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Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council

**California Public
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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.



- Land Conservation
- 141,000 acres
- 100% to be protected by easements or equivalent
- Approximately 50% of lands available for donation





Land Conservation Program

- Lands are located in nine watersheds in 22 counties
- 1,000 parcels
- Grouped into 47 planning units

4 Pilot Project Sites





Kennedy Meadows Recommendation

- In June 2009 the Stewardship Council board selected the following donees for Kennedy Meadows:
 - Tuolumne County to hold fee title
 - Mother Lode Land Trust to hold conservation easement
 - Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District (RCD) to partner with above entities



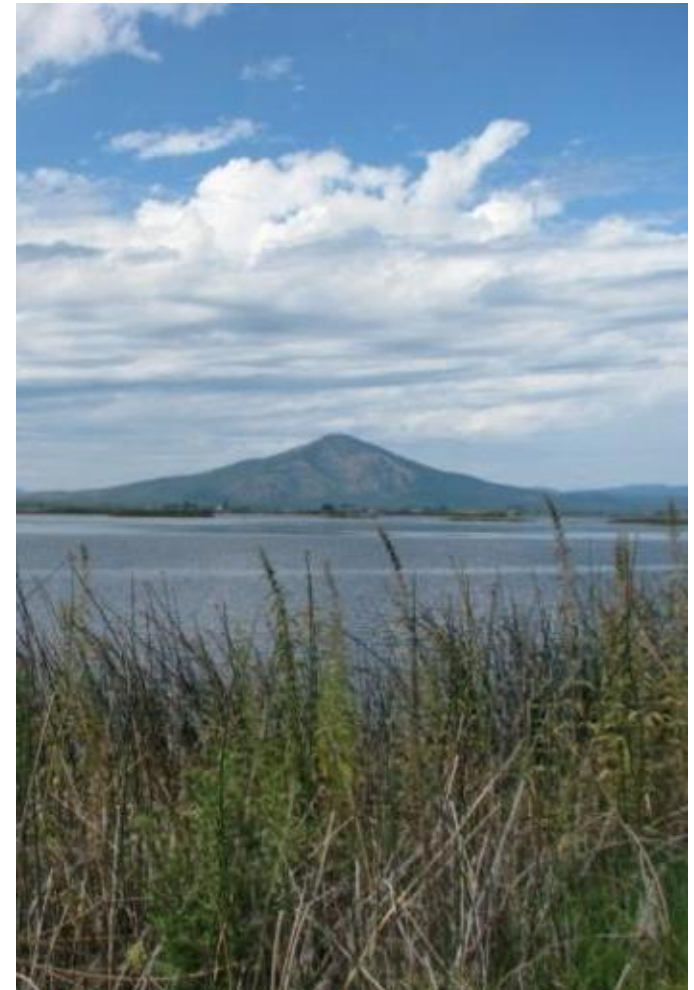
Kennedy Meadows Pilot

- Next Steps:
 - Negotiate and complete transaction agreements, including the first conservation easement
 - Stewardship Council prepares Land Conservation and Conveyance Plan
 - PG&E submits Section 851 filing to CPUC



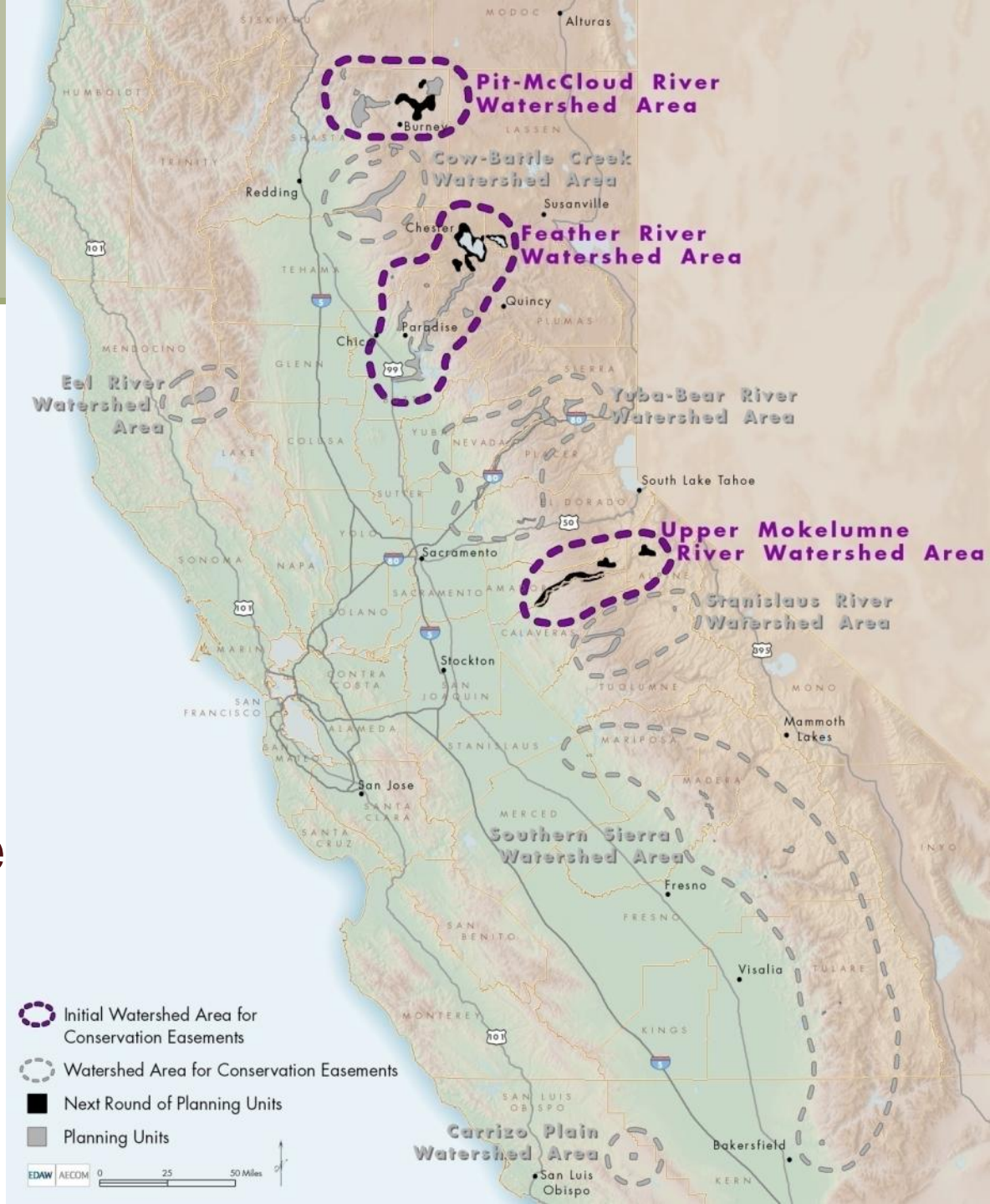
Land Conservation Program Pilot Project Update

Stewardship Council board expected to recommend prospective donees at Bucks Lake & McArthur Swamp in early 2010



Round 1 Watershed Areas

- Pit-McCloud
- Feather River
- Upper Mokelumne



Land Conservation Program Round 1



Pit McCloud River Watershed – Lake Britton Planning Unit

Land Conservation Program Round 1



Feather River Watershed – Mountain Meadows Planning Unit

Land Conservation Program Round 1



Upper Mokelumne Watershed – Blue Lakes Planning Unit



Land Conservation Program Round 1

- Conservation easement holders being selected for 20 planning units
- Fee title holders being selected initially on 11 of the 20 planning units



Land Conservation Program Round 1

- Received 27 Statements of Qualifications from 19 organizations interested in holding conservation easements



Land Conservation Program Round 1

- Received 29 Statements of Qualifications from 24 organizations interested in holding fee title



Land Conservation Program Round 1

- In October, public meetings held in watershed communities
- Excellent opportunity to listen to stakeholders' ideas about future uses of lands and desired qualifications of donees



Land Conservation Program Funding

- September 2009 - Stewardship Council Board adopted Land Conservation Program Funding Policy



Regulatory Process

- PG&E's Master 851 streamlining application
- PG&E and Stewardship Council have met with CPUC staff to prepare for first Section 851 filings expected in 2010



Financial Update

- In January 2010, Stewardship Council will receive 7th installment of PG&E ratepayer funds - \$10 million
- Total commitment of \$100 million over 10 years
- \$70 million for land conservation program
- \$30 million for youth investment program



Financial Update

Category	2009 (Budget)	2009 (Forecast)	2010 (Budget)
Youth Investment Program	3,087,202	2,992,677	3,134,304
Land Conservation Program	3,033,515	2,510,262	3,433,248
Total	\$6,120,717	\$5,502,939	\$6,567,552

2009 Youth Investment Program

Master Plan



Community Parks



Outdoor Programs

Youth Program Accomplishments



- Since 2006, more than \$8 million awarded to over 140 organizations
- Connected >100,000 youth to the outdoors

Hayes Valley Community Grows Project



Sustaining the Youth Investment Program

- Stewardship Council Board desires to sustain our youth program's important work beyond 2013





Sustaining and Expanding Youth Program

- CPUC Opinion Modifying and Approving the Proposed Settlement Agreement:
 - The CPUC expects that a portion of the PG&E ratepayer funds committed to the youth program will be used to “provide seed money that would establish a permanent program for young people who are least likely to enjoy the wonder of California’s natural beauty.”



Sustaining and Expanding Youth Program

- Proposal to establish a new nonprofit foundation to continue the success of the Stewardship Council's Youth Investment Program





Youth Investment Program Today

Youth Program Outreach:

Locations in PG&E service area where the Stewardship Council has awarded grants





Sustaining and Expanding Youth Program

- Proposal to establish new nonprofit vetted with CPUC legal staff, PG&E, and Stewardship Council in-house and outside legal counsel



Sustaining and Expanding Youth Program

- Proposed name:
 - **Foundation for Youth Investment**
 - *“Connecting California Youth to the Outdoors”*
- Mission: To provide greater resources to connect children, youth, and young adults to nature, parks, open space, and the outdoors.



Sustaining and Expanding Youth Program: Next Steps

- After final action by the Stewardship Council Board:
 - Articles of Incorporation will be filed
 - New board to be created, with initial directors appointed by Stewardship Council
 - New board would seek additional funding to leverage the funding provided to the SC by PG&E ratepayers



Stewardship Council Oversight of the Youth Program

- The Stewardship Council Board of Directors would continue to oversee the PG&E ratepayer funded youth program until the last of the \$30 million contribution has been expended
- We will continue to look for opportunities to create synergies between the Youth and Land Conservation Programs

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