



— Fall 2025 —

Dear Friend of the Laguna,

When the first rains fall, they stir the earth to life.

Water fills shallow vernal pools, invigorating millions of seeds lying dormant for months.

This is the magic of the Laguna de Santa Rosa watershed: a rhythm of rain and renewal that has powered our landscapes for millennia. And now, in a time of droughts, biodiversity loss, and deep uncertainty, it's more powerful than ever.

Because with every storm, we don't just witness recovery. We are part of that renewal.

Your gift today helps build upon over 35 years of watershed stewardship, collaboration, and community engagement by planting seeds of hope that our work today will help sustain the Laguna de Santa Rosa for generations to come.

From millions of seeds grown in our nursery, Sonoma County's endangered wildflowers will rise again in the vernal pools they once called home. Sebastopol meadowfoam. Burke's goldfields. Sonoma sunshine. Each one a living thread in the rich fabric of our watershed.

These wildflowers grow nowhere else on Earth.

Only 10% of Sonoma County's vernal pool habitat is estimated to remain. Once widespread across the Santa Rosa Plain, these seasonal wetlands are now among the rarest ecosystems in California. They are fragile. Ephemeral. Contributing to Earth's biodiversity, they are indicators of environmental health.

Your help supports resiliency in our wetlands and will allow these unique ecosystems to thrive.

Photo Credit: Laguna Uplands in Sebastopol, CA by Charlie Judson; Left, Sonoma sunshine by Ayla Mills; Center, Sebastopol meadowfoam by Willow Woodward; Right, Burke's goldfields by Heather Baggett



Vernal pool photo by Jim Coleman

The future feels unpredictable and the climate reminds us, year after year, how quickly things can change. On top of rising waters, burning forests, and national fractures, even landmark protections like the Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act face renewed threats. It is easy to feel lost in the storm.

In this moment of uncertainty, acting locally is one of the most powerful and unifying things we can do. When we protect our watershed, we protect something bigger than ourselves. We root into place. We remember what it means to care for something rare and living. We remember what unites us as a community – our shared home.

This is the work that brings people together: restoring what's been lost, protecting what still remains, and giving future generations something to inherit.

Donate today to help us keep Sonoma County blooming.

Your year-end gift keeps our nursery growing, our scientists restoring, and our community connected to this land. It keeps the Laguna de Santa Rosa watershed thriving. It keeps hope alive — not just for wildflowers, but for everything that depends on them, including us.

Give now and protect what's rare, beautiful, and irreplaceably ours.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Anne Morkill

Executive Director



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