Marin Conservation League

Protecting Marin on Many Fronts



2006 Annual Report

The mission of the Marin Conservation League is to preserve, protect and enhance the natural assets of Marin County

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A Letter from MCL's President

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share with you Marin Conservation League's 2006 Annual Report.

As we have done in past Annual Reports you will find a monthly summary of MCL's environmental activities during the year. These are detailed in our Action Calendar on pages 4 and 5. During the year, among other things, we tackled a number of major Marin issues. They include the Loch Lomond Marina Development Project, protection of the Tomales Dunes at Lawson's Landing, the Sonoma-Marin Rail Transit Project (SMART) issue, and the proposed expansion of the Redwood Landfill project. In addition, we spent considerable time reviewing the Environmental Impact Report for the revised Countywide Plan as well as preparing to comment on its policies and programs. In this connection, it is important to report to you that all our various environmental advocacy efforts are accomplished entirely by volunteer members and your Board of Directors. Without their involvement and dedication MCL would not be able to be your voice in the county.

2007 will be another important and active year for the Marin Conservation League. You may count on our continued advocacy to protect and preserve the natural assets of Marin.

At this time I want to thank all our members and donors for the continued support that you provide to us, without which we could not maintain our advocacy efforts on behalf of Marin's environment and quality of life. It is because of your commitment to us that the Marin Conservation League remains one of the leading environmental and conservation organizations in Marin County.

Sincerely,

Roger Roberts

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President

\$74,214

\$66,810

\$36,467

\$40,864

\$5,731 **\$46,595**

\$224,086

\$159,417

\$10,903

\$42,747

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\$144,510

\$113,240

\$1,365,612

\$1,478,852

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

January 1 to December 31, 2006 (Prepared from MCL Records)

\$67,464

\$66,810

\$36,467

\$6,186

\$5,731 **\$11,917**

\$65,998

\$13,800

\$79,798

\$262,456

\$159,417

\$42,747 **\$213,067**

\$49,389

\$24.035

\$73,424

\$201,643

\$275,067

\$10,903

\$170,741



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MCL's work on environmental issues in Marin, which includes reviewing numerous planning documents and environmental reports, producing informational publications, and advocating for policies that protect Marin's environment, are done by dozens of MCL volunteers, none of whom are paid.

We calculate that in 2006 more than 3,500 hours of volunteer time was donated to MCL to do this crucial environmental work. Although the value of this work is not reflected in MCL's financial report, it represents a significant contribution to MCL with a value of more than \$71,000 based on official Independent Sector accounting standards.



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CONTRIBUTIONS MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL EVENTS REVENUE TRANSERS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Special Events & Miscellaneous

Project Management Fees

Interest & Dividend Income Sales of Inventory less costs

LOL Transfers to Operations

Net Assets Released from Restrictions

Total Support, Revenue & Transfers

Investment Gain, Realized & Unrealized

Total Equity, beginning of 2006

Total Equity, end of 2006

Support Contributions

Revenue

Transfers

Membership

Total Support

Total Revenue

Total Transfers

Program Services

Results from operations

Change in Net Assets

Management & General

EXPENSES

Fundraising

Total Expenses



Unrestricted Temp. Restricted Board Restricted Total (Project Funds) (Legacy / Land)

\$6,700

\$6,700

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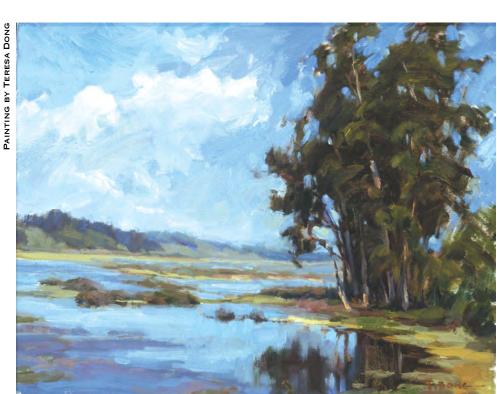
(\$7,100)

\$70,925

\$63,825

MCL Credo

Work to preserve and protect the natural resource values and assets of Marin, and to focus our action on issues of countywide significance or issues which may prove to be precedent-setting. We place particular emphasis on those issues having important land use implications or impacts on Marin's environment and quality of life. We look for effective solutions through our own advocacy efforts as well as through working in close collaboration with other organizations to address major environmental challenges and concerns in Marin.



4 Marin Conservation League 2006 Action Calendar

JANUARY

- Hosted Business Breakfast with State Assemblyman Joe Nation.
- Reviewed and responded to Draft Environmental Impact Review for the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit proposal.

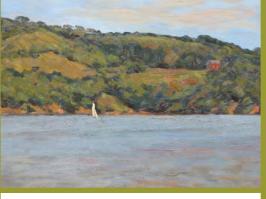
FEBRUARY

- Presented luncheon featuring former Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt.
- Gained enforcement of the Clean Water Act and then suspended legal action against Sanitary District Number One. Consent decree was approved, thus helping to protect Marin's public waters from untreated waste discharged into the local ground water.

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- Urged preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the massive Sports Complex proposed near San Rafael Airport, citing problems with loss of habitat, endangered species and levee safety.
- Continued work on the San Rafael Rock Quarry Reclamation Plan to reduce impacts on the local community now and on the city of San Rafael in the long run when the quarry is closed and the site redeveloped.



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MARCH

- Achieved significant progress on the program to reduce and remove invasive species from the Gold Hill Open Space on the San Pedro Ridge and on a grant to design and install interpretive signage in Starkweather Shoreline Park.
- Conducted on-site review of wetlands, habitat and other biologic assets at the proposed Loch Lomond marina project.
- Opposed destruction of 168 native oak trees at the Tiburon Glen Estates subdivision.
- Supported the Bolinas Lagoon Ecosystem Restoration program.

APRIL

- Supported return of Drakes Estero to wilderness conditions in 2012.
- Awarded Dr. Edgar Wayburn the Peter Behr Lifetime Achievement Award at the MCL Annual Dinner.
- Supported Mill Valley Steps, Lanes and Trails program.

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- Presented the MCL Business Breakfast featuring Sharon McNamee, new director of Marin County Parks and Open Space.
- Launched "Lands In Between" campaign to help local community groups protect valuable parcels of open land that are threatened by development and would best serve as wild life habitat, parkland recreational areas or inter-community greenbelts.



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MAY

- Began work with the Marin County Open Space District Community Advisory Committee.
- Helped fund a study by the San Francisco Estuary Institute Study to determine historic wildlife use of baylands habitats, especially as it relates to the area of the proposed Baylands Corridor, which includes the St. Vincent's and Silveira properties.
- Urged County to develop overall guidelines for wind turbine systems, rather than evaluating individual systems on an ad hoc basis.

Marin Conservation League 2006 Action Calendar

JUNE

- Worked to protect Lawson's Landing, a vital dune area and its associated wetlands, from excessive recreational development, supporting the Coastal Commission requirement that the owner seek a permit for current and proposed uses.
- Supported affordable housing over commercial development at Hamilton Field.
- Met with Marin County Supervisors on solid waste, composting, Community Choice Aggregation and other issues.

JULY

- Advocated reduction of potential danger to creek and tidal wetlands near Redwood Landfill, urging adoption of a smaller mitigated alternative.
- Partnered with Book Passage to present former Vice President Al Gore and his lecture on his recent book, *An Inconvenient Truth*.
- Opposed the proposed SMART project's Measure R sales tax initiative on the basis that it was not a cost-effecive solution to regional traffic and congestion problems.

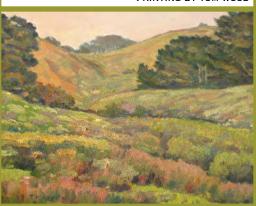
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AUGUST

- Opposed Proposition 90, which sought to undermine land use planning and devastate environmental protection measures throughout California.
- Hosted luncheon featuring Senator Barbara Boxer.
- Participated in Annual Car Battery Round-Up that recycled almost 9000 car, truck and boat batteries.
- Supported Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act and Global Warming Solutions Act.
- Supported the San Francisco Bay Wildlife Refuge Complex restoration of the East and West Marin Islands to their natural state

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SEPTEMBER

- Supported grant to restore Smith Ranch pond, a 3-acre fresh water pond in San Rafael.
- Supported California Assembly Bill 1953, introduced by assembly Member Jared Huffman, to reduce lead content in plumbing fixtures.
- Provided scoping comments for preparation of the EIR for San Rafael Airport Sports Complex.
- Hosted "Picnic on the Porch" for members at the MCL office.



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OCTOBER

- •Conducted "Coastal Clean Up" with Marin Conservation Corps.
- Began investigation of the proposed Gnoss Field runway expansion, including loss of wetlands, increased size of planes, longer hours of service, and night lighting.
- Supported grant for safety improvements at the popular Inkwells salmon spawning/viewing area.

NOVEMBER

- Urged the Flood Control District and Open Space District to remove pampas grass threatening Deer Island.
- Opposed conversion of wetlands at Strawberry Point School on the Tiburon peninsula to playfield use.
- Fought encroachment on Tamalpais Creek in Kentfield to protect steel-head trout and possibly salmon habitat.

DECEMBER

• Continued to seek revision of the Countywide Plan, to reduce excessive commercial development and encourage greenhouse gas reduction, green building, zero waste management, invasive species control, effective watershed management policies and the establishment of a countywide planning agency.

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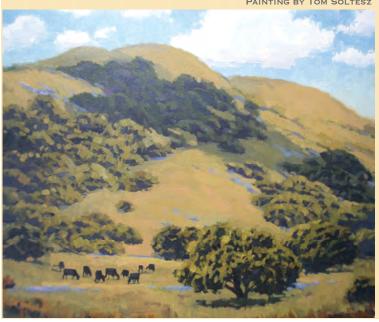
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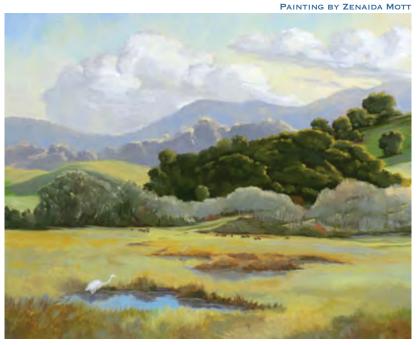
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