

## Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

April 30, 2009

The Board of Directors held a closed session meeting at the McConnell Foundation in Redding, CA beginning at 11:00am. A public board meeting was held following this meeting beginning at 1:30pm.

The following Directors and/or Alternates were present:      The following Directors were absent:

Mike Chrisman  
Luis Arteaga  
Bernard Ayanruoh (for Truman Burns)  
Dave Bolland (for Mark Rentz)  
Michele Dias  
Rich Gordon  
Kevin Hunting  
Robert Meacher  
Steve Larson  
Karen Mills/Noelle Cremers  
Soapy Mulholland  
Larry Myers  
Chris Nota  
Nancy Ryan (for Paul Clanon)  
Mike Schonherr (for Randy Livingston)  
Dave Sutton

Art Baggett  
Truman Burns  
Paul Clanon  
Randy Livingston  
Mark Rentz  
Richard Roos-Collins

The following staff were also present: Allene Zanger, Executive Director; David Moyce, General Counsel; Ric Notini, Director of Land Conservation; Steve Hagler, Director of Youth Investment; Joel Wagner, Finance Manager; Chantz Joyce and Heidi Krolick, Regional Land Conservation Managers; Toby Perry, Land Conservation Project Manager; Lauren Kelly, Executive Liaison; Renee Villanueva, Administrative Coordinator; and Bronwyn Hogan, Communications Manager. Members of the public were also present.

### SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. **Minutes of the February 11, 2009 Board Meeting (Action):** The board adopted the minutes of the February 11, 2009 board meeting.
2. **Amended Delegation of Authority Policy (Action):** The board adopted changes to the Delegation of Authority policy with regard to signing checks made payable to the Executive Director.
3. **Funding Policy Guidelines (Action):** The board adopted a Funding Policy Guidelines document with the understanding that a more detailed policy will be finalized for board and public review in the next few months.

### MEETING SUMMARY

Council President Mike Chrisman called the meeting to order and asked each director and staff member to introduce him or herself, noting that a quorum was present. He then welcomed new board member Steve Larson stating that Mr. Larson was appointed by the California Public Utilities Commission to fill one of its three public seats. Mr. Chrisman also welcomed Allene Zanger, the Council's new

Executive Director. He then briefly reviewed outcomes of the Council's closed session meeting held just prior to the public session. Mr. Chrisman then reminded the board and the public that advance copies of the meeting agenda and staff reports were posted to the Council's website prior to the meeting to help facilitate public participation. Mr. Chrisman briefly reviewed the meeting agenda, noting three action items, and asked members of the Council if they had any conflicts of interest to disclose at this time. Hearing no conflicts, the meeting proceeded.

Mr. Chrisman reviewed the meeting objectives and, noting the public comment cards, called the following individuals to speak regarding the topics identified below:

**Glenn Dye:** Member of the Whitmore community. Mr. Dye expressed concerns regarding the decommissioning of Kilarc Reservoir. He reviewed several circumstances that changed since he last addressed the board regarding this topic and reviewed the benefits of keeping the Kilarc facility in operation. He indicated that Kilarc possesses many of the Stewardship Council's defined beneficial public values and reviewed the many attributes of the facility.

**George McArthur:** Member of the McArthur Swamp Association. Mr. McArthur briefed the board on an Adaptive Management Plan and memorandum of understanding (MOU) that is in place for the properties within the McArthur Swamp planning unit. He asked that staff review the possibility of keeping this MOU in place with California Waterfowl Association holding the conservation easement as he believes it works very well. He stated his opinion that managing land with multiple owners is complicated. He offered an alternative that each group interested in owning or managing the lands at McArthur Swamp manage on an individual basis. He presented examples of how this might look with regard to Shasta County managing property on the Pit River unit and the local tribes managing property around Hat Creek and Lake Britton. He concluded his comments by stating that McArthur Swamp is a multi-use property with far reaching effects and that he encourages the Stewardship Council to consider his comments as they move forward with the donee recommendation.

**Laura Carnley:** Member of Friends of Cow Creek Preserve. Ms. Carnley provided an overview of her organization. She stated that they work with the local Resource Conservation District and the Cow Creek Management group. She indicated that her organization is very interested in participating in a collaborative proposal regarding the Kilarc Reservoir planning unit and highlighted ways that the Friends of Cow Creek support the objectives of the Stewardship Council.

Following the public comment period, Mr. Chrisman turned the Council's attention to the Consent Calendar on the agenda. He stated that there was one item requested for adoption, the February 11, 2009 Minutes of the Board of Directors. Mr. Chrisman then asked if there were any questions or objections to this request, and hearing none, the board adopted the minutes as presented.

Mr. Chrisman asked Ms. Zanger to provide the Executive Director's Report. Ms. Zanger began her report by stating that it is a great honor to serve as the Executive Director of the Stewardship Council. She then reviewed her orientation activities over the last 60 days which included meetings with board members, Kennedy Meadows stakeholders, commissioners of the California Public Utilities Commission, and Stewardship Council grantees. Ms. Zanger went on to highlight four recent achievements of the Stewardship Council illustrating its high standards of excellence. She stated that these items include the Environmental Resource Document award from the Association of Environmental Professionals, confirmation of the organization's fourth clean audit report, the level of collaboration underway by diverse stakeholders, and the reputation earned by the Youth Investment Program for its level of excellence pertaining to its grantmaking. With this, Ms. Zanger reported that Steve Hagler, Director of Youth Investment, recently participated in a high level meeting in Washington DC that included as a special

quest the new Secretary of Interior, Ken Salazar. Ms. Zanger concluded her report by reviewing strategic planning activities the board will undertake in the next few months to guide the future of the organization over the next three to five years. She stated that these activities will be informed by lessons learned from the Land Conservation Program's pilot process, evaluation of the Youth Investment Program, and completion of a board and organizational capacity assessment.

Mr. Chrisman then asked Luis Arteaga, chair of the Youth Investment Committee, to provide his report. Mr. Arteaga briefly reviewed the Council's youth investment mandate and then turned the report over to Steve Hagler, Director of Youth Investment, to provide a detailed staff report. Mr. Hagler provided his report to the board (See Attachment A). Mr. Hagler then turned the report back over to Mr. Arteaga to review Impact Fund grant awards recently made by the Youth Investment Committee. Mr. Arteaga stated that the committee met on April 15 to review the first of two rounds of Impact Fund grant awards. He reminded the board that the Impact Fund grant budget is between \$15,000 and \$50,000 per request. He also stated that the purpose of the Impact Fund is to support more established organizations with the resources they need to get underserved youth connected to the outdoors. Mr. Arteaga reported that 82 organizations applied and that the committee reviewed 22 of these applications. He reported that 9 organizations were awarded a total of \$224,000 in funding including Aim High for High School; Environmental Traveling Companions; Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast; Mid Klamath Watershed Council; Project AVARY; Seven Tepees Youth Program; Sierra Institute for Community and the Environment; Adventure, Risk, Challenge Program; and Youth Community Service. Following Mr. Arteaga's report, Mr. Chrisman expressed his enthusiasm that Mr. Hagler attended the meeting with Secretary Salazar in Washington DC. Mr. Chrisman stated that he has listened Mr. Salazar speak on several occasions regarding youth investment and understands that this is a high priority for him. Mr. Chrisman noted the potential for synergy with regard to Mr. Salazar's work and the work of the Stewardship Council.

Mr. Chrisman then asked Karen Mills, sitting in for Truman Burns, chair of the Fiduciary Committee, to review her committee report. Ms. Mills provided a brief overview of the committee's purpose and of the work done by the committee since February. With this, she reviewed a request to revise the Council's Delegation of Authority policy. Ms. Mills stated that in consultation with the organization's auditors, the Fiduciary Committee has reviewed and recommends changes to the policy that will provide better controls over the cash disbursement process. She reviewed the proposed revision which includes requiring that all checks made payable to the Executive Director be signed by either two staff members, specifically the Director of Youth Investment and the General Counsel, or a board officer, either the Treasurer or Fiduciary Committee Chair. Ms. Mills stated that the Executive Director's expenses will continue to be reviewed and approved by the Treasurer.

Ms. Mills then requested board adoption of the changes to the Delegation of Authority policy with regard to signing checks made payable to the Executive Director. Hearing no objections, the board approved the request.

Ms. Mills then turned the report over to Mike Schonherr, Audit Committee member, to provide an update on audit activities. Mr. Schonherr reminded the board that the Audit Committee is an independent committee which is chaired by David Rosen of Pacific Community Ventures and whose members include himself, Luis Arteaga, and Bernard Ayanruoh. Mr. Schonherr reported that the committee met on April 29 to review the 2008 audit report. With this, he noted there were no significant or material findings in the audit report and that any prior year comments have been closed. Mr. Schonherr stated that the Council's auditors speak very highly of the staff and the functionality of the organization overall. He stated that the audit report will be shared with the board at its June 10 board meeting. Mr. Schonherr concluded his report by stating that there is an open seat on the committee as Mr. Arteaga has stepped down as a member as

of the committee's April meeting. He asked that any board member interested in joining this independent committee express their interest to himself, Mr. Wagner, or Ms. Zanger.

Mr. Schonherr then turned the report back over to Ms. Mills to provide an update on the Council's budget and investment activities. Ms. Mills reported that the Council is below budget by 24 percent of its total expenditures. She stated that this is due primarily to the timing of contract services, but that as the pace of work increases in the spring and summer so will expenditures. Ms. Mills also reported that the Council's investment portfolio continues to achieve the goals of preservation of principle and liquidity management and has received an annualized return of 2.75 percent as of March 31. Finally, Ms. Mills reported that the Council wired \$7.5 million to the Vanguard Short-Term Bond index fund on April 24 thereby completing the initiative to add managers and investment diversification to the Council's investment portfolio. She stated that staff and the committee continue to review investments and the Investment Policy, and will work with the investment managers to ensure that the Council's funds are managed appropriately.

Mr. Chrisman then asked Soapy Mulholland, chair of the Planning Committee, to provide this committee's report. Ms. Mulholland provided an overview of the committee's purpose and then asked Ric Notini, Director of Land Conservation, to provide a more detailed staff report. Mr. Notini provided his staff report (See Attachment B). Following his report, Mr. Notini acknowledged the letters received by the Bucks Lake Homeowner's Association regarding the Lakeshore Resort. He stated that the reinstatement of this commercial lease has been in negotiation for several years with PG&E. Mr. Notini reported that the Stewardship Council received notification from PG&E of the third party request and per the Third Party Request Policy, expedited a letter to PG&E indicating that the Stewardship Council does not believe the renewal of the Lakeshore Resort lease will have a material impact on the implementation of the Land Conservation Plan. Mr. Chrisman then asked if there were any questions regarding Mr. Notini's report. Hearing no questions, Mr. Notini turned the report back over to Ms. Mulholland. Ms. Mulholland turned the Council's attention to a Funding Guidelines document. For this agenda item, Noelle Cremers, the secondary representative for the California Farm Bureau Federation, participated in the discussion. The Funding Policy Guidelines document was also distributed to members of the public present at the meeting. Ms. Mulholland stated that the total potential cost of the Land Conservation Commitment, including implementation of all identified potential measures to achieve the land management objectives, is likely to exceed the total funding available from the Stewardship Council. Ms. Mulholland reported that the Planning Committee set up a workgroup to develop an actionable Land Conservation Funding Policy. She stated that the committee and workgroup are continuing work to develop a complete set of policies and guidelines, but in the meantime, have created a one page set of guidelines to help the Stewardship Council board and staff move forward with its first donee recommendation with regard to the Kennedy Meadows planning unit. Ms. Mulholland stated that the guidelines outlined in the document are not cast in stone and the goal is to develop a more detailed policy for public input and action by the full board at a later date.

Ms. Mulholland then requested board adoption of the Funding Policy Guidelines as presented. Mr. Chrisman asked if there were any questions regarding Ms. Mulholland's request. He stated that the guidelines are important with respect to the Land Conservation Program and that it is important to provide a more in depth policy for board and public consideration in the next few months. Dave Sutton thanked the Planning Committee and staff for their efforts to develop the guidelines. Hearing no objections to Ms. Mulholland's request for action, the board adopted the Funding Policy Guidelines.

Mr. Chrisman then asked Luis Arteaga, sitting in for Randy Livingston, chair of the Board Development Committee, to provide his report. Mr. Arteaga provided a brief overview of the committee's purpose and updated the board on its activities since February. He stated that the committee met in March

to review and provide input on the Executive Director's first 90-days work plan. Mr. Arteaga thanked Ms. Zanger for her hard work to achieve her initial goals as the Council's new Executive Director and asked members of the board to help provide guidance, offer support, and make connections for Ms. Zanger. Mr. Arteaga went on to report that the committee discussed plans for the board's annual retreat to take place on June 11 in Modesto. He stated that the focus of the retreat will be on land conservation planning strategy, communications strategy, and to review the results of the board and organizational self assessment recently completed by the board. He then thanked members of the board for completing the assessment, stating that it is an important best practice that is anticipated to be completed on a regular basis to help measure the growth in capacity of the board and organization. Mr. Arteaga noted that discussions on the Youth Investment Program are noticeably absent from the retreat agenda. He stated that the focus of this year's retreat will be on the land program and the youth program will be discussed by the board in early 2010.

Following this report, Mr. Chrisman invited members of the public to speak for the final public comment period. Noting the public comment cards, Mr. Chrisman called the following members of the public to speak regarding the topics identified below:

**Bill Stewart:** Representative of the University of California, Blodgett Demonstration Forest. Mr. Stewart addressed the board regarding working forest benefits and climate change. He stated that he has done significant research on how forested areas of the Sierra Nevada region will handle climate change. Mr. Stewart indicated that this is a 20 year long research project and that they are seeking additional sites in the northern and southern regions. With this, he expressed his interest in some of the Stewardship Council lands located in the Pit River, Yuba Bear, and North Fork Mokelumne planning units. Mr. Stewart stated that with these additional lands, they would have seven sites from Shasta County to Tulare County which would provide context for climate change research using the full gradient of the Sierra Nevada over time.

**Lorena Gorbet:** Representative of the Maidu Summit Consortium of Plumas County. Ms. Gorbet addressed the board regarding Native American social justice issues. Ms. Gorbet provided an overview of the Consortium. She stated that the Consortium has commented on FERC relicensing projects for years and has requested lands as just compensation for everything they have lost. She reviewed lands in the Feather River watershed containing Indian land allotments. Ms. Gorbet indicated that when the Stewardship Council was formed they saw a viable opportunity to regain the lands they lost. With this, she requested that language be added to the donee qualification criteria regarding social justice. She also requested that in addition to conservation easements, language be developed in the planning process to address cultural easements. She also expressed her concern that bundling the planning units for conservation easements leaves smaller grassroots organizations out because this asks for larger areas of land to be managed by one entity. Ms. Gorbet indicated that the Maidu Consortium has already started collaborating with organizations in the Plumas County area regarding land of interest to them.

Following Ms. Gorbet's comments, Mr. Chrisman asked for any questions or comments from the board or staff. Ms. Zanger indicated that staff is actively seeking ways to be proactive in trying to protect and enhance the beneficial public values regarding cultural and historical values. Ms. Zanger stated that staff will work with members of the Planning Committee, including Larry Myers and Ken Tipon, to address Ms. Gorbet's concerns.

Ms. Zanger then asked Mr. Notini to address Ms. Gorbet's concerns regarding the bundling strategy. Mr. Notini stated that staff received a lot of stakeholder feedback regarding the notion of looking for conservation easement holders over multiple sites. He stated that the land program team is still



reviewing this strategy and that the approach being designed should address the concerns raised by Ms. Gorbet. Mr. Chrisman asked staff to involve the Maidu Consortium in conversations on this subject.

Mr. Chrisman then asked if any board or staff members had announcements to make. Nancy Ryan introduced Drew Cheney, the public outreach coordinator for the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). She indicated that Mr. Cheney is an important resource for those who wish to engage in the work of the Stewardship Council as his job is to demystify the CPUC's public process. Members of the public were also invited to attend the board field tour to take place the following day to view the lands located in the Pit-McCloud watershed.

Hearing no other announcements, the meeting adjourned.

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Secretary, Randal S. Livingston



## ATTACHMENT A: STAFF REPORT

**To:** Stewardship Council Board of Directors  
**From:** Steve Hagler, Director of Youth Investment  
**Date:** April 23, 2009  
**RE: Youth Investment Program Activities**

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- We are announcing the Impact Fund and Catalyst Fund Round 1 grants in the next two weeks. Initiative Fund Full Proposals are in the review process. Applications for Impact and Catalyst Fund Round 2 are now available on our website. Infrastructure Fund applications are due July 17.
- Since 2006, we have awarded over \$6 million in grants, helping to connect over 140,000 youth to the outdoors.
- The Evaluation Planning Process report outlines research and assessment possibilities.
- Outreach continues to raise the profile of the Youth Investment Program
- Youth Investment Program Officer is expected to be hired in May.

### 2009 GRANT UPDATE

We received 82 Impact Fund applications, 22 were forwarded through the External Review Panel process to the Youth Investment Committee (YIC) for review. The YIC met and recommended 9 grants for funding.

We received 28 Catalyst Fund applications. The Internal (Staff) Review Panel is currently reviewing applications and decisions will be made within the next two weeks.

### UPDATE ON ALL GIVING 2006-2008

We are in our fourth year of grant funding. Over the past 3 years, we have received over \$50 million in grant requests and awarded \$6,421,000 to more than 130 organizations, allowing Stewardship Council funds to help connect more than 140,000 youth to the outdoors.

In addition, our research continues to show that there are very few private funders who target giving to outdoor education. Every year we give out over \$2 million in grant awards, or about 20% of all private foundation funding for outdoor giving in California. While this makes us one of the largest funders in this sector, we also understand how little money this really is for programs that truly can change the lives of the young people they serve.

### YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAM LONG TERM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: UPDATE

As part of the long-term strategy process, the board asked staff to engage in an evaluation planning process to examine the potential opportunities for assessing the impact of the Youth Investment Program and its grantmaking. To this end, we retained Blueprint Research and Design to help us conduct the research and to produce a report on ways we might move this work forward. (Report available for board



review on Board Intranet: Meaningful Measures: A Plan for Evaluating the Reach and Impact of The Stewardship Council's Youth Investment Program)

Staff reviewed Blueprint's report and identified a subset of data collection activities that could be implemented in the short-term. The report and staff recommendation was presented to the YIC at its April meeting. (The staff memo to the YIC is attached).

The YIC accepted the staff's recommendation to pursue an initial set of evaluation activities. A cost/benefit analysis and more in-depth research will be conducted in the ensuing months to help determine how to proceed on longer term, possibly more costly evaluation initiatives. This is the first milestone in determining the direction the organization will take in its evaluation efforts.

Staff continues to work on many fronts to develop a cohesive long-term sustainability plan, including research into corporate legal structures, alternative revenue streams and potential scenarios for collaborating with other funders and interested stakeholders.

#### **ONGOING OUTREACH**

Staff has reached out to potential funders and stakeholders. At the end of April, Steve Hagler attended a briefing held by and for the Board of Directors of the Outdoor Foundation in Washington, DC on the topic of getting children into the outdoors. The event included high level executives in the outdoor retailer industry and featured guest speaker Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior. The conversation focused on ways the outdoor industry might collaborate with national efforts to get children and youth outdoors.

Staff continues to follow up on action items from the California Biodiversity Council meeting last fall. In particular, staff has been meeting with a working group that is exploring the feasibility of creating an interactive online database of agency programs that get children and youth outdoors.

The Stewardship Council continues to sponsor and host regional gatherings. Most recently, Sacramento teachers and youth program providers held their third meeting. There will be a Bay Area gathering for teachers and youth program providers in May.

#### **YIP PROGRAM OFFICER UPDATE**

Staff is in the final stages of recruiting and interviewing for the new Youth Investment Program Officer position. We expect to have a candidate selected by the beginning of May.

## ATTACHMENT B: STAFF REPORT

**To:** Stewardship Council Board of Directors  
**From:** Ric Notini, Director of Land Conservation  
**Date:** April 23, 2009  
**RE: Land Conservation Program Activities**

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **ACTION ITEM** - A funding policy has been developed on the use of Stewardship Council funds for the Land Conservation Program. This policy is being recommended by the Planning Committee for full board approval.
- Stewardship Council staff has developed a process and timeline for evaluating the Land Stewardship Proposals (LSPs) that were received from potential donees at the four pilot projects (Bucks Lake, Kennedy Meadows, Doyle Springs, and McArthur Swamp). Staff anticipates bringing forward a recommendation on the Kennedy Meadows planning unit to the board for consideration at its June 10, 2009 board meeting. Recommendations on the other three pilot sites are scheduled later in 2009.
- Staff has been working on a mid-point lessons learned evaluation of the pilot process. An important aspect of this evaluation is soliciting feedback on the process from a wide variety of interested stakeholders, many of which have directly participated in the pilot process. The preliminary results of this evaluation are already being applied to the next round of work.
- Staff has initiated work on the next round of planning units (round one). This work consists of seeking qualified organizations interested in becoming holders of conservation easements on multiple planning units within three watershed areas comprising a total of 22 planning units - Pit-McCloud, Feather River, and Upper Mokelumne River. It also includes beginning the process of seeking qualified organizations interested in either holding fee-title or becoming a land conservation partner at 11 of the planning units located within those three watershed areas.

### FUNDING POLICY (ACTION ITEM)

Over the past year, staff has conducted a preliminary financial analysis of activities related to the Land Conservation Commitment. This analysis included cost projections for the following categories of activities that the Stewardship Council will consider funding:

- costs related to the transfer of fee title or conservation interests to donees;
- costs related to the satisfaction of property tax neutrality requirements; and
- costs of enhancements to the beneficial public values on watershed lands.

This analysis indicated that the total potential cost of the Land Conservation Commitment, including all possible enhancements, is likely to exceed the total funding directly provided to the Stewardship Council.

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines on the use of the available funding to support the land conservation program. This policy will help guide future planning and decision-making regarding funding of the long term management and stewardship of the watershed lands and communicate expectations



around matching funds and contributions by recipients of donated fee title holdings and conservation easements.

## LAND STEWARDSHIP PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND DONEE SELECTION PROCESS

Staff has developed a process for evaluating, recommending, and selecting the most qualified donees for the four pilot projects, taking into consideration the information provided by the potential donees, the management objectives for the planning unit that were adopted by the board as reflected in Volume II of the Land Conservation Plan (LCP), public input received, and other relevant information.

The process includes the creation of an evaluation team consisting of Stewardship Council Land Conservation Program staff, legal counsel, the finance manager, as well as external reviewers. The evaluation team may also include expertise in other specialized areas, as appropriate.

The Kennedy Meadows planning unit will be the first planning unit to be considered for land conservation and conveyance. In December 2008, the Stewardship Council received two land stewardship proposals (LSPs) for Kennedy Meadows. In January the potential donees were invited to give presentations to the Stewardship Council Board on their proposals at the February 11, 2009 board meeting. Following these presentations, the evaluation team conducted a preliminary review of the proposals to identify any additional information needed to formally evaluate the proposals. PG&E staff also conducted an operations analysis of proposals and notified Council staff of their issues/or concerns. On April 4, members of the evaluation team met with the potential donees. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss and resolve issues identified by the evaluation team and PG&E during the preliminary review of the proposals.

The evaluation team is now in the process of completing its evaluation of the proposals and all the supplementary information provided by the potential donees. The evaluation team will also consider public input from public workshops, pertinent correspondence, and comments received on Volume II of the Land Conservation Plan. Staff will then prepare a recommendation for consideration by the Planning Committee. The Planning Committee will meet to consider the recommendation, and if consensus is reached, it will propose an action at the next scheduled board meeting. At this meeting, the board will consider the proposed action and provide an opportunity for public comment.

It is anticipated that staff will have a preliminary recommendation concerning Kennedy Meadows to forward to the Planning Committee for its May 20 meeting. Assuming the committee reaches consensus on a recommendation, it will propose an action at the June 10 board meeting in Modesto.

The LSPs that were received for Bucks Lake, Doyle Springs, and McArthur Swamp are also currently being reviewed. The same general review process described above will be followed for these planning units. The recommendations for donees at these planning units will likely be considered later this year following the Kennedy Meadows recommendation.

## LESSONS LEARNED

For the past several months, staff has been conducting a mid-point evaluation of the pilot process. An important aspect of this evaluation has been a series of one-on-one conversations with a wide range of key stakeholders involved in the pilot process to solicit feedback. This evaluation is being documented in a lessons learned document. This document will be completed early this summer. In the meantime, preliminary results of the evaluation are already being incorporated into the next phase of land conservation work.



## ROUND ONE PLANNING UNITS

While work progresses on the four pilot project sites, staff has initiated work on the next round of planning units (round one). This work involves 22 planning units located within three different watershed areas - the Pit-McCloud watershed area, the Feather River watershed area, and the Upper Mokelumne River watershed area. In an effort to streamline the process and achieve economies of scale, the land conservation and conveyance process has been organized into two components.

The first component involves seeking qualified organizations interested in becoming holders of conservation easements on multiple planning units within each of the three watershed areas. This is being done through a Request for Qualifications process, with a deadline date for submission of proposals of April 28, 2009.

The second component consists of seeking qualified organizations interested in either holding fee-title or becoming a land conservation partner<sup>1</sup> at individual planning units within the three watershed areas. At this time, organizations are being actively solicited for 11 of the 22 planning units. Planning units not yet selected will be placed in future rounds and processed sequentially. This summer, we will begin hosting public planning workshops for the 11 planning units. The primary purpose of these public workshops is to solicit input from the public on the development of Land Conservation and Conveyance Plans (LCCPs), to conserve and convey the watershed lands located at these sites.

The 3 watershed areas and the 11 planning units are listed below.

### **Pit-McCloud River Watershed Area:**

Fall River Valley, Shasta County

Fall River Mills, Shasta County

Hat Creek, Shasta County

Lake Britton, Shasta County

### **Feather River Watershed Area:**

Butt Valley Reservoir, Plumas County

Humbug Valley, Plumas County

Lake Almanor, Plumas County

Mountain Meadows Reservoir, Lassen and Plumas Counties

### **Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Area:**

Blue Lakes, Alpine County

Lower Bear Area, Amador County

North Fork Mokelumne River, Amador and Calaveras Counties

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<sup>1</sup> A land conservation partner would be an organization that could perform or provide activities that promote the beneficial public values associated with the watershed land in coordination with the fee title holder and the conservation easement holder but would not themselves hold either.