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The Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council Adds Three Regional Land Conservation Managers to the Team

New staff based in Auburn and Shingletown will help develop and implement the Land Conservation Plan to ensure that 140,000 acres of California Watershed Lands are preserved

SAN MATEO, CA – The Stewardship Council, a land conservation and youth investment foundation, has recently hired three Regional Land Conservation Managers to work in Auburn and Shingletown to help implement the Land Conservation Plan. The plan, adopted by the Stewardship Council Board of Directors at the end of 2007, provides the framework for the preservation and enhancement of California watershed lands. The Regional Land Conservation Managers will work with community stakeholders to help guide the conservation and enhancement of watersheds throughout the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountains.

“The Stewardship Council is committed to moving forward with the next phase of the Land Conservation Plan to ensure these lands are protected for all Californian’s for generations to come” says Jayne Battey, Executive Director of the Stewardship Council. “We are confident that Mary, Heidi and Chantz have the experience and breadth of knowledge necessary to work directly with local communities and future owners and easement holders to ensure the lands are properly cared for in perpetuity.”

All of the Regional Land Conservation Managers will be working directly with Ric Notini, Director of Land Conservation along with Toby Perry, Program Associate who is assigned to the Doyle Springs Pilot Project. Below are the biographies of Mary Adelzadeh, Heidi Krolick and Chantz Joyce:

Mary Adelzadeh – Kennedy Meadows Pilot Project and Southern Watersheds

Mary is based in the regional office in Auburn, California, at the office of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Mary is responsible for coordinating the development and implementation of land conservation plans for the Kennedy Meadows Pilot Project and the other planning units within the Stewardship Council’s southern most watersheds.

Mary has extensive experience working with tribal, federal, and state governments, in addition to non-governmental organizations. Prior to joining the Stewardship Council, Mary served as the Environmental Director for the North Fork Mono Rancheria, a federally recognized tribe located in the Southern Sierras of California. In this role, Mary was responsible for protecting and managing tribal natural and cultural resources. As a Native American Liaison with the Bureau of

Land Management, Mary facilitated tribal consultation and helped to address multi-tribal concerns regarding the management of federal lands. Mary also worked as a training coordinator for *The Partnership Series* at the Bureau of Land Management National Training Center. In that capacity, Mary assisted in the development and coordination of team-taught interactive training workshops that focused on the ecological, social, and economic health of public lands and resource-dependent communities through community-based collaborative stewardship and partnering.

Mary earned a Master of Science degree in Resource Policy and Behavior, specializing in Conservation Biology and Ecosystem Management, from the School of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Michigan. While at graduate school, Mary was selected as a Doris Duke Conservation Fellow for her commitment to conservation in the non-profit/government sectors. Mary also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Biology and Management from the University of California, Davis.

Heidi Krolick – Bucks Lake Pilot Project and Central Watersheds

Heidi is also based in the regional office in Auburn, California. Heidi is responsible for coordinating the development and implementation of land conservation plans for the Bucks Lake Pilot Project and the other planning units within the Stewardship Council's central watersheds.

Prior to joining the Stewardship Council, Heidi acted as a Restoration Specialist and Project Manager for ECORP Consulting, Inc., a biological consulting firm based in Rocklin, Ca. Her experience includes drafting and implementing long-term management plans for open space areas, environmental permitting and compliance, and managing large-scale mitigation and restoration projects including grassland, woodland, wetland, and riparian habitats.

Heidi holds a Master of Arts degree in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management from Lincoln University in New Zealand, and Bachelor of Arts degrees in Environmental Studies and Geography from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Heidi is an active member of Toastmasters, an international public speaking and leadership organization, and enjoys opportunities to explore the outdoors with her family. In her free time, you will likely find her in the mountains of the Sierra Nevada hiking, backpacking or snowshoeing with her husband and their two dogs.

Chantz Joyce– McArthur Swamp and Northern Watersheds

Chantz is based in the regional office in Shingletown, California. Chantz is responsible for coordinating the development and implementation of land conservation plans for the McArthur Swamp Pilot Project and the other planning units within the Stewardship Councils northern most watersheds.

Chantz is licensed with the State of California as a Registered Professional Forester and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from Humboldt State University. Before joining the Stewardship Council, Chantz was a Staff Forester with W.M. Beaty & Associates and was

responsible for managing timber harvest plan preparation and implementation on certified forests, including fuels reduction projects, sustained yield plans, road management plans, and water quality monitoring projects.

Chantz is committed to professional involvement and continuing education and has been actively involved with the Cow Creek Watershed Management Group, Bear Creek Watershed Management Group, the Western Shasta RCD, and in April 2008 completed a term as President of the California Licensed Foresters Association. Born in Newman in the Central Valley of California, Chantz grew up camping, hiking, and fishing many of the lands the Stewardship Council is currently charged with conserving.

ABOUT THE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

The Stewardship Council is a collaborative land conservation and youth investment foundation. Its mandate includes evaluating and providing recommendations for the conservation of over 140,000 acres of watershed lands (currently owned by PG&E) spread across 22 counties, as well as developing and implementing community-based park and environmental education opportunities for underserved youth. For more information Stewardship Council, please visit: www.stewardshipcouncil.org.