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## 2014 WAS A GREAT YEAR

2015 is in full swing, and what better time to reflect on all of the exciting things that have happened in 2014 here at Wildlife Heritage Foundation?

WHF has acquired two new board members and added four additional employees to the team. You can read more about all our new additions on the following pages.

The organization has acquired new properties throughout California. We continue to further our mission by protecting unique rangeland parcels like Ridge Top Ranch in Solano County, which has been set aside to re-introduce threatened California red-

legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) populations. Local properties, like Greyhawk II in Placer County, help to preserve our local resources because it preserves a valuable riparian buffer around Strap Ravine.

“To Protect,  
Enhance, and Restore  
Wildlife Habitat on  
Lands Conserved for  
the Benefit of Future  
Generations”

In September, local volunteers came out en masse to remove over 560 lbs of trash from Auburn Ravine! Read more about

this on page 4 and learn how you can help us this year.

October was an exceptionally busy month for WHF. As a collaborative effort, the Auburn Ravine Interpretive Sign was placed at McBean Park in Lincoln, CA. We also held our fifth annual Salmon Celebration.

There is never a dull moment around here! 2015 will be filled with field trips, nature walks, summer camps and other events. Stay tuned for the next newsletter, as we are currently gearing up for our spring fieldtrip season. We will have lots of photos and stories to share soon! Have a happy spring!

## Auburn Ravine Interpretive Sign Reveal



The Wildlife Heritage Foundation strives to raise awareness of the importance of preserving our natural lands, wildlife and watersheds. To that end, WHF collaborated with Stantec and the City of Lincoln to construct and install an Auburn Ravine Interpretive Sign along Auburn Ravine at McBean Park in Lincoln, CA.

Auburn Ravine is part of Lincoln's watershed and runs right through the city. This beautifully designed sign will raise visibility of Auburn Ravine and the need to keep our watersheds healthy and vibrant so that our migrating salmon return to the ravine year after year.



Auburn Ravine supports both Fall-run Chinook Salmon and Steelhead. These fish use Auburn Ravine to spawn during the fall months.

Salmon are “anadromous,” which means that they migrate from the ocean water into freshwater streams and tributaries to breed and lay eggs.

Salmon populations are declining due to pollution, habitat loss, hatcheries, overfishing, invasive species, and the damming of spawning tributaries. Raising awareness of these special fish is essential to their long term survival.



## Introducing Our Newest Members of the Board



Mark Fowler

**Mark Fowler** has been a dedicated member of the Lincoln community for a very long time. In fall of 2013, he joined our board of directors and in 2014 he became the Board Secretary.

After receiving his BA degree in Physical Education and Biological Sciences from CSU, Sacramento, Mark taught biology, natural history and anatomy at Lincoln High School for 36 years.

While teaching at Lincoln High School, Mark developed an Outdoor Education program. He has also been a great asset in developing our education program here at WHF

Mark also developed many other projects utilizing the Lincoln High School Farm

including a trout growth study, a wood duck nest box project, and a bird census project all of which required active student participation.

During his tenure at Lincoln High School, Mark was the recipient of numerous awards including: Teacher of the and Lincoln High School Hall of Fame.

When not volunteering for various community benefit organizations, Mark enjoys spending time tending to his organic farm and leading outdoor trips throughout the western United States.

Read more about Mr. Fowler on our website: [www.wildlifeheritage.org](http://www.wildlifeheritage.org)



Kurt Worley, J.D.

**Kurt Worley, J.D.**, joined our team of Board Members in late Spring of 2014. Mr. Worley grew up in Lincoln. He attended college at the University of California, Berkeley and Graduated with a B.A in Legal Studies and a Minor in Anthropology. He then went on to obtain a law degree from the University of Hastings College of the Law. And is now a Supervising Deputy District Attorney in Butte County, CA. In that role, he prosecutes high profile crimes and trains entry-level attorneys.

Mr. Worley has always been an outdoorsman interested in the dynamics of human interaction with the environment. He is an avid hiker and natural history

hobbyist, which combines to become the constant thread in almost all of his recreational travel.

As a prosecutor, he values enforcement of the Fish and Wildlife codes and environmental crimes, including having successfully prosecuted individuals in a highly organized deer and bear poaching ring for felony conspiracy to unlawfully take game. He considers himself a healthy skeptic and encourages an iconoclastic approach to problem solving.

Read more about Mr. Worley on our website: [www.wildlifeheritage.org](http://www.wildlifeheritage.org)

## Accreditation Renewals

Over the last year, Wildlife Heritage Foundation's Staff and Board Members have been working diligently on renewing our accreditation status. Our accreditation with Land Trust Alliance and California Counsel of Land Trusts is vitally important to us and the land conservation community.

The accreditation provides an independent validation of the integrity and ethical standards under which we operate. After meeting all the expectations set by Land Trust

Alliance and California Counsel of Land Trusts, WHF is excited to announce that our accreditations have been renewed.

"We are proud to continue our work conserving open lands and habitat in California," says Executive Director Pat Shea.

Check out our article in a recent issue of Lincoln Messenger or visit the link at: <http://www.lincolnnewsmessenger.com/article/3/18/15/wildlife-heritage-foundation-protects-and-preserves-environment>





## Our New Staff



Amber Parmenter

**Amber Parmenter** began working at Wildlife Heritage Foundation as a biologist in May of 2014. She comes to WHF with a strong background in avian ecology. She obtained a B.S. in Zoology in 2010 and an M.S. in Conservation Biology in 2013 from San Francisco State University.

Amber became interested in land stewardship and habitat conservation during graduate

school where she worked under Dr. Gretchen LeBuhn investigating the upslope migration of orange-crowned warblers and the importance of restored riparian meadow habitat for California's neotropical migrants

She is responsible for overseeing the stewardship and biological monitoring of the conservation easements as well as supporting the education program at WHF.



Lauren Hoyle

**Lauren Hoyle** began working for Wildlife Heritage Foundation as a biologist in January 2015. Lauren is the newest addition to the team. She holds a B.S. degree in Wildlife: Conservation Biology & Applied Vertebrate Ecology and graduated in 2012 from Humboldt State University. She has over 4 years of experience conducting biological research and sensitive species surveys.

Lauren brings a background in amphibian research and sensitive spe-

cies surveys to WHF. She has had the joy of working with a wide array of mammals, birds and amphibians in the mountain regions of California, Wyoming and Jamaica.

At WHF, Lauren is responsible for the biological monitoring of conservation easements and supporting the education program.



Lia Hoover

**Lia Hoover** began working for Wildlife Heritage Foundation as the Education and Outreach Coordinator in June of 2014. She has been a science educator for over 10 years, starting her career as a laboratory lecturer at the University of Illinois, where she also completed her Master of Science in Developmental Biology in 2002.

During graduate school, Lia developed an interest in science education and has since had the pleasure of teaching science to students of all ages, from kindergarten through university.

Through her teaching experience, Lia has become aware of the critical need for consistent and challenging science curriculum, specifically in K-12 schools. She is excited to be a part of WHF and to create meaningful educational experiences for students and members of the community.



Antionette McGinnis

**Antionette McGinnis** began working for Wildlife Heritage Foundation in May of 2014 as an Administrative Assistant. She has nearly seven years of experience working as an Administrative Assistant.

Prior to becoming employed at Wildlife Heritage Foundation, she worked as a Legal Assistant for four years, practicing various types of law, in law firms. She also worked as a nanny for twin girls.

In 2009, she earned her Associate's Degree in Legal Administration from MTI College.

When not at Wildlife Heritage Foundation she loves to spend her free time with her husband and toddler son while also caring for their dog (Denali), two turtles and 8 freshwater fish.

Learn more about all of WHF's new staff members on the website: [www.wildlifeheritage.org](http://www.wildlifeheritage.org)



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Sept. 19, 2015
- Salmon Celebration -  
Oct. 3, 2015

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## Great Sierra River Cleanup 2014



health of waterways throughout the Sierra Nevada Region.

This cleanup is an annual event coordinated by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and held in conjunction with California Coastal Cleanup Day. And Wildlife Heritage Foundation's site is a one mile stretch along the Auburn Ravine Creek at McBean Park in Lincoln, California.

On Saturday, September 20, 2014, our wonderful volunteers helped us participate in the Great Sierra River Cleanup.

The Great Sierra River Cleanup is a volunteer effort focused on removing trash and restoring the

Sixty enthusiastic volunteers of all ages showed up to get their hands dirty and support their local salmon habitat. We were honored and thrilled with the number of volunteers that took time out of their day to make our habitats safer for our local wildlife

Our recovery was a total of 560 lbs of trash and 190 lbs of recyclables. We also counted 750 cigarette butts!!

The clean-up effort, in total, across the Sierra Nevadas, pulled out over 1 million lbs of trash and 98,000 lbs of recyclables.



## Fifth Annual Salmon Celebration



With the generosity of our sponsors, on October 4, 2014, Wildlife Heritage Foundation was able to hold our Fifth Annual Salmon Celebration. Our yearly event was held at Mc Bean Park in Lincoln. It was a beautiful, educational and fun-filled Saturday.

Wildlife Heritage Foundation's mission is to pass on an appreciation for our natural wildlife and habitats in the hopes that future generations will want to continue the tradition of wildlife conservation. We do this through our educational outreach events, like the Salmon Celebra-

tion, and our education program.

Our goal for the Salmon Celebration is to educate the public on the integral role salmon play on our local ecosystem. They are also a great indicator of the health of our watersheds.

We must protect and preserve our salmon populations, as they face many manmade challenges that affect their livelihoods. Hopefully, this celebration will continue to pull community members together and raise an awareness of the importance of keeping our ecologically rich lands and wildlife healthy and vibrant.

In our attempt to combine education and fun, we incorporated live music, over 35 vendors, an assortment of delicious food, art displays and entertainment for the eager minds of our community.

The vendors included various conservation organizations, non-profits, land trusts, wildlife rescue groups. Artisans were also out selling their products.

The Chris Gardner Band had the crowd on their feet dancing with a variety of country music.

Kids enjoyed an activity center with educational tables containing skulls,

feathers, wildlife photos and salmon educational activities, like coloring and bead making. There was also intricate face painting and bounce houses.

For those interested in fly-fishing, Granite Bay Flycasters and Trout Unlimited had fly-fishing demonstrations.

Blue Line Arts had several booths showcasing about 20 pieces of artwork created by local artists for sale.

The hilarious and educational Mad Science presentation was a hoot! Speaking of hoots- Hawks, Honkers and Hoots had some of their beautiful animals on display.

Our event would not be possible without the generosity of our vendors, sponsors and volunteers. We cannot not thank them enough.

WHF looks forward to the next Salmon Celebration on October 3, 2015. Save the date!

