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Stewardship Council Executive Director Jayne Battey to Depart Organization in January 2009

San Mateo, CA – Jayne Battey today announced that she will be leaving the Stewardship Council early in 2009. Battey joined the Stewardship Council as its first Executive Director in 2005. She has served as Executive Director for four years and has indicated that although she loves her job and the organization, she is ready for a new challenge.

“The Stewardship Council will leave a lasting legacy for the state of California and I’m honored to have had the opportunity to help shape it,” says Battey. “We’ve built a strong team and I am confident that the organization will successfully carry out our mission in the years to come.”

The Board of Directors of the Stewardship Council will conduct a national search for this highly desirable position. The next Executive Director will not only help lead the next phase of land conservation, but will also play a crucial role in shaping the Stewardship Council’s legacy of connecting California’s youth to the outdoors. The Board hopes to have a new Executive Director in place by early-January 2009.

“The Stewardship Council is well-positioned to make important contributions to California in the years ahead,” said Michael R. Peevey, President of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). “The organization has developed a body of learning under Jayne’s leadership that will not only help guide our current efforts in land conversation and youth investment, but will also provide the incoming Executive Director a solid scope and mission going forward.”

During Ms. Battey’s tenure, a strong consensus model of governance and land conservation has been created and implemented – serving as a model for other conservation processes. She has successfully worked with a Board of Directors representing a unique cross-section of California’s business, regulatory, and environmental communities; and she has provided strong leadership to ensure consensus decision-making. To date, the organization has developed and adopted the first two volumes of a Land Conservation Plan designed to ensure the permanent protection of more than 140,000 acres of watershed lands located across 22 counties. Within the next 12 months, the first conservation documents are expected to be put in place. Additionally, over the past two and a half years, the Stewardship Council has awarded more than \$4 million in grants to organizations that connect California youth with the outdoors; another \$2 million is expected to be awarded before the year is out.

“Jayne will be sorely missed at the Stewardship Council, but we wish her well in future endeavors,” said Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman, President of the Stewardship Council Board of Directors. “Jayne brought a unique blend of expertise and leadership to the Board, the staff and our stakeholders that will leave a positive, lasting effect on the Stewardship Council.”

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 on the Stewardship Council, please visit: www.stewardshipcouncil.org.

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