Highlights & Accomplishments

Growth in grant support, membership and partnerships with agencies and landowners facilitated exciting progress in conservation, community outreach and scientific research positioning Sequoia Riverlands Trust (SRT) to better capture future opportunities:

- Provided permanent protection for the 445-acre Battle Mountain Ranch through a voluntary conservation agreement, conserving two miles of the North Fork of the Tule River, extensive blue oak woodland, rare wildflowers and remnants of local history
- Purchased a 951-acre property in the Tule River watershed, creating a nature preserve with rolling blue oak woodland, chaparral and portions of Sycamore Creek
- Added 550 acres to Pixley National Wildlife Refuge, providing additional habitat for rare wildlife species, in partnership with The Nature Conservancy, Bureau of Reclamation’s Central Valley Project Conservation Program, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Preserving Wild California Program of the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation
- Afforded protection for 300 acres of alkali vernal pools, amid the convergence of several creeks, rivers and sloughs in the proximity of Tulare Lake’s ancient shoreline in the southern San Joaquin Valley
- Continued restoration of native plant communities at the James K. Herbert Wetland Prairie Preserve by reintroducing 48 Valley oaks and 135 alkali sacaton, a perennial bunch grass; mapped and monitored all nesting bird species; and improved the quality of forage through prescribed fire and planned grazing, creating high-quality habitat for native plants, livestock and wildlife
- Recontoured spoils piles; removed artificial barriers that prevented natural stream flows; sowed 20 exposed acres with native grasses and forbs; and planted over 100 Valley and blue oaks at Dry Creek Preserve, a former gravel quarry currently under intensive restoration
- Presented curriculum-based education programs at Kaweah Oaks Preserve, fostering awareness of natural and agricultural systems to 1,103 Tulare County youth, doubling the number of students reached from last year
- Awarded the 2005 Lee Wilson Scholarship for Youth Service to our Environment to Nolan Jenkins, Tulare Union High School graduate, now studying environmental engineering at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- Purchased an historic building in Visalia to house our talented staff and volunteers and allow SRT to better accomplish its conservation goals
Dear Members, Friends and Partners,

With your generous support during the past year, Sequoia Riverlands Trust permanently protected over 2,250 additional acres in our treasured foothills and valley floor environments. These beautiful lands—expansive oak woodlands, unique sycamore alluvial woodlands, grasslands and precious rivers and streams—represent some of the best places in Tulare County. Together, we can be proud to pass these special places on to your children and mine.

As one of the only land trusts in the nation focusing on education, Sequoia Riverlands Trust is uniquely positioned to bring high-quality, standards-based education programs to local youth, right on our own resource-rich preserves! With an established history of teaching thousands of youngsters about the value of science, nature, agriculture and the outdoors, Sequoia Riverlands Trust focuses now on helping educators and parents increase students’ test scores and improve matriculation rates to colleges.

At the Dry Creek and James K. Herbert Wetland Prairie Preserves, Sequoia Riverlands Trust showcases restoration efforts that remind us all that the land around us continually changes. By composing a natural landscape through earth moving, seeding native grasses and trees and removing weeds, we create additional habitat for wildlife, protect water quality and ensure adequate forage for livestock grazing.

As you can see, your partnership with Sequoia Riverlands Trust, through your financial donations, in-kind gifts, volunteer time and support, helps to do so much in addition to protecting the working farms and ranches and scenic beauty we all cherish. From the Board of Directors, Advisors and staff of Sequoia Riverlands Trust, thank you for your growing level of support and your assistance in bringing Sequoia Riverlands Trust to its current level of success.

Together, we achieve great strides in conserving California’s heartland. Thank you.

With warm holiday wishes,

R. Scott Spear
President

“The fight to save family farms isn’t just about farmers. It’s about making sure that there is a safe and healthy food supply for all of us. It’s about jobs, from Main Street to Wall Street. It’s about a better America.” – Willie Nelson
Financial Statement for July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005

Assets
Cash & Operating Reserves $83,832
Accounts Receivable $60,603
Other Current Assets $7,263
Endowments $170,226
Note Receivable $238,850
Fixed Assets $9,652,025
Total Assets $10,212,799

Liabilities & Equity
Current Liabilities $149,864
Note Payable $207,008
Equity $9,855,928
Total Liabilities & Equity $10,212,799

Support & Revenue
Grants ($518,261)
Investment Revenue ($7,321)
Program Fees ($24,069)
Donations ($91,889)
Other Revenue ($341,400)

Expenses
Personnel ($347,808)
Capital Expansion ($257,914)
Youth Scholarship ($1,000)
Travel & Meeting ($23,671)
Other Expenses ($30,816)
Facility & Property ($81,376)
Operating Expenses ($62,406)

Total Revenue $982,940
Total Expenses $959,577

Additional grant revenue for land acquisition totaled $3,762,400 this fiscal year.

Sequoia Riverlands Trust (SRT) is a local, community-based, 501 (c)(3) non-profit conserving the natural and agricultural legacy of the southern Sierra Nevada and San Joaquin Valley. A copy of the latest financial statement and registration filed with the Registry of Charitable Trusts may be obtained by contacting the SRT office. Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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California Department of Transportation
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
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State of California Wildlife Conservation Board
The Nature Conservancy

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USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Environmental Quality Incentives Program
‘Above & Beyond’ Recognition

Sequoia Riverlands Trust (SRT) sincerely expresses appreciation and gratitude for the extraordinary assistance given to the organization by the following individuals, helping to bring us to our current levels of success:

- Docents Lee Akins, Carol Manning, Steven Peterson, Shirley Vierra and Dave Wachner for leading exceptional standards-based programs for youth at Kaweah Oaks Preserve

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- Carole Combs for her commitment, passion and careful work in grant management, preserve monitoring and stewardship at the James K. Herbert Wetland Prairie Preserve during her time as a dedicated member of the Board
• Ted Estelle and Prevalent Design for the incredible skill and
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• Jeanine Fontana for promoting SRT’s high-quality youth
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Oaks Preserve

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with complex real estate transactions

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and hard work promoting conservation through public outreach
and event support

• Bobby Kamansky for enhancing SRT’s capability to use
prescribed fire as a restoration tool in land stewardship and
for adding to our knowledge of the James K. Herbert Wetland
Prairie Preserve’s ecology through his masters research on the
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and animal communities

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efforts and for facilitating the work of preserve volunteers

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Sequoia Riverlands Trust appreciates the support, guidance, talents and contributions from our committee members who selflessly give to furthering conservation efforts in the southern Sierra Nevada and San Joaquin Valley:

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About Sequoia Riverlands Trust
Sequoia Riverlands Trust (SRT), a community-based non-profit, is dedicated to conserving the natural and agricultural legacy of the southern Sierra Nevada and San Joaquin Valley. This region is blessed with unique and diverse habitats and species owing to dramatic elevation changes, rivers cascading from high in the Sierra and the seasonal extremes of our Mediterranean climate. The San Joaquin Valley and adjoining foothills also rank among the most productive agricultural regions in the world. We seek to encourage vibrant relationships among community, economy and nature so all of these systems may flourish. To this end we…

…engage willing landowners in land protection, stewardship and conservation.
…draw on the best available science to care for lands owned and managed by SRT.
…foster awareness and understanding of our unique natural and agricultural heritage.
…educate local youth and the community about the value of conservation.
…showcase the results of effective conservation efforts.

Horses graze near productive vineyards at Battle Mountain Ranch, North Fork Tule River, where SRT protected a classic working ranch in the Sierra foothills. - Photo by SRT ©
Conserved Lands

Sequoia Riverlands Trust owns and manages seven nature preserves, protecting 4,382 acres:

• **Dry Creek Preserve (152 acres)** – restoration of this former gravel mine will provide the first example of an ecologically-based aggregate mine reclamation in Tulare County

• **Homer Ranch (1,819 acres)** - features portions of Dry Creek, one of the largest remaining sycamore alluvial woodland communities in the world and expansive blue oak woodlands

• **James K. Herbert Wetland Prairie Preserve (725 acres)** - conserves the greatest density of northern claypan vernal pool habitat in the southern San Joaquin Valley

• **Kaweah Oaks Preserve (324 acres)** - displays the largest protected example of Valley oak riparian forest on the Kaweah River Delta

• **Lewis Hill Preserve (110 acres)** - safeguards the rare and beautiful striped adobe lily (*Fritillaria striata*) and San Joaquin adobe sunburst (*Pseudobahia peironii*)

• **“Springville’s Splendor” (951 acres)** - features rolling blue oak woodland, chaparral and portions of Sycamore Creek, nestled among Giant Sequoia National Monument and Sequoia National Park

• **Westside Preserve (300 acres)** - protects alkali vernal pools in the proximity of Tulare Lake’s ancient shoreline, amid the convergence of several creeks, rivers and sloughs

Through partnerships with dedicated landowners, voluntary conservation agreements protect 2,211 acres on 10 properties:

• Battle Mountain, Circle J-Norris and River Ridge ranches in Springville protect 1,776 acres of rolling blue oak woodland and sensitive streamside habitat along the North Fork of the Tule River

• In partnership with the City of Porterville, a 7.3-acre property contains examples of the riparian forests and adjacent grasslands that were once typical of the Central Valley

• Five properties in Three Rivers protect 411 acres of Kaweah River streamside habitat, wildlife corridors or the rare Kaweah brodiaea (*Brodiaea insignis*)

• One property on Dry Creek safeguards 17 acres of unique sycamore alluvial woodlands