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## New executive director at Northcoast Regional Land Trust

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The Arcata-based Northcoast Regional Land Trust recently announced the hiring of Michael Cipra as its new executive director.

"We are very excited to have Mike return to Humboldt County and assume the helm as the Executive Director of NRLT," NRLT Board President Martha Spencer said in a press release.

"Mike brings a unique blend of conservation experience working with non profits, the national park system and as a Board Member of the Amargosa Conservancy. We anticipate that Mike will fully embrace and implement the Land Trust's mission of protecting the economic viability of working landscapes, farms, forests and grazing lands while preserving and protecting the natural, educational, scenic and historic values we enjoy here on the North Coast."



Cipra

Cipra first moved to Humboldt County in 2004 to serve as the Community Partner Liaison for Humboldt State University, according to the release. He has also worked as a education park ranger for the National Park Service, as the California Desert Program Manager for the non-profit National Parks Conservation Association, and as a land-use planner and environmental specialist for the 3.4 million acre Death Valley National Park.

"I am excited to return to the North Coast and honored to be able to contribute my passion for community-based conservation to the mission of the Northcoast Regional Land Trust", Cipra said in the release.

He will begin at NRLT on Jan. 16, 2014.