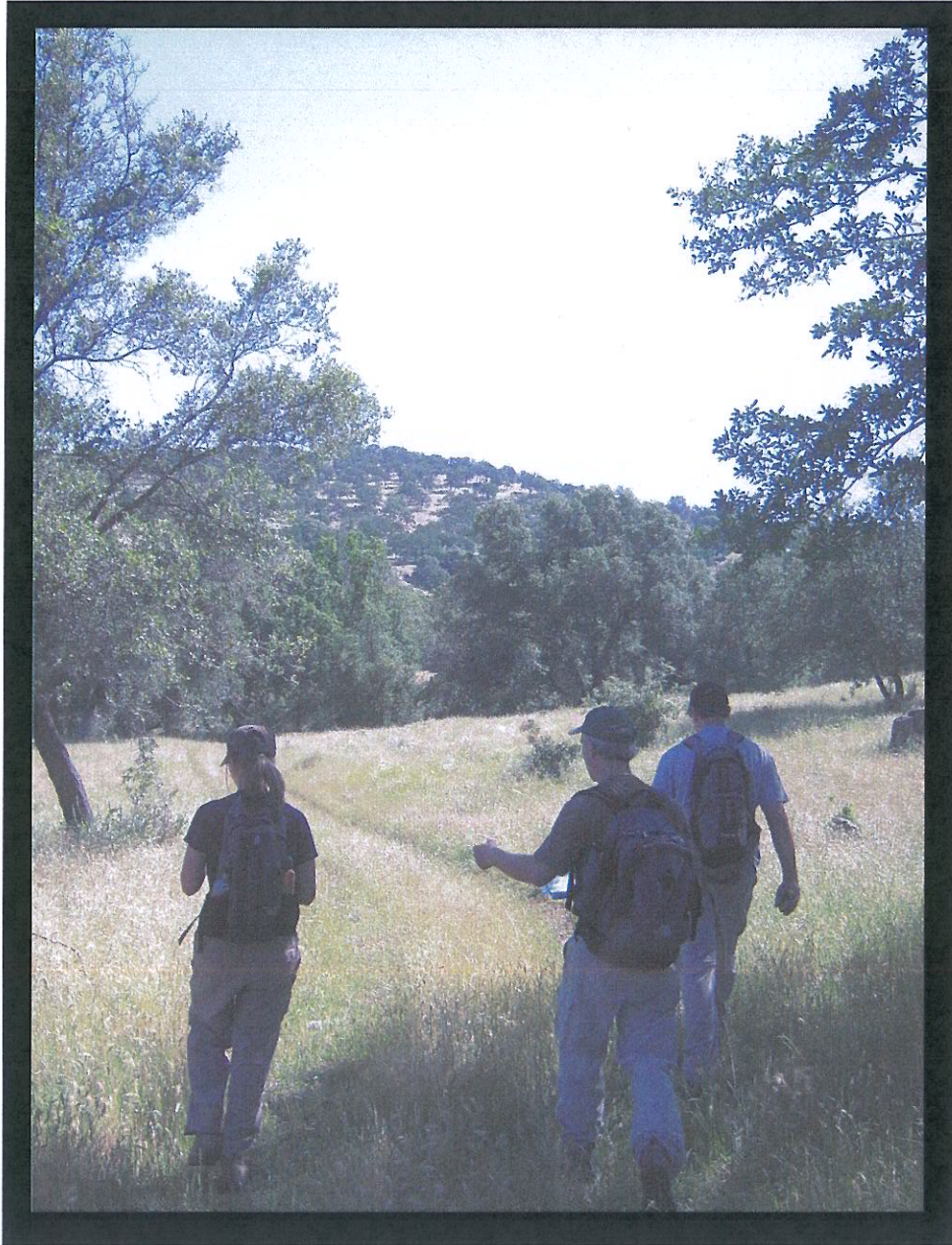


Placer Land Trust Annual Property Monitoring



Volunteer Stewardship Opportunities

Program Overview

When Placer Land Trusts acquires a property or a conservation easement we make a commitment to ensure that the land is protected forever. As part of this commitment we monitor our properties annually to document any changes or problems we see. We also use the information gathered in these monitoring visits to make sure that all terms of our conservation easements are being upheld. Currently, the trust holds 23 properties equaling 4,653 acres of land in fee title or conservation easement. This means we do a lot of monitoring!

Typical Monitoring Visit

A monitoring visit to a property can take anywhere from a few hours to a few days depending on the size and terrain of the property. Each property has specific places, called photos-points, where monitoring data is taken. At each point, the location is recorded using GPS, a photo is taken, and the bearing of the photo is recorded. Generally, monitoring is done on foot although if warranted an OHV may be used for travel between photo-points. Additionally, information about the condition of the property on a whole is recorded. This information includes: invasive species, dumping of trash, road building or grading, condition of fences or other infrastructure, etc.

Volunteer Monitors

For each monitoring visit we typically need 1-2 volunteers. We are looking for volunteers who are available to monitor on weekdays and ideally we would like volunteers who are willing to commit to monitoring the same property yearly (although we realize that this may not always be possible). If a person is able to consistently visit a property year after year it is easier for them to recognize changes or potential problems. Additionally, anyone interested in becoming a volunteer monitor should realize that monitoring visits can entail a good deal of hiking and long days in the field.

Reasons to Become a Volunteer Monitor

Property monitoring can be an extremely enjoyable activity. It is a chance to work closely with 2-3 other people while enjoying the great outdoors and exploring places that are not generally open for public recreation. Volunteer monitors will also have the opportunity to receive training on how to use GPS equipment and a compass.

Annual Monitoring Timeline*

February

- Stagecoach Preserve
- Bettencourt Preserve
- Labadie Farms/Columbia Dam Preserve



March

- Big Hill (Liberty, Taylor, and Kotomyan Preserves)
- Codfish Falls Preserve

May

Garden Bar Preserve

June

- Auburn School Park Preserve
- Shutamul Bear River Preserve



July

- Miner's Ravine Preserve

September

- Reason Farms
- Warren Property

October

- Canyon View Preserve



November

- Doty Ravine Preserve
- Swainsons Grassland Preserve
- Toad Hill Ranch Preserve (1&2)



*Timeline may be subject to change



Contact Placer Land Trust if you are interested in becoming a volunteer or if you would like more information about this program or any of our other volunteer opportunities.



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