

SBALT NEWS

A year in review

By Lynn Overtree, Executive Director

The San Benito Agricultural Land Trust is excited to share some wonderful news with you. The Breen Family has entrusted SBALT with the permanent protection of their 580-acre working cattle ranch! Thanks to our partner organizations, the sale is in process now. This ranch, along with over 3,600 protected acres at Rancho Larios Open Space, the Nyland property, and Rocks Ranch, contributes to a critical region connecting two mountain ranges and slated for a Caltrans wildlife bridge over Highway 101. Managing this ranch will require ongoing funds. You can support good land stewardship today by donating to SBALT.

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We are also incredibly proud that SBALT is sharing our expertise with the local governments, helping with the current San Benito Wildfire Resilience Program and with an Agricultural Element for the County General Plan. We're listening to you, we're incorporating your ideas, and together we're building a stronger, safer, and more sustainable San Benito County. It's because people like you show up. You get involved. Your voice matters.

Our All-In San Benito campaign has already raised an incredible \$419,000, including the generous \$50,000 donation from the Survivor's Trust of Robert and Bev Stratton for restoring the barn on the Ny-



The old barn on the Nyland property.

FUN FACT

What is National Horse Day?

National Horse Day is celebrated every December 13. It's a day to remember



land property. Your donation will help us reach our goal of \$600,000!

SBALT continues to host monthly Ranch Days to give you a chance to visit a working ranch, to connect with the land, and to make a difference. Come out on the first Sunday of every month and see firsthand what your support is making possible.

As you think about your year-end giving, please consider a generous donation to your local land trust - SBALT. Together, we're not just protecting land; we're protecting a way of life, a future, and a legacy for all of us. Thank you for being part of something so meaningful. Visit us at sanbenitolandtrust.org. ■