Describe the internship assignment:
The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County is a nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to protecting the natural and working lands of Santa Cruz County and surrounding areas. Increasingly our work is expanding to create and maintain public access to these lands and to facilitate wildlife movement.

Several years ago we spearheaded a project to pursue an open space district to create conservation funding for our county. At that time, we gained valuable insight into lessons learned in the formation of open space districts from research and a report completed in 2006 by UCSC intern, Grant Lyons. Our effort to establish a district was unsuccessful but the possibility has been raised again as the Board of Supervisors approved a volunteer effort by Fred Keeley to work on an open space project. The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County is a significant stakeholder in this current project.

Since 2006 there have been new districts formed and new funding measures passed. The current effort would be greatly informed from updated research and an updated report. This project would be most appropriate for an upper division student and would entail updating that research for events and lessons learned since the report was completed.

Prerequisites: research skills
interviewing/people skills