

ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: Appointment of Representative and an alternate for Pacific Forest and Lands Stewardship Council

BOARD ACTION: The Board will appoint a Representative and an alternate to the Pacific Forest and Lands Stewardship Council

BACKGROUND: The Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council (Stewardship Council) was established in 2004 as part of a Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) settlement. The Stewardship Council has two goals: to ensure that over 140,000 acres of California's pristine watershed lands are conserved for the public good through their Land Conservation Program, and to invest in California's young people through their Youth Investment Program. The Stewardship Council is a private non-profit foundation with an eighteen member Board of Directors made up of representatives from: state and federal agencies, water districts, tribal and rural interests, forest and farm industry groups, conservation organizations, the California Public Utilities Commission, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company. A member of the Central Valley Water Board (Water Board) has served on the Board of Directors for the Stewardship Council since its inception. The Water Board has the discretion to select a representative that does not serve on its Board to represent them on the Stewardship Council.

Since 2007 Soapy Mulholland has served as the Water Board's representative. Ms. Mulholland began serving while she was a member of the Water Board and continued serving in that capacity after her term on the Water Board expired. Ms. Mulholland is the current Executive Director for the Sequoia Riverlands Trust and serves on the Board of Directors for the Tejon Ranch Conservancy. Ms. Mulholland's prior Water Board experience combined with her extensive land conservancy experience allows her to bring a unique set of skills to the Stewardship Council that benefits them and the Water Board. Because Ms. Mulholland is not a current Water Board member, the Water Board must agree to renew her appointment to the Stewardship Council annually.

Ms. Mulholland has expressed a desire to remain serving in this role. A letter received from Ms. Allene Zanger, Executive Director of the Stewardship Council urges the Water Board to renew Ms. Mulholland's appointment.

The Water Board will also consider appointing an alternate that will serve as their representative to the Stewardship Council in the event the primary representative is not available. During 2014, Water Board member Robert Schneider served as the alternate for the Council.