

# Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council

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## OPEN HOUSE Please join us!

Please join us at one of the following locations for an “Open House” to learn more about the Stewardship Council’s conservation effort and how you can participate in the planning process:

- **Ukiah: July 21st, 5–8 pm**  
Ukiah Valley Conference Center  
200 South School Street  
Ukiah, CA 95482
- **Nevada City: July 28th, 5–8 pm**  
Miners Foundry Cultural Center  
325 Spring Street  
Nevada City, CA 95959
- **Burney: August 1st, 5–8 pm**  
Veterans Memorial Hall  
37140 Main Street  
Burney, CA 96013
- **Shingletown: August 2nd, 5–8 pm**  
Black Butte School  
7752 Ponderosa Way  
Shingletown, CA 96088
- **Quincy: August 3rd, 11 am–2 pm**  
Quincy Elementary School  
246 Alder Street  
Quincy, CA 95971
- **Chester: August 3rd, 5–8 pm**  
Chester Jr Sr High School  
612 First Street  
Chester, CA 96020
- **Chico: August 4th, 5–8 pm**  
Oxford Suites  
2035 Business Lane  
Chico, CA 95928
- **Prather: August 10th, 5–8 pm**  
SUSD Educational Center  
29143 Auberry Road  
Prather, CA 93651
- **Bakersfield: August 11th, 5–8 pm**  
California State University, Bakersfield  
Dezember Leadership Center  
Building D, Aera Room 409/411  
9001 Stockdale Highway  
Bakersfield, CA 93311
- **Jackson: August 16th, 5–8 pm**  
Civic Center City of Jackson  
33 Broadway  
Jackson, CA 95642
- **Sonora: August 17th, 5–8 pm**  
Opera Hall  
City of Sonora  
250 S. Washington Street  
Sonora, CA 95370



## GREETINGS!

The Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council invites you to help launch a historic land conservation effort for California. Our goal is to ensure that over 140,000 acres of watershed lands throughout California are conserved for a broad range of public benefits. These benefits will be further defined through public participation, but may include outdoor recreation, youth programs, sustainable forestry, agriculture, habitat protection, open space preservation, and the protection of cultural values.

Located across 22 counties, the land encompasses some of California’s most stunning and wild landscapes. As shown on the map inside, these properties stretch from Shasta County in the north to Fresno County in the south, from the Sierra Nevada and Cascade ranges to the Eel River watershed in Mendocino County and the Carrizo Plains in San Luis Obispo County.

We will be hosting Open Houses over the next two months in communities near these lands. We hope to learn from you how the lands are currently being used and what special features or resources should be protected. We’d also like to hear your ideas about how these lands could be managed or enhanced to provide new benefits for Californians.

In addition to conserving the lands for their natural resources, we anticipate many land uses – such as recreation, youth programs, sustainable forestry and agriculture – will be compatible. We look forward to working with you to preserve and enhance the natural beauty and wonder of these magnificent lands for all Californians!

Jayne Battey  
Executive Director

← Open House Details. You are welcome to join us at any time during an Open House event. The open house format of the meeting will give you an opportunity to talk with our staff, receive information about the Stewardship Council’s work, and provide input and insights about the land and your community.

We look forward to meeting you!

## STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL STAFF

WE ARE PLEASED TO INTRODUCE OUR  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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LAUREN KELLY  
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WE HOPE TO MEET YOU AT AN  
UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE!

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# ABOUT US

The Stewardship Council is a private foundation established in 2004 as part of the settlement of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) bankruptcy. The settlement included a land conservation commitment to ensure that PG&E-owned watershed lands are conserved in perpetuity for a broad range of beneficial public values. The purpose of the Stewardship Council also includes provisions to create opportunities for wilderness experiences for underserved youth, and to acquire and maintain parks and recreation areas.



The Stewardship Council was created to oversee this commitment and to carry out environmental enhancement activities. The Stewardship Council's Board of Directors is chaired by California Resources Agency Secretary Mike Chrisman and is composed of a broad range of representatives from state and federal agencies, water districts, tribal and rural interests, forest and farm industry groups, conservation organizations, the California Public Utilities Commission, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

For more information, please see [www.stewardshipcouncil.org](http://www.stewardshipcouncil.org)

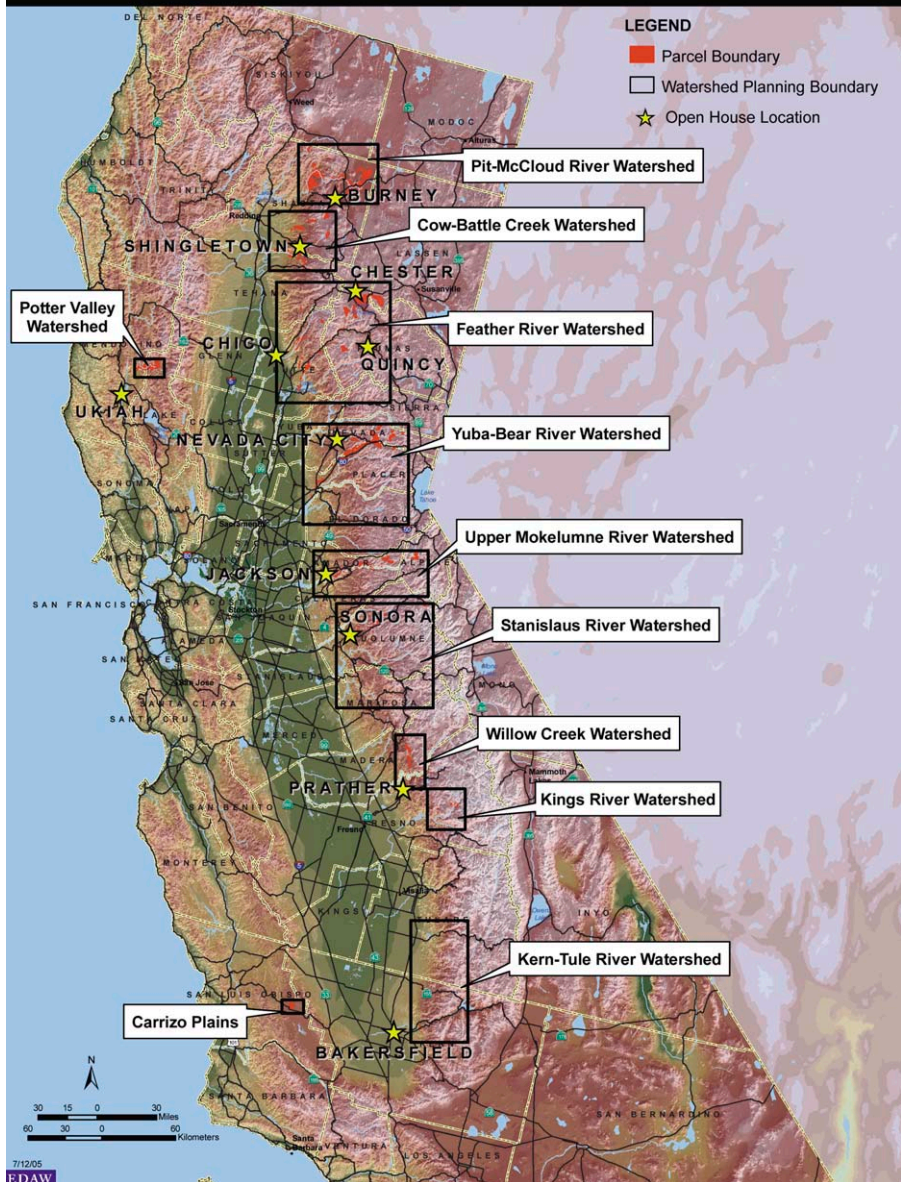
# LAND CONSERVATION PLAN

The Stewardship Council is tasked with ensuring the permanent protection of over 140,000 acres of land for the benefit of the citizens of California. To accomplish this goal, we are currently developing a Land Conservation Plan. Over the next two years, our work on this plan will include developing a thorough understanding of the unique characteristics of each property, existing and potential uses, and the range of interests within each community affected by the land conservation effort.

The land conservation planning process will include:

- Conducting outreach to understand stakeholder interests and identify existing and potential public uses of the lands;
- Developing long-term management goals;
- Collaborating with stakeholders to identify and develop alternatives to achieve desired future benefits;
- Determining whether a conservation easement, transfer of fee title, or other protection measure will best meet conservation efforts and goals;

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- Identifying and recommending recipients of easements or fee title that have the capacity to maintain the property in a way that achieves the desired management goals; and
- Developing a schedule for implementation, along with a plan to monitor and manage the economic and physical impacts of land transactions.

The Open Houses will be the first of several opportunities that you will have to provide input into the Land Conservation Planning process. Please join us to share your knowledge of the lands surrounding your community!

# YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAM

The Stewardship Council is also launching a Youth Investment Program to provide access to environmental education and recreational opportunities for underserved youth in California. Through partnerships and the support of innovative programs, our goal is to provide young people with the opportunity to experience and observe the systems and beauty of nature, as well as understand their own responsibilities and role in environmental stewardship. Through programs that seek to broaden life experience, our goals include expanding opportunities for young people to develop leadership skills, build confidence and self-reliance, and expand their horizons.

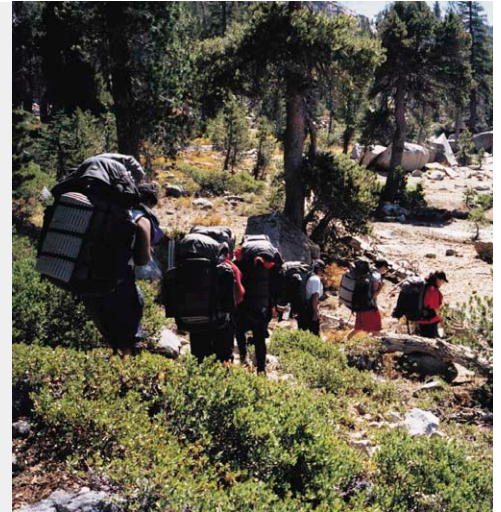
Specific goals of the Stewardship Council

Youth Investment Program include:

- Improving the lives of underserved youth by providing wilderness and environmental education and recreational opportunities;
- Enhancing open space, urban parks, and recreational facilities in underserved urban communities; and
- Making lasting improvements in the physical and environmental infrastructure of disadvantaged communities.

At the Open Houses, we hope to hear your ideas about how we can create new opportunities for youth in your community.

Please join us!



## CONTACT US!

Do you have questions or comments about the Stewardship Council? Please call Lisa Whitman at (650) 286-5150.

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