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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACWA	Association of California Water Agencies
APE	Area of Potential Effects
BLM	U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Board	Stewardship Council's Board of Directors
BPV	beneficial public value
CBI	Conservation Biology Institute
CDF	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
CE	conservation easement
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CFA	California Forestry Association
CHRC	California Hydropower Reform Coalition
CNDDB	California Natural Diversity Data Base
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
CRMP	Cultural Resource Management Plan
DFG	California Department of Fish and Game
DPR	California Department of Parks and Recreation
DRA	Division of Ratepayer Advocates
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ERR	Environmental Regulatory Record
ESA	Endangered Species Act
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FLPMA	Federal Land Policy and Management Act
FPA	Forest Practice Act
GIS	geographic information system
HPMP	Historic Properties Management Plan
IIP	Initial Information Package
ILP	Integrated Licensing Process
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
LCC	Land Conservation Commitment
LCP	Land Conservation Plan
LRMP	National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan
LSR	Late Successional Reserve
LTA	Land Trust Alliance
MFP	Management Framework Plan
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NFMA	National Forest Management Act
NGO	non-governmental organization
NOI	Notice of Intent
NPL	National Priorities List
NPV	net present value
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
O&M	operations and maintenance
OHV	off-highway vehicle
PAC	Protected Activity Center
PAD	Pre-Application Document

PEA	Proponent’s Environmental Assessment
PG&E	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
PM&E	protection, mitigation, and enhancement measure
PSA	Proposed Settlement Agreement
PSEA	Pacific Service Employees Association
PWA	Potential Wilderness Area
RCRC	Regional Council of Rural Counties
RMP	Resource Management Plan
ROD	Record of Decision
ROS	Recreation Opportunity Spectrum
RWQCB	Regional Water Quality Control Board
Settlement	Opinion Modifying the Proposed Settlement Agreement of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, PG&E Corporation and the Commission Staff, and Approving the Modified Settlement Agreement
SBE	State Board of Equalization
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer
SPLAT	Stanislaus Planning Action Team
Stewardship Council	Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council
Stipulation	Stipulation Resolving Issues Regarding the Land Conservation Commitment
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
THP	Timber Harvesting Plan
TMU	Timber Management Unit
TPL	Trust for Public Land
TPZ	timberland production zone
USFS	U.S. Forest Service
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
UST	underground storage tank
WSA	Wilderness Study Area
YIP	Youth Investment Program
YIC	Youth Investment Committee

Glossary of Terms

Alternatives

Though the term “alternatives” appears in several California environmental and land use statutes, its meaning is specific to each of those statutory frameworks. As the Stewardship Council develops programs and systems for carrying out its mission, it can develop a definition of “alternatives” that is appropriate to the Stewardship Council.

Archeological Resource

An artifact, object, or site that has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history or an artifact, object, or site for which there is a high probability that the artifact: (1) contains information needed to answer important scientific research questions and there is a demonstrable public interest in that information; (2) has a special and particular quality, such as being the oldest or the best available example of its type; or (3) is directly associated with a scientifically recognized important prehistoric or historic event or person. (See Title 14 California Code of Regulations § 15064.5(a)(3), see also Public Resources Code § 21083.2.)

Beneficial Public Values (BPV)

Values for the conservation of Watershed Lands and Carrizo Plain. These values include the protection of the natural habitat of fish, wildlife, and plants; the preservation of open space; outdoor recreation by the general public; sustainable forestry; agricultural uses; and historic values. (See Settlement Agreement, ¶17, App. E, “Land Conservation Commitment: Statement of Purpose.”)

Consensus

Any action taken by the Board of Directors by affirmation or unanimous written consent for which no Dispute Notice has been submitted. (See Bylaws § 13(a).)

Community

Though the term “community” appears in several California land use statutes, its meaning is specific to each of those statutory frameworks. As the Stewardship Council develops programs and systems for carrying out its mission, it can develop a definition of “community” that is appropriate to the Stewardship Council.

Conservation

The preservation of land predominantly in its natural, scenic, agricultural, historical, forested, or open space condition. (See California Civil Code § 815.)

Conservation Easement

Any limitation created in a deed, will, or other instrument that takes the form of an easement, restriction, covenant, or condition. It is executed by the owner of land and is binding on successive owners of the land. The purpose of the limitation is to retain the land predominantly in its natural, scenic, historical, agricultural, forested, or open-space condition. (See California Civil Code § 815.1.)

Consumptive Water Use

Water removed from available supplies without return to a water resources system (e.g., water used in manufacturing, agriculture, and food preparation). (See Water Words Dictionary, State Water Resources Control Board.) [Stewardship Council definition retained.]

Cultural Resource

An archeological, historical, or paleontological resource, or a unique geologic feature. (See Title 14 California Code of Regulations, Appendix G.)

Dispersed Camping

(1) Camping on public lands away from developed recreation facilities. (U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management.)

(2) Camping anywhere outside of a designated campground where no toilets, no treated water, and no fire grates are provided. (U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service.) [Stewardship Council definition retained.]

Dispute Notice

A written notice issued by a Stewardship Council director specifying that the dispute resolution procedure, set forth in the Council's bylaws, will be used in a matter before the Board. (See Bylaws § 13(a).)

Economic Benefit

The overall economic enhancement of the Watershed Lands and the Carrizo Plain through the donation of those lands or the granting of conservation easements over those lands. (See Stipulation ¶ 12(g).)

Economic Uses

Uses relating to the system of production and management of material wealth. [Stewardship Council definition retained.]

Enhance

To increase or improve in value, quality, desirability, or attractiveness. (Merriam Webster Online.) [Stewardship Council definition retained.]

Fee Simple

An inheritable estate which the holder has the power to transfer by deed or by will and which includes all appurtenances to the land such as water and mineral rights and air space over the land. (See Miller & Star California Real Estate § 9.3.)

Fuels Management

Management and manipulation of vegetation by mechanical, chemical, or biological means, or by controlled burning on forestland, rangeland, native pasture, pastureland, and public or private land. (Nevada Division of Environmental Planning, Bureau of Water Quality Planning, Best Management Practices Handbook.)

Grazing

The browsing of livestock on existing vegetation, whether grown naturally or through land management. (See Government Code § 66570.)

Historical Resource

Any object, building, structure, site, area, place, record, or manuscript that is significant in the architectural, engineering, scientific, economic, agricultural, educational, social, political, military, or cultural annals of California, including resources listed in, or determined to be eligible for listing in, the California Register of Historical Resources, resources included in a local register of historical resources, and resources that are: (a) associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of California's history and cultural heritage; (b) associated with the lives of persons important in our past; (c) embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represent the work of an important creative individual, or possess high artistic values; or (d) have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history. (See California Public Resources Code §21084.1, see also Title 14 California Code of Regulations § 15064.5(a)(3).)

Holistic

Emphasizing the importance of the whole and the interdependence of its parts. (American Heritage Dictionary Online.)

Land Exchange

Any transaction other than a sale that transfers publicly owned land from one owner to another. Such an exchange usually involves trading public land for private land, but it can involve trading land between different land management agencies. The exchange may involve the surface, subsurface mineral rights, or both. The exchange may include a financial payment to equalize the value of the trade. (Public Land Exchange Policy, Sierra Club.)

Land Trust

A private, nonprofit conservation organization that holds various types of real property interests exclusively for conservation purposes including: the preservation of land areas for outdoor recreation by, or the education of, the general public; the protection of a relatively natural habitat of fish, wildlife, or plants, or similar ecosystem; the preservation of open space (including farmland and forest land) where such preservation is for the scenic enjoyment of the general public, or pursuant to a clearly delineated governmental conservation policy, and will yield a significant public benefit; or the preservation of an historically important land area or a certified historic structure. (See Public Resources Code §12220, citing 26 U.S.C.A. § 170.)

Maintain

To keep in an existing state, preserve from failure or decline. (Merriam Webster Online.) [Stewardship Council definition retained.]

Natural Areas

An area containing diverse ecological and geological characteristics, including unique habitats and ecosystems, which contribute to California's natural diversity. (See Fish and Game Code § 1930.)

Nonconforming Use

A lawful use existing on the effective date of a new zoning restriction and continuing since that time in nonconformance to the new restriction. (See Longtin's California Land Use § 3.80.)

Open Space

Any parcel of land or area of land or water that is essentially unimproved and that is devoted to preservation of natural resources, including the preservation of plant and animal life, habitats for fish and wildlife species, and Watershed Lands; the managed production of natural resources, including forest lands, rangelands, and agricultural lands; outdoor recreation, public health, and safety management of areas such as floodplains or unstable soil areas; support of the mission of adjacent military installations; and the protection of Native American places, features, and objects. (See Government Code Article 10.5, Open-space lands, § 65560.)

Pacific Service Employees Association (PSEA)

A not-for-profit mutual benefit organization established to serve the employees and retirees of PG&E, its subsidiaries, and their immediate family members. (Pacific Service Employees Association.) [Stewardship Council definition retained.]

Passive Recreation

Recreation activities that require limited physical exertion on behalf of the participant. Examples of passive recreation activities include bird watching, walking, or photography. [Stewardship Council definition retained.]

Preservation

Maintaining the natural state of the land, with consideration for fish and wildlife habitat and resources, open space values, and other environmental and social values. [Stewardship Council definition retained.]

Preserve

To keep safe from injury, harm, or destruction; to keep alive, intact, or free from decay. (Merriam Webster Online.) [Stewardship Council definition retained.]

Protect

To cover or shield from exposure, injury, or destruction. (Merriam Webster Online.) [Stewardship Council definition retained.]

Public

Relating or belonging to an entire community, state, or nation; open or available for all to use, share, or enjoy. (Black's Law Dictionary, 8th Edition. West Publishing Co., 2004.) [Stewardship Council definition retained.]

Public Benefit

Though the term "public benefit" appears in California statutes, such as Public Resources Code Section 4790, its meaning is specific to each of those statutory frameworks. As the Stewardship Council develops programs and systems for carrying out its mission, it can develop a definition of "public benefit" that is appropriate to the Stewardship Council.

Public Interest

Something in which the public as a whole has a stake; especially, an interest that justifies governmental regulation. (Black's Law Dictionary, 8th Edition. West Publishing Co., 2004.) [Stewardship Council definition retained.]

Public Trust Doctrine

The responsibility of the State of California to hold certain property rights in trust for the benefit of the citizens of California. Historically, the doctrine prevented individuals from claiming or possessing frontage or tidal lands of a harbor, bay, inlet, estuary, or other navigable water, such that they excluded the use of the water for a public purpose. California courts have interpreted the public's rights to trust lands to include preserving those lands not just for commerce, navigation, or fishing, but also to preserving those lands in their natural state. (See *National Audubon Society v. Superior Court of Alpine County* (1983) 33 Cal.3d 419.)

Public Trust Lands

Lands beneath navigable waters as well as tidelands and lakeshores that are held in trust for the people of California for uses including navigation, commerce, fishing, the preservation of the lands in their natural state for use as ecological units for scientific study, open space, and as environments to provide food and habitat for birds and marine life. (See *National Audubon Society v. Superior Court of Alpine County* (1983) 33 Cal.3d 419.)

Recreational Capacity

The level of use a recreational area can sustain before incurring an unacceptable change to specified natural, social, and managerial conditions; also known as "carrying capacity." (National Park Service.)

Stakeholder

Any organization, governmental entity, or individual that has a stake in or may be impacted by a given approach to environmental regulation, pollution prevention, energy conservation, etc. (Terms of Environment: Glossary, Abbreviations and Acronyms, United States Environmental Protection Agency.) [Stewardship Council definition retained.]

Stewardship

The development and implementation of projects for the protection, preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and improvement of the Watershed Lands and Carrizo Plain. (See Public Resources Code § 5096.308.)

Sustainable Forestry

- (1) The practice of meeting the forest resource needs and values of the present without compromising the similar capability of future generations. (See 16 United States Code § 500.)
- (2) The practice of managing dynamic forest ecosystems to provide ecological, economic, social, and cultural benefits for present and future generations. (Wisconsin Administration Code, Department of Natural Resources, NR44.03.)

Tax Neutral

Disposition of the Watershed Lands or Carrizo Plain such that the economic and physical impacts of the disposition, when evaluated over the totality of all dispositions made in each affected county, do not result in a decrease or increase of tax revenues for that county. (See Stipulation § 12(a)(5).)

Traditional Resources

Pertains to recognizable, but not necessarily identical, cultural patterns transmitted by a group across at least two generations. Also applies to sites, structures, objects, landscapes, and natural resources associated with those patterns. Popular synonyms include “ancestral” and “customary.” (Management Policies 2001, National Park Service Office of Policy.) [Stewardship Council definition retained.]

Watershed

The area that drains into a stream. The watershed for a major river may encompass a number of smaller watersheds that ultimately combine at a common point. (Water Words Dictionary, California State Water Resources Control Board.) [Stewardship Council definition retained.]

Watershed Health

The evaluation of the effects of actions upon the landscape (within a watershed area) that may have an impact on or alter the health of natural resources. Health can be evaluated using indicators such as dissolved temperature, turbidity (water clarity), and pH. Efforts to protect and restore rivers, streams, wetlands, lakes, groundwater, and estuaries are undertaken to protect watershed health. [Stewardship Council definition retained.]

Watershed Protection

To conserve, maintain, restore, protect, enhance, and utilize California’s rivers and streams for habitat, recreation, water supply, public health, economic development, and other purposes. (See Public Resource Code § 5808.1.)

Water Storage

Holding water above or beneath ground in natural features such as aquifers and man-made features such as reservoirs and tanks.

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