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Dear Friends,

As you may know, California State Parks is the primary custodian for most of the redwood forestland you and the League have protected since 1918. You also may know that this parks system is grappling with a budget and management crisis. Amid these challenges, our priority is to safeguard redwood forests and their surrounding lands for all to enjoy. To reach this goal, we continued to work this year on short- and long-term solutions that can set California State Parks on a path toward sustainability and excellence.

We also continued to form alliances with other partners to protect redwood forests. Such alliances helped protect the ancient Noyo River Redwoods that surround part of the historic Skunk Train railroad, as well as Shady Dell, the remarkable Lost Coast property. Shady Dell was part of the largest conservation project in California in 2011. These partnerships and others described in this report are crucial, because you and the League cannot protect the redwoods alone. If we are to succeed, we need a community of caretakers — a range of nonprofits, corporations and other organizations to secure the redwood forest’s long-term health and survival.

Thank you for joining us to protect these extraordinary places. We extend our deepest gratitude for your support.

Pete Dangermond  
Board President

Ruskin K. Hartley  
Executive Director
1,946.5 acres of redwood forest and supporting land, listed from north to south.

1. REDWOOD NATIONAL PARK: 2.5 ACRES
2. HUMBOLDT REDWOODS STATE PARK: 0.5 ACRE
3. HUMBOLDT REDWOODS STATE PARK: 0.5 ACRE
4. SHADY DELL: 957 ACRES
5. NOYO RIVER REDWOODS: 426 ACRES
6. THE CEDARS AREA OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN: 500 ACRES
7. GIANT SEQUOIA NATIONAL MONUMENT, SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST: 60 ACRES

It took $14 million to protect this land. Help make sure we are always ready to seize opportunities to buy redwood forestland like this: Please donate to our Redwood Land Fund through our secure website, SaveTheRedwoods.org/RedwoodLandFund, or mail your contribution to our address on the back cover. Thank you for your generous gifts.
The Impact of Your Support

Your gifts supported our purchase of land that helps protect ancient giants and clean water in the surrounding Giant Sequoia National Monument (pictured), home of some of Earth’s largest trees.
In Shady Dell, nature’s feast is set with gigantic candelabras that sprouted as Henry VIII ascended the English throne 500 years ago. Here, a few miles north of Fort Bragg, stands a grove of unusual redwoods shaped by strong coastal winds.

The area’s stunning location was being eyed for development, which would have threatened the mysterious ancient trees as well as critical wildlife habitat.

Today Shady Dell is in the process of being protected, thanks to you, The Conservation Fund, Redwood Forest Foundation Inc. and the State of California’s Coastal Conservancy and Wildlife Conservation Board. These organizations united to protect the Usal Redwood Forest’s 50,000 acres, the largest conservation project in California in 2011. Part of this larger forest, Shady Dell now belongs to the League.

With your help, we plan to restore portions damaged by past logging.

Greg Hind and his family foundation were instrumental partners in helping to save Shady Dell. “Creating these sanctuaries for redwoods is a big reason we support the League,” Hind said.

His daughter, Kirsten Hind, who is involved with the Hind Foundation, said the beauty and the fresh air of the redwood forest continue to fill them with amazement and indelible memories. “It’s very vital that we sustain that for future generations,” Kirsten said, about sharing the redwoods’ wonder.

With continued support, the League will continue to make the world a better place by preserving and restoring special places like Shady Dell.

Learn more about this land protection project and others of 2011 – 12 at SaveTheRedwoods.org/LandProjects.
Greg Hind (above, left) and his family foundation were instrumental in helping to protect Shady Dell (shown here).
You hastened the healing of a sprawling, scarred forest.

PASSION HELPS SET MILL CREEK ON A PATH TO RECOVERY

Ron Blubaugh believes in second chances. In 2005, he and his wife, Carola, participated in a Save the Redwoods League-sponsored tour of Mill Creek, a 25,000-acre redwood forest now part of Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park. The Blubaughs’ visit followed the League-led purchase of Mill Creek in 2002 and the land’s transfer to California State Parks. Before the transfer, Mill Creek had been a logging site for at least 100 years.

During their tour, the Blubaughs saw evidence of this logging: Sediment from eroding roads and clear-cuts threatened to suffocate eggs of endangered salmon in surrounding waterways. Replanting by the loggers had produced unhealthy saplings.

“It was this dense, dark place with little trees all growing together,” Blubaugh recalled. But the guide also showed them an area that had been thinned years before by our longtime partner, California State Parks, thanks to the League and support from members like you. “You could see how this was going to become a beautiful stand of redwoods,” Blubaugh said.

“I was struck by two things,” he continued. “What an enormous effort it will take to bring that land back into proper condition and what terrific results you can achieve if you make that effort. It was just a matter of money.”

That’s why the Blubaughs generously supported Mill Creek this year.

Blubaugh, a retired administrative judge, has had a lifelong affection for redwoods.

“The redwoods are where we go when we want to escape society’s problems,” he said, adding that those trips help him when he returns home to focus on providing the homeless with free legal services.

Learn more about this restoration project and others of 2011 – 12 at SaveTheRedwoods.org/restoration.
Ron and Carola Blubaugh (above left) supported our restoration of Mill Creek forest in Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park (shown here). Fewer than 200 acres of giants remain in 25,000-acre Mill Creek.
MOBILE APPLICATION MOBILIZES CITIZEN SCIENTISTS

The sight of hikers staring at their iPhones instead of the forested beauty around them could have ruined the day for Lisa Micheli, Ph.D. Instead, the Executive Director of Sonoma County’s 3,120-acre Pepperwood Preserve was thrilled. The six hikers were actually citizen scientists using the League’s Redwood Watch mobile application to document the preserve’s redwoods.

Redwood Watch, powered by iNaturalist.org, allows anyone with an iPhone or a camera to help track redwoods and associated species as climate changes. Just find a redwood tree in a park, your backyard, or in a botanical garden anywhere in the world. Then use the free application or your camera to take a photo of the tree and submit it online. Your photo is plotted on a map, and our scientists will use all the submissions to recommend conservation strategies.

Last year, Micheli asked Emily Burns, Ph.D., the Save the Redwoods League Director of Science, for advice on how to monitor the iconic trees. Because Pepperwood Preserve is inland from the coast’s fog belt, Micheli hypothesized that its 9.5 acres of redwoods would be more sensitive to climate stress. As the climate changes, inland areas may become drier, which may in turn impact the redwoods’ ability to reproduce and grow.

“The app is great because it’s a way to start mapping our redwoods, help us prepare for a more intensive kind of monitoring and engage our citizen scientists,” Micheli said. “We’re teaching people how to use the tool, but we’re also building community.”

Learn more about Redwood Watch at SaveTheRedwoods.org/RedwoodWatch. Read about other science projects of 2011-12 at SaveTheRedwoods.org/RecentScience.
Emily Burns, League Director of Science (shown here), uses our Redwood Watch iPhone application to help track redwoods and associated species as climate changes. Plants’ photos are plotted on an online map (above left).
You introduced youths to careers that safeguard the wonders in their backyards.

**MOTIVATING FUTURE FOREST STEWARDS**

Redwoods are Humboldt County’s greatest treasure. They also happen to be an awesome teaching tool. Yet many of the area’s young people know little about redwoods and forest stewardship careers.

Thanks to your support, which enabled Save the Redwoods League to provide an education grant to our partner, The Forest Foundation, the next generation of forest caretakers is taking root. Over two days, the Auburn-based foundation took 65 high school students from Humboldt County–area schools on a learning adventure called “Map It, Manage It, Sustain It.”

Students learned from foresters in Arcata Community Forest how GPS units use satellite signals to record locations of forest features. From there, the kids learned to use a dichotomous key to identify tree species.

Students witnessed how foresters balance social, environmental and economic components of forest conservation. For example, wildlife biologists taught them how to identify animals living in the forest, and how to use a compass to plot a northern spotted owl nest on a map so that the area won’t be disturbed.

In a Humboldt State University lab, students saw how their GPS waypoints could be used to map the forest to determine important wildlife habitat, areas for recreation, stands that could be thinned and which parts might need trail repairs,” said Shaney Emerson, Education Director for The Forest Foundation.

Barry Tucker, the father of Fortuna High School student Shelby, said his daughter came home excited by the experience. “This event put options in front of students when they may have needed some direction,” he said.

*Read about other education projects of 2011 – 12 at SaveTheRedwoods.org/RecentEducation.*
Arcata High School students (above left) measure tree height using a clinometer. Your support enabled them and others to explore forest stewardship careers. On this page, a redwood forest explorer compares her hand size to the footprint of a mountain lion, an elusive species.
Five organizations combined their expertise to conserve a wild landscape.

VISIONARY GRANT, TEAMWORK PROTECT VAST FOREST

Just north of Santa Cruz, a redwood forest stretches from the coastal hills to the remote ridgelines of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Less than an hour away from Silicon Valley, the CEMEX Redwoods property is home to coast redwoods, imperiled wildlife and streams that supply drinking water.

The beauty and location of the 8,532-acre property attracted prospective home developers. But thanks to the generous support of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, the property was purchased as the first phase of protecting the land.

The December 2011 purchase was the first major project of the Living Landscape Initiative, a partnership including Save the Redwoods League, Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, Peninsula Open Space Trust, Sempervirens Fund and The Nature Conservancy.

Providing an initial $15 million grant over the next three years for land protection and stewardship, the Foundation helped create the Initiative as a new model for conservation, harnessing the expertise of each organization.

“The large-scale success of conserving the CEMEX Redwoods property shows the results the partners of the Living Landscape Initiative are able to achieve by working together,” said Gary Knoblock, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation Program Officer.

We are grateful to the Foundation for helping to accelerate Bay Area conservation through their philanthropic vision.

Our work on CEMEX Redwoods is not done. We need your support for the next phase of conserving this property for current and future generations.

Please learn more about CEMEX Redwoods at SaveTheRedwoods.org/CEMEXRedwoods. You may read about our other partnerships at SaveTheRedwoods.org/partner.
The League and four other conservation groups are partnering to protect CEMEX Redwoods (shown here), home to coast redwoods, imperiled wildlife and streams that supply drinking water. The peregrine falcon (above left), is among the many species that live in this forest.
The list on the following pages reflects gifts of $500 or more received from January 1 to December 31, 2011. We also appreciate the donations from the thousands of members who made gifts of less than $500 and who are too numerous to list here. We make every attempt to ensure the accuracy of this list, but if you notice an omission, please contact Carolyn Meyer at CMeyer@SaveTheRedwoods.org or (888) 836-0005.

We extend our deepest thanks to all our generous members who have helped make a difference.
For many of us, our love for the redwood forest is rooted in childhood experiences among the giant trees. This is true for George Palmer Putnam, Jr., but he had further inspiration. His mother was a friend of influential naturalist John Muir. Putnam spent many hours as a child walking among the redwoods to fight effects of his polio. These forests remain dear to him.

In addition to his mother’s influence in fostering his love for the wilderness, the courage and independence of his stepmother, aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart, deeply impressed Putnam. He believed the redwoods to be a fitting and lasting memorial for her, so he spent days hiking through redwood forests looking for the perfect location to dedicate. Putnam found it where a 28-foot-wide coast redwood stood tall in Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park. There, he established the Amelia Earhart Memorial Grove in 1985.

Earhart would have been proud of the grove. “No kind action ever stops with itself,” Earhart said. “One kind action leads to another. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees.”

Putnam has inspired future generations, including his granddaughter, Corinna Dilts. She volunteers as a Councillor, or advisor, in her grandfather’s place for Save the Redwoods League.

Now living in Boynton Beach, Florida, with Marie, his wife, Putnam was a director of Binney & Smith, maker of Crayola crayons. His grandparents, Edwin and Alice Binney, developed the famous product. This pedigree is just part of what’s made Putnam’s life so colorful.
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5 Ways You Can Help Protect Redwoods

- **DONATE** to Save the Redwoods League.
- **PLAN** a gift in your will for Save the Redwoods League.
- **TALK** to your friends about the League’s work.
- **VISIT** the redwood forest with your friends and family.
- **EXPLORE** volunteer opportunities in redwood parks.

**Use our Redwoods Finder interactive map to plan your next visit to the redwood forest: Go to SaveTheRedwoods.org/maps, now featuring 36 parks. Use the map on your mobile device!**

**Photo by Paolo Vecchi**
By the Numbers

More than $100,000 in research grants is funding projects that will contribute to scientific knowledge of coast redwood and giant sequoia forests. This research can help us answer big questions that will protect the health of people, wildlife and redwood forests.

Anthony Ambrose, left, and Steve Sillett, center, are among the leading scientists of our Redwoods and Climate Change Initiative. Their findings will help focus League efforts on where to protect and restore redwood forestland according to climate change forecasts.
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By the Numbers

Our education grants support schools, park associations and other nonprofits that provide redwood forest education in and out of the classroom. Your support gives children and adults the chance to learn about redwood forests, fostering the next generation of caretakers who will value and protect these natural wonders.

We awarded more than $100,000 to the following organizations.

Members of a high school class get the chance to learn among the giant sequoias, thanks to your support and a grant from our Education Program.
## EDUCATION GRANTS AWARDED

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Thanks to the continuing support from our members and supporters, Save the Redwoods League enjoyed a very successful year of conservation, stewardship, research and education. The League acquired and protected 1,946.5 acres of redwood forestland and associated landscapes valued at $14.1 million. We also monitored 26 easements and deeded $4.3 million of land and easements with a fair market value of $8.3 million to public agencies and other nonprofit land stewards. In addition, we awarded $1.8 million in grants for reforestation, climate change research, education and other projects.

The League dedicated considerable resources to respond to the immediate challenges resulting from the plans of California State Parks (CSP) to shutter one-quarter of all the parks under their management. In addition, the League, in consultation with multiple partners and contributors, crafted a vision for parks’ excellence and how the League may be able to assist the beleaguered park system to achieve its potential.

Total revenue of $14.4 million was up 28.5 percent from the prior year primarily due to the impact of a grant from a state agency toward completion of one of our key acquisitions during the year.

Operationally, expenses increased by $3.7 million, principally due to the substantially greater programmatic expense from the donation of lands to the ultimate permanent stewards ($4.3 million this year vs. $425,000 the previous year). This expense attributable to the divestment of land has varied widely from year to year because of the limited range of partners that can steward land. In the past the League has divested the lands to CSP, however due to their budgetary and resource limitations, the League has steadily been developing deeper relationships with other stewards, from federal partners to local land trusts.

The League ended the year with net assets of $91.1 million, an increase of $2.1 million from the prior year.

The transaction cycle in land conservation can take more than five years to complete, from initial contact with a seller to acquisition and finally, transfer to a public agency or nonprofit for permanent protection. Consequently, the League may hold land (reflected as real estate held) for several years before transferring it to a public agency or nonprofit land trust and realizing any program expense. Considered over a five-year period, the League’s expenses for programmatic services represented 72 percent of total expenses.

Peter B. Frazier, Treasurer
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
for the year ended March 31, 2012

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<td>Contributions of land and easements to public agencies and other nonprofit organizations:</td>
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<td>Fair market value conveyed</td>
<td>8,250,000</td>
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<td>Less consideration received</td>
<td>4,000,000</td>
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<td>Contributions of land and easement values made</td>
<td>4,250,000</td>
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<td>Redwood land program support</td>
<td>3,129,423</td>
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<tr>
<td>Education and research grants</td>
<td>202,191</td>
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<td>Redwood reforestation grants</td>
<td>65,393</td>
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<td>Climate change research grants</td>
<td>790,338</td>
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<td>Other grants</td>
<td>775,758</td>
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<td><strong>Total program services</strong></td>
<td><strong>9,213,103</strong></td>
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#### SUPPORT SERVICES

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>General and administrative</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
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<td><strong>Total support services</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
<td><strong>12,338,947</strong></td>
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<td>Change in net assets</td>
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<td>Net assets, beginning of year</td>
<td>89,021,744</td>
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<td>Net assets, end of year</td>
<td><strong>$91,090,917</strong></td>
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The condensed financial information should be read in conjunction with the 2012 audited financial statements and related notes.

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