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North Campus Open Space Restoration Project

NCOS NEWS

April 2019



Blooming lupins and inundated vernal pools - signs of Spring at NCOS.

UPDATES & EVENTS

Gator Barn Near Completion

The "gator barn" maintenance vehicle and equipment building is all but complete and should be ready for use by the end of this month. The next step is to furnish the inside with shelving and cabinets for equipment storage, as well as a desk, table, and chairs. Please reach out to us at ncos@ccber.ucsb.edu if you can help us acquire these items. In addition, we are seeking support for the installation of solar

panels on the roof.



Workers putting some of the finishing touches on the "gator barn".

Signs of Spring

Spring is in full bloom and signs of it are all over NCOS - from our own mini super-bloom to vernal pools and seasonal wetlands brimming with water and life (see photos above and below), as well as breeding birds! Just last week, western snowy plovers have been seen scouting for potential nest sites on the sand

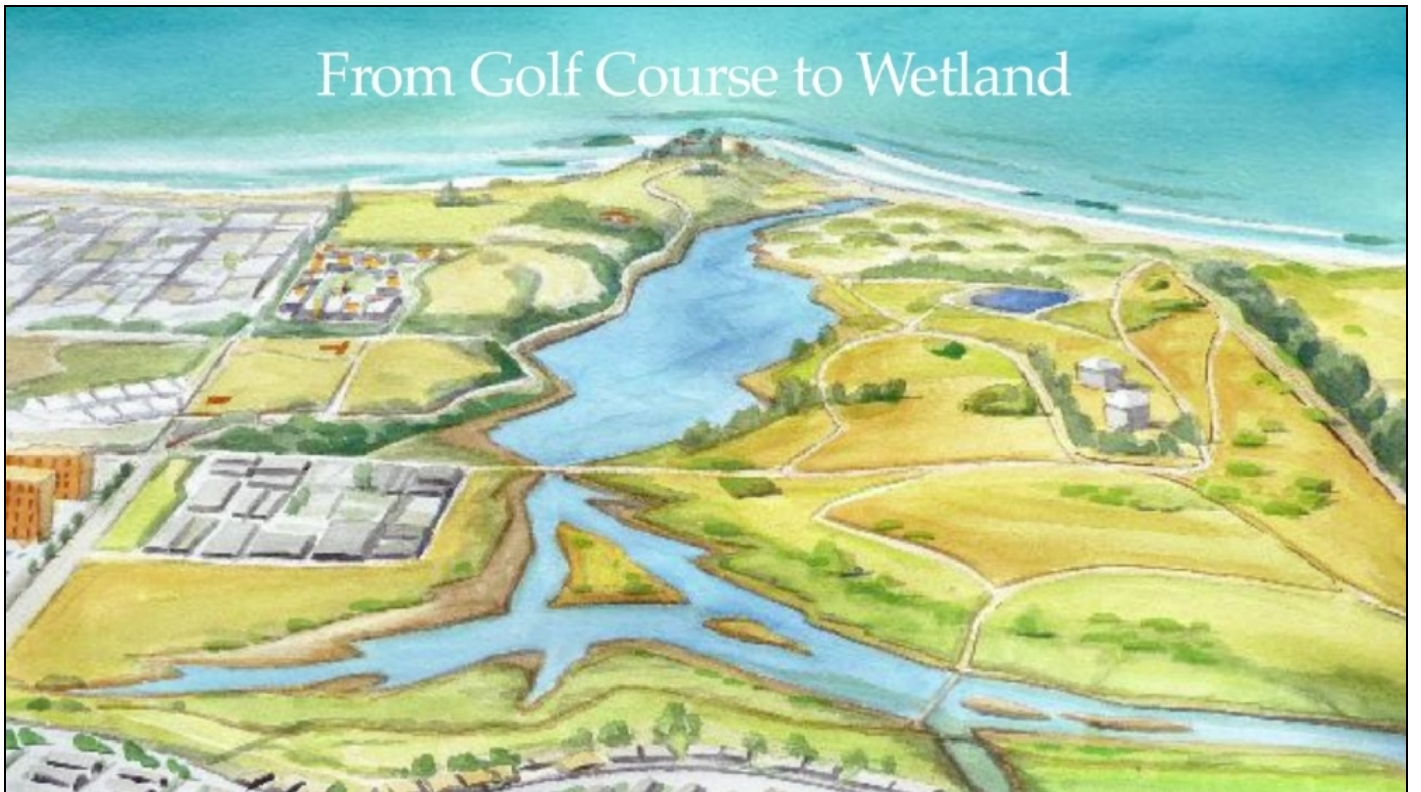
flats.



Raccoon footprints and sprouting wetland vegetation along the edge of a vernal pool on the NCOS Mesa.

NatureTrack Film Festival Award

Congratulations to Michael Love, whose documentary about NCOS, "From Golf Course to Wetland", won the [Best in Festival award](#) in the Conservation - Short category at the [NatureTrack Film Festival](#) in Los Olivos on March 20 - 22!



Grassland Conservation & Restoration Seminar Series

CCBER's Conservation and Restoration Ecology Seminar Series for the 2019 Spring quarter will focus on Restoring California's Native Perennial Grasslands. Seminar presentations take place on Monday's from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the CCBER Classroom on the south side of Harder Stadium. [Click here for the seminar schedule.](#)



The 18-month-old native perennial purple needle grassland being restored at NCOS.

Coming Soon - NCOS Community Study and User Survey Results

We had a large and informative response to the NCOS User Survey over the past couple of months and we're in the process of analyzing and summarizing the results. We plan to report on the results and

feedback in next month's newsletter. Stay tuned!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



"Second Saturdays" at NCOS

This month: April 13, 9:30 - 12:00

Upcoming dates: May 11

Help us restore and create NCOS with plants and more! Meet at 6975 Whittier Drive at 9:30 am. Bring water, sunscreen, and wear a hat, clothes and shoes suitable for garden work.

Please RSVP to ncos@ccber.ucsb.edu

Saturday Tree Plantings

April 13, 20 and 27

May 4

You can help Your Children's Trees plant oaks and other saplings at NCOS! Please contact yourchildrenstrees@gmail.com for more information and to RSVP.



Thursdays - CCBER Greenhouse Associates

Come help transplant seedlings of native plants with the CCBER team from 9:00 - 12:00. To join, please send an email to ncos@ccber.ucsb.edu.



Group Volunteer Opportunities

We gladly welcome local business, non-profit, school and other community groups to come out to NCOS to help with planting and other activities. For more information, please send an email to ncos@ccber.ucsb.edu.



PHOTOS & VIDEO

This month - a couple of bird photos from the community, and an unexpected sighting of a long-tailed weasel caught on camera!



Video of a long-tailed weasel recently sighted in a hibernaculum at NCOS.



A Belted Kingfisher on the Phelps Creek trail bridge.



A Rock Wren (photo by David Levasheff).

Have a plant, wildlife, or other photo of NCOS you'd like to share? We welcome submissions of photos of the project site and/or the adjacent Ellwood-Devereux area to share with NCOS News readers. Please email a photo you would like to share along with a brief description to ncos@ccber.ucsb.edu.

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