

Inviting Public Input on the Land Conservation Plan

Public Review Expanded to Two Months



Great Blue Heron at McArthur Swamp

volumes include maps that depict conceptual plans for how the Beneficial Public Values can be preserved and enhanced.

This summer staff will begin work on Volume III of the LCP. Volume III will focus on land disposition and assignment of specific conservation easements for the properties. This Volume will be prepared over several years, and will be assembled in increments as specific parcels of land are ready for assignment to public entities and/or qualified non-profit organizations. The Stewardship Council looks forward to working with the public as the planning process for Volume III evolves.

Providing More Time for Public Input

The Stewardship Council places a high priority on public engagement and input throughout its work. The responses and contributions received from around the state have been invaluable thus far and the Council aims to ensure ongoing input is captured as the planning process nears conclusion. As a result, the time allotted for public input on the draft LCP (Volumes I & II) has been expanded to two full months anticipated to occur sometime between June and August. Watch stewardshipcouncil.org for schedule announcements.

The draft LCP (Volumes I & II) will be available for review and comment at stewardshipcouncil.org and mailed on a CD-ROM to everyone in the Council's database. The LCP will also be available in hard-copy at designated public buildings in each county. Once finalized, these locations will be identified on the Council's website.

After two years of research and development the Stewardship Council is soon to release the draft Land Conservation Plan (LCP) for public review.

The LCP provides the framework to conserve open space, natural and cultural resources, agricultural and timber uses, and public recreation on more than 140,000 acres of watershed lands. Volumes I and II of the draft LCP will be available for public comment during a two-month period this summer.

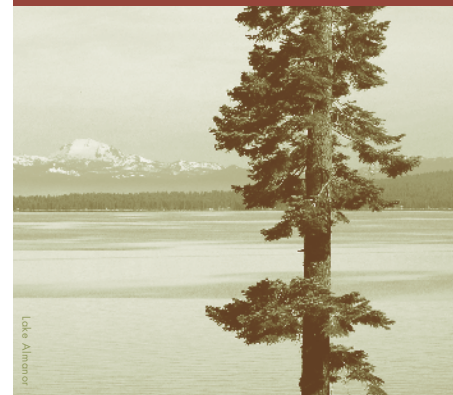
Developing the Plan

The LCP is designed as a three-volume set. Volumes I & II provide background on the land planning analysis conducted to date, and potential recommendations to preserve and enhance the watershed lands. These two volumes also address compliance with legal requirements governing the work of the Stewardship Council. With input from stakeholders and the public, these

Interested Donee Registry

The Stewardship Council invites public agencies and non-profit organizations interested in partnering with them to implement the Land Conservation Plan to register as potential "donees" to own and/or manage watershed lands at stewardshipcouncil.org.

The Registry is available now and will remain open as we move into the implementation phase of the Land Conservation Plan.



Lake Almanor

This information will form the basis of a donee database and is the first step in bringing together parties interested in the future ownership, management, and stewardship of these lands.

The registry is informational only and does not confer any commitment between the Stewardship Council and any interested party for any parcel(s) of land.

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2007 Grantmaking Plan Underway

Funding Opportunities Available Through June 1

In 2007, the Stewardship Council has targeted over \$2 million in grants as part of its mission to invest in organizations that improve the lives of young people by connecting them with the outdoors.



Community Youth Center, San Francisco

Following the success of its inaugural grantmaking year, the Stewardship Council developed its 2007 Grantmaking Plan. The Plan preserves the areas identified as most effective in 2006 while also offering significant enhancements for 2007, such as a dedicated fund for grassroots organizations (Catalyst Fund) and a separate round of giving for infrastructure projects (Infrastructure Fund). Also new in 2007, the Council will be considering multi-year grants.

Four Funds – A \$2 M Commitment

Please visit stewardshipcouncil.org to view the Requests for Proposals, application details, and more information on the grantmaking timelines for 2007.

Funding Levels and Application Deadlines

All applications are available at stewardshipcouncil.org

Grand Fund	Funding Level	Application Deadline
Catalyst Fund	Program Funding under \$10,000	Round 1: Open Feb 15 – Due March 16 Round 2: Open May 14 – Due June 15
Impact Fund	Program funding from \$15,000 to \$50,000	Open Feb 20 – Due March 23
Collaboration Fund	Program funding from \$50,000 to \$150,000	Letter of Inquiry : Open February 26 – Due March 30 Full Proposal : Open April 30 – Due May 30
Infrastructure Fund	Infrastructure funding up to \$200,000	Open May 7 – Due June 1

Earth Day 2007

On April 21, 2007, the Stewardship Council will again partner with California State Parks Foundation for its annual Earth Day Restoration and Cleanup program.

The Stewardship Council has committed funds to make park improvements to Robla Park's Sacramento Bike Trail in Sacramento. Work includes mulching trees, cleaning up abandoned camping sites and man-made debris, and removing invasive star thistle & other non-native plant species. The park aims to recruit up to 300 volunteers. The Stewardship Council board and staff

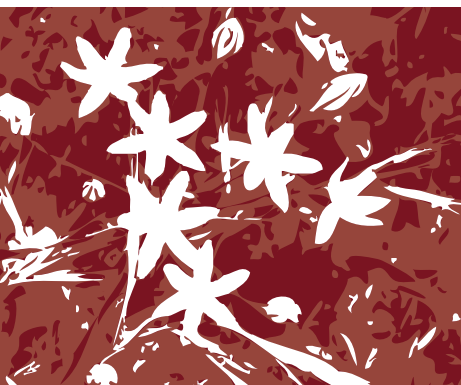
will also provide volunteer muscle to help make this day a success.

We encourage you to join us on this important occasion, and to restore and care for the places where we live, work, and play for this and future generations.

Detailed information regarding the Robla Park Project can be found on the Stewardship Council website at stewardshipcouncil.org. For more information on Earth Day 2007, contact the State Parks Foundation at 1-888-98-PARKS or visit calparks.org.

Upcoming Community Meetings

Public Comment on the Land Conservation Plan



The Stewardship Council will hold a series of community meetings accompanying the release of the draft Land Conservation Plan (LCP) this summer. These meetings will help orient the public to the document and how best to submit comments. Attendees will learn where the LCP will be available for review, hear a detailed overview of the public comment process, learn how they can submit comments, and participate in a discussion of anticipated next steps in the land disposition process.

Meeting locations are currently being finalized. Please watch for email notifications and/or visit the Stewardship Council website at stewardshipcouncil.org for upcoming details. If you are interested in hosting us for a meeting in your community, please email Meredith Thomas, Program Associate for the Land Conservation Program, at mthomas@stewardshipcouncil.org.

2007 – A Big Year for the Stewardship Council

Around the middle of last year, I found myself starting to write 2007 instead of 2006. Here at the Stewardship Council, we had spent so much of 2006 thinking and planning for 2007, I had begun to think we were already there. So it is with relief that I find myself in sync with the calendar again and in the midst of an exciting year!

Bringing California's Youth to the Great Outdoors

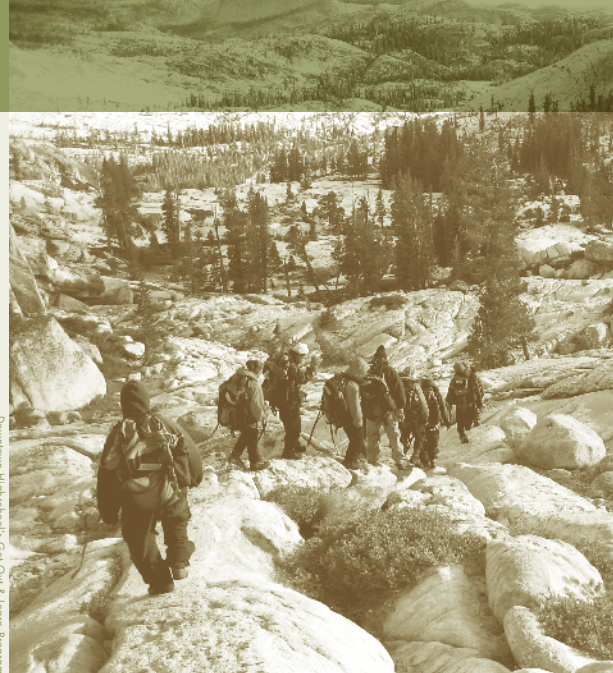
This is an important year for our youth investment and grantmaking program. We are offering another \$2 million in grants to help organizations give California kids the experience of learning in our state's extraordinary natural environment.

Land Conservation Plan Moves Forward

It's also a particularly important year for our Land Conservation Plan (LCP). The board will consider the first two volumes of the LCP this year, which will set the framework and process for protecting over 140,000



Potter Valley Watershed



Downtown High School's Get Out & Learn Program

acres of stunning and resource-rich landscapes in California. It will also be a significant step forward to meet our goal of "develop[ing] a plan for the protection of these lands for the benefit of the citizens of California."

Public Input Still Essential

In the months and years to come, we will continue to seek input from the public, resource experts, and stakeholders on how best to enhance and preserve these watershed lands. While the LCP Volumes I and II set the general framework for and approach to our land conservation efforts, implementation of the LCP will take many years to complete. As we refine our recommendations to care for these lands, meet public needs, and make land disposition recommendations (LCP, Volume III) – we will seek community input at every step.

Look to our website for information about upcoming meetings and opportunities to comment on our work, or contact us by email with any questions at info@stewardshipcouncil.org. We look forward to continuing our work and making great contributions to California in the year ahead.

Jayne Battey
Executive Director

New Board Membership

The Stewardship Council brings together the expertise of leading conservation, natural resource management, business, and public officials to undertake a historic stewardship effort for California. Please join us in welcoming Robert W. Floerke, David Glover, and Sopac (Soapy) Mulholland, as the newest members of the Stewardship Council Board of Directors.

Department of Fish and Game Appointee

Robert Floerke is the Acting Deputy Director for DFG Headquarters, Regional Operations Division. He brings nearly 33 years of experience to the Stewardship Council including implementing wildlife, fisheries, water

policy, habitat conservation, environmental review and compliance, lands management, and cooperative conservation programs throughout California.

California Public Utilities – Public Appointee

David Glover is the Executive Director of Oakland Citizen's Committee for Urban Renewal (OCCUR), a 50-year old public interest and direct service organization that develops public policy and implements programs on behalf of low to moderate income communities.

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Appointee

Soapy Mulholland serves on the Central Valley Water Board and is the Executive Director of Sequoia Riverlands Trust. She brings experience in ranch management, land development and agriculture, real estate entitlements, & land use that guide her conservation vision.

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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Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 10th 2007
1:30–4:30 pm

Sonora Opera House
250 South Washington Street
Sonora

Earth Friendly Reminder

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