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**THE PACIFIC FOREST AND WATERSHED LANDS STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
HOSTS WORKSHOPS FOR POTENTIAL 2010 YOUTH GRANT APPLICANTS**

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are encouraged to attend and apply for funding*

San Mateo, Calif., Jan. 6, 2010 – The Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council (Stewardship Council) today announced it will host a series of workshops designed to inform nonprofit organizations about the Stewardship Council's 2010 grantmaking strategy and how interested organizations can apply for grant funding. Organizations focused on increasing youth's access to the outdoors are encouraged to attend the workshops, which will be held in January throughout Northern and Central California.

In 2010, the Stewardship Council will grant approximately \$2 million in funding to parks and programs focused on increasing youth's access to the outdoors.

"The Stewardship Council's grants program is a great opportunity for organizations to obtain the resources they need to get their youth outdoors," said Steve Hagler, Youth Investment Program Director for the Stewardship Council. "We encourage interested grant seekers to attend our workshops and learn more about the Stewardship Council's grants program."

Through its Youth Investment Program (YIP), the Stewardship Council contributes to the development of California's youth by funding efforts to connect underserved youth with the outdoors and keep them active, healthy, and educated. The Stewardship Council provides grants to parks and programs, enabling them to increase youth's access to the outdoors.

Grant funds for 2010 will be awarded in four categories:

- **Catalyst Fund:** Nurturing grassroots efforts to improve access to outdoor experiences (program funding up to \$15,000)
- **Impact Fund:** Sparking innovation and lowering barriers (program funding from \$15,000 to \$50,000)
- **Initiative Fund:** Lowering the barriers to connecting youth to the outdoors (project funding from \$50,000 to \$150,000)
- **Infrastructure Fund:** Building parks and playgrounds (infrastructure funding up to \$200,000)

Grant Workshop Information:

San Francisco

Thursday, January 7, 2010
Grant workshop (Catalyst and Impact): 3–4 p.m.
Initiative discussion: 4:15–5 p.m.
California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
Golden Gate Room
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco

Fresno

Wednesday, January 13, 2010
Grant workshop (Catalyst and Impact): 3–4 p.m.
Initiative discussion: 4:15–5 p.m.
Boys and Girls Club Fresno
1621 S. Cedar
Fresno

Watsonville

Tuesday, January 19, 2010
Grant workshop (Catalyst and Impact): 3–4 p.m.
Initiative discussion: 4:15–5 p.m.
Wetlands Educational Resource Center
500 Harkins Slough Road
Watsonville

Oakland

Tuesday, January 26, 2010
The Unity Council, Senior Services
3301 E. 12th Street, Suite 201
Oakland

Bakersfield

Tuesday, January 12, 2010
Grant workshop (Catalyst and Impact): 3–4 p.m.
Initiative discussion: 4:15–5 p.m.
California State University
Dezember Leadership Development Center,
Room ES 402
9001 Stockdale Highway
Bakersfield

Sacramento

Thursday, January 14, 2010
Grant workshop (Catalyst and Impact): 3–4 p.m.
Initiative discussion: 4:15–5 p.m.
Sierra Health Foundation
1321 Garden Highway
Sacramento

San Jose

Wednesday, January 20, 2010
Grant workshop (Catalyst and Impact): 3–4 p.m.
Initiative discussion: 4:15–5 p.m.
Mayfair Community Center
2039 Kammerer Avenue
San Jose

Grant workshops will last approximately one hour. Following the general workshop, there will be an additional meeting for organizations that are interested in applying for the Initiative Fund. While all are welcome to stay for this discussion, the meeting will focus on the specific strategy and application process that is unique to the Initiative Fund. Please be aware that the focus of these workshops is on program (Catalyst and Impact Funds) and project (Initiative Fund) grants; prior to the summer application deadline, staff will conduct workshops that focus on the Infrastructure Fund.

To learn more about the Stewardship Council Youth Investment Program, visit our Web site at www.stewardshipcouncil.org

The Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council (Stewardship Council) is a private, nonprofit foundation. Established in 2004, its mission is to protect and enhance more than 140,000 acres of PG&E-owned watershed lands and invest in efforts to improve the lives of young Californians through connections with the outdoors. The Stewardship Council brings together the expertise of leading conservation, natural resource management, business, and public officials to undertake this historic conservation effort for California. A unique and collaborative endeavor, the Stewardship Council's Board of Directors unites a broad range of interests to guide the development and execution of a Land Conservation Program and a Youth Investment Program to benefit current and future generations of Californians. Our core values are collaboration, stewardship, discovery, sustainability and leadership. For more information about the Stewardship Council please visit the Web site: www.stewardshipcouncil.org.

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