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**Upper Mokelumne River Watershed**

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<b>UPPER MOKELUMNE RIVER WATERSHED</b>			
<b>General Comments</b>			
I have reviewed the Draft Land Conservation Plan (LCP) and would like to submit the following comments and concerns regarding the Mokelumne River Watershed portion of the LCP [see following comments]. Amador County is concerned over the potential loss of commercial businesses that lease PG&E lands such as Bear River Resort and Roaring Camp Resort. These businesses provide tax revenue, jobs and recreation opportunities and should be able to update and expand their facilities as necessary.	Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor	No	Comment noted. The Stewardship Council's recommendations will honor existing agreements for economic uses while also recognizing the Council's obligations to ensure these uses do not conflict with the beneficial public values the Council is charged with preserving and enhancing.
The Mokelumne River Watershed is an important source of water and hydropower for Amador County and should be kept available to the County.	Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor	No	Comment noted. As per the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, the conservation easements must honor existing legal agreements and include "...an express reservation of a right for continued operation and maintenance of hydroelectric facilities and associated water delivery facilities, including project replacements and improvements required to meet existing and future water delivery requirements for power generation and consumptive water use by existing users..."
The Stewardship Council should consider Amador County's input on the Mokelumne River Watershed and work closely with and coordinate all Stewardship Council planning efforts with Amador County.	Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor	No	Comment noted. There will be future opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage with the Stewardship Council on many topics related to disposition and future management and stewardship of the Watershed Lands. The Stewardship Council will provide advance public notice and encourage the County's active participation in meetings, workshops, and other appropriate methods of participation in the future disposition process (Volume III).

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<p>I have concern regarding the possible curtailment of Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) access and recreation opportunities, especially the loss of segments which are crucial portions of existing historical trails and or roads. Perhaps the Stewardship Council should work with and/or include OHV groups and their input in decisions affecting OHV access trails.</p>	<p>Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. The Stewardship Council has recommended a potential measure to formalize or close unauthorized off-highway vehicle (OHV) trails in order to protect sensitive cultural and biological resources. Recommended potential measures are only related to formalizing or closing motorized use of unauthorized spur trails. Main access trails are not included in the Stewardship Council's recommended potential measures. Moreover, the feasibility of all recommended potential measures will be further evaluated in the disposition process (Volume III).</p>
<p>On page UM14 of Volume II of the LCP states "preserve open space by limiting construction to minor additions of recreation facilities". Amador County strongly disagrees with this statement. Recreation facilities should be enhanced and expanded. Also, the stated "Open Space" objectives are in conflict with the stated objective under "outdoor recreation".</p>	<p>Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. Central to the work of the Stewardship Council is the development and implementation of recommendations that protect and enhance six beneficial public values (BPV), including preservation of open space and outdoor recreation. No one BPV has a higher value than another BPV. During the next phase of the process, the Stewardship Council will work with the public and stakeholders to further evaluate the feasibility of the recommended measures and determine how best to implement them.</p>
<p>In reference to "Agricultural Uses" grazing should continue as historically done. It is important to support our local agricultural operations.</p>	<p>Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, including the management of agricultural (e.g., grazing) lands, will be developed as part of the next phase of the process.</p>
<p>The Mokelumne River Watershed has historically been grazed by livestock and at the same time produced high quality water. If the Stewardship Council wants areas fenced to keep out livestock, these costs should be paid for by the Stewardship Council.</p>	<p>Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, including the management of agricultural (e.g., grazing) lands, will be developed as part of the next phase of the process. The specifics regarding funding for implementation and long-term management, stewardship, and monitoring of the Watershed Lands will also be addressed during this phase. The Stewardship Council intends to provide financial support to donees to cover certain as yet to be determined costs of implementing the LCP. This support will be determined on a case-by-case basis, and will be highly dependent on available funds, but could include funds for management, stewardship, or monitoring, including fencing.</p>

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Existing historical roads/trails and prescriptive right of ways should be acknowledged and honored.	Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor	No	Comment noted. The maps developed for the LCP include existing conditions on the Watershed Lands, including roads, structures, and other features. As per the Stipulation Agreement, conservation easements must honor existing economic uses and existing legal agreements between PG&E and other parties.
The disposition of PG&E lands should be done in a way that keeps Amador County's tax base intact. Wouldn't you agree that Lands which are to be disposed of should be first offered to the County in which they are located? If the local County does not want them they should then be offered to other governmental agencies. Any land that is left over could then be offered to local conservancy/non-profit groups. Large nationwide conservancy groups should be given lands only as a last resort as they are not as responsive to local needs as local groups would be.	Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor	No	Comment noted. As per the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, the implementation of the LCP must be property tax neutral to the affected counties. As per the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, potential fee title and conservation easement donees can include public entities (e.g., a County) and non-profit organizations. The Stewardship Council is developing an explicit set of policies and criteria that will be used to determine which potential donees are qualified to participate in the disposition process and how the donees will be selected. Qualified conservation easement and fee simple donees will be determined during the disposition process (Volume III). There will be opportunities for the public, and other stakeholders, including potential donees to engage the Stewardship Council and other stakeholders on this topic as well as other topics related to the disposition and future management and stewardship of the Watershed Lands.
Parcels without road access/rights of way that are completely surrounded by private ownership should be offered/sold to surrounding landowners. Small insignificant splinters of land should be considered for sale to adjacent landowners.	Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor	No	Comment noted. There will be future opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage the Stewardship Council and other stakeholders on topics related to the disposition and future management and stewardship of the Watershed Lands. The Stewardship Council will provide advance public notice and encourage participation in meetings, workshops, and other appropriate methods of participation in the future disposition process (Volume III).
Amador County is supportive of efforts to establish the Coast to Crest Trail.	Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor	No	Comment noted.

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Commercial logging activity should continue on PG&E lands as it has been historically done. This will provide local jobs, reduce the threat of fire and support our local economy.	Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor	No	Comment noted. The Stewardship Council has recommended potential measures to preserve and enhance the beneficial public values, including sustainable forestry. Details regarding how forest resources would be managed in the future, including timber management and forest prescriptions, would be developed as part of the potential measure to develop a forest management plan for all three planning units in the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed. Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, will be developed as part of the disposition process (Volume III).
Existing leases to youth groups should continue as they have been historically.	Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor	No	Comment noted. The Stewardship Council's recommendations will honor existing agreements for economic uses while also recognizing the Council's obligations to ensure these uses do not conflict with the beneficial public values the Council is charged with preserving and enhancing.
Permanent conservation easements should not be setup or administered in a way that hampers fire reduction or firefighting efforts.	Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor	No	Comment noted. Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, including forest, fuels, and fire management and response plans will be developed as part of the disposition process. Careful consideration will be given to fire management. The specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction.
The Stewardship Council recommends managing areas bordering on the Mokelumne Wilderness to complement the wilderness values. I oppose this totalitarian measure as it will impact the County's economic base.	Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor	No	Comment noted. The recommended measures are intended to be illustrative in nature. In this case, the intent is to complement wilderness values on the adjacent Watershed Lands, not to implement management prescriptions that would be the equivalent of a wilderness management approach. Additionally, the recommended measures are not intended to drastically change existing land management, but rather to preserve the wilderness character of Watershed Lands that are either in holdings or adjacent to designated wilderness. Such an approach is not expected to have a deleterious economic effect.

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Only lands which jut or protrude into the wilderness should be managed to complement adjacent wilderness. The rest of Stewardship land should allow normal recreation, motorized uses, logging and all other normal uses of land.	Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor	No	Comment noted. The recommended measures are intended to be illustrative in nature. In this case, the intent is to complement wilderness values on the adjacent Watershed Lands, not to implement management prescriptions that would be the equivalent of a wilderness management approach. Additionally, the recommended measures are not intended to drastically change existing land management, but rather to preserve the wilderness character of Watershed Lands that are either in holdings or adjacent to designated wilderness.
Open space measures should not unreasonably restrict the addition or expansion of recreation facilities.	Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor	No	Comment noted. There will be future opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage the Stewardship Council and other stakeholders on topics related to the disposition and future management and stewardship of the Watershed Lands. The Stewardship Council will provide advance public notice and encourage participation in meetings, workshops, and other appropriate methods of participation in the future disposition process.
The Stewardship Council should work with Amador County in the wording and content of conservation easements.	Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor	No	Comment noted. There will be additional future opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage the Stewardship Council on the disposition and future management and stewardship of the Watershed Lands, including issues related to establishment of conservation easements. The Stewardship Council will provide advance public notice and encourage participation in meetings, workshops, and other methods of participation in the future disposition process (Volume III).
Amador County will lose part of its tax base if Stewardship lands go into conservation easements or are given to non-profit organizations. How does the Stewardship Council propose to mitigate the loss of tax dollars to Amador County?	Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor	No	The Stipulation requires "property tax revenue, other equivalent revenue source, or a lump sum payment" to be provided to each of the 22 counties, so that "the totality of dispositions in each affected county under this Land Conservation Commitment will be 'tax neutral' for that county." Accordingly, the Stewardship Council is establishing a process to determine changes to property tax revenue resulting from its activities, and how to compensate the counties for any such changes.

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In looking at the maps it has come to my attention that perhaps a more vibrant color than light gray could be used to denote PG&E lands to make it easier to see.	Brian Oneto, District 5 Supervisor	No	Comment noted.