



## **PG&E's Land Conservation Commitment**

### **Current Focus**

PG&E is deeply committed to environmental stewardship and the permanent protection of 140,000 acres of its watershed lands for the benefit of the people of California and its resources.

### **PG&E Lands and Conservation Easements**

- The Land Conservation Commitment is PG&E's pledge to permanently conserve 140,000 acres – over 1,000 parcels across 22 California counties across the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountains – for the protection of six beneficial public values: natural habitat of fish, wildlife and plants, open space, outdoor recreation by the general public, sustainable forestry, agricultural uses and historic resources.
- PG&E works together with the Stewardship Council to oversee the implementation of the Land Conservation Commitment
- The Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council (Stewardship Council) is an independent, nonprofit organization established in 2004 as a part of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) bankruptcy settlement.
- The Stewardship Council received \$10 million annually for 10 years from PG&E to support its efforts. Of the \$100 million total endowment, \$70 million is designated for the development and implementation of the Land Conservation Program and \$30 million to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for youth. The Stewardship Council received its last \$10 million payment 1/1/13.
- PG&E will continue to own lands needed for operations; lands not essential for operations will be made available for donation to qualified entities recommended by the Stewardship Council Board of Directors. All 140,000 acres will be subject to conservation easements.
- PG&E is negotiating conservation easements with a number of community based land trusts throughout the watershed lands.
- CE terms are negotiated between the CE holder and the property owner.