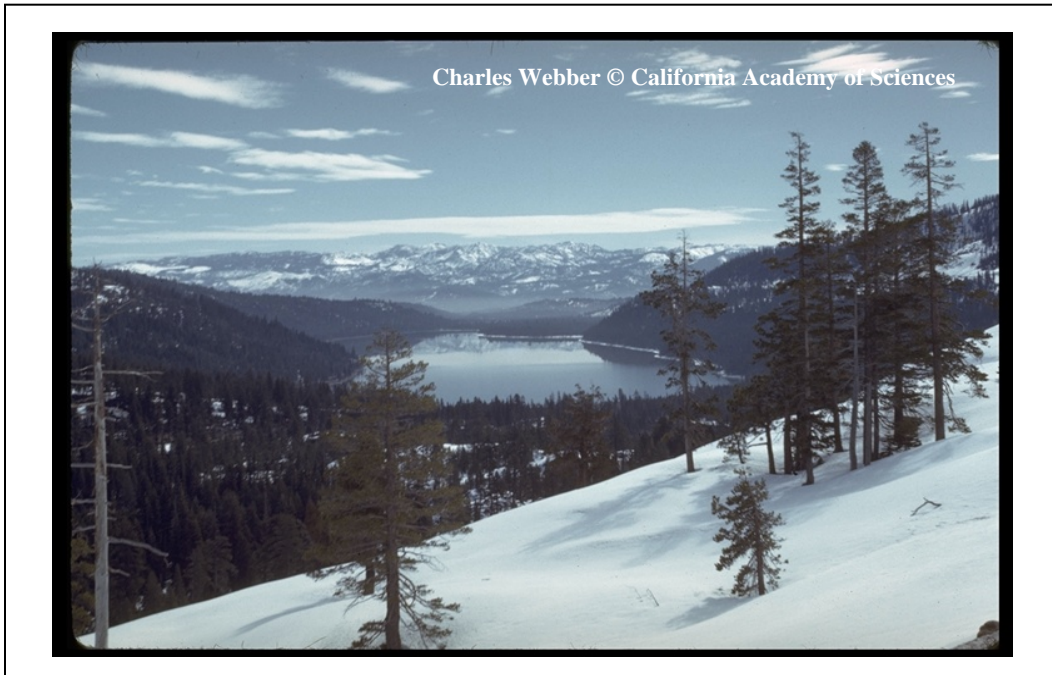


PLACER COUNTY



COUNTY INFORMATION

Size: 5,891 sq. km (2,274 sq. mi)

Population: 248,399 (as of 2000)

Location: Northern Central Valley

Official Website: www.placer.ca.gov

CONSERVATION STORY

Placer Land Trust Preserves the Stagecoach Preserve

From 1999 to 2007, the Placer Land Trust and Placer county residents have worked together to protect the Stagecoach Preserve. The Stagecoach Preserve is a 10-acre tract of natural open space that, in 1999, was scheduled for intense residential development.

The preserve protects some of the last remaining open space and habitats that lie between the American River Canyon and the residential area of Auburn near the popular Stagecoach Trailhead.

Open space serves multiple purposes for both people and wildlife. In and around the Stagecoach Preserve hikers and mountain bikers use the area as a staging point for ventures into the Canyon. The land is in the prime Canyon-view corridor for many residences in the area and for the countless pedestrians, bicycles and traffic passing through on Foresthill Avenue. Stagecoach Preserve also provides important wildlife habitat connecting the canyon to upland ravines and is home to a stretch of Canyon Creek.



Placer Land Trust purchased the bulk of the property in 1999 and added three acres in 2007. Thanks to the support and vision of the community and the SkyView Foundation, Placer Land Trust was able to purchase the land in fee title for the purpose of open space protection.

For some this is where the story of Canyon Creek ends, but for volunteers and visitors this is where family stories and memories just begin!

With neighborhood volunteers, Placer Land Trust is currently restoring the stretch of Canyon Creek that runs between Foresthill Avenue and Canyon Drive on Stagecoach Preserve.

Volunteers do a whole range of restoration activities from planting native shrubs and trees such as coffeeberry and redbud, to pulling invasive species like Himalayan blackberry and cat-tails that disrupt the natural ecosystem of Canyon Creek.



“Volunteers come out because they want to beautify their neighborhood and because they want to protect it,” said Katy Sater, a volunteer coordinator for the Placer Land Trust in 2007. “Its a little work, but when they come the enjoy it. Sometimes parents volunteer and bring their kids.”

Placer Land Trust is planning a public trail along Canyon Creek on Stagecoach Preserve, linking up to the popular Stagecoach Trailhead. Meanwhile, the property is accessible to the public for educational purposes with prior consent. Contact

Placer Land Trust to get permission to access the property; their contact information is listed in this directory.

ORGANZATIONS

Clover Valley Foundation

Contact Name: Marilyn Jasper

Address: Clover Valley Foundation, P.O. Box 713, Loomis, CA 95650

Phone: (916) 652-7005

Email: email@clovervalleyfoundation.org, mjasper@accessbee.com

Website: www.clovervalleyfoundation.org

County: Placer and Sacramento

Issue Focus: Land-use, development

Volunteer Opportunities: UNLIMITED volunteer opportunities--website management, CEQA commenting, fundraising, education and public outreach, etc.

Accepts Donations: Yes

Public Events: Presentations on effort to save Clover Valley

Description: Dedicated to preserving Clover Valley's 622 pristine acres of wetlands, woodlands, wildlife, creek, meadows, grasslands, scenic ridges, historic rock walls, stone corral, and prehistoric sites in perpetuity as a regional historic nature preserve.

Dry Creek Conservancy

Contact Name: Gregg Bates

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Phone: 916 773-6575

Email: dcc@surewest.net

Website: drycreekconservancy.org

County: Placer, Sacramento, Sutter

Issue Focus: Watershed Quality

Group Type:

Volunteer Opportunities: Creek Week, Fall Spawning Survey

Accepts Donations: Yes

Public Events: Creek Week, Fall Spawning Survey

Description: Dry Creek Conservancy is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation organized in 1996 to facilitate watershed conservation, restoration, and education in the watersheds of

Dry Creek, Pleasant Grove Creek, Auburn Ravine Creek, Coon Creek and surrounding areas in Placer, Sutter, and Sacramento counties. Programs include Restoration of Salmon habitat, Monitoring aquatic insects and water quality, public events such as Creekweek, and Planning processes such as the American Basin Council of Watersheds stakeholder collaborative, and the Dry Creek Greenway, a continuous trail and open space greenway connecting with the American River Parkway at Discovery Park and Folsom Lake, forming a 70-mile loop.

Friends of Squaw Creek

Contact: Ed Heneveld
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South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
Phone: (530)583-1817
Email: heneveld@telis.org
Website: www.squawcreek.org

County: Placer

Issue Focus: water supply, watershed quality, wildlife and habitat

Group Type: educational outreach, (local) advocacy, restoration

Public Events: Spring Refuge Workday, National Wildlife Refuge Week, Eagle Days, other

Volunteer Opportunities: Prairie Restoration, Wetlands Refuge Restoration, Refuge Center help, surveys, other

Accepts Donations: Yes

Description: Friends of Squaw Creek (FOSC) is a grassroots organization in Squaw Valley comprised of landowners, businesses, jurisdictional agencies, and private citizens dedicated to enhancing the Squaw Creek watershed. Our mission statement is: "The Friends of Squaw Creek seek to provide a forum for facilitating and coordinating efforts to promote a naturally sustainable environment for the Squaw Creek watershed through education, communication, science, and community involvement." Goals include promoting that Squaw Creek's ecosystems be able to perform their natural, physical, and biological functions considering their uses and constraints. This includes improving communication within the community, improving fish and wildlife habitat, and educating the community about the watershed's ecology.

North Fork American River Alliance (NFARA)

Contact Name: Jim Ricker
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Phone: 530-389-8344
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Website: www.nfara.org

County: Placer

Issue Focus: Trails and Recreation, Land use, Forestry Issues

Group Type:

Volunteer Opportunities: Trail Maintenance, Events, Research, Commentary

Accept donations: Yes

Description: Our mission is to preserve the wild, scenic and cultural heritage within the watershed of the North Fork American River.

We believe that by establishing partnerships with private property owners, public agencies, land trusts and other interested parties, we can preserve the North Fork Canyon and its heritage for future generations to enjoy.

North Tahoe Citizen Action Alliance

Contact Name: Jerry Wotel, President

Address: PO Box 289, Tahoe Vista, CA 96148

Phone: 530-546-8125

Email: jwotel@ntcaa.org

Website URL: ntcaa.org

County/Countries: North Lake Tahoe, Placer County

Issue Focus: air quality, global warming, transportation, water supply, watershed quality, wildlife and habitat

Group Type: educational, community outreach, advocacy

Public Events: monthly meetings, newsletter

Volunteer Opportunities: community land use monitors

Accepts Donations: Yes

Description: The North Tahoe Citizen Action Alliance (NTCAA) will provide a citizen voice and better representation for North Shore Lake Tahoe residents and homeowners. It will proactively engage local government agencies, planners, and other key decision-makers that define the future shape of our communities, and work with them to improve the quality of their decisions.

NTCAA supports a community development strategy that eliminates blighted conditions, directs the effective expenditure of public funds, integrates community projects for the public good, and develops innovative solutions. NTCAA wants to increase the flow of accurate and timely information to both its members and the public at large, and the group will push for the wise use of taxpayer funds through full disclosure, greater accountability, and increased public scrutiny.

Placer Land Trust and Nature Center

Contact: Jeff Darlington

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Phone: (530) 837-9222

Email: jeff@placervillelandtrust.org

Website: www.placerlandtrust.org

County: Placer

Issue Focus: botanical, land use, wildlife and habitat

Public Events: guided tours, Harvest celebration, Farmer's market

Volunteer Opportunities: easement monitoring, watershed restoration, event planning, photography, other

Accepts Donations: Yes

Description: To work with landowners to preserve open space and farmland in Placer County, CA. The group focuses on sprawl in West Placer.

Since 1991 Placer Land Trust has preserved wild land along the North Fork of the American River, open space in a residential area of Auburn, and working agricultural land in the western region of the County. PLT is currently working on conservation methods such as easements and estate planning. In the future they will also be working on a countywide open space project and individual land-owner easement donations.

PLT works in partnership with local, statewide and national conservation organizations as well as local, state, and federal agencies. The Trust is familiar with the decision-making procedures of a variety of governmental agencies/representatives including the local board of supervisors, the city council, the local planning and commission, the local water district, and the local sanitation district.

Sierra Club Placer Group

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Website URL: <http://motherlode.sierraclub.org/placer/index.html>

County of Activity: Western Placer County (from summit westward)

Issue Focus: air quality, botanical, forestry, global warming, land use, transportation, water supply, watershed quality, wildlife and habitat, sprawl development

Public Events: As many Earth Day/Environmental events as possible; tabling, displays, etc.

Volunteer Opportunities: UNLIMITED volunteer opportunities--website management, CEQA commenting, fundraising, education and public outreach, etc.

Accepts Donations: Yes

Description: Explore, enjoy and protect the planet, with special focus on Placer County.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES

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Website: <http://www.placer.ca.gov/bos.aspx>

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Senate Representative – 1st District:

Counties Represented: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Plumas and Sierra, as well as portions of Nevada, Placer and Sacramento Counties.

Website: <http://republican.sen.ca.gov/web/1/>

Assembly Representative – 4th District

Counties Represented: Lassen, Plumas, Butte, Sierra Yuba, Nevada

Website: <http://republican.assembly.ca.gov/members/a4/index.aspx>