



## **Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Executive Officer Selects Administrative Chief.**

On October 11, 2005, Eileen Pope was selected by Jim Branham, the Executive Officer of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC), as the Administrative Chief of the SNC. She assumed her duties on October 24, 2005. Eileen will be fully responsible for the overall administrative planning, organization, and complex implementation of the administrative functions and responsibilities of the SNC.

Eileen has over 25 years of very diversified administrative experience. For the last 15 years she has lived in the Lake Tahoe area. For the last four years she has been on the staff of the California Tahoe Conservancy where her responsibilities were primarily in the Administrative Division. During her last year at the California Tahoe Conservancy, she worked very closely with their late Executive Officer, Dennis Machida, in creating the first budget for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

From 1987 to 1997, Eileen was the owner and general manager of Kyburz Lodge on Highway 50. During this same period she was a limited partner in two other Sacramento restaurants. In addition, she was a partner in a family owned planning, redevelopment, consulting firm.

In the early 1980's, Eileen served as the Deputy Director of Administration for the State Treasurer and was responsible for a \$20 million budget and more than 100 staff. Her responsibilities included the administrative functions supporting the Treasurer's Office and 30 Boards and Commissions.

For over seven years, Eileen worked in a variety of areas in the Department of Finance. After the passage of Proposition 13, she was responsible for keeping track of the State's bottom line, which earned her the nickname of "drill coordinator". She also spent several years working on 60 individual departmental budgets. Her last position in Finance was as an Assistant Program Budget Manager overseeing the California Fiscal Information Systems and CalStars.

Eileen and her husband Bruce live in Lake Tahoe and will be commuting to Sacramento until a location is selected for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Daughters, Michelle Murphy and Denise Wahl have produced six fantastic grandchildren, Sean, Morgan, Austin, Sonoma, Malina, and Kya.

"I am thrilled to have this incredible opportunity to help implement the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. It is a most unique opportunity and I feel privileged to be a part of this incredible adventure".