

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2006

At our Annual General Meeting in November, 2005 we presented our new slate of officers who will serve for the 2006 calendar year. At our formation meeting in January, we decided to formalize our committee structure with standing committees for acquisition, stewardship, finance, volunteer recruitment and public relations. We believe that this action will help us move forward more efficiently.



From left to right: Dug Chisholm, Bobby Jo Close, Debra Stafford, and David Graham.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- President: Dugald Chisholm
- Vice-President: Deborah Stafford
- Secretary: Bobby Jo Close
- Treasurer: David Graham
- Members: Ellen Beraud
Geri Brasher
Bruce Bonifas
Fred Frank
Val Howdyshell
Ursula Luna
Marj Mackey
Rob Phemister



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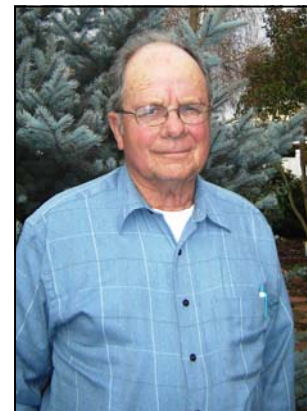
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT—Dug Chisholm

The ALPS Board of Directors is ready and rarin' to go! We are really enthusiastic about 2006 and the future. Our themes for the year are **organization, stewardship, planning, and preparedness**. ALPS as an **organization** has from its inception been a true grassroots effort, and it will continue to be so. This year, it will become a *more efficient* grassroots organization. With the help of our treasurer, Dave Graham, we have entered the electronic age of financial record-keeping, and you can see our current financial statement in this newsletter. That's not all; you'll hear more about these efforts in subsequent newsletters. We are working hard to provide good **stewardship** for the land we have already protected, as you can see from the article about our fencing project. We are **planning** for future additions to the land we have already preserved, and we are striving to be financially and logistically **prepared** should good opportunities for acquisitions occur. Finally (if they don't edit out this sentence!), thanks to our newsletter crew – Bobby Jo Close, Geri Brasher, and Val Houdyshell – for this terrific new look. We think it reflects the forward direction ALPS is taking, and we hope you agree.

Please join us April 1st (no foolin') from 10am to 12pm at the entrance to Stadium Park for our 1st volunteer land cleanup and tree planting event. Bring gloves and tools. Refreshments and good friends provided!

DEPARTING BOARD MEMBER

Don Jernigan who joined our Board of Directors in 1996 has retired. From 1996 until 2005 he served as our treasurer. During that time the responsibilities of the office increased enormously as we acquired several pieces of property including Stadium Lane adjacent to Stadium Park. In addition to his work as treasurer, Don and his wife, Helen, were major financial contributors to the acquisition of the Kennedy property now known as Stadium Lane. We will really miss Don on the board and thank him for a job well done. He will be formally recognized when we have our fence dedication.



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FENCING PROJECT

The project to install fencing near the entrance to Stadium Park is moving forward. In conjunction with the City of Atascadero and Cal Trans, we are building a welded pipe and cable fence that will protect the area that is currently being abused by off-road vehicles. This abuse has resulted in erosion and damage to the natural resources in the area. The new gate and fence will be located 400' down towards Capistrano and will effectively protect approximately 3 acres of land from further degradation. Construction is scheduled to begin in February.



The fencing project is being funded by a \$7,000 award from a mitigation fine directed by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Once the land is protected, we will begin resource restoration efforts including erosion control, removal of exotic plant species and planting of native plants. We hope to get some plants into the ground by mid-March to take advantage of the late winter rains.

Last summer, we submitted a large project proposal to cover all the costs of restoring this entire site. Although we were only initially funded for the cost of the fence construction, we were very excited to receive the award and to have the site acknowledged as a valuable resource worth protecting. We will continue to pursue all available funding sources to help us complete this important project. Upon completion of the fencing project, we will have a public dedication.

VOLUNTEERS

Our recently established Volunteer Committee is actively seeking people who would like to assist with clearing and planting on our restoration work days after the fence is in place. Think of it! Wonderful outdoor exercise resulting in flatter abs, stronger hearts and a feeling of pride in having contributed to the beautification of your community. If this sounds too overwhelming to you, the committee is also looking for volunteers for more sedentary tasks. Please call Deborah Stafford at 466-3597 or fill out the enclosed form and mail it back in the enclosed envelope.

PLEASE JOIN US!
Cleanup & Tree Planting at entrance to Stadium Park
April 1st
10am to 12pm

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Although you are always so generous when we have fund raising drives for specific projects, we really need to build an annual sustaining membership that will provide funds for the everyday expenses such as plants, minor tools, refreshments for clean up crews, mailing of the newsletter and all of the odds and ends of things all organizations must have to function. If you are already a sustaining member, we thank you so much. But if you are not, we really need you! It's simple to join. Just complete the enclosed membership form and return it to us in the enclosed envelope.



photo courtesy of Heidi Franscioni

FINANCIAL REPORT

Prepared by David Graham, Treasurer

Atascadero Land Preservation Society Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2005

	Sep 30, 05
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	17,560.72
1001 - Union Bank Ck	17,560.72
Total Checking/Savings	17,560.72
Total Current Assets	17,560.72
Fixed Assets	
1501 - Atascadero Creek Land 10/06/99	1,500.00
1502 - Kennedy Property 9/24/03	150,313.00
Total Fixed Assets	151,813.00
TOTAL ASSETS	169,373.72
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2502 - NIP DDC/MAC	500.00
2504 - NIP/GEORGE & URSULA LUNA	500.00
2505 - NIP BRUCE BONIFAS	500.00
2509 - NIP FRED FRANK	500.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	2,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	2,000.00
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Equity	
3000 - Opening Bal Equity	15,637.22
3099 - Retained Earnings	132,330.23
Net Income	19,406.27
Total Equity	167,373.72
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	169,373.72

Atascadero Land Preservation Society Profit & Loss October 2004 through September 2005

	Oct '04 - Sep 05
Income	
4021 - Unrestricted	3,068.96
4022 - Restricted as to Purpose	20,250.00
4041 - Interest Income	3.03
Total Income	23,321.99
Expense	
6000 - Management & General	35.35
6120 - Bank Service Charges	225.00
6160 - Dues and Subscriptions	105.00
6210 - Licenses and Permits	139.58
6220 - Miscellaneous	407.20
6250 - Postage and Delivery	912.13
Total 6000 - Management & General	2,159.23
6300 - Fund Raising	500.00
6303 - Advertising	100.00
6310 - Rent - Buildings	1,462.16
6352 - Meals	97.07
6361 - Marketing	2,159.23
Total 6300 - Fund Raising	2,159.23
6700 - Program Expense	140.00
6710 - Conferences & Meetings	501.91
6756 - Property Taxes	202.45
6765 - Web Site Maintenance	844.36
Total 6700 - Program Expense	3,915.72
Total Expense	3,915.72
Net Income	19,406.27