

## YOLO LAND TRUST

### 2020 Annual Report



The Yolo Land Trust is devoted to one simple and vital mission: to conserve farmland in Yolo County. We have a track record of success built upon collaboration, respectful partnerships and land preservation expertise that allows us to create solutions that benefit both the land and the landowner. Since our founding in 1988, the work of the Yolo Land Trust has always been committed to the protection of farmland in Yolo County. We are a community-based organization that grew up here and has stayed here to watch over our farmland and protect it forever. We have never wavered from the vision of the founding board of directors. As stated in our Articles of Incorporation, the Yolo Land Trust's work is for the "benefit of the citizens of the County of Yolo." We are fulfilling that mission by continually conserving farmland. Through December 31, 2020, we have preserved 11,600 acres as farmland forever.



#### Acquisition of Agricultural Conservation Easement

We added another agricultural conservation easement to our conservation portfolio in 2020 located at County Roads 98 and 31. Thanks to the efforts of the owners, Herb and Marlene Schuler and Annie Wantz, the Yolo Land Trust, and the City of Davis, this farm will remain in agriculture permanently. YLT's 66th easement was funded through mitigation requirements of the City of Davis and Yolo County in connection with Bretton Woods Senior Housing Project to be constructed on West Covell Boulevard. The farm remains privately owned, actively farmed and on the County tax rolls. No public investment is required to keep the land in productive agriculture or for annual monitoring by the Yolo Land Trust.

#### Monitoring Existing Conservation Portfolio

One of our fundamental annual tasks is monitoring our conservation portfolio. Each of our 65 easement properties is visited annually to note the farming activities and to confirm all easement terms are being followed. We are very grateful to our conservation landowners for their commitment to farmland preservation. In 2020, we were unable to meet face to face with most of the landowners, but we completed the monitoring and the reporting as required by the funders.



### **DID YOU SEE US IN PRINT?**



MAY 3, 2020



Yolo Land Trust has one simple and vital mission: to conserve farmland in Yolo County.

Now, more than ever, this work is important to our lives and livelihoods. We need your help to continue conserving our lands for future generations.

To support Yolo Land Trust's farmland conservation work, donate at our website www.TheYoloLandTrust.org or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 1196, Woodland, CA 95776.

We wish you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.



**NOVEMBER 25, 2020** 



**NEAL VAN ALFEN** 

PRESIDENT



**KATHY WARD** 

SECRETARY



**MELISSA HARLAN** 



MEET OUR BOARD

**OF DIRECTORS** 

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#### **135 MORE ACRES**

is now conserved forever



\$20,000+

received in stock donations

### **FIRST VIRTUAL**

A Day in the Country



# A VIRTUAL DAY IN THE COUNTRY SUCCESS!



#### A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPEAKERS:

Karen Ross, California Secretary of Food & Agriculture David Shabazian, Director Department of Conservation Paul Muller, Full Belly Farm Matchbook Wine Company, Staff Doneice Trotter, Henry's Bullfrog Bees & Pure Honey

#### THANK YOU TO OUR TOP SPONSORS:





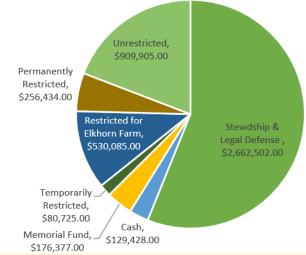




## YLT FINANCIALS

TOTAL ASSETS \$8,528,175.00 Property & Equipment, \$3,782,719.00 Cash & Investments, \$4,745,456.00





as of 12/31/2020

#### WE THANK THREE LONG-TERM DONORS FOR MAJOR GIFTS IN 2020:

Carole Pirruccello through the John & Eunice Davidson Foundation gave us a generous grant to continue our farmland conservation work. Ken Giles donated shares of stock to demonstrate his support.

IN MEMORY OF:

Lura Meyer also donated shares of stock to keep farms as farms. Sadly, Lura unexpectedly passed away in January 2021.



**Rich Rominger** cofounded the Yolo Land Trust in 1988 and served as its first Board President. He remained an active supporter throughout his life, and memorably invited Governor Brown to attend A Day in the Country in 2011 and 2015. Rich and his wife Evelyne were honored for their community service at the Yolo Land Trust's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2013. We thank the Rominger family for naming the Yolo Land Trust to receive gifts in Rich's memory.



Kent Lang served as a Yolo Land Trust director from 2000 to 2009. Kent was instrumental in guiding us in our 2009 acquisition of the Elkhorn Farm along the Sacramento River. He continued to engage regularly with staff on farming matters until his passing. We thank Kent's family for naming the Yolo Land Trust as one of the charities to receive gifts in his memory.



John Anderson along with his wife Marsha (a ten-year Yolo Land Trust director) founded Hedgerow Farms, one of the most important growers of California native grass and wildflower seed. In 2011, we held Birds, Berries & Bouquets at Hedgerow Farms where John enthusiastically led our guests on a tour of the fields. We thank John and Marsha for naming Yolo Land Trust as a recipient of distributions from John's Individual Retirement Account.

#### A VIRTUAL DAY IN THE COUNTRY SPONSORS

#### TALK OF THE DAY SPONSORS

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> M Three Ranches, LLC MBK Engineers Northwest Hydraulic Consultants Paul & Annalisa Deering Rich & Evelyne Rominger Wilbur Ellis Yolo County Library Foundation Board



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## SUPPORT THE YOLO LAND TRUST!

California has lost one million acres of irreplaceable farmland and rangeland since 1990. In Yolo County we want our prime soil to grow food and keep our local ag economy strong. Act now to help the Yolo Land Trust continue its vital work by:

- Attending our annual community event, A Day in the Country, September 12, 2021 to celebrate food, farms and fun.
- Creating a lasting legacy by naming the Yolo Land Trust as a beneficiary in your will or trust.
- Donating appreciated stocks or making a qualified charitable distribution to the Yolo Land
  Trust.





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