

Cipra joins North Coast Regional Land Trust

ARCATA – The Northcoast Regional Land Trust has 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,” said NRLT Board President Martha Spencer. “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 first moved to Humboldt County in 2004 to serve as the Community Partner Liaison for Humboldt State University, where he worked to connect students and classes with community organizations. He has worked at the intersection of community and conservation for most of his career, first as a education park ranger for the National Park Service, and then as the California Desert Program Manager for the non-profit National Parks Conservation Association. In this non-profit management role, he built diverse coalitions of business leaders, ranchers, farmers, conservation organizations, hunting groups, animal rights activists, wildlife and plant ecology researchers, and government agencies to find common ground and achieve the shared goal of long-term land protection.

Most recently, he worked as a land-use planner and environmental specialist for the 3.4 million acre Death Valley National Park, working with four counties, two states, the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, the Bureau of Land Management, private landowners, ranchers, and the Department of Defense to craft regional conservation plans that



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balance recreation and multi-use land preservation. “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. Cipra will begin at NRLT on Jan. 16.