



## **ANNUAL REPORT**

# **Fiscal Year 2012-2013**

*To preserve, restore and enhance the Laguna de Santa Rosa, and to inspire greater public understanding and appreciation for this Wetland of International Importance.*



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Dear Friends of the Laguna,

The 2012-2013 Fiscal Year was full of great successes!

This was our first full year of occupancy in the newly completed Great Blue Heron Hall. As part of our Public Education Program, we have monthly open houses and this last year we hosted over 20 walks, talks, and lectures. Renting the facility to other non-profits and groups for events create enormous support for the Education Department as well. And of course, we love using it for our own docent and guide training courses! All of this has added substantially to the number of visitors at the center and has helped us build public appreciation for the Laguna de Santa Rosa, a Wetland of International Importance. As the appreciation for the Laguna has deepened, so too has our membership in the Laguna Foundation – we now have over 600 members!

We encourage you to visit or attend one of the public education events we now regularly hold at the center. The native landscape and demonstration wetland have matured nicely and are attracting many different species of birds, dragonflies, and butterflies.

We continue to be immensely proud of our Conservation and Restoration Department and its ongoing work to restore riparian forest habitat to the Laguna and its tributaries on the Santa Rosa Plain. With over 13,000 newly planted native plants, we are truly making a difference that will last for generations. As those plants mature, they will provide natural beauty and much needed wildlife habitat and migration corridors. Importantly, it will also improve our water quality. And all of this is being accomplished near the heart of the densest part of Sonoma County.

Last year, we also added new expertise to the Board of Directors. We are happy to welcome Julie Atwood, Nils- Michael Langenberg, Dr. Claudia Luke, Dr. Robert Rubin and Dr. Dianne Smith to our Board. Thanks to the Board and to our valued donors, volunteers, and members for helping us continue to meet our mission: to preserve, restore and enhance a greater public appreciation for the Laguna de Santa Rosa.

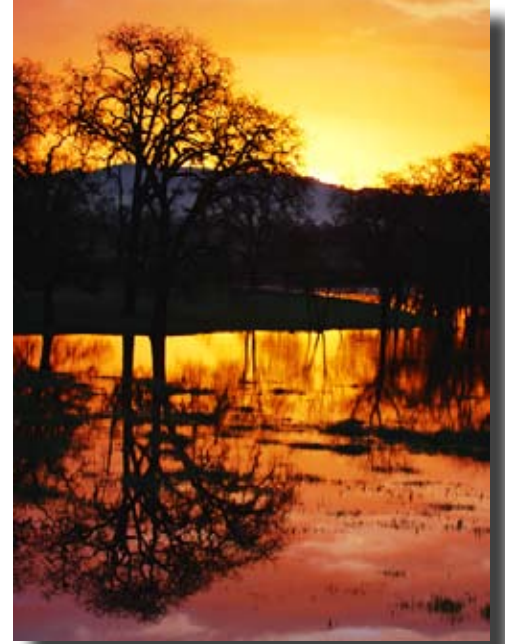
For the Laguna,



Rachel Mansfield-Howlett  
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## YEAR AT A GLANCE

### Education

#### *Raising Public Awareness and Providing Environmental Education*

- During the 27th & 28th seasons of Learning Laguna, over 1275 students from 48 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade classes learned about Laguna plants and animals and the importance of wetlands through interactive classroom activities and experiential field trips to the Laguna. Docents served 131 (11%) more students this year than last.

- We gratefully acknowledge the work of 72 Laguna docents who contributed more than 1256 hours of teaching time to Learning Laguna.

- \$2500 in bus scholarships were awarded to 29% of participating Learning Laguna classes

- 14 new docents completed the 10-week docent training class in spring.

- 12 volunteers fulfilled the Guides training program, increasing this circle to 28 educators.

- With appreciation we recognize the Guides and contributing Docents for:

- Hosting 15 open house events and 7 special request tours at the Laguna Environmental Center for approximately 785 guests

- Leading and assisting with 5 trail walks for 325 people

- Supporting 21 public education talks and workshops for nearly 800 community members

- Sharing about the Laguna and the Foundation's work with over 500 people while tabling at the Laguna Trail and other community nature celebrations

### Restoration

#### *Bringing Back the Laguna's Natural Abundance*

- Hosted our 4th annual Tree-A-Thon event where 87 volunteers planted nearly 600 trees and shrubs, and at the River Parkways/Southern Laguna Restoration Project.

- Held nine Laguna Keepers events throughout the Laguna watershed and Laguna Environmental Center which generated over 750 volunteer hours for restoration efforts in the Laguna

- Launched the Southern Laguna Restoration Project which will restore critically important riparian habitat along 12,000 linear feet of the Laguna main stem.

- Grew and diversified our internship program to create enriched work experience opportunities for college students which generated over 1,500 hours of project support.

- Encumbered over \$200,000 in grants and matching project support for future restoration efforts in the Laguna.

- Engaged a wide spectrum of community groups in our stewardship work including: North Bay Conservation Corps Project Re-Generation, Sonoma Youth Ecology Corps, Sonoma County Regional Parks - Parks Alliance youth crew, Cardinal Newman High School, Congregation Shomrei Torah, Team Prunus, and Sonoma State University.

### Conservation Science

#### *Understanding and Protecting the Laguna Watershed*

Much of the work of the Conservation Science Department involves long-term monitoring assessing biology and ecology of the Laguna Watershed. We celebrate continuation of these important assessment projects:

- We conducted our 7th year of the Adopt a Vernal Pool program! The longest running, most comprehensive native plant assessment program in Sonoma County, the AVP program collected data to monitor and protect three endangered species.

- We completed our 2nd year of controlling invasive Pennyroyal Mint in vernal pools. Conservation Science takes a leadership role in vernal pool management by working to restore habitat protecting critically endangered species in addition to monitoring

- 7th year of bird surveys evaluating the success of restoration and impacts of trails.

- 3rd year of evaluating water quality of creeks and streams in the lower Laguna watershed.



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### \$10,000+

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### \$5,000 - \$9,999

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*Docents lead children in a Water Investigation Activity at the Sebastopol Preserve.*

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Gary Hundt

*Visitors enjoy watching birds and other wildlife along the Laguna Trail.*

The **Laguna Foundation** is grateful to every one of the individuals and organizations who made a broad range of financial gifts from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2012**

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>REVENUES AND SUPPORT</b>				
Government Grants & Contracts	\$280,219	\$17,876		\$298,095
Other Grants	60,445	20,660		81,105
Contributions by individuals	185,152	46,068		231,220
Program income	63,855			63,855
Net assets released from restrictions	77,180	-77,180		0
<b>Total revenues and support</b>	<b>666,851</b>	<b>7,424</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>674,275</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Program services				
Restoration	225,361			225,361
Conservation science	105,141			105,141
Education	119,328			119,328
Laguna Environmental Center	30,691			30,691
Total program services	480,521	0	0	480,521
Supporting services				
Management and general	188,430			188,430
Fundraising and member services	70,307			70,307
Total supporting services	258,737	0	0	258,737
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b><u>739,258</u></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b><u>739,258</u></b>
Change in net assets	-72,407	7,424		-64,983
Net assets, beginning of period	2,308,498	23,007	10,000	2,341,505
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF PERIOD</b>	<b><u>\$2,236,091</u></b>	<b><u>\$30,431</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,276,522</u></b>

*These statements are unaudited and for internal use only.*

**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As of June 30, 2013**

**ASSETS**

**Current assets**

Cash and equivalents	\$22,001
Accounts receivable	58,330
Other current assets	<u>9,128</u>
Total current assets	89,559

**Fixed assets**

Land, See Note 1	150,000
Building and property improvements	1,915,198
Property net of accumulated depreciation	49,651
Total fixed assets	2,114,849

**Other assets**

Lease gift in kind less value discount	196,528
Endowment fund	8,729
Total other assets	205,257

**Total assets** **\$2,409,665**

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**Current liabilities**

Accounts payable	\$42,154
Accrued vacation	15,586
Current portion, long term debt	18,489
Payroll liabilities	5,091
Other liabilities	49,300
Other payables	2,523
Total current liabilities	<b><u>133,143</u></b>

**Net assets**

Unrestricted	2,236,091
Temporarily restricted	30,431
Permanently restricted	10,000
Total net assets	<b><u>2,276,522</u></b>

**Total liabilities and net assets** **\$2,409,665**

**Grants and Contracts**

California Department of Fish and Game,  
Habitat Conservation Planning Branch

California Department of Transportation

City of Santa Rosa

City of Sebastopol

Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation  
and Open Space District

Sonoma County Fish And Wildlife Commission

Sonoma County Water Agency

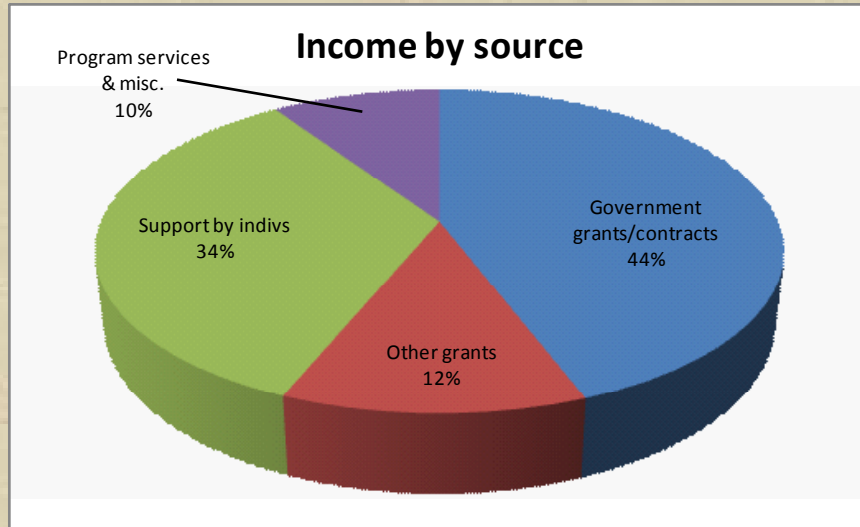
State Coastal Conservancy

US Fish & Wildlife Service

*Note 1 - Land is shown at current appraised value. The property is encumbered by a conservation easement.*

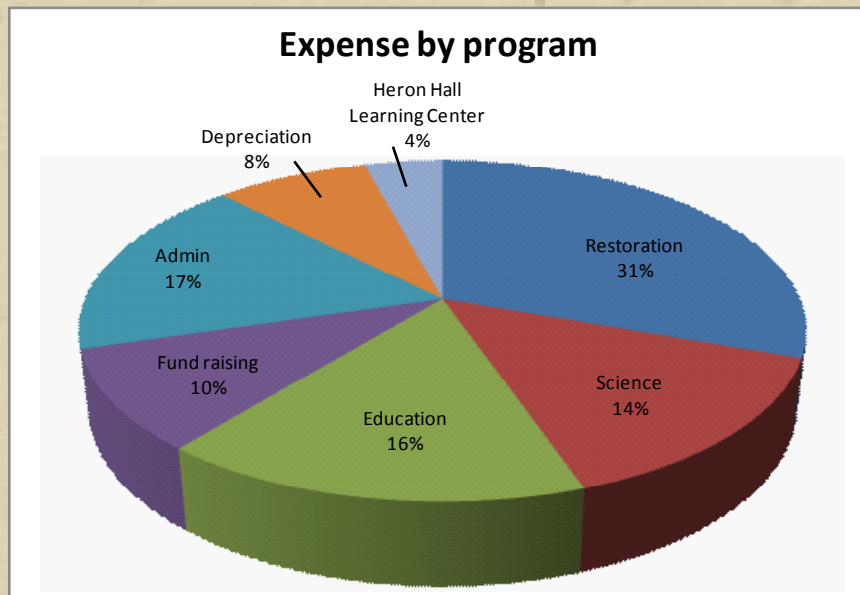


## FY 2012-2013 Revenue



Government Grants & Contracts	298,095
Grants	81,105
Contributions by individuals	231,220
Program services and miscellaneous	63,854
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>674,274</b>

## FY 2012-2013 Expenses



Personnel	424,232
Other project/program costs	71,247
Office & administration	43,421
Professional services	88,499
Loan interest, bank fees & taxes	13,260
Fund raising event costs	23,259
Maintenance & utilities	8,237
Training & volunteer costs	4,170
Merchandise production	2,629
Depreciation	60,304
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>739,258</b>