

Sierra Nevada Conservancy

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The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) will hold its next Board meeting on July 20, 2006 at the Tulare County Board of Supervisors Chambers. Among other matters, the SNC Board will consider adoption of a strategic plan to guide the organization over the next five years.

The SNC is a state agency established by legislation signed by Governor Schwarzenegger in September of 2004. Its mission is to initiate, encourage and support efforts that will improve the environmental and economic well being of the Sierra Nevada region. The Conservancy will provide funding, technical assistance, information and other assistance in order to achieve its mission. The agency will coordinate and cooperate with local governments and other partners in developing and implementing its programs across 25 million acres from the Oregon border to Kern County. The region includes all or part of 22 counties and more than 200 communities.

SNC Chair, Resources Secretary Mike Chrisman urges area residents to attend the meeting and participate in the process. "This organization is in the formative stages and public input and participation is crucial to our success. The strategic plan provides a clear roadmap as to the type of organization we will be and the manner in which we will achieve our mission," Chrisman stated.

The Conservancy conducted six workshops across the region soliciting public input on the draft strategic plan and numerous changes were made to the document based on that feedback. The board will consider adoption of the revised plan at the July 20 meeting.

Tulare County Supervisor Allen Ishida, who serves as the South sub region representative on the Conservancy Board, calls adoption of the strategic plan an important milestone. "The plan will create the foundation for programs and activities that will benefit the Sierra Nevada region, its communities and all Californians," Ishida said. "I look forward to the board discussion on this important document."

On Wednesday July 19 the board will tour portions of Eastern Tulare County, viewing and discussing a variety of issues relating to the Conservancy's mission.

Information about the Conservancy, including a copy of the proposed strategic plan, can be found at www.sierranevada.ca.gov. Live audio from the July 20 board meeting can also be accessed by visiting the SNC website that day.

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