

7. **Youth Investment Committee** – Mike Schonherr, Co-Chair of the Youth Investment Committee, will provide an update on the committee's work including a report on the annual performance evaluation of the committee. Mr. Schonherr will then ask Steve Hagler, Director of Youth Investment, to provide an update on the Youth Investment Program.
8. **Watershed Planning Committee** – Soapy Mulholland, Chair of the Watershed Planning Committee, will review the recent work of the committee, including a report on the annual performance evaluation of the committee. Ms. Mulholland will then ask Ric Notini, Director of Land Conservation, to provide an update on the work of the Land Conservation Program.

Ms. Mulholland will then review a recommendation from the Watershed Planning Committee that Plumas County be the prospective recipient of fee title to approximately 57 acres of land available for donation within one parcel (Parcel 423) in the Lake Almanor planning unit, subject to compliance with all of the requirements of the Land Conservation Commitment **(ACTION)**.

At this time, the board will hear public comments regarding the committee's recommendation pertaining to donation of fee title to the above stated watershed lands.

Ms. Mulholland will then review several recommendations from the Watershed Planning Committee pertaining to conservation easement holders on the watershed lands:

- a) That Ducks Unlimited be selected as the prospective organization to hold a conservation easement over all the lands in the Fall River Valley planning unit **(ACTION)**.
- b) That Ducks Unlimited be selected as the prospective organization to hold a conservation easement over all the lands in the Hat Creek planning unit **(ACTION)**.
- c) That Ducks Unlimited be selected as the prospective organization to hold a conservation easement over all the lands in the McArthur Swamp planning unit **(ACTION)**.
- d) That Ducks Unlimited be selected as the prospective organization to hold a conservation easement over all the lands in the Middle Fork Stanislaus River planning unit **(ACTION)**.
- e) That Ducks Unlimited be selected as the prospective organization to hold a conservation easement over all the lands in the Philbrook Reservoir planning unit **(ACTION)**.

- f) That the Feather River Land Trust be selected as the prospective organization to hold a conversation easement over all the lands in the Lake Almanor planning unit **(ACTION)**.
- g) That the Western Shasta Resource Conservation District be selected as the prospective organization to hold a conversation easement over all the lands in the Kilarc planning unit **(ACTION)**.

At this time, the board will hear public comments regarding the committee's recommendations pertaining to conservation easement holders on the above stated watershed lands.

9. Final Public Comment – Members of the public may address the board relating to any matter within the work of the Stewardship Council. The Council asks people wishing to speak to: 1) fill out speaker cards; and 2) turn in speaker cards to staff. Speakers will be limited to **3 minutes**.

10. Board Member Announcements and Items – Council members are given the opportunity to raise issues or communicate news or topics of interest.

11. Adjourn Public Meeting



STAFF REPORT

To: Stewardship Council Board

From: Steve Hagler, Director of Youth Investment

Date: February 9, 2011

RE: Youth Investment Program Activities and Recommendations to the Board

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Outdoor Youth Providers Database is live and now being populated with data
- 2011 Grantmaking: Catalyst and Impact Fund applications now open
- Outdoor Educators Institute (OEI) takes form
- Outdoor Youth Provider Summit, Golden Gate Club April 26 – 27
- Youth Investment Program staff participated in a local school board recognition for the Children & Nature Network Natural Teachers Award winners

OUTDOOR YOUTH PROVIDERS DATABASE

The Stewardship Council funded the development of the Outdoor Youth Providers Database in response to a field-wide knowledge gap described by outdoor youth program providers and agencies that are working to connect youth to the outdoors. The common complaint is that there is not a centralized database that allows you to understand which organizations are working with which youth. The inability to understand what type of programs are in a city or region, and to fully understand where a population may have lots of resources or none, causes inefficiencies in program delivery. In addition, program staff are clamoring for a way to understand the pipeline of participants that are able to enter their programs and where their alumni might be able to go once they have completed their program.

The Outdoor Youth Providers Database (www.outdooryouthproviders.org) was built to help providers bridge this knowledge gap. Providers join the network and enter their programs into the database. Each organization shows up on a Google Map that gives a viewer a quick and visual way to understand the programs in their geographic area. Moreover, the database is searchable, so you can find programs by many different criteria such as age, zip code, type of program, etc. Staff is currently conducting outreach to populate the database with Stewardship Council grantees as a starting point. As we conduct this soft launch, we are also reaching out to our other partner organizations to solicit their input as well.

2011 GRANT FUNDS UPDATE

The 2011 Grantmaking Plan and the specific Request for Proposals (RFP) have been available since the end of 2010. In early January, the online application grant system opened for the 2011 Round 1 of the Impact Fund (up to \$50,000 in award request) and Catalyst Fund (up to \$15,000 in award request).



Staff continues to offer both in person and online grantseeker workshops throughout the application period. Workshops have been held in Sacramento, San Francisco, and Oakland. Teleconference calls are also scheduled.

There will be a second round of program grant funds available in the spring. The Catalyst Fund Round 2 deadline is June 3, 2011. The Impact Fund Round 2 deadline is June 10, 2011. Infrastructure Fund grant applications are due July 29, 2011. Interested grantseekers should visit our website at: www.stewardshipcouncil.org.

OUTDOOR EDUCATORS INSTITUTE

The Outdoor Educators Institute (OEI) is an initiative grant provided to the Foundation for Youth Investment (FYI) to create and manage an institute to address the persistent lack of culturally relevant and qualified outdoor program instructors working with urban, underserved children and youth. This shortage has made outdoor programming more difficult to access for non-traditional outdoor users. FYI held a kick-off meeting with a select group of organizations to help think through how to move the institute forward. As this initiative takes on more concrete steps, we will continue to keep you informed of its progress.

OUTDOOR PROVIDER SUMMIT, GOLDEN GATE CLUB – APRIL 26 AND 27

In late April, there will be a working summit of outdoor youth providers to address the issue of cultural relevancy in outdoor programming. The summit will be held at the Presidio National Park and will be co-sponsored with the Presidio Trust. The goal of the summit is create a working strategy for addressing the growing need for increased cultural relevancy in outdoor programs.

NATURAL TEACHERS AWARDS

The Stewardship Council sponsored a pilot awards and recognition program of the Children & Nature Network called the Natural Teachers Award. The award identified and honored teachers who are using the outdoors and nature to enhance learning, achieve academic excellence, and inspire curiosity, observation and problem-solving in their students. The top honors went to Larry Volpe from Santa Clara. Merit winners included: Halo Shapiro-Smart of Redwood City, Rona Zollinger of Martinez, and Dennis Dowling of San Jose. All of the award winners were acknowledged during an official meeting of their respective school boards and Youth Investment Program staff has been on hand to provide gratitude and thanks to the teachers and school boards.