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January 23, 2015

To: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
From: Aimee Rutledge, Executive Director
Subject: Deer Creek Hills Oak Woodland Preserve & Working Ranch 2014 Report
cc: Parks and Recreation Commission, Cosumnes Planning Advisory Council

Sacramento Valley Conservancy is proud to submit our annual report on activities at the Deer Creek Hills Oak Woodland Preserve and Working Ranch.

In 2014 we accomplished the following at the Preserve:

Operations and Maintenance Activities:

- Coordinated with grazing lessee, Lucky Seven Ranch, to accomplish winter, dry pasture cattle grazing and extra patrols of the property from January to June.
- Opened the self-guided hiking trail every Saturday during February-May and October-November, and mountain bike trail rides every Monday evening during July-October.
- Latrobe Road graded and filled, in coordination with Sacramento County DOT.
- Responded and reported to law enforcement numerous incidents of vandalism, dumping, shooting; Staff and docents patrolled weekly. A Docent procured a landfill pass that allowed over 4 tons of material to be disposed of free of charge at the Kiefer Landfill.
- Conducted quarterly and annual monitoring of the DCH property, including Residual Dry Matter, to assure management practices meet objectives of the DCH Management Plan.
- The invasive weed program continued working on yellow star thistle, milk thistle, Italian thistle, and Klamath Weed. The invasive onion grass was added to the program, and removal was followed up with a spray and burn program.
- Developed and implemented a revised Safety Plan for events at DCH, including; physical address for the Eagle Camp Corral, communication protocols with Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, incident protocols for Staff and Docents, and on-site training with Equestrian Docents.

Volunteer and Education Programs:

- With the help of over 40 docents, held 25 docent-led public outings, including hiking, equestrian, mountain biking, bird watching, astronomy and bat night, youth trips, Ride & Try, and our Cowboy Breakfast, hosting over 1691 visitors.
- Provided over 435 students and youth access via day trips through our YES program (Youth, Education & Stewardship), in partnership with Sierra Nevada Journeys, Sierra Health Foundation, REL, Gencorp Foundation, Teichert Foundation, Soroptomist International of Metropolitan Sacramento, Lucky Seven Ranch, Hemispheres Arts, and many individual donors.
- 91 Season Passes to DCH sold.
- Hosted two service days (January, October) where 59 volunteers renovated the Kiosk, hung signs, built bird blinds, cleaned a critical creek bed, and picked up trash.
- Participated in community events including the ECOS Earth Day Celebrations, May is Bike Month, and IMBA's Take a Kid Mountain Biking.

Grants and Donations:

- Riparian Revegetation Project initiated along Deer Creek at Deer Creek Hills North through a grant from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Planned Capital Improvements:

- Finalize permanent marking of the North Pond Self-Guided Trail and other key GPS reference points for DCH Safety Plan in partnership with AmeriCorps

Attached is a financial report from 2012 and 2013. We will forward our 2014 report when ready. Please contact me at 916-425-5879 with any questions.

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Accrual Basis

Sacramento Valley Conservancy
Statement of Inc and Exp - Deer Creek Hills Preserve
January through December 2013

	<u>S-DeerCk</u> <u>(S-DeerCk Hills)</u>
Income	
4100 · Donations	5,603.00
4200 · Grants	7,500.00
4600 · Ag lease income	60,930.00
4800 · Interest & investment income	(3,370.98)
Total Income	<u>70,662.02</u>
 Gross Profit	 70,662.02
 Expense	
5500 · Property tax & mgt cost	55,844.34
6100 · Payroll	50,986.09
6200 · Payroll tax expense	3,890.29
6300 · Employee benefits	70.90
7900 · Travel & meetings	735.24
8100 · Occupancy	1,012.36
8300 · Postage & delivery	31.23
8400 · Phone & internet	3,118.28
8500 · Office expenses	195.41
9500 · Payroll Service	838.16
9600 · Insurance	7,551.96
9700 · Taxes & licenses	1,212.90
Total Expense	<u>125,487.16</u>
 Net Income	 <u><u>(54,825.14)</u></u>