

**Bear River, Chili Bar, Fordyce Lake, Lake Spaulding,
Lower Drum, and Narrows Planning Units
Public Information Meeting
Auburn Parks and Recreation District Community Center - Auburn, CA
April 14, 2011 - 3:00 to 6:00pm**

A public information meeting was hosted by the Stewardship Council on April 14, 2011 at the Auburn Parks and Recreation District Community Center in Auburn, California. The meeting concerned the following six planning units: Bear River, Chili Bar, Fordyce Lake, Lake Spaulding, Lower Drum, and Narrows. A total of 58 people attended and participated in the meeting, representing a wide variety of interests, including local and federal governments, community organizations, and community members. The meeting was advertised via an e-mail sent to contacts in our database, an announcement posted on the Stewardship Council's web site, a press release in the local newspaper, and a postcard sent to all landowners on record that reside within one mile of any PG&E parcel associated with the six planning units that were the focus of the meeting.

The purpose of this meeting was to: (1) provide a review and update on the Stewardship Council's Land Conservation Program; and, (2) solicit additional public input on future stewardship of the six planning units.

During the meeting, participants were invited to ask questions and provide comments on the six planning units. Stations were set up with maps, other pertinent information, and easels with blank paper. Below is a summary of the notes that were recorded on the easels and provided on comment cards.

Bear River

- The Bear Valley Meadow area in Parcel 839 provides many public recreation opportunities year round, making it the "crown jewel" of the area
- Protect archaeological/cultural sites and provide interpretation of these sites if appropriate
- Develop a trail and trailhead off Hwy 20 (with parking and restrooms) to Rollins Lake Reservoir
- Prohibit OHV use in the meadow area and provide enforcement
- Support PG&E partnerships with conservation organizations to restore, preserve, and enhance recreation opportunities
- Ensure consistent land ownership and management to protect the integrity of the ecosystem
- Prevent the upstream migration of *Didymosphenia G*, an invasive algae that adversely affects fisheries
- Provide trail easements to support the development of a trail along the Bear River, as proposed to FERC in the "Integrated Bear River Concept"
- Develop a trailhead and loop trails in the area north of Drum Forebay up to Bear Valley and the Sierra Discovery Trail
- Install hitching posts at the Sierra Discovery Trail

- Maintain vehicle access to all parcels for hunting, fishing, recreation, firewood collecting, etc.
- The conservation easement should be flexible to adapt over time
- For each of the beneficial public values, define the level of sustainability that will occur by parcel, planning unit, and watershed

Fordyce Lake

- Incorporate donated lands into adjacent wilderness area
- Support for the lands available for donation to be transferred to the US Forest Service
- Coordinate enhancements with the Overland Emigrant Trail Project on Parcels 792 and 793

Lake Spaulding

- Protect existing roadless areas and restrict vehicle use on lands surrounding Upper and Lower Rock Lakes, Culbertson Lake, and Lindsey Lakes (Parcels 803 – 807)
- Support transfer of lands to an entity that would restrict vehicle traffic to present levels
- Continue to allow public use of existing roads
- Protect water quality of the lake from road salt runoff
- Maintain public access for recreation (hiking, fishing, and camping)
- Support for lands available for donation to be transferred to the US Forest Service
- Rely on existing laws to protect sensitive wildlife and archaeological resources
- Continue to limit motorized access on restricted roads near Lindsey Lakes and Culbertson Lake to protect wildlife habitat and migration

Lower Drum

- Develop an equestrian trail on Parcel 876 from Halsey Afterbay to Halsey Forebay, Sugar Pine Mountain Trail, and Winchester Trail
- Some areas are extremely overgrown and in need of fire prevention treatment
- Support for Placer County to acquire Parcel 871 in order to establish a riparian recreation area
- Develop a trail that would provide access to the entire planning unit
- Enhance recreation in the Rock Creek Reservoir area for nearby residents
- Develop a baseball field northeast of Halsey Afterbay on Parcel 888
- Support for the lands available for donation to be transferred to the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District
- Improve fishing access on Parcels 877 and 878 (the area between Rollins Reservoir and Hwy 174)

Narrows

- Support for the lands available for donation to be transferred to the University of California
- Protection of anadromous fish is crucial

Chili Bar

- Support for PG&E retention of this property

General Comments

- Mineral resources should be included as a beneficial public value
- Lands available for donation should be transferred to an entity that will preserve and enhance public access
- Provide adequate time for the public to review and provide comments on the land stewardship proposals, proposed donee recommendations, and conservation easements
- Understand that all of the parcels have a history of land use and are no longer pristine
- Provide parcel-specific goals to promote public understanding and comment