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2009 Annual Report

For fiscal year July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009



Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

This 2009 fiscal year was one full of promise, numerous contacts with people interested in conserving properties in Placer County, and continued growth for the Trust. Although the global economic conditions certainly affected our fundraising, our diversified investments and strong partnerships allowed us to grow and mature in a number of important ways.

The Trust's business practices and record-keeping underwent a complete review. This resulted in Placer Land Trust becoming one of the first three land trusts in California accredited by the national Land Trust Accreditation Commission. This was a great accomplishment! In addition, the completion of financial audits confirmed the security and responsibility of the Trust's financial policies and fiscal health.

We also put significant energy into improving our land management and stewardship systems. Our properties benefited from regular site inspections, fuel management, and even restoration activities that will continue in the coming years.

Even in these tough economic times the Trust has grown stronger and increased our capacity and effectiveness. Thanks to the AmeriCorps volunteer program we had two additional assistants that were of considerable help in our land management and volunteer programs. In addition, our regular staff now includes a Fund Development Coordinator, a Stewardship Coordinator and a Land Management Technician. We welcome Karrie Thomas, Jeff Ward, and Justin Wages!

In the coming year we look forward to continued acquisitions in the Bear River watershed, the American River canyon, and elsewhere in Placer County. We are especially looking forward to a major push to acquire the 2,300 acre Bruin Ranch on the Bear River as a showpiece of conservation, land management, agricultural compatibility, and public recreation.

Continued public support of Placer Land Trust will be the key to our future success and to our efforts to protect what is so special about this region.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Fred Yeager



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First Accredited Land Trust in the Sierra

In October 2008 the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, awarded Placer Land Trust accredited status, making it the first land trust in the Sierra to receive this distinct honor.

The accreditation seal lets the public know that the accredited land trust has undergone an extensive, independent review of the governance and management of its organization and the systems and policies it uses to protect land. PLT is a stronger organization today as a result of the rigorous accreditation process.

Placer Land Trust was one of only three land trusts awarded accreditation in California, and 39 across the nation in 2008, putting Placer Land Trust in the top 1% of land trusts in the nation.

"It is reassuring to know that others throughout the nation agree with and recognize the important work that Placer Land Trust is doing to preserve Placer County's natural communities and farmlands," said Jim Holmes of the Placer County Board of Supervisors. "I extend my sincerest congratulations to the Board of Directors and the Placer Land Trust staff."

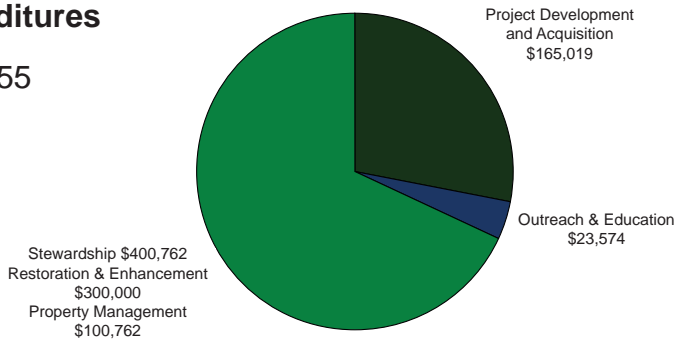
At Placer Land Trust your donations go directly to work...

We make every dollar last and 92% of our income goes directly to program costs. The vast majority of our funds are restricted grants and donations. We have very little unrestricted money, making your donations our most important resource. Without them the flexibility to pursue new properties, offer community educational experiences and steward our land more effectively would be compromised. We can't thank you enough!

For more information contact Jessica Pierce
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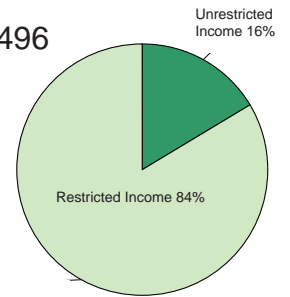
Program Expenditures

\$586,355



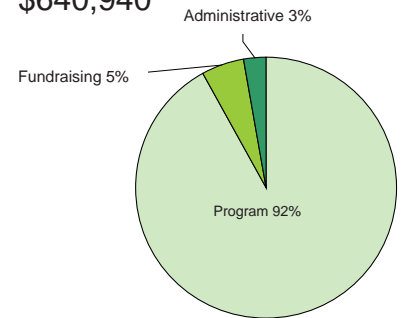
Income

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Expense

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Land Conservation is good for the Local Economy

In 2008-2009 PLT brought over \$1 million in to the local economy in the form of private philanthropy and public agency grants. 90% of our operating dollars go to individuals and businesses in Placer, El Dorado, and Sacramento counties. We support various industries including ranchers, restoration contractors, scientific monitoring services, title companies, and banks among others.



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of land...*

*Looking for a present for
that person who already
has everything?*

An honorary gift is a thoughtful way to show your friends and family how much you care about them and Placer County.

Call Karrie at PLT for more information at 530-887-9222.

Grants

California Wildlife Foundation
\$400,000
Sierra Nevada Conservancy
\$299,000
Placer Community Foundation
\$5,000
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\$4,250
Hewlett Packard
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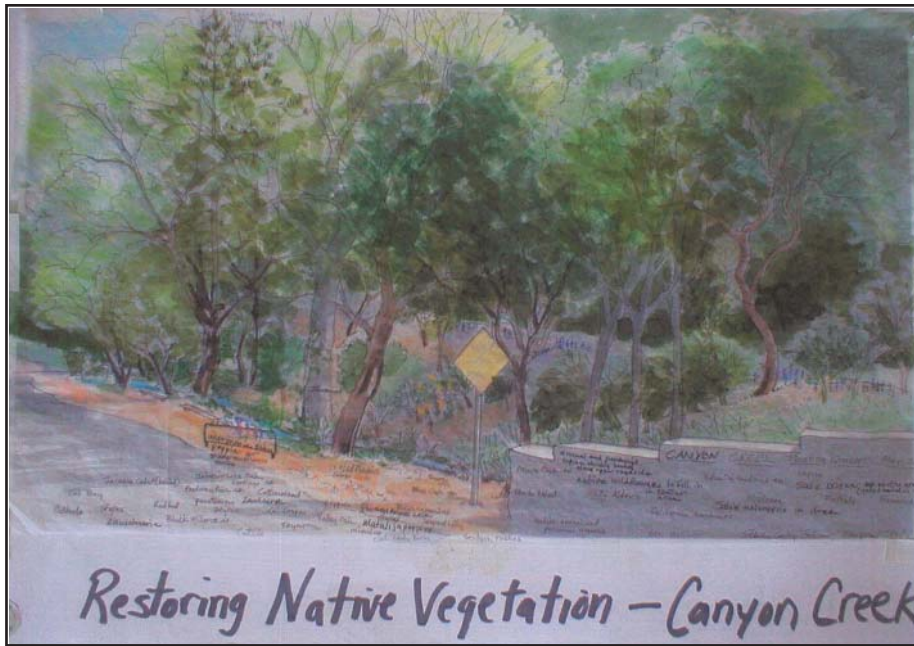
In Memory of

Rindy Summers
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*We apologize for any error in
these acknowledgements.*

*Please call us at 530-887-
9222 if you have any
corrections.*

Thank you for your support!



INNOVATION INCREASES CAPACITY FOR CONSERVATION

In October 2008 Placer Land Trust was a proud partner in the grand opening of the Auburn School Park Preserve in downtown Auburn. Auburn School Park was one of PLT's first projects.

This irreplaceable community educational resource boasts all typical endemic species of oaks in the foothills including numerous heritage oaks. The project also included restoration of the Cooper amphitheater and daylighting and restoring of North Rich Ravine.



PLT holds the easement on this property as part of a public-private partnership between PLT, the city of Auburn.

PLT has formed innovative partnerships such as this one with organizations, agencies and individuals to make our conservation dollars stretch further. As an example:

- ◆ Placer County Water Agency contributes funds to Placer Land Trust to mitigate for the environmental impacts of their water delivery projects.
- ◆ The West Placer Habitat Protection Program puts conveyance fees from Roseville home sales to work protecting vernal pools and grasslands.
- ◆ Landowner Leslie Warren made a donation to PLT to help cover the cost of stewardship and monitoring of the conservation easement on her property.

With partnerships like these, PLT has been able to protect over 5,000 acres of valued landscapes in Placer County for future generations.

Placer Partners

The businesses listed below supported valued landscapes in Placer County with a donation of \$500 or more. We encourage you to support them!

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For more information on becoming a Placer Partner contact Karrie Thomas at 530-887-9222 or karrie@placerlandtrust.org



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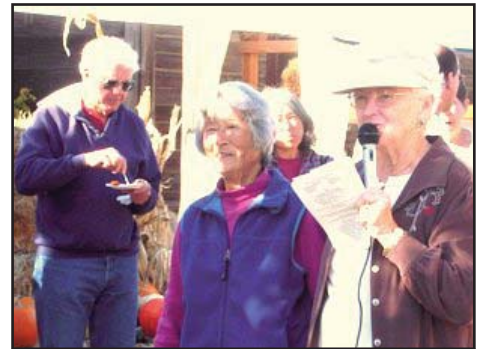
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Leave a Legacy of Open Space for Future Generations

We live in Placer County because it affords us a rural quality of life that is hard to find in California. Rangeland, oak woodlands, recreational trails, scenic vistas across the plain or from a mountain top, rivers, lakes, and streams: without these features this place would not feel like home.

You can help ensure that open space, wilderness, and agricultural land continue to provide quality of life for future generations.

Planned giving and estate gifts may reduce income taxes, reduce or eliminate capital gains taxes, reduce your gift or estate tax, provide income for you and your loved ones, and support our efforts to protect our treasured landscapes.

Leaving a bequest is simple and gives you the opportunity to make a significant difference. To make a bequest, consult your legal advisor or contact our office.

Consider including Placer Land Trust in your will or estate plan and leave a legacy that our children and grandchildren can enjoy in perpetuity.

Please contact Karrie Thomas to find out more about planned giving.

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