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The Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council Grows to Accommodate the Next Phase of Land Conservation and Youth Investment

Three new staff join the senior team to 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 Ric Notini as the Director of Land Conservation and David Moyce as the General Counsel, to help implement the Land Conservation Plan. The plan, adopted by the Stewardship Council Board of Directors at the end of last year, provides the framework for the preservation and enhancement of California watershed lands. Steve Hagler, was also promoted to the senior team as the Director of Youth Investment and will support efforts to improve the lives of young Californians through connections with the outdoors.

“The Stewardship Council will bring together an unprecedented diversity of interests to conserve and enhance 140,000 acres of the most beautiful forests and watersheds throughout the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountain ranges,” says Jayne Battey, Executive Director of the Stewardship Council. “We are confident that Ric and David will guide the implementation of the Land Conservation Plan to ensure that the process of land disposition is fair, comprehensive and inclusive. Steve’s experience with the youth investment program will additionally guarantee that a youth connection to the land is a key element of this process.”

Below are the biographies of Ric Notini, David Moyce and Steve Hagler.

RIC NOTINI, Director of Land Conservation:

Ric will manage the development and implementation of the Land Conservation Plan, created to ensure that more than 140,000 acres of watershed lands are conserved in perpetuity for the people of California.

Ric brings a wealth of public and private sector experience in land use and environmental management to the position. Before joining the Stewardship Council, he managed the planning stage of the Concord Naval Weapons Station’s conversion from military to civilian uses. From 2001 to 2005, he managed the environmental planning and permitting of the new University of California, Merced campus, including the development and implementation of a major regional conservation plan. He has also served as Environmental Manager for Chiron Corporation, Director of Environmental Services for Catellus Development Corporation, and Chief of the Site

Remediation Program for the northern California region of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.

Actively involved in his community, Ric served for three years on the board of the Orinda Youth Association and one year as president of the 1,800-swimmer Orinda-Moraga recreational swimming program.

Ric holds a Masters of Science degree in Water Science from the University of California, Davis, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

DAVID MOYCE, General Counsel:

David Moyce will provide legal counsel to Executive Director and management teams for the Youth Investment and the Land Conservation Programs. David will also oversee land transactions, compliance with legal requirements and agreements.

An attorney with more than 20 years in practice, David was formerly associated with the law firms of Folger, Levin & Kahn and Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass. Before joining the Stewardship Council, he served as Deputy General Counsel of KQED Public Television and Radio in San Francisco.

Born in San Bernardino, California, David attended public schools and received both his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of California, Berkeley. While attending UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law, he was an editor of the California Law Review, which published his comment on immigration law. He also held externships at the San Francisco District Attorney's Consumer Fraud Unit and the California Court of Appeal.

David's legal background includes several years of experience in nonprofit corporate law and real estate law, as well as a broad legal background drawn from his experience as in-house counsel for both nonprofit organizations and for-profit companies.

STEVE HAGLER, Director of Youth Investment

Steve Hagler was recently promoted to Director of Youth Investment as part of the Stewardship Council's senior team. He is responsible for supporting efforts to improve the lives of young Californians through connections with the outdoors. Mr. Hagler facilitates the Stewardship Council's grant program for parks and youth organizations throughout Northern and Central California. Over the next ten years, the program will award \$30 million in grants and other resources to enrich the lives of youth in both urban and rural areas. Since 2006, the Youth Investment Program has invested more than of \$4.3 million in grants to nearly 100 organizations.

Mr. Hagler brings substantial experience in education programming to his role. Prior to joining the Stewardship Council, Mr. Hagler spent 15 years with the San Francisco Unified School District, helping raise the level of academic achievement and personal growth of low performing youth through outdoor and experiential education programs in San Francisco schools. From 2004 to 2005, he served as a teacher on special assignment, teaching and developing experiential and

outdoor education programs for the district's county and continuation high schools. He also worked in the district's Risk Management Office, where he helped create outdoor and experiential education field trip protocols. In 1991, Mr. Hagler founded the Galileo Outdoor Adventures Program (GOAPe) and utilized experiential education and intervention methodologies to teach and engage at-risk youth.

Mr. Hagler is an active member of his local community. He has held leadership positions in many youth-focused organizations, including the San Francisco Police Wilderness Program Board, the West Region of the Association of Experiential Education and the Presidio Stewardship Program.

Mr. Hagler holds a Masters of Education degree and teaching credentials from San Francisco State University. He is credentialed in the social sciences and as a Language Development Specialist. He was awarded a Certificate of Completion from Headlands Institute's Environmental Educators Training Program. Mr. Hagler received a Bachelor of Arts degree in United States History from the University of California, Berkeley.

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.