

**Eel River Planning Unit
Public Information Meeting
Ukiah Valley Conference Center - Ukiah, CA
April 27, 2011 - 4:00 to 6:30pm**

A public information meeting was hosted by the Stewardship Council on April 27, 2011 at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center in Ukiah, California. The meeting focused on the Eel River planning unit. A total of 15 people attended and participated in the meeting, representing a wide variety of interests including local, tribal, 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 Eel River planning unit.

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 Eel River planning unit.

During the meeting, participants were invited to ask questions and provide comments on the Eel River planning unit. 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.

- Whitewater rafting studies are not as important as wildlife viewing and education facilities (there is some rafting on Trout Creek, but not whitewater)
- Support for the development of a cultural resource center or museum
- Protect the two Osprey nesting sites along the Eel River
- The old-growth forest along Trout Creek drainage (Parcels 744, 745 and 746) should be protected from any harvesting, even sustainable harvesting