



TRINIDAD COASTAL LAND TRUST

2017 Annual Newsletter

Dedicated to protecting for the public benefit
the natural beauty & character of Humboldt County
from Little River to Big Lagoon

Message from the Executive Director

Representing the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (TCLT) and its Board of eleven volunteer Trustees, I want to thank our donors and members for your interest and continued support. Thanks to your support, our amazing volunteers and network of project partners, we accomplished a lot in 2016 and are motivated to tackle even more in 2017. Our accomplishments over the last year range from opening our new office and art gallery, hosting three successful art exhibits, launching a new public hike program, initiating a volunteer naturalist training course, installation and maintenance of dog waste stations at Houda, Moonstone and Luffenholtz Beaches, coordinating with Humboldt State University students' capstone projects, continuing public trail maintenance at several local beaches, Adopt-A-Highway sponsorship along Highway 101, removing 70 bags of ivy from above Little River (with help from 20 volunteers), assisting with storm damage parking lot repair at Moonstone Beach, and helping to secure California Coastal National Monument designations for three federal BLM properties in Humboldt County including Trinidad Head. In addition, TCLT's twenty coastal properties under ownership and easements are managed by volunteers and landowners for public access, recreation and open space protections. This list is not all-inclusive and highlights the dedication we bring to protecting our conservation lands and special trails.

Even though we have accomplished a lot in the past year, please know that we are pursuing several new and exciting projects. You will notice a common theme in this newsletter: we need your support to tackle these significant conservation projects:

1. Creation of the Little River Trail which will serve as an extension to the Hammond and California Coastal Trails and an important off-highway connection between McKinleyville and Trinidad.
2. Raise funds and garner public support to purchase and permanently protect the Strawberry Rock Trail with a conservation easement including the rock and a new trail through the surrounding redwood forest.

3. Improve public use facilities, restroom access, and facilitate trail restoration at Luffenholtz Beach Park.
4. Coordinate with local, state, and federal agencies for a safe and connected trail system along the greater Trinidad coast.
5. Continue to grow our public hike program and volunteer naturalist training course; engage more volunteers in stewardship of the trails.
6. Successfully raise funds for the 'Protection in Perpetuity Land Stewardship Fund', a restricted Land Trust savings account to protect and steward our twenty-plus holdings for generations to come. We are seeking willed planned gifts and significant donations to achieve the fundraise goal.

With these projects on the horizon we rely on your annual donations to continue our daily operations and current programs. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to help. We welcome you to renew your membership or join as a new member. There are several donation formats including mailing a check, using the donation form on our website, or making a credit card donation online. You can make a donation 'in honor of' or 'in memory of' someone special. Please know that your generosity will have a positive and multiplying effect on protecting Trinidad's amazing natural resources now and into the future.

Sincerely,



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Invitation to Planned Giving, Sunset Naming Ceremony, and Annual Meeting

Planned Giving Presentation: Tuesday June 20th
6:30pm at Simmons Gallery. Join guest speaker Craig Wruck, Vice President for University Advancement at Humboldt State, to hear examples of how community-minded people can leave a conservation legacy for future generations with an estate plan (i.e., tax-deductible willed gifts of property or assets). Includes a land trust slide show and refreshments; RSVP requested.

Sunset Naming Ceremony: Sat. Sept. 16th at Houda Beach Park. A special recognition of annual donors and donations made 'in memory of' or 'in honor of' someone special. Names will be read around a fire; acoustic music and refreshments. Please RSVP.

Annual Membership Meeting Sunday Dec 3rd
Schedule ahead for our annual wine and appetizer gathering and organizational update at our Simmons Gallery, 3pm.

Trinidad Art Nights. Visit our Simmons Gallery, First Fridays, May 5-October 6, from 6-9pm. Art, music and refreshments all throughout town.
www.trinidadartnights.com

Visit our website to sign up for emailed event updates and to view our new 'Events Calendar' for upcoming outings, gallery parties, public hikes and presentations. Check our Facebook page for the latest TCLT happenings. www.trinidadcoastallandtrust.org



Guided Walks and Programs

Hear ye', hear ye!' The general public, residents, locals and tourists are all invited on a variety of walks and stewardship events that will be offered throughout the summer and fall. Space is limited so please reserve a spot; call or email Carol at 677-2501; Carol@TrinidadCoastalLandTrust.org

Monday, May 29th, 9-11 a.m. Introduction to Intertidal Habitats at Trinidad Head. Explore the intertidal areas around Trinidad Head and an optional tour of the Trinidad Head lighthouse led by Leisyka Parrott, Interpretive Specialist with the BLM.

Sunday, June 18th, 9-10:30 a.m. Seabird Walk with Shannon Murphy, Biologist for the Seabird Protection Network. Learn about the sea birds that make their home on the rocks of the newest addition to the California Coastal National Monument. Afterwards, enjoy the annual Trinidad Fish Festival and tour the Trinidad Lighthouse. Meet at the Land Trust Office.

Sunday, June 25th, 7:00-9:00 a.m. BioBlitz. Trinidad Coastal Land Trust and Friends of the Dunes team up to participate in a Bioblitz of the California coast. Participants use the app iNaturalist to document their findings. Meet at the Land Trust office at 6:45 a.m. and carpool to Baker Beach.

Sunday July 1st, 2-4 p.m. Trinidad Head Natural History. Join Land Trust Exec. Director Ben Morehead and Trinidad Museum Society President Patti Fleschner for a special tour of the natural and cultural history of this rocky promontory. Includes a tour of the lighthouse and new national monument.

Sunday, July 29th, 2-4 p.m. Pilot Point Tour. Pilot Point is a unique geologic formation with exposed fossils, a variety of flora and amazing vistas, just north of Moonstone Beach. This is a special opportunity to explore this area that has no official public access. Meet at Land Trust office.

Saturday, August 12th, 9-11 a.m. Parker Creek Trail to Old Home Beach. Learn more about the natural and cultural resources of Trinidad during this walk focused on local culture, people and place. Meet at the Land Trust office.

Saturday, September 16th, 2-4 p.m. Luffenholtz Beach. Luffenholtz is not only beautiful, but steeped in history. Enjoy a beautiful walk on the beach and learn more about the area's rich natural history. Meet at the Luffenholtz parking area on Scenic Drive.

Property Holdings Update

The Trinidad Coastal Land Trust owns, for public benefit, some of the most beautiful coastal properties and beach access trails. The following is a short description of the nine properties owned in fee title and the additional eleven conservation easements we hold on private properties. In total, twenty properties located from Little River to Big Lagoon are protected to date, and three additional significant public trail projects are in the works.

Starting at the south end of Trinidad Bay, our newest acquisition is the 15-acre **Little River Trail parcel**. The future trailhead for Little River Trail is located at the south end of Scenic Drive, near Highway 101 above Moonstone Beach. This parcel was purchased in 2015 with the goal to connect the Trinidad coast to the Hammond Trail in McKinleyville via a new trail and bicyclist bridge across the Little River. Excitingly, this will be a brand new and much-needed section of the CA Coastal Trail.

Just down the hill at **Moonstone Beach**, the Land Trust holds a **public access conservation easement** over a portion of the privately-owned Moonstone Beach parking lot. The Merryman family, owners of the beach house, restaurant, and the parking lot, work with TCLT to support the public use of the beach and maintenance of the parking lot.

Further north along Scenic Drive, TCLT owns the **Pilot Point nature reserve**. Pilot Point is the large landmass jutting out at the north end of Moonstone Beach. This property is a geologic/ecological reserve including sensitive species. It is only open to public access during sponsored hikes.

Just north along the coast, another popular public beach is at **Houda Point (a.k.a. Camel Rock)**. This eight-acre beach park with three developed trails is owned by TCLT and maintained by volunteers with frequent help from local surfers. Aside from being one of the most scenic vistas and best surf spots in Humboldt County, Camel Rock is home to breeding colonies of seabirds like the Leach's Storm Petrel.

Moving north, in 1979 the land trust received its first gift of property at **north Luffenholtz Beach** from the Georgia Pacific Lumber Company. This property adjoins and is accessed from the **Luffenholtz Beach Park**. This is a fantastic family and fishing beach owned by our State of California. TCLT is working with the State to manage the beach park and restore public use facilities. Continuing up the coast, the Land Trust owns the scenic **Baker Beach** property and holds conservation

easements protecting forest and open space on the adjacent Baker Ranch residential subdivision (no public access). Visit Baker Beach at low-tide for amazing tidepool viewing.

North along Scenic Drive closer to the town of Trinidad, you pass through an enchanting redwood forest grove. The two-acre **Bruno Groth Redwood Grove** was donated by Herman and Ann Iverson in honor of local resident and famous sculptor Bruno Groth. We envision building a redwood forest trail connecting to nearby Old Home Beach.

Old Home Beach (a.k.a. Indian Beach) is the picturesque beach cove just below the Memorial Lighthouse and south of Trinidad. TCLT holds both ownership of a forest parcel and a public access easement along the city's **Parker Creek Trail** to this beach. TCLT also holds a public access easement to the Parker Creek Trail from Wagner Street.

Just north of Trinidad along Stagecoach Road, the **Martin Creek Trail** is a rugged beach access trail on private property. This trail is undeveloped and requires the cooperation of the public in maintaining both its privacy and dry weather access.

The Land Trust also owns two developed properties within city limits. The **Saunders Park** property is a cultural center near the entrance of town, home to the Trinidad Museum, Trinidad Library, a public park, native plant garden, and the new **Simmons Gallery, home to our land trust office**.

In 2011 TCLT was gifted the **Trinidad Art Gallery building** at 490 Trinity Street near the memorial lighthouse. This historic building, constructed in 1900, was gifted via the will of the late Ned Lee Simmons. The Trinidad Art Gallery is a private retail business cooperative of local artists, www.TrinidadArtGallery.com.

As part of the Land Trust's mission to preserve the natural beauty and biodiversity of our property holdings, we periodically hold work days to remove invasive plants, primarily English ivy, jubata and pampas grass, and Scotch broom. To support our efforts please consider a donation to our '**Protection in Perpetuity Land Stewardship Fund**', held by the Humboldt Area Foundation, a restricted savings account for conservation land management funded via private donations, planned gifts and property donations.

Trinidad Coastal Land Trust Properties & Public Trails



Sustaining Conserved Lands for Future Generations

The ‘**Protection in Perpetuity Land Stewardship Fund**’ is a restricted savings account managed by the Humboldt Area Foundation, initiated in 2016. This fund is dedicated for TCLT land and trail stewardship expenses, in perpetuity. TCLT currently owns and maintains twenty properties providing public beach access, protecting sensitive habitats and preserving natural open spaces. Our holdings possess state-wide significance and encompass the most beautiful and heavily-used beaches in Trinidad Bay including Houda Point Beach, Baker Beach, north Luffenholtz Beach, and both the Old Home (Indian) Beach and Moonstone Beach public access easements.

As described in this following newsletter articles, our current projects include the Little River Trail, stewardship of Luffenholtz Beach Park, and the Strawberry Rock Trail public conservation easement. These projects will require new trails, trail repair, land restoration, public use safety improvements, long-term maintenance, conservation monitoring and enforcement.

Many thanks to the Trinidad Trust Fund for their significant donation of \$65,000 to initiate this fund. Our fundraising campaign goal is \$2,000,000 by the year 2021. Significant donations and support are critical to achieve this goal. Land trust public use properties do not receive any state or federal funding for upkeep costs. This land savings fund is needed to provide TCLT the resources required to ‘steward’ many of Trinidad’s publicly valued coastal beach and trail properties.

This ‘Protection in Perpetuity Land Stewardship Fund’ will achieve our goal for sustainable financial resources necessary to protect and steward the public benefit properties along the Trinidad coast, in perpetuity. Please consider joining us in this very important effort to help protect, maintain and restore this amazing coastline. Please contact TCLT Executive Director Ben Morehead at 707-677-2501 for more information. Consider attending our planned giving presentation or hosting a house party to help share this vision.

Our Nation’s Newest National Monument

In January 2017, by Executive Order authorized under the longstanding Antiquities Act, President Obama designated the federally owned portion of **Trinidad Head** as the newest unit of the **California Coastal National Monument**. This monument was originally designated in the year 2000 and includes the approximately 20,000 off-shore rocks and rock islands along the entire California coast.

These thirteen acres are federally-managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and include the lighthouse and bell tower. The adjacent lands owned by the City of Trinidad and the Trinidad Rancheria are also managed for natural resource protections and public access.

Trinidad Head is joined by four additional BLM properties as newly-designated national monument units. These properties are the Lighthouse Ranch at Table Bluff and the Lost Coast Headlands near Ferndale, both in Humboldt County, as well as the Piedras Blancas coastline in San Luis Obispo County and the Cotoni-Coast Dairies property just north of Santa Cruz. These five properties are unique on-shore units of the greater California Coastal National Monument and will be managed for public access by the BLM.

TCLT led the local support campaign and worked closely with community groups, local government and tribal government to garner political support. The Land Trust also worked with conservation groups throughout the state including the Surfrider Foundation, Sempervirens Fund of Santa Cruz County, the Friends of the Elephant Seals and Piedras Blancas Lighthouse Association in San Luis Obispo County. Local tribal government in support include the Trinidad Rancheria, Yurok Tribe, Wiyot Tribe and Bear River Band Rohnerville Rancheria.

California’s 2nd District U.S. Representative Jared Huffman was instrumental in providing support to include specific language into the Executive Order that addressed community concerns. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Conservation Lands Foundation for providing the necessary resources to lead this campaign, as well as their professional staff in California, Colorado, and Washington D.C. that guided this national conservation effort for California’s coastline.



Protecting the Strawberry Rock Trail, in Perpetuity

The Strawberry Rock Trail is one of Trinidad's most popular destinations for a half-day hike in the redwoods, for some culminating with a rock climb to a stunning ocean view. It has become a destination hike that brings tourism to the City of Trinidad, is valued by our community, and has a positive impact on our county's tourism economy.

Because the trail is currently on private property, access equates to trespassing. For many years the landowners have taken a hands off approach to public use of this private trail. But this could change, as there are no conservation protections or public access rights for this private property (but publically-valued) trail.

In January 2017, TCLT finalized negotiations and signed an option contract agreement with landowner Green Diamond Resource Company that secures, if funds are raised within three years, the option for TCLT to create a public use conservation easement and permanently protect roughly 40 acres, including the awe-inspiring Strawberry Rock itself, a redwood forest trail, and an ecologically significant redwood forest grove (currently under an approved timber harvest plan). The trail would be protected for general public use as well as traditional uses as recommended by the Trinidad Rancheria and Yurok Tribe. TCLT will **need to raise approximately \$750,000 to purchase the protective conservation easement**. This trail could become an official spur of the nearby California Coastal Trail.

This area was and is home to a Native American community that prospers on the coast, rich in natural resources. The Yurok people, specifically the residents of the Tsurai Village located within the City of Trinidad, honored both 'Strawberry Rock' and 'Potato Rock' as spiritually important places that provided guidance and purpose to their people. Former Yurok Heritage Preservation Officer Robert McConnell stated "since time immemorial the place known as Strawberry Rock and surrounding lands have held high cultural significance to Yurok People."

Potato Rock was demolished and became the quarry that provided the huge rocks at the north and south jetties of Humboldt Bay. Strawberry Rock remains a significant inland seastack that can be seen from miles away. The view from Trinidad Head highlights the rock's massive stature and the ancient connection between land and ocean.

The hike is not for the faint of heart, especially the final scramble up near-vertical rock walls to the top of the rock. A recent round-trip took two reasonably fit adults about 2-1/2 hours, including exploring under the redwoods and the inescapable marveling at the top.

The Land Trust is grateful to Green Diamond for the opportunity to protect such a magnificent natural area. We will be submitting conservation easement acquisition grants for public agency funding and private foundation donations. TCLT will also need to raise money for trail development and stewardship maintenance costs. We hope these trail maintenance costs will be funded via our 'Protection in Perpetuity Land Stewardship Fund'. Please visit our website or contact our office for more information.

Stewarding Luffenholtz Beach, Trails & Park

Luffenholtz Beach Park is one of Trinidad's most popular spots to view the magnificent Trinidad Bay and Trinidad Head. This property has been owned by the State of California for decades. Until recently it had been operated and maintained as a popular County Park. Neither the State nor the County have funding or resources to continue proper maintenance.

Over the past two years, land trust volunteers have already initiated a volunteer property stewardship effort by spending weekend hours cleaning up trash, graffiti, invasive ivy, trying to maintain the trails and promoting safe public use. We installed and maintain a doggy-waste collection station and continue to host guided tidepool hikes for the public.

Now with assistance from our local California Department of Fish and Wildlife, TCLT is negotiating a management plan for this property. In addition, a long term proposal includes a restricted transfer of property ownership to the Land Trust and a public use infrastructure improvement grant with funding for a new ecofriendly restroom facility, parking lot improvements, picnic benches and improved trails.

Taking ownership of this property makes sense. TCLT currently owns the popular Houda Point Beach property directly to the south and the North Luffenholtz Beach property. Please note that management of this property for public use will take a long-term financial commitment to cover annual maintenance costs. You can support TCLT via a donation to the Land Trust's 'Protection in Perpetuity Land Stewardship Fund'.

Art Galleries Promote Local Economy & Conservation

Did you know that two of TCLT's property holdings are successful art galleries within the City of Trinidad?

TRINIDAD ART GALLERY 490 Trinity Street

This historic building was built in the year 1900 and is known by local historians as the 'Riecke House'. The property was gifted to the Land Trust in 2011 by Ned Lee Simmons as directed in his will. Ned was a volunteer fireman, thespian, historian, musician, Trinidad Museum boardmember, TCLT boardmember and art gallery owner. Today, the Trinidad Art Gallery is a successful retail business cooperative of 25 local artist members. The gallery hosts an amazing array of diverse art for sale: paintings, photographs, ceramic, wood, jewelry, glass creations and more. Check out the Trinidad Art Gallery's social media sites for details.

Please consider our **'Raise the Roof' fundraising campaign** to purchase a new roof for this historic building. The goal is to raise \$15,000 by this fall, before next winter's storms.

Members of the Trinidad Art Gallery have joined TCLT in this fundraising cause. In support of this effort, the Trinidad Art Gallery is offering a wine pour each Trinidad Art Night, 6pm-9pm, first Fridays of the month, May 5th through September 1st. Stop by for information on the fundraising effort and a gallery tour.

SIMMONS GALLERY 380 Janis Court

The new Trinidad Coastal Land Trust office also serves as a beautiful art gallery, which was completed in 2016 after a three-year fundraising campaign. The Simmons Gallery is on a four-acre property gifted to TCLT by Glenn and Janis Saunders in 2004. Saunders Park is now home to the Trinidad Library, Trinidad Museum, Native Plant Garden, Simmons Gallery and public park.

party with art, music, food and events; takes place 6pm-9pm, the first Fridays of the month, May-October. This summer we are honoring one of our late founders, Marvin Trump, with a show that reassembles his "Camel Rock According to..." series of paintings. The show features 20 paintings focusing on Camel Rock, with each painting done in the style of a different well-known artist. The show runs from May through the end of July. The public is encouraged to attend.

2016 Trinidad Coast Plein Air Exhibit

Humboldt County is full of talented artists, many who are drawn to Trinidad to capture it's beauty and iconic vistas. In 2016, the Simmons Gallery hosted its first formal exhibit 'Trinidad Coast Plein Air'. Plein air is a French term meaning open air, "of or pertaining to painting done in daylight out of doors." Janine Volkmar inspired TCLT to embark on our first original gallery exhibit and volunteered as exhibit coordinator.

TCLT sent invitations to 16 local artists to participate in the event. We had a wonderful response. Volunteers took artists on exploratory hikes around our property holdings, anticipating a representative group of artwork to promote our conservation lands. The artists were wildly enthusiastic, painting some truly inspiring scenes that highlighted a dedication to showcasing the beauty of this area and keeping these places accessible to the public. In conjunction with Trinidad Art Nights we celebrated and shared the gallery exhibit throughout the summer and fall of 2016. Many of the paintings sold, but we still have greeting cards and prints available for purchase. The following is a list of participating artists and the properties they painted:

Matt Beard, Old Home Beach Easement - John Crater, northern Houda Point - Howdy Emerson, Little River Trail - Beverly Harper, Trinidad Art Gallery - Bjorn Lundeen, southern end of Baker Beach - Sam Lundeen, Sotsin Point above Baker Beach - Toni Magyar, Moonstone Beach - Susan Morton, northern end of Baker Beach - Kathy O'Leary, southern Houda Point Trail - Paul Rickard, Patricks Point Beach Easement - Alan Sanborn, Luffenholtz Point - Stock Schlueter, Baker Ranch - Jeff Stanley, North Luffenholtz - Delores Terry, Garden at Saunders Park - Rick Tolley, Pilot Point - Jim Welsh, Old Home/Indian Beach Trail.



Little River Trail

TCLT's 'Little River Trail' property is a 15-acre parcel above Moonstone Beach and the Little River estuary, at the south end of Scenic Drive. This property adjoins the Little River State Beach and might soon be **the future home to Humboldt County's newest segment of the California Coastal Trail**. We are seeking funding for a new trail and pedestrian/ bicycle/ equestrian bridge to be constructed across the Little River. This new trail will connect the existing Hammond Trail in McKinleyville to Trinidad's scenic coast and public trails. Bicycles will finally be able to ride off the highway along the coast through Trinidad, from Patrick's Point to Clam Beach. This proposed trail project has a detailed, state-funded feasibility study complete and is supported by key partners such as the City of Trinidad, Humboldt County, Humboldt County Association of Governments, State Coastal Conservancy, California Department of Transportation, Trinidad Rancheria, CA State Parks and other agencies and many outdoor trail enthusiasts. Big thanks are due to Revolution Bikes for sponsoring our bicycle raffle fundraiser two years in a row!

This trail project is currently in need of funding for Phase 1 environmental engineering, design and permits. Our recent public agency grant application for \$1.8 million was denied. We are requesting increased public support, political support and funding for a state/federal program grant. Phase 2 will include trail construction, including a cantilever pedestrian and bicyclist bridge adjacent to the existing Highway 101 bridge crossing Little River. You can view the Little River Trail Feasibility Study on our website and support our work to complete this project by making a donation to our fundraising campaign.

Coastal Naturalist Volunteer Training in Trinidad

This spring marked the kickoff of the Trinidad Coastal Naturalist Volunteer Training. The training is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Trinidad Coast and sharing their training with others. **Consider joining as a land trust volunteer ambassador or naturalist docent-in-training**. We are lucky to have renowned local outdoor enthusiast Carol Vander Meer serving as program manager. She will share her years of experience working in environmental education with Friends of the Dunes, HSU Natural History Museum and Redwood National Park. Initial training courses include

educational field trips on intertidal ecology and seaweed identification, seabird biology, and local history. Stay tuned for more sessions which will be offered throughout the year.

This training is part of our new outdoor education program funded by the State Coastal Conservancy. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available. We are developing a public school education and field trip program, new outreach materials, and more outdoor volunteer work days and opportunities like trail monitoring. . To reserve your space, email or call Carol at 677-2501 or Carol@TrinidadCoastalLandTrust.org

Leave A Lasting Legacy: Planned Gifts and Donations

Are you concerned about protecting the natural beauty and character of our Trinidad coast for present and future generations? Please consider making a charitable gift in your will or living trust to benefit the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust. No matter how large or small, a planned gift (of property, stock or financial assets) will continue your dedication to conservation beyond your lifetime. Planned gifts help to ensure the protection and stewardship of Land Trust properties, allowing us to protect threatened lands, secure and restore public trails, and provide beach access to properties presently under our care. If you already have a will or living trust, you can easily amend that document to add a beneficiary. Depending on the method and timing of your gift, you may: reduce your income tax, capital gains, and/or estate taxes while retaining control of your assets.

TCLT is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization and has a fund with the Humboldt Area Foundation (HAF) where individuals can make a donation and or one can create a bequest in a will or trust. For example, when long-time Trinidad resident and Land Trust founding member Herman Iverson passed away, his family set up a memorial fund with HAF that provides an annual donation to TCLT. A fund can also be restricted to specific uses. If you would like to find out more, please contact Ben Morehead at TCLT, Chris Witt at the Humboldt Area Foundation (442-2993), or a financial planner or attorney for more information about how you can create a lasting conservation legacy through a donation or bequest.

Partnering for Success

‘Collaborative conservation’ is a criteria our Land Trust uses to measure success and so far, so good! We depend on our dedicated volunteer Board of Trustees, project volunteers, local government and agency partners, community groups, property landowners, business donors and individual supporters. Together we will succeed in management of conservation properties with tremendous public benefits and we will continue to steward public access trails and open spaces along the scenic Trinidad Bay coastline.

Special thanks to the 183 donors who are members of this organization and support our grassroots conservation efforts. You are the ‘nuts and bolts’ of our membership and we need your continued support. We are genuinely thankful for all our volunteers who assist in the Simmons Gallery, TCLT office, guided public hikes, and on-the-land stewardship work days. We absolutely couldn’t do it without you!

The Trinidad Coastal Land Trust would like to recognize all of its partners this past year (sincere apology for missing names). Thank you to all the supportive individuals, volunteers and project advocates in these groups, businesses, agencies, and entities:

Americorps, Watershed Stewards Program • Bureau of Land Management-Arcata Field Office • CA Coastal Conservancy • CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife, Arcata Office • CA Native Plant Society, North Coast Chapter • California Conservation Corps. • Camel Rock Surf Camera maintenance team • U.S. Representative Jared Huffman • Conservation Lands Foundation • Don Grace Construction • Friends of the Dunes • Friends of the Elephant Seals • Friends of the Trinidad Library • Green Diamond Resource Company • Humboldt Area Foundation • Humboldt County Supervisor Ryan Sundberg • Humboldt County Public Works, Roads and Park Dept. • Humboldt County Sheriff Dept. Trinidad deputies • Humboldt State University Natural Resources Club • Humboldt State University Telonicher Marine Lab • Humboldt State University, Env. Science & Mgmt Dept. • Humboldt Surfriders • KHSU • KHUM • Land Trust Alliance • Mad River Union • Mercer Fraser Company • Moonstone Crossing Winery • Murphys Market • Mad River Brewing Company • North Coast Journal • Northern Region Council of CA Land Trusts • Pacific Gas & Electric Company • Pacific Outfitters’ Pac-Out Green Team • Redwood Community Action Agency • Redwood Curtain Brewing Company • Revolution Bicycles • Sempervirens Fund • Simmons Gallery sitters • StreamGuys.com • Times Standard •

Trinidad Art Gallery • Trinidad Art Nights • Trinidad Bay Watershed Council • Trinidad Chamber of Commerce • Trinidad City Council, staff and Public Works • Trinidad Civic Club • Trinidad Garden Club • Trinidad Gateway California Coastal National Monument working group: 2016 active members include Trinidad Rancheria, Yurok Tribe, CA State Parks, HSU Marine Lab, Bureau of Land Management, Trinidad Museum, City of Trinidad, Redwood Audubon Society, Conservation Lands Foundation • Trinidad (Humboldt County) Library • Trinidad Museum Society • Trinidad Rancheria • Trinidad Trust Fund • Trinidad Union School District • **& TCLT’s many individual volunteers and supporters!**

Property Work Days & Scenic Drive Clean Ups

As part of TCLT’s mission to preserve the natural beauty and biodiversity of our property holdings we hold volunteer work days to maintain trails, remove trash, and remove invasive plants. Over the past two years, volunteers have worked primarily on our largest holdings: 1) Pilot Point, the headland at the north end of Moonstone Beach; 2) Baker Beach; 3) Houda Point (Camel Rock); and 4) the Bruno Groth Redwood Grove. We also help to clean up and maintain Luffenholtz Beach. Last summer TCLT volunteered with the Merryman Family, Mercer Fraser Co. and Grace Construction to re-grade and gravel the Moonstone Beach parking lot. We also participate in Scenic Drive clean up events with partners like the PacOut Green Team, the Natural Resources Club at Humboldt State and the Watershed Stewards Program.

The Land Trust is aware of the prevalence of invasive plants on our properties and in the surrounding areas. We have documented the presence of these species on our land holdings as part of our property monitoring obligations. Left unchecked, these invasive plants out-compete our native plants and trees, greatly reducing species diversity – including insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. The invasive plants we concentrate on are primarily English ivy (*Hedera helix*), Andean jubata grass (*Cortaderia jubata*), Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*) and pampas grass (*Cortaderia selloana*).

In 2016 we logged in over 25 volunteer work days! Most everyone enjoys their outdoor experience. These efforts are just the beginning of what the Land Trust hopes will become a sustained program to control and eradicate non-native plants from our land holdings and live up to our duty to preserve this valuable natural habitat. We urge all able bodies to come and join us.

Sunset Naming Ceremony at Houda Point

The Land Trust will be hosting its first annual Naming Ceremony on September 16th, 2017 at the Houda Point Beach Park property on Scenic Drive. This event was inspired by donations made ‘in honor of’ and ‘in memory of’ family and friends of the Land Trust. We will host an intimate gathering of guests who will participate in a ceremony where names of donors, honorees and those that have passed away will be read aloud and accompanied by an ocean view sunset and live harp music. Members, donors, and families are welcome to attend. This is also a special event to show appreciation for our annual donors by reading their names aloud as we sit in a circle around a small wood fire. Appetizers, refreshments and stories will be shared immediately after this half-hour service. Saturday, September 16th at 6:30pm. Please RSVP at 707-677-2501.

To make a donation in honor or memory of someone special, you can use the donation form on our website or contact Ben at our office. A thank you letter and invitation will be mailed to you and your listed recipient.

Treasurer’s Report

2016 was a year of firsts for TCLT. For the first time the Land Trust hired a paid staffperson, occupied a permanent office space, and consolidated all of its property documents and historical institutional records in one place. The Annual Treasurer’s Report shows that these accomplishments were accompanied by a net increase in assets of \$78,020 over the course of the calendar year. While membership revenue increased substantially compared to previous years, the significant increase in the ‘Revenue and Support’ category is due largely to a \$65,000 grant received from the Trinidad Trust Fund for our restricted ‘Protection in Perpetuity Land Stewardship Fund’.

With the capital campaign for the office construction officially complete, our 2016 expenses focused on mission related goals and will continue to do so in 2017. Continued support from the community will allow TCLT to achieve our goal of protecting, for the public benefit, this amazing coastline from Little River to Big Lagoon.

TRINIDAD COASTAL LAND TRUST ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT January 1 to December 31, 2016

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	
REVENUE AND SUPPORT	
Membership and Contributions	\$25,695
Foundation Grants	84,257
In Kind Donations	562
Investment Income	7,922
Sales	1,600
Unrelated Business - Rents	<u>24,987</u>
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	\$ 145,023
EXPENSES	
General & Administrative	19,745
Fundraising & Development	19,246
Outreach & Advocacy	16,914
Taxes	4,047
Unrelated Business - Interest	<u>7,051</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>67,003</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 78,020</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Checking/Savings	\$ 37,687
Investments	164,938
Land Holdings	1,921,868
Other Assets	<u>4,864</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,129,357</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	3,269
Mortgage	<u>154,851</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	158,120
RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	1,590,077
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	303,140
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	<u>78,020</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,129,357</u>



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