

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
Native Tree Committee of San Luis Obispo County,
Central Coast Vineyard Team, and Luft Vineyard present a
free tailgate on
“Oak Habitat Conservation”



Friday, 18 June 2010, 9-11 AM

Luft Vineyard, 4561 Almond Drive, Templeton (directions below)

Please RSVP at <https://connect.comutility.com/form/index.php?id=c28fc2a8cf33e51fbcf6b3498fe70436>.

Wear long pants and sturdy shoes since we will be doing some walking on rough terrain.

CCVT has applied for 2 Ag Waiver CE credits.

9:00-9:15 ***Introductions & Discussion Items***

- Learning Among the Oaks Bev/Bill
- Working Among the Oaks Jim/Bill
- Oak seedling H.S. projects Bill W./Dan
- Stewardship Award Jackie
- Elderberry Seedlings Available..... George Work
- Other Business/Update/Announcements..... All

9:15-11:00 ***Presentation/Tour***



Field trip to Luft Vineyard to view and discuss oak trees, restoration plantings, weed control, and native grasses. Speakers include Sue & Karl Luft, Luft Vineyard; Gaylene Ewing, Central Coast Vineyard Team; Margy Lindquist, NRCS District Conservationist; and LynneDee Althouse, Scientific Consultant, Althouse & Meade, Inc.

With careful consideration for the natural environment, Sue and Karl Luft use sustainable vineyard practices for their 4 acres of Zinfandel vines grown amid several acres of native oak woodland and a seasonal stream on their property (<http://www.luftvineyard.com>). Luft Vineyard has been certified sustainable by Sustainability in Practice (SIP)TM (<http://www.sipthegoodlife.org>), a vineyard and winemaker certification program developed by the Central Coast Vineyard Team (CCVT, <http://www.vineyardteam.org>).

See attached pages for details of the walking tour.

Directions:

Click [here](#) for an online map or see below for driving directions to Luft Vineyard at 4561 Almond Drive in the El Pomar area east of Templeton.

From Highway 101—take the Vineyard Drive exit, east into Templeton. Continue east on Vineyard Drive, across the Salinas, Vineyard veers to the left and becomes El Pomar. About 5 miles from Templeton, turn right on Almond Drive. We are 0.9 mile down Almond Drive, on the right hand side.

From Paso Robles—take Creston Road to South El Pomar. At the intersection of South El Pomar and El Pomar, turn right on El Pomar. The first left after the intersection is Almond Drive.

From Atascadero— take Highway 41 east to Homestead Road. Turn left on Homestead, then right on South El Pomar. Almond Drive is about 2 miles down South El Pomar. Turn left on Almond Drive, we are about one mile down Almond on the left hand side.

Next NTC meeting: 16 July 2010—“Blue Oak Regeneration Trials on the Canyon Ranch: 25 Years Later” with Bill Weitkamp at the Sinton Family’s Canyon Ranch east of Santa Margarita (link to directions on the NTC website)

Phone 805-781-5938 with questions or with additional agenda items.

Please note that the 2010 meeting calendar has been posted online at <http://ucanr.org/nativetreecommittee>; check the website for updates.

Oak Habitat Conservation – Luft Vineyard – June 18, 2010
Walking Tour of Creek and Oak Planting

Watch for poison oak!

Sights to see along tour:

- 1 - Oak planting near house – from acorns, relocated from vineyard, or from seedlings
Vineyard erosion control / filter strip
“Leaky” vineyard fencing and wildlife corridor
Very large coast live oak with manroot vines
- 2 - Grasses - native and non-native – near house
- 3 - Wildlife watering station below decking
Large elderberry bush/tree
- 4 - Riparian habitat, including oak seedlings and saplings, native and non-native grasses
- 5 - Erosion control project – road discharge into creek
- 6 - Oak restoration planting from acorns

Native plants

Valley oak

Blue oak

Interior live oak

Coast live oak

Willow

Cottonwood

Poison oak

Coyote bush

Elderberry

Stinging nettle

Creeping Wildrye

California Brome

Wild oat

Erosion control plants

Idaho fescue

Zorro fescue

Red fescue

Invasive plants

Yellow Starthistle

Italian Thistle

Milk Thistle

Ripgut Brome

Poison Hemlock – toxic by ingestion or skin absorption!

Other non-natives

Purple vetch

Soft chess (brome)

Horehound

Cool websites

<http://plants.usda.gov> – USDA NRCS Plants Database

<http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu> - UC Integrated Pest Management Program

<http://www.cnps.org> – California Native Plant Society

<http://www.cal-ipc.org> – California Invasive Plant Council

<http://ucanr.org> - UC Agriculture and Natural Resources

<http://cesanluisobispo.ucdavis.edu> - Native Tree Committee

<http://www.vineyardteam.org> - Central Coast Vineyard Team