



*Keeping Our Towns Small,
Trees Tall, and Rivers Wild
since 1989*

| Key Events and Accomplishments | |
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| 1989 | Founded by local residents |
| | Held first public meeting, October 1989, Senior Center, Jackson |
| 1990 | Became a nonprofit corporation, elected first board |
| | Planted 52 trees in Sutter Creek for Earth Day |
| | Helped create Amador (now Mother Lode) Land Trust |
| | Won first prize for Amador County Fair window |
| | Participated in local parades |
| | Published first newsletter, <i>Foothill Focus</i> |
| 1990-2003 | Cleaned up Adopt-A-Highway section in Amador County |
| 1991 | Held Earth Day countywide highway cleanup and festival |
| 1991-1992 | Conducted Measure B growth management initiative campaign; lost by 244 votes |
| 1992-2001 | Held John McCutcheon concerts for local families |
| 1993 | Awarded first grant, by American Rivers/REI |
| | Hosted presentation by legendary environmentalist David Brower |
| | Gave Environmental Citizenship awards to four girls in lone who spoke up against clearcutting of local oak woodland, and donated oak trees to lone Elementary |
| | Helped local citizens with Measure G campaign in Jackson, which overturned the approval of the Gold Creek project |
| | Helped found the Sierra Nevada Alliance |
| | Hosted meeting of Yolo panel advocating consensus-based community planning |
| | Won first prize for marching groups in Jackson's 4 th of July Parade (river walking unit) |
| | Hosted presentation by noted planning professor, Dr. Tim Duane of UC Berkeley |
| 1994 | Held reception for Senator Barbara Boxer |



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| 1995 | Rejoiced at the withdrawal of the Devil's Nose Project |
| 1997-2000 | Held lasagna bake-offs to provide funds, food, and fun |
| 1998 | Sponsored Calaveras Community Renewal Project with Sierra Nevada Alliance; led to creation of Blue Mountain Community Renewal Council |
| | <i>Focus</i> named among Best in the West small group newsletters by <i>High Country News</i> |
| | Protected 7,600 acres in southern El Dorado County (with Plymouth and local citizens) and set state legal precedent with Cinnabar lawsuit victory |
| Late 90s | Worked to keep Sutter Amador Hospital in city of Jackson |
| 2000 | Signed historic agreement for PG&E's hydro license on the Mokelumne |
| | Received, with PG&E and others, the POWER Award for PG&E settlement, from Public Officials for Water and Environmental Reform |
| | Celebrated the opening of the Middle Bar reach of the Mokelumne to public access |
| 2001 | Received Friends of the River's Peter H. Behr Award for Mokelumne River Conservation |
| | Launched <i>NewsNotes</i> e-news service |
| | Held first annual spring fundraising dinner in the Shenandoah Valley |
| 2002 | Ensured that N. Fork Mokelumne was included in Sen. Boxer's California Wild Heritage Act |
| | Published <i>Tools for Protecting Open Space in Amador County</i> |
| | Helped revise Amador County cell tower ordinance |
| | Published river and watershed principles |
| | Hosted presentation by former State Senator Patrick Johnston |
| 2003 | Participated in removal of West Panther Creek Dam |
| | Celebrated the opening of the Middle Bar boating takeout |
| | Published land use and development principles |



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| 2003-2007 | Helped craft land protection plan for western Amador with Amador Land Trust, Nature Conservancy and others |
| 2004 | Helped stop latest Middle Bar Dam proposal |
| | Worked to help establish the Sierra Nevada Conservancy |
| 2005 | Opened first office and hired first executive director, Chris Wright |
| | Entered agreement to help conserve New York Ranch Reservoir |
| 2006 | Supported local ranchers on EBMUD grazing issue |
| 2006-2007 | Served on Amador County General Plan Advisory Committee |
| 2007 | Cosponsored CEQA workshops in Sutter Creek |
| | Cosponsored community planning workshops in Valley Springs |
| | Published infrastructure planning and development principles |
| 2008 | Awarded first Gordon Miller Scholarship to Erik Payton |
| | Congratulated VP Pete Bell on being named Restorationist of the Year by Salmonid Restoration Federation |
| | Stopped illegal expansion of Plymouth pipeline |
| | Welcomed Randy Berg as part-time office and outreach staff |
| | Cosponsored Williamson Act workshop, Valley Springs |
| | Helped stop Jackson Hills subdivision project |
| 2009 | Fought Home Depot and Wicklow; projects withdrawn |
| | Expanded Mokelumne River Wild and Scenic support list to include 100 businesses and more than 3,000 individuals |
| | Helped plan regional Smart Growth conference held in Tuolumne County |
| | Began participating in social media on Facebook |
| | Held OARS raft trips to benefit Mokelumne River conservation |
| | Led opposition to Pardee Reservoir expansion and sued East Bay MUD |



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Continuing Activities

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| 1990- | Hold public meetings and workshops on conservation and planning issues |
| | Participate in water and river planning processes in the region and state |
| | Publish informative newsletter, <i>Foothill Focus</i> |
| | Participate in local land use hearings and workshops |
| | Help community groups and local residents understand and participate in the planning process |
| | Hold candidate forums to inform local residents, cosponsored by local organizations and media |
| 1991- | Create educational and fun Amador County Fair booths |
| 1992- | Remove tons of trash from the Mokelumne's banks at annual Mokelumne River Cleanups |
| 1993- | Participate in coalitions: California Hydropower Reform Coalition, Sierra Nevada Alliance, Central Sierra RC&D, Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group, Calaveras Planning Coalition, others |
| 1990s- | Provide member scholarships to conferences and workshops |
| 1998- | Publish important conservation news and more on website |
| 1999- | Participate in PG&E land stewardship process |
| 2001- | Hold annual spring fundraising dinners |
| 2008- | Award Gordon Miller Scholarship to local high school student |