

**Butte Creek, Deer Creek, North Fork Feather River,  
Oroville, and Philbrook Reservoir Planning Units  
Public Information Meeting  
Chico Masonic Family Center - Chico, CA  
April 20, 2011 - 3:00 to 6:00pm**

A public information meeting was hosted by the Stewardship Council on April 20, 2011 at the Chico Masonic Family Center in Chico, California. The meeting concerned the following five planning units: Butte Creek, Deer Creek, North Fork Feather River, Oroville, and Philbrook Reservoir. A total of 34 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 five 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 five planning units.

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

**North Fork Feather River**

- Limit traffic in Parcel 634 due to fire concerns
- Support for local control of the lands available for donation
- Ensure community safety
- Allow future landowners to generate sustainable revenues on donated parcels to become self-supporting
- Coordinate enhancements and uses with the county's 2030 General Plan
- Do not allow changes to land use

**Oroville**

- Protect Parcel 692 in its current condition (used only for grazing) – it has the oldest powerhouse in California and many lava finger formations
- Parcel 677 and 678 should be enhanced for public recreation

## **Philbrook Reservoir**

- Restore channel within planning unit that was impacted by an old spill from the Carr Mine
- Concern that the reopening of the Carr Gold Mine will cause siltation of the Upper Philbrook Creek
- Address the impacts of Canadian Geese on Philbrook Reservoir
- Require fee payment for group camping use at the Willows Recreation Area
- Close unauthorized OHV use in coordination with USFS
- Not practical to install an ADA fishing platform and floating extension to the Philbrook Angler Access
- Support for enhancing the existing boat ramp to extend usability
- Install interpretive signage in coordination with the Philbrook Community Association

## **General Comments**

- Respect local land use decisions and general plans/zoning
- Preserve and enhance public access
- Address property tax neutrality and other socio-economic factors that may affect public entities
- All lands should provide public recreation opportunities (hiking, horseback riding, camping, fishing, rafting, and limited OHV use)
- Where feasible, land should be made available for small scale farming and community gardens
- Limit timber harvesting to preserve biodiversity
- Restore land to a native state where possible
- Ensure Native American access

*No comments were received pertaining specifically to the Butte Creek or Deer Creek planning units.*