



CREATING A LEGACY OF LASTING CONSERVATION

Stewardship Council
Annual Report 2021

Cornflowers decorate the sloped landscape in Fall River Valley, Shasta County. This flower is named for its intense blue color, and although nonnative, it is beloved by home gardeners and pollinators like bees and butterflies. Stewardship Council, Megan Tolbert (SC), 2021.



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2021 brought us closer to our goals of protecting 140,000 acres of Watershed Lands and supporting land stewardship as well as providing meaningful opportunities for youth. Despite saying good-bye in February 2022 to our cherished Executive Director, Heidi Krolick, as she embarked on a new role in conservation, in 2021 she led our work with dedicated partners toward achieving these goals. Our land conservation priorities continue to focus on preserving and enhancing the following six beneficial public values: natural habitat of fish, wildlife and plants; open space; outdoor recreation; agricultural uses; sustainable forestry; and historic and cultural values. The importance of stewarding these special Watershed Lands will have lasting effects far into the future.

Our dedicated Board of Directors and staff reached the end of 2021 celebrating four transactions that closed escrow in late December, bringing the total to eight escrow closings for the year. A huge milestone in 2021 was the completion of the ten fee title donations to the US Forest Service that totaled over 4,500 acres. The Stewardship Council's efforts also resulted in the transfer of 296 acres from PG&E to the Maidu Summit Consortium at the Lake Almanor Wetlands property. The land now underlying Lake Almanor, known as Big Meadow, is part of the ancestral territory of the Maidu people where entire villages once stood. The Wetlands property provides opportunities for healing and practice of traditional ecological knowledge. There are four remaining land transfers to Native American tribal entities yet to close escrow, and when completed will total approximately 8,200 acres transferred from PG&E to tribal entities.



Our environmental enhancement program continues to fund projects that benefit the Watershed Lands. One project that stands out is Sky Mountain Outdoor Education Center (OEC) in Placer County, donated to the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE). The conservation easement for Sky Mountain OEC property covering approximately 63 acres is held by the Wildlife Heritage

Foundation. The Stewardship Council invested in outdoor education and youth leadership with the approval of a five million dollar grant to SJCOE to purchase and upgrade the camp, the largest amount awarded to date to any organization through our enhancement grant program. The camp will be utilized as an environmental and science camp connecting youth to the outdoors, while also providing an ideal location for professional development and team building for educational staff. We strongly support SJCOE's vision to inspire a lifelong curiosity of nature and to develop a new generation of innovative, ecologically literate community stewards and leaders.

Our 2021 Annual Report includes Land Program highlights, an update on Justice Outside's important impact, and a report on our organizational finances. We share stories of 2021's successes including enhancement grant projects and partnerships that make this work possible.

We look forward to continuing our work for two more years, reaching a pinnacle of success for Stewardship Council's mission, one we hope creates a lasting legacy of land conservation and outdoor youth development.

Sincerely,

Erin Healy



STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL - STAFF



Stewardship Council Staff met weekly via videoconference, sometimes with greater levity. 2021.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL BOARD

The Stewardship Council’s Board of Directors (Board) is composed of representatives of a diverse group of organizations including state and federal agencies, water agencies, tribal and rural interests, forestry interests, conservation organizations, the California Public Utilities Commission, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MEMBER POSITIONS

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PARTNER FEATURE

A GOLD NUGGET IN THE MOTHER
LODE SOIL, ELLIE ROUTT

You may see Ellie Routt riding to a property atop horseback to get a proper peek at vegetation density. Or, perhaps paddling in a kayak to inspect the Bass Lake shoreline up close on a monitoring visit. Or in her trusty four-wheel drive covering miles of dirt roads past PG&E access gates on the way to the North Fork Mokelumne properties.

As Executive and Stewardship Director for Mother Lode Land Trust (MLLT) since 2007, Routt is a dynamic Amador County native that wears many hats, and MLLT is just the start. This mom of two teens not only has a small farm, but she is also the President of the Volcano Community Association, a volunteer Youth Trap Shooting Coach, and volunteers with local agencies to restore ecosystems and provides rangeland and natural resources management consulting. Ellie’s work nurtures a legacy of managing today for the health of her community tomorrow as well as for her children’s future.

MLLT primarily holds conservation easements on over 12,500 acres, including approximately 8,200 acres of PG&E Watershed Lands in Amador, Alpine, El Dorado and Tuolumne Counties, and owns over one thousand acres of land. The MLLT Board is small and smart – they are political leaders and deeply connected with the local people and their future, and share a deep appreciation for the natural character of their region with the North Fork Mokelumne River Watershed at the core. Routt holds a degree in Range Science and Management from Humboldt State University. You can learn more about MLLT’s work online at www.motherlodelandtrust.org.



A PASSIONATE LIFE, LARRY MYERS



Larry Myers, Pomo tribe member, is the tribal representative on the Stewardship Council Board of Directors. He joined the board in December of 2004 and immediately volunteered for the Watershed Planning Committee where he would have the greatest opportunity to assist tribes that wished to apply for fee title to PG&E Watershed Lands. He has been a valuable asset to the Stewardship Council and tribal entity partners, helping the parties work toward compromise. The result is thousands of acres of lands returned to tribes with conservation easements that protect the land in perpetuity.

Larry grew up on the Pinoleville Indian Rancheria in Ukiah, California. His mother was a powerful role model. Her lawsuit

against the federal government (Hardwick Case) overturned federal termination of rancherias and paved the way for 17 tribes to become federally recognized, including his ancestral home in Pinoleville. Larry received his BA in Sociology in 1967 from San Jose State College, then he volunteered for the Army and served in Vietnam as an interrogator. After his discharge, he worked for UC Berkeley as the Native American Counselor in the Education Opportunity Program. From there, he went to the University of Utah where he received his M.A. in Management. While there, he helped recruit Native American students into the program.

Larry served as the executive secretary for the Native American Heritage Commission for over 20 years working for various governors. At this job, he brought people together creating an inclusive interweaving of tribes, developers, staff, and key decision makers to develop procedures to protect Native American burials and cultural resources. In addition to managing a statewide program, he became a member of the task force to build a California Indian Heritage Center located at

the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers. Also, he had a major role in the development, design and construction of the Native American Seal on the west steps of the State Capitol.

After his retirement Larry became the chair of the California Indian Heritage Center Foundation. The purpose of the foundation is to raise money for the construction of the heritage center and assist CA Department of Parks and Recreation in making the center a place that California Native Americans will want to visit and spend time. Larry ensures, “It will be a place where California Native Americans will have control over their cultural resources and how they are interpreted and displayed.”

It seems Larry was destined to be involved in the return of PG&E lands back to the Pit River Tribe. After his return from Vietnam in 1970, he attended a Pit River rally in Burney where the Pit River people demanded PG&E return lands to the tribe. Some 50 years later, Larry was active in the Stewardship Council’s decisions to return approximately 6,000 acres of land to the Pit River Tribe.

Larry is passionate about his purpose driven life, persevering and continuing to create a lasting legacy in California for our Native American past, present, and future. He shows a deep gratitude and acknowledges the assistance and dedication to him by his family, friends, staff and the Native community. And we at the Stewardship Council acknowledge Larry in kind – his assistance and dedication to a job well done.

Thank you, Larry Myers! We celebrate you!





LAND PROGRAM

The Stewardship Council's Land Conservation Program ensures over 140,000 acres of PG&E Watershed Lands throughout California are protected for future generations with a focus on a broad range of Beneficial Public Values (BPVs) including: natural habitat of fish, wildlife and plants; open space; outdoor recreation; agricultural uses; sustainable forestry; and historic and cultural values. This happens through the placement of conservation easements on the properties and land donations to organizations that will conserve these Watershed Lands for public benefit in perpetuity.

The beloved waters of Lake Almanor below the majestic peak of Mt. Lassen in the distance. SC, 2019.

LAND PROGRAM

PROGRESS TOWARD
MISSION COMPLETION



The Land Conservation Program achieved several significant milestones in 2021. At the end of 2020, the board finalized all Land Conservation and Conveyance Plans (LCCP's), which gave us a green light to steer our focus toward escrow closings, conservation easement finalization, land trust coordination and funding, and enhancement grants. Furthermore, preparing for our organization to sunset at the end of 2023 has resulted in significant efforts toward dissolution planning.

Eight transactions closed escrow in 2021, resulting in protection of 4,789 acres with conservation easements. Approximately half that acreage was retained by PG&E and approximately 2,377 acres were donated to organizations including the Maidu Summit Consortium, Pit River Tribe, US Forest Service, and the California Department of Parks and Recreation. In total, the Stewardship Council has recommended approximately 38,410 acres of Watershed Lands for donation to qualified organizations including federal, state and local agencies and Native American tribal entities. PG&E will retain ownership to an additional 101,970 acres of Watershed Lands and that land will be protected with perpetual conservation easements.

The Stewardship Council's enhancement grant program funded a variety of projects on the Watershed Lands to improve and protect the BPVs. Since the program began in 2012, \$12.2 million in enhancement and capacity building grants have been awarded. As of the end of 2021, \$10.3 million of this total award amount has been expended.

In 2021, enhancement program grantees made progress on the following projects:

- San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) used an additional \$2.5 million in enhancement funds to expand upon last year's efforts at **Sky Mountain Outdoor Education Center** by implementing building safety and accessibility requirements, allowing them to host camp visitors year-round. This location is on the southern edge of Lake Valley Reservoir in the Lake Spaulding planning unit, near Yuba Gap along the Interstate 80 corridor east of Sacramento. Prior to SJCOE ownership of the approximately 63 acres, the camp facilities were privately owned and operated under a lease agreement with PG&E.

SJCOE connects its diverse student population to the natural world through a curriculum that aligns with the Next Generation Science Standards and California's Environmental Principles and Concepts.

- The County of Madera continued work on the **Bass Lake North Fork Lake Regional Trail** project with additional fuel reduction, and rough grading of the trail, parking and access solutions, and staging areas. This project provides new year-round outdoor recreation opportunities for lower foothill area residents, as well as habitat restoration efforts, and interpretive elements developed in collaboration with the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians.

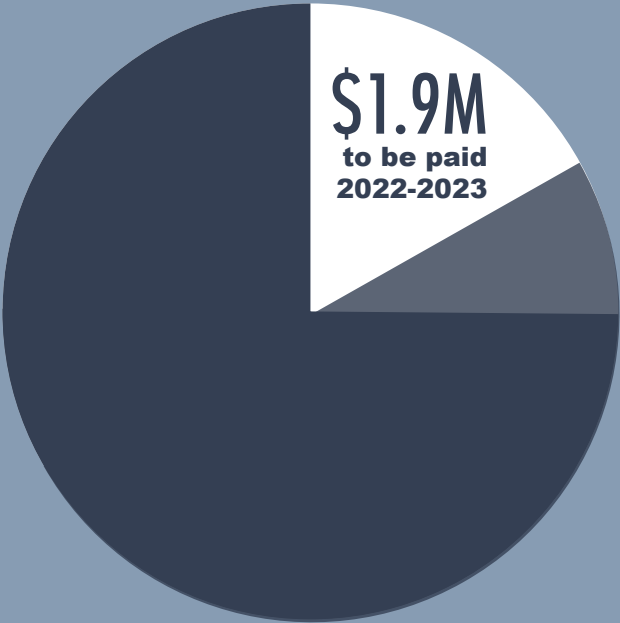
- Fall River Valley Community Services District completed over 80% of the work to improve and construct the **Fall River Lake Trail**. The activities included trail installation along with barriers and mitigation. This project will be completed in 2022.

- Fall River Resource Conservation District completed improvements to the **McArthur Swamp planning unit** primarily dealing with water distribution lines and troughs, noxious weed abatement, and fencing. This project is an on-going demonstration of the synergy possible between making improvements that benefit both wildlife habitat and grazing conditions.

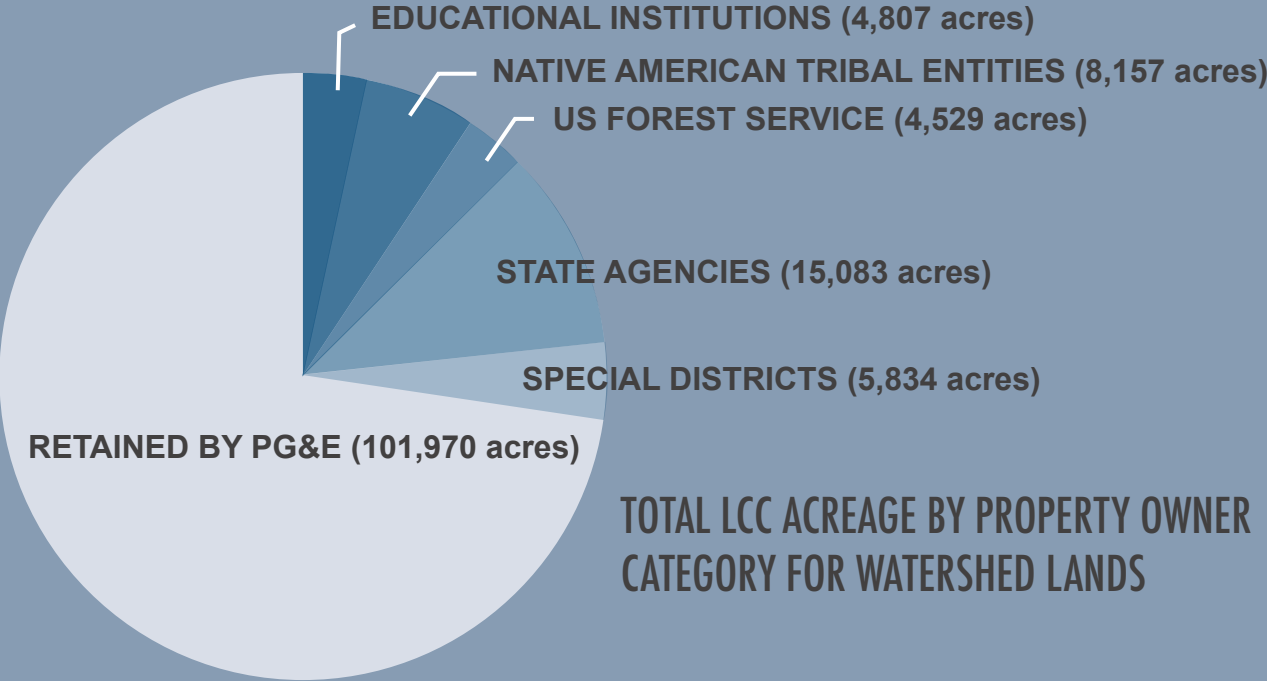
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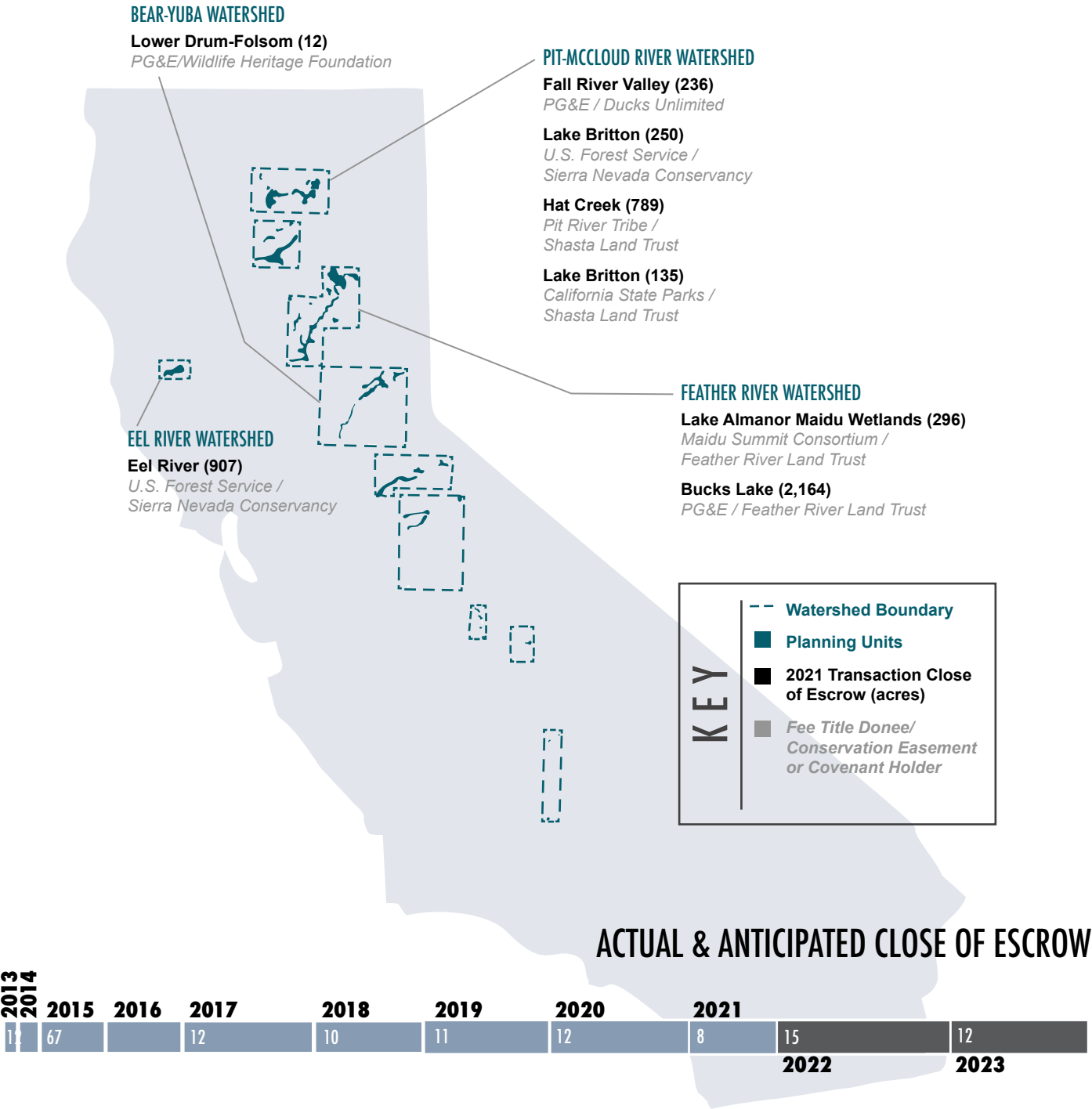
2021 LAND ACQUISITIONS & PARTNERSHIPS TO PRESERVE CALIFORNIA'S WATERSHEDS



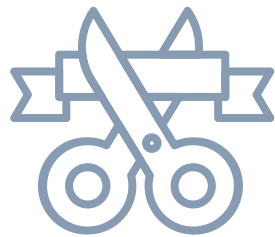
“THERE ARE FOUR REMAINING LAND TRANSFERS TO NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL ENTITIES YET TO CLOSE ESCROW, AND WHEN COMPLETED WILL TOTAL APPROXIMATELY 8,200 ACRES TRANSFERRED FROM PG&E TO TRIBAL ENTITIES.”

Erin Healy
Stewardship Council, Executive Director

2021 ESCROW CLOSINGS & RELATED CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS



PIT RIVER TRIBE LAND BACK CELEBRATION REGENERATES POSSIBILITIES



Pit River Tribe celebrated the return of 789 acres of their ancestral homeland within the Hat Creek area on November 5, 2021. Near the town of Cassel in Shasta County under overcast skies, Hat Creek meandered in the background, while the smoke of a small campfire in the center of our community circle smoldered and bald eagles called out overhead. Tribal leaders, members and youth joined with representatives from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Pacific Gas and Electric Company

(PG&E), the Stewardship Council, Shasta Land Trust, and community members to commemorate the formal return of this special land to the Pit River Tribe. “The transfer of the land at Hat Creek from Pacific Gas and Electric Company back to the rightful holders, the Pit River Tribe, is a small step toward justice,” said CPUC Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma.

The lands are within the ancestral territories of both the Illmawi and Atsugewi Bands, two of the eleven bands of the Pit River Tribe. The Hat Creek property is one of three properties totaling almost 4,500 acres to be transferred to the Pit River Tribe through the Stewardship Council’s process. This land is profoundly beautiful, with valleys and meadows that reach toward the peaks of Burney Mountain, Lassen Peak, Mt. Shasta, and Haney and Soldier Mountains. Blankets of hardened lava create the bedrock beneath the junipers, coulter pines and manzanita that spread across the landscape. Larry Myers, Stewardship Council board member representing California tribal interests reflects, “The return of ownership of this land to the Pit River Tribal Government will have a profound impact on future generations.”

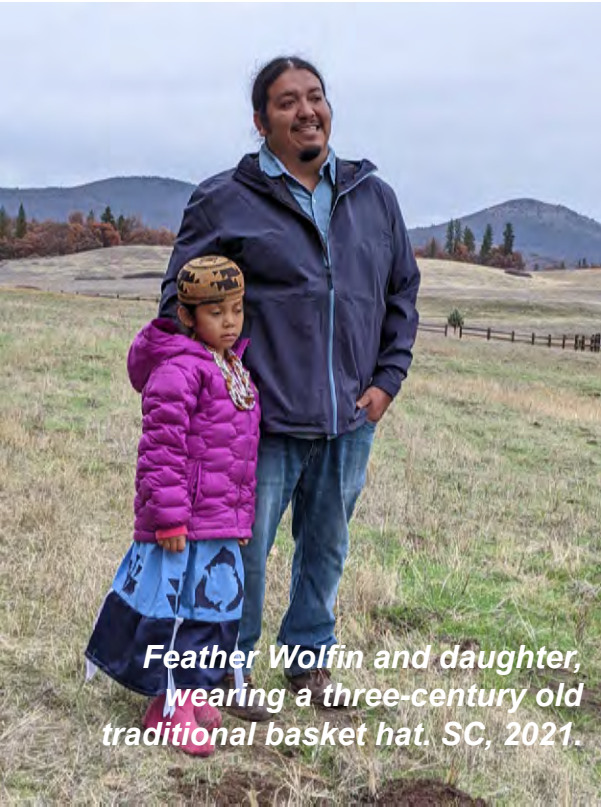


Granddaughter, grandmother, and chairwoman celebrate the future and honor the past. SC, 2021.



Pit River Tribe members exalt in celebration after Chairwoman Agnes Gonzales cuts the ribbon. SC, 2021.

The area has remained sacred and has been revered for its cultural resources for hundreds of years, where villages, gathering sites, and ceremonial sites once stood. Tribal leader and Pit River Tribal Environmental Director Gregory Feather Wolfen was joined at the event by his wife, mother and children – the eldest daughter assisting her father wearing a basket hat woven of local reeds hundreds of years ago. Moved by ancestral purpose, Feather explained, “My bloodline and family are from the immediate area, elevating the importance of protecting the natural and cultural resources in the planning units. Under Tribal ownership once again, we plan to enhance ecosystem functionality of the properties, preserve open space and uphold the conservation values while recognizing indigenous based TEK [traditional ecological knowledge] and tribal protocols.”



Feather Wolfen and daughter, wearing a three-century old traditional basket hat. SC, 2021.

LAND PROGRAM – PIT RIVER TRIBE



Shasta Land Trust intern from Chico State photographs the event next to Feather Wolfin. SC 2021.

Since ancient times, the eleven bands of the Pit River Tribe inhabited northeastern California, throughout Siskiyou, Shasta, Modoc, and Lassen Counties. The Tribe has a clear vision – the land will continue to be a natural passive park, providing unique opportunities for the public to bird watch, hike and picnic, it will nurture cultural heritage, and protect the BPVs like outdoor recreation, habitat, and public access. “PG&E is pleased these beautiful lands will forever be protected by the tribe and conservation easement holder and continue to be available for the enjoyment of future generations of the Pit River people and the public,” said Mike Schonherr, a director in PG&E’s power generation department and member of the Stewardship Council Board of Directors.

The Pit River Tribe will manage and preserve the conservation values, including protection of historical and cultural resources for the past, present and future. Shasta Land Trust (SLT) holds the conservation easement and will meet with

the tribe at least annually to discuss the conservation values and ensure the BPVs are protected into the future. This is one of 16 easements for the Watershed Lands that SLT will hold, totaling 31,557 acres. For more information about the Hat Creek project and Shasta Land Trust, please visit www.shastalandtrust.org/hat-creek-uplands.

CPUC Commissioner Darcie L. Houck commented, “The tribe has been seeking return of these lands for far too long - efforts made that resulted in the return of the land to its Native caretakers is truly something we can all celebrate.”

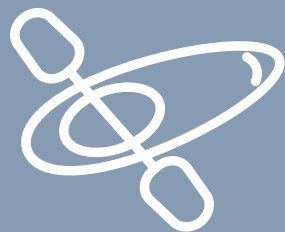


Cheryl Davis, PG&E Senior Land Consultant, holds the red ribbon for the official ribbon cutting ceremony by the Pit River Tribe for the Hat Creek planning unit. SC 2021

Hat Creek originates on the eastern slopes of Lassen Peak and flows northwest to Lake Britton, supporting wild rainbow and brown trout populations. Shasta Land Trust, Paul Vienneau, 2021.



BUCKS LAKE OUTDOOR RECREATION HOTSPOT, CONSERVED IN PERPETUITY



The 2,164-acre Bucks Lake property will now be protected in perpetuity by a conservation easement held by Feather River Land Trust. The easement prevents subdivision and detrimental land use changes including to the reservoir itself. PG&E will continue to own and operate

Bucks Lake and manage recreation facilities and leases. The conservation easement will ensure continued public access and ongoing recreation on the lake and surrounding land, including popular campgrounds and day-use areas.

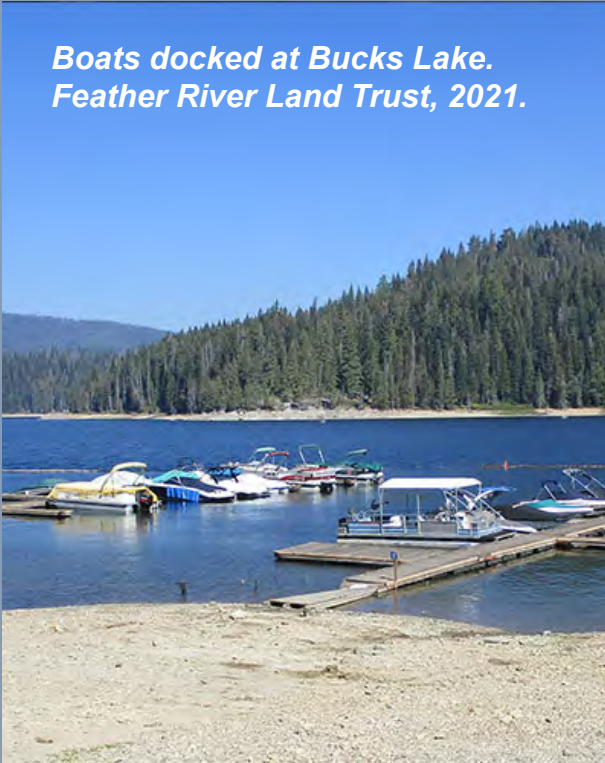


*Bucks Lake offers an aquatic paradise.
Feather River Land Trust, 2021.*

Bucks Lake reservoir is 1,827 acres in size (14 miles of shoreline) and is fed by cold water creeks coming off surrounding mountains, including Mill Creek (Middle Fork and Right Hand Branch), Bucks Creek, and Haskins Creek. “Timbered hillslopes, creeks and wet meadows, and the lake itself sustain biodiverse communities of wildlife and plants. Rich with history, Bucks Lake was once a large meadow particularly important to the Mountain Maidu people,” explains Vanessa Vasquez of Feather River Land Trust.

Today, Bucks Lake reservoir is a hotspot for boating, fishing, hiking and camping, surrounded by forest and wetland habitats that connect the lake to the greater Plumas National Forest and Bucks Lake Wilderness. The conservation easement was recorded in August 2021, and now adds to a larger interconnected landscape for wildlife and forest resilience. These habitat ecosystems are especially important for several rare and threatened species found here like the Willow Flycatcher, Mountain Yellow-legged Frog, Sierra Marten, Quincy Lupine and 20 others. Other species like the Osprey and Bald Eagle nest close to the lakeshore and are frequently sighted.

At an elevation of 5,200 feet, colder months bring snow and seasonal road closures which allow for snowmobile use, as well as cross-country and back-country skiing and snowshoeing. But in the warmer months, visitors flock to the lake, campgrounds, and resorts around Bucks Lake, many fishing for rainbow, brook, and brown trout, and the Kokanee salmon that spawn each fall



*Boats docked at Bucks Lake.
Feather River Land Trust, 2021.*

in Bucks Creek. Several trailheads start near Bucks Lake and connect to the Pacific Crest Trail. The Stewardship Council has funded Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship to add six miles of new multiuse trail to the area to better connect visitors and provide additional route options.

We are grateful to Feather River Land Trust for their role in protecting the lands at Bucks Lake, and for PG&E’s partnership. As the conservation easement holder, FRLT will inspect the property annually, as well as meet with PG&E annually about management plans and how those plans impact BPVs. Learn More about FRLT’s PG&E Headwaters Conservation Effort at www.frlt.org/blog/protecting-pge-headwater-lands.

FALL RIVER TRAIL DEMONSTRATES ECOCULTURAL RESTORATION



Access to trails is shown to improve mental and physical health and add community value. In the small town of Fall River Mills in Shasta County, there is open space visible across the ancient volcanic landscape, but for local access to trails near town Fall River Valley Community Services District (FRVCSD) knew there was a need to fill. FRVCSD pursued Stewardship Council funding, and now the Fall River Lake Trail, more recently named the Floyd Buckskin

Trail, provides a 3.6-mile scenic roundtrip hike along Fall River Lake accessible from town.

The FRVCSD’s vision for the Floyd Buckskin Trail began in 2017 with a plan to circle the lake with a trail that also helped restore the sensitive habitat being damaged by multiple OHV routes. The project brought the FRVCSD team together with the Ajumawi Band of the



The project includes an interpretive sign that honors an indigenous past, Lomakatsi. FRVCSD, 2021.



A rustic bench provides respite for visitors, showing off the sapphire blue waters of Fall River. FRVCSD, 2021.

Ajumawi-Atsuge Nation (Pit River Tribe), Inter-Tribal Ecosystem Restoration Partnership, Lomakatsi Restoration Project (Lomakatsi), Stewardship Council, Shasta Land Trust and PG&E, and with community partnerships with organizations like Rotary Club of Burney-Fall River and Spring Rivers Foundation Outdoor Education.

The Stewardship Council has supported many of these partners through the Enhancement Program. Lomakatsi has demonstrated success in the past with projects like 20 acres of oak woodland restoration, including ecological thinning and prescribed pile burning, that was

completed in 2019. There was a need to manage the area for ecosystem health and wildfire, and a desire to utilize TEK, leveraging it as an opportunity to also teach native practices and support workforce development skills training. The collaboration by local Ajumawi Band members, Issi Wah Ecocultural Restoration Services, and Lomakatsi crew members supported habitat restoration and enhanced important cultural oak habitat while reducing the risk of wildfire to the community of Fall River Mills.

The Floyd Buckskin Trail project included rehabilitation of over two miles of public

LAND PROGRAM – ENHANCEMENT GRANTS

trail adjacent to Fall River Lake, which included the planting of approximately 1,000 native plants with cultural and subsistence uses for local tribes. Crews also decommissioned illegal off highway vehicle trails that were degrading grassland habitat and threatening an influx of invasive species. The work was led and completed by Ajumawi Band members and an inter-tribal workforce through Lomakatsi. Interpretive signage highlighting native plants was developed and installed at the trailhead and along the trail, highlighting the cultural value of seven different species including Tule, Gray Pine, Western Juniper, and Blue Elderberry.

Visitors will find the trailhead and associated parking area at the end of Curve Street



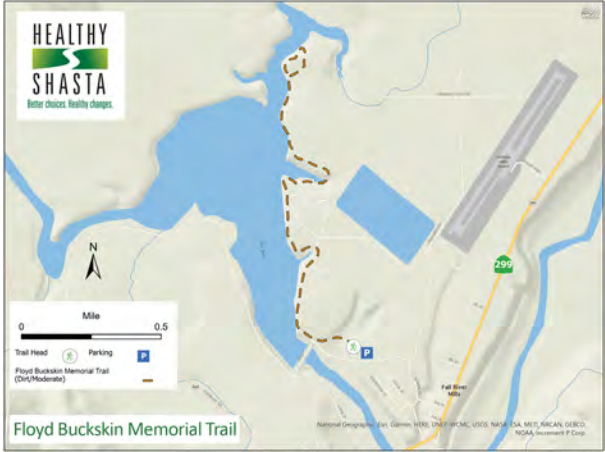
in Fall River Mills just past the Fall River Elementary School. The trail surface is varied from dirt to rock to wood chips, through moderate inclines and relatively flat terrain. “It’s exciting to see the community embracing the trail with so many runners and hikers out even on a hot afternoon and I look forward to the schoolchildren from the elementary school coming out to learn about the special plants and their uses,” said Steve Schweigerdt of the Stewardship Council about this important Enhancement Program project brought to fruition with our partners.

Lomakatsi expressed gratitude, “for the opportunity to assist and learn from the Ajumawi Band in stewarding their ancestral lands, for all the amazing partners who came together to make the project possible, and

for the community supporting the evolution of this unique educational and recreational site.”

Floyd Buckskin was the tribal Headman of the Ajumawi Band and wrote about the protection of nature and each other (Dawn Wolf, Keeperofstories.blogspot.org, 2010).

Amber Beck is the new Parks Manager and managed the project grant, fulfilling the FRVCSD’s vision for the community. More information is available from Fall River Valley CSD including a map, by visiting www.frvcsd.org/floyd-buckskin-memorial-trail.



Map of Floyd Buckskin Memorial Trail in Fall River Mills in Shasta County. 2021.



YOUTH PROGRAM

In addition to its land conservation efforts, the Stewardship Council has continued exposing youth to the wonders of the outdoors. In 2021, Sky Mountain Outdoor Education Center and Justice Outside were two youth-focused efforts in which we invested, aiding equitable outdoor access to develop the next generation of diverse conservation leaders.



*Diverse group of youth accomplish their goal with exhilaration.
Justice Outside (JO), 2021.*

YOUTH PROGRAMS BUILD RACIAL EQUITY INTO LEADERSHIP



In 2005 the Stewardship Council established a Youth Investment Program to support outdoor and environmental programming for youth, leading to the creation of the Foundation for Youth Investment (FYI) five years later, though more recently the entity changed its name to Justice Outside. The intent behind the creation of FYI was to sustain the environmental programs beyond the life of the Stewardship Council. In 2013, the Stewardship Council awarded a \$10.76 million grant to Justice Outside to connect

underserved youth in the PG&E service area to the Watershed Lands. Today Justice Outside has expanded their reach across the western U.S. connecting youth to nature. Justice Outside eliminates barriers and provides resources that inspire future stewards of our planet, envisioning a “just world where Black, Indigenous, and Communities of Color experience safety, health, and abundant joy through meaningful relationships with one another and the outdoors” (www.justiceoutside.org, 2021).

THE JUSTICE OUTSIDE MISSION

JUSTICE OUTSIDE ADVANCES RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY IN THE OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT. WE SHIFT RESOURCES TO BUILD POWER WITH, AND CENTER THE VOICES AND LEADERSHIP OF BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR BECAUSE THE HEALTH OF CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS DEMANDS IT.



Participants gain new skills and build trust during a technical tree climbing activity funded by Justice Outside. JO, 2021.

Justice Outside works to reverse historic systems of marginalization. Their strategic priorities to address these systems and the cultural symptoms they effectuate include Field Building, Thought Leadership, Network Building and Mobilization, and Financial Health and Resilience.

In 2021 Justice Outside awarded \$855,000 in grants to other organizations, of the \$10.76 awarded to them by the Stewardship Council in 2013. Those funds have been used in combination with their other fundraising efforts to strengthen the engagement of underserved youth in outdoor activities and programs. In 2022, they plan to award \$668,200, the remainder of the initial \$10.76 million grant.

In 2021, Justice Outside’s Outdoor Educators Institute (OEI) included 35 youth. OEI is a three-month professional and workforce development program for young adults from communities historically underrepresented in the outdoors with an active interest in outdoor leadership. OEI graduates receive training in wilderness backpacking, sea kayaking, rock climbing, outdoor facilitation, group management, and conservation skills, and are supported in securing placement in outdoor employment at the end of the program.

Justice Outside Rising Leaders Fellowship (RLF) is a program of the OEI and provides valuable career experience on curriculum development and program implementation.

YOUTH PROGRAM – JUSTICE OUTSIDE UPDATE

On Justice Outside’s website, they’ve provided an overview of the RLF program between 2015 and 2021.

The Fall 2021 cohort can be found online at www.justiceoutside.org/programs/outdoor-educators-institute/oei-fall-2021-cohorts.

The Spring 2021 cohort can be found online at www.justiceoutside.org/programs/outdoor-educators-institute/oei-2021-spring-cohort.

Justice Outside’s Cultural Relevancy Series supports equity through systemic change and inclusion. According to Justice Outside, *“Cultural relevancy is effectively reaching and engaging communities and their youth in a manner that is consistent with the cultural context and values of that community; while effectively addressing the disparities of diversity and inclusion within an organization’s entire structure.”* The series consists of workshops, coaching and development of an action plan geared toward decision makers of outdoor focused organizations. Organizational teams participate in a dynamic learning community building their capacity to effect transformative change, advancing anti-racism within their own communities and organizations.

The Liberated Paths grant program was launched with generous funders - William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and The North Face - that now partner with Justice

Outside to advance racial justice in the outdoor and environmental movement. This program expands the value Justice Outside provides to active community and youth serving organizations ensuring that Black, Indigenous, and Communities of Color are front and center in the protection of land, air, water, and nature. The Liberated Paths grantmaking program funded 52 organizations for a total of \$1 million in 2021. Organizations that received a 2020 grant award can be found on Justice Outside’s website at justiceoutside.org/grantmaking/grantees/2020-grantees.

Another exciting development in 2021 was the addition of the Youth Access to Nature (YAN) program to the Justice Outside portfolio. We will hear much more about this Bay Area-focused youth-serving program in 2022.

YOUTH PROGRAM – SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

A LEGACY INVESTMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL - SKY MOUNTAIN OUTDOOR EDUCATON CENTER



Campers at Sky Mountain OEC enjoy an afternoon swim. Stewardship Council, Steve Schweigerdt, 2022.

A primary goal of the Stewardship Council and our board members past and present has been to create a lasting legacy of land conservation and youth development for outdoor leadership. The Sky Mountain Outdoor Education Center is a flagship investment demonstrating a lasting commitment to this element of our mission as well as SJCOE, who owns the Center and hosts the school groups that come to

learn. The camp is on the edge of Lake Valley Reservoir within the Lake Spaulding Planning Unit in the Tahoe National Forest. SJCOE purchased the facilities and completed necessary upgrades in 2021 with \$5 million provided by the Stewardship Council to accommodate students, including safety and accessibility improvements, making the Outdoor Education Center ready to host the first school trips in early 2022

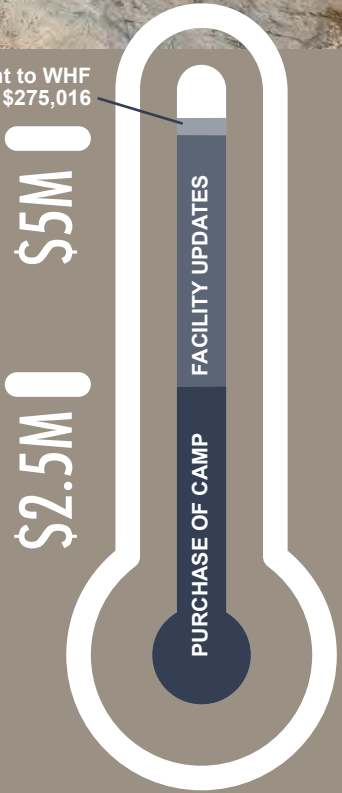
YOUTH PROGRAM – SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION



A serene winter landscape at Lake Valley Reservoir. SJCOE, 2021.

where students will learn about the Sierra Nevada ecosystems and many of them will get to see snow for the first time! SJCOE has hired staff including an onsite principal but still has significant opportunities for anyone wanting to work with a great team inspiring youth in a beautiful setting. Completing a construction project on property encumbered by a conservation easement can be challenging but working with Wildlife Heritage Foundation (WHF) as the conservation easement holder has gone smoothly.

Endowment to WHF
\$275,016



FUNDS AWARDED FOR SKY MOUNTAIN - LAKE VALLEY

SJCOE has renovated the facilities and designed a new curriculum specific to the area’s unique ecosystems and industries and aligns with the Next Generation Science Standards. Sky Mountain is currently open as a year-round outdoor education center. At camp students are given the opportunity to be empowered and curious in nature, nurturing awareness of natural systems.



Proper gear is provided for the students. SJCOE, 2021.

“Students are learning about different ecosystems and how watersheds are connected. Snow is connected to rivers, the rivers are connected to the Delta in San Joaquin County, and the Delta is connected to the ocean,” said Annie Cunial, director of SJCOE STEM Programs.

Sky Mountain and SJCOE has been Stewardship Council’s biggest enhancement program investment. With partners like Annie Cunial of SJCOE, we realize the value that investment will leverage, including a hopeful future for California and a conservation legacy.



Campers collaborate on the snow to learn and share. SJCOE, 2021.



Hat Creek, where a surveyor once lost his hat, is a classic trout stream and tributary of the Pit River. Shasta Land Trust, Paul Vienneau, 2021.



FINANCIALS

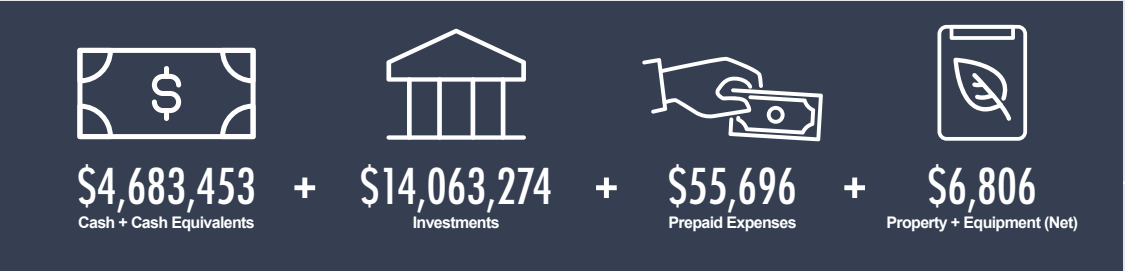
The Stewardship Council was funded by PG&E with \$100 million to implement a dual mission to protect and enhance 140,000 acres of Watershed Lands and to connect underserved youth to the outdoors. Of these funds, \$70 million was set aside to protect and enhance lands and \$30 million was allocated for the youth investment initiative. The Stewardship Council Board has thoughtfully managed these funds and strategically invested in a portfolio that primarily utilizes conservative fixed income mutual funds to optimize diversification, preserve principal, and maintain liquidity. As of December 31, 2021 the Stewardship Council had approximately \$18.8 million in total liabilities and net assets.

STEWARDING CONSERVATION FINANCES

From its inception through 2021, the Stewardship Council has spent more than \$61.1 million to protect and enhance the Watershed Lands. As we approach mission completion, the Stewardship Council anticipates granting a total of approximately \$17.4 million to the holders of conservation easements and covenants that will protect the Watershed Lands in perpetuity, and up to \$15.4 million for projects that will enhance the protected lands. For detailed audited financial statements, please go online and visit www.stewardshipcouncil.online/financial-information.

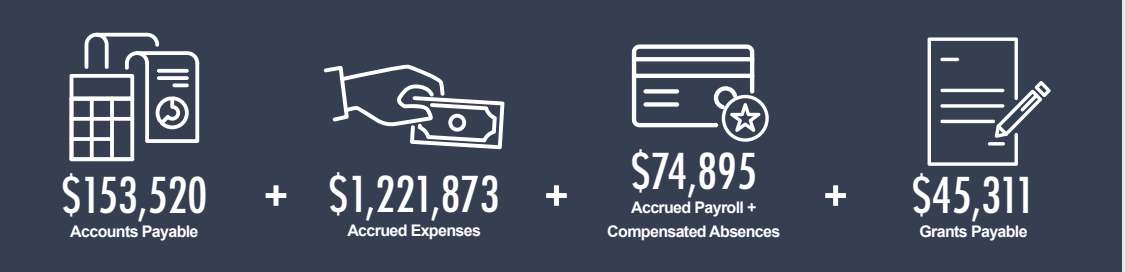
Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS



TOTAL ASSETS \$18,809,229

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS



TOTAL LIABILITIES \$1,495,599

DONOR RESTRICTED NET ASSETS \$17,313,630
Total Liabilities + Net Assets \$18,809,229

\$100 MILLION PG&E FUNDING



Statement of Activities

NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF 2021	\$23,514,381
+ NET INCOME (negative)	(\$29,566)
- EXPENSES	\$6,171,185

NET ASSETS END OF 2021
\$17,313,630



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*Canoes for campers, ready to set sail on Lake Valley reservoir.
SJCOE, 2021*



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