

Addendum 1 to Public Comments and Response
to Comments on LCP Volume II

Upper Mokelumne River Watershed

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Blue Lakes Planning Unit			
<p>[Condensed from letter] This letter is written in response to the Stewardship Council’s draft recommendations on the Land Conservation Plan (“LCP”) developed for the Upper Mokelumne Watershed – Blue Lakes Planning Unit. Located in Alpine County, the proposed LCP encompasses approximately 1,003 acres within the Blue Lakes FERC Boundary area and approximately 1,025 acres outside the planning area providing high use year-round recreational opportunities.</p> <p>Protection of the Natural Habitat of Fish, Wildlife and Plants The Alpine County Board of Supervisors supports conducting baseline environmental surveys and management planning related to protection of valuable habitat resources located within this wide recreational area. It urges that the Board of Supervisors also be included in the list of public entities and organizations consulted throughout the process to ensure County participation. Any measures to close or restrict use in specific areas such as Deer Creek should involve a concerted public outreach effort before trails or recreational facilities are closed or re-routed.</p>	<p>Henry C. Veatch, Chair, Alpine County Board of Supervisors</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, will be developed as part of the disposition process. Specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction. There will be opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage with the Stewardship Council and other stakeholders on this topic as well as other topics related to the disposition and future management and stewardship of the lands. The Stewardship Council will provide public notice, notify the County Board of Supervisors, and encourage participation in meetings, workshops, and other appropriate methods of participation in the planning process.</p>
<p>Alpine County serves as the County of Origin of five major watersheds serving the municipal needs of populations on both the east and west slopes of the Sierra Nevada. These values should be identified and preserved.</p>	<p>Henry C. Veatch, Chair, Alpine County Board of Supervisors</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>As per the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, PG&E must protect the Watershed Lands with perpetual conservation easements, or some equivalent legal mechanism, to preserve and enhance six Beneficial Public Values (BPVs), of which water resources is not specifically included. Water resources protection was considered in the development of potential measures. However, a sentence is included to the Existing Conditions stating, “The Upper Mokelumne River Watershed provides water supply for five counties as well as many agencies and other users.”</p>

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<p>Outdoor Recreation by the General Public The Alpine County Board of Supervisors fully supports the enhancement of existing recreational opportunities and creation of additional facilities in the Blue Lakes Planning Unit. It encourages the Stewardship Council to look at developing year-round facilities, including strategically placed winter ski huts or kiosks that would complement the Alpine County Winter Recreation Strategy. Creating a trails system that enhances day use is highly desirable. Signage and interpretive centers could be used effectively to provide general public education on Wilderness boundaries.</p>	<p>Henry C. Veatch, Chair, Alpine County Board of Supervisors</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. Comment noted. There will be future opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage with the Stewardship Council on many topics related to disposition and future management and stewardship of the Watershed Lands. The feasibility of developing year-round recreational opportunities can be further evaluated in the disposition process (Volume III).</p>
<p>Sustainable Forestry The Alpine County Board of Supervisors supports the development of a fuels management plan that promotes forest health and maximizes on the public benefit. Identifying areas that are suitable for firewood cutting is desirable, in addition to commercial opportunities for larger scale timber projects.</p>	<p>Henry C. Veatch, Chair, Alpine County Board of Supervisors</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, will be developed as part of the disposition process. Specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction.</p>

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<p>Preservation of Historic Values The Alpine County Board of Supervisors urges close coordination with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California and the California Valley Miwok Tribe in identification and preservation of cultural resources. Kit Carson trapped and scouted over this territory in the very early days, and pioneers used Deer Valley as a major transportation route over the Sierra Nevada during the Gold Rush. Summit City, once the second largest voting center in the Alpine area, was located about four miles southwest of Hope Valley and about two and one-half miles northwest of Upper Blue Lakes on the headwaters of the Mokelumne River. Harmonial City served as a station or stopping place on the pioneer road between Hermit Valley and Summit City, between Upper and Lower Blue Lakes. These, and other undiscovered archaeological treasures, offer a unique opportunity to promote local history.</p> <p>The Board appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the LCP process, given the significance of the Blue Lakes area as a year-round recreational destination. As work progresses, we look forward to further active participation in the development of short and long-term management objectives.</p>	<p>Henry C. Veatch, Chair, Alpine County Board of Supervisors</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. The Stewardship Council has recommended potential measures to develop a cultural resources management plan and coordinate with Native American entities when conducting cultural resource measures. The Supporting Analysis for Recommendations states that the cultural resources management plan could include “public interpretation and education programs” as treatment measures. Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, will be developed as part of the disposition process. Specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction. There will be opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage with the Stewardship Council and other stakeholders on this topic as well as other topics related to the disposition and future management and stewardship of the lands. The Stewardship Council will provide public notice and encourage participation in meetings, workshops, and other appropriate methods of participation in the planning process.</p>