

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

Sacramento, CA  
September 19, 2018  
1:00 pm – 2:10 pm

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**ATTENDANCE**

*Association of California Water Agencies*

Director: Tim Quinn – Present  
Alternate: Dave Bolland – Absent

*California Department of Fish and Wildlife*

Director: Nancee Murray – Present  
Alternate: OPEN

*California Farm Bureau Federation*

Director: Karen Mills – Absent  
Alternate: Noelle Cremers – Present

*California Forestry Association*

Director: Kirsten Kolpitcke – Present  
Alternate: George Gentry – Present

*California Hydropower Reform Coalition*

Director: Pete Bell – Present  
Alternate: Richard Roos-Collins – Absent

*California Public Utilities Commission*

Director: Allison Brown - Present  
Alternate: OPEN

*California Public Utilities Commission Appointed Public Members*

Director: Art Baggett Jr. – Present  
Director: David Muraki – Present  
Director: Chris Nota - Absent

*California Natural Resources Agency*

Director: John Laird – Absent  
Alternate: Todd Ferrara – Present

*California Tribal Interests*

Director: Larry Myers – Absent  
Alternate: Ken Tipon – Absent

*Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board*

Director: Soapy Mulholland – Present  
Alternate: Bob Schneider – Absent

*Public Advocates Office*

Director: Truman Burns – Present  
Alternate: OPEN

*Pacific Gas & Electric Company*

Director: Mike Schonherr – Present  
Alternate: Rebecca Doidge - Present

*Rural County Representatives of California*

Director: Lee Adams – Absent  
Alternate: John Viegas – Absent

*State Water Resources Control Board*

Director: DeeDee D'Adamo – Absent  
Alternate: Jeffrey Parks – Present

*Trust for Public Land*

Director: Dave Sutton – Absent  
Alternate: John McCammon - Absent

*U.S. Forest Service*

Non-Voting Liaison: Jerry Bird - Absent

## **STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL STAFF**

Executive Director Heidi Krolick  
Director of Finance and Operations Aaron Robertson  
Director of Land Conservation Jessica Daugherty  
Senior Project Manager Chantz Joyce  
Senior Project Manager Steve Schweigerdt  
Project Manager Lauren Faccinto  
Office Administrator Robyn White  
Deputy Director of Land Conservation Erin Healy

## **OTHERS**

Members of the public were also present.

## **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD AT THIS MEETING**

- Adoption of the minutes of the June 27, 2018 board of directors (Board) meeting (**Consent calendar item**)

- The Board approved the proposed LCCP for the lands to be retained by PG&E at the Kings River planning unit, which LCCP describes how the proposed transaction conforms to and fulfills the requirements of the 2003 Settlement Agreement and Stipulation; and approved the proposed conservation easement funding agreement between the Stewardship Council and the Sequoia Riverlands Trust in the amount of \$79,826.
- The Board approved the proposed LCCP for the lands to be retained by PG&E at the Lower Drum (Bell Road) planning unit, which LCCP describes how the proposed transactions conform to and fulfill the requirements of the 2003 Settlement Agreement and Stipulation; and approved the proposed conservation easement funding agreement between the Stewardship Council and the Placer Land Trust in the amount of \$181,100.
- The Board approved the proposed LCCP for the lands to be donated to CAL FIRE at the Pit River and Tunnel Reservoir planning units, which LCCP describes how the proposed transaction conforms to and fulfills the requirements of the 2003 Settlement Agreement and Stipulation; and approved the proposed conservation easement funding agreement between the Stewardship Council and the Shasta Land Trust in the amount of \$459,300.

## **ATTENDANCE AND QUORUM**

Stewardship Council Board President Art Baggett called the roll, declared a quorum, and called the meeting to order.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES**

Mr. Baggett asked if any Board members had a conflict of interest with regard to any of the proposed actions.

Soapy Mulholland disclosed she had a conflict of interest regarding the action item pertaining to the LCCP at the Kings River planning unit.

David Muraki disclosed he had a conflict of interest regarding the action item pertaining to the LCCP at the Lower Drum (Bell Road) planning unit.

Todd Ferrara stated he had a perceived conflict of interest regarding the action item pertaining to the LCCP at the Pit River and Tunnel Reservoir planning units.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Board approved the consent calendar items as noted above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at Board meeting.

## **CCLT PRESENTATION**

Aaron Robertson introduced Ane Deister, Executive Director of the California Council of Land Trusts (CCLT) to report to the Board on the Land Trust Training and Apprenticeship Program (TAP).

Ms. Deister thanked the board for the continued support of the TAP program. She reported that once again the program had been very successful. Ms. Deister explained that CCLT had listened to the board's feedback regarding last year's intern recruitment and had expanded recruitment with a goal of increasing the diversity of intern applicants. She displayed demographic charts that showed a breakdown of the applicants and noted improvement in the diversity.

Ms. Deister then noted other modifications to the program operations including providing the interns with their travel stipend up front and flexible working hours for the interns. She noted the program training had been condensed into two days of intensive training rather than three days and included several representatives from the California Department of Conservation and several land trust personnel who are also CCLT board members. She specified that the interns did the work themselves, not just shadow staff which led to a purposeful experience for the interns.

She highlighted some of the successes of the program as well as lessons learned and where improvements can be made. She noted that one of the land trusts hired their intern.

She once again thanked the board and asked for consideration for a 2019 grant.

## **FIDUCIARY COMMITTEE**

Truman Burns directed the Board to the budget summary in the packet. He provided a budget update noting that the Stewardship Council's 2018 budget remains under budget.

## **BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Heidi Krolick announced the 2017 Annual Report had been published. She noted there were copies available for anyone interested, and that the electronic version would be emailed to the Stewardship Council's database.

## **WATERSHED PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Ms. Mulholland provided an overview of the Watershed Planning Committee's duties and then called on staff to present the action items.

### **Kings River Planning Unit (ACTION)**

After Ms. Mulholland left the room, Project Manager Lauren Faccinto reviewed the Watershed Planning Committee's recommendation that the Board approve the proposed LCCP for the lands to be retained by PG&E at the Kings River planning unit in Fresno County. The LCCP pertains to 100 acres of PG&E retained land. She said that Sequoia Riverlands Trust would hold the conservation easement over the property.

After an opportunity for questions and discussion, the Board made the following conflict of interest findings:

- The Board confirmed that in good faith it agrees that the Stewardship Council will take the proposed action for its own benefit; that the proposed action is fair and reasonable to the Stewardship Council; and that, after reasonable investigation, the Stewardship Council could not have obtained a more advantageous arrangement with reasonable effort under the circumstances.

Following the conflict of interest findings, the Board approved the action as described above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at Board meeting.

### **Lower Drum (Bell Road) Planning Unit (ACTION)**

After Ms. Mulholland returned to the room and Mr. Muraki left the room, Senior Project Manager Steve Schweigerdt reviewed the Watershed Planning Committee's recommendation that the Board approve the proposed LCCP for the lands to be retained by PG&E at the Lower Drum (Bell Road) planning unit. The LCCP pertains to 28 acres of land in Placer County. Mr. Schweigerdt noted that Placer Land Trust would hold the conservation easement over the property.

After an opportunity for Board questions and discussion, the Board made the following conflict of interest findings:

- The Board confirmed that in good faith it agrees that the Stewardship Council will take the proposed action for its own benefit; that the proposed action is fair and reasonable to the Stewardship Council; and that, after reasonable investigation, the Stewardship Council could not have obtained a more advantageous arrangement with reasonable effort under the circumstances.

Following the conflict of interest findings, the Board approved the action as described above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at Board meeting.

### **Pit River and Tunnel Reservoir Planning Units (ACTION)**

After Mr. Muraki returned to the room, and Todd Ferrera left the room, Senior Project Manager Chantz Joyce provided background on the Pit River and Tunnel Reservoir planning units and reviewed the Watershed Planning Committee's recommendation that the Board approve the proposed LCCP for lands to be donated to CAL FIRE at the Pit River and Tunnel Reservoir planning units in Shasta County. The LCCP pertains to 7,016 acres of land. He said that the Shasta Land Trust would hold the conservation easement over the property.

Mr. Baggett asked whether any members of the public wished to address the Board on this matter. Mr. Baggett called on Helge Eng, Deputy Director, Resource Management with CAL FIRE.

Mr. Eng thanked the Stewardship Council board and PG&E for the donation. He stated CAL FIRE was excited to receive the property and explained it will be used as a state demonstration forest. Mr. Eng noted the demonstration forest will be important given the current climate issues.

After an opportunity for board questions and discussion, the Board approved the action as described above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at the Board meeting.

***Land Conservation Program Update***

Ms. Daugherty provided the Board with an update regarding the Land Conservation Program. She noted recent closings at the Lake McCloud, Mountain Meadows and Willow Creek planning units.

**FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Baggett adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:10 p.m.

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Nancee Murray, Secretary