Two Wheels Move the Soul . . .
Along Scott Road
Join the 5th Annual Great Scott!
Walk & Bike Event on May 3
Take in the beauty of SVC’s future open-space corridor in Eastern Sacramento County by bike on Sunday May 3rd from 8am-4pm.
To promote Bike Month in May, three cities (Rancho Cordova, El Dorado Hills and Folsom) and two counties (Sacramento & El Dorado) are making arrangements where cyclists, runners and walkers can enjoy the open road without vehicular traffic.
Scott Road the main connector between Folsom and Rancho Murieta runs through stunning rolling blue oak woodland in Eastern Sacramento County. More importantly, this stretch of road acts as a guide to the SVC’s future open-space corridor, planned to connect to the American River Parkway.
Come join the bike ride and visit Deer Creek Hills Preserve, found along Scott Road. Deer Creek Hills Preserve can act as a rest stop or destination to relax, learn and meet other like-minded people. Especially great for families, start your ride from Latrobe & Scott Road access point and pedal at your own pace to Deer Creek Hills, approximately 3.5 miles round trip. Make a day of it! You’ll find parking, porta-a-lets and food trucks will be located at the access points to multiple closed roads. In addition to Scott Road being closed, a section of Placerville Road in Folsom and Deer Creek Hills Trail (White Rock Road between Rancho Cordova and El Dorado Hills) will also be available to discover by bike. For more information go to Folsom’s Facebook page.

Deer Creek Hills Inholding Property Purchase
101 acres Protected from Development
SVC is just about to purchase a new 101-acre property almost completely surrounded by the Deer Creek Hills Preserve with a grant from the California Wildlife Conservation Board and the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The property is zoned to allow a house and related outbuildings – it has access through the preserve from Scott Road.
Now, it will remain forever open with vistas from the North Pond Trail at Deer Creek Hills, permanently preserved. The property adds a gorgeous ridge to the preserve, two stock ponds, intermittent wetlands and blue oak woodlands. It completes the connection between Deer Creek Hills and the recent expansion property (Deer Creek Hills North).
It’s a very special view from the ridge. When a herd of deer prances by with a buck in the lead at sunset you feel like you are in a very wild place, and you are,” said Aimee Rutledge, Executive Director. “All you can see is blue oak woodlands and the rugged canyon where Deer Creek flows.”
Come out and enjoy Deer Creek Hills North and preview the Scott Road corridor and trail on Sunday, May 3. Ride your bike car-free on Scott Road as the County closes it down to vehicle traffic on May 3 in honor of bike month. Enjoy a rest stop at Deer Creek Hills North. Staff will be on-site to welcome you with water refills and the passion for open space. See article in this newsletter and go to www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org for a link to the event.

(See Deer Creek ... page 2)
THE BIG DAY OF GIVING 5-5-2015

$25 or $250 or $2,500 for our 25th

This Year is Sacramento Valley Conservancy’s 25th anniversary! So we’re saying “$25 for our 25th”!! (Or, $250, or $2,500, or . . .)

The Big Day of Giving (May 5, 2015) is a local donor day hosted by the Sacramento Region Community Foundation as a way for donors to partner with the 25th anniversary! This Year is Sacramento Valley Conservancy’s 25th anniversary! Our goal this year is to double our donations from last year! Help by giving “$25 for our 25th” or multiples of the number 25 so we can reach that goal! Your donation leverages a percentage of matching funds from the Foundation for the monies you donate via the BigDoG website on May 5, 2015! More information will be forthcoming in our upcoming Spring Appeal and E-news mailings detailing possible prizes we can try for with donations, links, etc., between now and the Big Day! Check it all out and help us reach our 2015 goal!

Come enjoy hot summer bands on the cool banks of the American River at Camp Pollock!

Camp Pollock will be hosting local bands for a free concert series on the first Thursday of every month April - October. Local groups will be biking, boating and hiking to the camp and can enjoy music on the American River at Camp Pollock!

SVC Staff will provide guided hikes and guided equestrian rides, but not horses. You must supply your own horse.

Meet A Docent!

Fearing Camp Pollock Docent

Leonard Damron

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How long have you lived in Sacramento?

I have lived in Sacramento off and on for 57 years. I lived in Hawaii three times before going to school and also lived in Florida while my father was working there one summer.

What groups and activities are you involved in?

I have been a coach for my kids (soccer, football, basketball, track and volleyball), I worked with Sacramento Mental Health Association as a Senior Peer counselor for two years before volunteering at Camp Pollock. I helped with Katrina Relief by working with Habitat for Humanity to rebuild homes. I was also Sports Club President and sat on the School Board when my kids were in grammar school.

What attracts you to the site and to SVC?

I was a Boy Scout and learned a lot while camping at Pollock. I have many fond memories of being a boy at Camp Pollock. It is where we always had our awards ceremonies and enjoyed potlucks. My favorite memory is receiving my Eagle Scout Rank at Pollock in 1971.

Cowboy Breakfast - Saturday, May 2nd at Eagle Camp Corral

Grab your hiking boots or cowboy boots, grab your day pack or horse and bring your appetite to the 8th annual Cowboy Breakfast at Deer Creek Hills Preserve. SVC Staff and volunteers will treat you to a traditional fresh pancake breakfast with bacon and eggs, smothered in morning sunshine! A local favorite, Jerayllyn Strong, Cowboy Poet will share her cleaver words with attendees. Please register on-line to reserve a spot for this delightful event! Free hiking and equestrian rides will take place after a hot breakfast. The SVC will provide guided hikes and guided equestrian rides, but not horses. You must supply your own horse.

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The coolest thing I have seen at Pollock was when I was helping to bathe the horses. My father was a horse trainer. My favorite activity at Pollock is anything that involves working with others to make it a better place for everyone to enjoy.

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