



March 27, 2023

Dear Fellow Citizen,

When thanking our donors, I often use the phrase, “fellow conservators.” The term defines anyone who is “responsible for the repair and preservation of works of art, buildings, or other things of cultural or environmental interest.” Responsibility is key for many supporters of American River Conservancy (ARC). They feel a **duty to act**. And while the term is fitting, most do not realize how their contributions have earned the honor and acknowledgement of our fellowship.

Investing in local conservation is an essential way to address major challenges facing our local and global communities. When you support ARC, you are contributing to the protection of essential public benefits: clean water, healthy food, fresh air, carbon sequestration, habitat for wildlife, and places for people to reflect and recreate. Supporting ARC means you are making a **meaningful difference in our community** while helping to sustain all living things.

Our fellow conservators can also help share important information about the benefits of land trusts. Through ARC, willing landowners exercise their personal and property rights by granting conservation easements to us, so their lands are permanently protected. All of ARC’s acquired properties, monies, and in-kind **donations are 100% voluntary, community-driven, nonpartisan, charitable, and enduring.**

This spring, we ask you to take a few moments to **mail a check or donate online** at ARConservancy.org/donate. You can even set up monthly donations online. Many view their donations as the easiest form of support. Other methods of support include joining our **Legacy Circle** with a planned gift in your estate and investing in **The ARC Fund**. Find more ways to give on in the *Join Us* tab on our website.

By supporting ARC, you are **affirming your fellowship with many others who share our responsibility for environmental conservation**. Whether you donate, volunteer, share ARC’s story, or contribute any combination of the same, your gift to ARC preserves rivers and land for *life*.

Sincerely,

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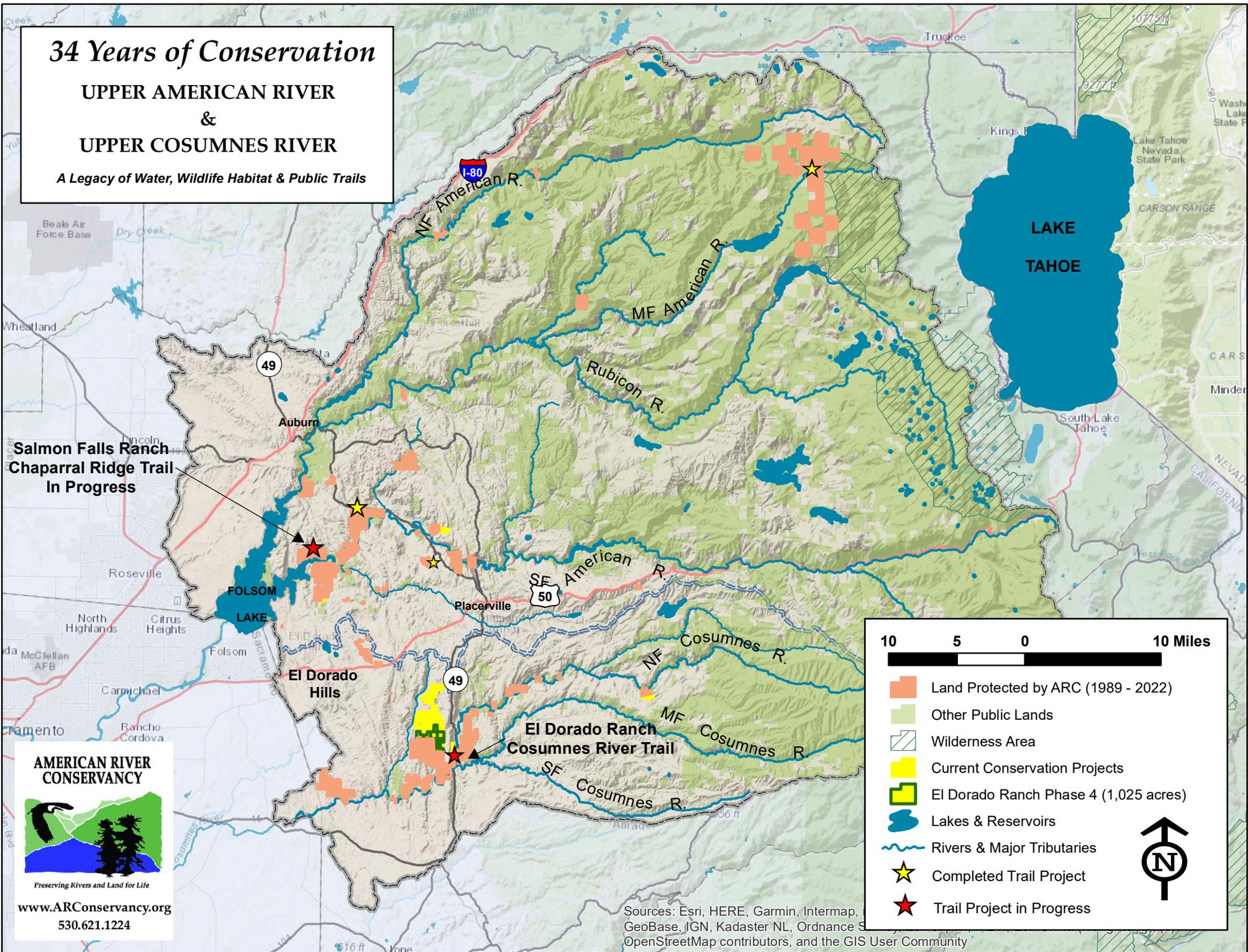
Melissa Lobach, Development Director

P.S. Please also join us in looking forward to the **Big Day of Giving on May 4th** when you and our fellow conservators can make it a truly BIG day!

34 Years of Conservation

UPPER AMERICAN RIVER & UPPER COSUMNES RIVER

A Legacy of Water, Wildlife Habitat & Public Trails



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

AMERICAN RIVER CONSERVANCY

Preserved

972

more acres in perpetuity

Served more than

2,000

learners of all ages via ARC's environmental education programs

Provided

400+

volunteers with opportunities to donate over 6,500 hours in service of our environment and community

Restored over

338

acres of American River headwaters habitat

Delivered over

70

public programs to more than 800 people



Preserving Rivers and Land for Life

Program Highlights

Conservation

In 2022, ARC acquired 972-acre Lewis Ranch, protecting three miles of riparian habitat on Greenwood Creek. This working landscape includes oak woodland and mixed conifer forest habitats.



In 2023, our goal is to acquire another 1,025 acres of oak woodland and riparian habitat in the Upper Cosumnes River watershed at El Dorado Ranch.

Stewardship

For our American River Headwaters project, we far surpassed our goal of thinning 1,600 acres by thinning 1,706 heavily forested acres to date! Volunteers monitored water quality at 18 sites in the Upper Cosumnes River watershed. Staff and volunteer Land Stewards monitored over 14,000 acres of ARC's owned lands and conservation easements.



In 2023 we aim to complete a 1.5-mile trail at Salmon Falls Ranch. We will also begin meadow restoration at Leek Springs in the headwaters of the North Fork Cosumnes River.



Education

With help from our education volunteers, ARC delivered 65 programs to over 2,000 youth and adults during 2022. We led seven sessions of Nature Camp, providing memorable summer experiences for 130 campers and counselors.

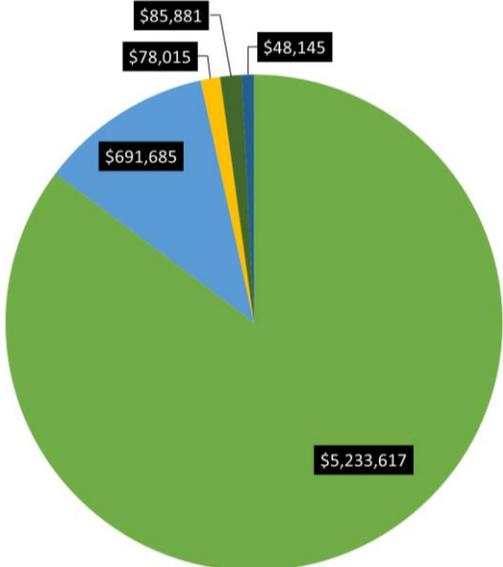


In 2023, we plan to open our Education Center at Wakamatsu Farm. We will keep connecting with youth in the California Conservation Corps. We are excited to launch *Raft Camp*, a fun-filled experience for 11-13 year-olds that will guide them to explore the South Fork American River canyon.

Financial Summary

Thanks to our 2022 Partners!

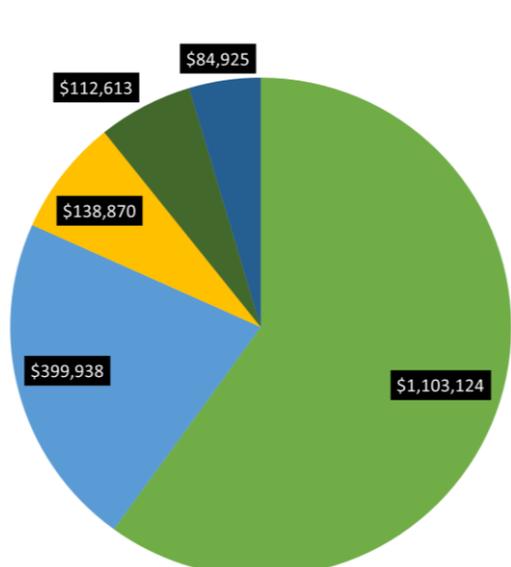
ARC's Income by Source



- Grants* (85.3%)
- Donations/Community Support (11.3%)
- Program Revenue (1.3%)
- Land Leases (1.4%)
- Miscellaneous (0.8%)

*Grant total includes \$4,470,000 of grant income used to purchase Lewis Ranch.

ARC's Expenses by Program



- Stewardship/Restoration (60.0%)
- Admin (21.7%)
- Conservation* (7.6%)
- Education (6.1%)
- Fundraising (4.6%)

*Conservation expenses total does not include \$4,470,000 of grant income used to purchase Lewis Ranch

Stronger every year, thanks to YOU!

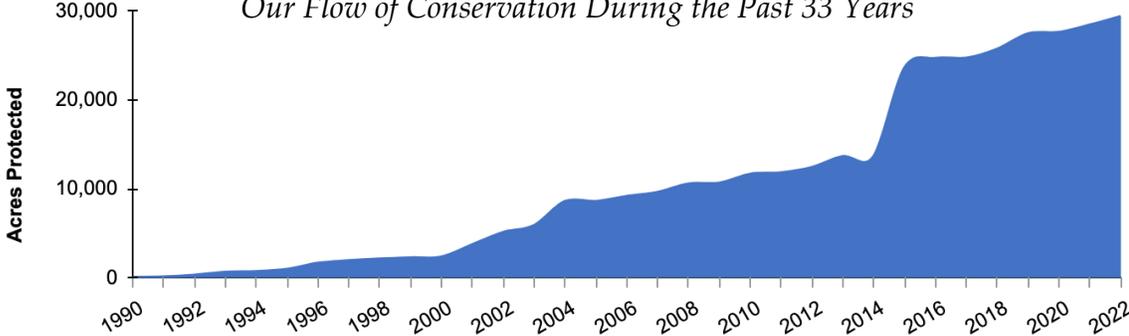
In 2022, five donors invested in **The ARC Fund**, and two more members joined our **Legacy Circle**. Our growing community of supporters make it possible for ARC to keep preserving rivers and land for life!



American River Conservancy

– 29,385 Acres Protected –

Our Flow of Conservation During the Past 33 Years



- Barsotti Juice
- BriarPatch Food Coop
- CAL FIRE
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- California Natural Resources Agency
- California State Parks
- CA State Water Resources Control Board
- El Dorado National Forest
- El Dorado Water Agency
- HELIX Environmental Planning
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Placer County
- Placer County Water Agency
- Sacramento Valley Conservancy
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- Tahoe National Forest
- The Nature Conservancy
- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Merced
- US Fish & Wildlife
- Wildlife Conservation Board

ARC's Partner of the Year

