## Whiskey Springs Update Spring, 2024

Some of us have visited a few times this spring. Our ECAS restoration project is complete, the water is flowing and shrubs look green. There is a healthy flow of water and the plants we nurtured are alive despite wildlife browsing, trees falling, etc. There are a lot of weeds, things we got out of there before. Our thinking is that the wildlife not us, are running the show now and to forget weeding and such and let it recover now without us.

Once in a while someone might want to measure water flow or remount the no trespassing signs etc but basically our "work" is done. We should be like the public now and consider the property off limits and only bird from the road if we visit. Someone may occasionally go inside to clean the tub or align logs or rocks to spread the water flow on the slope etc but no sitting inside or on the slope up there for just birding. I will leave that broken broom up there for cleaning algae from the tub. Laurel has a trail cam there which will remain, continuing the documentation of the site condition and wildlife visits etc.

We had a worthwhile project and leave it for the birds, the wildlife and with a happy owner, so thanks to everyone for the dedication, effort, time and the good times together as we made our mark on a bit of this earth. We thank ECAS for supporting our efforts.