



## 2022 ON THE RANCH

Gratitude for the Ranch and its supporters

There have been no "normal" years since I arrived at Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve in January 2020, but all have them have been filled with good people and good works. Thank you for being one of those good people who cares for and supports the Ranch.

Your dedication to Fiscalini Ranch Preserve has made the preserve more accessible to students, enhanced its habitat, protected wildlife, and enriched the lives of its visitors. In 2022, Ranch supporters funded a dramatic increase in native plant habitat on the bluffs. We were able to remove around half of the South African ice plant that was weighing down the cliffs, opening up acres for coastal bluff plants. Wild seed and seedlings from the new restoration nursery will create a fabulous spring bloom as well as sustain local animals.

We welcomed the return of 5,000 monarch butterflies, a population level we have not seen since 2016. Winter rains have brought out a stunning display of mushrooms, delighting local photographers.





In 2023 we plan to construct a boardwalk to replace a steep, slippery path connecting two of our most popular trails: Bluff and Marine Terrace. This linking boardwalk will complete an accessible 1.5-mile loop and created the opportunity to leave your mark on the Ranch with \$500 dedication plaques. Revenue from the dedications will go toward an endowment to support trail maintenance and public access.

#### **Boardwalk Dedications**

Keep an eye out for what we can accomplish together.

With yet another unpredictable year ahead, we know that you will be there for the Ranch, in every way you can. I am grateful for your commitment to preserving our natural environment, and for your support of Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve.

The Board of FFRP and I wish you a Happy & Healthy 2023!



# Kitty Connolly, Executive Director Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve



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