

# The Land Conservancy

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## Land Conservancy Restructures Top Leadership

The Land Conservancy recently promoted its top leadership to distribute responsibility among key staff. **Kaila Dettman now serves as Deputy Director**, overseeing the organization's fiscal budgeting, day-to-day operations and managing the restoration program and its staff. **Daniel Bohlman, as Director of Conservation Science**, is responsible for the stewardship, management and protection of all the Conservancy's conservation and restoration lands. **Wende David is stepping up as Director of Development** to manage private fundraising, community relations and Board development.

*“The Board of Trustees supports this strategic restructuring and is pleased to recognize the talent of our staff leadership by granting them roles with more decision-making and responsibility. Bob, Kaila, Daniel and Wende are extremely professional and accomplished young leaders with an unparalleled amount of energy for the work ahead,”* said Lisa Wise, Land Conservancy Board Vice President.

All four of The Conservancy's new directors are younger than 35 and represent a contemporary generation of conservationists that both value the hard-won advancements of previous conservation champions and recognize the dynamic land-use challenges of the future. As emerging young leaders, they share a keen sense for community collaboration and leveraging talents through teamwork.



Daniel Bohlman, Wende David, Bob Hill, and Kaila Dettman to lead The Land Conservancy

**In nearly four years at The Land Conservancy, Kaila Dettman has successfully won multi-million dollar contracts and supervised the implementation of major restoration projects that both further the organization's mission and generate funds for overall operations.** She holds a B.S. in Animal Science with a minor in Rangeland Resources and a M.S. in Watershed Hydrology and Soil Conservation from Cal Poly. She is also a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC). Prior to joining The Land Conservancy, Kaila worked on a native vegetation establishment research project at Cal Poly and as a project manager at Salix Applied Earthcare in Redding, CA. Kaila currently serves as co-chair of the Dunes Collaborative.

**Daniel Bohlman has served The Land Conservancy for nearly five years during which time he established formal scientific monitoring protocols and elevated the profile of The Land Conservancy among the scientific community.** Additionally, Daniel has kept a watchful eye on all of The Land Conservancy's land interests, insuring the Conservancy's conservation and mission related goals are being protected and met. Daniel holds a B.S. in Ecology and Systematic Biology from Cal Poly with a concentration in Botany. Prior to joining The Land Conservancy, Daniel worked for The Nature Conservancy and The

California Department of Fish & Game. Daniel currently chairs the Dunes Collaborative Restoration Task Force and is a member of the Morro Bay Natural Estuary Program's technical advisory committee.

**Wende David has grown The Land Conservancy's private annual fundraising by nearly 200% over the last 4 years and has helped increase community awareness of the organization's local impact.** She holds a B.S. in Environmental Policy & Behavior from the University of Michigan. Before joining The Land Conservancy, Wende managed a policy initiative for a private foundation outside of Washington D.C. Wende currently serves as the Chair of the SLO Chamber's Sustainability & Resources Committee and as a volunteer grant reader for the United Way.

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*The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County is a local nonprofit land trust working to protect and restore local lands for the benefit of people and wildlife.*

*Since its formation in 1984, The Land Conservancy has led collaborative efforts to permanently protect over 10,500 acres of land in San Luis Obispo County.*

