

**Lyons Reservoir, Merced River, and Middle Fork Stanislaus Planning Units  
Public Information Meeting  
Sonora Opera Hall – Sonora, CA  
March 31, 2011 - 3:00 to 6:00 pm**

A public information meeting was hosted by the Stewardship Council on March 31, 2011 at the Sonora Opera Hall in Sonora, California. The meeting concerned the following three planning units: Lyons Reservoir, Merced River, and Middle Fork Stanislaus. A total of 22 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 three 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 three planning units.

During the meeting, participants were invited to ask questions and provide comments on the three 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.

**Lyons Reservoir**

- Concern expressed about OHV impacts to the land around Lyons Reservoir, particularly on the northern end
- Concern expressed about the lack of law enforcement around Lyons Reservoir which results in illegal campfires and littering, especially on the western side
- In the past, the gate on the northern most point of Parcel 1027 has been vandalized, allowing unauthorized uses on this parcel
- Clean riverbanks and improve riparian habitat in Parcels 1024 - 1027
- Support for Parcel 1019 to transfer to Tuolumne Utilities District, as they already manage public resources there
- Transfer lands to an entity that values meadow habitat
- Support for the lands available for donation to transfer to the US Forest Service (maybe with the Department of Fish and Game as a partner) because they are already patrolling the area
- Protect great gray owls, which have been sighted in Lyons Reservoir area and Rushing Meadows
- Restore riparian areas along the South Fork Stanislaus River

*No comments were received pertaining specifically to the Merced River or Middle Fork Stanislaus planning units.*