and surrounding parklands; salmon habitat structures have been installed in streams; and a forest recovery study was launched.

To Save Giants, We Must Find Them First

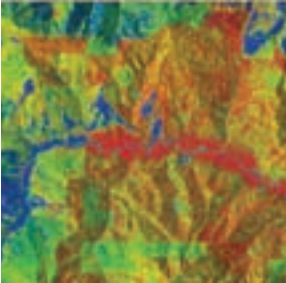


Image: Bill Kruse

A new technology is improving the League's ability to determine the number and size of redwoods and prioritize forest restoration and erosion control at Mill Creek. Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR), involves firing a laser beam from a plane and recording the reflection to measure the height of trees and the ground. LiDAR is accurate to within half a meter, compared to traditional techniques' error range of 30 meters. New LiDAR data is under analysis. The technology can reveal up to 50 percent more drainage features, which are important to predict where salmon-threatening landslides may occur. Another benefit of LiDAR is that it can help the League understand redwoods' role in climate change by providing the number and size of trees in the forest. *The LiDAR image (left) shows tall trees in red.*

Member Supports 'Transformational' Technology

As philanthropist and big tree enthusiast Ken Fisher sees it, Save the Redwoods League's use of Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) will transform the study of coast redwoods. It's for this reason that Fisher, of Fisher Investments, made a generous contribution to support use of this new technology.

LiDAR improves the study of redwoods partly because it makes it much easier to find taller trees, Fisher said. Finding larger trees will advance studies of the redwood canopy, an effort in which he's especially interested.

Fisher's love for redwoods, which he calls "the most spectacular trees in the world," stems from his childhood in California. Most of these spectacular trees would not exist if it were not for the League, Fisher said. "The League was there at the right time before there was a voice for protecting any of these trees in a massive way," he said.

Ken Fisher and son, Nathan, at the base of the Lost Monarch in Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park.



Eight League-supported researchers completed a draft of a scientific paper that will speed restoration of old-growth characteristics in logged forests for future generations to enjoy. The paper significantly advances understanding of how natural disturbances such as fire, floods and wind affected redwood forests before logging in the last 150 years. Our Mill Creek forest restoration program aims to mimic these disturbances by removing small trees that were planted too close together in post-logging reforestation efforts. This tree removal will promote faster growth of larger trees and other old-forest characteristics such as a dense canopy, clear-running, fish-filled streams, and abundant animal species that rely on old forests.

**Study to Improve
Old-Growth
Restoration**

In 2008, the League awarded more than \$90,000 to fund seven research projects that will expand scientific knowledge of redwood ecosystems and the impact of global climate change on them. The projects will be vital for understanding what redwood ecosystems need to survive. Since 1997, the League has awarded more than \$675,000 in research grants to fund 47 projects that have provided the scientific community and public with new information about forest ecology and redwood growth, restoration and wildlife habitat.

**7 Grants to Advance
Scientific Knowledge
of Redwoods, Climate
Change Effects**

The 2007-8 Grantees

Todd Dawson, University of California, Berkeley

Sword Fern: The Unexplored Link in Redwood Hydrology

Walter Duffy, Humboldt State University

Lower Redwood Creek Juvenile Salmonid Abundance Project

Mary K. Firestone, University of California, Berkeley

How Will Climate Change Impact the Composition of Microbial Communities in Coastal Redwood Forest Soils?

W. Bryan Jennings, Humboldt State University

How Many Species of Black Salamanders Exist in the Redwood Forest?

Kevin O'Hara, University of California, Berkeley

Remeasurement of Variable-Density Thinning Plots at Mill Creek

Kevin O'Hara, University of California, Berkeley

Tanoak Decline in Redwood Forests: An Analysis of the Structural and Compositional Effects of Sudden Oak Death

V. Thomas Parker, San Francisco State University

Determining Shade Tolerance in Rare Redwood-Associated Manzanita



Our members' contributions made it possible for the League's Education Program to continue growing redwood enthusiasts to promote future protection of the giants we all cherish. The League awarded 37 grants totaling \$150,000 in 2007-8. These grants supported programs that helped thousands of children and adults experience the beauty and

EDUCATION

Inspiring Future Redwood Stewards

majesty of the redwood forest. Such experiences are a crucial part of sparking lifelong commitment to protecting the environment.

This section offers a look at this year's grant-supported programs and the art some of them inspired.

The Redwood Project

*Boys & Girls Clubs
of San Francisco*

kidsclub.org

*Mendocino County,
California*

Campers who attended Camp Mendocino this summer found themselves in a redwood wonderland perfect for teaching urban children about the natural world. Youths experienced and learned to respect and appreciate their environment, while participating in fun and challenging activities.

Campers experience the breathtaking redwood forest as they participate in activities such as completing a challenge course.



Photo: Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco



WildLink Program

*Sequoia Natural
History Association*

sequoiahistory.org

Three Rivers, California

*Students show their
journals about their
experiences in the wilds of
Sequoia National Park.*



Photo: Sequoia Natural History Association

Central Valley high school students joined the WildLink wilderness expedition program at Sequoia National Park. For many, this was their first visit to their local national park. Students learned about and conducted field research in the giant sequoias while practicing leadership skills.

Place-Based Redwood Curriculum

*Caritas Creek
Environmental
Education Program*

caritascreek.org

Cazadero, California

*Students ponder
towering redwoods
in the Caritas Creek
Environmental
Education Program.*



Photo: Emily Ordway

Two hundred eighty San Francisco Bay Area 5th and 6th graders discovered their connection to the natural environment and prepared to become future redwood stewards. A League Education Program grant created a sense of reverence in the students and helped provide journals, binoculars, tree identification guides, redwood-themed storybooks, and laminated photos and diagrams of redwoods.



California Roots & Shoots

Roots & Shoots

rootsandshoots.org

Berkeley, California

.....

California Roots & Shoots youth leaders spend a day as stewards of Muir Woods National Monument in Marin County, California.

The 2007-8 Redwood Education Grant Recipients

Beamer Park Elementary School
Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco
Caritas Creek EE Program
Center for Land-Based Learning
Dow's Prairie School
Eagle Prairie Elementary School
Empire Elementary School
Exploring New Horizons Outdoor Schools
Foothill Horizons Outdoor School
Fortuna Middle School
Gateway High School
Green Meadows Outdoor School
HSU Natural History Museum
Humboldt County Office of Education
Ink People, Inc.
LandPaths
Mattole Restoration Council
Mendocino Land Trust
Mendocino Woodlands Camp Association
Mission Springs Camp & Conference Center
Muir Woods National Monument
North Coast Redwood Interpretive Association
Northwest Film Forum
Richmond Children's Foundation
Roots & Shoots, Jane Goodall Institute
Salmon Creek School
Salmon Protection and Watershed Network
Sequoia Natural History Association
Sonoma Ecology Center
South Fork High School
Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods
Student Conservation Association
The Yosemite Fund
University of California, Berkeley, University Herbarium
YMCA Camp Jones Gulch
YMCA Point Bonita
Youth Enrichment Strategies

Woodland
 San Francisco
 Cazadero
 Winters
 McKinleyville
 Rio Dell
 Empire
 Felton
 Sonora
 Fortuna
 San Francisco
 Merced
 Arcata
 Eureka
 Eureka
 Santa Rosa
 Petrolia
 Mendocino
 Mendocino
 Scotts Valley
 Mill Valley
 Orick
 Seattle
 Richmond
 Berkeley
 Occidental
 Forest Knolls
 Three Rivers
 Sonoma
 Miranda
 Duncans Mills
 Oakland
 San Francisco
 Berkeley
 La Honda
 Sausalito
 Richmond

Redwood Forests Inspire Kids' Art



**Picture: Hector,
Empire Elementary School**

Kissing a Banana Slug

*I kissed a Banana Slug,
four or more times.*

*I said, "Four, shmore!"
So I kissed it once more.*

*It felt so ewwy and gooey.
It smelt fine,
just like anytime.*

It tasted ooey and fooley.

— Morgan
Empire Elementary School

*In 2007, the League
received 1,776
gifts in honor or
memory of friends
or family members.
We will plant more
than 1,800 seedlings
as a result of these
wonderful and
thoughtful gifts.*

*Last year, more
than 1,000 of your
donations were
given online!*

*Because our donors
took advantage
of their employers'
matching-gift
programs, the League
received more
than \$20,000 of
additional funds in
gifts and pledges.*



Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

*Save the Redwoods
League*

*for the Year Ended
March 31, 2008*

Revenue and public support:

Contributions:

Donations	\$ 2,843,993
Program and land acquisition contributions	13,762,772
Reforestation, restoration, research, and other contributions	2,877,916
In-kind contributions	22,632
Change in value of irrevocable trusts	101,487
Donated land	308,000
Grants from state and federal agencies	5,000
Income (loss) from investments	3,718,717
Gain on revaluation of land	660,000
Other income	<u>21,277</u>
Total revenue and public support	<u>24,321,794</u>

Expenses:

Program services:

Land deeded to the State of California	800,000
Land deeded to the United States of America	200,000
Conservation easement expense	7,039,100
Redwood land program support	2,019,894
Education and research grants	244,147
Redwood reforestation grants	45,000
Other grants	<u>255,382</u>
Total program services	<u>10,603,523</u>

Support services:

General and administrative	1,449,468
Fundraising	<u>1,654,700</u>
Total support services	<u>3,104,168</u>
Total expenses	<u>13,707,691</u>
Increase in net assets	10,614,103

Net assets, beginning of year

64,693,587

Net assets, end of year

\$ 75,307,690

The financial information as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, has been derived from the League's 2008 financial statements, audited by Burr, Pilger & Mayer, independent auditors. The condensed financial information should be read in conjunction with the 2008 audited financial statements and related notes. Contact the League's office for copies of the complete audited statements.

Statement of Financial Position

Save the Redwoods League

March 31, 2008

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,103,652
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	544,060
Interest receivable	519,726
Contributions receivable	1,179,266
Other receivable	6,668
Investments	58,240,351
Real estate held	11,029,880
Contributions receivable from irrevocable trusts	2,214,767
Property and equipment, net	86,796
Deposits on land purchase	20,000
Other assets	52,464
Endowment fund	373,461
	<hr/>
Total assets	\$ 76,371,091
	<hr/> <hr/>

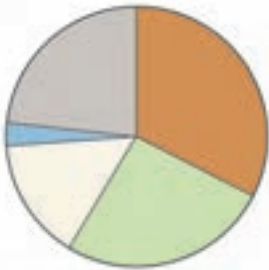
Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,063,401
Total liabilities	<hr/> 1,063,401

Net assets:

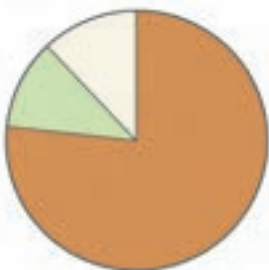
Unrestricted	45,338,359
Temporarily restricted	29,580,997
Permanently restricted	388,334
Total net assets	<hr/> 75,307,690
	<hr/>
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 76,371,091
	<hr/> <hr/>



Support and Revenue

2007-8

- Individuals and Bequests 32.4%
- Foundations and Corporations 26.3%
- Government Agencies 23.2%
- Investments 15.3%
- Other Income 2.8%



Programmatic Efficiency

2007-8

- Program Services 77.36%
- Fundraising 12.07%
- Administration 10.57%



Printed on 100 percent postconsumer, ancient forest friendly recycled paper certified by Smart-Wood according to Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standards. The FSC promotes environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.



..... • WALK AMONG GIANTS •

Save The Redwoods
L E A G U E

Save the Redwoods League • 114 Sansome Street, Suite 1200 • San Francisco, California 94104
(415) 362-2352 (voice) • (415) 362-7017 (fax) • savetheredwoods.org