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**STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTS KENNEDY MEADOWS
PROSPECTIVE DONEE RECOMMENDATION**

Selection of Donees is First Step Towards Negotiating Final Land Transaction

San Mateo, Calif., June 11, 2009 - At its June 10 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council, a collaborative land conservation and youth investment foundation, endorsed the selection of the prospective donees for the Kennedy Meadows planning unit. The selected donees are:

- The Mother Lode Land Trust to become holder of a conservation easement on the property.
- The County of Tuolumne to hold fee title to the property.
- The Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District as a participant in the future land management and enhancement activities.

The Kennedy Meadows planning unit is one of four pilot projects and is comprised of 240 acres of scenic high sierra meadow, forest, and native cottonwood habitat in Tuolumne County.

“We look forward to working with the selected organizations and other potential land conservation partners in the negotiation of final terms and development of a plan for the long-term stewardship of Kennedy Meadows,” said Executive Director Allene Zanger. “All parties have pledged to collaborate with each other to preserve these lands treasured by local residents and visitors from far and wide.”

This is a preliminary recommendation regarding the selection of prospective donees. The recommendation includes initial terms, which are expected to form the basis for subsequent negotiations with the prospective donees leading to a comprehensive Land Conservation and Conveyance Plan (LCCP). The LCCP will describe the future management and conservation requirements for the Kennedy Meadows Planning Unit. Once the recommendation is finalized under the Stewardship Council bylaws, the prospective donees will engage in negotiation of specific legal agreements that will form a key part of the draft LCCP. The final decision regarding the selection of the donees is contingent upon the negotiations with PG&E and completion of the Land Conservation Conveyance Plan.

The negotiation and due diligence process is intended to provide the Stewardship Council with sufficient information to make a final recommendation of the prospective donees to receive fee title and the conservation easement on the property. Adoption of the LCCP is the final step in the

Stewardship Council's process in selecting the donees. The proposed LCCP will be made available for public review and comment before it is approved by the Stewardship Council board.

To read the complete recommendation, please click on
http://www.stewardshipcouncil.org/land_conservation/pilot/kennedy_meadows.htm

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. A unique and collaborative endeavor, the Stewardship Council's Board of Directors unites a broad range of interests to guide the development and execution of a Land Conservation Program and a Youth Investment Program to benefit current and future generations of Californians. Our core values are collaboration, stewardship, discovery, sustainability and leadership.

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