

Volunteer News

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

March - May 2005

New Community Affairs Supervisor Joins District Team



Community Programs welcomes Julie Norton, a new member to the team. Julie joined the District's Public Affairs staff in January as the Community Affairs Supervisor. She started amidst the always challenging Action Plan and Budget process for the coming year. We are glad to report that, without hesitation, she rolled up her sleeves and dug in with enthusiasm.

Julie brings a breadth of experience to the Open Space District. She has a distinguished ten-year career in consulting and marketing, with a majority of her professional life spent in the high-tech sector. Even while in the corporate world, Julie has always dedicated a great deal of time to volunteering. At Intuit, Julie organized countless volunteer

projects and was a member of the team responsible for corporate fund giving.

Julie grew up in Santa Cruz, California, a community that fostered love for nature and for banana slugs. She studied Instructional Technology at California State University, Chico. Julie also worked at Rancho San Antonio's Deer Hollow Farm as the Lead Teacher and Volunteer Coordinator for a school year, giving her a great perspective on one of our most visited preserves.

Julie has an ambitious range of duties in her new role. She is the go-to-person for web matters for www.openspace.org, is responsible for the supervision of Community Programs staff, and will work on

public outreach and media as well. She will also be

working with District staff, volunteers, and constituents to update the Good Neighbor Policy and has already started public outreach by participating in several local community meetings. Julie is an avid lover of the outdoors and sees it as her mission to visit every one of the District's preserves this year.

Julie is tremendously open to ideas and suggestions and would love to hear from you. Passionate about community, nature, and technology, we see this as a perfect fit. Julie is excited to be here and part of this dedicated team.

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District Schedules (3) California Trails & Earth Day Events

This April, the District will host CA Trails & Earth Day events at three open space preserve locations. Festivities will begin with an Earth Day event at Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve on Friday, April 22 and continue into the weekend with CA Trail Days events at both Long Ridge and Picchetti Ranch Preserves on Saturday, April 23, 2005.

Volunteers will have a chance to participate in resource management and trail restoration projects, and all participants will receive commemorative patches and T-shirts!

For **more information** and **signup instructions**, please turn to page 2. These events will be fun and educational - we hope to see you there!



Preserve Partners Spring 2005 Outdoor Service Projects

March

Russian Ridge
Saturday, March 12
9:30 – 3:30
Habitat Restoration Project

Bear Creek Redwoods
Thursday, March 17
9:30 – 3:30
Habitat Restoration Project

California Trails & Earth Day Events

April

Skyline Ridge
Friday, April 22
9:30 – 3:30
Earth Day Restoration Project

Long Ridge
Saturday, April 23
9:30 – 3:30
Trail Restoration Project

Picchetti Ranch
Saturday, April 23
9:30 – 3:30
Trail Restoration Project

May

St. Joseph's Hill
Saturday, May 7
9:30 – 3:30
Habitat Restoration Project

Coal Creek
Saturday, May 21
9:30 – 3:30
Area Restoration Project

To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Paul McKowan, Volunteer Programs Coordinator (650) 691-1200 or volunteer@openspace.org

A Very Special 'Thank You!'

Many Thanks to the 2004 District Volunteers



Bernard Aboussouan
 Rainey & Rodger Alleman
 Jennifer Alvidrez
 Barbara Arnoldussen
 Nick Atkins
 Greg Ayres
 Bart Balocki
 Rick Barnes
 Herb Beck
 Ken Bell
 Deborah Bergfeld
 David Berkstresser
 Paul Billig
 Montie Borders
 Boy Scout Troop 33
 Chris Braley
 Pam Brands
 Gerry Brown
 Steve Brugler
 Debbi Brusco
 Clara Buellesbach
 John & Barbara Cantalupi
 Dorothy & Ted Carlson
 Diane Cassidy
 Castilleja School
 Carolyn Chaney
 Steven Chang
 Rosabel Chang

Meichu Cheng
 Church of the Redeemer
 Cisco Systems
 Jim Citta
 CA Native Plant Society
 Tom Cochrane
 Colorado College
 Sue & Wilson Cooper
 Nik Crain
 Frank Crossman
 Harlan Crowder
 Pat Dallam
 Arthur & Genie Deex
 Fletcher Dobbs
 Joe Eandi
 Jon Easterbrook
 Dee Eduardo
 Rob Ehlers
 Debbie Ellis
 Michelle Eugeni
 Judy Fenerty
 Karla Fernandez
 Steve Forman
 Kristi Frederick
 Dick Gehrler
 Wayne Gilfillan
 Colleen Gray
 Katherine Greene

Gunn High School
 Maureen Gunning
 Erin Gunning
 Florent Haik
 Paul Hammer
 Hands On Bay Area
 Sue Hanrahan
 Mike Harper
 Thomas Hartmann
 Paul Heiple
 Doug Hembry
 David Horine
 Jane Huber
 Doug Huggins
 Gayle Jarvinen
 Matthew Jockers
 Kathleen Jones
 Carol Jossi
 Aparna Kapur
 Trish Kaspar
 Jack & Jacob Kay
 Jane Kikuchi
 Kevin Kinsella
 Lisa Krieger
 Rajesh Krishnan
 Susan Kritzik
 Kevin Kruep
 Debbie Ledbetter

Linda Leong
 Jennie Leong
 Larry Levine
 Kazuyo Levitan
 Howard Levitan
 Jennifer Lewicki
 Jane Lockie
 Don Lorenzen
 Gak-Wee Low
 Lunar Designs
 Xiaoqu Luo
 John Malecki
 Larry Manning
 George Mansfield
 Lisa McEachern
 Jeff McElroy
 Eric McFarland
 Kathleen McGall
 Joan Meehan
 Menlo Middle School
 Paul Mennega
 Tom Metcalf
 Mid-Peninsula High
 David Moler
 Tom Morse
 Allen Mulch
 Steve Muther
 Larry Myers
 Leighton Nakata
 Fran & Jim Naylor
 Claudia Newbold
 Jill Kilty-Newburn
 Christal Niederer
 Tor Nygaard
 Martin Odian
 Oracle Corporation
 Erin Oronte
 Mary Oronte
 Angela Owen
 Stuart Palmer
 Robert Pariani
 Kevin Paskett
 Roger Pepin
 Lisa Perlson
 Shannon Perryman
 Jon Pollick
 Dena Porter
 Marcie Pullman
 Sean Qiu
 Adda Quinn
 Red Raczek
 Rambus Inc
 Michael Rappaport
 Fran Rappaport
 Richie Rasor
 Steve Reagan
 Victoria Reeder
 Margaret Reimche
 Responsible Organized
 Mountain Pedalers
 Bruce & Vicki Rosenthal

Stephen Rosenthal
 Luc Roux
 Trevor Rowland
 Karl Rowley
 Karen Rudd
 Tina Rushing
 Gerry Ryan
 Betty Salveter
 Steve Salveter
 Birgit Sauer
 Kari Schopf
 David Scott
 Drew Scott
 Ed Scott
 Kandis Scott
 John Shalamskas
 Sierra Singles
 Adam Silverman
 Barbara Simpson
 Dea Smith
 Dennis Smith
 Marie Somma
 Elliot Sowadsky
 David Speicher
 Jaimie Speicher
 Tracie Stamp
 Stanford University
 Ulf Stauber
 Rebecca Sterritt
 Kathleen Stewart
 Elizabeth Stillman
 Jim Sullivan
 Temple Beth Jacob
 Dave Tharp
 Carlos Tovar
 Don Trask
 Liang Tue
 Alex Vago
 Klaudia Vaswani
 Amy Wang
 Jennifer Wang
 Jie Wang
 David Ward
 Tim Watson
 Eric Werner
 Rolf Wertenaer
 Chuck Wilson
 Susan Woita
 Jerry Wroblewski
 Stella Yang
 Jason Yoo
 Sawako Yoshimura
 Youth Comm Service
 Rong Zhu
 Andrea Zuur
 Cheryl Zuur

Annual Report of Volunteer & Docent Contributions 2004 Hours Top 14,000 Mark!

For the second consecutive year, volunteer and docent hours topped the 14,000-hour mark. The District is very fortunate to receive help from so many dedicated Bay Area trail enthusiasts. For those who are interested in the fiscal aspect, we've included the estimated dollar value as set by the Independent Sector. This value is based on the results of the President's Annual Economic Report. Many thanks for contributing to another great year of open space preservation!

Crew Leaders.....	505
Outdoor Activity Docents.....	3,341
Special Projects <i>Field</i> Volunteers.....	1,333
Nature Center Hosts	569
Special Projects <i>Office</i> Volunteers.....	496
Outdoor Education Leaders	864
Preserve Partners	3,016
Trail Patrol Volunteers	4,563
Total Volunteer/Docent Hours.....	14,687

Estimated Dollar Value of 2004 Volunteer/Docent Hours
 14,687 hrs X \$17.19 hr = \$252,470

Bulletin Board

Rambus Team Donates Time & Funds to MROSD Programs

Rambus, a leading Bay Area innovator and provider of computer chip interface solutions, recently awarded a \$5,000 grant to the District's Operations and Community Outreach programs. This generous donation of funds is already being used to purchase a variety of tools for volunteer and staff resource management projects.

Last spring, Rambus employees also began organizing and participating in departmental volunteer service projects at various District open space preserves.

Many thanks to our Rambus contact Victor Echevarria for organizing these efforts and to everyone at Rambus Foundation and Community Foundation Silicon Valley for this generous donation of time and funds!

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in receiving this publication, by contacting:

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Volunteer@openspace.org

(Be sure to specify **VOLUNTEER NEWS**)

Thank you!

Our Mission

*“To Acquire and Preserve a Regional
Greenbelt of Open Space Land in
Perpetuity; Protect and Restore the
Natural Environment; and Provide
Opportunities for Ecologically Sensitive
Public Enjoyment and Education”*