



2025 Impact Report

Building Strength, Voice, and Community for Conservation

Pictured: Sargent Ranch. Known by the Indigenous community as Juristac, this 2,284 acre area of land in South Santa Clara County was recently purchased and protected by CCLT Land Trust Member Peninsula Open Space Trust. Photo by Teddy Miller.

Executive Director Message

2025 was a year of building strength for CCLT and our work across the state by empowering capacity among the California land trust community and providing a strong voice for land trusts in Sacramento and D.C. Powered by the generous support of the California Wildlife Conservation Board and the California Department of Conservation, we delivered **hundreds of hours** of training, and our grantees expended nearly **\$1.3 million of grants** to build their organizations and advance projects. In early spring, we were delighted to welcome **over 400 land protection professionals** in a snowy Yosemite for our annual conference.

On behalf of the CCLT Board of Directors and staff, it is my pleasure to share these accomplishments and more in our 2025 Impact Report. We are so grateful to all of our donors, members, conference sponsors, and supporters, without whom this work would not be possible. As I enter my second year at the helm of CCLT, I am energized by this community and what we will continue to deliver together.

Caroline

Caroline Godkin
Executive Director

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2025 At-A-Glance

Advocacy and Policy

AB900 (PAPAN)

Co-sponsored with The Nature Conservancy requires an accounting of the stewardship needs of lands conserved under 30x30

14 ATTENDEES

14 representatives from land trusts around the state made office visits for CCLT Advocacy Day in Sacramento

Executive Director Caroline Godkin attended the Land Trust Alliance Advocacy Days in Washington D.C. with six other California land trusts.

Education and Convening

400

Attended the 2025 California Land & Water Conservation Conference



80

Experts provided training



30

Delivered over 30 hours of training

17

Stipends provided for Indigenous and BIPOC staff to attend the conference

4

Quarterly Membership Meetings

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This was the most enjoyable conference I have ever been to. I left feeling so inspired by all the presenters and all the new people I met. I feel so connected to community and so lucky to continue to grow in it.

2025 Conference Participant

Funding and Capacity Building

**\$600
MILLION**

Appropriated from Proposition 4 for land conservation across multiple state agencies

**\$1.3
MILLION**

Grant funds expended by CCLT grantees on project advancement and capacity building projects

DOC Capacity Building Grant Highlights

\$1.7M

awarded in DOC funding

11

grants awarded

27%

provide Tribal benefit

1200

individual training hours delivered

WCB Project Advancement Grant Highlights

In 2025, CCLT awarded a second round of project advancement grants using the remaining funds provided by the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) in 2024 (**\$3.5 Million** for Project Advancement Block Grants to land trusts to increase their capacity to advance conservation projects and **\$1.5 Million** for Technical Training assistance, communications, and administration).

\$5M

total awarded

39

projects funded

49%

provide Tribal benefit

220

individual training hours delivered



We're honored that Sequoia Riverlands Trust has been awarded a Project Advancement Grant from the California Council of Land Trusts and the Wildlife Conservation Board for the Golden Sierra Ranch, Sundial Ranch, and Gladstone Project. This investment accelerates our ability to protect critical landscapes, strengthen wildlife habitat, and ensure the long-term conservation of natural resources that sustain our region.

Logan Robertson Huecker, PhD
Executive Director, Sequoia Riverlands Trust

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Friends of the Dunes spent 20 years working towards the acquisition and conservation of this very special 357-acre property, and became the interim land manager in 2020. We are so grateful to be a part of this exciting conservation story, and we can't imagine a better way to begin the next chapter. We've been inspired by the abundance of native plants and animals thriving here, by the plethora of mushrooms that emerge after the rain each fall, and by the impressive amount of wildflowers that bloom each spring. I'm equally inspired by the current land back efforts in California and grateful that our state agencies have supported this land return project here in Humboldt County. The Wiyot Tribe is the perfect recipient of this property for long-term management, and I know both the community and the environment will benefit from the Wiyot Tribe's ongoing work of ecological and cultural restoration.

Suzie Fortner,
Executive Director, Friends of the Dunes

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Tamien Nation Land Conservancy, in partnership with Peninsula Open Space Trust, has been awarded the Project Advancement Grant for Land Trusts. This grant supports Indigenous-led stewardship in southern Santa Clara County, helping to secure cultural access, advance land return agreements, and develop planning tools rooted in Tamien sovereignty and Traditional Ecological Knowledge. It will also fund the creation of a replicable Acquisition Toolkit to strengthen partnerships between land trusts and Tribal Nations, establishing a model for just and enduring collaborations across California and beyond.

Chairwoman Quirina Geary

Photos courtesy of Friends of the Dunes





Training Highlights

Building Project Delivery Skills in Land Trust Staff

Land Protection Academy

Recognizing that California's land trusts are facing a significant transition, as many senior staff responsible for land protection are nearing retirement, the Sierra Cascade Land Trust Council, CCLT, and the Land Trust Alliance launched the Land Protection Academy (LPA) to help develop skills for emerging land trust staff that are critical for the future of conservation projects in the state of California. **24 participants** met for a week on in-person training led by experts and will continue to receive mentoring for two years from senior land trust staff.

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Having recently moved to California to work in land protection for a small land trust in northern CA, this training provided the guidance I needed to begin navigating CA land protection laws, process, and grants, and learn from and in the company of others inspiring to do the same.

Land Protection Academy Participant



The Speaker Series gave me the background information and basic understanding of history/culture to allow me to see a whole new perspective. It literally changed my way of thinking.

Collaborative for Right Relations Participant

Extraordinary, Visionary Training

CCLT Partnership with the Collaborative for Right Relations Four-Part Speaker Series

The Speaker Series convened over **130 participants across 46 organizations** in the land trust community. Through dialogue with Indigenous leaders, culture bearers, and conservation practitioners, participants explored the historical and contemporary dynamics shaping Indigenous-land trust relations and reflected on their organizations' readiness for partnership.



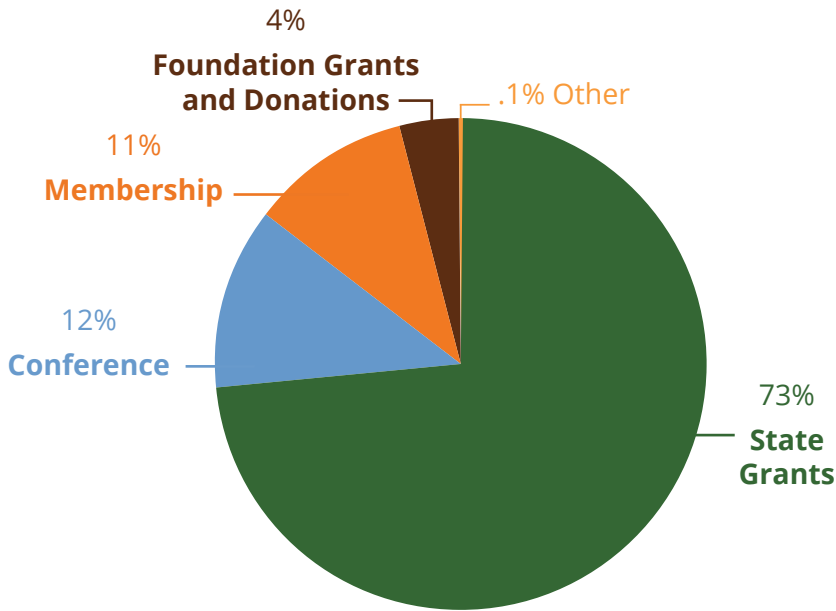
Average rating of **4.41 out of 5** for overall value for participants.



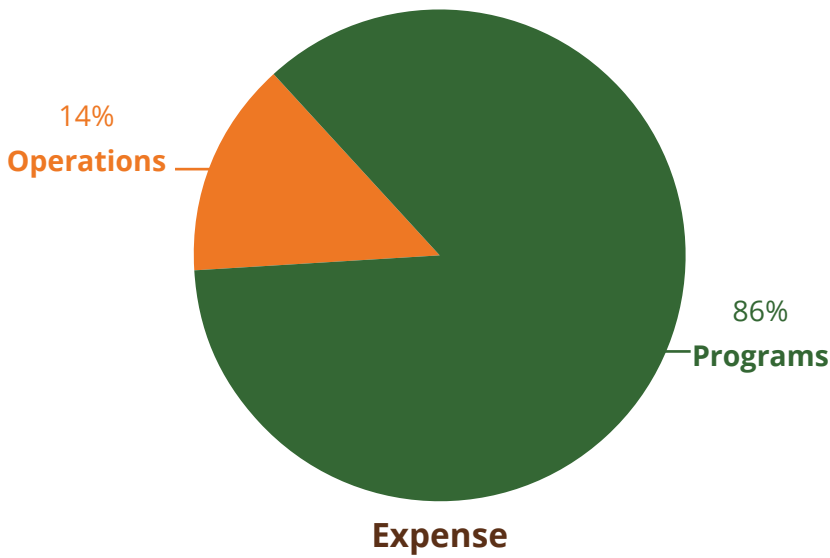
The sessions provided practical frameworks... I now feel more confident advocating for early engagement, flexible funding mechanisms, and actions that prioritize tribal sovereignty."

Collaborative for Right Relations Participant

FY 2025 Financials



Revenue



Expense

*unaudited financials

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