On September 6, 2022, the Mosquito Fire started near Oxbow reservoir on the Middle Fork of the American River. I got a notification on my phone while at dinner that there was a 3-acre fire in the middle fork drainage. I immediately texted and called our Forester, our contractors, and relevant ARC staff to notify them of this fire. Many of us now on high alert texted well into the small hours of the morning as we watched the fire grow from 3 acres to 30 acres to 100 acres. One of our contractors shared photos of the fire from their backyard in Fores-thill. We all held our breath as we hoped they would get it out quickly. Unfortunately, this was not the case. The Mosquito Fire proceeded to burn for the next 6 weeks. The fire caused mass evacuations of our communities, burned 76,788 acres, destroyed 78 homes and damaged 13 others. The dry and excessive fuel and steep terrain were the perfect storm of conditions to result in the largest fire in California in 2022. Pretty early in the fire during a significant run driven by higher winds, one of ARC’s most recent acquisitions; the 543-acre Chapman Canyon Preserve, burned.

Over the next week ARC staff and our colleagues on the French Meadows project started discussing and preparing ourselves for the burning of the French Meadow’s basin and the American River Headwaters property. Colleagues discussed the wildfire reaching the basin and the inevitable testing of the forest thinning treatments we had completed over the last 6 years. Many of us threw out facts from studies of the effects of the Caldor fire 2021 (it burned 221,835 acres and 1,005 structures) that showed ecologically thinned and masticated areas had lower burn severity and lower tree mortality. Many also pointed out the fact that firefighters were able to use these treatment areas to hold the fire line which saved the communities there. I reflected on how much the American River Headwaters (ARH), where I have lived and worked for the last 7 years of my career, meant so much more to me than that of just a job. The ARH property holds the position of my favorite place in the world. Those close to me know a piece of my heart lies here with my favorite sugar pines and expansive views of the North and Middle Fork drainages. During this time one of our colleagues at The Nature Conservancy reached out to check on how I was doing. They simply reminded me that resiliency was always the end goal of the work we are doing, and that fire is an inevitable part of the natural cycle of our ecosystem. While we can’t always prevent fire and loss, we can promote resiliency through ecological forest management, restoration, and stewardship of our landscapes.

Upon further reflection, some of the hardest and best moments of my life have been spent at ARH. Some of my most important friendships and working relationships have been fostered at ARH, and I have grown from an inexperienced, fresh-faced college graduate into the experienced and capable person I am today. Most importantly, these moments in this place have in fact made me a resilient human being. (Continued on page 2…)

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Resilience is the ability of a natural area, a community, a family, or an individual to bounce back and recover from a damaging event. For individuals and our human communities, resilience is a measure of underlying strength, adaptability, support, and resolve. Resilient people and communities can recover from physical, emotional, and financial injuries, learn from those experiences, and emerge stronger. But do Earth’s natural systems have the resiliency to survive, adapt, and thrive in a human-dominated world of habitat loss, fragmentation, and climate change? What can ARC do as a land trust organization do to better understand and aid the resiliency of our area’s natural systems?

I found myself thinking about those questions during a recent hike led by ARC Board President Scott Vail along the Caples Trail located between Highways 50 and 88, south of Kyburz. Large swaths of forests along the trail have been seriously damaged in the last three years, first by a prescribed burn that got out of control, then by hurricane force winds that blew down mature trees, and finally by the massive Caldor Fire. Though the fire’s damage varied from place to place and there are occasional “green islands”, the extent of the destruction was shocking to me, especially considering how long it will take to regrow a mature forest.

The resilience of these forests had been diminished by a century of forest management practices that included suppression of all fires and no thinning. As a result, prior to the Caldor Fire, the forest was thickly overgrown with a hundred years of fuel build up.

Obviously, we can’t go back in time and correct poor forest management practices. The damage has been done. So then, what can the ARC and other land managers practically do to help restore our natural landscapes with an eye toward improving resilience?

Fortunately, the science and practice of restorative land management and resilience is rapidly developing. Examples include ecological logging, forest thinning, and prescribed burns to reduce fuel loads and increase soil moisture. ARC’s American River headwaters restoration project is a perfect example. ARC is also focusing more on habitat connectivity and resiliency criteria in our land conservation efforts to help ensure natural corridors and preserves exist to allow a diverse range of plants and animals to thrive as the climate changes. Additionally, ARC is also participating in the 30 by 30 federal and state initiative to preserve 30% of America’s land and waters by the year 2030. I look forward to seeing the results of ARC’s land conservation and restoration efforts that are designed to achieve improved resilience.
Land Conservation Update

For 33 years, ARC has worked with private landowners, public agencies and funding partners to preserve native habitat, agricultural lands, recreational access and riparian corridors. ARC has protected 29,385 acres through conservation easement and fee-title acquisition. As the human population grows, conservation of large open spaces is critical to allow systems to adapt and maintain resiliency in the face of changing ecological processes produced by climate change.

Lewis Ranch  We are pleased to announce that ARC closed escrow on September 22, permanently protecting this 972-acre ranch located near the town of Greenwood. Funding for this project came from: Sierra Nevada Conservancy ($1 Million), CAL FIRE ($1.5 Million), Wildlife Conservation Board ($970,000), California Natural Resources Agency ($1 million), as well as over $80,000 from ARC supporters. Lewis Ranch is situated on Greenwood Creek, an important tributary to the South Fork American River. More than 3 miles of riparian frontage, varying topography and a mosaic of vegetation types make the Lewis Ranch an extremely diverse habitat. Look for opportunities to attend a guided hike on this property in the spring! Visit virtually at https://youtu.be/XGdoHIWdydU.

El Dorado Ranch Phase 4  From 2012 – 2018, ARC purchased 3,157 acres of El Dorado Ranch in 3 different phases. We are now working with the landowner of the remaining acreage to purchase and permanently protect another 1,025 acres of this beautiful oak woodland landscape along the Cosumnes River in El Dorado County. Once the site of a planned residential development, El Dorado Ranch will become a unit in El Dorado County’s first Wildlife Area – a special designation by California Department of Fish and Wildlife that allows for non-motorized wildlife-related recreation. ARC Conservation staff (i.e. Elena) is writing grants and working with funding agencies and donors to raise the approximately $4,700,000 needed to permanently protect this working ranch and future Wildlife Area.

Steely Ridge Conservation Easement  ARC first became interested in this 158-acre property way back in 2003, when the Frost-Hurzel family invited Alan Ehrgott and Elena DeLacy to visit. At the time, they were considering including ARC in their estate plans. Now, 19 years later, we are advancing the purchase of a conservation easement on their forested property to protect it in perpetuity. The site contains beautiful mixed conifer-oak woodland forest as well as Steely Fork Cosumnes River frontage and multiple ponds and springs. The site is adjacent to ARC’s existing Wells Preserve as well as Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land. ARC is seeking funds to advance the purchase of this Conservation Easement.
What’s Up at Wakamatsu

Thank Goodness

At long last, many types of events are happening at Wakamatsu Farm! In addition to our regular repertoire, we are excited this year to have hosted several new types of functions and activities. These include our own, other organizations’, and individuals’ special occasions. Hosting events builds our growing community of supporters to further ARC’s mission. Functions at Wakamatsu Farm create lasting memories while generating new and much-needed revenue to offset our growing farm expenses. Thank goodness for those who have invested their time and resources in events at Wakamatsu Farm! As we aim to continue offering a space for others to host their own events, we hope the momentum we are building will help us reach an ever-increasing self-sustaining future at the Farm. Here is a synopsis of year 2022 special events and exciting occasions hosted at Wakamatsu Farm:

- Earth Dayta
- Spring Tea
- Duo County Chamber Mixer
- Summer concerts
- Fall Fling
- Key Club fundraiser
- Ladies Valley Landback
- 1 Retreat
- 3 Weddings
- Meeting space for partners
- Several other celebrations

May the list keep growing each year. Thank goodness for ARC long-time and new volunteers who are making every farm activity possible! In addition to ongoing grounds maintenance during weekly workdays, ARC volunteers keep a boatload of more typical ARC activities afloat. ARC regular events at the Farm include Open Farm Days, Nature Camp, field trips, workshops, trainings, classes, nature walks, orienteering, private tours, “homeschool Fridays,” wildlife monitoring, stargazing, and much more. All this happens at a landmark historic farm with two independent farming operations strengthening our local food chain by providing wholesome food for our community. Thank goodness for Free Hand Farm and FogDog Farm! What a testament to what good land can offer while also fostering new relationships. We hope every person, animal, and plant who visit and remain at Wakamatsu Farm share their own form of goodness within our community. We are so grateful to all who have made Wakamatsu Farm a magnificent place to be.

Fall Fling Highlights

ARC staff and board happily hosted our annual supporter appreciation event in September called “Fall Fling.” This year about 130 supporters enjoyed live music by “Still Rockin’ & Friends.” While sipping local wines and surrounded by FogDog Farm flowers, they heartily ate Dennis Edward’s award-winning BBQ, local school superintendent Keri Phillips’ delightful salads, and they finished off with Sierra Rizing cookies. We carved a new future with a successful online auction, and many lucky winners walked away with bargains! Next year, you are welcome to join us at ARC’s Fall Fling during the last weekend of September 2023. We hope to see you there!
Volunteer Opportunities & Stewardship Update

Water Quality Monitoring Program
Volunteers collect water quality data and monitor sites throughout the Cosumnes River watershed, monthly throughout the year. We are currently accepting new volunteers for training in April of 2023.
Sign-up: https://app.donorview.com/VQqzE

Land Steward Program
Volunteers assist with monitoring ARC-owned properties throughout El Dorado County. These dedicated individuals observe, record and submit reports to ARC staff in order to help with stewardship activities. New volunteer training to occur spring of 2023. Sign-up: https://app.donorview.com/v6x39

Western Bluebird Monitoring Program
This volunteer program uses Cornell Nest Watch protocols to observe, monitor and collect data on western bluebird boxes located at ARC's Wakamatsu Farm property and other local sites. Volunteers are most needed from April through September. Sign-up: https://app.donorview.com/GZvyP

Wakamatsu Farm Workdays
Volunteer workdays will be centered around small site improvement projects that may include: weeding, native plant cultivation, orchard care, trail maintenance and upkeep tasks within the Outdoor Learning Campus. All ages are welcome, but an adult must accompany children under 16. Workdays are typically scheduled from 9am-1pm on Wednesdays. 2022 Dates & Registration: https://app.donorview.com/wWXMz

ARC River Clean-ups
We recognize that our local waterways are overcrowded and constantly inundated with trash. Due to this ongoing issue, we are moving away from scheduling one big annual river clean-up event and will be moving towards smaller, flexible group specific activities. What does that mean for you?...We encourage you to pick a date that works best for your organization or group. We will put together the sign-up sheet for that day, provide trash grabbers, trash bags and a disposal location. How to participate? Email stewardship@ARConservancy.org at least two weeks in advance with approximate number of people in your group, date, site lead contact information and site. Dates and sign-ups here: https://app.donorview.com/4rw6K

ARC Trail Workdays
Volunteers work together to build and maintain multi-use trails on ARC-owned properties. Trail workdays will be centered around brushing of trail corridors, development of new trail routes and general trail maintenance.
https://app.donorview.com/v7mXJ

Great Sierra River Cleanup
Along the American River, Consumnes River, Hangtown Creek and at Folsom Lake, volunteers collected roughly 750 pounds of trash! While the Mosquito Fire raged on, these dedicated volunteers managed to find a break in the intense wildfire smoke to clean up their community watersheds on September 17th. There ARC hosted cleanups were a part of a larger statewide cleanup in partnership with the Coastal Cleanup Commission and the Sierra Nevada Alliance. After the event, the Coastal Cleanup Commission stated: “With 60% of the cleanup sites reporting, the statewide count stands at 27,185 volunteers. Those volunteers picked up 220,861 pounds of trash and an additional 29,702 pounds of recyclable materials, for a total of 250,563 pounds or 125 tons.”

Participants from Hangtown Creek location, led by the amazing Daisy Kerr! Not pictured is the lovely Judy Graham.
Programs Plus

See our website calendar for updates, full descriptions, and registration links. ARConservancy.org/events

No dogs allowed unless otherwise stated
All programs are subject to change

Have an idea for a program?
Contact julie@ARConservancy.org

Nature Walks

Acorn Creek Family & Photo Hike
Saturday, January 7th 9am-11am
Marcus Christian, ARC Board Member and photography-lover, wants to share his interests. Join him solo or bring friends and family to get an introduction to hiking, and tips on taking nature photos. All ages welcome. Well-behaved dog on-leash OK. Meeting location (Pilot Hill area). Suggested donation on ARC properties: $5/members, $10/non-members. https://app.donorview.com/wkLzV

New Year Cleanse Hike
Saturday, January 14th 11am-12:30pm
The intent of this hike is to welcome positive energy in 2023 and say goodbye to negative experiences in 2022. Ami Stroud will lead this 2.5 mile hike to the South Fork of the American River where participants will collect acorns and leaves as symbols of the negative experiences/energy you want to let go of in the New Year. When we get to the river, we will let these negative experiences float away. To make room for positive 2023 energy, we will do about 10 minutes of easy standing Tai Chi movements on shore and then loop around to Greenwood Creek and back to trailhead. Well-behaved children of all ages and dog on-leash welcome. Meeting location Pilot Hill area. FREE. A detailed email will be sent once you register online. https://app.donorview.com/oGxDo

Snowshoe Hike Gerle Creek Area
Saturday, January 14th 9am-4pm
Snowshoe hike (5-6 miles) on the El Dorado NF begins at the end of the plowed pavement on Wentworth Springs Rd. 3 miles east of the intersection with Ice House Road. The hike will follow the road to Angel Creek picnic area and follow the trail to Gerle Creek Campground. A stop for lunch and warmth at a nearby cabin before returning to the vehicles following a different route. This is an intermediate hike for snowshoers ages 12+. Whiteout conditions or no snow postpones/cancels trip. Well-behaved dog on leash OK. Meeting location Placerville area. Suggested Donation: $10/members, $15/non-members. A detailed email will be sent once you register online. https://app.donorview.com/y9Vgn

Snowshoe Tour with a Forester
Saturday, February 25th 9am-4pm (weather and snow-dependent)
Join Luis Vidal for an easy-moderate introductory snowshoe hike through the woods. This hike will start on a well-used route and may traverse into the surrounding off-trail areas. Hikers will learn about the ecology of forests environments in the winter and basic winter back country awareness. Fit 13-year-olds+ welcome. Meeting location Foresthill area. Suggested donation: $10/members, $15/non-members. A detailed email will be sent once you register online. https://app.donorview.com/rORq1

Lectures, Workshops & Miscellany

MTB Coloma Femme Trail Rippers
Tuesdays 12/6, 12/20, 1/10, 1/24, 2/7, 2/21
(Time, location, and level options vary. See registration link for full descriptions.)
Looking for a passionate motivator to get you on your mountain bike? Mari is an ever-aspiring mountain bike rider/road cyclist with a racing career spanning over a decade. She enjoys outdoor adventures, camping, traveling and currently writing a health consciousness book. Whether you’re a beginner or long-time rider, you can find a fit for you. No electric bikes permitted. MUST know how to fix a flat. Adults only please. Meeting locations in Cool and Pilot Hill. FREE. A detailed email will be sent once you register online. https://app.donorview.com/LrvKP

OUR MISSION
The American River Conservancy serves our communities by ensuring healthy ecosystems within the Upper American and Upper Cosumnes River watersheds through land conservation, stewardship and education.
Candle-Making @ Christmas in Coloma  
December 10th & 11th 10:30am—3:00 pm  
The Nature Center will once again host a candle-making craft during the much-anticipated annual event, Christmas in Coloma, in the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park. For kids or the whole family, this is a great opportunity to create a handmade gift for the holidays. We are located at 348 Hwy 49, Coloma. **Cost: $2 each or 3 for $5.**

Zen Meditation and Qigong at Wakamatsu  
December 17th, January 14th, February 11th 1-2:30 pm  
Join local mindfulness instructor Berry Crawford for a peaceful and relaxing event at the beautiful and historic Wakamatsu farm. This event will include sessions of Qigong, mindfulness meditation and walking meditation. Come learn to relax, recharge, and let go with these ancient and effective practices. Responsible/quiet 12-year-olds+ welcome. Meeting location Gold Hill/Placerville area. **Suggested Donation: $5/members, $10/non-members.** A detailed email will be sent once you register online. https://app.donorview.com/N7kge

Labyrinth Wander  
Saturday, December 31st 1-3pm  
Celebrate the close of 2022 with a mindful labyrinth walk. The Abode of Peace Labyrinth in Georgetown CA is among the most spectacular labyrinths in the world. Join Labyrinth builder David Blonski to learn about the history and uses of this meditative pathway. Bring your New Year’s resolutions or set a new intention to create a fabulous new year. Quiet 8-year-olds+ w/adult supervision welcome. This is an easy 1-mile walk. Rain postpones. Meeting location in Georgetown. **Suggested donation $10/members, $15/non-members.** A detailed email will be sent once you register online. https://app.donorview.com/g9eNO

Capturing Wakamatsu: A Poetry Walk/Workshop  
Sunday, January 8th, 12-2pm  
Taylor Graham, El Dorado County’s first Poet Laureate, and award-winning Sacramento-area poet Katy Brown will lead an exploration of farmhouse, barn, and surroundings, then ask participants to write a poem inspired by what they’ve experienced. Any who wish to may share their poems with the group and ARC. Children 8+ welcome with adult supervision. Meeting location Gold Hill/Placerville area. **Suggested Donation: $5/members, $10/non-members.** A detailed email will be sent once you register online. https://app.donorview.com/6YrDv

Sogetsu Ikebana Classes  
Sundays, January 15th & February 19th, 10am-1pm  
Instructor Yasmin Spiegel is a “Sensei” (teacher) in the Sogetsu School of Ikebana: Japanese flower arranging. Ages 8+w/adult supervision. Meeting location Gold Hill/Placerville area. **Cost: Individual classes $35/members, $40/non-members.** A detailed email will be sent once you register online. https://app.donorview.com/WGk89

January 15: Happy New Year!  
New Year is a special time for Japanese Flower Artists. Using pine, Chrysanthemum, lilies, red berries, as well as gold painted bamboo, we will create arrangements which celebrate our wishes for happiness, peace and a prosperous 2023. Special paper strings called “Mizuhiki” in gold, silver or other metallic colors are tied in graceful curves and added for festive feelings.

February 19: Using Flowering Branches  
Classical Japanese Ikebana prizes the flowering branches of early spring. One has only to look at an old scroll or painting to see the graceful arrangement of flowering Quince or fruiting trees. Various methods for fixing the branches will be highlighted in this class.

Mushrooms in El Dorado – An intro to ID  
Saturday, January 28th, 10am-1pm (this event is weather & bloom dependent)  
Join ARC volunteer Elizabeth Standeven for a meandering hike while you learn the basics of mushroom identification. The hike will begin with a brief talk about the basics of mushroom identification with handouts and then we will apply your knowledge as you assess mushrooms in the field. Local botany will also be discussed as it relates to mushrooms. Responsible 12-year-olds+ welcome. Meeting location Gold Hill/Placerville area. **Suggested Donation: $5/members, $10/non-members.** A detailed email will be sent once you register online. https://app.donorview.com/EWL55

ARC Wish List  
For full list visit https://bit.ly/3eT0VNA
- Leaf blower
- Adult life jackets (M&L)
- Garage door
- Gift cards
- Digital microscope
- Golf cart
- 12-passenger van
- Potting soil
- Backpacks
- And much more...
California Naturalist Class 2023: If you enjoy exploring and learning about our local ecology, engaging in citizen science and sharing your knowledge with others, this program is for you! The 40-hour course combines a science curriculum with guest lecturers, field trips and project-based learning to explore the unique ecology and natural history of the Sierra Foothills. Our California Naturalist class will be offered on Wednesdays from March 8th to May 17th. Class meetings will be via zoom on Wednesdays from 4-6:30pm. The course will include three in-person field trips. Registration will open 12/1/2022, please look for a registration link on our webpage at that time. You can email questions to education@ARConservancy.org.

Nature Bowl 2023
Nature Bowl is an interactive, friendly eco-competition for all 3rd-6th graders. For over 30 years, California Department of Fish and Wildlife has sponsored this educational program in partnership with local organizations like American River Conservancy. Look for an updated Nature Bowl Registration page at ARConservancy.org/education in December. If you are interested in coaching a Nature Bowl team, contact education@ARConservancy.org.

Field Trips with American River Conservancy
Teachers and homeschool families, interested in signing up for a field trip? We offer a wide range of lesson topics for grades pre-k through 12. Example activities include outdoor science experiences, historical tours, art experiences, and stewardship projects. Please fill out our Interest Form and someone will reach out to schedule your trip! If you have additional questions, please email education@ARConservancy.org.

Give the Gift of a DONOR WALL PLAQUE
While the Education Center construction is in the final stage of phase one, we ask you to consider donating to phase two. Donations of $1000 or more will be gifted a name plaque on the donor wall next spring. Donors of $5,000 or more will receive special recognition on the building.

Donate today at https://app.donorview.com/8Wq5V

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Fridays in December
9am-3pm
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Meet the Education Team

Please help us welcome our new Education Programs Manager, Nic Russo and Education Coordinator, Megan Calarco.

Nic is a California boy, born and raised in Roseville but shaped by his summers running feral in the woods near the Truckee summit where his grandparents had a cabin. The ocean was calling his name at an early age and by the fourth grade he had decided that he was going to be a marine biologist and attend UC Santa Cruz. After completing his coursework (in marine biology at UCSC, not the fourth grade) he took his bright and shiny degree and used it to get a job taking care of the fish at Petsmart. His parents were so proud. After a series of events which included working in public aquariums in Oregon and the Caribbean, getting bitten by a shark (and just about every other fish), living on a luxury mega-yacht in Nice, France, cleaning fish tanks for a Saudi Arabian prince, logging over 100 dives, bartending, and traveling across Europe, Nic finally decided to settle down and become a teacher. He taught high school biology and environmental science for 13 years before leaving to join the education team at NatureBridge in Yosemite. Outdoor and environmental education is his passion and he can’t wait to bring his enthusiasm and experience to the team at the ARC. In his free time he likes to hang out with his daughter Sophie and his partner Holly, be outside near water pretending to fish, explore dirt roads in his Jeep and eat good food.

Megan was raised at the base of the Cascade Mountain Range in Sisters, Oregon. Growing up, she was always immersed in the outdoors through family outings and a nature-based education. She received her bachelor’s degree in Natural Resources at Oregon State University with an emphasis on education and sustainability. She has experience working with all ages, ranging from preschool to high school.

Farewell to Jonas

By Scott Vail

Jonas Minton, a long-time American River supporter, died on June 22, 2022 at 73. He was exceptional and his loss to the environmental community cannot be overstated. Although he would probably be the first to downplay his role in developing California water and environmental policy, Jonas served on the team that secured the 1981 Federal Wild and Scenic River protection for more than 1,200 miles of California rivers while he worked for the California Department of Water Resources and led the agreement to resolve the water issues on the Lower American River through his tenure as Executive Director of the Sacramento Area Water Forum. After his retirement, Jonas joined the Planning and Conservation League and worked on water, land use, and social justice issues. He was thoroughly committed to working for the health of the State’s rivers. His ability to bring diverse and adversarial parties together to collaborate to solve water problems was remarkable given how intractable these problems seem.

Jonas lived life to the fullest. His sense of humor and optimism was infectious. Most weekends would find him kayaking the South Fork of the American River with friends of many years. He loved to ski, ride motorcycles, drive fast cars and spend time with friends and most of all his wife, Julie.

Jonas had a genuine interest in people. He would take the time to listen and understand, giving his time and support to others. He cared not only about the environment, but humanity’s place in nature. He asked seemingly simple questions that challenged our assumptions about how we live and what we value. Most importantly, he showed how to live a balanced life of kindness, compassion and purpose.
Thank you, American River Conservancy July-September 2022 Supporters!

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In honor of my daughter
In loving memory of my fellow deputy district attorney, Dave DeLacy… an absolute gentleman and respected attorney in the district attorneys office. Loved by fellow DA employees, the defense bar and the judiciary as well. Rest in peace. I miss you.
In memory of Alan Harp
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In memory of Jim Ginney
In memory of my brother, Jan Koom.
In Memory of Roger L. Keenan II
In memory of Sue Robbins
In honor of David DeLacy
For Irene Lipshin- We are happy that this river gives you so much Joy! Especially during these difficult times.

If you feel your name is missing from last quarter, please contact julie@ARConservancy.org...
Ladies Valley Landback

On 10/22/22, ARC hosted an event and art auction to raise at least $25,000 for Cosumnes Culture and WaterWays (CCAWW). ARC’s gift of land and funds to CCAWW will greatly help them build their future as the new landowners of the 320-acre Ladies Valley property. We are pleased to share that our mutual supporters helped us far exceed our fundraising goal. The event and auction alone raised over $28,000. With an additional $10,000 from a foundation grant, plus the value of donated goods, the total value of this fundraiser amounts to over $71,000! During the event, about 150 guests and volunteers enjoyed Native American music, storytelling, local poetry, and the history of ARC’s long partnership with CCAWW to achieve such lasting results. Thanks to our grocery and winery partners, a bountiful cornucopia of donated goods contributed to a lavish charcuterie accompanied by local wines. Our gratitude list grew much longer with all the helping hands who made our Ladies Valley Landback fundraiser an overwhelming success. If you missed the event and want to support the Ladies Valley Landback, you can still donate to CCAWW and their stewardship of the Ladies Valley property at bit.ly/lvlb-event.

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Special thanks to all who joined the event and purchased or donated auction items!

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