MORAGA, CA — John Muir Land Trust and Town of Moraga invite the public to the property dedication and public opening of 604-acre Carr Ranch in Lamorinda on October 14, 2017. Permanently preserved in partnership with East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), and thanks to the generous contributions of thousands of individual donors, the former cattle ranch now serves the community as vital wildlife habitat, a source of clean drinking water, and as beautiful public open space for recreation. Public officials and other principals will celebrate the successful campaign to protect the property.

The event is free to the public and will be a day of fun activities for the whole family.

**Saturday, October 14th, 2017**

10am – 2pm • Rancho Laguna Park
2101 Camino Pablo, Moraga, CA 94556

Arrival........................................10:00 am
Dedication & Speakers.............10:30 am – 11:30 am
Guided Hikes.........................12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

- **Hikes suitable for all: easy, moderate, difficult**
- **Family square dance**
- **Music**
- **Food trucks**

**About Carr Ranch**

In November, 2016, an outpouring of donations from individuals, foundations, agencies and corporations successfully achieved the $7 million goal needed to complete John Muir Land Trust’s Campaign to Save Carr Ranch.

The ongoing conservation of Carr Ranch is made possible by a unique partnership. East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) contributed $4.5 million toward the acquisition; and holding title, EBMUD’s role is to preserve the watershed, protect wildlife habitat, maintain open spaces and natural scenery, and preserve the property’s historic ranching heritage. JMLT manages permanent public access for light recreation such as hiking, wildlife viewing, dog walking and equestrian activities.

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Owned by and carefully stewarded for over 100 years by the Carr family, the land is in pristine condition. Visitors to Carr Ranch will marvel at beautiful ridgelines, unique rock formations, gorgeous valleys and sweeping views of the eastern Bay Area, the nearby delta and surrounding hills. Creeks and streams on the ranch drain into the Upper San Leandro Reservoir, providing clean drinking water for tens of thousands of East Bay families.

Carr Ranch is home to diverse ecosystems of coastal live oak, riparian woodlands, coastal scrub and annual grasslands. The property is habitat for the threatened Alameda whipsnake. Buckhorn Creek and numerous ponds provide breeding and foraging habitat for the endangered California red-legged frog. The ranch is also home to golden eagle, mountain lion, American badger, western pond turtle and many species essential to the area’s rich ecosystem.

**About John Muir Land Trust**

John Muir Land Trust (JMLT) protects and cares for open space, ranches, farms, parkland and shoreline in the East Bay. In a generation, John Muir Land Trust has become one of the leading forces for conservation in northern California. With 3,100 acres protected, many beautiful places in the East Bay are permanently preserved for recreation, wildlife habitat and spectacular scenic views. JMLT believes that the vitality of our open spaces is essential to the health of our earth, air, water, native plants and animals — and all of us.

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