


Pacific Forest and Watershed
Lands Stewardship Council

**Public Planning Workshop
for Kennedy Meadows**

August 2008



Welcome and Introductions

Workshop Goals

- Review and update on the nature, purpose, and requirements of the land conservation program
- Receive additional public input on the future preservation, enhancement, and management of Kennedy Meadows
- Outline next steps, timeline, and additional opportunities for public input




Public Input Sought

- Qualifications of future landowners and *conservation easement* holders
- Potential measures to preserve/enhance *BPVs*
- Priority for funding potential measures
- Input can also be provided via
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Workshop Agenda

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| • Welcome and introductions | 3:00 - 3:10 pm |
| • Update on Land Conservation program | 3:10 - 3:40 pm |
| • Questions on process | 3:40 - 4:00 pm |
| • Break | 4:00 - 4:10 pm |
| • Overview of Kennedy Meadows | 4:10 - 4:30 pm |
| • Breakout session/report outs | 4:30 - 5:45 pm |
| • Closing remarks | 5:45 - 6:00 pm |



Land Conservation Program Overview

- Origin, purpose, and requirements
- *Beneficial Public Values (BPVs)*
- Future Land Owners and Conservation Holders
- Funding
- Roles/responsibilities of PG&E and the Stewardship Council
- *Land Conservation Plan* recommendations
- Pilot process



Origin, Purpose, and Requirements

- As part of the PG&E Settlement Agreement in 2003, a *Land Conservation Commitment* was established to permanently protect lands
- Stewardship Council formed to develop and implement a plan to ensure requirements are met
- 2013 deadline for completing the process
- Many stakeholders with different interests
- Stewardship Council values public input



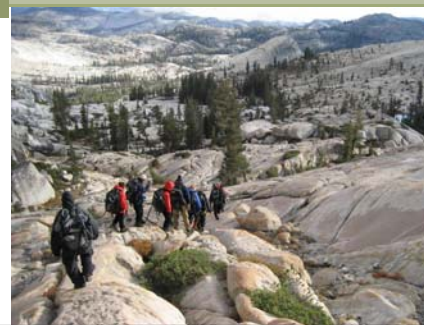
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Beneficial Public Values or "BPVs"



Youth Program

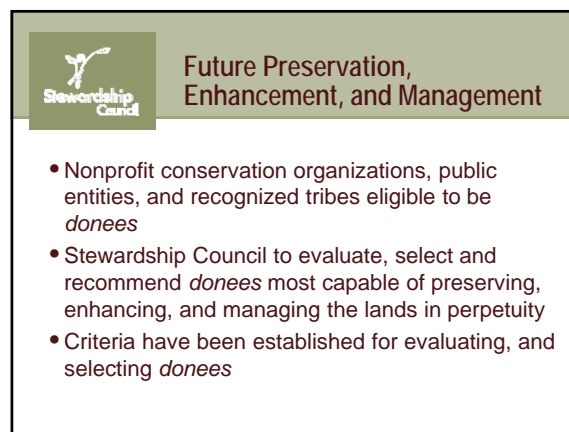
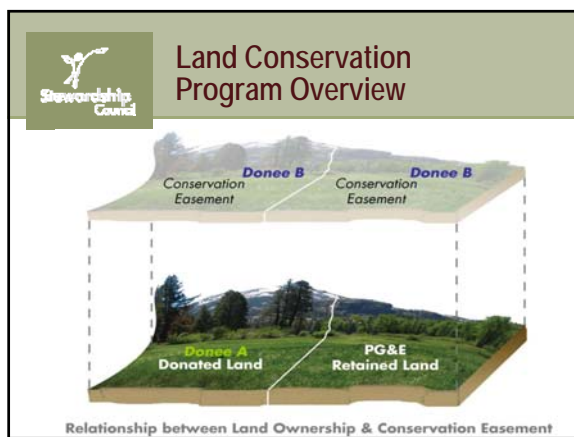


Land Conservation Process



Future Preservation, Enhancement, and Management

- PG&E to retain lands needed for operations and make remainder available to qualified organizations
- Existing agreements for economic uses honored
- *Conservation easements* will be placed on both PG&E "retained" lands and "donated" lands





Future Preservation, Enhancement, and Management

- 12 donees have registered interest
 - 5 public agencies
 - 6 nonprofits
 - 1 recognized tribe
- Stewardship Council will identify eligible *donees*, facilitate collaboration, and select most qualified
- All registered *donees* invited to be here



Roles and Responsibilities of PG&E

- Continue to own and manage the lands while planning is ongoing
- Fund the Stewardship Council
- Accept recommendations of Stewardship Council, seek California Public Utility Commission's approval of land transactions*
- Complete the land transactions
- Manage the "retained" lands consistent with the recommended terms and conditions

*and FERC approval as applicable



Roles/Responsibilities of the Stewardship Council

- Evaluate lands and recommend measures to preserve and enhance them (Vol. I & II of the *Land Conservation Plan* or "LCP")
- Facilitate public input
- Recommend *donees* and oversee transactions
- Fund preservation and enhancement activities
- Long-term monitoring



Land Conservation Program Funding

- \$70 million in funding over 10 years being provided to Stewardship Council by PG&E
- Funding for studies, transaction, maintenance, and capital improvements
- Funding for each transaction to be determined



Land Conservation Plan Volume II Recommendations

Volume II of the *LCP*, developed with public input, contains:

- *Management Objectives* to preserve and enhance the *BPVs* for each planning unit, including Kennedy Meadows
- *Potential Measures* that would help achieve the *Management Objectives*.



Land Conservation Plan Volume II Recommendations

Process used to develop the recommendations contained in Volume II of the *LCP* consisted of:

- Assessment of existing site conditions (opportunities, constraints, management issues)
- Input from stakeholders through public outreach
- Development and evaluation of a range of initial concepts and refinement of preliminary concepts
- Development of *Management Objectives* and *Potential Measures*



Land Conservation Plan Volume II Recommendations

Volume II recommendations for Kennedy Meadows consist of:

- 6 *Management Objectives* to preserve and enhance the 6 *BPVs*
- 21 *Potential Measures* that would contribute to the achievement of each of the *Management Objectives*



Land Conservation and Conveyance Plan (LCCP)

- An *LCCP* will be developed for Kennedy Meadows
- The purpose of the *LCCP* is to describe how the site will be preserved, enhanced, and managed in perpetuity
- Stewardship Council seeking public input on development of the *LCCP*



Land Conservation and Conveyance Plan

The *LCCP* must specifically address the following items from the Stipulation:

1. Acreage and existing economic uses
2. Objectives to preserve and enhance *BPVs*
3. Recommendations for conservation easements and *fee title* donation
4. *Donee* capability to preserve, enhance and manage lands



Land Conservation and Conveyance Plan

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5. Tax neutrality
6. Hazardous waste disclosure
7. Parcel splitting
8. Physical enhancement measures
9. Monitoring plan
10. Implementation schedule



Pilot Process - *Planning*



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Land Conservation Plan Overview

Questions on Process



Land Conservation Plan Overview

10 Minute Break



Land Conservation Plan for Kennedy Meadows

Volume II recommendations for Kennedy Meadows consist of:

- 6 *Management Objectives* to preserve and enhance all 6 *BPVs*.
- 21 *Potential Measures* that would contribute to the achievement of each of the *Management Objectives*.



Review of Land Conservation Plan Volume II Recommendations

BPV 1:

Protection of the Natural Habitat of Fish, Wildlife, and Plants

Objective 1:

Preserve and enhance habitat in order to protect special biological resources



Review of Land Conservation Plan Volume II Recommendations

Objective 1: Preserve and enhance habitat in order to protect special biological resources

Potential Measures:

- Surveys
- Wildlife/habitat and noxious weed management plans
- Assess opportunities to enhance cottonwood recruitment and bank stabilization (if not in new FERC license)
- Restructure parking area



Review of Land Conservation Plan Volume II Recommendations

BPV 2 :

Preservation of Open Space

Objective 2:

Preserve open space in order to protect natural and cultural resources, the wilderness character of the region, and the recreation setting



Review of Land Conservation Plan Volume II Recommendations

Objective 2: Preserve open space in order to protect natural and cultural resources, the wilderness character of the region, and the recreation setting

Potential Measure:

- Conservation easements will ensure higher level of open space protection



Review of Land Conservation Plan Volume II Recommendations

BPV 3:

Outdoor Recreation by the General Public

Objective 3:

Enhance recreational facilities and operations in order to provide additional public access, education, and recreation opportunities consistent with the carrying capacity of the area



Review of Land Conservation Plan Volume II Recommendations

Objective 3: Enhance recreational facilities and operations in order to provide additional public access, education, and recreation opportunities consistent with the carrying capacity of the area

Potential Measures:

- Recreation management plan
- Provide day use facilities and interpretive trail
- Assess potential for public use of part of pack station parking area



Review of Land Conservation Plan Volume II Recommendations

Potential Measures (continued):

- Assess facilities management and operations for BPV enhancements
- Assess use of alternative energy sources for pack station
- Require consistent maintenance and cleaning of trail
- Assess potential for youth opportunities



Review of Land Conservation Plan Volume II Recommendations

BPV 4:

Sustainable Forestry

Objective 4:

Develop and implement forestry practices in order to contribute to a sustainable forest, preserve and enhance habitat, as well as to ensure appropriate fuel load management



Review of Land Conservation Plan Volume II Recommendations

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Potential Measures:

- Evaluate existing data and supplement as appropriate
- Forest and fuels management plans



Review of Land Conservation Plan Volume II Recommendations

BPV 5:

Agricultural Uses

Objective 5:

Preserve and enhance pass-through grazing practices in order to support ongoing ranching activity, if this can be accomplished in balance with ensuring appropriate protection of natural resources





Review of Land Conservation Plan Volume II Recommendations

Objective 5: Preserve and enhance pass-through grazing practices in order to support ongoing ranching activity, if this can be accomplished in balance with ensuring appropriate protection of natural resources

Potential Measure:

- Evaluate potential for continued pass-through cattle staging consistent with relicensing requirements



Review of Land Conservation Plan Volume II Recommendations

BPV 6:

Preservation of Historic Values

Objective 6:

Identify and manage cultural resources in order to ensure their protection, as well as to support opportunities for public education



Review of Land Conservation Plan Volume II Recommendations

Objective 6: Identify and manage cultural resources in order to ensure their protection, as well as to support opportunities for public education

Potential Measures:

- Surveys
- Cultural resources management plan
- Coordinate with Native American entities



Breakout Session

- More in-depth discussion on issues important to development of *LCCP*
- Seeking additional input on:
 - Qualifications of future landowners and *conservation easement* holders
 - importance/priority of *Potential Measures* to preserve/enhance *BPVs*



Breakout Session


- Break into smaller groups
- Discussions will be facilitated
- Input will be recorded on easels
- Handout with instructions/definitions
- Report back



LCCP Process

Next Steps:


- Summarize and post public input, and share with eligible *donees*
- Begin preparation of a draft *LCCP*
- Consult with stakeholders on select issues
- Issue draft *LCCP* for 30-day public review and comment period
- Consider public comments and forward the *LCCP* to the Stewardship Council Board



LCCP Process

Timeline:

- Post workshop summary on web site → **Sept 3, 2008**
- Prepare draft *LCCP* → **Sept-Nov 2008**
- Issue draft *LCCP* for 30-day review → **Nov-Dec 2008**
- Present *LCCP* to Stewardship Council Board → **Early 2009**



Additional Resources

- Stewardship Council Web Site:
– **www.stewardshipcouncil.org**
- See “Frequently Asked Questions” link
- Land Conservation Plan (LCP) Volumes I and II
- LCP Volume III Pilot Process



Thank You

