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## **Land Trust of Napa County Announces the Culmination of the Napa Valley Wild! Campaign**

Successful campaign leads to the protection of one of the most important and diverse properties in the California North Coast Range

May 13, 2011 (Napa Valley, CA) – The Land Trust of Napa County announces the culmination of the \$25 million Napa Valley Wild! Campaign, with a celebration at CADE Winery on May 14th, 2011.

Launched in January of 2006, the Napa Valley Wild! Campaign was established in order to permanently protect the Wildlake Ranch and adjacent Duff Ranch properties, located near Angwin, in the heart of the Howell Mountain Plateau at the northern end of the Napa Valley. Together, 4070 acres were protected through the efforts of the Land Trust. The property has been named the Dunn-Wildlake Ranch, in honor of vintner Randy Dunn, who, along with the Trust, spearheaded the campaign. The Dunn-Wildlake Ranch and Duff Ranch preserves are now used as part of the Land Trust's permanent preserve and field trip programs.

Land Trust CEO Joel Tranmer says "The Napa Valley Wild! Campaign is one of the most remarkable efforts by any land trust. It is a terrific example of collaboration between the Land Trust, our generous donors, governmental agencies and private foundations. Together we raised \$25 million to permanently protect some of the most important land in the State of California."

The Dunn-Wildlake Ranch and Duff Ranch preserves are a dramatic swath of permanently protected land that spans the Napa Valley's eastern horizon - over 15 miles of protected landscape beginning east of the Palisades and stretching nearly to the town of Angwin. Elevations range from 600 feet to 2,800 feet. The higher elevation promontories provide unparalleled views of the Napa Valley and Mt. St. Helena to the north, Mt. Tamalpais to the west, Mt. Diablo to the south, Pope Valley and, on a clear day, the Sierra Nevada to the east. Over 95% of the Bell Creek watershed remains intact, securing one of the sources for the municipal water supply of St. Helena. Supporting 10 habitat communities hosting 369 native vegetation species, including 11 rare or endangered species, the Dunn-Wildlake Ranch and Duff Ranch preserves present the longest "development free" view-shed on any of the surrounding ranges in the Valley.

Access to the Dunn-Wildlake Ranch and Duff Ranch preserves is now permissible through the Land Trust Field Trip Program. For more information, visit the Land Trust of Napa County website [www.napalandtrust.org](http://www.napalandtrust.org), or contact the Land Trust of Napa County at 707-252-3270.

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