



March 4, 2015, 1:00PM – 4:30PM
East End Complex, 1500 Capitol Avenue
Sacramento CA 95814
Training Rooms A, B, and C

Summit Goals

Alert and inform people of the urgent need for restorative action in Sierra Nevada forests and watersheds, and the foreseeable consequences of inaction.

Assess state, federal, local, and partner commitments to collaboratively develop and utilize a robust, integrated framework for restoration policy and investment across the Sierra Nevada.

1:00PM Welcome and Opening Remarks

Jim Branham, Sierra Nevada Conservancy
Randy Moore, U.S. Forest Service
Dorian Fougères, CSUS Center for Collaborative Policy

1:15PM The Need for Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement

The underlying science behind the issues that are signaling the need for the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program.

Forest Health Status & Trends

Hugh Safford, Ph.D., Pacific Southwest Research Station,
U.S. Forest Service

Wildfires and Carbon Storage

Leland Tarnay, Ph.D., Interagency Smoke Ecologist, Pacific Southwest Research Station, U.S. Forest Service, & National Parks Service

2:30PM Break

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2:45PM

Restoring Sierra Nevada Watersheds

Identify policies that affect efforts to increase the pace and scale of restoration. Discuss how associated policies could be modified to still meet their intent, yet allow for greater restoration to occur.

Identify areas to strategically align investments, and discuss the best approaches to doing this.

The California Water Action Plan, Safeguarding California and Proposition 1

Kris Tjernell, California Natural Resources Agency

The Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program as an Integrated Framework for Policy and Investment

Barnie Gyant, U.S. Forest Service

Bob Kirkwood, Boardmember, Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Discussion Regarding Policy Impediments, Increasing Investment and the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program

How do we address existing policies that may be impeding restoration efforts?

Where are the best opportunities for investment for restoration and infrastructure to support restoration?

How can the Sierra Nevada WIP be most effective in integrating state, federal and local efforts to restore these watersheds?

4:30PM

Next Steps and Closing Remarks

Jim Branham, Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Randy Moore, U.S. Forest Service

