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Chinook Salmon in Deer Creek – Restoration Success

Tucked away in the northwest corner of Deer Creek Hills sits the 375-acre Deer Creek Hills North parcel. Deer Creek flows along the north border of the parcel. Deer Creek was historically mined and the tailings still persist on either side of the creek. In 2013 SVC partnered with Teichert Construction's restoration team to restore the creek side vegetation with shady trees and shrubs. With the help of a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant, SVC is restoring the creek's streamside and upper riparian vegetation. The shade and cover will enhance Deer Creek's native invertebrates and the fish and wildlife that depend on these bugs. One big benefit of the project is the fenced creek corridor that excludes cattle grazing, and promotes the regrowth of creek vegetation. Also oaks, willows and variety of shrubs have been planted along the creek and its banks.

Despite the recent years of drought the restoration work continues and we continue to learn about the creek and its inhabitants. Docent



led tours and birding walks ramble along the creek and through the blue oak woodlands. Early morning walks have encountered bobcat, raccoon, deer and coyote as well as a myriad of birds that inhabit the property. Birds seen include Belted Kingfishers, Black-throated Hummingbirds, Northern Rough-winged Swallows and Lawrence's Goldfinches. Townsend's and other warblers, Swainson's Thrush and Warbling Vireos use the property as a stop over during migration season.

In December 2016 SVC Docents saw spawning Chinook salmon. This rare occurrence required that the salmon had to navigate the San Joaquin River to the Mokolumne River, to the Cosumnes River and then continue to migrate several miles up Deer Creek. They appear to have spawned at several sites in and even made it 8 miles upstream from the Deer Creek Hills North property. These salmon are technically from the Cosumnes River, which is a California Department of Fish and Wildlife protected group of fish.

BIG Day of Giving Events - May 4th, 2017

With more than \$98,000 in prize challenges and boosters available, every dollar and every donation counts! Please give BIG to the Sacramento Valley Conservancy on Thursday, May 4th online at www.bigdayofgiving.org or call 916-731-8798 to give! A program of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation's initiative to grow local philanthropy, Big Day of Giving is a 24-hour online giving challenge that brings together

the region's nonprofit community to help raise much needed unrestricted funds and shine a spotlight on the work nonprofits do to make the Sacramento region the place we call home.

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Spring 2017

New SVC Logo - thanks to Sacramento Ad Club FREETHink!

The Conservancy is excited to roll out not only one, but three new logos! In 2016 SVC was chosen to be one of three local Non-profit organizations to participate in the Sacramento Ad Club's annual FREETHink event. 136 Volunteers donated their time and talents for one weekend to help local nonprofits in need. Each nonprofit had a team devoted to working on their requested marketing and creative materials. SVC

Received Brand Development assistance resulting in an updated organization logo, a Camp Pollock Logo, a Deer Creek Hills Logo, Brand Messaging, Merchandise Concepting + Design and Social Media Skins. Final edits to the logo were made by Christy Probst.

Want to take a look at the new logos? Please visit www.sacvalleyconservancy.org in April to check out the new SVC logo gear and sport your support for SVC.

Help us save resources - Please consider going electronic

Join our electronic mailing list for up to date news and announcements from the conservancy. We are transitioning from sending our printed newsletters from a tri-annual (Spring, Summer and Fall) to a bi-annual (Spring and Fall) newsletter. If you don't already receive our newsletters via e-mail and would like to be added to our e-news list, please e-mail us at pburgess@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org or call 916-974-4331, leave a message if no answer.

Cowboy Breakfast

with a steaming cup of coffee

SVC Staff invites you to enjoy stacks of fluffy pancakes, hot off the grill with a steaming cup of coffee at the 9th annual Cowboy Breakfast! This FREE event is our way to say THANK YOU to our dedicated docents, volunteers and supporters. NEW supporters welcome too! If you'd like to donate to the costs of the breakfast please click the Donate Now button from our Home Page or contribute to the donation bucket at the event. On **Saturday, May 20, from 9am-2pm** we'll be at Deer Creek Hills Preserve meeting and mingling with other SVC supporters for a hearty breakfast in nature, surrounded by colorful



rolling foothills and blooming wildflowers. To complete your visit, we invite you to top off breakfast with a Docent Led outing or self-guided hike, trail run or equestrian ride through open country over a variety of terrain. Please RSVP online for this event.

Glamp-Out 2017

June 24, 2017

Join Sacramento Valley Conservancy for a fun, family friendly, evening under the stars complete with brews and wines and delectable catered 'glamp' food from Hannibal's. This year's event will feature FLOW Stand Up Paddle boarding, lawn games and a scavenger hunt. As the sun sets, enjoy a community campfire with S'mores, campfire songs and star gazing. Pre-registration is required. Please bring your favorite camp chair or picnic blanket and flashlight or headlamp. Parent or leader participant required. Adults are \$50 each, children 16 and under are free. Registration will open in April. Vendors & Sponsors - Please contact Kelly Hopkins at khopkins@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org if you wish to participate in GlampOut 2017.

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Big Day of Giving

Come down to Camp Pollock for a howling good time on May 4th from 6 - 8pm. Shake your tail to live music and party with some of your favorite non-profit organizations. Join SVC, Sacramento Tree Foundation, Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates and others! Let's celebrate the Big DOG together! Each non-profit will have a fun activity and a BIG DOG Donation Station! FREE parking, FREE entrance - Suggested donation of \$10 supports these non-profits! Bring your own picnic basket & blanket or camp chairs! Picnic tables and Adirondack chairs are first come, first serve. Coolers and outside beverages will be allowed. Please be responsible and use a designated driver when consuming alcoholic beverages. More info online at sacvalleyconservancy.org

Our new Board Member:

John Sedleniek



John wants to live in a world filled with majestic beauty, overachieving underachievers while Jimmy Buffet's classic "A Pirate Looks at 40" loops with purpose in the background. As a technology sales leader with more than 20 years of experience, he's worked for Hitachi, Oracle, Genuity, Veraction, HVR (and the like) successfully linking customers to proven software solutions while building winning teams with a smile. When he's not running sales playbooks or entertaining at customer lunches, you can find him cheering on his two boys, running twenty-minute miles, or telling the same jokes over and over to his wife, Nicole, who still laughs. John grew up making memories in the mountains and oceans of Southern California, where he developed his love and appreciation for the outdoors. It is this very passion for preserving open spaces for all to enjoy for years to come that drives his involvement with SVC.

Earth Day Concert with SVC

SVC is pleased to announce the second annual Earth Day Celebration and Concert on April 22nd. This family-friendly celebration features live music from local artists, food trucks and more! Bring the family. Come celebrate the earth and all there is to love about open space. Coolers and outside beverages will be allowed. Tickets may sell out for this intimate, family-friendly event, so don't wait! Tickets are just \$18, children under 10 and leashed friendly dogs are free and parking is free. *SVC Season Passes and Coupons not applicable to this benefit event.

Yoga in Nature at Camp Pollock

Sacramento Valley Conservancy Docent Summer Ward of Seasons of Summer will be leading YOGA from Spring to Autumn in or near the Camp Pollock Lodge every Wednesday evening at 6pm. This donation-based, seasonally-inspired class will support the preservation, restoration and outings of the Sacramento Valley Conservancy (recommended donation \$5-\$15). Please bring your own mat, water and cash donations. All attendees will be required to sign a liability release to attend. Yoga will be in the lodge and/or closer to nature, on the deck, when weather permits.

4th Annual Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock.

These concerts series feature local bands in a casual outdoor environment. Bring your own picnic basket & blanket or camp chairs! Picnic tables, are first come, first serve. Concerts are held every first Thursday of the month from 6pm-8pm, April through October. No charge to attend and no charge for parking. All donations help the Sacramento Valley Conservancy protect open space, for all of us! With more than 17,500 acres protected in the greater Sacramento area. Camp Pollock is located at 1501 Northgate Blvd., Sacramento, California 95815.

Thursday, April 6th	The Taylor Chicks
Thursday, May 4th	The Garage Openers & Big Day of Giving Celebration
Thursday, June 1st	Cat's Meow
Thursday, July 6th	The Stoneberries
Thursday, August 3rd	Larisa Bryski
Thursday, September 7th	REMEDY7
Thursday, October 5th	Pocket Change Classic Country

Celebrate Bike Month on May 7th 7th Annual Great Scott! Bike & Walk Event

Help us kick-off Bike Month on Sunday, May 7th on the Great Scott! bike ride and walk event. This free, self-supported walk/ride of more than 30 miles of beautiful country roads, centered around Scott Road, where ONLY cyclists and pedestrians are allowed for seven hours. Fast riders can access the course from 8-10am. From 10am - 3pm, the speed limit slows for family-friendly rides. Stop by the Sacramento Valley Conservancy's rest stop stations, where we'll greet you with cold snacks and fun music. The ride is FREE and made possible by Sacramento County, El Dorado County, City of Rancho Cordova, City of Folsom and our 50 Corridor Chambers of Commerce. For more information and map of the course visit www.bikegreatscott.com.



DONATION FORM

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I want to make a difference and help create a legacy for the future and preserve Sacramento's beautiful open space, natural habitat and agriculture.

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For more info, please call (916) 731-8798 or
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April - August 2017 Calendar

April 2017

Sat, Apr 1	9am - 1pm	DCH Free Self Guided Hikes
Sat, Apr 1	10am - 2pm	DCH Equestrian Ride
Sat, Apr 1	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Thur, Apr 6	6 - 8pm	The Taylor Chicks Camp Pollock Riverside Concert Series
Sat, Apr 8	9am - 1pm	DCH Free Self Guided Hikes
Sat, Apr 8	9am - 1pm	Stories in Spring Meadow DCH Botany Hike
Sat, Apr 8	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Sat, Apr 15	9am - 1pm	DCH Free Self Guided Hikes
Sat, Apr 15	4 - 8pm	DCH Guided Sunset Equestrian Ride
Sat, Apr 15	9am - 1pm	DCH Free Self Guided Hikes
Sat, Apr 15	6:30 - 11:30am	Oak Woodland Birding at DCH
Sat, Apr 15	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Sat, Apr 22	9am - 1pm	DCH Free Self Guided Hikes
Sat, Apr 22	9am - 1pm	Humans Shaping the Land DCH Botany Hike
Sat, Apr 22	9am - 1pm	Earth Day - Clean-up & Benefit Concert
Sun, Apr 23	8:30am - Noon	Invasive Removal Project at Deer Creek Hills
Sat, Apr 29	9am - 1pm	DCH Free Self Guided Hikes
Sat, Apr 29	10am - 2pm	DCH Equestrian Ride
Sat, Apr 29	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Sun, Apr 30	9am - 1pm	Native American History of DCH Hike

May 2017

Thur, May 4	All Day	BIG Day of Giving
Thur, May 4	6 - 8pm	The Garage Openers Concert & Big DOG Celebration at Camp Pollock
Sat, May 6	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Sat, May 6	9am - 1pm	Flowering Summer Bulbs
Sat, May 13	10am - 2pm	DCH Equestrian Ride
Sat, May 13	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Sat, May 20	9am-2pm	Cowboy Breakfast & Volunteer Appreciation
Sat, May 20	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Sat, May 20	6:15am - 11am	Deer Creek Riparian Area Birding Hike
Sat, May 27	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Sat, May 27	10am - 2pm	DCH Equestrian Ride

June 2017

Thur, June 1	6 - 8pm	Car's Meow - Riverside Concert Series
Sat, June 3	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Mon, June 5	4:30pm - dusk	MTB Monday Night Rides w/FATRAC
Sat, June 10	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Mon, June 12	4:30pm - dusk	MTB Monday Night Rides w/FATRAC
Sat, June 17	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Mon, June 19	4:30pm - dusk	MTB Monday Night Rides w/FATRAC
Sat, June 24	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Sat, June 24	4pm - 11am	Glamp-Out / Great American Campout
Mon, June 26	4:30pm - dusk	MTB Monday Night Rides w/FATRAC

July 2017

Sat, July 1	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Mon, July 3	4:30pm - dusk	MTB Monday Night Rides w/FATRAC
Sat, July 8	TBD	Night Hawks & Owls Night Time Birding Hike
Sat, July 8	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Mon, July 10	4:30pm-dusk	MTB Monday Night Rides w/FATRAC
Sat, July 15	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Mon, July 17	4:30pm - dusk	MTB Monday Night Rides w/FATRAC
Sat, July 22	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Sat July 22	8 - 11am	MTB Tour
Mon, July 24	4:30pm - dusk	MTB Monday Night Rides w/FATRAC
Mon, July 31	4:30pm - dusk	MTB Monday Night Rides w/FATRAC

August 2017

Thur, Aug 3	6 - 8pm	Larisa Bryski - Riverside Concert Series
Sat, Aug 5	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Sat, Aug 5	6:30 - 10:30pm	Nighthawks & Owls, Full Moon Hike
Mon, Aug 7	4:30pm - dusk	MTB Monday Night Rides w/FATRAC
Sat, Aug 12	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Mon, Aug 14	4:30pm - dusk	MTB Monday Night Rides w/FATRAC
Sat, Aug 19	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Mon, Aug 21	4:30pm - dusk	MTB Monday Night Rides w/FATRAC
Sat, Aug 26	8 - 11am	MTB Tour
Sat, Aug 26	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Service Day
Mon, Aug 28	4:30pm - dusk	MTB Monday Night Rides w/FATRAC

Check out all of SVC's events on our Online Calendar at
www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp