



PROGRESS REPORT Mid-Year 2008

Accomplishments through July 2008

Publications and Documents

The main accomplishment for 2008 is the production of the Botanical ID Book. The booklet was distributed to Grizzly Ranch property owners at the Mountain Homecoming event in July. The book was warmly received and will be very useful to residents as they begin to landscape and as a walking guide for native plants on the property. A tremendous amount of effort went into the production of the book and its success is a great achievement for the Conservancy.

The annual Grizzly Ranch Conservancy bookmark, which highlights current achievements and future plans, was designed and printed. The bookmark was handed out with the Botanical ID Book at the Mountain Homecoming.

Native Plant Nursery

Sierra Valley Farms, located in Sierra Valley, continues to grow native plants for purchase by Grizzly Ranch homeowners. The Conservancy rents space at their nursery for germination of plants on the approved plant list. Plants are ready for purchase by Grizzly Ranch homeowners and their contractors for landscaping purposes.

Conservancy Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee met in June to organize the first Conservancy fund raiser. The silent auction was held during the Mountain Homecoming event in mid-July. Generous donations were received from property owners, Board members and Lowe Destination Hotels. The Conservancy raised \$2,355.00 which was deposited into the Conservancy bank account. Despite a minimum amount of effort, the auction was a success and is planned again for next year.

Recording of Beckwourth Crossing Property

The required paperwork has been received by the title company to record the partial reconveyance of property from Golf to the Conservancy at the Beckwourth Crossing.

Web Site

Dave Dicklich has continued to work with Chase Marketing to complete the website development. Lynn Desjardin has prepared several short narratives that summarize the natural resources here at Grizzly Ranch. These will be loaded on the website once they are reviewed by the Board. Progress has been slower than anticipated.

Maintenance

Debris, leaves and weeds were removed from all Conservancy trails by field crews. New woodchips were installed in some areas to clarify where the path is located and to inhibit the regrowth of weeds.

Accomplishments Anticipated Next Quarter

Bath Tub Springs

Layout and install the primitive trail through Bath Tub Springs. The Conservancy Advisory Committee will mark the path and will assist crews to construct the short path through Bath Tub Springs. The conceptual plan prepared by Sally Sheridan will be used to guide the alignment of the trail and the positioning of benches and bird houses.

Fund Raising Event

Mary Beth Limpert volunteered to take the lead on planning the golf day fund raiser planned on September 7th. The Advisory Committee will meet in August to decide if this is worthwhile due to lack of participation.

Maintenance

Maintenance activities on trails and at other Conservancy sites will be conducted as required.

Projects for 2009

The Advisory Committee has suggestions on projects for Board consideration for 2009. A summary will be prepared for the third quarter meeting of the Board for discussion.

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