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**STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET IN OAKLAND
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2010
PUBLIC ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND PROVIDE INPUT**

Retention of lands by PG&E, Donation of Lands to the USFS and BLM, Carrizo Plain Land Exchange, Sierra Nevada Conservancy Third Party Role to be Reviewed

WHAT: The Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council, a land conservation and youth investment foundation, announces its board of directors meeting to be held in Oakland on Thursday, Sept 16, 2010. The Stewardship Council Board of Directors may take action on the following agenda items:

- A proposal that the following nine planning units be retained by PG&E in their entirety:
 - Auberry Service Center
 - Butt Valley
 - Chili Bar
 - Iron Canyon Reservoir
 - Lake McCloud
 - Merced River
 - Middle Fork Stanislaus River
 - Kilarc
 - Philbrook Reservoir
- A proposal that the US Forest Service be the prospective donee of fee title for seven parcels of land located in the following planning units:
 - Bass Lake
 - Deer Creek
 - Kern River
 - Wishon Reservoir
 - North Fork Feather River
 - Kings River
- A proposal that the Bureau of Land Management be the prospective donee for one parcel located in the Oroville planning unit.
- A requested delegation of authority to the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) regarding certain third party roles the SNC might carry out to implement the Land Conservation Commitment, including

the role of holding a conservation covenant on any watershed lands transferred to the US Forest Service.

- A Watershed Planning Committee recommendation to support PG&E seeking the approval of the California Public Utilities Commission and the federal bankruptcy court to amend the Settlement Agreement to take the PG&E Carrizo Plain property out of the Land Conservation Commitment. Removing the PG&E Carrizo Plain property from the Land Conservation Commitment would allow PG&E to pursue a land exchange under which the 655-acre PG&E site would be acquired by First Solar, Inc., in exchange for two privately-owned parcels totaling approximately 1,200 acres and located within the Carrizo Plain National Monument. It is anticipated that the 1,200 acres would be donated to the Bureau of Land Management and permanently protected as part of the Carrizo Plain National Monument, and that the 655-acre site would be incorporated into a proposed solar facility.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and provide feedback and suggestions to the board.

WHEN: Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010
1:30 – 5 p.m.

WHERE: Preservation Park – Nile Hall
668 13th Street
Oakland, Calif.

EDITORS: Media interested in attending or covering these meetings should contact Bronwyn Hogan at (650) 344-9072 or bhogan@stewardshipcouncil.org.

The Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council (Stewardship Council) is a private, nonprofit foundation. Established in 2004, its mission is to protect and enhance watershed lands and uses, and invest in efforts to improve the lives of young Californians through connections with the outdoors. The Stewardship Council brings together the expertise of leading conservation, natural resource management, business, and public officials to undertake a historic conservation effort for California. Our core values are collaboration, stewardship, discovery, sustainability and leadership.

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