



Ventana Wildlife Society
2014 ANNUAL REPORT
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A Message from our Board Chair and Executive Director

Dear Friends,

In this annual report, you can read about how our past Bald Eagle success story set the foundation for our current California Condor species recovery efforts, and how far we have come in inspiring local youth through our outdoor education programs. Our goals, as presented in our five-year strategic plan, are higher now than during those humble beginnings. But, experience and growth, fueled by your generous support, have allowed us to meet or exceed these goals. We are pleased to share these accomplishments with you.

Your support was especially important last year, because our species recovery program faced an exceptional challenge. The condor population in central California suffered nine fatalities in 2013, the highest annual total we have recorded. While sad, these fatalities have provided additional clarity on where and how condors are being exposed to lead poisoning. We continued to provide free non-lead ammunition to hunters and ranchers in key areas where we know condors are foraging. And, we did not stop there. We redoubled efforts to connect with hunters and ranchers, while developing strategies to promote the high quality of non-lead products and improve availability of those products. We appreciate the hunters and ranchers in central California, and see them as allies in conserving our native wildlife. We believe that feeling is increasingly mutual.

For us, the sight of a condor soaring along the Big Sur coast never gets old. With tracking and survivorship data indicating a greater risk of lead exposure for condors when foraging inland compared to along the coast, we are implementing a strategy for increasing coastal condor activity and distribution. This strategy included a collaboration with Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District to establish a new feeding site near Carmel Highlands. Condors have found the new site, and we are excited to report that distribution is increasing in relatively safe coastal habitats.

Our challenges continue, but we look forward to the California Condor following the path of the Bald Eagle to a self-sustainable future in central California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Kampe". The script is fluid and cursive.

William Kampe, Board of Directors Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Sorenson". The script is fluid and cursive.

Kelly Sorenson, Executive Director



California Condors (above) rest on a coastal bluff and a Bald Eagle (preceding pages) soars over the Big Sur coast. Photos by Tim Huntington

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Ventana Wildlife Society

our mission

Conserving native wildlife and their habitats through science, education and collaboration



Executive director Kelly Sorenson remembers well the early years of Ventana Wildlife Society, primarily because he experienced them as a seasonal biologist from the front seat of his truck. Starting in 1991, Kelly's job was to track young Bald Eagles with radio telemetry after they were released deep in the Santa Lucia range. Ventana Wildlife Society's goal for that project was the recovery of a breeding population in this region where Bald Eagles no longer nested. But one by one, the eagles left the release site and disappeared to the north, with Kelly in pursuit.

Kelly did not possess the modern equipment and technology that his current staff now enjoys. There was no onboard navigation or Google Earth, only a radio receiver and a pile of tattered maps. He would reconnect with the eagle's signal at the next highest point, Jack's Peak, and then push ahead in hopes of catching the signal again before dark on Mt. Hamilton. One bird,

he recalls with a laugh, took a left turn and led him to the roof of the Long John Silver's in Monterey. Others would lead him to Mt. Tamalpais in Marin, where the signal would dissipate beyond the city of Petaluma. As Kelly reported back via public pay phones, he could hardly imagine the conveniences of today's mobile phones and email. But he was having the time of his life out in the field with these birds, hoping some would stay and form a central California population.

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In 1993, the hard work paid a major dividend when a Bald Eagle pair nested at Tierra Rodonda Mountain, near San Antonio and Nacimiento lakes, the first in central California in nearly 60 years. During the ensuing years, Ventana Wildlife Society gained vast experience with the essential components of a species recovery program, such as population management, collaboration, and public outreach. By 2013, co-founder Sal Lucido and his team of volunteers documented more than 30 Bald Eagle breeding territories and self-sustaining population growth in central California.

Now starting his second decade as executive director, Kelly appreciates how Ventana Wildlife Society has grown. What once was a simple goal of four Bald Eagle breeding pairs is now a series of comprehensive strategic goals covering species recovery, education, research, collaborations, organizational capacity, and finances. When challenges seem to confound the recovery of a self-sustainable California Condor population in central California, Kelly can reflect on past success with a gleam in his eye. Sure, the challenges are different, but equipped with the fruits of advancing technology and a commitment to conservation that has never wavered, there is nothing we can't accomplish.



Photo by Tim Huntington, Page 4 Bald Eagle photos by Gary Kittleson (left) and Ra-smit (right)





Even as the central California population steadily approached 70 condors just 15 years after releases began in 1997, our gratification was tempered with the realization that major threats were still preventing a self-sustainable population. This realization was never clearer than in 2013, when we witnessed the deaths of 9 condors. The cause of death for most, when it could be determined, was lead toxicosis. The toll might have been greater had we not facilitated treatment for 22 other condors that tested high in lead during the year's routine examinations.

Despite the setback, we continued to work on solutions to the lead problem. We could not ignore the fact that the known lead deaths were predominantly birds originally released at Pinnacles National Park. With mounting evidence of a greater lead exposure risk for condors on the inland side of the Salinas Valley, we redoubled efforts to encourage scavenging along the coast. We established supplemental feeding sites at Rocky Butte (San Simeon) and Palo Corona Regional Park (south of Carmel Valley), and look forward to condors colonizing these amazing and relatively safe coastal habitats. When

Species Recovery

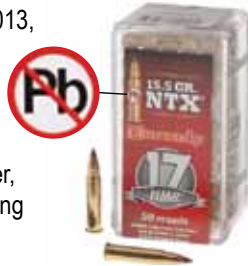
strategic plan goal

To recover self-sustaining, free-flying populations of condors in coastal areas and to serve as a nationally recognized model of success



condor #470 spread his wings and took flight for a visit to Pismo Beach in August, he demonstrated this realistic possibility for a coastal population expansion.

To support local hunters switching to non-lead ammunition, we gave away 185 boxes of lead-free ammunition in 2013. With help from National Park Service, we also distributed 135 free boxes of lead-free rimfire to inland landowners. With the passage of Assembly Bill 711 in October 2013, requiring the use of non-lead ammunition for taking wildlife throughout California, we ultimately have high hopes for a more permanent lead solution. As this legislation is implemented in the next 6 years, however, we must continue to employ new and existing strategies for reducing lead exposure.



As the year came to a close, our hopes for the population were renewed by several other events. Four juvenile condors were released to the wild from captivity, one of them returning after a long recovery from a broken wing sustained in the nest. A couple of new condor pairs formed for the 2014 breeding season, while an established pair provided the earliest hatch date on record for the central California population. And, our partner PG&E retrofit a powerline near one condor nest, greatly improving safety for the birds using that site. These events, and our continued efforts to address the lead threat, provide promise for reaching our goal of a future self-sustaining condor population in central California.

Once again condors soar, forage and nest along the Big Sur coast, but periodic trapping is still needed to test for lead exposure and replace radio transmitters. Photos by Tim Huntington

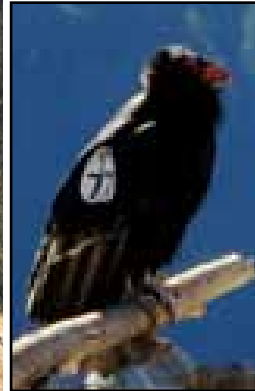




condor web cam

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To improve monitoring capabilities, Ventana Wildlife Society installed a Pan Tilt Zoom web camera at the condor feeding slope in the Condor Sanctuary in October 2013. The Condor Cam is the first web camera to stream live video of wild condors. Because of the remote location, the set-up wasn't easy. The video signal is linked to a T1 internet line through a series of antenna relays, which establish a live video feed to the internet. The camera is operated via the internet by a biologist, who controls the positioning and zoom of the camera to provide the best views of condors that are present. The public can view the live feed by accessing the Ventana Wildlife Society website. In March 2014, a second camera was installed to provide additional range of viewing at the condor holding pen.

Valuable benefits of the Condor Cam:

- more efficient condor monitoring
- more lengthy feeding and behavior observations
- prompt identification of visits by condors of special concern (e.g., newly-released or nesting condors)
- reduced disturbance associated with monitoring
- reduced backcountry travel, improving crew safety
- an excellent tool for public education
- increases public visitation of the Ventana Wildlife Society website

Steve Walker of Camzone helps install the first of two camera units (above photo by Nancy Filippi). Tracking condors in the field (left photo by Tim Huntington) and through the lens of the web cam (right), allows us to monitor the unique behavior of condors.



Check out condors, live, through two web cameras at http://ventanaws.org/condor_cam/

Ecological Services

strategic plan goal

Collaborate with other stakeholders on high impact wildlife recovery and conservation, education, and outreach

VENTANA WILDLIFE SOCIETY ECOLOGICAL SERVICES



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Consulting, Inc*

Last year, Ventana Wildlife Society performed a variety of ecological services throughout central California. These services included conservation planning, monitoring, and wildlife management. All projects were designed to conserve native wildlife and their habitats while addressing specific needs of our collaborators.



Conservation Planning

In 2013, we completed an Avian Protection Plan and an Eagle Conservation Plan for the California Army National Guard at Camp Roberts, California. These plans will help the National Guard improve avian safety on utility structures and advance the conservation of eagle populations on the installation, while maintaining the military training mission at Camp Roberts in compliance with federal and state environmental regulations. These plans, prepared through a subcontract with Albion Environmental, Inc., are based on many years of monitoring

data, including a risk assessment study of utility structures, raptor point count surveys, and eagle nest monitoring. We are proud to collaborate with the California Army National Guard and others in their proactive approaches to conserving wildlife on their lands.



*Peregrine Falcon photo by Tim
Huntington. Pelagic Cormorant
photo by Jeff Poklen.*

Monitoring

We assisted Santa Lucia Conservancy with their innovative research and monitoring study of Tricolored Blackbirds, a California Bird Species of Special Concern experiencing severe population declines. Recent surveys for breeding Tricolored Blackbirds in Monterey County have underscored the importance of breeding sites on the Santa Lucia Preserve in Carmel Valley. In 2013, we monitored these sites, and another at Fort Ord, and tracked foraging patterns and post-breeding dispersal for 19 radio-tagged Tricolored Blackbirds. By tracking Tricolored Blackbirds, via radio telemetry in a vehicle and an airplane, we learned more about the connectivity of regional populations, the importance of grassland foraging habitat near breeding ponds on the preserve, and the post-breeding habitat these birds need.

In the summer, we completed a report for the Herbert Meyer Land Trust summarizing results of a bird and bat monitoring study at a wind energy development site intended to power a wine and agriculture visitor center in Gonzales,

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When radio-tagged Tricolored Blackbirds dispersed from their Santa Lucia Preserve breeding colony beyond the range of ground-based tracking equipment, pilot Mark Dedon (pictured left with Senior Wildlife Biologist, Mike Stake) generously donated his time and Cessna in an aerial search of the Salinas Valley, where some of the missing birds were found.



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California. At Point Sur, a prominent coastal landmark, we surveyed nesting Pelagic Cormorants and Peregrine Falcons for Central Coast Lighthouse Keepers to determine potential effects of a project to fortify several bridges along the roadway. We were also pleased to assist Sequoia Ecological Consulting, Inc., with Bald Eagle nest surveys at a PG&E hydroelectric project site along the Stanislaus River in Tuolumne County, California.

Wildlife Management

Ventana Wildlife Society was awarded a second consecutive multi-year contract with California Department of Parks and Recreation to provide predator management services in protection of nesting Least Terns and Snowy Plovers at Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area in San Luis Obispo County, California. During the previous contract term (2011-2013), Paul Young trapped 44 avian predators identified as a substantial mortality threat to terns and plovers. These predators were safely translocated to appropriate habitat away from the park. Prompt removal of birds depredating multiple terns or plovers prevented additional predation, giving these species a fighting chance for a long-term recovery on our coastline. In addition to our continued work at the Oceano Dunes site, we extended our predator management relationship with California State Parks in 2014 by signing a contract to provide these services on behalf of nesting Snowy Plovers in the Monterey District as well.



Least Terns, photo by Dan Pancamo

Research

strategic plan goal

Become a national leader in Endangered and Special-Status Species Research, Recovery, Management, Consultation, and Conservation Banking

Research is central to accomplishing our mission of conserving native wildlife and their habitats. We conduct some research projects as a part of our ecological services to clients, such as the Tricolored Blackbird project we shared last year with Santa Lucia Conservancy. Others are original research projects that we design, fund, and manage, such as the research on songbird population trends at our banding lab from 1992-2010, our recent documentation of condor eggshell thinning in central California, and our ongoing research on the exposure of condors to lead poisoning.

Our regular testing of condor blood-lead levels has contributed to many publications providing timely information on the magnitude of the lead threat. In 2013, we diagnosed 22 different California Condors with elevated levels of lead in the blood stream. Not only did this testing provide valuable information on the persistence of the threat, but allowed us to arrange treatment in an effort to prolong the lives of those condors. We hope to use continued blood-lead data to document reduced exposure with time, perhaps heralding the future self-sustainability of the population.

With greater knowledge of the persistence of the lead threat, we are now using the latest technology to identify the locations of lead sources. In 2013, we began deploying solar-powered GSM transmitters on California Condors. These transmitters use cellular network technology to acquire frequent location fixes, allowing us to identify condor flight paths and feeding sites with greater precision. By identifying prior feeding sites for condors that have been exposed to lead, we can identify areas of high risk and employ a non-lead outreach program for landowners in those areas. Partnering with the National Park Service, we began distributing supplies of non-lead bullets to residents in those areas, and plan to increase those efforts in the future. By using research to focus outreach efforts, we can help reduce the risk of condor lead exposure and pave the way for continued recovery.



Education Programs

— **strategic plan goal** —

Instill a conservation ethic and inspire youth to take action by fully integrating innovative scientific and ecological education.



Ventana Wildlife Society provides outdoor education and training programs for students of all ages, and we especially strive to include youth who might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience the natural wonders of the central coast. We enrolled 502 students last year in our 6 programs: Wee Ones in the Woods, Natural Science Discovery Camp, Natural Science Awareness Program, Condor Wilderness Camp, Single Day Adventures, and Eco-Week Internship. More than half of our total enrollment included students from underserved communities, allowing us to reach our goal of providing outdoor education opportunities where they are needed most.

Wee Ones in the Woods *4-7 years old, Enrollment: 46*
Enrollment for Wee Ones tripled in 2013, an indication of how these fun outdoor activities are becoming a hit among local youngsters and their families.

Natural Science Awareness Program *6-17 years old, Enrollment: 233*
This program complemented classroom curriculum by developing skills in wildlife observation, journaling, survival, and understanding of the natural world.

Single Day Adventures *8-17 years old, Enrollment: 48*
These adventures in 2013 included cave scrambles at Pinnacles National Park, hiking among the redwoods in the Santa Cruz Mountains, and tracking free-flying California Condors along the Big Sur coast with radio telemetry.

Natural Science Discovery Camp *8-12 years old, Enrollment: 153*
Each of these week-long summer day camps had a special theme, such as Mountains Rock, Hooray For Habitats, or Outrageous Oceans Odyssey, and campers had a great time learning about a particular environment.

Condor Wilderness Camp *13-17 years old, Enrollment: 10*
These camps were opportunities of a lifetime for several teens per week to interact with biologists and assist with actual California Condor management activities. Campers at our base camp strapped on their headlamps and helped drag carcasses to the condor feeding slope. At dawn, they awoke to collect data on feeding condors.

Eco-Week Internship Program *over 17 years old, Enrollment: 12*
Interns learned how to track with radio telemetry, monitor nests, and provide supplemental food for California Condors. Daily interaction with biologists helped them gain insight on endangered species management issues and how they too might pursue a career in wildlife conservation.



...502 smiles produced by VWS Education Programs!

VENTANA WILDLIFE SOCIETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS



VENTANA WILDLIFE SOCIETY

PRESENTS

Ventana Wildlife Society provided presentations or table displays at more than 20 venues last year, including local universities, museums, and libraries. Nearly 700 people attended these presentations, giving them a chance to learn more about the status of condor recovery efforts and other conservation topics. We hosted several outreach events at our Discovery Center, providing condor presentations (educator Andy Kortman, pictured right), followed by viewing tours along the Big Sur coast. Tabling events, such as the Wildlife Conservation Expo in October 2013 featuring Jane Goodall, allowed us to reach several hundred additional people in a short time period.



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California Army National Guard
California State Parks
Camzone
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and Recreation
City of Seaside Parks and
Recreation
Community Partnership for Youth
Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine
Research Reserve
Fedex
Herbert Meyer Land Trust
King City Parks and Recreation
Los Angeles Zoo

Monteret Peninsula Regional
Park District
Moss Landing Marine Laboratories
National Park Service
Oakland Zoo
Ocean Grove Charter School
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Peregrine Fund
Pinnacles National Park
Rancho Cielo Youth Campus
Salinas Community School
Salinas Police Activities League
Salinas Public Library
Santa Barbara Zoo
Santa Lucia Conservancy
Soledad Mission Recreation District
University of California Davis
University of California Santa Cruz
USDA Forest Service
US Fish and Wildlife Service
US Geological Survey
Zoological Society of San Diego
Warner Davis Community School

In Memory Of

Wendy Buck
Steve Clayton



2014 Donor Appreciation Award Recipients

The Outstanding Philanthropist Award

Julie Packard

The Environmental Excellence Award

Rancho Cielo Youth Campus

The Volunteer of the Year Award

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The Wine Group

In Memory Of continued

Robert H Doorlag
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Ernst Ewoldsen
June Gibson
Ken Harrison
Francisca E Hartman-Kok
Mark Henze
Greg Hind
Glenys Huntington
June Jaffee
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John and Phyllis Richer
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Mike Tyner
Carl Young, TWISTEX team
members Tim and Paul Samaras
and all the tornado victims

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Virdette Brumm, PhD
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Helen Sullivan

In-Kind

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Asilomar Conference Center
Bear Valley Mountain Resort
Bodega Flats
Boulder Creek Golf and Country Club
Build-A-Bear Workshop
Cafe Stravaganza
California International Airshow
Central Coast Fly Fishing
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Decker Studios

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Sal and Ada Lucido
Lula's Chocolates
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Massage Envy
MAST Restaurant Management
Mike Keeran Golf Instruction
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Monterey Signs
Monterey Bay Whale Watch
Monterey Symphony
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Second Generation
Oakland Zoo
Patisserie Boissiere
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Vesuvio-Trattoria-Bar-Pizzeria
Portola Hotel and Spa at
Monterey Bay
Post Ranch Inn
Princess Monterey Whale Watching
Quail Lodge Resort and Golf Club
Ridgemark Golf and Country Club
Rio Grill/Downtown Dining
Ripley's Believe It or Not!

Ristorante Avanti
San Juan Oaks Golf Club
Sanctuary Rock Gym
Sandbar & Grill
Santa Barbara Zoo
Sardine Factory
Shadowbrook/Crow's Nest
Sierra Hot Springs
The Steinbeck House
Steve Silver's Beach
Blanket Babylon
Frank and Barbara Strehlitz
Sunset Cultural Center, Inc
Uncommon Cafe
Ventana Inn and Spa
Village Corner Restaurant
The Western Stage
Whole Foods Market
Wild Bird Haven
The Wine Group

Volunteers

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LEGACY SOCIETY

We appreciate those who have remembered Ventana Wildlife Society through bequests or by naming VWS as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy or IRA:

*Barbara Baldock and Phillip N Butler
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If you would like to speak to someone about ways you can make a gift or to let us know that you have already designated VWS in your estate, use the enclosed envelope, go to www.ventanaws.org, email kellysorenson@ventanaws.org, or call 831-455-9514.

Ventana Wildlife Society is extremely grateful to Jean Lea Benton whose gift has recently matured. We honor her commitment, foresight, and generosity.

annual event

Feathers in Flight



From the Los Angeles Zoo, Mike Clark and Dolly



Photo by Grey Moen



Photo by Kari Bauer

We held our annual fundraiser event, Feathers in Flight, at Rancho Grande in Big Sur, California on September 7, 2013. Over 200 guests enjoyed watching live raptors on display, bidding on an exciting showcase of auction packages, sampling 10 SPAN wine and hors d'oeuvres, and exquisite ocean views from a private coastal terrace. Stealing the show through all of the festivities was young Dolly, from the Los Angeles Zoo, a live non-releasable California Condor who survived an injury in the wild and now inspires visitors with the condor story of resiliency and hope.

Feathers in Flight is not just a fundraiser but a celebration of the community joining together to help Ventana Wildlife Society conserve native wildlife. More than 50 individuals and businesses donated prizes, auction items, and event supplies. The Los Angeles Zoo provided the unique opportunity to meet Dolly and learn from her expert handlers, Mike Clark and Jenny Theule. Antonio Balestreri and his team of local falconers graciously placed their birds on display, demonstrating a sample of the wonderful wildlife diversity that we strive to protect. We can't thank our attendees and donors enough for making this year's event such a memorable success.

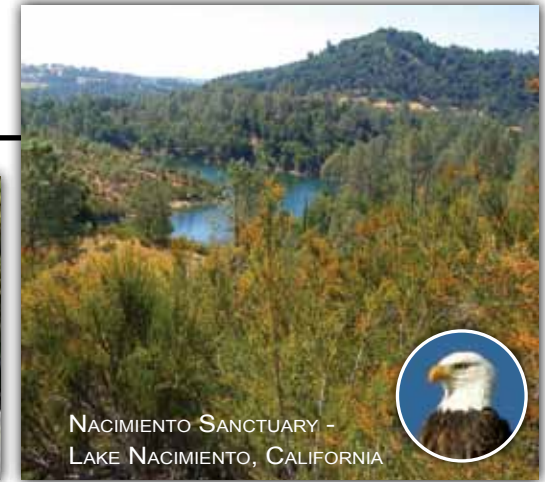
Our Facilities

Ventana Wildlife Society operates its main office in Salinas, and a field office and Discovery Center at Andrew Molera State Park. The facilities at the park are operated through a cooperative agreement with California Department of Parks and Recreation. Just minutes from Big Sur, the field office is an ideal staging site for the species recovery crew. The Discovery Center, open on weekends from Memorial Day through Labor Day, provides an engaging introduction for the general public entering condor country along the Big Sur coast.

Ventana Wildlife Society also owns two properties, approximately 80 acres each, set aside as wildlife sanctuaries. The Condor Sanctuary is a beautiful



ADMINISTRATION OFFICE - SALINAS, CALIFORNIA



NACIMIENTO SANCTUARY -
LAKE NACIMIENTO, CALIFORNIA



CONDOR SANCTUARY - BIG SUR, CALIFORNIA



DISCOVERY CENTER/FIELD OFFICE -
BIG SUR, CALIFORNIA

coastal canyon in Big Sur surrounded by Ventana Wilderness. This land played a key role in the formation of Ventana Wildlife Society, serving as the site of Bald Eagle releases and at present, California Condor recovery efforts. The Nacimiento Sanctuary is a lovely open woodland parcel along the south side of Lake Nacimiento, where released Bald Eagles began nesting in 1995. The Nacimiento and Condor sanctuaries were purchased in 2006 and 2011, respectively, through the generosity of multiple private donors.

VWS owns two wildlife sanctuaries, approximately 80 acres each

Financials

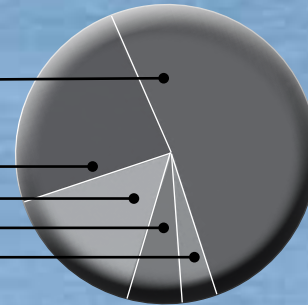
strategic plan goal

Ensure the long-term fiscal strength and stability of VWS

Ventana Wildlife Society enjoyed an operating surplus of \$170K, largely due to a two-year grant in the amount of \$160K from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. Service fees, including contract payments and fees for youth camps and wildlife tours, contributed nearly a quarter of our total revenue. Ten years ago, when our service fees provided little revenue, we identified service fee revenue as a cornerstone of our financial goals. While enabling us to more effectively conserve native wildlife and provide more outdoor education programs for youth, increased service fee revenue has helped us build financial reserves. Our reserves are now at three months of operating expenses, giving us greater financial security and placing us right on schedule to reach our strategic objective of six months reserve between now and 2018. Total assets rose slightly to more than \$1.8M, primarily reflecting ownership of two wildlife sanctuaries in central California.

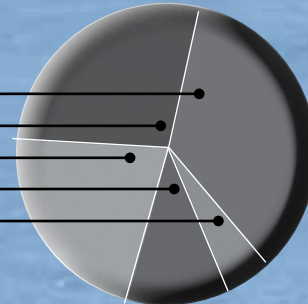
Total Income

Grants	\$530,972	52%
Unrestricted	\$187,052	
Temporarily Restricted	\$343,920	
Service Fees	\$222,142	22%
Contributions	\$166,775	16%
In-Kind Contributions	\$62,259	6%
Special Events (net)	\$37,256	4%
TOTAL	\$1,019,404	



Total Expense

Condor Recovery	\$300,481	35%
Education and Outreach	\$228,350	27%
Ecological Services	\$189,120	22%
Administrative	\$90,448	11%
Fundraising	\$40,081	5%
TOTAL	\$848,480	



NET DIFFERENCE \$170,924

APRIL 1, 2013 - MARCH 31, 2014

ASSETS

Cash and Equivalents	\$164,137
Board Designated Cash Reserves	\$115,177
Pledges Receivable	\$10,598
Grants Receivable	\$36,477
Deposits & Prepaid Expenses	\$10,898
Property and Equipment (net)	\$1,519,566
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,856,853

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$3,041
Accrued Liabilities	\$24,770
Deposits	\$5,140
Total Liabilities	\$32,951

Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$119,038
Board Designated Cash Reserve	\$115,177
Board Designated Land Purchase	\$390,500
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	\$624,715
Temporarily Restricted	\$152,187
Permanently Restricted	\$1,047,000
Total Net Assets	\$1,823,902

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS \$1,856,853

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