To preserve, restore and enhance the Laguna de Santa Rosa, and to inspire greater public understanding and appreciation for this magnificent natural area.
Dear Friends,

The Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation has taken enormous strides during the past twelve months. The most significant accomplishment is the construction of the Laguna Learning Center. Opening in early 2012, this Center will be a multi-use facility where the public will be able to come learn more about the Laguna, a Wetland of International Importance. Pathways around the facility will take visitors past interpretive signage where they can learn about the natural and human history of the Laguna as well as the importance of wetland ecosystems. The grounds will include picnic areas, a bridge over a swale and an observation deck along a pond with great views to Mt. St. Helena. The deck is perfectly situated for birdwatching or stargazing.

The Learning Center building itself will include a small bookstore stocked with information about the Laguna, brochures about places to visit to experience the Laguna up close and personal, watershed maps and more. The building will host a variety of educational seminars and talks, docent training classes, Laguna themed art shows, members’ only events, etc. Look for news about a spectacular Grand Opening Event in May of 2012. The building and grounds will also be available to rent on an hourly basis for other uses. The Foundation is extremely grateful to the California Coastal Conservancy for primary funding of the Center. Additional funding came from The Soroptimists International- Santa Rosa, The Bothin Foundation, and Rick Theis.

We have much to do to further our mission to preserve, protect, restore and educate the public about the Laguna ecosystem and are looking forward to having the Center to use to help us make great strides to accomplish that mission. Come visit us at the Laguna Learning Center and become a member to get information about all the exciting events that will be taking place here.

Guy Smith
President, Board of Directors

David Bannister
Executive Director
Workers Thursday began raising the walls of the Laguna Foundation educational center, a barn-shaped structure meant to meld with the farmland it stands on.

The building will be central to the non-profit foundation’s work to educate 1,000 elementary school children a year about the value of the Laguna de Santa Rosa, and also expand it to middle and high school grades, said David Bannister, the foundation executive director.

“We have an educational program called Learning the Laguna that involves both classrooms and field trips for elementary school kids,” Bannister said. “We also have adult walks where we have docent-led walks into the laguna.”

The Laguna Foundation also is building an outdoor learning center that will include trails, an observation deck and a pond stocked with fish and plants native to the laguna.

It will be open to the public for drop-in visits when it and the educational building are finished in January or February.

The $800,000 project, financed by a California Coastal Conservancy grant, is the second phase of construction on the foundation’s six-acre property.

“We are in a renovated 1860s era farmhouse that was turned into office, which we moved into two years ago,” Bannister said. “From this farmhouse you will be able to throw a rock and you can hit the pond or new building.”
Education
Raising Public Awareness and Providing Environmental Education for Youth

• During the 23rd & 24th seasons of Learning Laguna, over 975 students from 38 second, third and fourth grade classes learned directly about Laguna plants and animals and the importance of wetlands through interactive classroom activities and experiential field trips to the Laguna.

• We gratefully acknowledge the work of 50 Laguna docents who skillfully and heartfully contributed more than 1055 hours of teaching time to Learning Laguna.

• $2297.00 in bus scholarships were awarded to 45% of participating Learning Laguna classes, enabling 450 students to experience the Laguna.

• Laguna docents provided outreach at four public events and led nine Laguna adventure walks reaching over 650 people.

• Nineteen new docents completed the 10-week docent training class in spring

• Education team wrote, designed and worked with an interpretive artist to create six educational panels to be installed at the Laguna Learning Center’s outdoor classroom.

Restoration
Bringing Back the Laguna’s Natural Abundance

• Completed second Tree-a-Thon event: 85 volunteers planted 500 trees on Irwin Creek.

• Community volunteers planted 650 trees and acorn plots along 4 acres of west Duer Creek on the City of Santa Rosa’s Kelly Farm.

• Students from Summerfield Waldorf school planted 700 native plants near the confluence of Santa Rosa creek and the Laguna main stem.

• Volunteers from Shomrei Torah planted several hundred willow trees in the Laguna Middle Reach area on Meadowlark field in Sebastopol.

• Crews from Sonoma Youth Ecology Corps, North Bay Conservation Corps’ Project ReGeneration, Cardinal Newman High School, and South American exchange students donated over 1,000 hours of volunteer hours removing old restoration hardware from established plantings.

Conservation Science
Understanding and Protecting the Laguna Watershed

• Celebrated the listing of the Laguna de Santa Rosa Wetland Complex as a Wetland of International Importance on February 2, 2011 in a reception attended by Ramsar property owners as well as local politicians including Lynn Woolsey and Efren Carillo.

• Published the Biodiversity Action Plan – a plan outlining priority actions to preserve biodiversity in Sonoma County.

• Conducted the 5th year of the Adopt a Vernal Pool program – a volunteer Citizen Scientist led effort to gather annual data on endangered plant populations.

• Evaluated water quality on creeks and streams in the lower Laguna watershed.

• Restarted the Ludwigia Task Force – a collaborative effort of stakeholders to develop methods to manage the invasive aquatic weed.

• Continued Long-Term Bird Surveys establishing a baseline for assessing potential impacts of trails in the Laguna and evaluating the success of the Middle Reach Restoration Project.
The Laguna Foundation is grateful to every one of the individuals and organizations who made a broad range of financial gifts from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

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Change in net assets                      | 335,855      | 34,986                 |                       | 370,841|

Net assets, beginning of period            | 1,470,708    | 4,925                  | 10,000                | 1,485,633|

Prior period adjustment, Note 1            | -2,338       | 2,990                  | 0                     | 625     |

Adjusted net assets, beginning of period   | 1,468,370    | 7,915                  | 10,000                | 1,486,285|

**NET ASSETS, END OF PERIOD**              | **$1,804,225**| **$42,901**           | **$10,000**           | **$1,857,126**|

*Note 1 - To reclassify current liability to temporarily restricted fund due to change in contractual relationship*

*These statements are unaudited and for internal use only.*
Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2011 and 2010

ASSETS
Current assets
Cash and equivalents $3,460
Accounts receivable 189,364
Retainage receivable 31,297
Other current assets 20,307
Total current assets 244,428
Fixed assets
Land, See Note 1 150,000
Building and property improvements 1,515,135
Property net of accumulated depreciation 6,837
Total fixed assets 1,671,972
Other assets
Lease gift in kind less value discount 201,207
Endowment fund 12,776
Total other assets 213,983
Total assets $2,130,383

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
Current liabilities
Accounts payable $131,310
Accrued vacation 10,972
Current portion, long term debt 47,841
Payroll liabilities 500
Other payables 4,085
Total current liabilities 194,708
Long term liabilities
Loan payable, See Note 2 78,549
Total long term liabilities 78,549

Net assets
Unrestricted 1,804,225
Temporarily restricted 42,901
Permanently restricted 10,000
Total net assets 1,857,126
Total liabilities and net assets $2,130,383

Grants and Contracts
Bothin Foundation
California Department of Transportation
California Native Plant Society
California State Coastal Conservancy
California Water Resources Control Board
California Wildlife Conservation Board
  City of Santa Rosa
  City of Sebastopol
Community Foundation Sonoma County
  Dean Witter Foundation
  Kimball Foundation
  Medtronic Foundation
San Francisco Bay Joint Venture
Sonoma County Fish & Wildlife Commission
Sonoma County Water Agency
Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District
US Environmental Protection Agency
US Fish and Wildlife Service

Note 1 - Land is shown at current appraised value. The property is encumbered by a conservation easement.
Note 2 - Note dated June 24, 2010, with principal-only payments through June 30, 2013. Simple interest accrues on principal balance at a rate of 5% per annum. Interest to be waived upon completion of principal payments in accordance with terms of note.
**FY 2011 Revenue**

**Income by source**

- Contracts: 103,466
- Contributions: 245,027
- Grants: 567,552
- Program fees: 29,508

**TOTAL REVENUE**: 945,553

**FY 2011 Expenses**

- Personnel: 368,224
- Professional services: 23,424
- Other project/program costs: 88,570
- Office & administration: 55,602
- Fund raising event costs: 12,553
- Training & volunteer costs: 2,778
- Loan interest: 8,561
- Merchandise production: 6,698
- Depreciation/miscellaneous: 11,888

**TOTAL EXPENSES**: 574,712