

## UC Berkeley Student Restoration Leadership Program

Organization: University of California, Berkeley EH&S

Project Period: January 2016 – June 2020

Amount: \$10,000

Location: UC Berkeley Strawberry Creek, Alameda County

Project Description: This project is a continuation of a highly successful program to train UC Berkeley students to lead habitat restoration activities on the campus. The Student Restoration Leadership program was funded by a grant from the Chancellor's Green Fund in 2009 and administered by the UC Berkeley Office of Environment, Health, and Safety. The purpose of the current project is to provide environmental education and leadership skills to students through hands-on habitat restoration. This project will establish sustainable grounds maintenance that promotes wildlife habitat, water quality, education opportunities, and aesthetic appreciation.

Progress: Two students were hired in the fall 2016 to manage the UC Berkeley Student Restoration Leadership Program. Since 2016, these student have organized and hosted numerous volunteer events with participants from students and the community to weed invasives, plant native vegetation, and remove trash. These students have also maintained the campus native plant nursery and prepared seeds and cuttings for fall plantings to maintain the natural areas on campus. A native plant identification and propagation guide was also created in the summer of 2017. Interest from volunteers has increased over time and they anticipate successful events in the future.

