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Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board to meet in Sonora Dec. 9-10

(AUBURN) – The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Governing Board will hold its quarterly meeting in Sonora in Tuolumne County on December 9-10.

On December 9, the Board will tour the Rim Fire burn area and the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Moccasin Powerhouse facility, weather permitting. The tour will focus on the Rim Fire's impacts on the Tuolumne River watershed and the local community, and will highlight SNC grants that have been awarded for Rim Fire restoration projects.

The field tour is scheduled to start at 1:00 p.m. at the Sonora Oaks Hotel and Conference Center located at 19551 Hess Avenue in Sonora. Following the tour, a reception will be held at the Sonora Inn at 160 South Washington Street in Sonora from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

The board meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on December 10 at the Best Western Plus Sonora Oaks Hotel and Conference Center. The board will consider awarding funding for projects that restore forest and watershed health under the SNC 2015-16 [Proposition 1 Grant Program](#). The board will also discuss updates and changes to the SNC Strategic Action Plan, and receive an update on the progress of the [Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program](#).

The public is invited to attend all SNC events; however, lunch and transportation are not provided. Complete information on the meeting agenda, staff reports, and field trip is available online at www.sierranevada.ca.gov.

About the Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Created in 2004, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is a state agency whose mission is to improve the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region. The SNC has awarded over \$50 million in grants for projects to protect and enhance the health of California's primary watersheds by improving forest health, remediating mercury contamination from abandoned mines, protecting critical natural resources, and reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire. Funding for these projects came from Proposition 84 passed by voters in 2006.

The Sierra Nevada Region spans 25 million acres, encompasses all or part of 22 counties, and runs from the Oregon border on the north, to Kern County on the

south. The Region is the origin of more than 60 percent of California's developed water supply.

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