



It is my pleasure to announce that Heidi Krolick has been selected by the Stewardship Council board of directors as the new executive director of the Stewardship Council, effective July 1, 2017. She replaces Allene Zanger, who plans to retire this summer and pursue personal interests.

In her nine years with the Stewardship Council, Heidi has been a key member of the land conservation program team. Since June 2016, she has served as the Council's Deputy Executive Director overseeing the operations of our Roseville office and working with others at the Council to build a team of highly qualified individuals to manage the work of the organization through dissolution.

Heidi holds an MA in parks, recreation, and tourism management and BA degrees in environmental studies and geography from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Currently, she is a board member of the Sacramento River Watershed Program and served as that organization's Secretary for the last several years. Prior to joining the Stewardship Council, Heidi worked as a restoration specialist and project manager for an environmental consulting firm. Her experience includes drafting and implementing long-term management plans for open space areas, environmental permitting and compliance, and managing large-scale mitigation and restoration projects including grassland, woodland, wetland, and riparian habitats.

The board of directors developed an executive director succession plan to retain key institutional knowledge in order to execute the remaining land program work and to ensure that the Council's operations continue to be managed using sound systems and practices. The Council is well positioned to complete our mission with our diverse and engaged board of directors and with our committed and qualified staff.

On behalf of the board of directors, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to Allene for her tireless efforts to further our land conservation and youth investment mission since she assumed the position of executive director in February 2009. During her tenure, the Stewardship Council completed much of its work in support of fee donation transactions and the establishment of conservation easements and has awarded or allocated several million dollars in enhancement project grants that will enhance the beneficial public values of PG&E's Watershed Lands. Under her direction, the Council has continued to operate in accordance with best practices and in compliance with our governing documents. With funding from the Stewardship Council, Youth Outside has continued the Stewardship Council's record of impactful grant making to connect underserved youth to the outdoors. As we have carried out our dual

mission, Allene has encouraged engagement with stakeholders and partners and ensured that meaningful opportunities have been provided for public comment before important actions were taken by the board of directors.

Please join us in thanking Allene for her tremendous contributions to land conservation and to programs connecting youth to the outdoors. We wish her the very best during her years of retirement.

Sincerely,

Art Baggett,
President