



2019 CCLT Board of Directors

Biographical Statements



Jeanette Tuitele-Lewis, Chair

Executive Director, Big Sur Land Trust

Prior to joining BSLT, Jeannette worked with Sierra Foothill Conservancy as an education coordinator, development director, and executive director. During her tenure, the organization doubled its operations capacity, reached a milestone of 25,000 acres of conserved lands, and earned accreditation from the Land Trust Alliance. Born in California, Jeannette split much of her youth between the West Coast and the Pacific Islands. In her free time, she explores coastal lands with her husband, Jamie, and their two children, Amaelia and Malae.



Mark Silberstein, Vice Chair

Executive Director, Elkhorn Slough Foundation

Mark has worked on the conservation of coastal environments for more than three decades. He has established the Elkhorn Slough Foundation as a successful land trust in the central Monterey Bay area, and he led the effort to establish the National Estuarine Research Reserve. Mark's background in marine zoology and ecology has led him from the edge of the Arctic Ocean to Antarctica, but he is most at home on the tidflats of Elkhorn Slough. He lives with his family in Aptos.



Kay Ogden, Secretary

Executive Director, Eastern Sierra Land Trust

Kay was appointed Executive Director of the Trust in 2013, after working as Associate Director for the Sierra Nevada Alliance. She has considerable experience in project management, strategic planning, fundraising, building connections, and leading effective programs. She also has extensive creative experience, having operated her own design and marketing firm for 18 years and serving for two years on the board of the Mono County Arts Council. Kay enjoys gardening, canning the food she grows, and hiking and cycling with her husband, Jeff Boone, and their rescued German shepherd, Rush Creek.



Harry Pollack, Treasurer

General Council, Save the Redwoods League

Harry took up his position at Save the Redwoods League in 2011. Prior to joining the League, Harry's law firm Conservation Partners represented land trusts throughout California. He has served on the boards of numerous nonprofit organizations and assisted in creating the California Council of Land Trusts. His past pro bono work included drafting the voter initiatives that helped establish McLaughlin Eastshore State Park. In his spare time, Harry serves on the City of Berkeley's Planning Commission where he was Commission chair for three years.



Linus Eukel

Executive Director, John Muir Land Trust

Linus has significant experience in the public and nonprofit sectors, with emphasis on nonprofit fund development. At the John Muir Land Trust, he works closely with the Board of Directors and staff managing change and growth, strategic planning, individual contributed income development, board and donor cultivation, land acquisition, land use planning, stewardship, and public education activities. He is a native of Walnut Creek, California and currently resides with his wife Stephanie and their daughter Olivia in the City of Orinda.



Sarah Connick

Biodiversity Manager, Chevron

Sarah is responsible for promoting and supporting biodiversity protection and enhancement activities in association with Chevron's operations around the world, including trade organization activities focused on biodiversity protection. Prior to joining Chevron, she was Associate Director of Sustainable Conservation, an environmental nonprofit based in San Francisco, and directed science policy studies of environmental issues at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, DC. She served on the Save the Redwoods League board of directors on the East Bay Parks Foundation board of directors.



Bridget Fithian

Executive Director, Sierra Foothill Conservancy

Bridget was born and raised in Mariposa, where she developed her deep love of open spaces. She has worked at Sierra Foothill Conservancy for nine years, assuming her current position in 2015, and overseeing the Conservancy's 28,000 acres of conserved lands with emphasis on creative solutions to achieve conservation goals and working landscape conservation. She is also Vice President of the Sierra Cascade Land Trust Council. Bridget lives in Mariposa with her husband and young daughter, where they enjoy a life filled with family and beautiful open spaces.



Dave Koheler

Executive Director, Sonoma Land Trust

Dave has served as Executive Director of the Sonoma Land Trust since 2015. Prior experience includes his position as Executive Director of the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust for 25 years. Highly and widely respected, Dave has led the way in river restoration strategies and collaborative partnerships and in developing programs to connect underserved youth in migrant ag-worker communities with the outdoors. His specialties include non-profit management, fundraising, conservation land transactions, community outreach, environmental education, outdoor recreation, river restoration, and collaboration initiatives.



Wendy Millet

TomKat Ranch Educational Foundation

Wendy directs the TomKat Ranch Educational Foundation, which includes management of the ranch. Before coming to TomKat, she directed the education program at the Woods Institute at Stanford University, served as Associate State Director and Chief of Staff for The Nature Conservancy-California, and was Executive Director of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. She has worked at The Conservation Fund, the Foundation for Research on Economics and the Environment, California Resources Agency, U.S. Forest Capital, and as manager of a cattle/guest ranch. Wendy is affiliated with Save the Redwoods League, Mendocino Land Trust, and Hope to Change: Women with Solutions to Global Warming.



Walter Moore

President, Peninsula Open Space Trust

Walter became president of POST in 2011 after serving in several other positions beginning in 1995, including as POST's general counsel and vice president. He has been responsible for more than doubling the amount of open space land POST has protected, from just under 30,000 acres to more than 70,000 acres. Prior his POST career, Walter was an associate at the law firm Thoits, Love, Hershberger, and McLean. He is the former chair of Bay Area Open Space Council and a founding member of the Land Trust Alliance Leadership Council.



Karen Scarborough

President, Scarborough Strategic Consulting.

Karen served as Undersecretary of the California Natural Resources Agency under former governors Gray Davis and Arnold Schwarzenegger from 2004 to 2011. She was responsible for policies and activities relating to the preservation, enhancement, and management of California's natural resources, including land, fish and wildlife, water, minerals, forestry, parks, energy, coastal, and marine matters. She launched the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan and chaired the Multiple Species Conservation Program.