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## **SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY BOARD AUTHORIZES GRANTS TO PROTECT THE SIERRA NEVADA WATERSHED**

*2.6 MILLION FOR SIERRA REGION WATERSHED PROTECTION PROJECTS*

**Murphys (Calaveras, Co.)** – The Sierra Nevada Conservancy governing board voted to approve \$2.6 million in funding for 32 watershed protection projects within the Sierra Nevada region. Today’s action brings the Conservancy’s total funding amount to approximately 19.6 million for 174 projects since 2007. The projects include watershed restoration, reduction of fire risk, conservation easements purchases from willing landowners, protection of habitat and activities related to project planning etc. (For a complete list of approved projects, visit [www.sierranevada.ca.gov](http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov).)

“These grant awards will assist the entire Sierra Region economically, environmentally and socially,” said Robert Weygandt, SNC Vice Chair. “With 65% of California’s developed water supply coming from the Sierra, putting financial resources into the Sierra communities empowers them to implement changes that are making positive impacts locally and throughout California.”

“Having the SNC board come to Calaveras County was a great opportunity for our Region to demonstrate that the Proposition 84 grants are working at the local level,” said Steve Wilensky, SNC Boardmember and Calaveras County Supervisor. “Funding quality projects and bringing Sierra watershed issues into the forefront is critical to all Californians.”

Funding for these grants comes from Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coast Protection Bond Act passed by California voters in November 2006, is the Conservancy’s main source of funding at this time, along with the Environmental License Plate Fund. The Conservancy receives no state General Fund tax dollars. Public agencies, qualified non-profit organizations and federally recognized tribal organization are eligible to receive funding from the Conservancy, whose region includes 25 million acres of the Sierra Nevada Region.

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