

# The Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council (Stewardship Council)



The Stewardship Council is a private, nonprofit organization that was established in 2004 as part of the settlement of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) bankruptcy.

Christina McGinnis is project manager and consultant for The Stewardship Council, which is tasked with ensuring the permanent protection of over 140,000 acres of land for the benefit of the citizens of California. To accomplish this objective, the Council is developing a Land Conservation Plan that will recommend how the beneficial public uses of this land can best be conserved. The work includes developing an understanding of the unique characteristics of each area, existing and potential uses, and the range of interests within each community that should be considered. Christina is currently working on Volumes I and II of the Land Conservation Plan.

One of its primary goals is to ensure that over 140,000 acres of watershed lands throughout California are conserved for a broad range of beneficial public values. These values include: Outdoor recreation, Sustainable forestry, Agriculture, Habitat protection, Open space preservation, and Protection of historic values.

Located across 22 counties, the land encompasses some of California's most stunning and wild landscapes. The parcels - almost 1,000 in total - stretch from Shasta county in the north to Fresno county in the south, from the Sierra Nevada and Cascade ranges to the Eel River watershed in Mendocino County and the Carrizo Plains in San Luis Obispo County.

