

Letter to the ICO editor,

Until very recently, Redwood Coast Land Conservancy (RCLC) had been planning events for this spring and summer to launch our challenge campaign to complete the purchase of Mill Bend.

A lot has changed in the last couple of weeks, and we wanted to let you know how we are responding to the Covid-19/Coronavirus pandemic that has come to California and the North Bay area.

We take this matter seriously and want to protect all our members, volunteers, and our community from exposure. We have canceled our April 5 Open House and will also be postponing a Donor Appreciation event scheduled in May.

We will monitor this crisis as it unfolds before we reschedule events. Everyone's safety is our top concern. In the meantime, please visit and enjoy RCLC public access properties such as Cooks Beach, Hearn Gulch and the Gualala Bluff Trail, but also please remember to observe social distancing to keep everyone safe.

Although we are delaying the launch of our campaign during this time, we still need to raise funds to buy Mill Bend within the next year. We have already raised more than \$300,000 as a matching challenge to reach the \$600,000 needed for long-term stewardship of Mill Bend. We remain excited about the possibilities that are emerging as we get closer to buying this unique property.

We plan to use *Facebook* and other social media and our website to maintain contact with our members and volunteers during this time. Feel free to contact us if you have ideas about how to keep the enthusiasm going for Mill Bend at a time when public gatherings aren't an option.

Finally, during these difficult times, we offer sincere wishes for the good health of you and your family.

Regards,

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RCLC President

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