

**FRIENDS OF THE FISCALINI
RANCH PRESERVE**

ANNUAL REPORT

2018

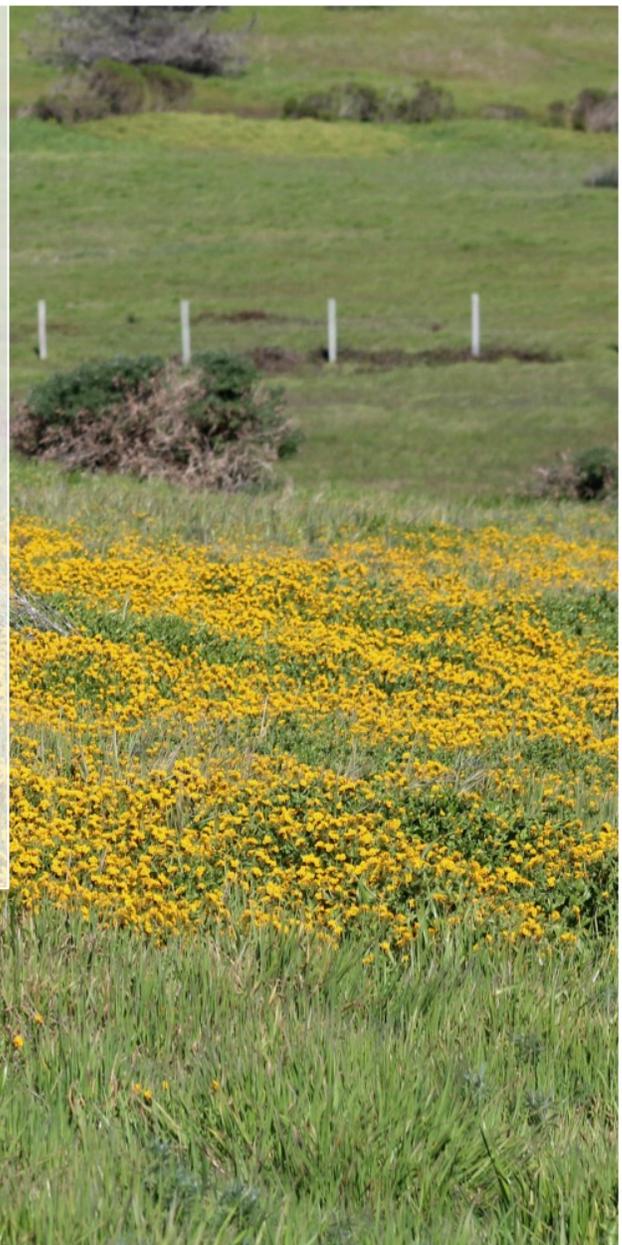
A Message from the Chair

Almost 20 years ago, Cambrians united to obtain the funding necessary to purchase the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve. The purchase assured that the unique place that we are so fortunate to be able to enjoy will remain open to the public perpetually. For almost two decades, volunteers have invested untold hours and expertise in furtherance of FFRP's mission.

2018 was a productive year. FFRP was able to continue or complete many ongoing Ranch projects and began several new ones. Protection and preservation of habitat was improved through focused planting, fuel reduction in the forest, improved erosion control, and native plant re-seeding in the grasslands. Trail projects added protection for the environment, as well as safer and more enjoyable user experiences for hikers. FFRP expanded educational outreach and provided longer term funding for ongoing programs. Docent walks have continued to be extremely well attended and effective in providing educational opportunities for the public.

FFRP implemented an improved contact and tracking system and late in the year, embarked on upgrading and expanding our website. We expect these projects to better inform and serve our members.

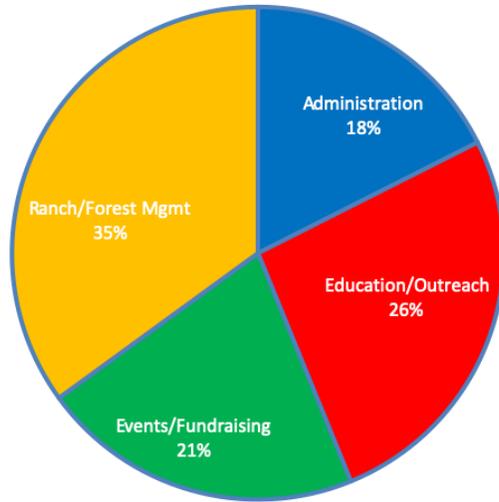
Looking forward to 2019, FFRP is confident that it will remain a strong and vibrant organization thanks to the accumulated efforts of many people. FFRP extends its sincere gratitude to all who have contributed their time, energy and consideration to the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve over the years. FFRP is proud of the gift the Ranch represents to our community and our region.



Volunteerism

The Engine that Drives FFRP

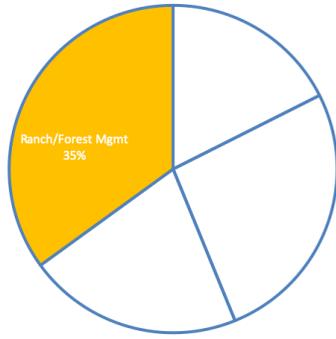
4,957 Hours



During the 2018 year, approximately 200 volunteers generously supported the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve with almost 5,000 hours of dedicated effort.



1,735 Hours



Ranch and Forest Management

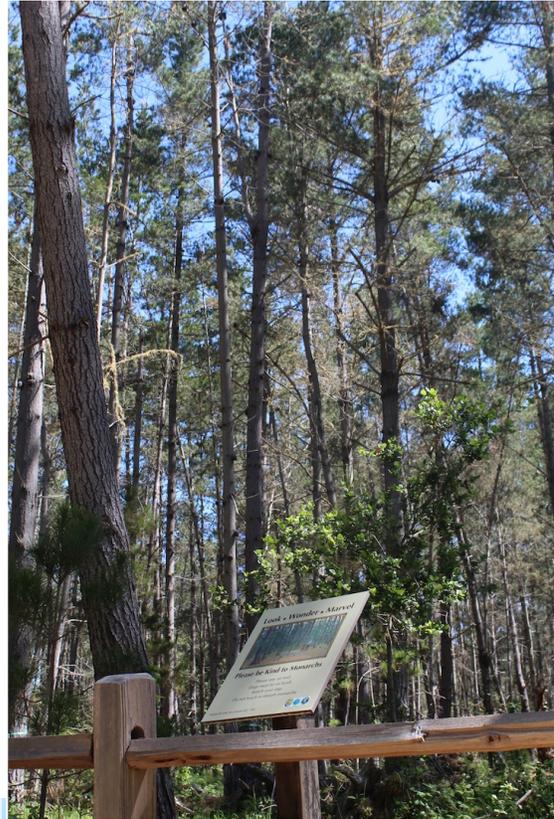
Working with nature to protect and enhance our precious resource

FFRP volunteers collaborate with Cambria Community Services District personnel to maintain and enhance the Ranch and its resource values.

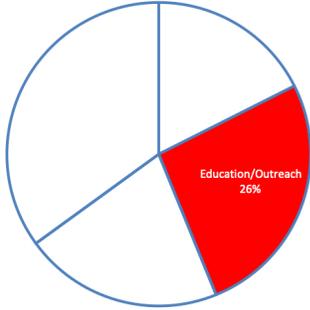
Contractors and volunteers treated more than 7 acres of forest to reduce fire-fuel load and promote forest health and planted native plants in the area where Monarch butterflies have overwintered. The Monarch count and monitoring program continued.

CCSD and volunteers improved miles of trails with erosion control, resurfacing, addition of protective wood chips and weed trimming. Countless hours were expended removing invasive weeds and ice plant to restore natural habitat.

Also, during the year, FFRP commissioned construction of two new stone benches, providing comfortable, permanent seating to contemplate the Ranch's natural beauty. Additionally, FFRP provided financial assistance to the CCSD for completion of a major erosion control project.



1,302 Hours



Education and Outreach

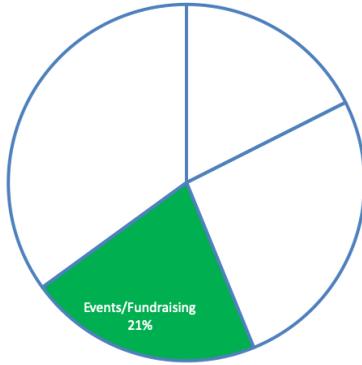
Connecting with our community



FFRP considers education and community outreach as a critical part of the organization's mission. During 2018, approximately 400 people attended 30 docent led walks. These opportunities to explore the Ranch included our first Spanish language tour. The Ranch is used as a resource by local school science classrooms and middle- and high-schoolers engaged in exploration and projects.

FFRP also sponsors the annual Wildflower Show which attracts more than 600 people to view and study over 500 species of wildflowers found in San Luis Obispo County.

1,049 Hours



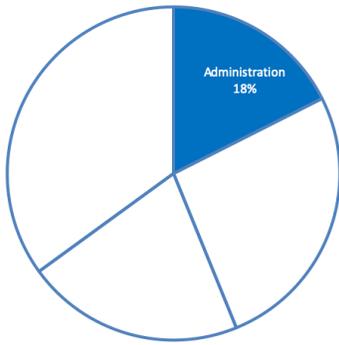
Events and Fundraising Supporting our programs



During 2018, FFRP volunteers hosted two major fundraising events, The Great Kitchens of Cambria Tour and Songs for the Season. By attracting hundreds of people, these events help tell the Ranch's story and attract new members.



871 Hours



Administration

Planning, directing and overseeing operations

Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve holds a Conservation Easement on the Ranch property. The purpose of the Easement is to secure the conservation and natural resource values of the property be preserved and to prevent any use of the property that will impair or interfere with the Easement's terms. The Easement also requires accommodation of public access, consistent with the Management Plan.

Each year, FFRP completes a monitoring report that assesses the condition of the Ranch and analyzes compliance with the conditions of the easement. Additionally, during 2018, FFRP commissioned a boundary survey to verify the property borders and evaluate potential intrusions onto the property.



Financial Performance



Revenues and Support			
Donations	51,047.54		
Fundraiser Income	24,601.60		
Grant	12,179.06		
Membership Dues	24,175.00		
Interest and Dividend Income	91,731.32		
Merchandise Sales	3,266.80		
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains on Investments	(230,858.38)		
Other	1,871.16		
Total Revenues and Support		(21,985.90)	
Expenses			
Program	67,031.81		
General and Administrative	143,690.08		
Fundraising	4,428.40		
Total Expenses		215,150.29	
Change in Net Assets		(237,136.19)	
Net Assets - Beginning of Year		4,091,416.75	
Net Assets - End of Year		3,854,280.56	
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents			369,769.64
Inventories			4,063.64
Total Current Assets			373,833.28
Property and Equipment net of Accumulated Depreciation			15,045.71
Endowment			
Beneficial Interest in Assets Held by Foundations			3,065,651.71
Other Endowment Investments			400,669.80
Total Endowment			3,466,321.51
Other Assets			506.21
Total Assets			3,855,706.71
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			1,274.90
Payroll Tax Liabilities			151.25
Sales Tax Liabilities			
Total Liabilities			1,426.15
Net Assets			3,854,280.56
Total Liabilities and Net Assets			3,855,706.71

Financial statements are unaudited

Board of Directors

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