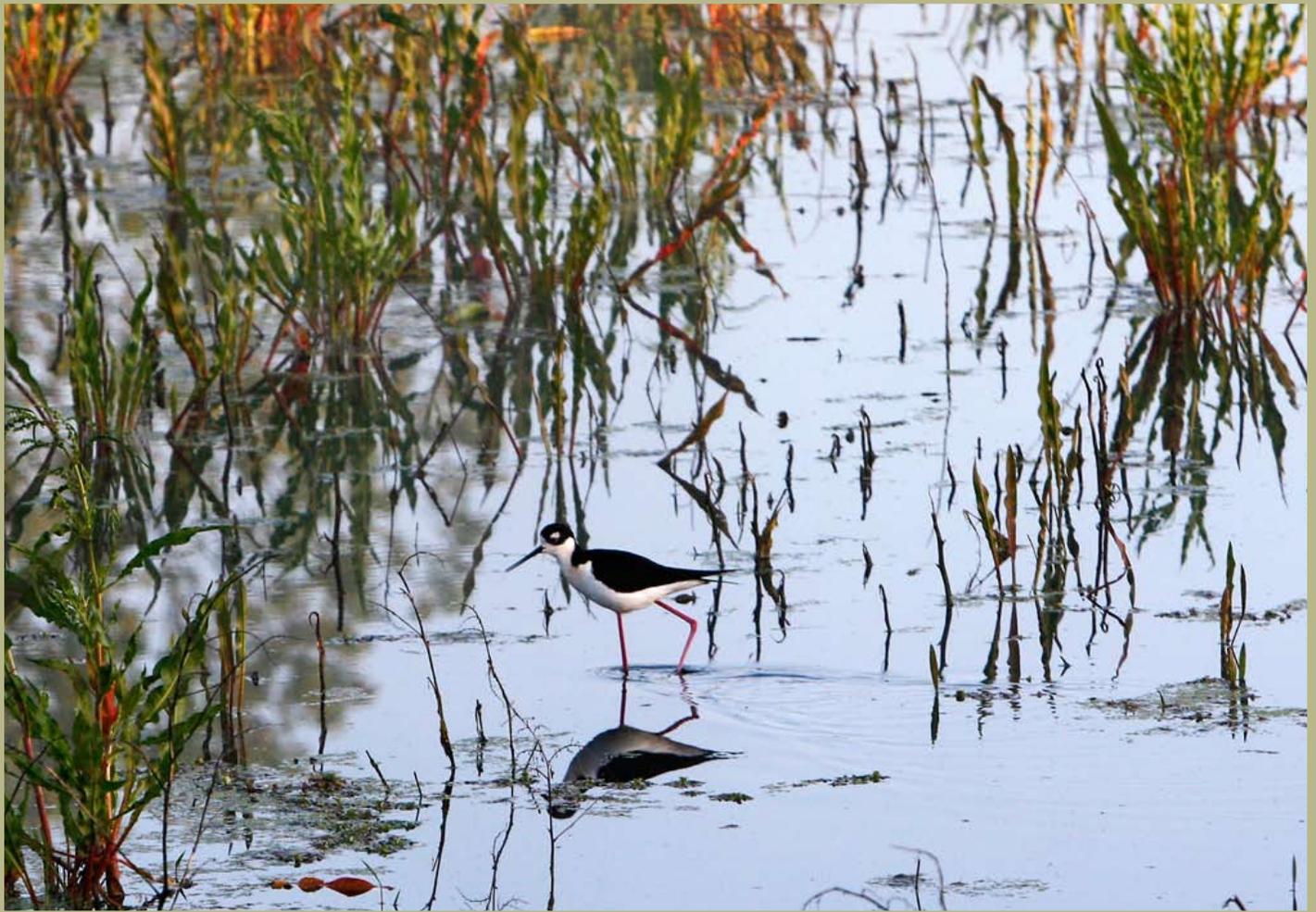




ANNUAL REPORT 2010

*To preserve, restore and enhance the Laguna de Santa Rosa,
and to inspire greater public understanding and appreciation
for this magnificent natural area.*



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Dear Friends,

We are excited to report that the Laguna de Santa Rosa has been named a Wetland of International Importance by the Ramsar Convention. We achieved this recognition on the 40th Anniversary of the signing of the Convention on Wetlands which was signed in Ramsar, Iran. A celebration and awarding of certificates to landowners included in the designation was held at the lovely Lynmar Estate winery overlooking the Laguna. Attendees included a "who's who" of elected officials including Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey, and other State and Local representatives too numerous to list here. Other attendees included State and local Agency representatives. These important partners of the Laguna Foundation all realize the importance of the Laguna de Santa Rosa ecosystem and were happy to celebrate the broadening and deepening of the Laguna that this designation represents.

Many of the organizations that came to the Ramsar celebration are also involved in a collaborative effort that was launched at the Laguna Foundation's State of the Laguna Conference in the fall of 2009 that dealt with adapting to climate change. Scientists agree that current levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere are enough to cause significant climate change even if we stopped the emissions today. The North Bay Climate Adaptation Initiative has the goal of developing and implementing effective climate adaptation strategies that sustain ecological and human communities of North San Francisco Bay watersheds. Our partners in this critical initiative include Sonoma Land Trust, Sonoma Ecology Center, Pepperwood Preserve, Audubon Canyon Ranch, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, California Coastal Commission, Sonoma County Water Agency and others.

We have much to do to further our mission to preserve, protect, restore and educate the public about the Laguna ecosystem and are really looking forward to the construction and opening of the Laguna Learning Center during the 2011 calendar year. This Center will be a place for the public to visit to learn more about the Laguna, a place to bring classes of children, the location for our docent education classes and so much more. Funding for this project came from the State Coastal Conservancy through Proposition 50 bond funding for nature learning facilities.

Thanks so much to everyone who supported and partnered with us in 2009-2010.



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The Laguna de Santa Rosa: A Wetland of International Importance

The Laguna is a Wetland of International Importance! In 1971 the Ramsar Treaty recognized the importance of wetlands and created the international Ramsar Convention. This organization provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.

There are only five of these Wetlands of International Importance in the State of California and the Laguna is the only one north of Marin County. This incredible natural resource is a 14 mile long wetland complex stretching from Cotati to Forestville, where it empties into the Russian River. Draining a 254-square mile watershed that embraces the entire Santa Rosa Plain, the Laguna's wetlands and surrounding upland areas are home to a breathtaking range of wildlife including over two hundred species of birds and numerous other aquatic and terrestrial species including the endangered California Tiger Salamander.

Our mission at The Laguna Foundation is to preserve, protect, restore, and educate the public about this magnificent natural resource. We achieve this mission through the generous support of all of our supporters and with the expert management of our three Departments: Restoration, Environmental Education and Conservation Science. To achieve our mission, we also partner with a wide variety of fellow non-profits and various local, state and federal governmental agencies.



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YEAR AT A GLANCE

Education

Raising Public Awareness and Providing Environmental Education for Youth

- During the 21st & 22nd seasons of Learning Laguna, over 925 students from 38 2-4th grade classes learned directly about Laguna plants and animals and the importance of wetlands through interactive classroom activities and experiential field trips to the Laguna.
- \$2150.00 in bus scholarships were awarded to 46% of participating Learning Laguna classes, enabling 425 students to experience the Laguna.
- We gratefully acknowledge the work of 55 Laguna docents who skillfully and heartfully contributed more than 1250 hours of teaching time to Learning Laguna.
- Laguna docents also provided outreach at seven public events and led Laguna adventure walks for over 520 people.

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Laguna Foundation is grateful to every one of the individuals and organizations who made a broad range of financial gifts from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Your generosity makes it possible for the **Laguna Foundation** to preserve the Laguna through environmental education, conservation science and habitat restoration.

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Restoration

Bringing Back the Laguna's Natural Abundance

- Publication of the Foundation's *Field Guide to the Laguna de Santa Rosa*. Over 1,000 copies sold to date.
- Foundation's first Tree-a-Thon event: 120 volunteers planted 868 trees on the City of Sebastopol's Meadowlark Field.
- Volunteers planted 650 trees and acorn plots along 4 acres of west Duer Creek on the City of Santa Rosa's Kelly Farm.
- Crews from Sonoma Youth Ecology Corps performed more than 400 hours of summer maintenance work on plantings in the Upper Balletto easement. Youth crews from the North Bay Conservation Corps' Project ReGeneration spent 200+ hours removing old restoration hardware from established plantings.



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Conservation Science

Understanding and Protecting the Laguna Watershed

- Continued the 'Adopt a Vernal Pool' program – a vernal pool plant citizen science survey program gathering annual data on endangered plant populations with over 50 volunteer citizen scientists and college students.
- Conducted a historical hydrology study of the Laguna Headwaters to understand surface water conditions at the time of European settlement for use in current restoration planning.
- Launched trials to control Pennyroyal mint – an invasive, non-native species threatening endangered plants in vernal pool environments.
- Conducted the 4th year of bird monitoring in the Laguna de Santa Rosa floodplain establishing a baseline for assessing potential impacts of trails in the Laguna, and the success of the Middle Reach Restoration Project.

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- Held the 3rd Biennial State of the Laguna Conference – a three day science symposium focused on climate change adaptation.
- Launched the North Bay Climate Adaptation Initiative in coordination with partner organizations. NBCAI is a collaboration of experts, land managers, and policy makers aimed at implementing climate adaptation strategies in the North Bay to preserve local biodiversity.

Laguna Learning Center

A Place for Education and Celebration

- Landscape and Building Design completed end of December 2010
- Permits- Landmark alteration, Grading, Building—all granted by March 2011
- Construction- Starting spring 2011 with expected completion by end of 2011

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Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
REVENUES AND SUPPORT				
Contracts	\$263,680			\$263,680
Contributions by individuals	179,595	\$137,931		317,526
Foundation & corporate grants	116,220			116,220
Program income	40,980			40,980
Other income	14,922			14,922
Net assets released from restrictions	153,676	-153,676		0
Total revenues and support	769,073	-15,745	0	753,328
EXPENSES				
Program services				
Restoration	153,731			153,731
Conservation science	148,545			148,545
Education	105,273			105,273
Laguna Learning Center	8,768			8,768
Total program services	416,317	0	0	416,317
Supporting services				
Management and general	143,876			143,876
Fundraising and member services	72,692			72,692
Total supporting services	216,568	0	0	216,568
Total expenses	632,885	0	0	632,885
Change in net assets before extraordinary items	136,188	-15,745		
Extraordinary items:				
Plus debt forgiveness of loan	154,312			154,312
Net change in net assets	290,500	-15,745		274,755
Net assets, beginning of period	1,146,530	20,670	10,000	1,177,200
Prior period adjustment, Note 1	220,950			220,950
Prior period adjustment, Note 2	-187,200			-187,200
Adjusted net assets, beginning of period	1,180,280	20,670	10,000	1,210,950
NET ASSETS, END OF PERIOD	\$1,470,780	\$4,925	\$10,000	1,485,705

Note 1 - To record value of donated lease expense

Note 2 - To record value of land value change due to current appraisal

Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2010 and 2009

ASSETS

Current assets

Cash and equivalents	\$18,598
Accounts receivable	82,942
Retainage receivable	7,165

Other current assets	10,633
Total current assets	119,338

Fixed assets

Land, See Note 1	150,000
Building and property improvements	1,212,841
Property net of accumulated depreciation	13,517
Total fixed assets	1,376,358

Other assets

Lease gift in kind less value discount	201,207
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Endowment fund	10,657
Total other assets	211,864

Total assets **\$1,707,560**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities

Accounts payable	\$25,415
Accrued vacation	12,318
Current portion, long term debt	57,000
Payroll liabilities	700
Other payables	8,422
Total current liabilities	103,855

Long term liabilities

Loan payable, See Note 2	118,000
Total long term liabilities	118,000

Net assets

Unrestricted	1,470,780
Temporarily restricted	4,925
Permenantly restricted	10,000
Total net assets	1,485,705

Total liabilities and net assets **\$1,707,560**

Grants and Contracts

California Department of Transportation

California Native Plant Society

California State Coastal Conservancy

California Water Resources Control Board

California Wildlife Conservation Board

City of Santa Rosa

City of Sebastopol

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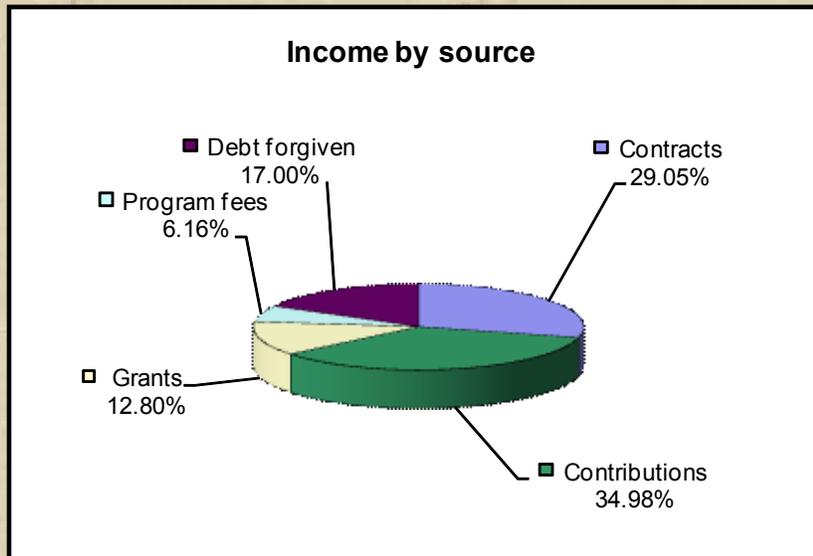
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Note 1 - Land is shown at current appraised value. The property is encumbered by a conservation easement.

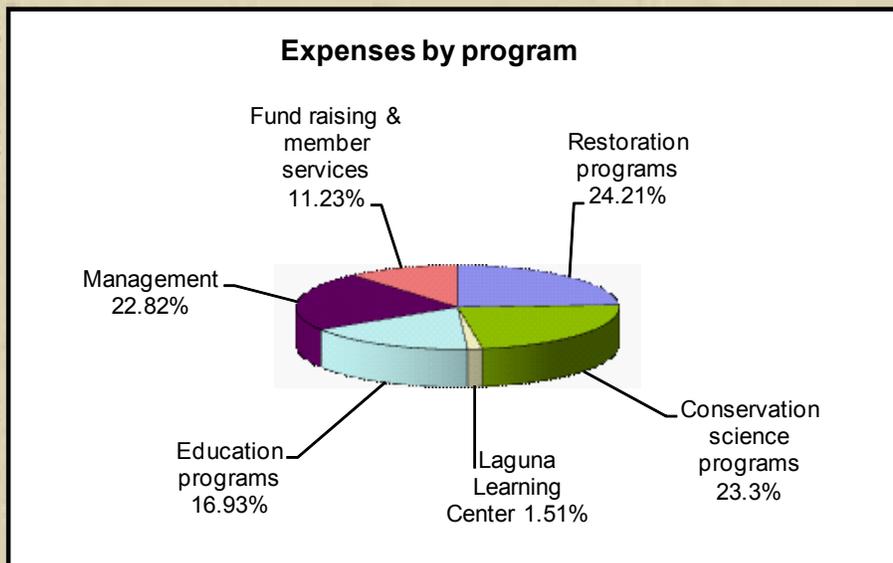
Note 2 - Note dated June 24, 2010, with principal-only payments through June 30, 2013. Simple interest accrues on principal balance at a rate of 5% per annum. Interest to be waived upon completion of principal payments in accordance with terms of note.

FY 2010 Revenue



Contracts	263,680
Contributions	317,526
Grants	116,220
Program fees	55,901
Other: Debt forgiven	154,312
TOTAL REVENUE	907,640

FY 2010 Expenses



Personnel	398,856
Professional services	93,540
Other project/program costs	60,175
Office & administration	53,939
Fund raising event costs	11,870
Training & volunteer costs	2,617
Depreciation/miscellaneous	11,888
TOTAL EXPENSES	632,885