



# Land Conservation Plan Draft Underway

*Document to Guide Long-Term Management of Watershed Lands*

The Stewardship Council has begun writing the Land Conservation Plan (LCP) to guide the future use and long-term management of more than 140,000 acres of watershed lands currently owned by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E). The LCP will contain recommended actions that preserve and enhance a range of beneficial public values, including outdoor recreation, sustainable forestry, agricultural uses, habitat protection, open space, and historic and traditional values. The Land Conservation Plan will be submitted to PG&E and subsequently to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in the spring of 2007.

placement of conservation easements across the lands. The LCP will identify which lands will be available for fee title donation to qualified public or non-profit entities and protected with conservation easements. The LCP will specify which lands will be retained in fee title by PG&E and protected with conservation easements to be managed by a third party.

## Donations & Conservation Easements

Specific donation of the watershed lands, as well as preparation of conservation easements, will occur over multiple years and will be tailored to the specific management actions recommended for each Planning Unit. Once the LCP has been submitted to PG&E, the preparation for disposition of the lands identified for donation will begin. The process of land disposition is expected to continue through 2013.

## Public Input is Critical

Public participation continues to play a vital role in the planning process. Communication via email, U.S. mail, telephone, or scheduled meetings is strongly encouraged. In addition, community meetings are being held across the watershed lands to enable members of the public to share their thoughts on how best to ensure these lands are protected for future generations.

Ultimately, the submission of the LCP in April of 2007 will mark a major milestone for the Stewardship Council, containing the hard work of so many Californians, and bringing the vision of enhanced and protected watershed lands closer to reality.

## Public Input Opportunities

The Stewardship Council is hard at work preparing a Land Conservation Plan (LCP) reflective of the diverse interests represented by our Board of Directors and the communities where the lands are located. Your letters, emails,



telephone calls, and attendance at our community meetings over the past year have greatly contributed to this historic effort.

While the spring 2007 LCP submission deadline is drawing near, local input is still needed for the draft concepts developed for the future use and management of the watershed lands. Therefore, an additional series of community meetings will be conducted across northern and central California later this fall and winter.

You are also welcome to attend the next Board of Directors meeting on November 29 in Sacramento. We hope you'll join us and share your ideas and suggestions. For updates on dates, times, and locations, please visit our website at [www.stewardshipcouncil.org](http://www.stewardshipcouncil.org).



Butte Creek

## About the LCP

The LCP will envision the balance of recommended actions across all of the watershed lands. It will also contain the general processes for land disposition and

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# \$2.25 Million Pilot Grant Giving Goal Achieved

## Development of 2007 Giving Program on the Horizon

The Stewardship Council achieved its \$2.25 million inaugural grant giving goal with the announcement of both its Partnership and second round of Small Grant recipients. These final 25 grantees bring the total number of organizations funded in 2006 to 57. Program funding this year will serve over 9,000 youth, ages 13 to 18, from 19 counties. In addition, an estimated 28,000 youth are expected to benefit from funding to improve park infrastructure throughout the state.



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connect youth with the outdoors. The remaining funds for 2006 will be devoted to research and direct investment efforts to lower the barriers that keep kids from going to outdoor education programs. Among the many staff-directed initiatives being explored are outdoor gear lending closets and the development of regional convening opportunities for youth program managers.

To assist in this effort, the Stewardship Council has retained American Institute for Research (AIR) to conduct thorough evaluations on the pilot grant program and the organizations selected for funding. The goal of this evaluation process is to enhance the Stewardship Council's efforts to improve the lives of young Californians through connections with the outdoors and to inform future grant making.

Ultimately, the Stewardship Council aims to build capacity in its grantee organizations by funding sustainable programs and providing ongoing support. By maintaining relationships with grant recipients, funds can be leveraged in a way that will enhance each program overall, in addition to covering basic costs of individual grant requests.

## Planning for 2007 Grant-Making

Development of the 2007 giving program is on the horizon and a variety of options are under consideration. Although details are still being refined, the program is expected to continue to cultivate its vision of fostering the future stewards of California. Guidelines for the 2007 grant-making plan are anticipated to be published by the end of this year.

"The teens targeted with this money have little opportunity to get outdoors. Our funding helps make that happen. I hope other organizations will take a look at what the Stewardship Council is doing and join us in our efforts to help youth grow, learn and become healthier through outdoor activities," said Luis Arteaga, co-chair of the Youth Investment Committee.

## Building Capacity and Promoting Sustainability

Adopted in 2005, the Youth Investment Grant Making Pilot Program outlined an approach to make an initial \$2.6 million investment in parks and programs that con-

## 2005 Gather Information

Summer: Open Houses

Gather Information, Field Trips

Identify & Refine Range of Conservation Alternatives

## 2006 Develop Concepts/Pre

Stakeholder & Community Meetings to Present  
Draft Land Management Concepts (Mar/Apr)

Stakeholder  
Draft Land

## 2006 Partnership Grant Recipients

Partnership grants are designed to support longer-term collaborative ventures that match the Stewardship Council's goals and advance the fields of parks and outdoor education. Congratulations to the recent recipients of these funds. For more information about all grant recipients for 2006, please visit our website at: [www.stewardshipcouncil.org](http://www.stewardshipcouncil.org).

**East Bay Asian Local Development – Lions Creek Crossing:** \$175,000

**Daly City Parks & Recreation & Jefferson Unified High School District:** \$150,000

**City of Parlier:** \$140,000

**California State Parks Foundation & Pacific Leadership Institute:** \$133,000

**San Francisco Parks Trust:** \$100,000

**Pajaro Valley Unified School District:** \$100,000

**Hanford Elementary School District Education Foundation:** \$100,000

**Bear Mountain Recreation & Park District:** \$100,000

**Sagehen – Sedgwick Field Stations, University of California, Berkeley:** \$65,000

**Adopt-A-Watershed:** \$62,000

## With Your Help

For more than a year I have had the opportunity to visit cities and towns across California and talk with people who are interested in helping the Stewardship Council meet its commitment to land stewardship and youth investment. I've had the honor of meeting many committed and hardworking men and women, and have met people who care deeply about California, their community, and the future we are leaving to the next generation. I am inspired by the work being done in each community, and with your help, the Stewardship Council hopes to make valuable and sustainable contributions to California.



*Earth Day 2006, Candlestick Park – Literacy for Environmental Justice (LEJ) program participant*

## Reaching 37,000 Young People

Over the past year, we've made substantial progress on our youth investment and land conservation programs. We distributed \$2.25 million to youth serving organizations reaching an estimated 9,000 young people. We have also contributed to parks that serve an additional 28,000 youth. We know these programs have the power to transform lives, and we commend all our grantees for the work they are doing to help build the future stewards of our state.



## Balancing Public Input

Our land conservation planning efforts are also showing substantial progress. We have focused on getting input from the local communities where the lands are located, and you have responded to our efforts. Since the beginning of 2006, we have held 16 community meetings with total attendance nearing 400 people. You've told us what does and does not make sense for your community, and we are working hard to develop a plan that balances this input.

## Looking Ahead

As we approach the end of 2006, we're focused on planning for the year ahead. In 2007, we expect to adopt our Land Conservation Plan and move forward with implementation; we will also initiate our second year of youth investment and grant making. With your help, the Stewardship Council looks forward to making on-going and important contributions that reflect the needs of our state and your community.

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## Preliminary Draft LCP

Stakeholder & Community Meetings to Present Management Concepts (Sep/Nov)

Preliminary Draft Land Conservation Plan (LCP)

## 2007 LCP Approval

Stakeholder & Community Meetings to Present Draft LCP (Feb)

Refine Draft LCP

Stewardship Council Approval of Land Conservation Plan (Apr)

# Grantee Spotlight

## *Fresno Parks, Recreation & Community Services Mobile Recreation Vehicle*

This past summer, the Stewardship Council awarded a \$45,000 grant to Fresno Parks and Recreation to support a mobile recreational vehicle (RV) to bring outdoor programs to youth across the city. This program offers a unique and innovative approach to providing outdoor recreation to underserved neighborhoods.

Since receiving funding in May 2006, Fresno has secured several in-kind contributions to match the Stewardship Council grant. The RV, which is currently being retrofitted, was originally a 24-foot model. However, it was upgraded by Camp America to a 34-foot model, allowing the program to increase its scope and reach.

In addition to traditional recreation equipment, the rig contains an on-board satellite-based wi-fi system, and audio and video capabilities. Six portable laptops were also donated to provide nutrition and health information. The equipment will allow Fresno to provide innovative and relevant programs to youth and their families, who otherwise would not be able to use their local open space for recreation and health education.

We look forward to following the work of the Fresno Park and Recreation team and bringing more news on how this innovative approach might work in other California communities. Dedication of the vehicle is scheduled for October.

## Mission

The Stewardship Council protects and enhances watershed lands and uses, and invests in efforts to improve the lives of young Californians through connections with the outdoors.

## Core Values

Collaboration  
Stewardship  
Discovery  
Sustainability  
Leadership

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