

ITEM: 7

SUBJECT: Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council

BOARD ACTION: *Select representative and alternate to Council*

BACKGROUND:

The Stewardship Council was established in 2004 as part of a PG&E settlement agreement with the California Public Utilities Commission. The agreement establishes that 140,000 acres of PG&E's watershed lands will be conserved for its public and environmental resources. Membership on the Council governing board was established in the settlement agreement, and includes a representative from the Central Valley Water Board.

Soapy Mulholland served as the Board's representative while she was a Central Valley Water Board member. Soapy's term as Board member recently ended and she was not reappointed. The alternate representative to the Council was Jim Pedri, Assistant Executive Officer of the Redding office. Jim recently retired from State service.

The Board will consider appointment of representatives to the Stewardship Council. The Settlement Agreement and the Council's by-laws require that a representative from the Central Valley Water Board be on the governing board, and that the representative report to and seek input from the Water Board. However, they do not require that the representative be a sitting member of the Water Board.

RECOMMENDATION: Appoint Council representatives.

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