

**Battle Creek, Burney Gardens, Cow Creek, Iron Canyon Reservoir, Kilarc,
Lake McCloud, Pit River, and Tunnel Reservoir Planning Units
Public Information Meeting
Millville Grange - Palo Cedro, CA
March 24, 2011 - 3:00 to 6:00 pm**

A public information meeting was hosted by the Stewardship Council on March 24, 2011 at the Millville Grange Hall in Palo Cedro, California. The meeting concerned the following eight planning units: Battle Creek, Burney Gardens, Cow Creek, Iron Canyon Reservoir, Kilarc, Lake McCloud, Pit River, and Tunnel Reservoir. A total of 49 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 eight 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 eight planning units.

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

Battle Creek

- Donate Parcels 323 and 365 to an entity that has experience with fisheries and recreation management, rather than to entities with only land management experience
- Promote consistent coordination between the Greater Battle Creek Watershed Working Group and Battle Creek Watershed Conservancy
- Fishing access at Ashbury may conflict with Battle Creek Watershed Conservancy Plan
- Restrict public access to existing public roads

Burney Gardens

- Survey the property lines along the southern border of the planning unit
- Prior to transfer, address timber rights on the property that are held by others
- Prior to transfer, adjust property lines in coordination with adjacent landowners to address the contour line configuration

Cow Creek

- Restrict public access (due to fire hazards)
- Restrict hunting
- Increase fuels management along South Cow Creek
- Manage feral pigs
- Organizations submitting a land stewardship proposal should acknowledge concerns of adjacent landowners regarding access, OHV use, and safety (fire and firearms)
- Prescriptive and deeded rights should be protected if land is transferred to a new owner

Pit River

- Promote fisheries management to preserve species for all the people of California as well as recreational opportunities

Tunnel Reservoir

- Future landowner should manage trespassing to protect adjacent private property

General Comments

- Concern expressed about an organization's financial capacity to own and manage the lands available for donation
- Timely updates should be posted on the Stewardship Council's website
- Support for lands available for donation to be transferred to CAL FIRE and/or Shasta County
- Concern expressed about transferring forested lands to the US Forest Service or Pit River Tribe
- Forested lands should be managed for long-term productivity

No comments were received pertaining specifically to the Iron Canyon Reservoir, Kilarc, and Lake McCloud planning units.