
Charles Rhinehart papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Charles Rhinehart papers

Dates: 1969 - 2007

Collection Number: Consult repository

Creator/Collector: Rhinehart, Charles.

Extent: 5 boxes

Repository: Sonoma State University Library
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Abstract: The Rhinehart papers, dating from the late 1960s through 2007, include correspondence, government documents, meeting minutes, newspaper clippings, newsletters, pamphlets, fliers and ephemera. All relate to such varied local environmental issues as estuarine sanctuaries, the Bodega Bay power plant, coastal development, land acquisitions, and to the history of some North Bay environmental organizations, including C.O.A.A.S.T., the Sonoma Land Trust, and the Jenner Coalition.

Language of Material: English

Access

Collection is open for research by appointment.

Publication Rights

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Preferred Citation

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Biography/Administrative History

Charles (Chuck) Rhinehart (1922-2007) was a well-known local environmental activist. He was one of the founders of C.O.A.A.S.T. (Californians Organized to Acquire Access to State Tidelands), a member of the board for 37 years, and its president at the time of his death. He fought for years to protect the California coastline and access to it, battling both plans for a nuclear power plant at Bodega Head and the Sea Ranch development. His most recent achievement was a two year effort toward the realization of another point of coastal access, the Shorttail Gulch Trail Project, dedicated in May 2004. He taught on the faculty at Sonoma State University for thirty-five years.

Scope and Content of Collection

This collection contains materials organized in a total of five boxes.

Indexing Terms

Political activism — Sonoma County (Calif) — History - Sources.

Public lands -- California -- Sonoma County.

Nuclear power plants -- California -- Sonoma County.

Shore protection -- California -- Sonoma County.

Coastal zone management - California.

Sonoma County (Calif) - History - 20th century - Sources.

Rhinehart, Charles.

COAAST (Organization).

Committee to Preserve Bodega Head (Organization).

Northern California Association to Preserve Bodega Head (Organization).

Californians Organized to Acquire Access to State Tidelands (Organization).

Bodega Head (Calif.)

Bodega Bay (Calif.)

Sea Ranch (Calif.)

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