

WHAT IS THE LAGUNA FOUNDATION?

The Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the Laguna de Santa Rosa and its watershed. The primary objectives of the Foundation are to;

* educate the general public and governmental officials about the value of the Laguna.

* to work with local schools, historical societies, and museums to collect, display and disseminate information about the Laguna de Santa Rosa.

* To conduct and promote activities that investigate, preserve, restore or enhance the Laguna de Santa Rosa.

* to provide technical and background information at the request of governmental agencies and to encourage the development of a comprehensive resource management plan for the Laguna de Santa Rosa.

LAGUNA FACTS

- * The Laguna is the 2nd largest freshwater marsh in Northern California.
- * 240 bird species have visited or live in the Laguna ecosystem.
- * The Laguna has a watershed area of over 64? square miles.
- * The Laguna is home to ? rare and endangered species.
- * Without Laguna flood capacity the Russian River flood crest would be as much as 14 ft. higher.

WHAT IS THE LAGUNA DE SANTA ROSA?

The Laguna de Santa Rosa is fourteen miles long and stretches from Cotati to the Russian River. Its 9000 acres of ponds, marshes, riparian woodlands and grasslands provide habitat for a unique variety of plants and animals. The Laguna also provides flood control for the lower Russian River, a community separator between urban area and a popular destination for hikers, bicyclists and birders. Adjacent uplands are used for agriculture and irrigated with treated wastewater. The Laguna serves as a living laboratory for local students to increase their environmental awareness, enhance scientific understanding and practice observation skills. There are more than 70 archeological sites in the Laguna, some with over 8000 years continuous occupation by native Americans.



What you can do to promote Laguna protection:

- Become a Friend of the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation
- Volunteer to work on Laguna projects and administration of the Foundation.
- Attend meeting related to Laguna issues.

Friends of the Laguna will receive:

- * Notification of important hearings and meetings regarding the Laguna.
- * Regular newsletters with information on Laguna Foundation activities such as walks, lectures and clean-up days and articles on the Laguna watershed.
- * An opportunity to work with people interested in Laguna protection and restoration.

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