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Aerial Conservation is a remote sensing and geographic information systems (GIS) and data management company focused on providing tools for conservation, monitoring and stewardship. We support stewardship work with high quality data collected using satellite, manned aircraft, but especially unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) or "drones". Our UAS work is new to the marketplace providing very high-resolution data previously out of reach for conservation purposes due to cost. In addition, to data acquisition services, Aerial Conservation provides cloud-based data storage and management and GIS enabling efficient and cost-effective tools to supplement conservation programs in stewardship, research, and land acquisition.



Founded in 1978, the mission of The Big Sur Land Trust is to inspire love of the land and conservation of our treasured landscapes. In collaboration with partners and the community, the Land Trust has protected almost 38,000 acres of land since its inception. The Land Trust is committed to pursuing land and water conservation work that strengthens our communities and inspires a stewardship ethic so that Monterey County can maintain its unique and special place in the world. The goal and commitment of the Land Trust is to pursue resource conservation that supports the well-being of land and people and sustains our region's unique quality of life for us all.

www.bigsurlandtrust.org



The Bay Area Open Space Council is a unique network of nonprofits and public agencies that conserve, steward and connect people to the region's world-class parks, trails, and working lands in the San Francisco Bay Area.

What started in 1990 as a small group of like-minded colleagues, the Open Space Council has grown to 65 organizational members and supporters that serve tens of millions of people each year, maintain thousands of miles of trails, produce delicious food, and steward over 1 million acres of publicly accessible parks.

www.openspacecouncil.org



As a subsidiary of the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits), our mission is to provide innovative, solution-oriented insurance products, personalized customer service and education tailored to the specialized needs of nonprofits. We offer the full range of employee benefit and general liability coverages and provide exclusive nonprofit insurance programs. We do all this while maintaining the highest level of expertise, integrity and quality of service.

www.calnonprofits.org/resources/insurance-risk



CONSERVATION LAND GROUP

Since 1995, Conservation Land Group (CLG) has specialized in structuring and completing conservation real estate transactions, including conservation easements, on behalf of private landowners, non-profit land trusts and foundations, mitigation purchasers, and public land management agencies.

www.conserveland.com



Founded in 1985, Conservation Partners is dedicated to promoting the preservation of land for the public interest. Under the direction of Ellen Fred, Conservation Partners specializes in advising, negotiating and drafting agreements to protect agricultural lands, natural habitats and open spaces. The team has successfully completed a vast array of transactions involving conservation easements, land acquisitions and federal land exchanges; we have also successfully resolved stewardship issues that arise post-transaction. The work of Conservation Partners has resulted in thousands of acres of land being conserved for the benefit of the public and in some cases for public use.

www.conservationpartners.com



Cal-IPC

California Invasive Plant Council

Cal-IPC's mission is to protect California's lands and waters from ecologically-damaging invasive plants through science, education and policy. We work closely with agencies, industry and other nonprofit organizations to support research, restoration work, and public education

www.cal-ipc.org



The mission of the Elkhorn Slough Foundation is to conserve and restore Elkhorn Slough and its watershed.

www.elkhornslough.org



Shelton Douthit Consulting LLC (SDC) is committed to the protection of America's natural resources and landscapes. Our mission is to provide low-cost land acquisition, due diligence and land stewardship services to nonprofit organizations and public agencies nationwide.

www.sheltondouthit.com



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Al Jahns is a solo practitioner who advises and represents clients in land and water conservation transactions; fish and wildlife species and habitat protection; air quality regulation; water resource development and water quality regulation; energy resources development and regulation; public lands and resources regulation; and environmental review and documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act. Mr. Jahns currently serves on the CCLT Government Relations Committee.



The Land Trust Alliance is a national conservation organization that works in three ways to save the places people love. First, we increase the pace of conservation, so more land and natural resources get protected. Second, we enhance the quality of conservation, so the most important lands get protected using the best practices of the business. And third, we ensure the permanence of conservation by creating the laws and resources needed to defend protected land over time. The Alliance is based in Washington, D.C., and has several regional offices.

www.landtrustalliance.org



The LA Neighborhood Land Trust's mission is to create small, accessible urban parks and gardens to remedy the critical lack of green spaces in underserved neighborhoods, and ensure participation of residents throughout the process of envisioning, building and stewarding these sites. We work exclusively in low-income, park-poor areas to strengthen communities and expand access to green space, promoting stability, enhanced health, and improved educational outcomes. Since 2002, we have created 17 projects in the urban core that serve 175,000 people annually, with 13 more in development. We employ grassroots organizing to engage stakeholders in the creation of their open space, while building a base of environmental leaders who advocate for park equity.

www.lanlt.org



Mission Driven, a fundraising and communications consulting firm in business since 1991. Donna has worked with more than eighty land trusts nationwide and has managed and/or consulted on eleven land acquisition and 2 building capital campaigns that have raised more than \$400,000,000. Areas of specialization include annual and membership campaigns, capital campaigns, strategic and fundraising planning, messaging and branding, and fundraising collateral development. Affiliated consultants provide direct mail, graphic design, and graphic recording services.

www.missiondriven.com



Muir Heritage Land Trust believes that the vitality of our open spaces is essential to the health of our earth, air, water and our native plants and animals—and all of us. Our goal is to ensure that the beauty, diversity and fullness of our wild lands continue to enrich and sustain all generations of life. We acquire, protect and steward these diminishing lands, and we foster environmental awareness so that each person understands the need to preserve our natural heritage. We work for a healthful future, one where wild lands and all who depend on them will flourish.

www.muirheritagelandtrust.org



The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. How do we achieve this mission? Through the dedicated efforts of our diverse staff,

including more than 550 scientists, located in all 50 U.S. states and 33 countries. With the help of our many partners, from individuals and governments to local nonprofits and corporations. By using a non-confrontational, collaborative approach and staying true to our five unique core values. That's how The Nature Conservancy has done more than anyone else to advance conservation around the world since our founding in 1951

<http://www.nature.org>



POST protects and cares for open space, farms and parkland in and around Silicon Valley. Since 1977, POST has saved over 70,000 acres that are part of the history and character of our area. Our vision: shape a vibrant ecosystem for Silicon Valley – a network of protected lands that provide scenic beauty, clean air and water, locally grown food, and a place for people and wildlife to thrive. These lands will be preserved forever so that present and future generations can live in harmony with nature, in a careful balance of urban and rural landscapes that make our region extraordinary.

www.openspacetrust.org



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As a provider of electricity and natural gas to approximately 40 percent of Californians and 1 in 20 Americans, we recognize that the way we produce and deliver our products and serve our customers has a direct impact on the environment. We understand that environmental excellence is necessary to be a leader in our industry and to the success of our business. A healthy environment is also necessary for the well-being and vitality of our customers, employees, and communities we serve—as well as society at large. That's why our environmental commitment extends beyond compliance.

Our Local Environment program serves communities around California. When we enhance our environment, we improve the well-being of our communities. We believe it is our responsibility to contribute to the growth and vitality of the areas we serve and empowering our employees and customers to take action on the environment is just one way we help make things better. From innovation programs that bring solar to local school yards to bringing thousands of volunteers to clean our state parks, we are working to make California a better place for us all.

www.pge.com



The Riverside Land Conservancy is dedicated to the preservation of open space by seeking to identify, protect, and manage habitats of rare and endangered species, natural landscapes, and other sensitive sites throughout the Southern California region.

www.riversidelandconservancy.org



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www.sfwater.org/



*San Joaquin River
Parkway and
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The San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust's mission is to preserve and restore San Joaquin River lands having ecological, scenic or historic significance, to educate the public on the need for stewardship, to research issues affecting the river, and to promote educational, recreational and agricultural uses consistent with the protection of the river's resources.

www.riverparkway.org



Preserve, Defend, Restore, Enjoy

Save Mount Diablo's mission is to preserve Mount Diablo's peaks, surrounding foothills and watersheds through land acquisition and preservation strategies designed to protect the mountain's natural beauty, biological diversity and historic and agricultural heritage; enhance our area's quality of life; and provide recreational opportunities consistent with protection of natural resources.

www.savemountdiablo.org



The mission of Save the Redwoods League is to protect and restore redwood forests and connect people with their peace and beauty so these wonders of the natural world flourish.

<http://www.savetheredwoods.org>



Sempervirens Fund protects, connects and cares for the local redwood forests between Silicon Valley and the Pacific Ocean – while we open up more ways for people to enjoy them. Since 1900, Sempervirens Fund has permanently protected more than 53 square miles of local redwood forests and watersheds for people, wildlife and future generations.

www.sempervirens.org

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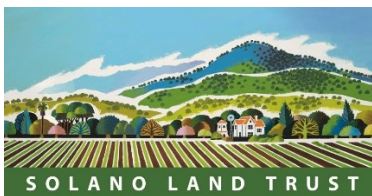
Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger serves as general and outside counsel to many land trusts, public entities, and conservation groups in their efforts to preserve and protect wilderness, watersheds, open space, productive forestland, farmland, and rare and endangered species. The firm drafts and negotiates conservation easements and other real estate documents, and assists with all aspects of conservation transactions, from the initial offer to closing. Providing both litigation and counseling services, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger works with land trusts to ensure compliance with easements, including representing land trusts in condemnation proceedings. Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger also advises land trusts on a variety of organizational issues and drafts legislation pertaining to conservation easements to protect land trusts' property interests.

www.smwlaw.com



Silicon Valley Community Foundation makes all forms of philanthropy more powerful. We serve as a catalyst and leader for innovative solutions to our region's most challenging problems, and through our donors we award more money to charities than any other community foundation in the United States. As Silicon Valley's center of philanthropy, we provide thousands of individuals, families and corporations with simple and effective ways to give locally and around the world.

www.siliconvalleycf.org



Solano Land Trust works to ensure that Solano County will have natural parks and agricultural lands that are the common ground of our community. We are passionate about supporting our thriving local agricultural economy and providing a connection to our region's heritage. Rare and endangered species find safe haven on our lands, as do many other plants and animals. Solano Land Trust is growing a community of conservation by bringing kids to our lands to see, hear, and feel the outdoors and we foster a community of people who care about the land and local food production.

www.solanolandtrust.org



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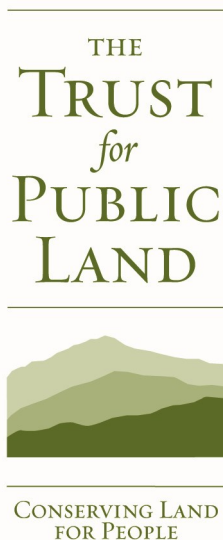
Sonoma Land Trust believes land is the foundation of our economy and our community's health and well-being. Since 1976, the nonprofit Sonoma Land Trust has preserved nearly 48,000 acres of scenic, natural, agricultural and open land for future generations, and is accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.

www.sonomalandtrust.org



The Stewardship Council protects and enhances watershed lands and uses, and invests in efforts to improve the lives of young Californians through connections with the outdoors.

www.stewardshipcouncil.org



The Trust for Public Land creates parks and protects land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come.

www.tpl.org/

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WHF is dedicated to preserving California's rich heritage of open spaces, agricultural land, and diverse wildlife. With that dedication, the directors and staff welcome land-conservation projects of all sizes that aim to protect wildlife and their habitats. In our long term vision for the future of these natural places, we believe it to be more than necessary to pass on an appreciation of the outdoors to the youth of California. For this reason WHF provides educational opportunities for hundreds of students every year to experience and appreciate the abundance of plants and animals living on our protected open-space preserves.

www.wildlifeheritagefoundation.org

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Andy Zdon & Associates, Inc. is a water resources and geological consulting firm with a focus on providing services to the land trust community. We provide expert services, detailed hydrologic analysis to support water rights issues, baseline hydrologic surveys, minerals remoteness surveys, and third party review of technical reports including environmental impact documents. Located in the East Bay Area, we provide services throughout California and the southwestern US.

www.andyzdon.net



Conservation Strategy Group is a strategic consulting firm with an innovative approach to improving the sustainability of California's natural resources, water, energy, and transportation systems. The firm provides a full range of political consulting services for NGOs, local agencies, and clean tech organizations to advance environmental goals in California. Going beyond traditional lobbying, the firm focuses on long-term political and funding strategies for clients from inception to implementation. CSG specializes in building collaborative constituencies for legislative and budget programs, while also designing policy solutions tailored to individual clients.

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