

Blue Lakes Planning Unit Public Information Meeting
Turtle Rock Park Community Center - Markleeville, CA
October 8, 2009 - 3:00 to 5:00pm

A public information meeting for the Blue Lakes Planning Unit was hosted by the Stewardship Council on October 8, 2009 at the Turtle Rock Park Community Center outside of Markleeville, California. A total of 18 people attended and participated in the meeting, representing a wide variety of interests, including local and federal governments; community organizations; and local businesses. The primary purpose of this meeting was to solicit public input on the development of the Land Conservation and Conveyance Plans (LCCP) to preserve and enhance the Blue Lakes Planning Unit. The Stewardship Council will consider all public input.

During the meeting, a discussion was guided by staff, focusing on two topics: 1) the potential priority measures proposed for the Blue Lakes Planning Unit and 2) important qualifications of future land owners and conservation easements holders. Comments that were recorded on the flip-chart are listed below. Please note that comments received and recorded at the meeting do not necessarily represent consensus among meeting participants.

Potential priority measures to preserve and enhance the BPVs

- Identify and catalog natural heritage sites (in addition to pre-historic and historical resources)
- Survey natural resources and evaluate for potential educational opportunities (natural resource attractions such as scenic or geologic values)
- Enhance parking areas and boat ramps (on PG&E retained lands)
- Assess opportunity for additional day use parking (below Lower and Upper Blue Lakes and at the Twin Lakes trail head)
- Enhance recreation management planning (in coordination with PG&E)
- Develop a non-industrial timber management plan
- Develop a management plan for open space and outdoor recreation (in addition to management plans developed for the other BPVs)
- Ensure adequate facilities prior to providing additional youth opportunities
- Provide equestrian access (for overnights)

Important qualifications of future landowners and conservation easement holders.

- Track record to manage lands and multiple uses
- Ability and interest in collaboration
- Financial capability to carry out management
- Local office/accessible representative
- Truly multi-use organization